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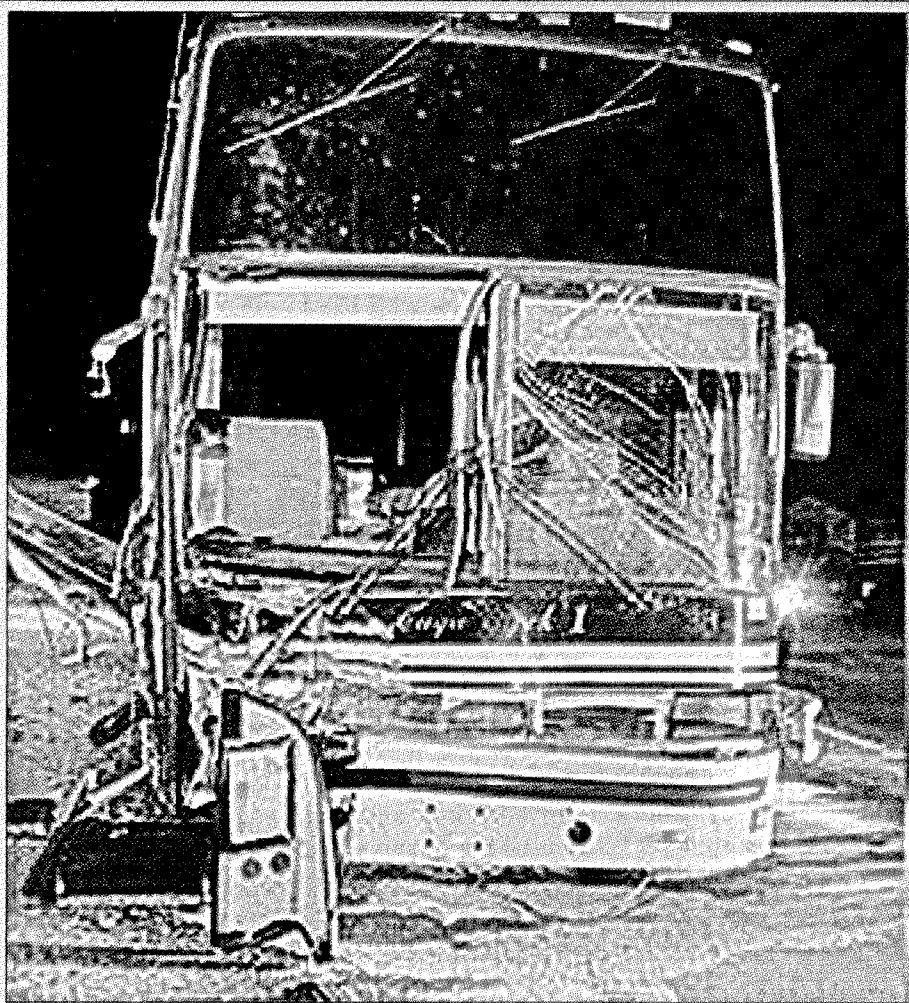
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Shown above is the tour bus involved in the fatal collision on South Wilderness Road last week. James McPherson was pronounced deceased at Rockcastle Regional after the accident last Tuesday.

Two fatal accidents cause two Mount Vernon deaths

By: Mike French
Editor

A Mount Vernon resident died from injuries, Tuesday, February 13th, after his Toyota Rav4 truck hit a tour bus carrying a well known country music entertainer from Garrard County head-on.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, James McPherson of Mt. Vernon was traveling West on South Wilderness Road in Rockcastle County when he lost control of his vehicle and crossed the center line, striking the tour bus head on.

Rockcastle EMS, KSP Post 11 personnel Kentucky Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Mount Vernon Fire Department and the

Rockcastle County Coroner arrived at the scene to find McPherson badly injured from the accident. EMS crews transported the Mount Vernon native to the Rockcastle Regional

Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The tour bus was being driven by Roger Miller of Lancaster. Also

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Eight less days in school calendar for 2024-25

By: Mike French
Editor

The school calendar for the 2024-25 school year has been approved and there were several changes, including a shorter school year.

Three school calendars were created by the Rockcastle County Calendar Committee but the group recommended option three which includes

less days at school but adds minutes of instruction to each school day.

Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert led the committee in the design of the calendars and says the committee considered countless options and hurdles while planning the 2024-25 school calendar.

The three options were considered by the board at January's regular meeting and approval of option 3 came last week at the February meeting.

According to the approved calendar, the first day of school for students will be August 19 and the last day will be May 20. As usual, officials say this day could change depending upon several factors.

Fall Break is scheduled from October 7 through 11. The Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29. The Christmas Break is scheduled from Monday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 31. On January 1, students are out of school for the holiday and the New Year's Break is

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School board to make big changes with funds from new \$4.4 million grant

By: Mike French
Editor

On Monday, February 5, at a press conference with Governor Andy Beshear in Mount Vernon, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger announced a \$4.4 million federal grant coming to the school district over the next three years.

Last Tuesday night during the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education, Ballinger announced that she has

strong hopes and feels it is most likely that grant will become a seven-year grant providing \$7 million in total to the district.

School Board discusses finances at monthly meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting last week to a full house.

To open the meeting representatives of the RAAA (Rockcastle Academy of Academic

Over 160 applications for the grant were considered and Rockcastle was one of only 19 districts to receive the award.

Achievement) delivered a presentation to the board describing schedules and future plans.

Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger then presented the monthly recognitions to a list of teachers and staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty over the past month. The certificates are given

"We have an amazing Senator in Brandon Storm and an amazing Representative in Josh Bray who are working

each month to a group of exemplary employees.

The board also recognized winners of the district spelling bee, which included 24 middle school students and 28 elementary school students. The winner of the middle school contest was 7th grader Jacob McClure

very hard with us to do everything they can for our district," said Ballinger. The Superin-

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and the winner of the elementary school contest was 4th grader Raleigh Begley.

Two local residents also spoke to the board expressing their concerns over diversity, equity and inclusion issues.

Rachelle Riddle and Martina Jackson ad-

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Police confiscate records from City of Livingston during ongoing investigation

Records for 2021-2022

By: Mike French
Editor

There is currently a criminal investigation underway into the City of Livingston's activities that occurred during the previous administration.

County Attorney Jer-

emy Rowe and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office say they cannot discuss the issue since it is an ongoing investigation.

However, the Signal

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Fiscal court holds monthly meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

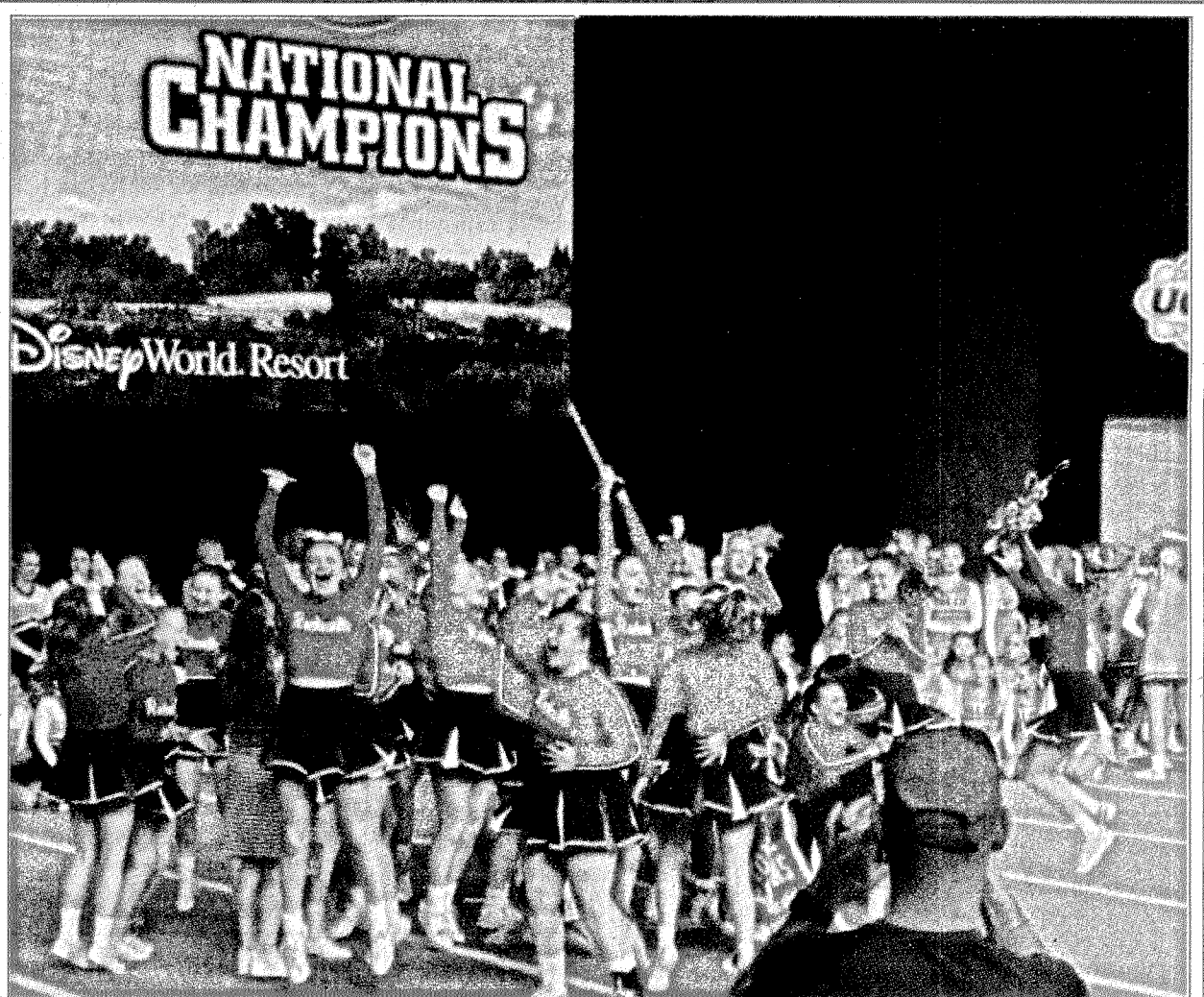
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday at the courthouse.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said the court had not yet re-

ceived the monthly report from the City of Livingston which shows how the \$1,000 per month in program support was used last month.

The court did approve \$1,435 for the Rockcastle County Development

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The RCHS Cheerleaders celebrated when announcers called their names as the national champions last week in the national contest in Florida. See more on page B1.

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ramblings...
by: perlina m. anderkin

I have lived a long life and am very thankful for that but I sometimes feel that I am degrading the quality of my life by constantly fuming about the shenanigans of the Democrat party in this country. Their outrageous ideas for what constitutes a diverse, equal and inclusive society, and their thirst for gaining and retaining power at any cost are, to me, sometimes beyond the realm of reasonable.

I really don't want to meet my Maker and have to answer to Him for some of the mean things I think and say about Democrats. I realize that there are at least eight Bible verses commanding us to love one another, i.e., I Peter 4:8, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins..."

I realize that many of you readers, who know me personally, will have a hard time believing that I actually struggle with having to point out how so many Democrat policies seem to be designed to directly hurt the legal citizens of this country -- little children, old people, our young people (by seemingly moving ever closer to WWII), white people (by calling those who support former President Donald Trump, White Extremists - Supremists-Deplorables, as some of the nicer names) and actually every citizen with the invasion at our southern border that has been ongoing for over three years.

But, I do struggle with it. I have said that I did not initially support Trump's bid for the presidency in 2016. He came across as too brash, too insulting, too 'open mouth, insert foot.' I would have loved to see Cruz get the nomination but he didn't and there was no way I could ever have forced my hand to pull a lever for Hillary Clinton for any office -- and, yes, that includes dog catcher.

Right now, at this moment, this country is seeing a massive explosion of Chinese and Syrian nationals coming across our border, illegally, at Jacumba, CA. This is the newest go to spot for illegals to crossover since

Texas bowed up and closed a huge segment of their border and are now in defiance of a Supreme Court decision that concluded they cannot constitutionally do it.

The illegal migration of young, military-age Chinese men has increased 4,000% since 2021 when only 450 Chinese illegals crossed over, as compared to 20,000 just since October 2023. According to reports from the border there are 100-200 Chinese Nationals crossing illegally every day!!

This is along with many, many Syrian nationals from a country that has been designated a terrorist state since 1979, along with Cuba, Iran and North Korea. One illegal was asked by a reporter why he came here illegally, he replied he wanted a "nice life" here. The reporter asked if that meant getting a job and, of course, his answer (actually after some hesitation) was yes, a job, sounding more like he may have heard about the loaded with cash prepaid cards, the free rent, food and medical care and, oh yes, a job if those freebies should somehow run out.

But, then, he just might decide to join the Venezuelan gangs of illegals that are currently burglarizing the homes of wealthy homes in Detroit, New York and other large cities and who are, according to reports, planning on joining up with the M13 gang, already well established here, for more clout.

Yes, I get mean, I get sarcastic, I get discouraged and sick at heart from watching a regime in DC, who are supposed to take the well-being of their citizens into account first, but, in action, do everything but that.

A recent poll from Pew Research Center reveals that 8 out of 10 Americans hold negative views about the U.S. government's handling of illegal immigration. 73% of Democrats, 89% of Republi-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There are actually four major political parties right now, in my opinion.

