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Mount Vernon park system about to experience new and improved upgrades

By: Mike French
Editor

The Lake Linville Park is about to receive a big upgrade and rehabilitation.

According to City Administrator Jim Bowman, city officials

are currently working to greatly improve the campground and lake area in general. "We have already begun replacing the electrical system at the campground," he said. "Our goals include replacing the entire system

and upgrading the water and sewer hookups."

The park area brings tourists to the county every year from many states, as well as provides resources and entertainment for local citizens. Last year, the City of

Mount Vernon generated over \$14,000 in revenue from the campground alone. "Of course these guests also use the marina and lake restaurant, as well as buy gas and supplies (See "Park" on A5)



Shown above is an example of a campground shower house similar to what City Administrator Jim Bowman and Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum would like to see at the Lake Linville Campground.

High tech equipment used to reconstruct fatal accidents here

By: Mike French
Editor

On Monday, February 29, Rockcastle first responders were called to a single-vehicle accident on US-461 near School House Hill Road. Upon arrival, police discovered Darrell Pittman, 46, of Mount Vernon, had been ejected from his vehicle after striking a guardrail and overturning. Pittman was pronounced dead at the scene by the Rockcastle County Coroner's office.

Last Thursday, Sheriff's Deputy Sam Brock continued the investigation, closing the southbound lane of US-461 at School House Hill Road and the northbound lane at Lone Oak Road while he

examined the scene.

It has been determined that no seat belt was in use and police say they suspect alcohol may have been a contributing factor to the accident. However, police are waiting for a toxicology report to confirm that suspicion.

There was discussion of a possible passenger in the vehicle at the scene and, along with the reconstruction equipment, Brock said he was able to utilize the department's drone to search the area for another potential victim. No second person was found but Brock is proud to have the equipment available for such cases. "All this equipment came to us totally through donations," he said. "None of this equipment was purchased using funds from the county. But it is priceless in helping families find some closure and in determining exactly what happened and why."

Brock was able to acquire used high-tech accident reconstruction equipment recently for use at such accident scenes and was able to determine several facts concerning this and many other accidents with the equipment.

Brock said the equipment helps his department provide accurate information for (See "Fatal" on A5)

Fire Chief steps down after 60 years

By: Mike French
Editor

In 1964, a young and grateful David Bales was looking for a way to give back to his community. There were several options that would afford him the chance to help his neighbors

but Bales decided on volunteering his time to the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

Over the next few years, his dedication and interest in the job of serving the people of Mount Vernon became clear,

causing him to quickly move up the ranks within the department. By the time Bales became established as a well-known Mount Vernon firefighter, he had made his way to Chief and, in what he says seems like a few years,

Adam Bales is new Chief

Bales had served the citizens of Mount Vernon for 60 years.

"That is a long time but I have loved it from the start," he said. "The gratitude you see in

people when you help them, makes it all worthwhile. The biggest reason I have done this all these years is the joy of seeing that gratitude and helping your neighbor."

Over those 60 years, Bales saw a lot of changes in the department. During his service the amount of annual runs have tripled and, through his leadership, the department equipment has increased and changed dramatically to keep up with changing (See "Chief" on A5)

House bill to ban cell phones in classroom heads to full house

By: Mike French
Editor

Some say that along with modern technology comes new rules that

Daylight saving time soon

On Sunday, March 10, less than two weeks from today, daylight saving time will begin.

Americans will "spring forward" on March 10 at 2 a.m. adding one hour to daylight in the evenings.

According to the United States Department of Transportation, daylight saving time saves energy, reduced traffic injuries and reduces crime.

Arizona and Hawaii do not observe daylight saving time.

Correction

In last week's story about the school calendar for the next school year, 2024-25, we erroneously printed the first day of school for students as August 19. The first day is actually the following week on August 26. We apologize for the error.

must apply to keep the system from being abused. Such has been the case with the popularity of cell phone usage.

Laws have been passed forbidding the use of cell phones while driving. And now, those laws will extend into the classroom.

"We are a little ahead of

the game on this one," said Rockcastle County School District Director of Student Services, Marcus Reppert. "We already have a policy that forbids the use of cell phones in the classroom, unless there is an emergency."

The House Standing Committee of Education

recently unanimously passed HB 383, a bill sponsored by Kentucky (See "Phone" on A5)

Chamber to hold training Sessions

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Amanda Kelly, Small Business Training Director for SKED to provide four one-hour training sessions that will cover subjects such as getting found on Google, how to start a new business, building a website and email marketing.

Each class is free and open to all Rockcastle residents. Everyone is invited to participate.

The sessions will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. at the chamber's office located at 100 Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon. Each topic will be condensed into one hour but additional training materials

and links will be provided by the instructor.

Seating is limited so please register now: https://skedcorp.com/events/rockcastle_march_2024/

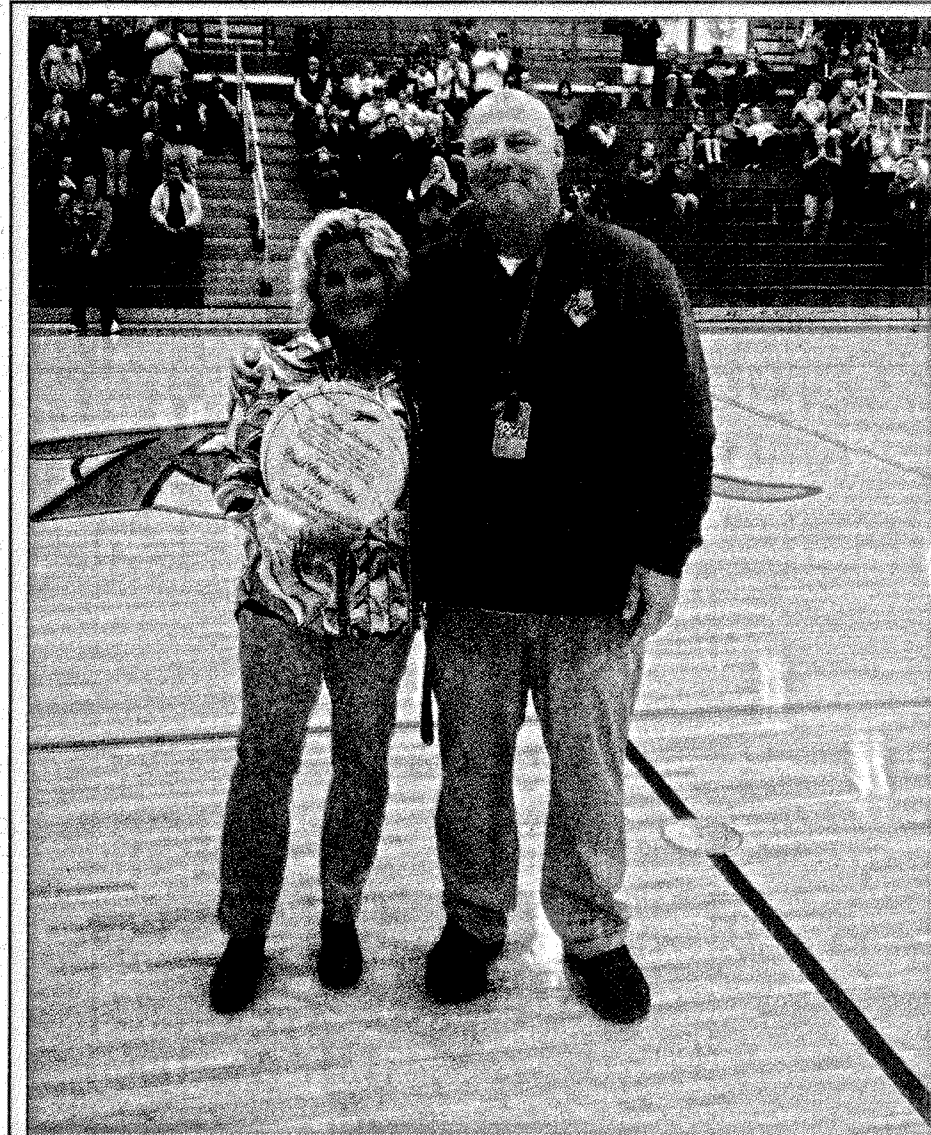
For more information or assistance with sign-up, contact Amanda Kelly at Amanda@skedcorp.com or call Lynn Tatum, Chamber Director at 606-308-4646.

Class 1 - March 13th - Get Found on Google

Class 2 - April 10th - How To Start A New Business

Class 3 - May 8th - How To Build Your Website

Class 4 - Email Marketing and Running Facebook Ads



RCHS Athletic Director Mike McNabb presents girls' basketball head coach Chrysti Noble a plaque honoring her 1,000th game coached on February 22, 2024 when the Lady Rockets took on Danville Christian Academy.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Anyone who has ever lost a child knows the deep pain that never actually goes away, it's a day by day process that you eventually learn to function with a hole in your heart that is never healed.

Having said that, I cannot help but imagine that the pain would be much greater when you realize that, except for the treachery of our currently installed officials, this would, most likely, not have happened.

I am referencing the death, 'by blunt force trauma to the head' of Augusta University nursing student Laken Riley last Thursday, reportedly by an illegal immigrant from Venezuela Jose Ibarro. The 22-year-old woman decided to go for an early morning run and was allegedly attacked by Ibarro. He has now been arrested and charged with the murder.

Ibarro came to this country illegally in September of 2022. In September of 2023, he was charged, in New York,

with 'acting in a manner to injure a child.' Reports say that he was released on no bond on that charge because there was not room for him in the detention center. He then headed south, winding up in Georgia and living very near Augusta University (Athens campus) where she was enrolled in their nursing program and was on the university's fall 2023 Dean's List.

In the same seven day period that included Riley's tragic death, 27,000 American families buried a child from a Fentanyl overdose which is being brought into our country during this illegal invasion.

This is unconscionable and the families of these victims should have some recourse against a government that cares nothing for the safety of its citizens but is spending billions of dollars encouraging the scum of the earth (by and large/prove me wrong!) to walk across our border. They are then immediately re-

warded with a paid cash card, free housing, meals, healthcare and transportation to anywhere they want to go in this country -- all while being unvetted as to who they are or why they are here.

