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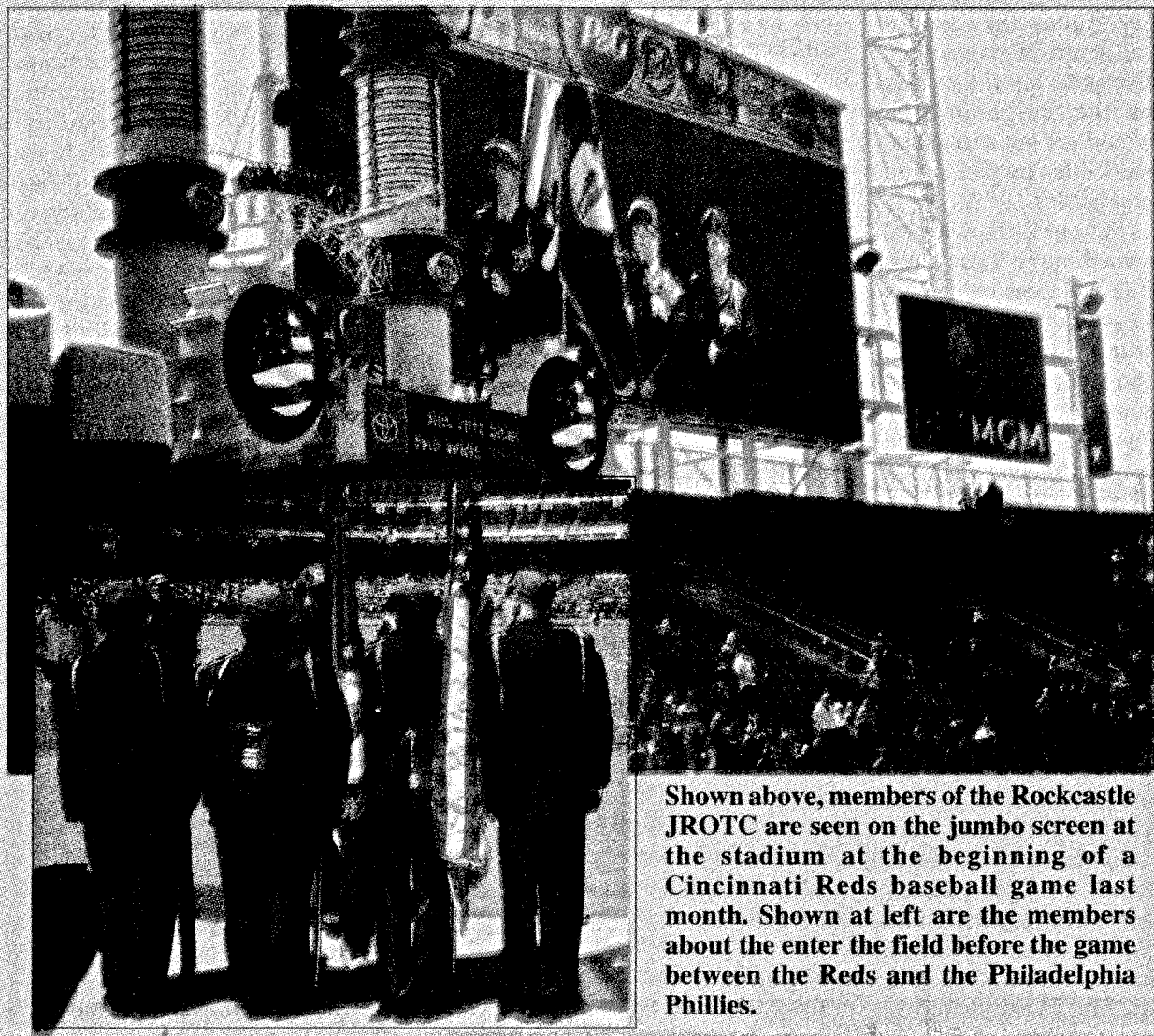
## Rockcastle JROTC Color Guard shines at Cincinnati Reds game

Submitted

In a remarkable display of precision and patriotism, the Rockcastle County High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Color Guard took center stage at the Cincinnati Reds v. Philadel-

phia Phillies baseball game on Thursday, April 25th.

Invited to present the national colors, the students showcased their exemplary training and commitment to duty, leaving a lasting impression on both spectators. (See "JROTC" on A5)



Shown above, members of the Rockcastle JROTC are seen on the jumbo screen at the stadium at the beginning of a Cincinnati Reds baseball game last month. Shown at left are the members about to enter the field before the game between the Reds and the Philadelphia Phillies.

## City of Brodhead

### City Hall gets new look while possible gas station coming

By: Mike French  
Editor

Officials ask that customers of the Brodhead water and sewer system use the side door to pay bills from now on because of recent renovations to the building.

Among other improvements of the remodeling, the Main Street door is now the entrance to the conference room and the side door towards the restaurant is now the main entrance.

While city commissioners are working to upgrade and beautify the city, they are also working on a credit card system so that customers may soon be able to pay their bills by phone, or in person, with a credit or debit card. The small fee to the city for use of the system will be passed on to the customer but officials say the convenience will be worth the \$2 to \$3 fee that will be charged.

Mayor Jerry Adams

addressed this issue, as well as others, during Monday evening's regular monthly city commission meeting.

Officials also discussed the new gas station that is expected to locate behind the Dollar General Store soon. Officials discussed methods to provide water and sewer to the site, if the new business carries out its plans.

There was also more discussion concerning a

car wash that would be operated by the Brodhead Fire Department as a method of fund raising. Some issues may stall the project, such as insurance costs and other issues, but Fire Chief John Dyehouse says the idea is still a priority.

Commissioners also discussed an alert siren the city purchased in the past. Emergency Management Director Brian

(See "Brodhead" on A5)

## City of Livingston

### Water tower project to begin soon

By: Mike French  
Editor

Officials in the City of Livingston may now begin a needed upgrade and

renovation of the water tower and water system, after a long wait.

Mayor Sandi Singleton and City Clerk Samantha

Smoker say the project has been approved and a grant has been awarded for the badly needed project months ago, but the city was not able to move ahead due to the lack of a city attorney.

The water project was put on hold while city officials attempted to locate an attorney, willing to work with the city. In fact, Singleton said the grant the city had been awarded was about to expire had they not found an attorney. "We have contacted every lawyer we could find, but they just weren't willing to work with

some officials at the time," said Singleton. "However, now that things have changed, they like us again."

At last week's regular monthly meeting, commissioner voted to retain the services of Jill Edwards, of London, as Livingston City Attorney.

According to Smoker, the grant to facilitate badly needed repairs on the water system was applied for and awarded long ago. However, since there was not a city attorney to sign off on the refund, (See "Livingston" on A5)

## Judge finds probable cause to hold Terry Burke for murder

By: Mike French  
Editor

On Wednesday, May 8, District Judge Kathryn Slone found probable cause to hold Terry Lee Burke, 52, of Livingston, on the charge of the murder of Benjamin "Benji" Jones, 54, of Mount Vernon.

On Monday, April 29, Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk received information from a 911 call that Jones had been shot on Sand Hill Road in Rockcastle County.

Upon arrival, officers located Jones lying on the roadway deceased from a gunshot wound.

After an investigation, Loudermilk located Burke, who was suspected of the shooting, and he was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was held on a \$750,000 cash or property bond.

A hearing was held last week to determine if there was probable cause to hold Burke on the charge of murder.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe brought Loudermilk onto the witness stand where he testified that his investigation indicated that Burke had been at the home of

(See "JROTC" on A5)

## Judge holds Cox on murder charge

By: Mike French  
Editor

On Wednesday, May 8, District Judge Kathryn Slone found probable cause to hold Clayton Cox, 49, of Mount Vernon, on the charge of the murder of Joshua L. Dooley, 43, of Mount Vernon with a bond of \$750,000 cash or property.

On Sunday, April 28, the Kentucky State Police received a request for a welfare check on Dooley. Upon arrival, police found Dooley deceased from a gunshot wound.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe called KSP Detective Ryan

Loudermilk to the witness stand Wednesday to explain why Cox was the suspect in the case and was being held on bond.

Loudermilk said he was familiar with Cox and Dooley before the incident, since there had been other 911 calls in the past from the two men involved.

According to Loudermilk's testimony, a neighbor knocked on Dooley's door on Saturday, April 27, but got no response and they then requested a welfare check by the state police.