One is "New Republicans", who disagree with Democrats on policy but are willing to work with them and accept certain levels of evil if it means they will get something they want or it will help them get re-elected. They betray their party and their voters and support Democrats any time they think they will make bigger profits.

Two is "Traditional Republicans," who believe the Democrat party is evil at its core. This group fights evil at all costs and will not compromise or make deals with the Devil or ignore the Bible or the Constitution.

Three is "Traditional Democrats," who disagree with Republicans on core values and believe in making everyone equal and every individual has the same opportunity regardless of whether they are willing to work for it or not. They believe everyone should have the same of everything as long as they obey their government. They sometimes vote for Republican bills but only if they have convinced the weak RINOs (Republican in Name Only) that it was their idea.

And four is the "New Democrat," who hate America and all it stands for and wants to change everything that made America great. They do not support the Constitution, the truth about American history or the Bible, and more power is all that concerns them. To them, everyone is a victim except those who work and pay taxes or have white skin.

Both Democrat factions seek more control over the people and believe they know what is best for you and that they should have the authority to make life-changing decisions for you. They believe they are smarter than you and have to force you to be good and be safe.

Both Republicans believe that people are the authority and government officials are the servants. However, New Republicans are moving further and further to the left of Democrat ideals while Traditional Republicans are moving further and further away from Democrat ideals.

As you can see, three of the four groups are willing to accept evil, non-Christian, non-constitutional, anti-liberty, unethical policies and place their own power, authority and wealth above we the people. In my opinion, of the over 200 million American citizens, at least half million of them are willing to sacrifice you if it benefits them.

It is easy to see which Republicans are New Republican by the way they vote. They can reword it and put it in glorified soundbites all day, but the fact is, Mitch McConnell, Mitt Romney and 20 other fake Republicans just voted to take money that you earn by working hard away from you, and send it to three communist dictatorships across the world. In a country that is already \$35 TRILLION in debt, these 22 "Republicans" just sided with Senate Democrats to pass a \$95 BILLION bill that does not specify one single nickel to American citizens who are struggling, to homeless veterans, to poor communities, to fight fentanyl overdoses, to stop illegal immigration, and so many other American needs. But Taiwan gets plenty of cash!

Those three political parties are much more interested in making sure your airline pilot has the proper shade of skin than they are protecting American citizens or helping Americans who can't afford groceries anymore. Three of those parties are more interested in finding new ways to discriminate against white skin than they are "Building Back American" from the destruction that Joe Biden, Obama and the Clintons have done.

But as long as 75% of Americans are willing to accept evil and the censorship of any opposing view and think they are smarter than you, we will continue to prosecute Republicans for having classified documents while patting Democrats on the back for having classified documents. We will continue to imprison Republican protestors while praising Democrat protestors. We will keep on destroying American history and replacing it with lies. We will continue to ignore our citizens' needs and instead support countries who give to the right campaigns. We will continue to pretend words from someone's lips are a dagger as we whine and cry over hurt feelings, while we release murderers and drug dealers back onto the streets. We will continue to head towards edited, redacted, preapproved media and we will continue down the road of disarming families until they are all subjects instead of citizens.

It is clear which direction we are headed and I am aware that I am on the 25% losing side. But in the real world, the honest world, the patriotic world, it is better to be on the losing side than to join with evil and lose in the long run.

T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Haunting of the Presidents
Dear Journal,
A few days ago Stanley ordered a book for me that I had been wanting for a long time. I had read it years ago and I had been wanting a copy of it for myself ever since. The title of it is "The Haunting of the Presidents". It is a documented, factual accounting of the history of the White House and the various presidents and their families who have lived there with the various hauntings and other paranormal activity that has taken place within the walls. It is one of the most interesting books that I've ever read, in part to my love of history I suppose.

Abraham Lincoln is the most popular visitor to the White house. Jackie Kennedy saw him as well as Winston Churchill on a visit during WWII. He was staying in the Lincoln bedroom and had been taking a bath when he heard a knock at his door. Not having ample time, he only wrapped a towel around himself. He answered the door and Old Abe himself was on the other side. Churchill said, "Sir, you seem to have me at the disadvantage".

George Washington makes an appearance on occasion, too. During the battle at Gettysburg during the Civil War, General George Washington made an appearance and helped the Union Army. In more recent years, Bill and Hillary Clinton have seen apparitions on separate occasions. Ronald Reagan, while governor was on board a flight and saw a UFO. He instructed the pilot to give chase. Jimmy Carter saw a UFO as well and promised to give a full report to the people as he said that they deserved to know. Time passed without a report and he was questioned about what he had promised. He said

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 23-CI-00139

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.
Plaintiff

V.
Stacy Illene Stinson, Sterlie R. Stinson,
Kevin Ray Stinson, unknown spouse of
Sterlie Ray Stinson,
Rockcastle County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 17, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 95/100 (\$69,925.95) 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 29, 2024
Beginning at the Hour of 10:10 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Same being corner lot at the intersection of Conway-Copper Creek roads and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a stake at a point on the Conway Road; thence is a southerly direction a distance of approximately 108 feet to a stake; thence in a westerly direction a distance of approximately 251 feet to the Copper Creek Road; thence northerly and easterly along the intersection of the Copper Creek and Conway Roads passing Grantee's driveway to the point of beginning.
2020 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial No. CLM106482TN
Map No. 030-00-009.03

Being the same property conveyed to Stacey Stinson, married from Linda Gray, unmarried by Deed dated 2-27-17 and of record in Deed Book 259, Page 450 in the Office of the Clerk of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.
Being the same property conveyed to the above mentioned mortgagor(s) by deed dated the 24th day of January 2020 of record in Deed Book 272, Page 425 in the Office of the Clerk of Rockcastle.

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

1. The real property and mobile home 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 (9.74%) 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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Master Commissioner
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ramblings...

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cans and 80% of adults overall believe that the government is doing a "very" or "somewhat" bad job of dealing with illegal immigration. Only 18% have a positive view of the government's handling of the border, with 1% claiming that the government is doing a "very good" job.

You would think, particularly in an election year, that the DC regime would be making some fast moves to remedy the catastrophic situation they have created at the border. Are they? No they are not!

Their party line is that Republicans are at fault because they wouldn't support a \$115B funding bill that included an additional \$60B for Ukraine, besides the \$113B already sent to them (to be laundered by their puppet Zelensky and the DC crowd's share returned to them). Of course there was \$20B included for our border and a great deal of that was to hire thousands of more border agents. You know, those who have been directed, by the federal regime, to help illegals across the border.

I'm tired of it. I'm tired of the Director of Homeland Security Alejandro Ma-yorkas telling Congress that "the border is secure" when that is the farthest thing from the truth possible. The House has impeached Mayorkas, the first sitting cabinet member to be impeached, charging him with willfully refusing to enforce border laws and breaching the public trust.

Of course, the charges against Mayorkas will, no doubt, be rejected in the Democratic-led Senate where conviction would require a two-thirds majority and where even some Republicans have called the effort dead on arrival.

But, never fear, the New York Attorney General Letitia James, District Attorney Alvin Bragg and Mahattan Supreme Court Judge Arthur Engoron combined to hit former President, and leading candidate for the Republican nominee in this year's Presidential election, with a \$363.9 million judgement against him and his co-defendants, including his sons Eric and Donald Jr., or about \$464 million with interest which is being calculated from 2019.

Engoron ruled before the trial that Trump and

his co-defendants committed fraud with his financial statements. This was in spite of no criminal complaints from any financial institutions that Trump dealt with. In fact, several banking officials testified on behalf of Trump during the trial saying there was no fraud involved in the transactions and they were well satisfied with the repayment of the loans.

Trump will, no doubt, appeal the verdict, to which 9% interest is being added daily. But to do so, he will have to put up cash or assets in the amount of the verdict and the appeal will take about a year before a decision is made.

Several prominent

businessmen in New York have denounced the verdict and the obvious vindictiveness of James, Bragg and the judge. One pointed out that there is currently only 52% occupancy of business buildings in the city and he expects more businesses to leave the city over this travesty of justice.

I know I am hung up on the illegal immigration issue but it breaks my heart to sit back, unable to do anything but bemoan the demise of our country. The saddest thing is realizing that the majority of our leaders in DC lack the will to fight against this invasion. Time will tell if the majority of voters also lack the will to replace them at the polls.

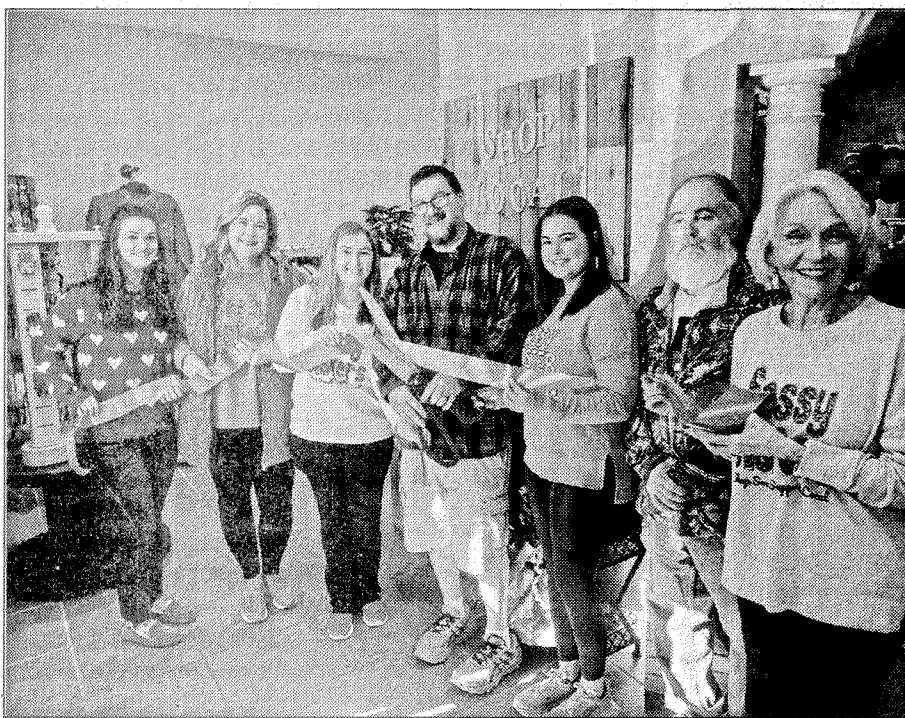
T.J.'s

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that his" hands were tied".

Other paranormal visitors have been the deceased two sons of the Lincolns. Mary Todd Lincoln as well as Abe held seances regularly at the White House trying to contact the boys. I guess they did.

From time to time there is a British soldier seen as well. He is evidently still fighting the War of 1812 when the British burned the White House.

I find these stories very interesting. Then, besides that, they are all researched as well. I'm only through the forward and first chapter so far.



On Wednesday, February 7, the Sassy Sisters Design Company held the ribbon cutting and grand opening for the new location at 490 Richmond Street in Mount Vernon. The family-owned business offers countless designs and expressions and displays booths at most Mount Vernon events including the Bittersweet Festival. Stop by their new location on Thursday or Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting were, from left: Nicole Roberts, Robyn Fain, Tiffany Fain, Mayor Tim Roberts, Kylee Fain, Garry Fain and Donna Stayton.



DAR Rockcastle Chapter Regent Karen Adams presented certificates of appreciation from the Wright Administration to the members of the chapter who logged their volunteer hours as part of the Service To America project. The chapter surpassed the national goal of 2,070 hours of volunteer service and recorded 4,161 hours of service. Pictured from front are: June Whitler, Natalie Taylor, Edwina Anglin, Joyce Norton, and Stacey Wirtz. Back row are: Sharon Lovell, Brenda Lovell, Debra Brown, Amanda McNew, Joyce Cummins, Marlene Lawson, and Joan Garrison. Not pictured: Karen Adams, Molly Belcher, Kathy Bobo, Jamie Bryant, Carcille Burchette, Laura Burchette, Susan Norton Casey, Tonya Cook, Donna Gabbard, Jean Gentry, Amber Larkin, Lisa Lewis, Jennifer Mattingly, Jennifer Hand, Markita Proctor, Holly Robinson, Jill Smith, Kathleen Stevens, and Angela Woods.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, February 26th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
Tuesday, February 27th: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge. **Wednesday, February 28th:** Senior Citizens/Adult Day Health and Wayne Stewart Center.

DBCAA Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., will be having a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

KPR Meeting February 27

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

New Volunteer Training

Hospice Care Plus will host a new volunteer training, Saturday, March 2, in Richmond. Volunteers are trained to work in their own communities or at the Compassionate Care Center. A variety of programs allows volunteers to support patients and families directly or indirectly. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Register online at hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org.

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 or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at the number above to request alternative grief support options.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/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, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only.

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

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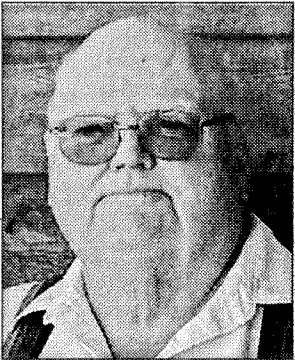


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Obituaries

“Juicy” McGuire

Gary Wade “Juicy” McGuire, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Dayton, OH on February 2, 1948, the son of Adren and Novella Lewallen McGuire. He was a retired employee of Parker Seal Corporation and a member of Brush Creek Church. He loved classic cars, listening to and playing music, and going to church, swap meets and flea markets, as well as spending time with his family and friends.