This has been a carefully choreographed action put in place when Biden was installed in 2021. When Trump was elected in 2016, he became a thorn in the swamp's side. From Day One they did nothing but make his term in office as chaotic as possible with ongoing baseless charges and two ridiculous impeachment attempts and was constantly dogged with vicious accusations of being elected by Russia. The facts of the matter are that Russia donated \$0 to Trump. They did donate \$145 million to the Clinton Foundation and paid Bill Clinton \$500 thousand to give a speech and Hillary Clinton, while Secretary of State, sold Russia 20% of our total Uranium supply.

Biden and Homeland Security Director Alejandro Mayorkas should both be charged as accessories before the fact in Laken Riley's murder. Biden because of his statement in a Presidential debate, when he actually called for an immediate surge to the border if he were elected and Mayorkas insistence to this day that the 'border is secure and we are working day in and day out to maintain that border security.'

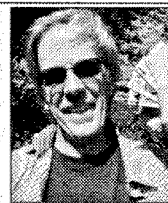
Biden issued **94 Executive Orders** to dismantle President Trump's border policies, which were working, and now claims that he has done all he can do to secure the border.

Meanwhile, Non-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



One of the scariest things about modern life to me, is the thought that everything I do and everything I go and everything I want all of my daily life is completely based on a keystroke somewhere.

Whether we want to face the truth or not, there is very little, if anything at all, that you can do today that does not require a computer to approve it. You must have permission from some computer, somewhere to do or buy or sell or go anywhere.

I was reminded of this when I went to the dentist last week. I handed them my insurance only to have it refused. No one standing there could have cared less about my swollen jaw and sickening-level of pain. First and foremost, we had to get the insurance problem solved.

In actuality, there was no insurance problem. There was a computer problem.

After two hours of battling and phones calls and "hold please" and foreigners that can't speak the language of the country where they work, we discovered the problem. Some total stranger in some other state, whom I have never met and never will, had made a typo while typing in my birthdate. "I'm sorry sir, The computer is kicking your insurance card out," whatever that means. In my language it only meant "you are out of luck no matter how bad it hurts!"

That got me to thinking about it. We have absolutely no control over our lives anymore. Computers approve every single action we take.

If you go to the grocery store and the "computers are down," you are just out of luck. No food for you and no one cares! "It's not my fault the computers are down." Well it isn't mine either.

Buy a car, buy a house, get gas, buy a candy bar, get your li-

cense, pay your taxes, or just make a phone call. Some computer somewhere will decide if you are successful or not. Not you! Not the person you are dealing with! Not normal human beings. But a machine that is controlled by some entry-level typist that was in a hurry to get home.

One number wrong in your social security number, one period that doesn't belong, one skipped blank on a form, and you are stuck without.

How on earth we allowed ourselves to become so completely and totally dependent upon these machines is be-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Old Man Arthur Ritis

Dear Journal,

Anyone who knows me very well knows that I struggle with arthritis. Some days are very bad and others are tolerable. This is one of those bad days. I've noticed that on rainy or cold days it gets worse. On the bad days there just isn't much that you can do except try to make it until tomorrow and hope for the best.

Unfortunately, there are so many who suffer from arthritis. You don't have to be old to have arthritis. I was first diagnosed when I was in my mid-thirties. It became so bad, I had to retire from work only a few years later. I continued to work until I couldn't work any longer. My director of nurses called me to her office one day and told me that she recommended that I retire. I was only hurting myself and would soon hurt some of the patients. She said that she would be glad to write a letter to the Social Security and see if I couldn't be declared disabled. I took her recommendation reluctantly. In a little over two months I got my first Social Security check. I guess it was for the best because I really knew that my working days were almost gone. I had been to a rheumatologist in Lexington who told me that I had three forms of arthritis and probably could expect to be in a wheelchair within five years.

I'm scheduled to see another rheumatologist in a few days. I sure hope he can help me.

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ramblings...

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Government and faith-based organizations are getting paid billions of taxpayer dollars to accommodate these illegals, secure them lodging, feed them three meals a day, provide health care and cash cards. One New York hotel has all 11 floors of their building occupied by illegals and are making over \$7 million a month on the deal.

I know, I'm beating a dead horse because nothing I say will make a difference at all in this horrendous situation. However, people need to wake up in this country. This illegal migrant surge worldwide, mainly since Biden was installed, is, in my opinion, all part of a plan by the World Economic Forum (WEF) who seem to have somehow been empowered with ruling our world in the very near future.

It's no coincidence that, at the same time our country began being invaded, it began happening to all Christian countries across the world. Millions upon millions arriving and being welcomed by the powers that be in each country.

In London, England alone, there are now 60 mosques yet, daily, there are pictures of Muslims spreading their rugs and praying on public roadways, besides the intrusion of hearing their call to prayers ring throughout the city five times a day.

I believe in live and let live as far as religion goes, for everyone, but I cannot see the purpose of disrupting major traffic routes by conducting your religious service out of doors unless it is to simply antagonize the native citizenry. And, daily, there are public calls, by Muslim Imams, for the installation of Sharia Law -- a code for living that all Muslims adhere to (and apparently everyone in the nation should it ever be instituted).

The bottom line, in my opinion, is to destroy Western Civilization which will enable the bringing about of a One World Order government being pushed by the WEF and our own present regime.

But, never fear, now that election year is upon us, pResident Biden, who has encouraged a wide open Southern border for years and has sued any state trying to stop the invasion, is now finally going to the border on Thursday and pretend to care.

One of the most vile problems our country

faces daily, and has for some years, is the disgrace of the 80,000 missing children in this country with thousands more going missing daily.

Dr. Phil, on a recent visit to *The View*, made no bones about the outrage, saying "We are using American tax dollars to ship children into known prostitution and sweatshops."

He said that while he was visiting the southern border, a "head of the border guards" revealed this stunning information -- as children with phone numbers written on them (and addresses) continue to flow across the border. The source said, "We know enough to know that it, in a number of cases, has turned out to be an absolute sex ring."

The first question from one of the hosts, Sonny Hostin, was "all of them or just some of the children?" Obviously, she doesn't realizethat lis an asinine question because, if this happens to one child, **THAT IS ONE CHILD TOO MANY!!**

On the same day that Biden is at the border, so will Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump (we assume at different times because you talk about awkward...).

And as a final 'feel good' note, Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly have decided it is a good idea to release extremely violent inmates!

Under a new bill introduced by said Democrats, when it goes through, the Virginia Department of Corrections will release 701 first degree murderers, 325 rapists, 77 second degree murderers, 566 offenders convicted of abduction and 762 offenders convicted of robbery.

Some jaded folks would say that, just perhaps, this action will increase crime rates, then guns will be blamed and Democrats in Virginia will use this as a reason to pass "common sense" gun laws. And that, my friends, will result in the tyranny they seek.

Time is running out for our country. In fact, it may already be too late to stop the forces of destruction that have been unleashed on us.

I sincerely pray that we can preserve our nation, but it depends on all of us being awake to what is happening.

Aces

(Coninuted from A2)

yond my imagination.

One of a thousand examples - Money is being withheld from my social security check every month. Guess why? Someone that told me how much my check would be for every month, told me the wrong amount originally. Not that I had ANY say in how much it would be, even though I am the one who paid it all in for 42 years. Not that anyone asked my opinion. But this total stranger set the number and that was the end of the conversation. A year later I got a letter some computer spit out telling me they had overpaid me and were going to hold a certain amount of money out of my check for two years until it is all paid back. Again, no one asked my opinion about MY social security. They just hold it out until they don't want to anymore. What am I going to do about it? Don't tell me, I tried! Useless! If a computer says it is right, you may as well be talking to a bowling ball.

I wish I could count the times I have told someone, "but look! Right here is the proof that what I am saying is correct. It is documented," only to hear, "Not according to the computer!" They don't even look at the proof. "The computer" has the final say.

Did you pay your last bill or mortgage payment? Well I can tell you that if some computer somewhere says you didn't, then you didn't. At least as far as humans are concerned.

As farfetched as it sounds, as "conspiracy-minded" as I will be accused of being, the truth is, at any moment, any mistyped period could have you in jail within the week. Deny it all you like. Denial doesn't change the truth.

I have seen companies shut down million-dollar businesses because their "computers are down" and the people working there can't subtract.

So now we Americans are completely dependent upon computers AND electricity. Two modern conveniences invented to ASSIST our daily lives have become our ultimate rulers.

Did you know that

once 50 Minuteman Nuclear Missiles in America went off line and to this day no one knows how or why? It could just as easily have

gone the other way and launched them.

It is a shame. One day we will all be "off the grid" again. That I guarantee. It is physically

impossible that nothing will ever go wrong with either the electrical grid or computer systems. Just know it is coming because it is too late to change it. Try telling your school-aged child that they can't have a cell phone or a computer. Yeah, right! It is too late for that.

This is some of that modern "progress" that will cost us our freedom someday. Too bad no one cares.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SIX-LAYER CASSEROLE

2 cups raw ground beef
2 cups sliced raw potatoes
2 cups chopped celery
1/2 cup diced onions
2 teaspoons salt or less
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup diced green bell pepper
thin slices onions, optional
2 cups canned tomatoes
Heat oven to 350°. Grease a casserole dish. Sprinkle each layer with salt and pepper before adding the next layer. Place potatoes in the bottom of the casserole. Add the layer of celery. Add the layer of ground beef. Add the layer of onions. Add the bell pepper. Pour the tomatoes over the mixture.

Bake for 2 hours.

BAKED LIMA BEANS
2 cups dried lima beans
4 slices bacon or salt pork
1 medium onion
1 green pepper
1 cup canned tomatoes
2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon mustard
2 tablespoons brown sugar

Soak lima beans overnight in cold water; then drain. Add 2 quarts of fresh water. Boil until beans become tender. Pour beans into a buttered casserole. Add minced pepper, onion, tomatoes, seasoning, and mix. Place strips of bacon or salt pork on top. Cover and bake 2 hours at 325° (you may need to add water during the baking process). Remove the cover for the final 20 minutes of baking.