Upon arrival, (See "Cox" on A5)

## RCIDA looking forward to gas line reaching the county line

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held a special called meeting last week, since the regular meeting had been postponed.

After the minutes were approved, the board discussed the financial statements. Executive Director Jeff VanHook said the total RCIDA balance, including all funds, stands at \$1,065,313.

VanHook also presented the final bills, involved in forming the RGL (Rockcastle/Garrard/Lincoln) Industrial Board. Expenses include incorporating fees and attorney fees. The financial statements were approved unanimously.

During discussions, VanHook pointed out that Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray had been named MVP of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. "Josh, Brandon Storm and David Mead have all been invaluable in our recent efforts in economic growth and development," VanHook said.

Board members then discussed the natural gas line on its way to Rockcastle County. Officials say the line is about three miles from the Rockcastle County line. "You just don't know what you don't know," said Chairman Corey Craig. "I believe that even those of us involved from the beginning on this gas

(See "RCIDA" on A5)

## Substance abuse programs coming to Rockcastle

The Volunteers of America substance abuse program has now expanded to Rockcastle County.

Many parents struggling with addiction avoid seeking help out of fear of losing their children. A local non-profit is working to

eliminate that fear by helping parents overcome substance use disorder and reunite families broken apart by addiction.

Since launching the program in Clay County in 2021, Volunteers of America Mid-

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

There are few things that get my dander up these days then when the subject of taxes come up.

pResident Biden has recently announced, among other travesties, that he will allow the Trump tax cuts to expire in 2025, if re-elected. Just the fact that he's comfortable announcing that (what used to be a death knell for a politician's career), along with saying he plans to fly in thousands of Palestinian refugees from Gaza and the fact that Trump is ahead of him in the polls in five of the six swing states (a couple by double digits), makes me wonder just what he knows that we don't.

The man also put restrictions on what weapons (for offense) that we will supply Israel-- after they were approved by Congress--makes me think that he knows he has this election in the bag, using the same she-nanigans that were employed by Democrats to steal the 2020 election or banking on the fact that Trump will be jailed on some of the 91 laughable charges HIS justice system helped Soros's DAs come up with.

He could also be counting on the help of the millions of illegals that he facilitated crossing our southern border since his inauguration in January of 2021.

The immigration accountability project's director reports that Biden has issued an Executive Order to all federal agencies to provide voter registration info to everyone they come in contact

with. State election officers are not permitted to ask for proof of citizenship for applicants who fill out the federal form.

The project's director, Rosemary Jenks, in a recent news conference, cautioned illegals that if they unlawfully register to vote and then actually vote, it is a deportable criminal offense. "If you are not a US citizen, you are ineligible to vote," she reiterated.

Of course, this impressed me about as much as it probably did the illegals because if anything will be done to them, it will be a token action since we all have been told by Democrats that voting irregularities are "rare and actually make no difference in the outcome of elections."

Yes, it was hard to sit here and type that without falling out of my chair from raucous laughter. I don't care how much they deny, make no doubt about it, Biden is the most illegal President this country has ever had and we citizens are suffering dearly for this gross miscarriage of justice.

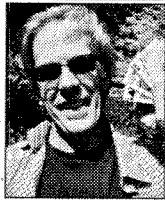
Since his inauguration, we are looking at situations like the Veterans Affairs Department offering race-based training programs that **EXCLUDES WHITE VETERANS**. It's called (DEI) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Shawn Liu, Director of Communications for the VA, said, in defense of the exclusion of white veterans, "that Equity means realizing "treating

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Every little memory from my childhood seems to bring joy to my heart. And, in all my favorite memories, there is work involved in one form or another. Tobacco, hay, mowing, gardens, filling the coal bucket, pumping water or my favorite job, hunting pop bottles.

Everyone in those days tossed their pop bottles out the car window and into the ditchline. It wasn't considered littering then. It was considered contributing to the youth of society. Today they would call it affirmative action. Everyone knew that kids in the neighborhood would get out and gain a work ethic by picking up pop bottles.

When kids wanted something in those days, it didn't cross our minds to ask our parents for it. Our first thought was, "how am I going to earn enough money to buy it?" To today's youth that idea is so farfetched it sounds like a fairy tale. But it is the truth. We kids would sit around and think up ways to earn enough money for whatever we desired at the time. No one owed us anything and we didn't owe anyone.

Picking up pop bottles was one of the favorite jobs available to the youth of the 60s. We didn't have to fill out a form or get daddy government's permission. We didn't even have to have darker skin to qualify. Everyone of every race and of BOTH genders were eligible all

the time. It was called "freedom."

On a warm, sunny day in the summer of 68, us guys and gals would decide we would like to have an ice, cold pop and a candy bar. Sure enough, eventually someone would suggest hunting pop bottles. We would designate an area for each other and meet back up at the Oak tree in the alley.

For the four of us neighborhood friends it took 14 pop bottles to get each of us a pop and a candy bar. At three cents each, 14 pop bottles got us 42 cents, and a candy bar and a pop was a nickel each for a total of 40 cents. If one of us didn't find enough for themselves, someone else usually found a couple extra. So as long as we had 14, we could all get what we wanted and have two cents left over.

Once we met at the old alley tree, we counted our bottles and hopped on our bicycles and rode up to Mary's Grocery where the four of us would storm inside with the pop bottles. We didn't have to sign anything or agree to terms or wait for updates. We just sat the bottles down in the corner next to the pop cooler and each of us picked out our favorite 6-1/2 ounce cold pop and opened it on the side of the cooler.

We each told Mary what candy bar we wanted and she would hand it to us out of the

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



My Mother's Day  
Dear Journal,

Today was Mother's Day. It is and forever will be one of the saddest days of the year for me as it is, I'm sure, for others who have lost their mother and grandmothers. Stanley asked me yesterday what I wanted to do for Mother's Day. We finally decided that we would go out to eat.

This morning came and I wasn't thinking of going out or anything to eat. I just wanted to be left alone and be quiet. To compile the gravity of the day, we have a dog who has terminal cancer and we can see that it is becoming apparent that his days are numbered now. We will probably have to have him put to sleep very soon. We've had him for fifteen years and I can't imagine life without him. His name is Jeremiah Levi but we call him Jerry Lee, for short. He often comes and gets in the bed with us. Being a huge

Pyreneese, when he does you can surely tell that you're not alone.

Stanley fixed some brunch for us and soon he gave me a very nice card, some chocolates and flowers. I listened to our church program on Facebook and I looked at the various comments on Facebook that friends and family had made. It is an overwhelmingly sad day for most. Most were reflecting on days with their mothers. Others advised the ones who still had their mothers to take advantage of it while they still could.

This afternoon I talked to my family and found a movie that appealed to me. It was a true story about history that was right down my alley, as they say. I'm a history lover. Presidential history is my favorite. This one was about the assassination of John Kennedy and his successor, Lyndon Johnson. It

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- 17) "Olympia" painter Edouard
- 18) Pear-shaped instrument
- 19) Has a mortgage, e.g.
- 20) Atlas map data
- 22) Confined, with "up"
- 23) Henhouse raider
- 24) Carmen of jazz
- 25) Called a game
- 29) Golden State region, for short
- 32) Love dearly
- 33) Yellow or orange blooms
- 37) Get pooped out
- 38) Had the blahs
- 39) Short blast
- 40) Jamaican band instrument
- 42) Be rude in line
- 43) Was helpful to
- 44) Treat as a pet
- 45) Play area?