He is survived by: his children, Tim McGuire and wife Tricia of Brodhead, and Tammy McGuire of Mt. Vernon; his grandchildren, Chase McGuire and wife Samantha, and Austin Taylor King and Eliza, all of Mt. Vernon; his great grandchildren, Ophelia McGuire and Elliana King; and a brother, Dennis “Harry” McGuire of Somerset. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Roberta Newcomb McGuire; two brothers, Dale McGuire and Dallas McGuire; and a sister, Charlotte Reams.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at Brush Creek Church by Bros. Lonnie McGuire and Peyton Cotton. Burial followed in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Austin Taylor King, Cayman McClure, Billy McGuire, Chase McGuire, Damon McGuire, Tim McGuire, Danny Reams, and Jim Vaughn. Honorary pallbearers were: Wayne Fields, Dennis McGuire, Ronnie McGuire, Mike Mink, and Rodney Reams.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Daniel James Hunsucker

Daniel James Hunsucker, 37, husband of Mary Hannah Hunsucker of Richmond, died February 10, 2024 at his residence. Daniel was born October 31, 1986, in Painesville, OH, to the late Harry James Hunsucker, Sr. and Janet (Fleming) Busenlehner of Brodhead. On May 13, 2007, he married Mary Hannah Hunsucker and from that union came two children, Maelee and Daniel. He was of the Christian faith, and he enjoyed fishing and spending time with family. He also enjoyed helping others who are active in addiction recovery programs.

He is survived by: his wife, Mary Hannah Hunsucker of Richmond; mother, Janet (Fleming) Busenlehner; one daughter, Maelee Hunsucker of Waynesburg; one son, Daniel Hunsucker of Barbourville; five brothers, Ronald McFadden (Shannon), Scott McFadden (Tabitha), Harry Hunsucker (Vanessa), Buddy Herring (Kristen) and Avery Hunsucker; and a sister, Kayla Delong (Brahm). He was preceded in death by his father, Harry James Hunsucker, Sr.

Funeral services were held February 16, 2024 at the Marvin E Owens Chapel with Bro. Jason Medley officiating. Burial was at Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Donations can be made in care of Daniel to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Claude Tuttle

Claude Tuttle, 74 of Richmond, husband of Evelyn Tuttle, died Sunday, February 18, 2024.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the House of Prayer Holiness Church in Berea. Burial will follow in the Saylor Family Cemetery in Cartersville.

We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at the church.

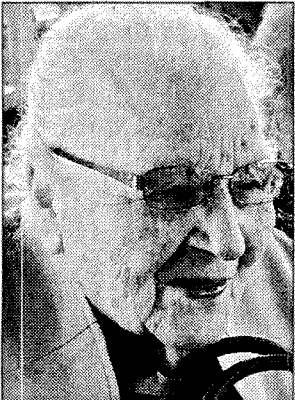
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A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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Gladys Marie Wynn

Gladys Marie Wynn, 87, of Livingston, died Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born March 21, 1936 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Sheridan and Eliza Howard Jones. She was a homemaker, enjoyed watching WLJC, flowers, spending time with family, singing, and was a member of the Livingston Holiness Church.



Survivors are: one son, Roland Wynn and (Sharon) of Livingston; two daughters, Gail King of Livingston, and Brenda Furmon (Darrell) of Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren, Billy, Bradley, Blake, Chris, Jessica, Marinda, and Kayla; eight great grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Rylan, Kaleb, Olivia, Dawson, Erik, Jacylmn, and Kaylee; and one great great grandchild. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Virgil Wynn; three sons, Randall, Feldon, and Bobby Wynn; one daughter, Irene Carpenter; six brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Jimmy Miller and Bro. Ronnie Powell officiating. Burial was in Wynn Cemetery.

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

James Marshall McPheron

James Marshall McPheron, 53, husband of Kimberly McPheron of Eubank, died February 13, 2024, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born April 3, 1970, in Shelbyville, IN to Herbert McPheron and Ruth Miracle McPheron. On March 3, 2007, he married Kimberly Whitaker McPheron, and they enjoyed 16 years together. He was a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and tinkering with old cars, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by: his wife, Kimberly McPheron of Eubank; one son, Vincient McPheron (Alexandria) of Pulaski County; three stepchildren, Michael Whitaker (Erica) of Jackson County, Whitney Whitaker of Mt. Vernon, Amber Downs (Alfie) of Mt. Vernon; ten grandchildren, Carson, Nicholas, Carson, Caulin, Grayson, Finley, Sawyer, Evelyn, Anastasia, and Preston; two brothers, Randy McPheron (Lisa) of Mt. Vernon, and John McPheron (Teresa) of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Betsy Hopkins (Bruce) of Brodhead, and Linda Adams (Ronnie) of Brodhead; one sister-in-law, Sheila McPherron.

He was preceded in death by: his father Herbert a McPheron and brother, Larry McPheron.

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Freedom Baptist Church.



Ye are the Light of the World

I remember as a young boy going coon hunting with some friends and suddenly my flashlight went out. The darkness surrounded me, and I couldn't see inches in front or behind me. If it wasn't for the light that my friends shared, I would have been lost in the darkness and would have never made it back home safely. I was so grateful.

Have you ever experienced darkness in your spiritual walk? Has there been a friend that came along and gave you just a glimpse of spiritual light? This is what we as Christians are to do for others as we read in Matthew 5:14-26, Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven. Our spiritual light not only gives comfort to those in darkness, but it glorifies our Father which is in heaven.

The scripture tells us in Ephesians 5:8 that there is a time in our Christian walk that we will be confronted with darkness, but we must remain walking in the light of the Lord, it says, For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.

We must keep ourselves blameless and be that shining light in this crooked and perverse nation, Philippians 2:14 says, Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; One thing we must all remember, is where do we find this spiritual light and whom does it come from? We can get the answer in 2 Corinthians 4:6, For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

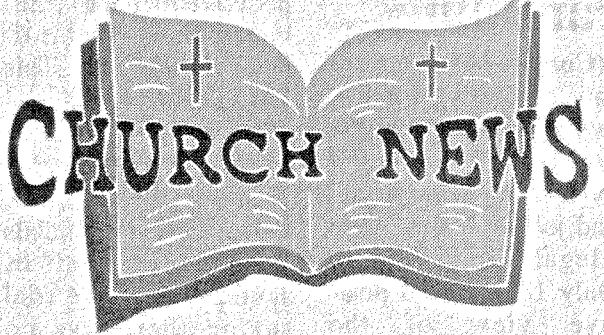
I pray that we all may give that shining light, that God wants us to be, to share with others around us. I ask of you to help others out of their spiritual darkness by holding up your spiritual light with love and compassion.

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Special Service, Preaching and Singing
There will be a special

service, including preaching and singing, at Sand Springs Baptist Church, Saturday, February 24th, beginning at 6 p.m. with Bro. Ben Jones and the Chimney Rock Boys.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CHICKEN ALFREDO LASAGNA

1 stick unsalted butter
6 T all-purpose flour
6 cups whole milk
3 cups grated parmesan cheese
Salt and freshlyground black pepper
12 no-boil lasagna noodles
Preheat the oven to 375°. In a large heavy pot, melt butter over medium heat until the foam subsides. Whisk in the flour and cook, whisk for 3 minutes. Whisk in the milk and bring to a boil stirring. Boil the sauce for 3 minutes, then remove from the heat and stir in 2 cups of the parmesan until melted. In a 9 x 13 baking pan spread 1 cup of the sauce over the bottom. Place 3 lasagna noodles evenly over the sauce, leaving even space between the noodles. Top the noodle layer with an even layer of sauce, then continue to layer the lasagna in the same manner, ending with the sauce, until all the noodles and sauce are used. Sprinkle the remaining 1 cup of parmesan evenly over the top of the lasagna. Cover the lasagna dish with aluminum foil and bake until the filling is bubbling,

about 45 minutes. Uncover the dish and continue to bake until the cheese is browned in places, about 30 minutes more. Let the lasagna stand for 10 minutes before serving.

HASHBROWN CHICKEN CASSEROLE

1 package (32 ounces) frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 cups diced cooked chicken
1 cup sour cream
2 cups chicken broth
1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup
2 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
2 T chopped onion
2 tablespoons finely chopped sweet red pepper
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 cup sliced almonds
Preheat oven to 350°. Spread potatoes in an ungreased 13 x 9 baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sprinkle chicken over the top. Combine the sour cream, broth, soup, bouillon, onion, red pepper, and garlic. Pour over chicken. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, 50 to 60 minutes.

Spiritual Security

2 Peter 1:5-11

We hear so much about security: financial, temporal, etc. The greatest security is spiritual, and it is within the reach of all. Peter specifies the things to do to keep from falling and to be granted an entrance into the eternal kingdom. He tells us what to add.

Faith. Must have it to please God. (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.

Virtue. Strength or courage. This is the product of faith in God. (Psa. 27:13) I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Hardships must be endured, and there is no place for cowards. (2Tim. 2:3) Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Knowledge. Religious activities: Without knowledge invites danger. (Hos. 4:7) As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

Temperance. Self-control. This is essential that we make the proper use of faith, virtue, and knowledge. (Prov. 16:32) He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Patience. Stedfastness. (Jas. 5:11) Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Godliness. (1Tim. 6:6) But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Brotherly kindness. Brotherly kindness is sympathy in action. (Eph. 4:32) And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ' sake hath forgiven you.

Love. Must love God. (Matt. 22:37), neighbor (Matt. 22:39), enemies (Matt. 5:44), and the truth (2Thess. 2:10-12).

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch and articles to read on our YouTube channel. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. The church assembles for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. The church offers a free Bible correspondence course.

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Fatal

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on the bus was Miller's son, and former American Idol Season 1, contestant Alex Miller, and several members of his country music band, who were on vacation at the time of the accident.

According to police reports, no one on the bus was injured.

At press time, officials say they still do not know what caused McPheron to lose control of his vehicle and the accident is under investigation by Post 11 Trooper Arron Jones.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office also reported another fatal collision that occurred on US-461 near Doc Adams Road Monday night.

The Kentucky State Police and the Sheriff's office worked the scene closing lanes of the roadways involved.

Deputy Sam Brock said the accident involved only one vehicle. The name of the driver, who was killed in the accident, has not been released pending notification of family members.

Brock said he is currently reconstructing the accident and an investigation is underway.

At press time no further information was available.

Calendar

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scheduled from Thursday, January 2 through Friday January 3.

Monday, January 6, is a scheduled professional development day meaning students will be out of school during the holidays for 17 consecutive days, including weekends.

Spring Break is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 31 and last through Friday, April 4.

The calendar has shortened the school year by eight days. However, state law requires 1,062 hours of in-class instruction so officials have worked out a daily schedule that will effect each school differently. "We can't really say a specific time school will start and end next year because when you consider class time and the time for buses to get from one school to the other, start times and end times will be very hard to explain," said Reppert. In order to keep confusion to a minimum, Reppert says each school will contact all parents and explain the start and end times for their students at each school. "Rather than list a time in the paper and let people assume that applies to everyone, we will have to handle it individually.

All board members except Chairman Angela Mink, voted to accept the new calendar. Mink said she liked most things about the calendar but could not make herself vote for it only because she was concerned about cutting the number of days some students may have a safe place to be and a hot meal.

According to Reppert, all students will meet the 1,062 hours of required instruction under the new calendar.

Records

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obtained a copy of a subpoena, served to the current Mayor Larry Davidson and City Clerk Samantha Smoker, requiring them to turn over any and all material relat-

ing to financial actions taken by the previous administration of Mayor Duane King and City Clerk Amanda Thomas.

The Criminal Subpoena lists the Commonwealth of Kentucky versus an unknown defendant and was issued on January 17. The subpoena commanded officials to appear before the Rockcastle County Attorney on January 24 to provide any and all records, including bills, receipts, etc, from any bank accounts of the City of Livingston for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The subpoena goes on to say that material should include, but is not limited to the general fund, police and tourism bank accounts.

On Monday, February 12 the sheriff's department arrived at Livingston City Hall and took possession of the city's computer system.

Current officials in Livingston have apparently cooperated fully with the investigation and there is no investigation into financial records of the current administration.

A Livingston city officials told the *Signal* that investigators intended to clone the computer system that was confiscated so that the system could be returned and used for city business while investigators examine the cloned computer files.

Current city officials say they do not know what investigators are looking for and the county attorney would only verify that there is a criminal investigation underway.

Grant

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tendent said her conversations with both elected officials and others have led her to believe the grant will likely be extended and increased.

During the meeting Ballinger showed a video sent directly from the White House, congratulating Rockcastle County officials on receiving the federal Innovation and Modernization Program Grant. The spokesperson from Washington told the large crowd she and federal officials were proud that Rockcastle County's school district was focused on innovative ideas and the redesign of the workforce systems. "This grant will change the face of what Rockcastle County High School looks like," said Ballinger. "This is an opportunity for us to fight to see that our students graduate and then go directly to work in good paying jobs without having to leave the home they love."

Other guests at the meeting were Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman, County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook. "We are simply here to celebrate the positive communication and collaboration between the school district, the city and the county," said VanHook. "The grant we received from the Governor last week for the regional industrial development park is just another example of us all working together to provide those jobs that will be waiting for our local graduating seniors. The youth of Rockcastle County and this entire generation coming up is what I sell everyday to

tial businesses that may come to our new regional park."