BROCCOLI CHEDDAR CHICKEN

1 can cheddar cheese soup
1 cup milk
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 and 1/2 cups Ritz® Crackers (one sleeve)
4 tablespoons of melted butter (you can use more)
8 ounces frozen broccoli
4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9 x 13 baking dish with non-stick spray. Mix soup with milk. Cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Place in prepared baking dish. Pour 3/4 of the prepared soup over the chicken. Spread broccoli over the soup. Melt butter and combine with crackers; sprinkle buttered crackers over the broccoli. Pour re-

maining soup mix over crackers. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, March 4th: Child Development, Seek and Learn and Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, March 5th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

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

Ray Willis

Ray Willis, 79, of Brodhead, died February 21, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt Vernon. He was born September 2, 1944, in Berea, to the late Clarence and Bendy (White) Willis. In 1965 he married his first wife,  Wendolyn Hatton, and from that union came four children. On June 27, 1994, Ray married Irene (Cain) Willis and they enjoyed 25 years together until her passing in 2019. From that union came four children.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Tamara Clay, Kathy Willis, and Scott Willis, all of Richmond, Christiana Gross, and Jonathan Cain, both of Waco, Joshua Willis of Mt. Vernon, Katherine Burns of Marion, Steven Burns, and Cheyenne Brown, both of Mt. Vernon and Long Nguyen; 25 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and one brother, Fred Willis of Richmond.

Besides his parents and second wife, he is preceded in death by: one child, Tina Ray Willis; one great grandchild, Anakin Burns; and two brothers, William and James Willis.

A memorial service to be held at a later date.

Elvis Hayes

Elvis Hayes, 58, of Brodhead, died February 20, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. Elvis was born August 3, 1965, in Shelbyville, to Gordon and



Wilma (Denney) Hayes. On September 29, 2017 Elvis married Stephanie (Reynolds) Hayes and they shared 12 years together. He enjoyed tinkering with old cars, mowers, trading said cars, trucks, mowers, working puzzles and riding his Harley.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Wilma Hayes; wife, Stephanie Hayes; three children, Joshua Gordon Hayes, Jessica Hayes and

Sean Gosser, and Madison Hayes, all of Brodhead; two grandchildren, Aubrey Rayne Clouse and Izabella Jade McClure; and Pawpaw's great nephew, Grayson McClure; and one brother, Lewis Calvin Denney of Mt. Vernon.

Elvis was preceded in death by his father, Gordon Ray Hayes.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at Maretburg Cemetery with a fellowship meal after at Bible Baptist Fellowship Hall.

Quinton Myrl VanZant

Quinton Myrl VanZant, 81, died Sunday, February 18, 2024 at Hospice of Hamilton Ohio surrounded by his loving family. Quinton was born October 1, 1942,



in Poplar Gap, to the late William (Willie) Thomas and Ella Mae (Mink) Van Zant. He was born at home in a log cabin his grandfather built. He worked the homestead until leaving at 16 to find work in Hamilton, OH, where he met his loving wife of 60 years. Quinton worked hard his entire life. His faith in God enabled him to overcome the many trials

and tribulations of this world. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, serving as Trustee for 10 years. His final years were spent relaxing with his many pets and enjoying his family.

Quinton was preceded in death by: his parents; three sisters, Oneida Faye Van Zant, Naomi Odessa Allen, and Anna Lee Jones; and one special grandson, Jacob Patrick Lyons.

He leaves many to celebrate his life and continue his love of the Lord, country music, and animals. He is survived by: his wife, Myrtle (Ballinger) Van Zant; four sons and two daughters, Quinton Myrl II (Karen) of Springboro, OH, Mark (Teresa) of Obion, TN, Deanna (Brian) Coates of Maineville, OH, Charles, Colerain of Ohio, Paul of Colerain, OH, and Renae (Kevin) Lyons of Fairfield, OH; grandchildren, Brian (Molly) Coates, Shane (Brittney) Coates, Joshua (Samantha) Coates, Mark Adam, Kayla, Travis, Aaron, Aleah, Alyssa, Charles (CJ), Alyssa Napier, Cameron Hawley, Zachery Lyons, Kaleb Lyons, and Lucas Lyons; seven great grandchildren; three brothers, Clinton (Kay) of Berea, Roger (Janice) of Mt. Vernon, and Clarence Wayne (Irene) of Orlando; and brother-in-law, Billy Jones of Livingston.

Psalms 127 says children are a heritage of the Lord and happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them. Quinton was abundantly blessed coming from a large loving family and he was also blessed leaving a large loving legacy of heirs who have lost a piece of their hearts and are looking forward to the day they will be reunited with him in Heaven.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 26, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Chapel. Burial followed in Old John Vanzant Cemetery located on Popular Gap road.

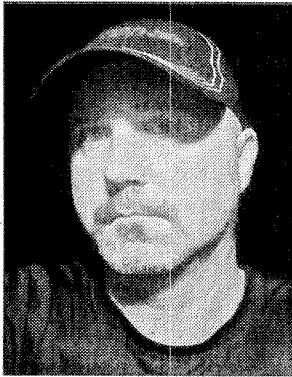
Darrell Pittman

Darrell Pittman, 46, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 19, 2024 as the result of an automobile accident. He was born in Mt. Vernon on October 3, 1977, the son of Carl and Connie Ledington Pittman. He had been a truck driver. He enjoyed driving his truck and fishing with his son.

He is survived by: his children, Korbin Pittman, Shaylee Pittman, and Kylee Jean Pittman, all of Sioux City, IA; his mother, Connie Pittman of Mt. Vernon; four brothers, Jared Pittman, Karl Pittman, Ricky Pittman, and Bryan Pittman, all of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Sharon Pittman of Georgetown. Several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Pittman.

Visitation was held Friday, February 23, 2024 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home followed by burial in Pittman Cemetery on Chestnut Ridge.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Claude Tuttle

Claude Tuttle, 74, of Richmond, died Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the Berea Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Harlan County on November

11, 1949, the son of Charlie, Sr. and Maggie Deaton Tuttle. He had been a farmer and was a member of the House of Prayer Holiness Church. He enjoyed fishing, mowing, working on cars, and reading his Bible, as well as spending time with his family.

He is survived by: his wife, Evelyn Saylor Tuttle; his children, Burley Burkhardt, Jason Burkhardt, Kaye Childress and husband Norman, and Melissa Owens, all of Brodhead, Barbara Willis and Glenda "Lynnie" Willis and husband Wayne, both of Berea, Becky Smith of Orlando, and Mary King of Richmond; and three sisters, Irene Tuttle of Crab Orchard, Mary Delany of Lancaster, and Betty Joe Carpenter of Berea. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

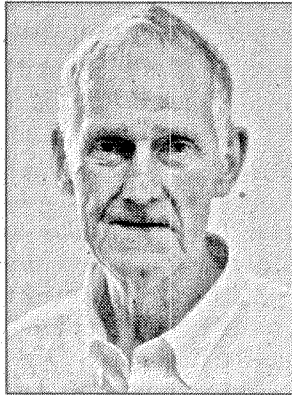
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: six brothers, James Ray "J.C." Tuttle, Virgil Tuttle, Randall Tuttle, Biage Tuttle, Olf Tuttle, and Junior Tuttle; a sister, Nora Carpenter; and a grandson, Justin Burkhardt.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 24, 2024 at House of Prayer Holiness Church in Berea by Pastor Buddy Durham. Burial followed in Saylor Family Cemetery in Cartersville.

Pallbearers were: Buddy Durham, Brian Fryer, Jeremiah Owens, Bryan Whitt, Christopher Whitt, and Michael Whitt.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Accountability, why is it important?

In our society, often it seems like people are not being held accountable. What use to be unacceptable in the past is now the normal. How does a society digress? If someone were to ask you that question, what would your answer be?

You see God was the original standard setter for what is acceptable and what is not. Today we live in a society where anything goes, what happens? In Judges 21:25 we read, In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes. We recently have seen this mentality of thinking at work, in the lawlessness of people stealing and looting in stores all over the world. Many businesses are having to close stores in certain cities because they simply cannot operate and make a profit. So, in many cases honest hard-working people who need those stores are losing the benefits of having them because of thieves. Will that become acceptable to a society? Looks like it will.

That's just one thing that God warns against, think of abortion. Proverbs 16:16-19 says, there are six things God hates, seven that are detestable to him. VS 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood. VS 18 A heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, VS 19 A false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. What about sexually immorality? Romans 1:21 tells us, Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. VS 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

VS 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, VS 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despisers, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, VS 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: VS 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure and them that do them.

Does any of this sound familiar? When there is no standard of God applied this is what you have!

Let us pray fervently that the standard of God be put back into the world.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

Karen Badders

Karen June Badders, 67, of Dayton, OH, died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in Dayton. She was born in Clarkson, KY on September 22, 1956, the daughter of Floyd and Dorothy Meredith Miller. She had been a cashier for the Kroger Corporation. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, as well as playing bingo and going to casinos.

She is survived by: her husband, John L. Badders; a daughter, Kristie Sergent (Chuck See) of Dayton; her grandchildren, Kylie Sergent (Ethan Allshouse) and Kaiden Tester, both of Dayton; her step-children, Eric, Phillip, and John Nathan Badders; five step-grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; a sister, Renee Miller (Gary Asher) of Orlando; a nephew, Stephen Robinson of Orlando; a niece, Meredith Gross (Brandon) of Orlando; her childhood friend, Denise Rash of Dayton; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Johnetta Cemetery by Dr. Mike Bryant.

Pallbearers were: Marcus Bolyard, Brandon Gross, Billy Robinson, Stephen Robinson, Charles See, and Kayden Tester.

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"If Ye Believe Not"

John 8:24

If ye believe. Faith comes through the testimony of evidence. Seeing the prints in Christ's hand was evidence that caused Thomas to believe. (Jon.20:24-29).

Miracles was evidence. (Jon.3:2) Miraculous gifts was for the revelation and confirmation of the complete will of God. Revelation. (Jon.14:26) Confirmation. (Mk.16:20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. The written word now creates faith. (Jon.20:31) But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.