- 48) Stroke's need
- 49) Manner of expression
- 50) Vietnam-era naval vessels
- 57) Father of Thor
- 58) Navel fluff
- 59) Borden "spokescow"
- 60) Far-reaching
- 61) Penny, maybe
- 62) Champion's claim
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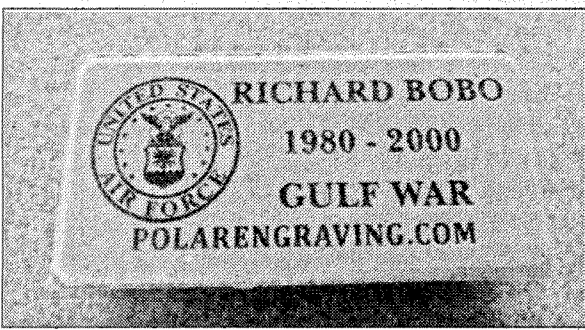
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- 8) Scandal suffix
- 9) Hoppy brews
- 10) Painters' protective measures
- 11) Less polished
- 12) Fight site
- 13) Keep from drying out

- 21) Gesture of concession
- 24) Kiosk item, for short
- 25) Charlie Brown epithet
- 26) Make cuts, say
- 27) Yell after a slice, perhaps
- 28) Those not under contract
- 29) Toast word
- 30) City near Provo
- 31) Spanish hero El \_\_\_
- 33) Mucky stuff
- 34) London lavatories
- 35) Bird on Woodstock posters
- 36) "Leave it," to a proofreader
- 38) Use a postscript
- 41) Doctored account
- 42) Light frozen desserts
- 44) Scratching post user
- 45) Potbelly, for one
- 46) Right now
- 47) Biscotti flavoring
- 48) "Come here \_\_\_?"
- 50) High five sound
- 51) Sommelier's suggestion
- 52) Division word
- 53) Lena of "Havana"
- 54) Sparkling wine, informally
- 55) Pinball flub
- 56) Goes out with



# “Walk of Honor” Fundraiser

The “David M. Smith” American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a “Walk of Honor” at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park. Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. Also, during the month of May you can come to the Veterans Center (Formerly VFW) located at 32 Mt Zion Road in Mt. Vernon from 10 AM until 2 PM to place an order. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271.



## Church News

### Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to “Let the Bible Speak,” with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox TV

### Cupps Chapel

#### Holiness in Revival

Bro. Marlowe Napier will be holding a three-day Revival at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church starting Thursday, May 23rd through Saturday, May 25th at 7 o'clock each night.

The Praise Singers, Phillip and Trish Doan and Kadi Carpenter will be singing. The church and congregation welcome everyone to come be with us.

#### Special Singing

Buffalo Baptist Church will be having a Special Singing Sunday evening, May 19th, beginning at 6 o'clock and featuring Buddy and Janice Mullins.

Pastor Bill Mink and the congregation invite any singers and everyone to come out and worship with us in song and praise. Call 256-3547 for more information.

The church is located 15 miles south of Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Road).

*“O Come - let us sing unto the Lord let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation. Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with Psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods!*

*Psalms 95:1-3*

### New Hope Baptist Homecoming

New Hope Baptist Church at Orlando will hold their Homecoming on Sunday, May 19th, beginning at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served about 1 o'clock.

Bro. Johnson and church welcome everyone.

## ramblings

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everybody the same might not be enough.”

**Biden also, in 2019** said tariffs -- which were placed by Trump to reduce our horrendous trade deficit -- on China were an “abusive policy” but he introduced a slew of tariffs Monday on China for all kinds of products. Of course, one answer might be that China’s leader Xi may have missed a payment to Hunter, but, I guess we’ll see how that works out.

**And, although it’s okay** to take down the American Flag (at Harvard) and raise a Palestinian flag in its stead and to raise a Palestinian flag above the American flag in Daley Square in Chicago, a Conservative Christian and former Navy pilot, Michael Cassidy, is looking at five years in prison, thanks to a Soros-backed DA, for tearing down a Satanic altar, competing with a Christmas display of the Nativity in the Iowa State Capitol last December.

Originally charged with fourth degree criminal mischief, Cassidy was subsequently hit with a *hate crime* charge by Polk Co. Democrat Attorney General Kimberly Graham, a prosecutor funded by left-wing billionaire financier George Soros. Cassidy is now looking at a possible five years in prison.

So, it’s a hate crime to burn a Pride flag or destroy Satanic symbols but burning an American flag constitutes a form of “symbolic speech” that is protected by the First

Amendment, according to a 5-4 ruling issued by our Supreme Court many years ago!!

**Instead of trying to railroad** Donald Trump with a convicted perjurer and a prostitute that has denied publicly that she was sexually assaulted by Trump, our law enforcement maybe should be looking into unaccompanied CHILDREN coming across our southern border. They have a phone number and an address written on them and our border patrol head of union has admitted that they are only calling the number and says “it’s an absolute truth that we are using American tax dollars to ship children into known prostitution or sweat shops.”

In May of 2023, Biden ended DNA rapid testing (90 minutes), ordered by Trump in 2019, and used to detect a 30% rate of “fake family units.” This Biden decision has made it possible for cartels to place hundreds of thousands of kids in fake family units for drug and sex trafficking.

A border wall would devastate drug and sex trafficking, so ask yourself why are Democrats fighting it so hard?

**But, I will leave you,** dear readers, with one \$5,000,000 program established by San Francisco to help alcoholics called the “Managed Alcohol Program.”

This program provides alcoholics with 1-4 drinks (beer or vodka) a day, life skill classes, housing in a hotel, three meals a day, cultural outings, including tickets to San Francisco games, all at only a cost of five million dollars a year to the city’s taxpayers. I don’t know if there’s a provision for how long you can be enrolled in this program but, if you’re an alcoholic, it sounds like a pretty good deal for how-ever long it lasts.

**Oh, and the main stream media,** is completely ignoring the plight of over 1,100 American servicemen and contractors currently being held hostage in Niger.

It’s because of a recent coup which overthrew the government under which these people were sent to Niger. They are running out of life-saving medicine and fresh water (in May) and are being used as pawns to get us to fork over American bases there (costing our taxpayers over a billion dollars).

Stay tuned to see how long it takes our present regime to sort this out!!

## T.J.’s

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was called “LBJ”. I re-

member that day well. I believe my family invented the Democratic Party. My Grandpa Norton was the strongest Democrat I’ve ever seen. If you weren’t a Democrat he thought you were just about worthless. He made it his business to find out. OMG, if he even suspected somebody in his family had voted Republican, they could expect to be cut out of his will. JFK’s death hit him hard. All of us were glued to the TV for several days listening to Walter Chronkite and watching the funeral. I felt sorry for those poor Kennedy kids whose daddy was dead. Little John-John even saluted his daddy’s casket containing the president as it passed by him.

Night has now begun and the day has passed. I know I’ve rambled on but that is my recount of a sad day and how I managed to survive it...again.

## Aces

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glass candy case. For the next ten minutes, we would sit on the cooler and the counter top and talk about old Miss Wrigney’s paddle with the three holes in it while we drank our nickel pop and ate our nickel candy bar. Once we were finished, we turned in those four pop bottles and got another 12 cents. With the two cents extra we had left already, that meant we only needed nine pop bottles the next day and we could all live high on the hog again. One of us was designated to hold the 14 cents and the next day we would do it again.

I remember well, and I bet my three buddies do as well, when candy bars and pops each went from a nickel to a dime. They doubled in price overnight without warning. The candy bars were bigger, but not doubled. I remember we kids were mad because the same day, Mary started paying us a nickel for each pop bottle. Even at that age, we realized we were getting cheated because our income didn’t go up as much as the cost of candy bars.

My allowance was 50 cents a week but we didn’t want to use our allowance for that. So we worked each day for the pop and candy bar and used our 50 cents on Friday night when we went to town.

We would each get home at about dusk every day and mom and dad would ask how my day went. “It was fine.” Each day was filled with adventures which are sto-

ries in themselves. Our days were always filled with excitement and boredom, fear and pleasure, joy and disappointment. But that time each day, at Mary’s Grocery, was one of our biggest pleasures in life.

It was a time when an empty pop bottle made a difference in our day. Life was a joy that we didn’t

recognize and a pleasure that we didn’t appreciate. It was easy to love and to laugh and there was no memory of a better time.

At the time, days seemed to crawl. But now it seems like a lifetime ago and it went by so fast. Or maybe it feels like another life all together. Or perhaps, it was all just a dream.

## Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion

The Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 15, 2024, noon till ?? at Roundstone Baptist Church. Please help us spread the word to all family members as to the date and location. Please bring a covered dish and join us. Also, if you will provide us with a mailing address, e-mail address or phone number of any other relatives, we will gladly provide them a notification of this and future reunions. Jesse Thacker, 606-308-4308; Brenda Chappell, 606-256-5275; jwthacker10@gmail.com.

## Mullins Family Reunion & Fairview Homecoming

The Mullins Family Reunion and Fairview Homecoming will be held Saturday, May 25, 2024 at the Fairview Cemetery and picnic shelter on the Mullins Station Road. A potluck lunch will be served around noon at the picnic shelter. Bring a covered dish and spend the day with friends. As always, a collection will be taken toward the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Everyone welcome!

## Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

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#### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday, May 20th:** Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Tuesday, May 21st:** Senior Citizens/Adult Day Health and Wayne Stewart Center.

#### Kentucky Native Plant Fundraiser

There will be a Kentucky native plant sale fundraiser, Saturday, June 15th at Memorial Park in Berea (across from Acton Center, 214 Jefferson St.). Follow butterfly signs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. All plants raised from seeds collected from native plants. Sale supports nature projects. Call 859-985-0309 for any questions.

#### RGHS Greenhouse Open

The Rockcastle County High School Greenhouse is open Tuesday through Friday each week from 3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

#### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

#### Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

#### Weekly Grief Support Group

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

#### Kiwanis Club Meeting

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club 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.

## May 18, 2024

# Rockcastle County FREE TRASH DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a

### Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day

This event will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the

Brodhead Fairgrounds.

**This event is open to**

**Rockcastle County residents only**

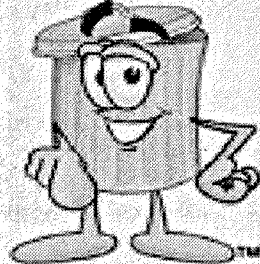
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We will be **accepting** the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc.

**We will NOT accept** any tires, liquids, paint, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

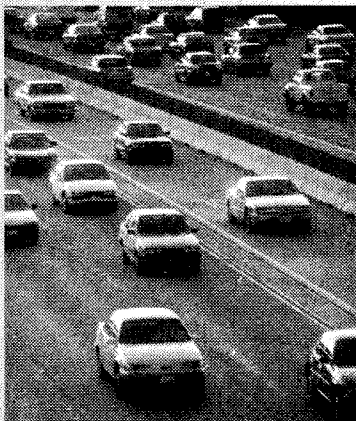
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# Obituaries

## Roger C. Bray

Roger Curtis Bray, 72, of Brodhead, died Sunday, May 12, 2024, at his residence. He was born January 26, 1952, in Berea, a son of the late Dale and Aslee (Whitehead) Bray. On July 5, 1991, he married Sharon Brummett, and they enjoyed 33 years together. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church. Roger was also a member of Kingston Lodge #315, Brodhead Lions Club and Shriners Club. He worked at Square D for 32 years and then worked for the city of Brodhead for 10 years. He was a jack of all trades and especially liked tinkering with computers. Roger was a big Rockcastle sports fan, he was the bus driver for most Rockcastle County teams.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Sharon (Brummett) Bray; children, Neil Bray (Amy), Heather McClure (Dalon Ingram), and Josh Bray (Heather); grandchildren, Abigail Day (Jesse), Hadley Bray, Hannah and Hunter Zanet, Alexander Bray, Asher Bray, and bonus grandchild, Drake Ingram; two brothers, Richard Bray (Jenny), and Ronnie Bray (Rose); his special dog, Lacey Rae (Pumpkin Head); and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Aslee (Whitehead) Bray.

Visitation will be held Friday night, May 17 at Northside Baptist from 6-9 p.m.

Masonic Rites are at 1:30 p.m. and funeral services at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Chapel with Bros. Eddie Nation, Luther Allen, and Kenney Allen officiating. Burial will follow at Brummett Cemetery.

## Charles Stacy Holbrook

Charles Stacy Holbrook, 55, of London, died Monday, May 6, 2024, at UK Bluegrass Hospice Center in Lexington. He was born July 17, 1968, in Berea, the son of the late Charles Daniel and Lydia Sybil (Cromer) Holbrook. On October 28, 2021, he married Jessica Holbrook. He was of the Pentecostal faith and attended Lick Liter Church of God. He loved fishing, gardening, and spending time with friends and family.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Jessica (Mullikin) Holbrook; one son, Hayden Christian Holbrook; two brothers, Kristopher Cromer (Christie McNamara) of London, and Joshua Cromer of Lexington; two sisters, Gwen Callahan (Richard) of London, and Sherry Estes (David) of Mt Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Daniel and Lydia Sybil (Cromer) Holbrook.

Services were held Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. Charlie Williams officiating. Burial was at Piney Grove Cemetery.

## Benjamin Franklin Jones

Benjamin Franklin Jones, 54, of Livingston, died Monday, April 29, 2024. He was born September 20, 1969, in Berea, the son of Benjamin Franklin Jones, Sr. and Gail (Alcorn) Jones. He was of the Baptist faith, and he enjoyed spending time in the outdoors, playing with his dog, Kracker and fighting roosters, making people laugh, but mainly spending time with his grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughters, Amanda-Jones Reagan (Marty), and Abigail Jones, both of Mt Vernon; three grandchildren, Jaeleigh Hayes, Brayden, and Karleigh; one brother, Christopher Jones; one sister, Rebecca Simpson; his mother, Gail (Alcorn) Jones; nephews, Blake and Elijah Jones, and Daulton, and Dawsynn Santo; great niece, Laiklyn Jones; and one special friend, Cindy Bradley.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Benjamin Franklin Jones, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Geroge and Margie Jones; maternal grandparents, Virgil and Arnella Alcorn; and uncle, J.B. Alcorn.

A private family graveside service will be held with Brother Jason Medley officiating.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Cecil Himes would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who showed any acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our loved one. Thank you all for the kind words of comfort, visits, calls, food, and the beautiful flowers. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, especially the North Hall nursing staff. Special thanks also to Liberty Avenue Full Gospel Outreach Church for the wonderful meal provided for our family. We also want to thank Bro. Vernon Willard and the Davis & Powell Funeral Home for their kind words and great service.

Your Kindness will forever be remembered,  
Donna Himes  
Anthony Himes & family - Rodney Himes & family  
Steven Himes & family - Jason Himes & family

## William Gar Cromer

William Gar Cromer, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 10, 2024, at his residence. He was born April 27, 1949, in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late William Delbert and Hazel (Roberts) Cromer. He had been a Pepsi Cola employee and served his country in the US Army. William found great joy in working on mowers and weed eaters and fixing old cars and trucks. On October 1, 1992, he was united in marriage to Dooley Kirby, and they enjoyed 31 years together.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Dooley Cromer; children, Cindy Johnson (Gary) and Gail Cromer (Tim Philpot), both of Mt. Vernon; stepchildren, Lois Abrams, and Lisa Abney (Chris), both of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren and multiple step grandchildren; brothers, Dean and Donny Cromer; sisters, Sylvia Kirby, Helen Cromer and Patsy Wallin; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

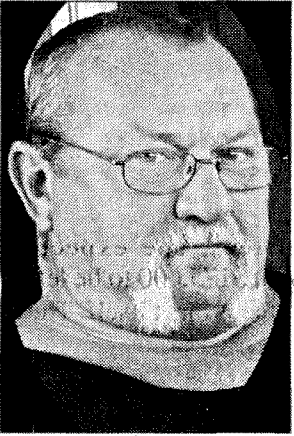
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: brothers, Dallas, Delbert Gene, and James Cromer; and sisters, Joan Mayfield, Sybil Cromer and Ruth Cromer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Mark Horn officiating. Burial was in Kirby Cemetery on Sand Hill.

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

## David Kenneth DeBord

David Kenneth DeBord, 63, of Somerset, died Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was born August 21, 1960 in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Miller DeBord and Pauline DeBord Farley. He found great joy in fishing, gardening, hunting, and spending time with his grand babies. He served his country in the US Armed Forces.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Pauline DeBord Farley of Somerset; children, Latasha DeBord (Greg Spoonamore) of Somerset, and David (Kayla) DeBord of Mt. Vernon; his fiancée, Diana Correll of Somerset; six grandchildren; a host of step grandchildren; brothers, Dan DeBord (Vicky) of Somerset, Milton Lee DeBord of Somerset, and Tony (Maria) DeBord of Harrodsburg; sister, Patsy (Duane) Nevels of Burnside; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by a special companion, Melissa Tompkins.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jack Stallworth officiating with Military Rites.

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

## John Dale Sowder

It is with a sad, but grateful, heart that I write this obituary.

John Dale Sowder, 86, went to his Heavenly home April 18, 2024 with family by his side.

He was born to William Orville Sowder, Sr. and Gladys Helton Sowder on August 23, 1937 in Mt. Vernon.

He was a devoted Christian and attended the Pickerton Church of the Nazarene.

Dale was a true gentleman who always thought of others and helped anyone and everyone he could. He had a great personality and wonderful sense of humor which drew people to him and he never met a stranger.