VanHook pointed out that 3,410 Rockcastle County residents wake up every morning and leave the county to go to work. "Our goal is to provide work right here in Rockcastle County for residents and then make people leave their community to come to Rockcastle to work," he said.

Bowman also expressed his appreciation for the willingness and interest of the school board to collaborate with local government. "The partnerships we have with the city, the county and the school board is what makes all this possible and we appreciate the work the school board has done to get this new grant that fits exactly into the idea of providing work for Rockcastle County graduates."

Holbrook agreed. "Every day I hear officials from other counties or in Frankfort bragging on our school district," he said. "We are all working toward the goal of trying to get something in place that this generation of kids can stay home and find work." Ballinger said.

Also at the meeting were representatives of the RCHS FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) who presented studies indicating that 30% of Rockcastle County residents live at or below the poverty line. Club representatives said there are 204 businesses in the county but 67% of those employ four people or less. According to their studies, over 170 students in the county are considered homeless. The group challenged the board and community leaders to address the problems of poverty and homelessness in the county.

Board members accepted the challenge and promised to keep such issues as a priority.

"This grant is a huge step towards attacking just such issues," said Ballinger. The superintendent indicated the collaboration between the board, the city and the county is one of many steps planned that will attack the problem of poverty and homelessness.

Ballinger said the grant will have a major impact on the local school district and through innovation, creation and modernization, graduating students will find work in their hometown with high paying salaries for established companies a much easier task.

Some specific plans for such innovative modernization are expected to be announced once the grant has been received.

Board

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dressed the board recommending the creation of a new DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) position in the school system. Riddle and Jackson have started "Moms for Moms of Minority Students" as a club focused on advocating for the diversity, equity and inclusion position within the school system. "Our kids need to see people of color in leadership position," said Riddle.

Dr. Ballinger declined a comment on the issue when asked by a WKYT reporter, after the meeting.

Finance Director Jenny

Sweet told board members that she and her staff are working hard on the tentative budget, which she expects to present the first draft of to the board in May. Sweet said the staffing guidelines were developed from previously adopted allocations and she plans to meet with principals to ascertain their needs for their school before bringing the tentative budget to the board.

Addressing the monthly financial report, board member Matt Chaliff asked if it is normal for some of the budget items to show 100% or more of the budget used though the budget cycle is not over. Sweet explained that some items show 100% because they are complete and will not use more funds, others may have been miscalculated and cost more than expected due to recent inflation numbers. She also explained that some line items may show a negative number but that is typically one fund reimbursing another fund and can be a positive total balance.

In other action, Sweet asked the board to approve \$11,598 for a new, more robust accounting system. "The system we are using has been used for several years and needs to be updated to a more robust accounting system," she said. "We are also requesting an additional \$8,530 for technical support for the new system." This is Phase I of upgrading the system in the district. Sweet said next year she will ask for more updates and changes but the request will be for much less funds. "We need the newer system for many reasons but one of them is the reduction of paperwork," she said. "This new system will greatly reduce the amount of paper crossing our desks." Chaliff agreed with the idea. "We don't need to chase down a principal for a signature or create endless pieces of paper for every simple task. I am glad to hear we could simplify things for staff, students and parents as well as this board," he said. The request passed unanimously.

The board then approved the Superintendent's Personnel Action report as follows:

Full-time certified

employees hired
Benny Blanton, Director of Special Education and Joshua Haines, Family Resource Center Coordinator at RES.

Full-time classified employees hired
Carolyn Carpenter, Account Clerk II at the central office; Crystal Hester, food service cook/baker at RCHS; Trisha Parsons, school secretary 1 at RES.

Resignations
Ashley Simpson, food service cook/baker at RCHS; Brett Noble, bus driver; Callie Lewis, Deanna Barnes, Jacob Durham and Tamara Cox, substitute teachers, districtwide; Heather McCracken, substitute bus monitor; Michelle Reed, school secretary 1 at RES.

Retirements
Roger Bray, bus driver.
Certified substitutes

Hired
Hunter Baker, substitute teacher at RCMS; Jacqueline Bradley, substitute teacher districtwide; Rebekah Hurley, substitute teacher at BES.

Classified substitutes

Hired
Brett Noble and Isaac Eaton, substitute bus drivers; Jacqueline Bishop, substitute instructional assistant; Melissa Cromer, substitute custodian; Reagan Rumsey, substitute instructional assistant district wide; Susan Mink, substitute food service cook/baker.

Court

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Board and approved the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority monthly report.

The court was also addressed by Charlie Fox concerning the Autism Foundation. Fox informed the court of the foundation's many accomplishments and asked the court to consider allowing the group to use space in the old Livingston School building for a Holistic-Focused Arts/Medical campus that will provide teaching artists in education, an opportunity to acquire credit hours for working with special needs children and teens. It will open up opportunities for the medical community to provide necessary therapeutic treatment in a peaceful

setting. Fox also asked for the support of the court in their endeavor.

Holbrook invited officials of the foundation to visit the building in question with him and a magistrate to inspect the facility. "It may or may not serve your needs," he said. "We will look at it and see if it is what you need." The court agreed. Holbrook said if the foundation requests to use the space, formerly used by Sheltoewe Trace, he feels the court would "try to accommodate them" if possible. "It would be up to the fiscal court if that is what they need. We will look at it and bring it before the court if they tell us they need the space and it meets their requirements," said Holbrook.

In other action, the court received the monthly report concerning the gymnasium rental in Livingston which totaled \$1,100 for informational purposes only. The court also received the propane gas bill for the gymnasium during the same time which totaled \$4,280. Since the presentation was for informational purposes only, there was no action taken. However, more than one magistrate agreed that the court should look into the issue and consider changes to current procedures since rental fees are much less than expenses to operate the space.

The court also heard a report from the Rockcastle Animal Shelter which shows 17 dogs and six cats housed at the center at the end of the month. Over the month, the report shows 98 dogs and 11 cats that were disposed of through adoption, euthanization or death.

There was also a request to bring Lady Bug Lane into the county road maintenance system. The court agreed to visit the site to determine eligibility.

Holbrook also reported total proceeds from the sale of 42 acres of county-owned property in Livingston was \$79,801 after fees and expenses.

The court also voted to transfer \$25,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund.

Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at the courthouse.

DAR And local students participate in Valentines for Veterans Project

The Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution along local students participated in the annual Valentines for Veterans Project as part of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Week. The week of February 9th each year is the community's opportunity to say thank you to more than 98,000 Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for everyday in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliary and nursing homes.

Valentines for Veterans began in 1989 when the late newspaper columnist, Ann Landers, encouraged her readers to create special valentines for Veterans in care facilities throughout the United States and Canada. She asked her readers to remember the valiant sacrifices of their nation's Veterans by making them personal hand-crafted valentines. Through the efforts of students from Mt. Vernon Elementary School, Freedom and Flatrock Baptist Churches and the members of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR, 741 valentines were collected to be delivered to the VA Hospital in Lexington, KY. The Chapter would like to express a special thank you to the students who participated in this project to honor Veterans.



SPORTS

Rockets beat Southwestern; get big win over Pulaski in OT

Last Tuesday night, the Southwestern Warriors came to town and the Rockets easily took the win 70-59.

The three point baskets flowed for the Rockets with Walker Craig hitting 5/6, Jace Rogers 4/6 and Durham adding one for 10 total against the Warriors six. The Rockets struggled at the free throw line, only hitting 12/21, but still had the edge there with the Warriors hitting 7/8.

The Rockets led 25-14 at the first quarter stop; 40-21 at the half and 50-38 at the third quarter stop.

Walker Craig scored 27 points to lead his team in scoring; Jace Rogers got 18; Skyler Durham had 12; Connor Hunt seven; Trent Wilson four and Colton Cash two.

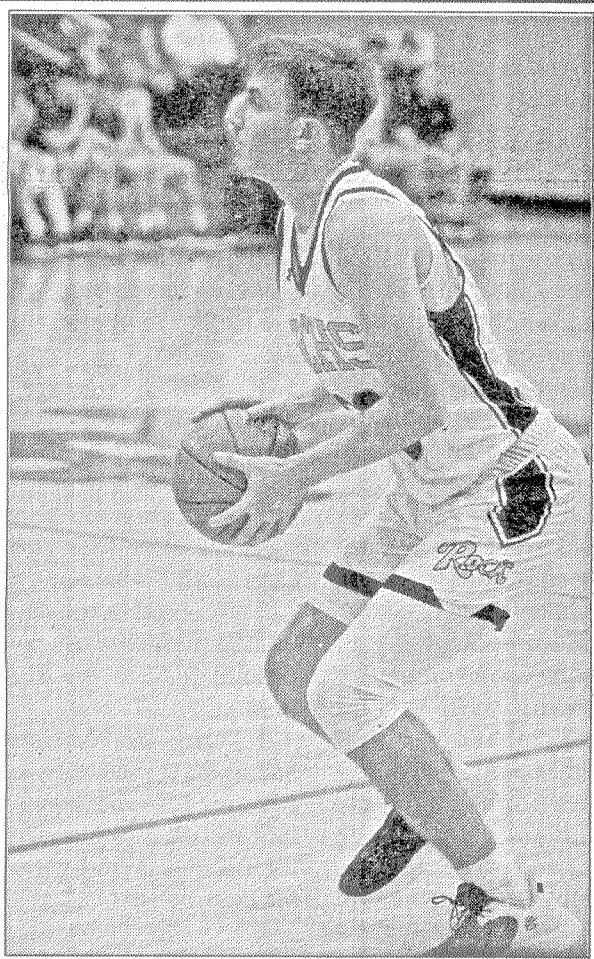
Wilson led in rebounding with seven and was also credited with three

assist; a steal and a block. Craig and Cash each grabbed five rebounds, Craig added five assists and one steal, Cash also had an assist. Hunt pulled down three rebounds, had three assists and one steal; Caleb Moore and Jace Rogers each got two rebounds and Skyler Durham added a rebound, four assists and two blocks.

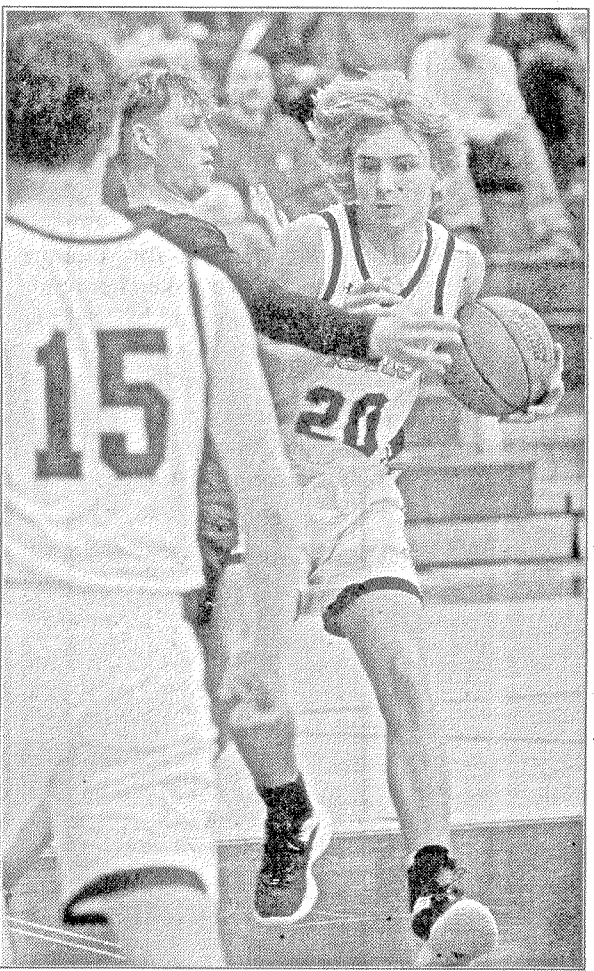
The Rockcastle Rockets got redemption Friday night, beating district foe Pulaski County Maroons, in overtime, 54-53. This followed a January game at Rockcastle which the Maroons won 69-64.