"If ye believe not". Without faith, you are condemned regardless of what you do. (Mk.16:16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. This verse states two things to be saved, but only one thing to be condemned.

"That I am He." Must believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. God acknowledged Jesus as His Son. (Matt.3:17) And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. One may believe and still be lost. (Jon.12:42) Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they be put out of the synagogue. Faith without works is dead. (Jas.2:17) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Death comes to us all. (Heb.9:27). Some will die in faith. (Heb.11:13) and some will die in Christ. (Rev.14:13) Others will die in sin. (Jon.8:24) If you die in your sins you will be separated from Jesus forever. "HOW WOULD WE DIE, IF WE DIED TODAY?"

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch 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. The church is located in Mt Vernon Kentucky. We offer free Bible correspondence course. If you would like to contact someone from the church you can call this number 606-224-1480

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Phone

(Continued from front) State Representative Josh Bray, to the House of Representatives.

The measure requires school districts to implement a policy that bars students from using cell phones during class instruction times unless directed by the teacher in charge of the classroom. Phones may also be used in the event of an emergency, according to the bill.

"I sponsored this legislation in support of teachers and to provide authority for the school districts to enforce existing policy," said Bray.

The bill would allow districts to set their own policy to enforce the requirements that ban cell phones usage during class time. Bray was approached by a teacher with the problem and then Bray asked teachers across the state for input. "I discovered cell phone usage during class time is a universal problem in Kentucky," Bray said.

The bill will now go to the full House for approval.

Park

(Continued from front) from our local businesses and eat at our restaurants. In fact, studies show the typical camper spends over \$300 in the community near a campsite," said Bowman.

The area has gone without substantial upgrades for several years according to city officials, but that is about to change. "We have also started rehabilitating the shower house at the

campground and we have submitted a 50/50 land and water grant application in an effort to secure funding for a larger shower house in 2025 or 2026."

The campground currently holds 20 camping sites but upgrades are expected to expand that to 30 sites. Also, each new and existing site will be much more modern and up-to-date. "The upgrades will enable us to accommodate larger campers that so many people purchased during COVID," Bowman said.

But the campsites are not the only upgrades planned by the administration. "We are also working on extensions to the walking path with the shower house renovations. We plan to connect the walking path with the Veteran's Complex which will also connect to the marina."

Bowman says he believes the upgrades will pay for themselves in a short time with added sites and the more attractive area bringing more tourists than ever before.

Bowman and Mayor Roberts have met with city employees to discuss the options and plans for the park and believe the upgrades will greatly improve the revenues from the park, as well as provide a richer, more complete experience for tourists who will spend their tourist dollars throughout the county.

Bowman said he and Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum are working closely with the city to coordinate and design the new improvements for the area with future growth in mind.

"We want our park systems to keep pace with the quickly growing and expanding economic development underway in Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County," said Bowman. "With our Veterans Memorial Park, our beautiful Lake Linville, campgrounds, walking paths, water park and more, we want every citizen to be proud of our community and our park system."

Fatal

(Continued from front)

potential insurance claims and helps provide closure for family members after a fatality. "Certain equipment is necessary for this kind of work," he said. "You can't just guess at anything. It has to be accurate information that can be used to help prevent future accidents and to answer countless questions concerning any accident."

However, there is still some equipment needed by the department to properly complete such accident reconstruction and to provide complete information, Brock said. The additional equipment the department is seeking is currently \$3,353. "I have relied completely on donations and am currently trying to raise the funds for this badly needed additional equipment and to replace the used equipment," he said.

A downfall to the current equipment is that it is internet dependent. "If I am somewhere that has no signal, I can't use this equipment. If I can get the donations to purchase this equipment we need, I will be able to use all this

equipment in remote areas as well."

Anyone interested in donating to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department to help with the purchase of the accident reconstruction equipment, should call the sheriff's office or mail a check to Rockcastle County Sheriff, 205 East Main Street, Box 2, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, 40456.

Chief

(Continued from front) times, according to some at the department.

It was in December of 2023 that Bales informed the Mount Vernon City Council that he would step down after 16 years as chief and take a less demanding role, that of Deputy Chief. Bales recommended his son, Adam, as his replacement as the new chief.

David Bales says he has enjoyed his time as chief and he has no intentions of leaving the field of firefighting. "I will still be right here," he said. "This is just a less demanding position and I can use my 60 years of experience to help the department in a lot of different ways from this position."

Bales said his biggest hope for the department is that some day the department will become a paid department. "We ask a lot of these guys and we currently just pay one person for 20 hours of paperwork," he said. "But all the other work, including fighting fires, is unpaid at a volunteer department."

According to Bales,

another immediate need for the department is an increase in manpower. "We have always had a need for more manpower and we still do today," he said.

Adam, following in his father's footsteps, has been with the Mount Vernon Fire Department for 24 years and is also the fire department chief for one of the largest industrial manufacturing facilities in North America.

During his 24 years of service to the MVFD, Adam has served as firefighter, sergeant, captain, lieutenant and now chief. "I am honored to be selected to lead this department and to continue to serve my hometown, carrying on the legacy that my father started in 1964," said Adam. "It is unimaginable how many lives he has touched in some way and how many young firefighters he has helped mentor. It is comforting to know he will still remain a part of this agency where he can continue to share his vast amount of experience with younger generations."

Adam said he would like to thank Mayor (Tim) Roberts "and the city council for having the confidence to appoint me as his replacement. I fully intend to continue the proactive, aggressive, forward-thinking leadership that we have been accustomed to and to strive to keep this agency as one of the best in southeastern Kentucky."

Adam says he expects the department will continue to grow and get better. "Though I won't be able to match the impressiveness of a 60-year tenure, I do have a great leadership team and support system behind me and our impact on this department and this community will not go unnoticed as long as I am here."

According to both Adam and David Bales, the department, along with all other local departments, are searching for volunteers. "It is a very rewarding thing to do," said David Bales. "Not only for the firefighter, but also for those he or she is helping."

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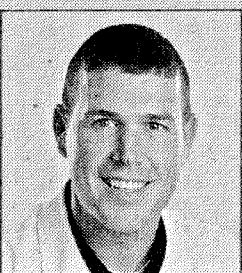


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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
A lookback at the first half of the 2024 Regular Session

As I left Frankfort on Friday, February 23, there are just 23 days remaining in the 2024 Regular Session. While there is some flexibility to move dates around, we will most likely stick with the following schedule:

February 26 – Last Day to File New House Bills

February 28 – Last Day to File New Senate Bills

March 27 & 28 – Concurrence (a concurrence day is a specific day set aside in the legislative process for one chamber to consider and potentially agree with changes made by the other chamber to a bill)

March 29 –Veto period begins (Kentucky's governors have 10 days to consider legislation passed by the legislature. During that time, they may sign it into law, veto the measure, or allow it to become law without a signature)

April 15 – Adjourn sine die ("Sine die" is a Latin term that means "without assigning a day for a further meeting or hearing." In legislative language, it means the final day of this session of the Kentucky General Assembly.)

I thought I might use this week's update to reflect on some of the biggest pieces of legislation we've acted on:

Executive Branch/ State Budget: HB 6 is the proposed state executive budget for the 2025 and 2026 fiscal years. I am honored to be working closely on the budget as

vice chair of Appropriations and Revenue. This budget is over \$129 billion and includes increases in teacher retirement contribution, K-12 education, and Medicaid adjustment and waiver expansion. Some of the education provisions include: increases to SEEK for the public education system that will bring the per pupil guarantee to \$4,455 in 2026, full funding for school transportation, and many more intentional investments into our public education system. Other significant investments are proposed in the Department of Juvenile Justice, which will receive \$34 million to assist in the improvement and extension of their services and programs, the Cabinet for Economic Development and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Legislative Branch Budget: HB 263 is the budget for the legislative branch of the state, with \$87.7 million in the first year, and \$91.5 million in fiscal year 2026. It also allows for legislative publications to be disseminated through electronic communications.

Judicial Branch Budget: HB 264 is the budget for the judicial branch of the state. This proposal provides salary increases for all judicial staff, expands personnel, and supporting funds for construction and preservation budgets. The total investment in the judicial branch budget is \$453.7 million in fiscal year 2025, and \$469.6 million in the second fiscal year.

One Time Investments in Targeted Areas: HB 1 appropriates funds from the state's Budget

Reserve Trust Fund Account for one-time payments and investments into the commonwealth. \$1.84 billion dollars would be appropriate to pay down unfunded liabilities in Kentucky's state retirement funds, infrastructure development, riverport asset preservation, grants to general aviation airports, economic development initiatives, rural community investment, and funding to Kentucky's state police. The Kentucky Teacher's Retirement System and State Police pension funds would be at 60% funding, the highest funding level in many years.

Safer Kentucky Act: HB 5, coined the Safer Kentucky Act includes more than 20 provisions aimed at a variety of crime issues, including:

- Requiring life without probation / parole for those convicted of their third violent felony. These are individuals who commit the most heinous of crimes, including murder, rape, and terrorism, multiple times.

- Increasing the felony class for smuggling contraband substances within a jail, prison, or other type of detention center to a class B felony.

- Increasing the penalty for fleeing or evading the police to a class C felony.

- Preventing charitable organizations from furnishing bail of \$5,000 or more.

Several measures are still working their way through the system, including legislation aimed at improving health outcomes for pregnant and new mothers; fund the building and maintenance of our roads, bridges, and

transportation infrastructure; and allow voters to decide the future of issues ranging from the legislative schedule to empowering parents to make educational choices for their children.

There is still much work to be done this session, and the next month will be quite busy. We have until the end of March to pass legislation if we want to afford ourselves an opportunity to overturn any potential vetoes by the governor. The governor has issued more than a hundred vetoes since his first term, so I fully expect we will have overrides to consider in April. Rest assured in knowing that I will continue to work hard on your behalf through this session.