He was a #1 UK basketball fan (to the point of bleeding blue). He enjoyed deer hunting and fishing and was also a talented blacksmith.

Those left to cherish his memory are: his wife of 42 years, Jenny; his children: Ryan (Debbie) Sowder, Ramona (Tim) McGonagil and Katrina Van Guelpen; step daughter, Kim (Noel) Colyer and step son-in-law, Rick Thompson; grandchildren: Justin, Zachary (Lauren), Reilly, Brenna and Kyle, Beth, Sam, Rachel, Josh, Jacob, Jena, Jesse and Jack; nine great grandchildren; nieces, Susan (Sue) Sheehan, Patricia (Patty) Kuykendoll and Janie (Dale) Harper (his namesake) and his best friends and travel buddies, Darrel and Mary Price.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his sister, Alene Sowder Harper' a brother, William Orville Sowder, Jr. and step daughter, Karen Thompson.

Funeral services were held April 24, 2024 at Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Home in Canal Winchester, Ohio with Rev. Tirank Priddy officiating. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery.

## Trinnia Nicely

Trinnia Ann Nicely, 49, of Orlando, died Friday, May 3, 2024 at her home. She was born in Mt. Vernon on May 9, 1974, the daughter of James and Barbara Stewart Croucher. She had been a homemaker and was a member of Brush Creek Church.



She is survived by: her children, Jeffery Nicely and wife Samara, and Brook Nicely, both of Orlando, and Timothy Nicely and wife Tiffany of Brodhead; a sister, Penny Wynn and husband Jimmy; and her grandchildren, Shaylin McKinney, Catherine Huart, Camden Reynolds, Oakland Nicely, Aralynn Nicely, Adaline Nicely, Ashton Nicely, and Weston Nicely. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lisa Vanwinkle and a brother, Melvin Hensley.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Brush Creek Church by Bro. Lonnie McGuire. Music was provided by Kendra Kendrick and Eugene Dees, and by Larry Settles. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Sam Dees, Michael Hiatt, Jeffery Nicely, Timothy Nicely, Elijah Wynn, and Jimmy Wynn. Camden Nicely was an honorary pallbearer. Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## David Madison Elder

David Madison Elder, 101, of Eubank, died Wednesday, May 9, 2024, at his residence. He was born April 8, 1923, in Quail, the son of the late James and Gracie (Adams) Elder.



On December 21, 1946, he married Edna Cottrell, and they enjoyed 77 years together. He was a member of Fairview Church of Christ. He served his Nation in World War II where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a Kentucky Colonel and Pulaski County Colonel.

David enjoyed woodworking, volleyball and making toy wagons for the grandkids.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Edna Cottrell Elder; four children, Wayne Elder (Jeannie) of Bee Lick, Harold Elder (Barb) of Eubank, Brenda Shackelford of Eubank, and Linda Dillingham of Eubank; one brother, Cledious Elder of Covington; seven grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 12 great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, James and Gracie (Adams) Elder; one daughter, Wanda Boswell; five brothers; seven sisters; and sons-in-law, Bud Shackelford, Danny Dillingham and Chris Boswell.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 12, 2024, at the Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery with Military Rites.

## Cemetery Notices

### Briarfield Cemetery

Taking donations for the upkeep of the cemetery, Friday - Sunday, May 24th - 26th. Donations can also be given or mailed to: Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky, 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 656 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, KY 40460. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

On Sunday, May 26th at 2 p.m., we will be having a potluck dinner. Please bring a covered dish, drinks and a chair. Thank you for all your support.

### Maple Grove Cemetery

Board meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

### Roberts/Old Freedom Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the Roberts/Old Freedom Cemetery are being accepted. Please send to Tami Chapman, 220 E. 24th St., Covington, KY 41014.

Donations can also be dropped off at Community Trust Bank in Mt. Vernon, payable to Tami Chapman (please note in memo line, for Roberts/Old Freedom Cemetery).

Your support is appreciated.

### Laswell Cemetery

Donations for the mowing and upkeep of Laswell Cemetery may be sent to Mary Ruth Owens, 1120 W. Main St., Apt. 701, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

### Johnetta Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of

and mowing of the cemetery should be sent and made payable to Johnetta Cemetery at 5777 Three Links Rd., McKee, KY 40447. Each donation is very much appreciated. See our Facebook page: Johnetta Cemetery.

### Mareburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Mareburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

### Livesay Cemetery

Please send donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Livesay Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

### Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing of the Sand Hill Cemetery to Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Rd., Livingston, KY 40445. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

### Saylor Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the Saylor Cemetery can be sent to: Saylor Cemetery Fund, c/o Susan Daugherty, 5237 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 or to Patty Isaacs, 104 Arrowhead Dr., Berea, Ky. 40403.

Please make checks payable to: Saylor Cemetery Fund.

For any questions, call 859-200-9230.

### Maret Cemetery

The annual Maret Cemetery business meeting will be held Saturday, May 25th at noon at the cemetery. Donations for upkeep of the cemetery will be taken at the meeting or may also be mailed to: Sandra Dailey Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.



## JROTC

(Continued from front) tors and the Reds staff alike.

With meticulous attention to detail, the Color Guard, consisting of 41 dedicated students, executed their duties flawlessly, embodying the values of discipline and excellence instilled by the JROTC program. Their performance caught the eye of the Reds staff, who praised them as the most prepared and best-trained Color Guard to grace the field thus far in the year.

"It was a privilege to witness the professionalism and dedication of the Rockcastle County High School JROTC Color Guard," remarked a member of the Reds organization. "Their precision and poise reflected their commitment to upholding the honor of presenting our nation's colors."

For the students of Rockcastle County High School, this opportunity not only allowed them to showcase their skills on a larger stage but also served as a testament to their hard work and dedication within the JROTC program. Through their exemplary performance, they not only represented their school but also exemplified the values of service and excellence to which they aspire.

As the cheers of the crowd echoed through the stadium, the Rockcastle County High School JROTC Color Guard stood tall, embodying the spirit of patriotism and camaraderie that unites communities both on and off the field. Their memorable performance serves as a source of pride for their school and a reminder of the impact of dedication and discipline in shaping future leaders.

## Burke

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Joshua Little on Sand Hill Road when Jones passed by the home in a car. The car apparently had a piece of plywood strapped to the roof that had fallen off of the vehicle and onto the pavement. Loudermilk said when Jones stopped to retrieve the plywood, Burke walked out of the home towards Jones while Little walked to the nearby woods to urinate.

Little told police that he had been drinking with Burke when they heard a loud noise on the roadway and he assumed Burke was going to help Jones reload the plywood onto his car.

However, Little told police that while he was in the woods he heard "three to four shots." Loudermilk testified that Little also said he then witnessed Burke walking back towards the home. Little said Burke "admitted that he shot Benji Jones," according to Loudermilk.

Loudermilk also testified that Little said Burke had warned him "not to call the police."

After an investigation, police located Burke on Misty Lane in Mount Vernon where he was arrested.

Mount Vernon attorney Bobby Amburgey is serving as Burke's attorney. Amburgey asked a few questions of Loudermilk concerning the timing between the 911 call and arrival at the scene among others.

Rowe had no further questions and Judge

Slone then decided there was probable cause to hold Burke on the charge of murder.

The case will now head to a grand jury within the next 60 days, according to Rowe.

## Cox

(Continued from front) Loudermilk said police found what appeared to be gunshot holes in the trailer and when they entered the home they found Dooley deceased from a gunshot wound.

Loudermilk said police had responded before to a 911 call last July claiming that Cox was in Dooley's yard shooting into the air. The detective referred to a social media post from Cox suggesting that Dooley not "run for the law when I shoot you," Loudermilk said.

Cox was present in the courtroom via a large television screen from a jail cell.

Loudermilk said Cox previously claimed Dooley had stolen some items from him but Dooley had denied the accusations.

Loudermilk said Cox was accused of shooting several rounds from a .44 magnum into the Dooley's trailer. A search of Cox's home revealed rounds for the suspected gun used to shoot into the trailer but Cox apparently told Loudermilk that he had thrown the gun into a "90-foot hole" and it could not be retrieved.

The following day Cox went to the Mount Vernon Police station to talk, according to Loudermilk. The detective then conducted an interview with Cox at the MVD.

Mount Vernon attorney Bobby Amburgey, who is serving as Cox's attorney, asked several questions about the timing involved and the wound on Dooley.