The Rockets came out ready to play, leading 17-13 at the end of the first quarter and 27-24 at the half. They led 43 to 36 at the end of the third quarter but were outscored 13-

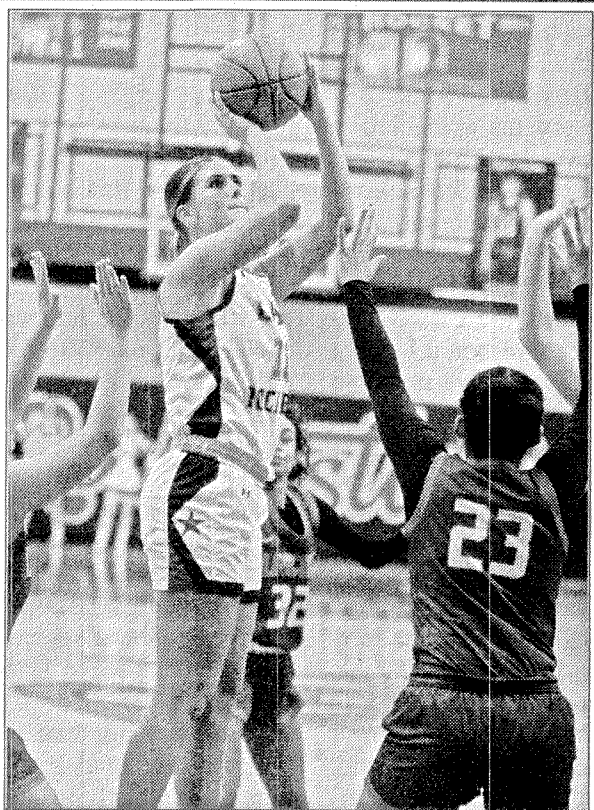
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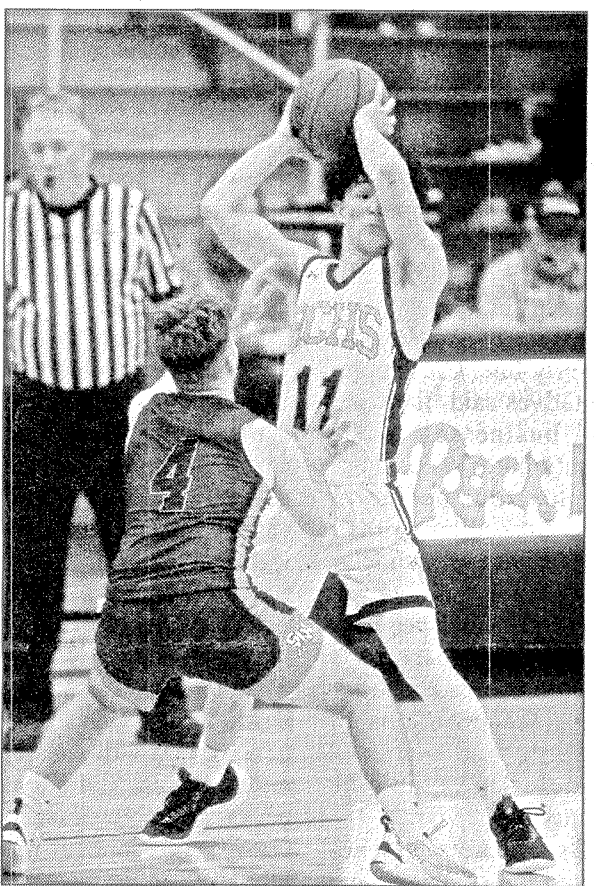
Skyler Durham prepares for a three in the Rockets' 70-59 win over Southwestern. Durham has 12 points, four rebounds and two blocks in the win.



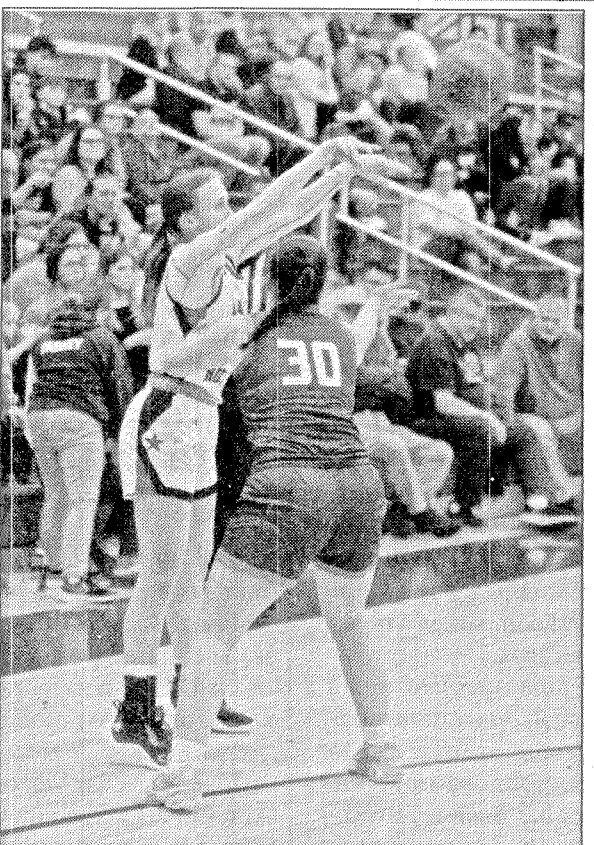
Connor Hunt works in the paint during the Rockets' 70-59 win over Southwestern. Hunt had seven points, three rebounds, three assists and one steal in the win.



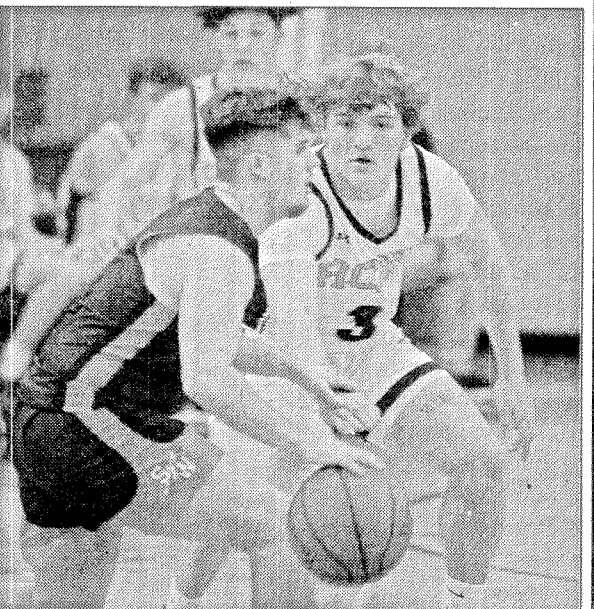
Senior Talyne Shearer goes up for two of her 15 points in the Lady Rockets' 63-40 win over Lincoln County Thursday night.



Harper McCool works on offense during the Rockets' 70-59 win over Southwestern.



Senior Camryn Cash makes a pass in the Lady Rockets' 63-40 win over Lincoln County Thursday night. Cash had 10 points in the win.



Caleb Moore puts on the defensive pressure during the Rockets' 70-59 win over Southwestern.

Lady Rockets defeat Lincoln and Garrard

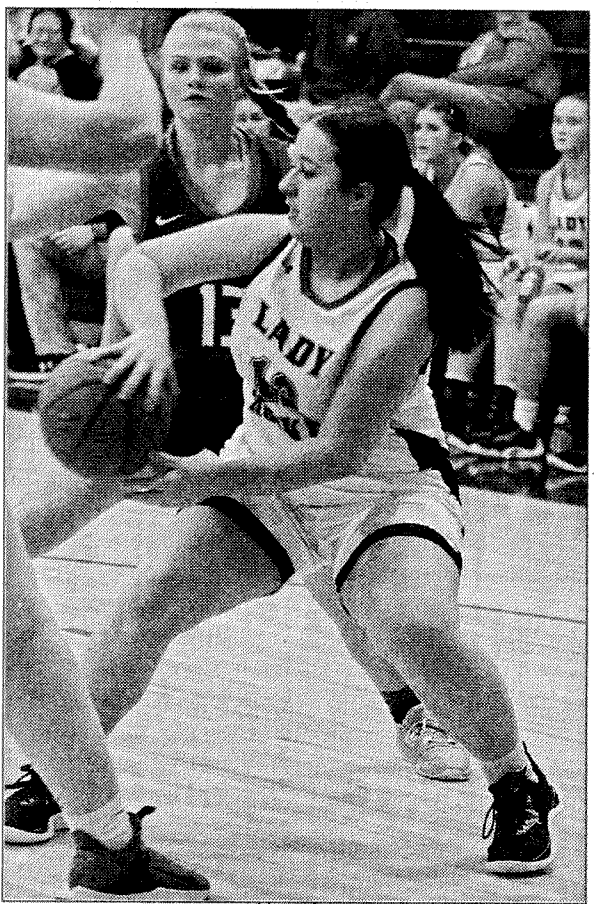
In what is obviously a rebuilding period for the Lincoln County Lady Patriots, the Lady Rockets took full advantage and came away with a 63-40 win last Thursday night at Rockcastle.

The Rockets led 22-9 at the end of the first quarter, 42-14 at the half and 55-23 at the third quarter stop. Lincoln County had numerous turnovers dur-

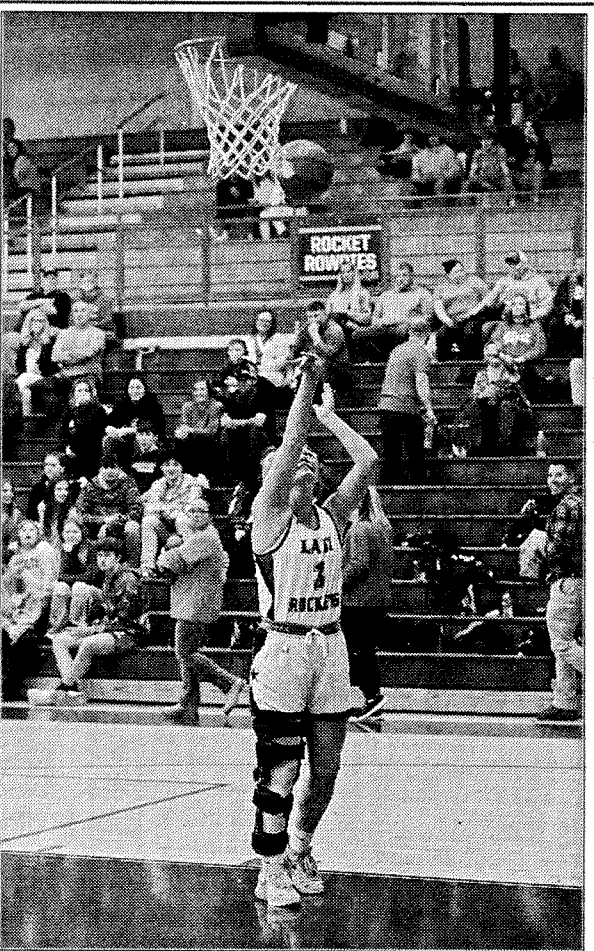
ing the game, with senior Talyne Shearer accounting for the bulk of them.

The second quarter was particularly disastrous for the Patriots with, after seven straight turnovers, their first basket, a three, coming at the 1:11 mark. They then managed to add another basket for their total output of five

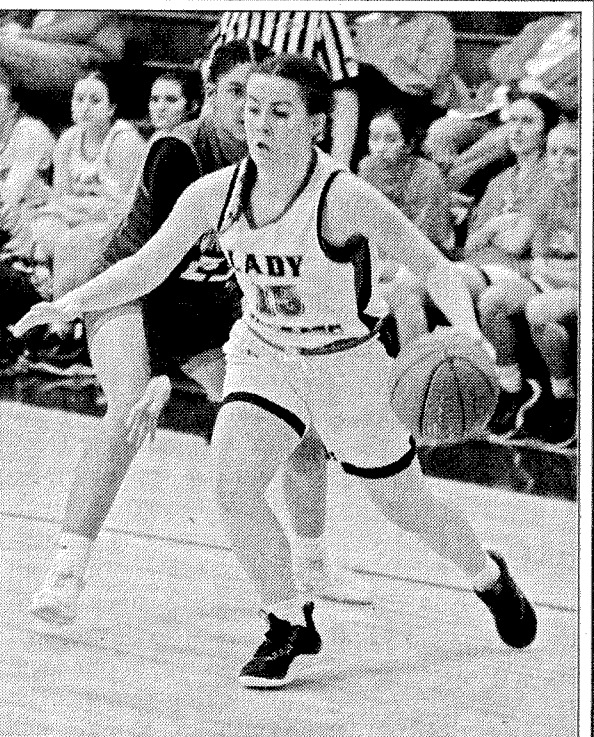
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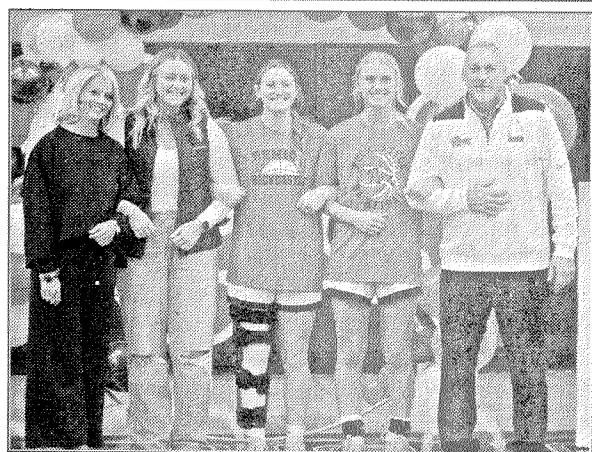
Senior Kelsey Rowe passes to a teammate during the Lady Rockets' 63-40 win over Lincoln County Thursday night.