As always, I can be reached anytime through

the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at josh.bray@lrc.ky.gov and

keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Fuzzy Duck Road County Maintenance.**

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Fuzzy Duck Road** and; The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

To Reduce County Maintenance to end at 3,830 ft. which is 1.378 mile of **Fuzzy Duck Road**

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of **Fuzzy Duck Road** proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: March 12, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway affected, and published two (2) times in the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

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/s/ Howell Holbrook
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

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- 19) Andean civilization
- 20) Captures
- 21) Kowtow
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- 24) Mets manager Johnson
- 25) Vampire's bed?
- 28) On watch
- 31) Astronomer Hubble
- 32) Walked nervously
- 33) Golf standard score
- 34) Wasn't truthful
- 35) Pivots
- 36) Altar location
- 37) General Robert E. _____
- 38) Boot in geography class?
- 39) Separate the strands of, as rope
- 40) Currently leading
- 42) Collaborator with Marx
- 43) Point one's finger at
- 44) Catamaran canvas
- 45) Crownlike object
- 47) Most courageous (Var.)
- 51) Oil org.
- 52) Pin-up's favorite dessert?
- 54) Balloonist's worry
- 55) Caste member
- 56) Midvoyage on the Indian
- 57) Tacks on
- 58) Awfully expensive
- 59) Daily paper staple

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- 3) Negative responses
- 4) Doted-on one, often
- 5) Noah's landfall
- 6) Like Mom's place
- 7) Bruised or inflated items
- 8) Pie you don't eat
- 9) Oozings
- 10) Mineral used as a gem
- 11) Halloween treat
- 12) Less than twice
- 13) Have on
- 18) Weighed down, as with packages
- 22) Zealous
- 24) Rather risky
- 25) It has four strings
- 26) French farewell
- 27) Gland meat, ironically
- 28) Bank's safe
- 29) Relating to the nose
- 30) Low cards
- 32) It takes flight
- 35) They may roar when empty
- 36) Like the Archbishop of York
- 38) Persia no more
- 39) Consolidate
- 41) Sheep collections
- 42) Devours heartily
- 44) Shoe material, sometimes
- 45) Fast-food restaurant offering
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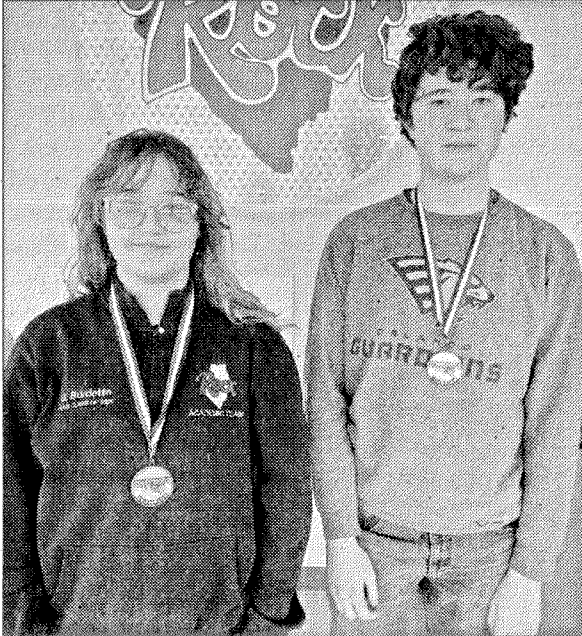
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The Rockcastle County High School Academic Team spent their Saturday, February 17th, in Casey County competing in Quick Recall and Written Assessment at the Regional Governor's Cup. Senior Jeremiah Mikeworth placed 3rd in Social Studies and Sophomore Gracie Burdette placed 2nd in Arts and Humanities. Jeremiah and Gracie will both move on in March to compete at the State Governor's Cup in Louisville. Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Academic Team for an awesome year of academic competition. Team members are shown above, back row from left: Wyatt Riggsby, Jeremiah Mikeworth, Gracie Burdette, Janaye Burton, Alivia Kirby, Kaity Carter and Callie Benge. Coach Starla Benge is shown in front. At right are Gracie Burdette and Jeremiah Mikeworth who will move on to the State Governor's Cup in Louisville.



DAR Essay Contest winners from RES

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution actively supports historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors.

One way the Society promotes education is to sponsor every year in the school systems the American History Essay Contest open to all 5th-8th graders. The topic for this year's American History essay for grades 5th-8th was: "The Stars and Stripes Forever"

On May 14, 1897, John Philip Sousa played his new march "the Stars and Stripes Forever". This song would become the national march of the United States on December 11, 1887.

The student is to imagine it is 1897 and they are a newspaper reporter for The Philadelphia Times. The newspaper editor has asked the reporter to write an article about the new song performed that day. The student's article needs to talk about Sousa's life and the story behind the song. It is the first performance of the song, so make sure the article includes thoughts about the music and how the audience reacts to what was seen and heard that day.

One essay winner from each grade level was eligible

to be submitted by the local chapter for state competition. State winners will be judged on national district level and finally district winners will be eligible for the national competition in Washington this June. National winners will be awarded at Continental Congress and presented a medal, certificate, and monetary award.

The Rockcastle Chapter awarded this year's chapter winner a certificate and medal. Second and third place winners were also recognized. The 5th grade winner of this year's contest was Silas Burdette. Second place winner was Wrett Craig and 3rd place winner was Isabella Bowles, all of

Roundstone Elementary School.

Rockcastle Chapter would like to thank all the students and teachers who participated in this year's contest and look forward to reading next year's entries from such talented writers.



Silas Burdette was named winner of the DAR Essay Contest.



Wrett Craig (right) won second place in the DAR Essay Contest. Isabella Bowles (center) won third place. Shown at left, Sharon Lovell presented the awards.

Jonathan Shell spreads word on Ag Tag Program around state

Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell is making rounds across the state as he visits with FFA members, 4-H members, and Kentucky County Clerks spreading the word about the Ag Tag Program.

"The future of agriculture starts with our youth," Commissioner Shell said. "For years, people renewing their farm license plates have been given the opportunity to strengthen that future by donating to the Ag Tag fund. Through the years, millions have been donated and our youth are the ones benefiting."

As he visits 4-H and FFA members at each county stop, Shell has the opportunity to go into detail about the benefits both programs receive from the funds generated by the donations to the Ag Tag program.

Every year, when owners renew their farm license plates, or "ag tags," which depict the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Ken-

tucky Proud logo, along with the 4-H and FFA emblems, they can make a \$10 donation. That money goes into a fund divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) to support Kentucky's agriculture youth and other organizations and programs benefiting Kentucky's farm families.

Last year, donations to the Ag Tag program reached a record high of \$735,815.88. From that total, each group received \$245,271.96 to invest back into their communities for youth development and promotional programs.

KDA uses its share of the Ag Tag funds for various programs, such as the Ag Athlete of the Year scholarships, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award, Kentucky Women in Agriculture, and Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are re-

turned to local councils and chapters, allowing leaders in those contributing communities to use the funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for youth. In the past, County 4-H councils have used Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and travel for life-changing, educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters were free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

"The unselfish willingness to help build and prepare Kentucky's agriculture youth are pre-

dominant features of FFA and 4-H. They are two of the leading youth organizations in Kentucky and the nation. While they work to prepare youth to take on the challenges agriculture faces, KDA works every day to promote Kentucky's farmers," Commissioner Shell said. "This year's Ag Tag campaign theme is 'Elevating Leaders.' Funding from your voluntary donations helps all three organizations fulfill our mission to sustain Kentucky agriculture for generations to come."

In the weeks to come, Commissioner Shell invites those who are stopping by their county clerk's office to renew their "Ag Tags," to also make the \$10 donation.

Hearts for Hospice



Hearts for Hospice are available for purchase and on display at Community Trust Bank (both Mt. Vernon locations) and Citizens Bank (Mt. Vernon and Brodhead) through February to raise funds for Hospice Care Plus, Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative, and grief care. The last day to participate at local banks is Feb. 29. Hearts are available online through March 5 at hospicecareplus.org, where a list of participating banks can also be found. For more info, call 859-986-1500 during business hours.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect pets include Sam (left) who is a 2 year-old male, chocolate lab mix. Sam is very friendly and loves pats on the head. Cole (right) is a 1 to 2 year-old male German Shepherd. Cole is also very friendly. Anyone interested in adopting either of these two, or any of the other animals available, should visit or contact the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter at 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee to take your new forever family member home.

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.
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

SPORTS

Lady Rockets beat Somerset to advance in district play

As expected, Monday night's matchup between the Lady Rockets and the Somerset Lady Briar Jumpers, in the first round of the 47th District Tournament, was a snooze-fest for the Lady Rockets.

The Rockets jumped out to a first quarter lead of 21-13 and that was actually the Lady Briar Jumpers best performance since, in the next three quarters, they only managed to score 12 points while the Lady Rockets were ringing up 46 points for the final 67-25.

Head Coach Chrysti Noble substituted freely and 10 Lady Rockets got into the scoring column with sophomore Macy Spivey taking high point honors with 24 points, while going 7/8 from the free throw line. Ten of her points came in the first quarter and nine in the third quarter. Spivey was named Player of the Game for her effort.

Besides Spivey's 24, senior Tallyne Shearer scored 12; senior Camryn Cash got seven; junior Markley Richards and freshman Tessa Begley scored six each; Abby DeLeon got four and sophomores Taylor King and Ella McKinney and freshmen Sadie Osborne and Kelsey Maupin all got two points each.

The Briar Jumpers actually bested the Rockets in one category, hitting two three point baskets to the Rockets one by Spivey.

As expected, the Pulaski County Lady Maroons easily handled the

Casey County Lady Rebels in the first game of the tourney.

This sets up a match between Rockcastle and PC for the championship Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at RCHS. The Lady Rockets defeated the Lady Maroons here by one point during the regular season but lost at PC there by 24.