Rowe mentioned that Cox had previous arrests and a charge of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon was added to the charges of murder and tampering with evidence.

When asked if he had any questions by Judge Slone, Cox began to question the 911 calls. However, Amburgey warned Cox that he was on video and under oath. "Be careful Mr. Cox," said Amburgey.

Judge Slone found probable cause to hold Cox on all three charges. The case will now be presented to the grand jury within the next 60 days, Rowe said.

## RCIDA

(Continued from front) line project have no idea the implications involved for future generations. We know it is transformational and many before us have tried for decades. And we know we were able to get just the right key players together, with Delta Gas and Keystone Energy, and Josh Bray and Howell Holbrook and Jeff VanHook and so many more. But we may never know just how big this is."

VanHook agreed. "I have heard some say this gas line could easily be as transformational as the railroad when it came through," he said. "Today's society looks so hard for instant gratification and quick wins. But future generations are the ones who will see the impact of this gas line."

VanHook mentioned the 1,400 acre mega-in-

dustrial site that is listed as among the top sites in the nation. Options for the property became available after \$62 million was set aside in the state budget last month for land acquisition. "This gas line project was the first piece of the puzzle that will lead to unlimited possibilities like this park," he said. "It is hard to put into words. Who knows how far this will take our county."

The board then entered into closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

Once the meeting was reopened, the board gave authority to VanHook to ask the county attorney's office to file a complaint against Exela Technologies Company in Mount Vernon.

According to VanHook, the company had leased two buildings (AKA Source Corp. Buildings) from the RCIDA several years ago. However, recently owners moved the entire operation under one roof leaving one building empty.

RCIDA members say Exela was under contract to provide 60 days notice before vacating any property and therefore owe two months in back rent. Board members also say there was some damage to the building beyond normal usage. VanHook said the complaint will seek the back rent as well as about \$218,000 in mediation fees and possibly the cost of putting the building back into its original condition.

RCIDA members say owners of Exela dispute the ruling by RCIDA and claim they were leasing the property on a month-to-month basis.

The next regular RCIDA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## Brodhead

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Bussell said there is siren testing being discussed currently. "I have more cons than pros right now, about starting up a siren alert system, but it is something we can look at and discuss," he said. "For one thing there is no remote system. Who is going to come down here in a tornado and set it off?"

Commissioner Brian Bussell said there may be ways to set the siren off remotely and Bussell agreed to look into the issue. "If we do it, we will have to publish it in the Mount Vernon Signal and post it all over social media before we start," Bussell said. The issue is being considered by the commission.

In other action, the commissioners discussed an older ladder truck that has been donated to the Brodhead Fire Department by the Wilmore Fire Department. Though the truck is an older model, Dyehouse said this vehicle has only 25,000 miles on it and is worth a considerable amount. "This is not a new truck and it is a long way from perfect. But new this truck costs \$1.7 million and this one is in great shape."

Dyehouse said the older truck will provide "more options for our fire department and is a nice addition to our department."

Dyehouse said his department is still working on the purchase of a newer truck, after the sale of one of the older truck.

Commissioner Harold Taylor told Dyehouse that he had inquiries about including fireworks at the Little World's Fair this year. However, Dyehouse said the prospect is not feasible. "For one thing there isn't enough room to meet the insurance requirements."

Police Chief Gary Alcorn was not present for the meeting and neither were representatives of the Rockcastle Development Board.

The commission then entered closed session. Commissioner Brian Bullock said no action was taken when the commission reopened the meeting for adjournment.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Livingston

(Continued from front)

quired paper work, the money could not be released. "The money is there but the county is having to hold it for us. Hal (Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.) has done everything he could to help us, but the money could not be released until an attorney signed the proper paperwork."

Smoker said the final paper required is an agreement that the money from the grant will be used only on the water tower project. "An attorney had to sign that agreement and no one was willing to do so until now," she said. "I will let Jill know that she is our attorney now and she has already agreed to sign it."

According to Smoker, after engineering and legal fees, she expects about \$175,000 to be left for the project itself. The project includes many floor renovations and upgrades but officials say they will focus on the least amount of customer disruption possible. "Some of the valves and switches have never been turned and there is a lot involved. We know there will be issues. None of us have ever done this before and we know there will be surprises," said Singleton. "But we will do everything in our power to keep disruptions and issues to a minimum for our customers."

Smoker agreed and added the potential issues will be worth the struggle. "This is badly needed and when it is over we will have practically a new water system throughout the City of Livingston."

"Something this big takes some dedicated people," said Singleton. "We were on the edge of losing the grant completely but Sam (Smoker) worked miracles to keep us eligible. Howell has helped so much, and a lot of people made this happen for the citizens of Livingston."

Work is expected to begin soon and officials say they will notify all customers of any potential issues that may arise during the project.

## Abuse

(Continued from front) States' (VOA) Family Recovery Court (FRC) has worked with families who struggle with substance use disorder and are involved in the child welfare system.

The immediate goal of the program is sobriety, and the long-term goal is family reunification. Participants in the program

work with VOA staff, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and a Family Court Judge to set goals to create a hopeful life and nurturing environment for their children while maintaining their sobriety.

After taking the bench and becoming Family Court Judge for Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties, Judge Jane Adams Venters saw the need for FRC in the region she serves and worked with Chief Family Court Judge Marcus L. Vanover to bring the program to Lincoln County.

"We realized how important FRC would be for folks in our Dependency, Neglect and Abuse Court, so we began searching for a way to offer Recovery Court to those individuals knowing the big impact it would have on reunification with their children," said Judge Venters.

VOA expanded the program to Lincoln County in September 2022. Judge Venters works with VOA staff and a team of social workers to help participants achieve sobriety and develop a plan to set themselves up for a successful life in recovery.

"Many times, the participants have issues with housing, transportation, employment and VOA staff will coordinate services and help them find a path to addressing those barriers," said Judge Ven-

ters. "The extra assistance participants receive is invaluable in addressing these issues that have enormous impact on the family, including children."

In October of 2023, the program saw its first graduate, Stanford resident, Tamara Hogue.

After finding sobriety in Clay County at VOA's nationally recognized recovery program for pregnant and parenting women, Freedom House, Tamara decided to join FRC in her hometown so she could strengthen her recovery and regain custody of her children.

With support from Judge Venters and VOA, Tamara started a job, found stable housing and was reunited with her children. In January, she graduated from FRC.


Tamara is one of 45 graduates of the program. With support from Judge Venters and Judge Vanover, VOA recently expanded the program to Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

"I have looked forward to the program being available in all three counties that I serve because I see the tremendous impact it has on the participants and their families," said Judge Venters.

To learn more about FRC and how the program is reuniting families in Eastern Kentucky, visit <https://www.voamid.org/locations/family-recovery-court-program/>

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**The following items may be recycled:**  
Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and computer accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.  
Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage.

**Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:**  
Brodhead (behind City Hall )  
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)  
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)  
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)  
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

**Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!**

**If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.**

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.





Open House at Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve is this weekend

The Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve will hold its Open House on Saturday and Sunday May 18 & 19, 2024 from 10:00 am to 3:30pm both days. Guided tours of the Cave are given by members of the Central Ohio Grotto, Greater Cincinnati Grotto, Blue Grass Grotto, and Dayton Underground Grotto. The last cave tour leaves at 3:45pm. Please keep your horses and pets at home. Admission is free, but donations are always appreciated.

There will be free soup beans and cornbread at the shelter. The Livingston Fire & Rescue will be grilling and selling their hamburgers and hotdogs along Crooked Creek. You can enjoy good food and great conversation sitting in the shade of the trees or under the shelter.

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve (GSP) is a 306-acre Karst Preserve along Crooked Creek near Mt. Vernon, Kentucky that contains the primary entrance to Great Saltpetre Cave. It has long been a landmark in the community as a primary site for the production of saltpetre between 1801 and 1815. Later between 1938 and 1985 it was operated as a commercial cave and occasionally as a site for the Renfro Valley Barn Dances. In 2013, Great

Saltpetre Cave was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

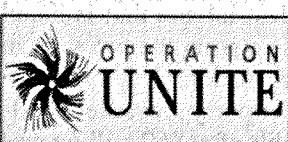
The Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve is closed to the general public. Nonetheless, the Preserve is open to visitors annually during the weekend after Mother's Day. For more than a decade in conjunction with Greater Cincinnati Grotto, GSP has been hosting school field trips in the Spring and Fall to help local teachers bring the elementary science curriculum to life.