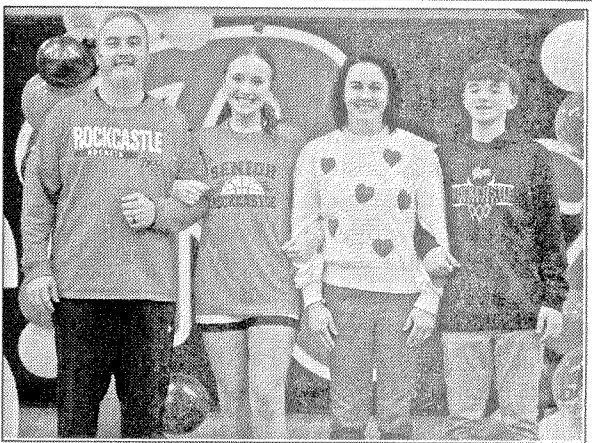
Senior Haven King scored the first basket for the Lady Rockets in their win over Lincoln County last week. King's season was cut short due to a knee injury. Photo by: Jamie Cornelius



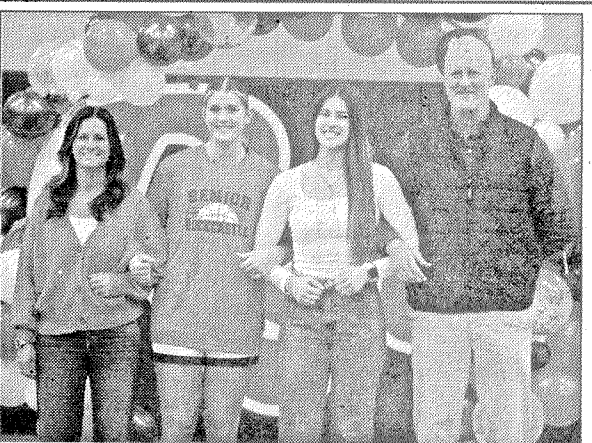
Markley Richards drives the baseline during the Lady Rockets' 63-40 win over Lincoln County Thursday night.



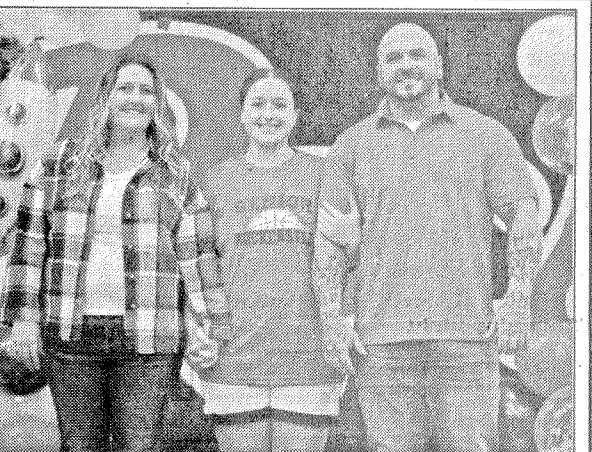
The RCHS Lady Rockets honored their seniors before their game with Lincoln last week. Shown above is senior Haven King with her parents, Bert and Angie King and sisters, Keelee and Taylor.



Senior Camryn Cash and her parents, Andrew and Chrissy Cash and brother, Parker.



Senior Talyne Shearer with her parents, Brian and Rebecca Shearer and sister, Trinity.



Senior Kelsey Rowe and her parents, PJ Rowe and Amanda Wright.



Senior Brooklyn Smith with her parents, Tony Smith and Karen Rowe.

Rockets

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6 in the fourth quarter for a 49 all tie at the end of regulation play.

Craig drew first blood in overtime with a three basket, his first of the game, to put the Rockets up 52-49. PC came back with a basket for a 52-51 score. Rogers was then fouled and hit one of two free throws for a 53-51 lead for the Rockets. PC then tied the game again with a basket and, with two seconds on the clock, Rogers' was fouled again, stepped to the line and hit the first free throw to put his team up 54-53, missed the second, and PC had no timeouts -- game over.

Craig led the scoring with 22 points and he tied for rebounding honors with Wilson, each grabbing eight; Rogers was the only other Rocket in double figures with 16, hitting two of three three point baskets; Wilson scored eight points;

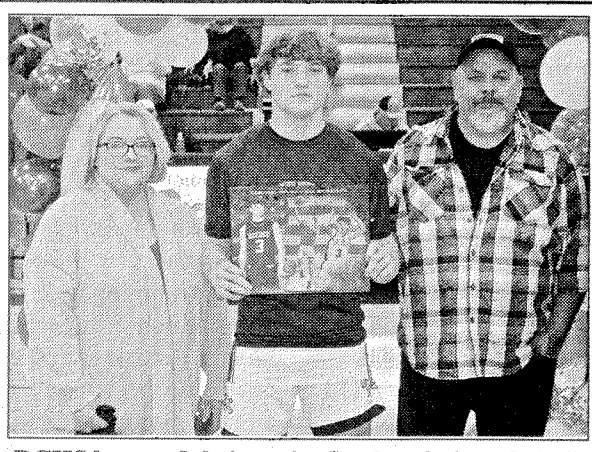
Durham got four; Connor Hunt three and Colton Cash one. Hunt also had two blocks in the game and Durham one.

Hunt and Durham grabbed two rebounds and had one assist each. Wilson was also credited with an assist. Craig had three assists and Rogers two. Wilson stole the ball three times and Rogers and Craig each pirated it twice.

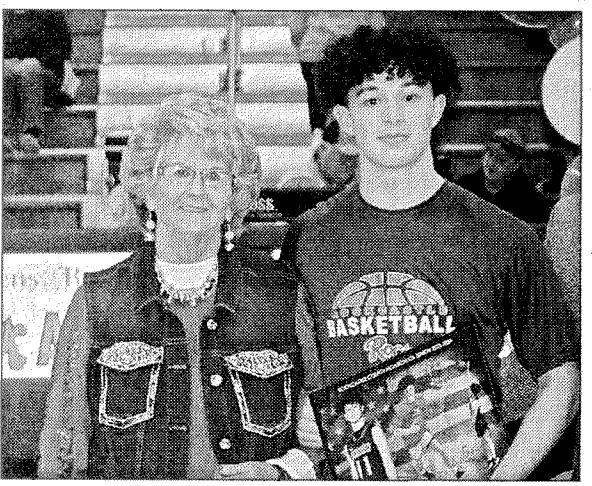
The Rockets were scheduled to play their last regular season game Tuesday night at Model.

Rockcastle is host to this year's 47th District Tournament. Game times are not set as of presstime, but the Rockets will be playing in the first round on Tuesday, February 26th.

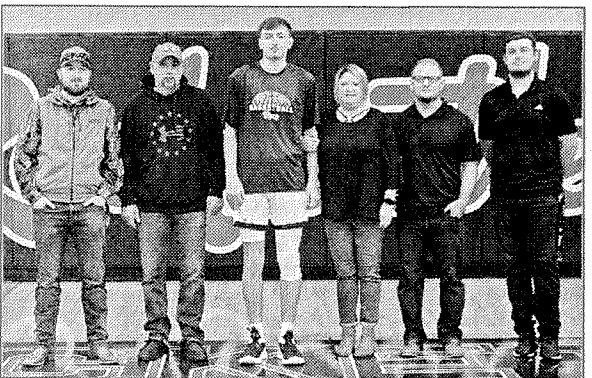
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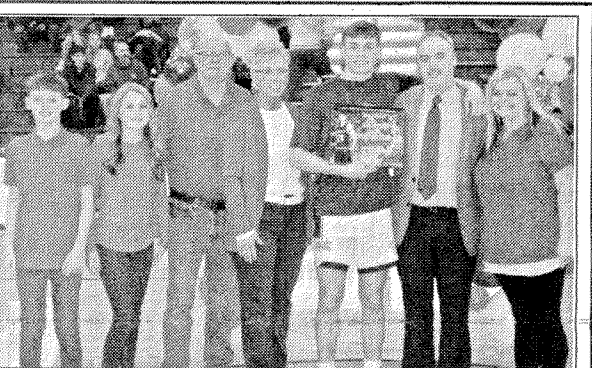
RCHS honored their senior Rockets before their final regular season home game last week. Shown above is senior Caleb Moore and his parents, Billy and Michelle Moore.



Senior Harper McCool and his grandmother, Bernice Beasley.



Senior Skyler Durham with his parents, Dee Reams Mays and Richard Mays and Brad Durham and brothers, Dalton Durham and Javan Hasty.



Senior Trent Wilson with his mother, Liza Lewis, grandparents, Donna and Kevin Whitaker and siblings, Taylor and Trace Wilson.

Lady Rockets

(Cont. from A6)

points in the period while the Rockets were putting 20 points on the board. Seven of them were by Shearer who notched her 1500th point for her Rocket career and pulled down her 800th rebound.

It was a fast-moving game with only two fouls called against each team. The Rockets hit 3/4 (one by Taylor King and two by Shearer) and the Patriots were 1/4.

Shearer led the scoring with 18 points; Taylor King got 15; Macy Spivey scored 12 points; Camryn Cash seven; Markley Richards six; Kelsey Rowe three and Haven King two. King's points came at the very first of the game when she was allowed a basket to end her career as a Lady Rocket. A starting senior, King suffered a season-ending ACL injury during the latter stages of the regular season.

King garnered the most rebounds with seven; Spivey and Shearer each grabbed six; Abby DeLeon got four; Richards three; Cash two and Rowe, Ella McKinney and Sadie Osborne one each.

The Lady Rockets hit 4/14 three point attempts with Shearer, Rowe, King and Cash each getting one.

The Rockets traveled to Garrard County Monday night to play the Lady Lions and came away with a 78-52 win.

The Rockets came out hot, outscoring the Lions 26-14 in the first quarter behind 10 points in that period by Taylor King. It was 41-23 at the half and 62-34 at the end of the third period.

King took scoring honors with 21 points; Macy Spivey was close behind with 19, including going 9/11 from the free throw line; Talyne Shearer got 12; Camryn Cash and Markley Richards seven each; Ella McKinney and Tessa Begley four each and Abby DeLeon and Kelsey Maupin two points each.

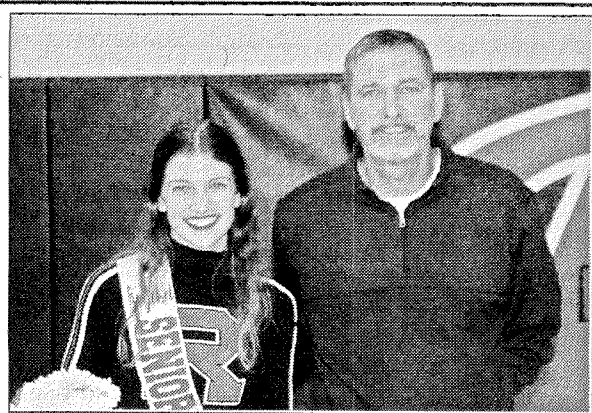
The Lady Rockets are scheduled to play at Danville Christian Academy Thursday night to end their regular season.

Rockcastle is host to this year's 47th District Tournament. Game times are not set as of presstime, but the Lady Rockets will be playing in the first round on Monday night, February 25th.

Seniors honored



RCHS honored their senior cheerleaders before their trip to the national competition in Florida. Shown above is senior Ashleigh Abney with her parents, Scott Abney and Becki Jackson and sisters, Brooke, Brinkley and Trinity Abney.



Senior Raychel Carpenter and her dad, Phillip Carpenter.



Senior Alexis Martin with her parents, David Martin and Charolette Martin.



Senior Kameryn Medley with her parents, Anthony and Jill Medley.



Senior Alivia Shepherd with her mother, Nikki Shepherd and sister, Abby Shepherd.



Senior Bailey Terry and her parents, Jeremy Terry and Denise Brummett and sister, Kelsey.

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Rockcastle Historical Haven

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By: Markita Proctor

My father was a member of the Free Masons in Brodhead, Kentucky. I always teased him about secret meetings and funny hats. None of which he found amusing in the least. I often asked him about what happened at their meetings, but he would never divulge the events of the Lodge. He took their secrets to his grave. But that never stopped my imagination from going wild wondering about the mystery surrounding the secret society. Of course, Rockcastle History does have connections to organizations or social groups that existed for social, economic, and charitable reasons. These organizations are often secret organizations. With a membership that included many highly respected locals. Rockcastle County has been home to different fraternal organizations throughout its history. The June 26, 1908 issue of the Signal in a column titled "Mt. Vernon's Growth, Industries, etc." stated that Secret orders had a large membership. The Masons had several lodges,

The Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, and Council, and another organization known as the Odd Fellows was also growing. Both the Masons and the Odd Fellows organizations were considering building larger facilities in the county. While many are familiar with the Masonic Lodge, few know about The Order of Odd Fellows. This organization, according to the Library of Congress, was first founded in England in 1730. The organization began as a fraternal association that emphasized friendship among members. The Order followed many rituals and beliefs similar to those of the Free Masons. The Odd Fellows organization came to America in 1819. The first Lodge was founded in Baltimore in the 1840s by Thomas Wildey of England. In 1843 the organization split over race issues. This resulted in two different Orders, the exclusively White Order of Odd Fellows and the predominantly Black Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Membership in the