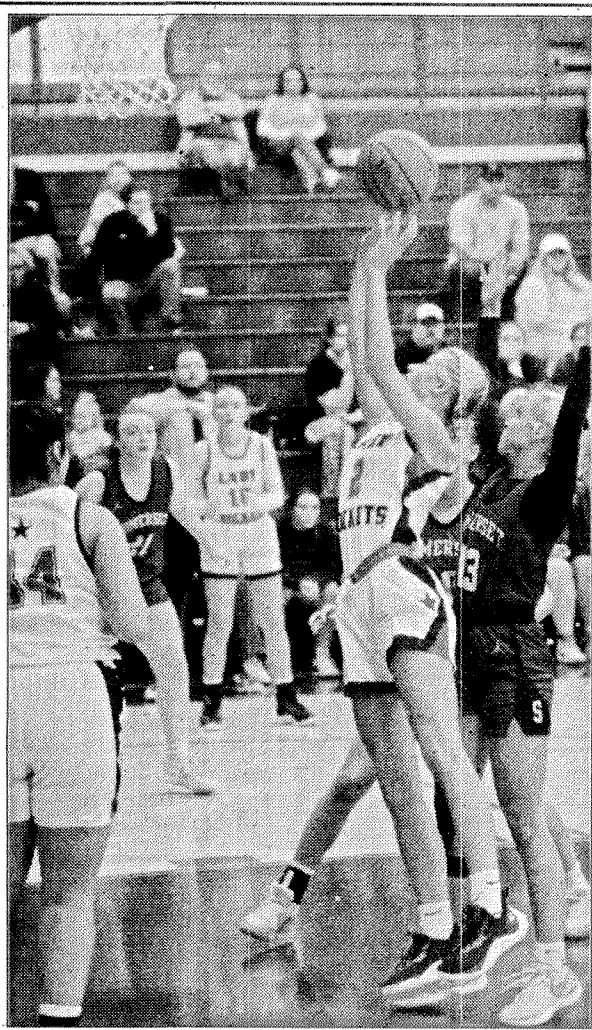
Lady Rockets lose to Danville Christian

The Lady Rockets lost their last regular season game last Thursday night, to a good Danville Christian Academy team 57-43. Danville Christian is ranked #1 in the 12th Region.

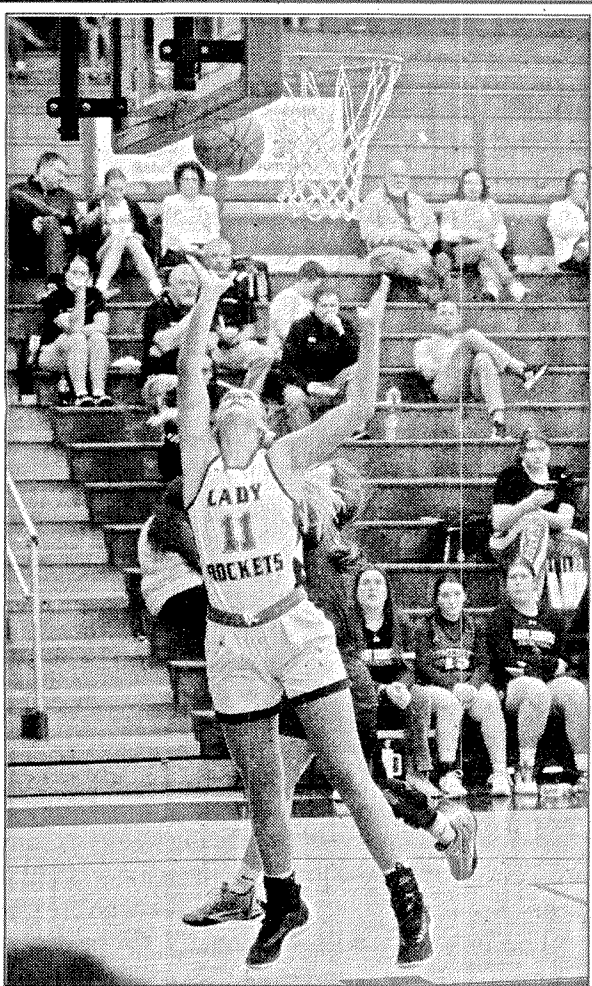
The Lady Rockets stayed with Danville through two quarters, leading 24-22 at the half but Danville came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Rockets 35-19.

Taylor King led the scoring for her team with 13 points; Tallyne Shearer got 10; Macy Spivey and Abby DeLeon each scored six points; Ella McKinney got four and Camryn Cash and Markley Richards, two each. King got the only three point basket for the Rockets while Danville was sinking 10. Danville also got the edge on free throws with 19 chances to the Rockets six. Danville hit nine and the Rockets were 6/6.

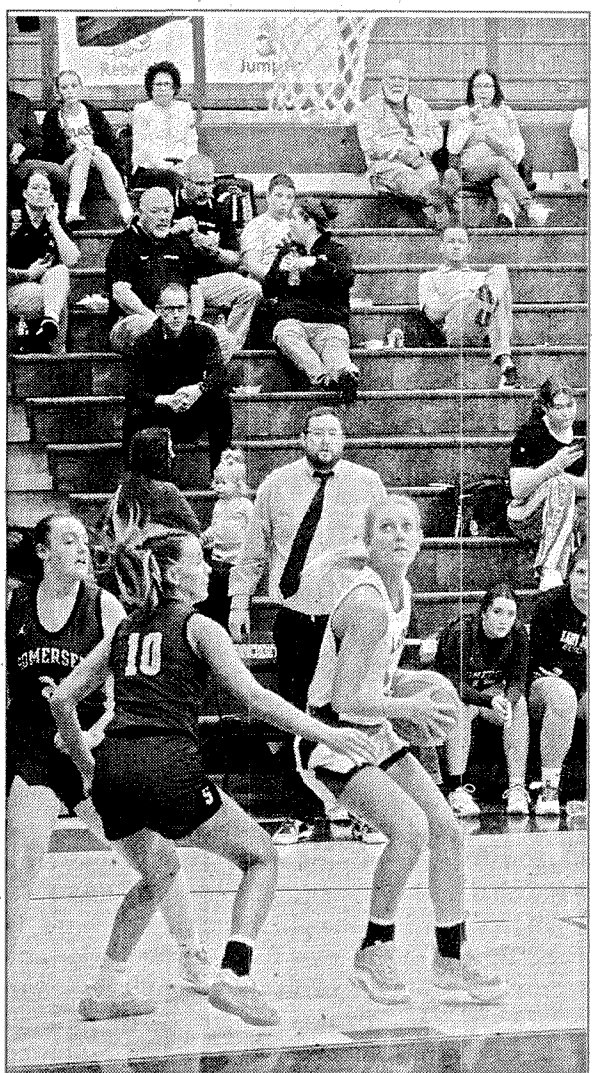
Shearer won the rebounding wars big time, pulling down 11; King got five; DeLeon four; Spivey three; Cash two and McKinney one.



Macy Spivey goes up for two of her 24 points in the Lady Rockets' 67-25 win over Somerset in first round of 47th District Tournament play.



Tallyne Shearer takes it to the hole in the Lady Rockets' 67-25 win over Somerset in first round of 47th District Tournament play. The Lady Rockets will face Pulaski County Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at RCHS in the championship game. The win over Somerset has advanced them automatically to the 12th Region Tournament.



Taylor King works to the paint during the Lady Rockets' 67-25 win over Somerset in first round of 47th District Tournament play.

Rockets defeat Model to end regular season

The Rockcastle Rockets traveled to Model in Richmond last Tuesday night to finish their regular season schedule and came away with a resounding 76-44 win.

Model managed to stay with the Rockets the first quarter, with each team scoring 17 points. However, the second quarter was a different ball game with the Rockets scoring 28 points and Model only three for a 45 to 20 halftime lead for the Rockets.

The Rockets expanded their lead in the third quarter 24-11 enroute to the 32 point win.

The Rockets had a terrific stat filled night, stealing the ball 17 times, dishing out 19 assists and pulling down 25 rebounds, all against only eight turnovers.

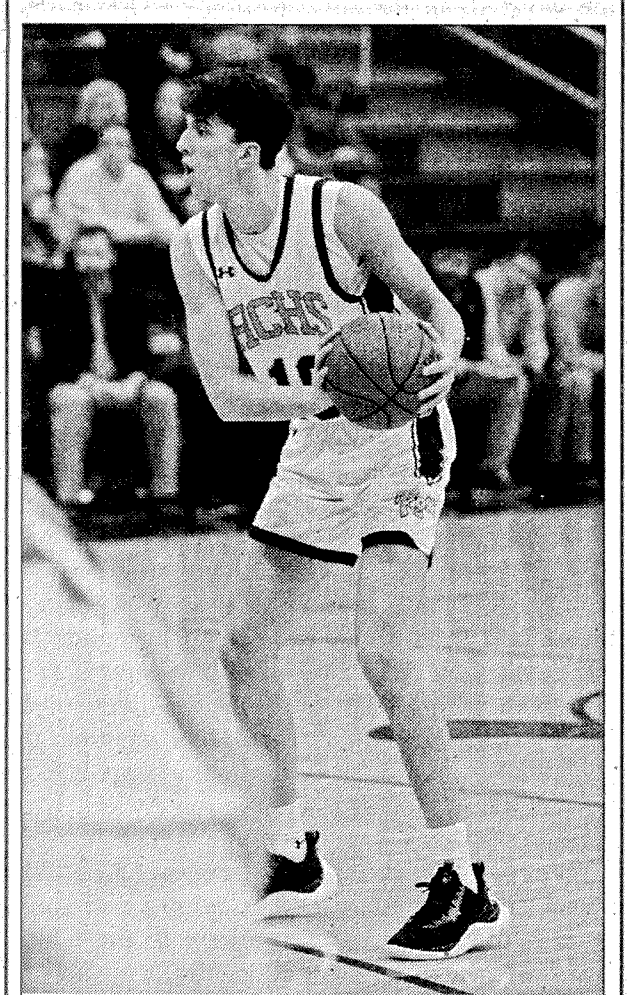
Walker Craig led the scoring with 17 points, hitting six of seven field goals and going 4/4 from three point range. Jace Rogers had 15 points, hitting two three point baskets; Connor Hunt scored 14 points, making 6/8 shots; Trent Wilson got seven points; Skyler Durham six; Harper McCool five; Caleb

Moore and Zeke Fain, four each; Xavier Leger two and Colton Cash and Maddux McClure scored one point each.