GSP is owned by Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, local volunteer organization dedicated to protecting Kentucky's karst environments and supporting access to caves in the Rockcastle County Region. RKC's goal is to become the leading non-profit organization in owning and protecting significant cave and karst resources. RKC manages each cave resource to support continuing enjoyment by the community through wise stewardship and ownership. For more information about Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, please visit [www.rkci.org](http://www.rkci.org).

Directions: Take I-75 to Exit 59 (Mt. Vernon/Livingston). Turn east on Route 25, turn left onto Route 1004, then continue on Route

1004 till it comes to a "T" (Just past tracks and cement bridge). Turn right and continue to Great Saltpetre Preserve, approximately 9 miles from the interstate highway.

More information about the Preserve is available at [gsp.caves.org](http://gsp.caves.org)



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**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**28th Judicial Circuit**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II**  
**Civil Action No. 23-CI-00134**

**Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing**

**Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Joshua Curtis Smith, Heather Renee Damrell**

**Defendants**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on April 12, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 69/100 (\$177,774.69) 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, May 16, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.**

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Situated in Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky: Surveyed as Lot Number 4, and beginning at J on the plat corner tract 3; thence N 34W 151 feet to the angle of the fence on L on plat; thence with the fence N 83 W 218 feet to the angle of the fence at A on plat; thence with the fence along the edge of the road; S 34 E 258 feet to a telephone pole at H on plat, corner to tract 3; thence leaving the fence and with the line of tract 3, N 59 1/4 E 167 feet as the beginning, and containing 0.9 acre more or less.


Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants to all legal highways and easements.  
Parcel No. 043-00-090  
Address: 1135 Wildie Road, Mount Vernon, KY 40456

Being the same property conveyed to Joshua Curtis Smith, an unmarried man and Heather Renne Damrell, an unmarried woman who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Adam P. Blanton and Jessica Donita Blanton (by Adam Blanton as attorney-in-fact), husband and wife, dated October 8, 2021, recorded October 19, 2021, at Deed Book 280, Page 325, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

**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 (2.75%) 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**



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**Honor Thy Mother**

One definition of mother that holds true is someone that will love you unconditionally, till her last breath.

There are several bible verses that speak about honoring and praising mothers, as we read in Proverbs 31:28-29 "Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her Many women have done excellently but you have surpassed them all." Proverbs 31"31 "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Many mothers work hard at raising their children to make sure their needs are cared for way above her own. A righteousness mother will seek to lead her child to God.

A righteous mother strives to have the same characteristics of God such as "cars for" "does never forget her children" and "gives comfort," as we see in the following verses. God cares for his people like an eagle hovering over her young. Deuteronomy 32:11

God will never forget his children like a mother will not forget her nursing child, Isaiah 49:15

God comforts his people like a nursing mother, Isaiah 66:13.

God experiences the anger of a mother bear who's been robbed of her cubs, Hosea 13:8

Mothers can pass so many things on to their children but the most important is the things she passes on that are of God, example: teaching wisdom, kindness and faith, as we can open the word and read about how "she opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Proverbs 22:6

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 2 Timothy 1:5.

God at this time I want to thank you for all the righteous mothers out there today, that strive daily on leading their children to you. Amen.

Everyone Welcome  
Robby Cable - 606-305-8452

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**Providence CHURCH of CHRIST**

Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

**Once Saved, Always Saved?**

Many that believe and practice this doctrine will say, if he is lost, he was never actually saved. I have heard this question asked many times over the years. The answer is usually the same, this person didn't believe, but also suggested the possibility that, he, would come back to the church in the end and not be lost after all.

IS THIS WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY TEACHES??

THE BIBLE SAYS; (Heb.6:4-6) "FOR IT IS IMPOSSIBLE" for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. It doesn't work to say they were not actually saved, "they had tasted the good words of the Lord", "the heavenly gift" These things cannot be said of one who was not actually in Christ. Paul, WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GALATIA IN RESPONSE TO THE JUDAZING TEACHERS. (Gal.1:7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Jesus Christ. They were saying the Gentile Christians needed to be circumcised in order to be saved. (Gal.5:4) Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. These Jews had been baptized into Jesus Christ. (Gal.3:27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. This proves that those who had been saved could do something to be lost.

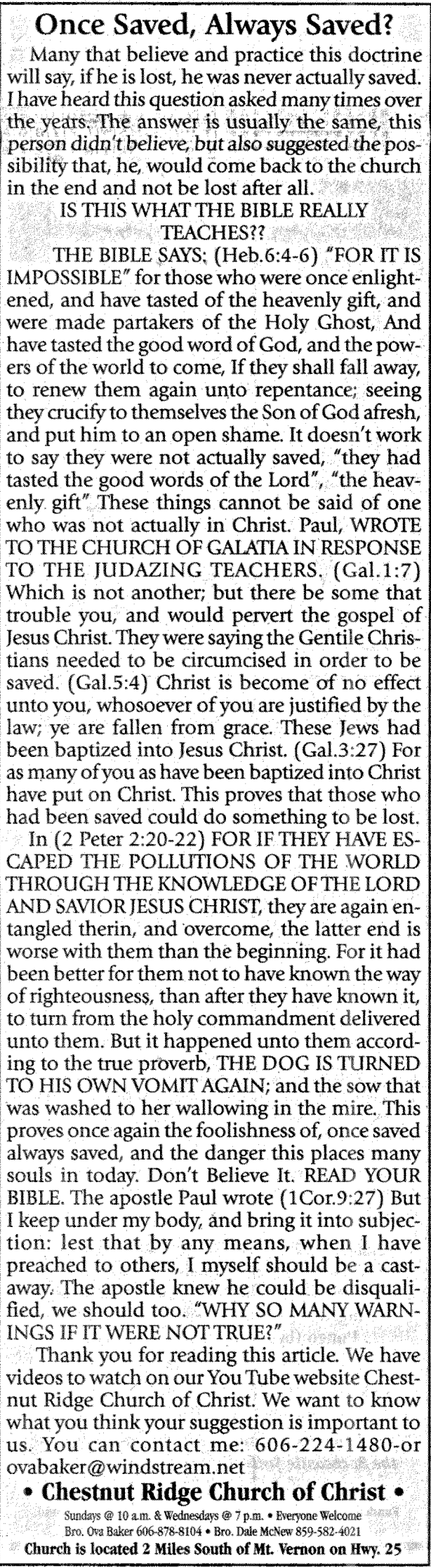
In (2 Peter 2:20-22) FOR IF THEY HAVE ESCAPED THE POLLUTIONS OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it happened unto them according to the true proverb, THE DOG IS TURNED TO HIS OWN VOMIT AGAIN; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. This proves once again the foolishness of, once saved always saved, and the danger this places many souls in today. Don't Believe It. READ YOUR BIBLE. The apostle Paul wrote (1Cor.9:27) But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away. The apostle knew he could be disqualified, we should too. "WHY SO MANY WARNINGS IF IT WERE NOT TRUE?"

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube website Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think your suggestion is important to us. You can contact me: 606-224-1480-or [ovabaker@windstream.net](mailto:ovabaker@windstream.net)

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★ Free Non-Judge Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show ★

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★ Art Show @ Rockcastle Arts Association ★

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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Circuit Civil Suits

Karen Arlene Powell v. Casey Edward Powell, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Velocity Investments LLC v. Matthew Blevins, \$9,904.36 plus claimed due.

Lendmark Financial Services LLC v. Betty Holt, \$6,987.58 plus claimed due.

Leslie Patrick v. Ryan Taylor, complaint for child support and medical support.

Ally Bank v. Alissa Forman, \$39,740.14 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Jeffrey H. Carpenter, complaint for child support and medical support.