Odd Fellows lodges counted more than two million members in the 1920s. Even though the organization is not considered a religious organization, candidates for membership were expected to believe in a supreme being. John Lair states in his book, "Rockcastle Recollections" that the "Odd Fellows Lodge was organized in Mt. Vernon in 1870. J.T. Clark, Charles Kirtley and J. L. Joplin were among the first members. Rooms were over the store of J. J. Williams..." The July 10, 1908 issue of the Mt. Vernon Signal in the Mt. Vernon Personals section ran a story about the first anniversary of the Mt. Vernon Lodge 319 I. O. O. F. "There were fifty-one Odd Fellows, with their wives, sisters, and sweethearts present. Mrs. Millie Miller, the hostess, had prepared a most delightful supper... Judge L. W. Bethurum acted as toastmaster... Dr. W. J. Edmiston, of Crab Orchard, district deputy, and Mr. L. K. Wells, also of Crab Orchard, was the first to speak, giving a brief history of the origin, progress, aim, and purpose of Odd Fellowship. Next in order was Attorney C. C. Williams, who spoke for about ten minutes on the beauties of the order. Following were cashier M. B. Salin and Dr. A. G. Lovell, who spoke briefly of the purposes and aims of the order. Returning to the lodge room the District Deputy took charge of the meeting and proceeded to install the newly elected officers for the next term. They are as follows: Noble Grand, W. T. Davis; Vice Grand Dr. J. F. Baugh; Secretary W. A. Cox and W. L. Richards Treasurer. Starting a year

ago with seventeen, the membership at the end of the first year was sixty-seven; a phenomenal growth." The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F) has several symbols: the scales of justice, the equilateral triangle, the hourglass which emphasized their duty to assist others quickly, the all-seeing eye, a hand holding a heart which symbolized charity, and a chain with three links that represents the organizations three core beliefs--friendship, love, and truth. The chain with three links also directly connects to Rockcastle County. The area of Three Links where Rockcastle meets Jackson County was named for the Odd Fellows Lodge. As reported by Grant Martin in a 2015 Facebook post titled "Where in the World is Three Links" Martin states that the post office

was named around 1918 after the Odd Fellows Lodge that was located where a church stood in 2015 (not sure if the church is still standing). The post differs slightly in the representation of the three links. Martin stated, "Their official symbol was three links of a chain--in each link was a word which was to have been faith, hope, and love." The original building was believed to have been a two-story multi-purpose building: a church, a school and the lodge all used the facilities there. Jill Halcomb Smith, of the Rockcastle County Historical Society and Museum recently posted pictures of members of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Rockcastle County including her Grandfather, John Sherman Halcomb. While the Masons were named because original members shared a common profession- masonry

or related trades; the Odd Fellows' name is thought to have come from the "odd" works they did for society. The website, dustyoldthing.com gives a brief history of the organization. At the time of the organization's inception in England, the idea of welfare did not exist and the idea of helping those in need was something of a novel or odd concept. According to the website, "The goal of the order was not only to form a brotherhood in personal ways but to embrace their faith through acts of service to others." There are still Odd Fellows Organizations in the United States and in Kentucky. Unfortunately, the Rockcastle County Odd Fellows dwindled and eventually died out, but I am certain that the Rockcastle County Lodge served through friendship, love, and truth, just as the three links symbolize.



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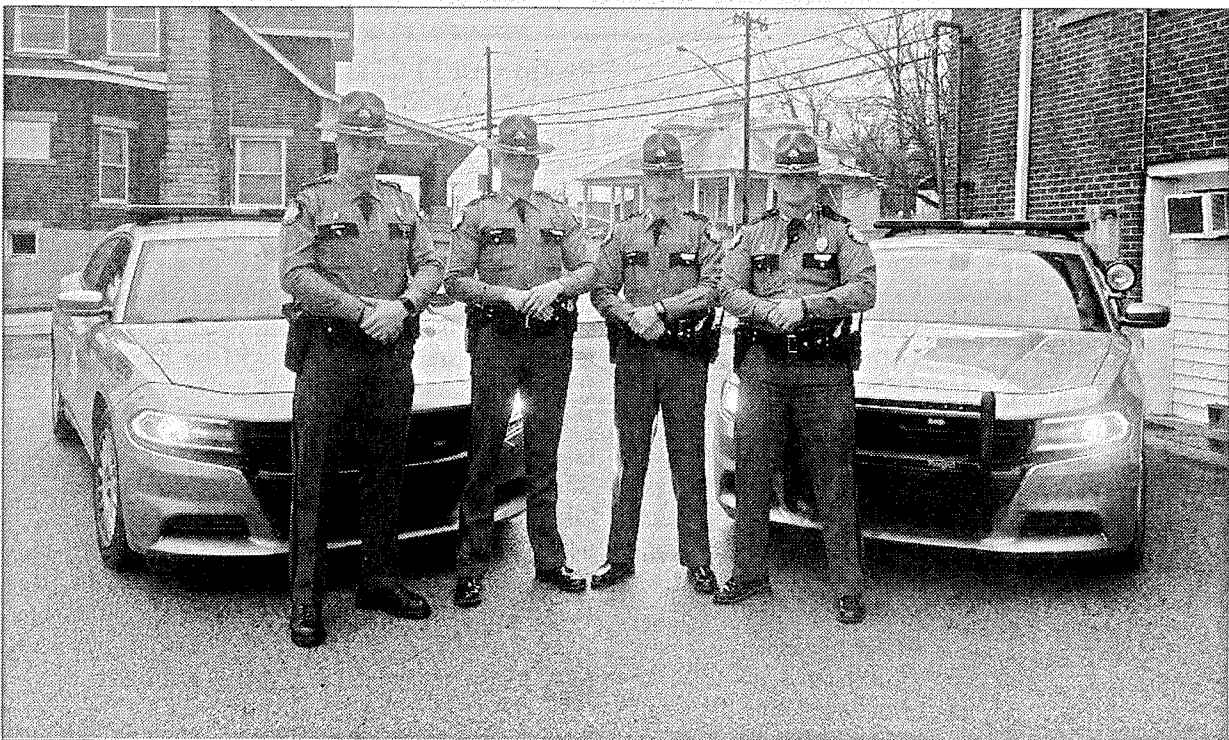
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 - Definitely not now?
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 - Title of respect, abroad
 - Deaf alt.
 - Roof supports
 - Groups of four
 - Sculler's item
 - Enormous birds of myth
 - In a minute
 - Canton that borders Bern
 - Casino machines, briefly
 - Postgame segment
 - Lushes
 - More in need of liniment
 - Bone-dry
 - Get in
 - Measuring tube (var.)
 - Misfortune
 - Some signatures of old
 - Kind of helmet
 - Egyptian cobra
 - Square dancer's need
 - Mariners' assents
 - Current or former court org.
 - _____ of Good Feelings
 - Movie, in Hollywood lingo
 - Ticket word
 - What a convict seeks
 - Keogh alternative
 - Form of lyric poem
 - Cornball
 - Yorkshire's home
 - Supergiant in Cygnus
 - Kitchen wrap
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 - Judges lay it down
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 - Wray of "King Kong"
 - Lhasa is its capital
 - Drools
 - Acorn producer
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 - Buddhist in Nirvana
 - Feudal vassals
 - Washington, D.C. resident
 - Threshold location
 - Emulated a cow
 - Leaping amphibians
 - December ditties
 - Force out
 - Brother of Moses
 - Squander slowly
 - Ice-cream portion
 - Reddish deer
 - Get naked
 - Brown tone
 - Sprang up
 - Makes baby chick sounds
 - Canonical hour
 - Fix a word-processing error
 - Continued a subscription
 - Some believers
 - Outerwear in Sonora
 - Home to Notre Dame
 - Cancel, to NASA
 - Synthetic fiber
 - African coastal capital
 - Poem of homage
 - Four winter wks.
 - Gas-station offering, sometimes
 - Bake sale organizer, for short
 - Suffix for "Hallow"

Second generations serving Rockcastle County



Four second-generation Kentucky State Troopers are serving Rockcastle County. Shown above are the troopers from left: Ben Allen Unit 902, son of retired Trooper Darren "Foot" Allen, Timothy Ryan Moore Unit 619, son of Sergeant Eric Moore, Zachery Loudermilk Unit 671, son of Detective Ryan Loudermilk and Austin Cornett Unit 388, son of retired Trooper David "Cornbread" Cornett.

Rockcastle Regional to host Love Your Heart event

Rockcastle Regional is set to host their 15th Annual Love Your Heart event on Tuesday, February 27th at 5:30pm at Higher Praise Ministries. This event aims to raise awareness for women's heart health, a crucial issue often overlooked in healthcare conversations. This year, the event will take on the theme, "Rock the Heartbeat," inviting attendees to dress in attire reminiscent of their favorite rock decades. Heart disease continues to be one of the leading causes of death among women worldwide. Love Your Heart strives to educate and empower women to take charge of their heart health through knowledge, prevention, and proactive lifestyle choices. Keynote speakers at this year's event include Rockcastle Family Wellness providers Angela Parsons-Woods, PA-C, and Jennifer Cash, APRN, who will be sharing invaluable insights and practical tips on living heart-healthy lifestyles. Rockcastle Regional's Mobile Health Clinic will also be making an appearance at the event where pharmacists will provide free medication reviews from 4:30pm until 6:30pm. If you are interested in getting a free medication review, you are invited to simply stop by, as walk-ins are welcome. (Continued on B4)

Cheerleaders come home to Rockcastle as National Champions

By: Mike French Editor

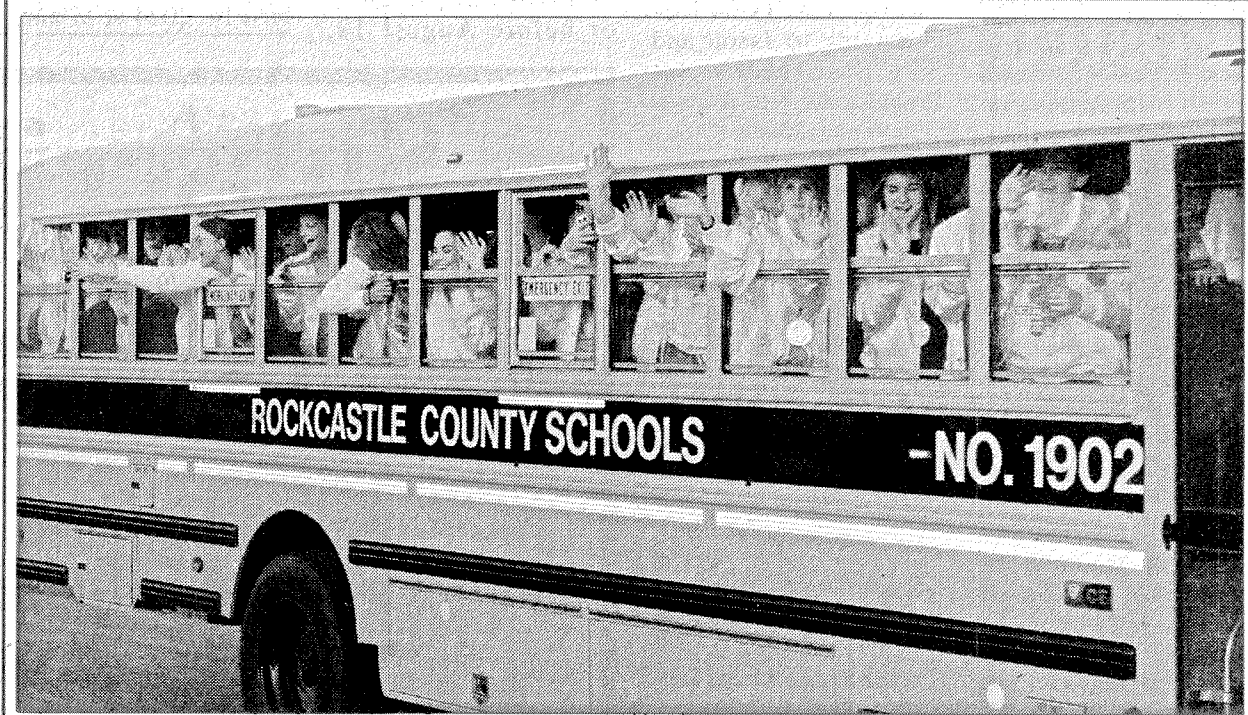
Several years ago, a group of girls yelled with pride and enthusiasm during the football games at Rockcastle County High School. At least one of the girls took the experience very seriously. For Joanie Alexander Lake, being a RCHS cheerleader was one of her passions. She loved every minute of it. Lake went from the RCHS cheerleading squad to the Lindsey Wilson College cheerleading team and her passion never abated. "Yes, it is a sport and it is very competitive. But more importantly, it is life lessons. It is learning how to be part of a team and how to grow as a human being and a citizen of your community." Lake's passion continued to grow until she became Head Cheerleading Coach in Adair County and taught gymnastics at the same time. After one year of that experience, Lake came home and became the Head Cheerleading Coach at RCHS with the very capable assistance of Assistant Coach Vee Anderson. For the past seven years she has worked to develop and grow the team to be among the best. Last week her team, the RCHS Cheerleading squad, became National Champions!

"I love what I do but there is nothing better than doing it here at home," she said. "It is a dream come true to provide the opportunities to these girls that I never had. It is the goal of every cheerleader to be the very best and to see it happen for these girls is an

amazing thing they will never forget" Lake said the national win in Florida last week was icing on the cake. "I have done my job if the girls learn about life and grow as members of society and add to their community. But this win is a big deal too," she said. The 26 girls, (two are out with injuries) who competed for the championship were among 1,200 teams in 76 divisions, and faced a formidable foe. "Our top competition was a team from Colorado," Lake said. "They were actually two points ahead of us and I think were favored." However, going into the final competition, those two points were negated and both teams started fresh from zero. "We ended up winning by 0.4." The team erupted with jubilation when the final score was announced. "We were National Champions," Lake said with obvious pride. Did the RCHS squad think they were going to win? "We thought we had a chance but there was no doubt that competition was going to be tough. The Colorado team was excellent," said Lake. The squad won the national championship in the Super Large Division II NT Game Day Division and won third place in the Medium Division II NT 2.5 Traditional Division. Word spread through Rockcastle County quickly and, by the time the team made it back to London on their way home, four Kentucky State Troopers, led by Detective Ryan Loudermilk, were waiting

to escort the RCHS Cheerleaders and their coaches home to Rockcastle County. When the team hit the county line, fire trucks from nearly every fire department in the county joined the parade line. By the time the line reached Main Street, fans and students were waiting along the roadside and at the high school for the arrival of the National Champion RCHS Cheerleaders. "We got the best reception we could imagine," said Lake. "We were treated so well and our girls deserved it." Tuesday evening the squad was invited to the monthly School Board meeting. During the meeting the agenda was put on hold and Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger told the crowd there were some special guests waiting in the back of the building. The squad and coaches then entered the board room to a long standing ovation from a full board room. "I am incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and the grit of our RCHS Cheerleaders and their coaches," said Ballinger. "This squad has made not only their school, but our entire community proud. Congratulations on an extremely well deserved honor." Chairman Angela Mink said she is aware of the difficulties involved with being on the squad.