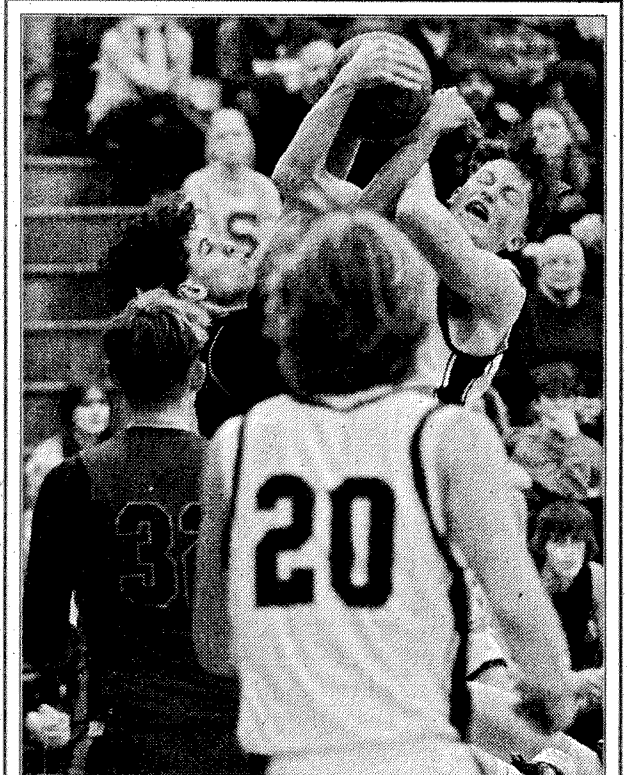
Moore, Hunt and Durham led in the steals stat with three each. Durham added five rebounds and led in assists with eight. Rogers and McCool added two steals and two assists each and McCool also pulled down two rebounds. Cash led in rebounding with six and added an assist and a steal. Hunt got four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Craig was credited with two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

District play kicked off Monday night with the Lady Rockets facing Somerset, a team they defeated handily twice in regular season. (See separate story in this week's issue).

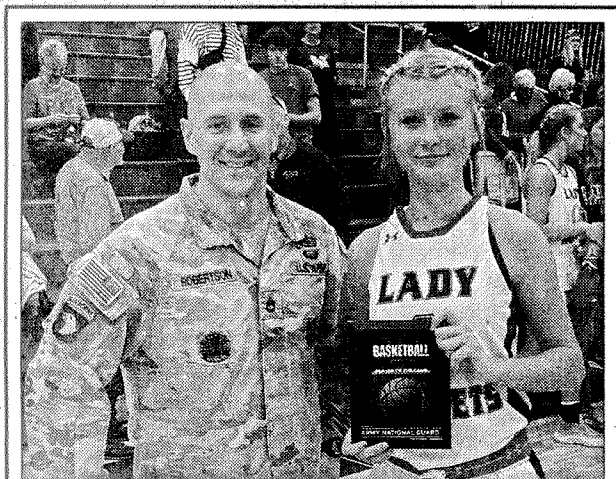
The Rockets were scheduled to play the Pulaski County Maroons Tuesday night in the first round of district tourney play. In regular season, the Rockets split with PC, losing to them at home by five and winning at PC by one in overtime.



Walker Craig led the Rockets in their win over Model to finish regular season play. The Rockets were scheduled to face Pulaski County Tuesday night in first round of the 47th District Tournament play at RCHS. The winner of that game will play in the finals Thursday night at RCHS at 7 p.m.



Jace Rogers, shown fighting for a rebound, put in 15 points in the Rockets' win over Model last week.



Macy Spivey was presented the Army National Guard Player of the Game award for her efforts in the Lady Rockets' 67-25 win over Somerset in first round play of the 47th District Tournament.

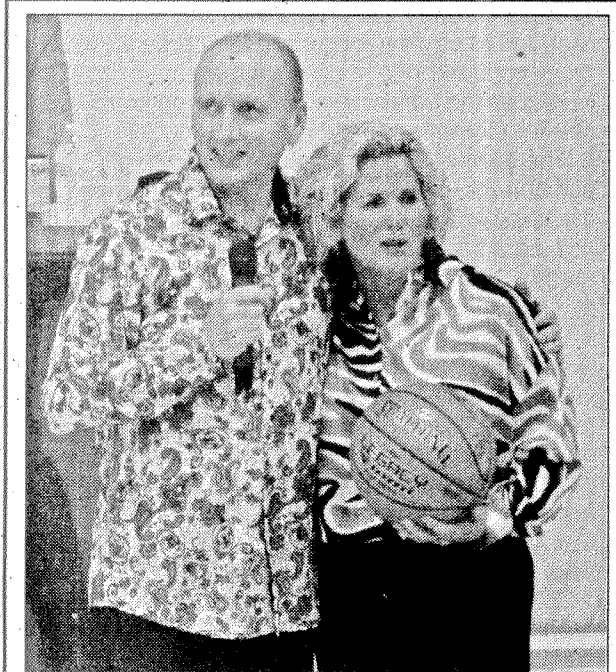


Photo by Mike Marsee
Danville Christian Academy administrators present Rockcastle County girls basketball coach Chrysti Noble with a basketball commemorating her 1,000th game as a head coach. Noble is presented the ball by former DCA athletic director Pep Francis and current athletic director David Lamb.

“Lasting Memories”

by Jerry Hopkins

Often people think history is only about the famous or near famous people in our world—the kings, generals, presidents, senators, movie stars or perhaps some infamous persons. That is not true!

All of us are making history; we are part of an historical heritage. Our stories may never be written for posterity to read, but that does not mean they are not significant or that we are unimportant. Most people’s history passes into the past’s oblivion without any record in writing on paper, tape, film, dvd, radio or tv. The most we know about many people today is their birth dates and death dates on tombstones in some graveyard. Weather often scars those stones to the place that even this minimal bit of a person’s life is lost. Many people have been important in the life of a church, a county, a city, a state, or a family and they ought to be remembered in some way, perhaps a history, a biography, a newspaper article, a column such as this, or in some other way. We ought to honor the memories of those who have labored, loved and lived that we might have a better world, a better day, a better life.

There are some people in my life who have made a lasting impression upon me and upon many others through their lives. They have left in my heart and thoughts—never to be erased—lasting memories. I want to pay tribute to such people. I want to honor these people, not to “exalt” them for their own selfish pride, but to encourage all of us to “give lasting memories.” We ought to be careful what we do and say to other, about others. We ought to be careful what we say about people out of their hearing. All of us need to recognize the importance and inspiration that accompany giving lasting memories to those around us. I am what I am largely because of a number of people in my past who have given me lasting memories. An important source of these “lasting memories” was church for me. I am what I am today because of the witness and work of a caring congregation many years ago in the mountains of Kentucky.

The first person related to the church to make a lasting impression on me was Raymond Lawrence. He was the young pastor of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. The thing that impressed me about him was his willingness to help my sister and me get to church for Vacation Bible School in the summer of 1957. He was careful to see that we had transportation to church for that week. When I was hurt while foolishly running when I should have been walking on the sidewalk, he helped me and took me home. I got blood all over his new car, but he didn’t say anything. He was only concerned in showing the love of Christ and making sure that I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

It was over two years later before I came to know Christ, but that brief impression by the minister will never be forgotten. It was a seed planted that would eventually bear fruit. This

should remind us to be faithful in the little things and to not despair when the harvest is not immediately forthcoming. Let the seeds we plant germinate and take hold. One day they will grow into a mature plant and bear fruit.

There are other points that we ought to remember from this incident. We should be concerned about finding little children a way to Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and to church worship. We ought to seek out those in our families, our neighbors or friends who do not have a way or whose children want to come but cannot because no one will bring them. I am reminded of a little saying that still stands out when I think like this . . .

They will not seek, they must be sought; They will not come, they must be brought; They will not study, they must be taught.

Another very important person in my early life was Laura Ruth Durham. Laura Ruth was very active in First Baptist Church. She often led music, sang solos, worked with the choirs and in other areas in church. In fact, I often spoke with her and reminisced about those early times. Laura Ruth began coming to have my mother do her hair in the Spring of 1959. We lived in the country about two or three miles from the town church. Each week she would come to our house and as mother did her hair she watched my sister and I playing. She became concerned for us spiritually. We did not go to church anywhere. I had only been to Bible School during Raymond Lawrence’s ministry at the “big town church” once.

One day she became so concerned that she asked my mother if the church provided us a way to Sunday School and worship could we attend. She was especially interested in our coming to the “revival” that was planned the last of April. My mother indicated that she would have to talk to my father about the suggestion. Of course, Judy and I were all for going. There seemed to be in our hearts that longing to know who God was and a childish curiosity about Jesus. I’m so glad that mom and dad bought us some new clothes, a Bible (which I still have) and sent us off to Sunday School and Revival services that Sunday, April 24, 1959. It was on that Sunday my sister and I learned about Jesus and our need of His salvation. We were also baptized that Sunday evening in 1959.

It all began in a Bible School in 1957 and then through the persistence and love of a young woman who loved little children and wanted them to come to know Jesus, it finally produced faith and fruit. I shall always be grateful to the Lord for Laura Ruth Durham. Thank you, Laura Ruth Durham, for your kindness and Christian concern for a little boy and his sister those many years ago.

Just this lesson from this personal experience—be observant and concerned for little children and families. It is good to “give lasting memories,” sharing

kindnesses and a Christian witness. I look forward to hearing from those of you have may benefit from such “lasting memories.” In this year of 2024, may every blessing be yours and every happiness; do something kind for someone today; say something good to someone. Think about doing it; intend to do it; plan to do it, then do it! Let me hear from you on what you think about the adventure of giving lasting memories. Share with someone, maybe even me about your journey and your kindnesses. Share your thoughts with me at drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com. You may also reach me by “snail” mail at Dr. Jerry Hopkins, P. O. Box 1363, Marshall, Texas 75671. Dr. Jerry Hopkins is a historian and retired university professor

KSP to participate in Operation SafeDRIVE

Safety effort to help prevent commercial motor vehicle-related crashes Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement will participate in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrations Operation SafeDRIVE (Distracted Reckless Impaired Visibility Enforcement) from February 27-29. This enforcement campaign targets unsafe driving behavior that often leads to crashes involving passenger cars and commercial vehicles. It complements national efforts to educate all drivers on safely sharing roads with large trucks.