"You fought through the 6 a.m. practice sessions and incredible challenges to become the best of the best," she said. "We could not be more proud of each one of you." School officials agreed that the squad will be the "talk of the town" for quite some time and will be remembered at the school for decades. Members of the team include: Ashlieh Abney, Bevin Baker, Lexi Burkhart, Allie Cable, Raychel Carpenter, Kathryn Coffey, Kayden Collins, Chelsea Cox, Sidney Doan, Brookelynn Dunn, Victoria Dykes, Jenna Eaton, Marley Gibson, Ally Hayes, Brooklyn Hebson, Brianna Hensley, Emma Hensley, Morgan Hocker, Lila Holt, Keathlee Justice, Alex Martin, Kameryn Medley, Kovey Payne, Maggie Reynolds, Alvia Shepherd, Chloe Taylor, Bailey Terry and Makena Weaver. Head Coach is Joanie Lake and assistant coaches are Vee Anderson and Sydney Hager. Choreographer and student coach is Bryce Seals. "I would like to thank the girls, the community, the sponsors and the families for such amazing support," said Lake. "The parents put up with a lot of trouble and we couldn't have done this without the support of everyone who helped make this possible."



The national champion RCHS Cheerleaders came home to a welcome reception led by local and state police and Rockcastle County first responders to escort the team home. Word spread quickly as the team headed home from Florida after winning the national championship led by head coach Joanie Lake

Hazardous fire season underway

By: Mike French Editor

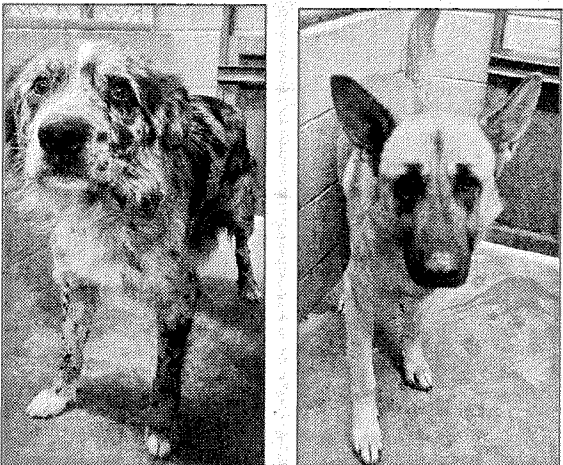
Hazardous Fire Season is once again underway in Kentucky, including Rockcastle County. Local fire departments have reported several grass, brush and forest fires recently and local officials ask that all residents obey the rules during fire hazard season. According to Kentucky statutes, fire hazard season began on February 15 and lasts until April 30. According to the statute, even if a resident follows all burning restrictions, it

is unlawful to set fire to any materials, capable of spreading fire, within 150 feet of woodland or brush area, except between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. or on snow covered ground. Officials say all fires should be attended until completely extinguished. For more information about the legalities of burning, call the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 606-330-2065.



Congratulations to Steven Coffey, of Mt. Vernon, and his son, Easton, with their Coon Hunting Dog "Track" on their Cast Win Thursday night, February 8th at The Winter Classic held in Batesville, Mississippi. They placed in the top 25 with 200 plus points. On Saturday, February 10th, they won the Cast with 450 plus points and came in third place overall in the Registered Group. There were over 800 dogs entered in the competition from all over the United States for the three night event.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets features 2 year-old Aussie mix named Sam (left). He is very friendly. On the right is a 2 to 3 year-old German Shepherd named Dom. He is very friendly and laid back. There are many more animals at the shelter available for adoption. Everyone should visit or call the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter at 606-256-1833 for information on these and other potential forever family members. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

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Notice is hereby given that Lilly Mae Bengesungy, 290 Falls City Road, London, KY 40743 has been appointed as Administratrix of the estate of Julia Rowe, deceased, on the 31st day of January 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lilly Mae Bengesungy on or before July 31, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 51x3

Notice is hereby given that Virginia Bond, 130 Barrow Street, New York, NY 10014 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Clifton Bond, deceased, on the 13th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Virginia Bond or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 14, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Donald C. Doan, Jr., 8627 Wyndhurst Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226 has been appointed Executor, w/will annexed, of the Estate of William Bentley Doan, deceased, on the 14th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Donald C. Doan, Jr. or Hon. Carrie D. Risert, 209 Old Harrods Creek Road, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40223 on or before August 19,

2024 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Rhonda Jean Nottingham, 1651 Poplar Grove Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Frances E. Jones, deceased, on the 14th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rhonda Jean Nottingham, or the Honorable Keith Allen McLamb, 209 East Mount Vernon Street, Somerset, KY 42501 on or before August 19, 2024 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Steven Deborde, P.O. Box 1158, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Barbara Deborde, deceased, on the 7th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Steven Deborde, or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 7, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Joseph R. Young, 160 Lair Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Iris V. Young, deceased, on the 14th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Joseph R. Young, or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 14, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Renfro East LLC, mailing address of 3868 Leighton Lane, Lexington, KY 40515, hereby declares its intention to apply for a NQ-Malt Beverage Package License no later than March 8, 2024. The business will be located at 1970 Richmond St, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, doing business as Renfro East Shell Food Mart. The members are as follows: member, Jayanti Adhikari of 3868 Leighton Ln., Lexington, KY 40515; member, Binti Adhikari of 2417 Geppa Ct., Lexington, KY 40509; member, Shanker KC Khatri of 904 Sugarbush Trl., Lexington, KY 40509; member, Nabeen K. Thakur of 3872 Leighton Lane, Lexington, KY 40515; member, Kalpana Adhikari of 4521 Willman Way, Lexington, KY 40509; Member, Narayan B. Thapa of 9722 57th Ave. Apt 80, Corona, NY 11368. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St. 2NE33, Frankfort, KY 40601, within (30) days (KRS 243.430) of the date of this legal publication.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Cavalry SPVI, LLC v. Melinda Gates, \$727 plus claimed due, C-00028

Marriage Licenses

Makayla Dawn Wildman, 27, Livingston, team leader factory and Aimuel Curtis Fairchild, 26, Livingston, postal service, 2/9/24

Circuit Civil Suits

ADS Tax Lien Co., LLC v. Bert Lee Peterson, et al, complaint for foreclosure.

Crystal Lawson and John Lawson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services v. Christina Gadd, complaint for child support and medical support.

Charli Feltner-Fox and Phillip Duane Fox, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Dusty Richardson v. Larry Hubbard, et al, petition for child custody

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Ashley McCoy, complaint for child support and medical support.

Ladonna New v. Gina Harding, et al, damages claimed due.

Kendra Gibson v. Aliah Bray, et al, damages claimed due.

Onemain Financial Group, LLC v. William S. Tobias, \$5,702 plus claimed due.

Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Teresa Saylor, \$9,888 plus claimed due.

Deeds Recorded

Alan and Kristen Purcell, Aaron and Laura Purcell and Rodney D. and Betty Purcell, property in Rockcastle County, to Eric and Aimee King. Tax \$229

William Cash, Jr., property in Rockcastle County, to Don and Violet Cash. Tax \$100

Clinton Graves, property in Skaggs Creek Addition to Skaggs Creek Cemetery, to Clinton Anderson Graves. No tax

Martha Scully, property in Skaggs Creek Addition to Skaggs Creek Cemetery, to Clinton Anderson Graves. No tax

Crystal E. and Steven M. Jones and Margaret Jones, property on Hwy. 1505, to Heather Slater. Tax \$185

Barry Dustin and Lauren Elizabeth Ray, property on Honeycomb Road, to Dustin Logan Banks and Arianna Crystal Petrey. Tax \$130

Tommy Cope, property in Rockcastle County, to Katie Jo Linville. No tax

Linda Grant, property in Rockcastle County, to Carl Cantrell. Tax \$14

Woods & Waters with KDL LLC, property on KY 1490, to Handy Remodeling, LLC. Tax \$32

Connie Payne, real

property in Rockcastle County, to Rodney Payne. No tax

Courtney Cheyenne and Keith J. Vance, property on Bryant Ridge Road, to Michael David Martin II. Tax \$97.50

Steven Benfield and Terri Ann Valdez Graves, Scarlett Jane Graves and Steven Ray Jewette, property on Skaggs Creek Road, to Clinton Graves and Keith Graves. Tax \$10

Janet B. Hendrickson, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy and Karen Barron. Tax \$40

Roy Adams, property in Feldkamp Boundary Plat, to Jeremy and Melissa Neeley. Tax \$35

DGS Development LTD, Lot 4 of Shady Grove Farms, to Carl R. and Angela D. Slusher. Tax \$29

Donnie and Shannon Keef, property on Pine Hill Road, to Susan and John Simon. Tax \$162.50

Mary T. Gregory, property on KY 1326, to William D. Gregory II and Shelli Johnson Gregory. No tax

Judy Mitchell, Lot 72 of Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Andrew Lawson Burton and Alyssa Shane Cox, Tax \$3.50

Brandon A. and Kasey M. Burkhart, property in Copper Creek Community, to Megan and Darin Herald. Tax \$200

Rockcastle County and Rockcastle County Industrial Authority, property in Woodland Heights Addition, to Mike Pyles. Tax \$85.50

District Court

Feb. 12-14, 2024
Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy

Everett Lear: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance (two counts), sentencing order entered/fine and costs merged/service for remains.

Mitchell D. Clontz: receiving stolen property, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol and seven other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Ricky Dale Day: operating motor vehicle under

influence of alcohol, reckless driving, criminal mischief and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Joshua S. Holder: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance/amended to careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Aaron A. Jameson: failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Lindsey Danielle Pendery: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/amended to reckless driving, \$200 fine plus costs.

Jadawn L. Powell: non-support, bw issued for fta.

Melissa Smith: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days in jail/probated two years on condition/costs waived.

Richard Spoonamore: operating on suspended/revoked operators license/amended to no operators license in possession, \$100 fine plus costs.

Samantha Ray Wynn: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/amended to reckless driving/per commonwealth, \$200 fine plus costs.

Speeding: Julie E. Runyan, license suspended for fta.

Takina Cottrell: possession of marijuana, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/costs waived.

Ernest Ray Cromer: no/expired registration plates - receipt and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, order entered.

Rhonda Cromer: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Ricky Dale Day: DUI, sentencing order entered; criminal mischief, 1st degree/amended to 2nd degree, 365 days in jail/probated two years.

Michael W. Denny: no operators/moped license and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Juan Diaz: speeding, \$42 fine plus costs; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine; possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, \$100 fine.

Vincent Durham: fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest, attempt disarming a peace officer, public intoxication controlled substance and menacing, bw issued for fta.

Jacqueline Renee Harding: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seatbelts, bw issued for fta.

Johnny Wade Harper: failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Crystal Nicole Madden: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, operating motor vehicle under influence controlled substance and four other charges, bw issued for fta.

Michael Darren Mink: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.

Tonya R. Moore: alcohol intoxication in a public place, bw issued for fta.



New Hospice Care Plus volunteer, Luanne Wulf, trains alongside Barbara Rupard. Feb. 28 is the deadline to sign up for the March 2 training for new Hospice Care Plus volunteers.. Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative, and grief care. Volunteers are trained to support patients and families in their own communities, either directly or indirectly. Contact Mariah at 859-986-1500 to learn more go to hospicecareplus.org.

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community relations director. “Heart disease affects millions of women worldwide, and events like these play a crucial role in promoting prevention and early detection.”

The event is free and open to the public, however, attendees are asked to register for the event by calling (606) 256-7381 by Friday, February 23.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 19-CI-00093

Midfirst Bank

Plaintiff

v.

Danita Bond, as possible heir to the estate of Christal Day, et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 17, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 23/100 (\$65,498.23) 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
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on Thursday, February 29, 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:

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There is excepted from the above described real property the 0.298 acre more or less which was previously conveyed by deed dated August 13, 2003, executed by Lucille McGuire, widow in favor of Billy Cameron, et ux. and recorded in Deed Book 196, Page 30 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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Being the same property conveyed to Christal Day, unmarried, by virtue of a deed from Lucille McGuire, widow, dated October 31, 2003, filed November 05, 2003, recorded in Official Records Volume 197, Page 196, County Clerk’s Office, Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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 (3.75%) 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.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold “as is”.

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2024, to be effective on March 31, 2024. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0265 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0298 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is an increase of \$0.0033, or 12.45%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 38; Commercial: 355; Industrial: 18,327; Other Public Authority: 1,294; and Sales for Resale: 11,837. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$0.13; Commercial: \$1.17; Industrial: \$60.48; Other Public Authority: \$4.27; and Sales for Resale: \$39.06. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <https://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

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