The national SafeDRIVE initiative cracks down on dangerous interstate driving behaviors such as aggressive driving, speeding, tailgating, failing to wear a seat belt, distracted driving, and driving under the influence. During this effort, KSP Commercial Vehicle Inspectors will open scale facilities, ensuring commercial drivers follow safety regulations, including hours of service compliance, commercial driver license compliance, medical certification, and commercial motor vehicle credentialing.

Officer Stevie Douglas, East Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Spokesperson, said 62 percent of fatal large truck crashes involve two or more vehicles.

Our CVE officers and inspectors are committed to preventing dangerous

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Deeds Recorded

Alan and Kristen Purcell, Aaron and Laura Purcell and Rodney and Betty Purcell, property in Rockcastle County, to Wendell Johnson and Damon Johnson. Tax \$40

Johnny and Gladys Carpenter, property in Renfro Valley, to Robert Byrge. Tax \$1

Terry Barnett and Anita Barnett, property in Rockcastle County, to John W. and Emily D. Dyehouse. Tax \$92

Anita Barnett, property in Rockcastle County, to Terry Barnett. No tax

Tanya Moukaddem, property on Childress

Lane, to Dustin and Kayla Hale. Tax \$120

Debbie Wilson, property in James Poynter Division, to Darren A. Ballard. Tax \$2

District Civil Suits

Discover Bank v. Megan Stumbo, \$4,489 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Rylee W. Denney, \$2,314 plus claimed due.

Crown Asset Management, LLC v. Kenneth Clemons, \$1,364 plus claimed due.

Crown Asset Management, LLC v. Parker Brown, \$848 plus claimed due. C-00032

Circuit Civil Suits

Christopher Steven Jones v. Denise Catherine Jones, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lindsey Northern v. Kristopher Hutchens, petition for dissolution of marriage.

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

Jennifer Ellen Evans v. Robert William Burke, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ryan Taylor v. Leslie Nicole Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00050

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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
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
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:

The following described real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone in the northern right of way of the Old County Road; thence northerly 210 feet to a stone, a new corner with James Halcomb; thence northwesterly 420 feet to a stone in the right of way of the Old County Road; thence southeasterly 420 feet with the right of way of the Old County Road to the point of beginning, and containing two (2) acres more or less.

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.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

Parcel No. 060-00-010


Address: 383 Halcomb East Road, Orlando, KY 40460

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.
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**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**



Take Action

What is the Safe Haven Law?
KRS 405.075 states that a newborn infant can legally be placed in a device designed to permit a parent to anonymously surrender their baby with the intent for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn take custody.




Safe Haven Baby Boxes

- There are currently 136 SHBB
- 18 of those boxes are located in KY
- The first baby was placed in a KY SHBB on 2/10/2023, less than 2 mths after installation

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Notice is hereby given that Johnny Harris, 189 West Main Street, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Preda I. Harris, deceased, on the 8th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Johnny Harris, or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 12, 2024 at 11 a.m. 2x3

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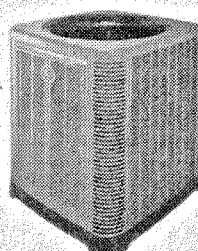
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March Madness
Rockcastle County High School hosts the 47th 12th District Girls Tournament beginning Monday, February 25, 2024. March Madness has officially begun!

Basketball has been a fast-paced, aggressive, and well-loved activity since the game was invented by Springfield College instructor and graduate student James Naismith in 1891, in Springfield, Massachusetts. Even though Kentuckians can not boast of inventing the sport, we can argue that we did perfect it and it is just as much a girl's sport as a boy's. Coach Crysti Noble is an excellent example of the fight and dedication of the long history of Girl's Basketball in Rockcastle County.

The first Kentucky High School Girls' State champion was played at Paris High School in 1920. Both Brodhead and Mt. Vernon had girls basketball teams from 1920-1932. Local Historian and writer, David Oens edited a collection of memorabilia titled, "Before Consolidation The Gold Age of Rockcastle County Basketball". In his publication, one can find a dynamic collection of the history of hoops in our little county.

Teams:
Mt. Vernon, Red Devils-
1922-23 School Year: Pansy Lovell (Guard-sub), Margaret Fish (Guard-sub), Janie Teague (center), Flossie Staverson (Guard), Amanda Davis (Forward), Geneva Griffin (Forward), and Lura Hiatt (Guard).

Brodhead Tigers-
1926-27 School Year: Willie, Ethylene Coffee, Vivian Robbins, Tula, Ruth Frith, Sallie Carson, and Goldie Robbins

1930-1931 School Year: Mildred Albright, Virginia Owens, Georgia Painter, Virginia Painter, Virginia Fletcher, and Anna Kincer

1931-1932 School Year: Virginia S., Virginia N., Olive, Anna, and Christine, Iney, Lucille, Myrtle, and Rita.

Kentucky Girls have always played hard. According to the website <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov>, In the early years of the sport, women educators decided that the male version of the game was too difficult for girls and the rules and play were modified in 1932. "In Kentucky, however, girls did not play by "girls" rules, and Kentucky High School Athletic Association members voted in 1923 to use standard boys' rules for all girls' tournaments."

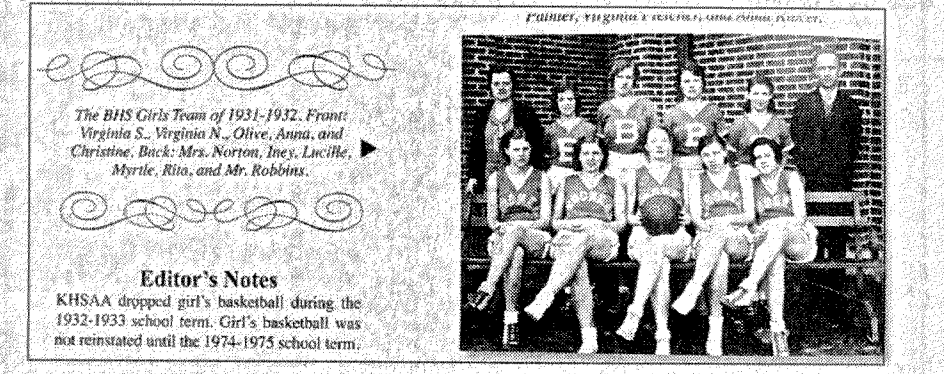
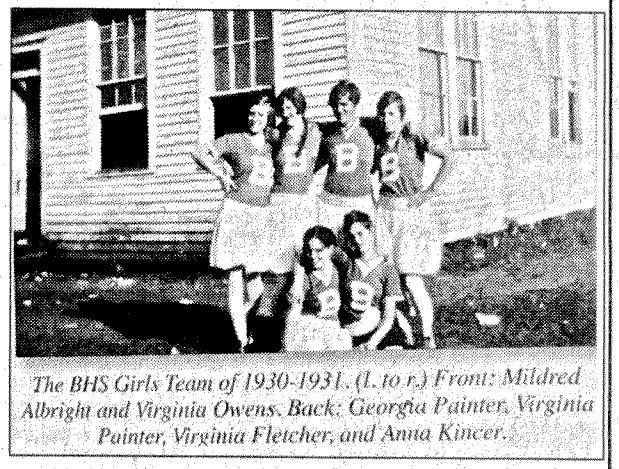
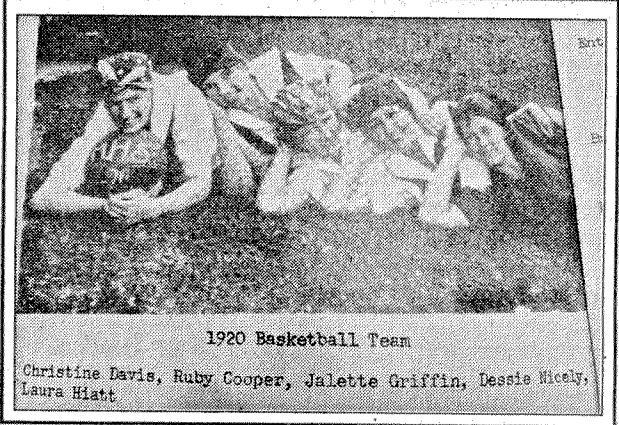
Unfortunately, the controversy surrounding girl's basketball came to a head in 1932 and girl's basketball was banned. "Between 1932 and 1974, women's basketball was discontinued at high school and collegiate levels in Kentucky. Although the sport was popular with males and females, school basketball teams for females did not exist again until Baker's Bill, named after Senator Nicholas Baker,

also known as the Basketball Bill, was passed in 1974. Baker's Bill cited that all schools that have a basketball team for boys must also have one for girls." (<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov>)



girls were led in scoring by Beverly Deatherage with 16 points; Regina Ruppe got 9; Kim Payne got 6, Nancy French 5, Debbie Morris 4, and Debbie Calhoun and Darla Reams 2 each. "The following week's publication of The Mt. Vernon Signal reported that The Girl's Team were runners-up in the District. The Signal stated that "members of the 1975 Rockets Girls were selected for the All-Tournament team. Regina Ruppe, Kim Payne, Debbie Morris, and Beverly Deatherane. Nancy French completed the starting five for the Rockets." Unfortunately, the first lost the championship game to Clay County.

Rockcastle Lady Rockets head coach, Chrysti Noble recently coached her 1000 game. She has led the Lady Rockets through many district wins and one state championship. Girls Basketball has come a long way in the 104 years since the first official game played by Rockcastle County's high school girls. Even with the ban on basketball for Kentucky girls, the coaches, the players, and the vans of Rockcastle County have blazed a trail for the future of Rockcastle Girl's basketball.



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