Click 'N Close, Inc. v. Jesse A. Taylor, et al, \$182,049.75 plus claimed due. CI-00114

## Deeds Recorded

Clara Maleigha and Cody Hollis Durham, property on Copper Creek Road, to Timothy David Skinner. Tax \$35

Wayne and Janet Harrison and Wilbur and Tammy Harrison, property on KY 1326, to Jeffrey Wayne Saylor. Tax \$10

Laura Mobley, property in Rockcastle County, to Laura Kidwell. No tax

Judy Mitchell, property in Rainbow Ridge

Subdv., to Aaron P. and Amber R. Watts. Tax \$18.50

Charles Ronald Hurd, property on Purr Rigsby Road, to Roy Chadwick Hurd. Tax \$25

John and Rhonda Moore, property on Maple Grove Road, to Timothy and Kimberly Robinson. Tax \$5

Fred and Teresa Morris, property in Brodhead, to Charlotte and John Burton. Tax \$20

Reva Decker and Bridgit and Dave Morris, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael Morris and Lori Topmiller-Smith. Tax \$10

Markita and Barry Proctor, Willis Joe and Louann Bussell and Spencer and Andrea Bussell, property in Frith Subdv., to Markita and Barry Proctor. Tax \$15

William P. and Bonita J. Johnson, property in Rockcastle County, to Ralf Allen and Genett Michelle Newcomb. Tax \$2

Lonnie and Norma McGuire, property on Lower Dr., Mt. Vernon, to Vina Renner and Elias Jude Renner. Tax \$3

Danny Mink, Jr. and Virgie Mink and Angelia and Gary Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny Mink, Jr. and Virgie Mink. Tax \$45

Andrew Moses, property in Mt. Vernon Quadrangle, to Lynn House Edwards. Tax \$5

Caroline and Keith Graves and James E. Cash II, property on West St., Brodhead, to James E. Cash II. Tax \$70

Donna Hamm, property in Donna Hamm Plat, to Andrew Napier. Tax \$6

Roger and Debbie Isaac, property in Rockcastle County, to Eric Isaac. Tax \$2.50

Brandon Wayne and Morgan Rae Nicely, property in Rockcastle County, to Ellis Land Surveying, LLC. Tax \$86.50

Jeff and Adrienne Harmon, property in Owens Subdv., to Jon and Traci Bullens. Tax \$51

M.S.P.C. Development, Inc., property in Sunny Side Estates, to Erik Tompkins. Tax \$33

Earl Johns, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy Rovy and Shirley Cummins. Tax \$30

Ruth Ann Holman, property in Rockcastle County, to Zachary Tyler Holman. Tax \$2.50

Beulah and Keith Turnbull, property in Mt. Vernon, to William R. Scaif and Ashley Nicole Bell. Tax \$15

Jennie and Danny McClure, property on Brindle Ridge Road, to Brooklyn Adkins and Tyler Rader. Tax \$150

Johnny and Carolyn Bullock, property in Cedar Point Subdv., to Johnny Bullock. No tax

Ernest Lee Bishop, property on US 150, to Ernest Lee Bullock, Jr. and Jessica N. Bentley. Tax \$21

Donald L. and Dorothy Mae Wilson, property in Alberta Winstead plat, to Donial R. and Kathy Wilson. No tax

Road, to Donial R. and Kathy Wilson. No tax

Donald L. and Dorothy Mae Wilson, property on Barnett Road, to Donial R. and Kathy Wilson. No tax

## Marriage Licenses

Donna Renee Grady, 51, Rockholds, KY, self-employed and Nathan Lee DeLeon, 44, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 5/6/24

Katie Breann Shearer, 21, Berea, CNA and Brandon Joseph Evans, 30, Mt. Vernon, firefighter. 5/7/24

## District Court

May 6-8, 2024

Hon. Kathryn G. Stone  
Tina Allisha Baker: improper lane usage/vehicles keep right except to pass and failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Failure to wear seat belts: Robert Lee Bingham, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

Johnathan Brown: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus cost.

Speeding: Curtis W. Cheeks: \$36 fine plus costs; Keri L. Brock, Ryan J. Gooden, Michelle Lee Walker.

Samantha Clem: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to wear seat belts, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta/license suspended.

Mary K. Hobbs: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended up to six months, ADE authorized.

Xavier Kessler: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended up to six months, ADE authorized.

Timothy Leager: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

Jerome Pettiford: driving motor vehicle using handheld mobile telephone, paid.

Richard William Shaheen: fines/fees due (\$165), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Lora M. Shushan: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jason E. Smith: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., rear license not illuminated, no rear view mirror, license suspended/bench warrant issued for fta.

Justin Heath: criminal abuse third degree-child 12/under, 12 months in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Nelson Blake Barnett: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Justin Buck Branson: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, no motorcycle operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., license suspended for fta.

John Stewart: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

## Puzzle Answers May 16, 2024

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# SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Come one,  
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# CARNIVAL

## ★ RELAY FOR LIFE ★

Friday, June 14, 2024

7PM • Rockcastle Middle School Track



## EVENT FEATURES

- ★ Vendor Fair
- ★ Food Trucks
- ★ Live Auction
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Corn Hole Tourney
- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Carnival Games
- ★ And More!

Proceeds support the American Cancer Society to help others to stay well, get well and find cures to fight back!

## CANCER SURVIVOR RECOGNITION

- ★ Dinner • 5:30 p.m.
- ★ Event Opening Ceremony and Survivor Recognition • 7:00 p.m.
- ★ All survivors receive a free gift

For more information or to RSVP, contact Melissa Brock at 606-256-7703.





# SPORTS

## RCMS softball and baseball begin tourney play next Monday at PC

47th District Tournament play begins next Monday at Pulaski County High School.

Lady Rocket softball will take on Casey County at 8 p.m. The winner of that game will play in the championship game Tuesday at 6:30.

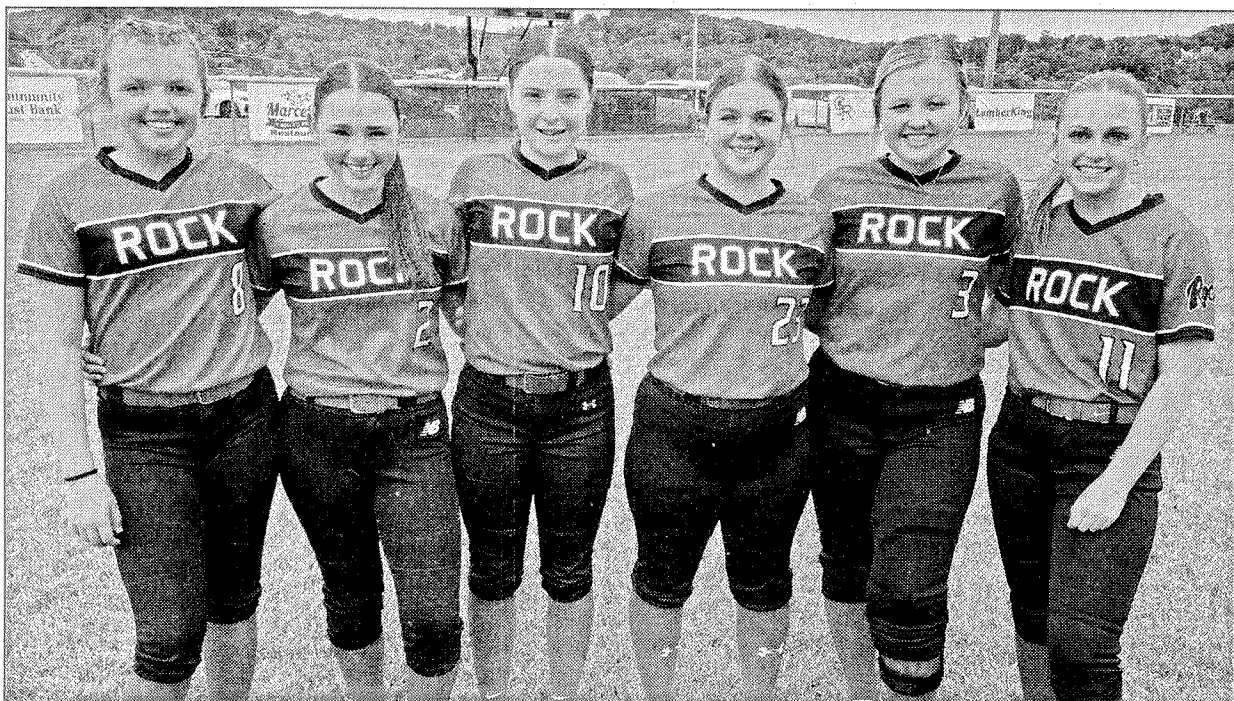
Rocket baseball will face Somerset also Monday night at 8 p.m. and the winner will advance to the championship Tuesday at 6:30.

The Rockets are set to host Danville Tuesday, May 14th and Estill County comes to town Thursday for a 6 p.m. start.

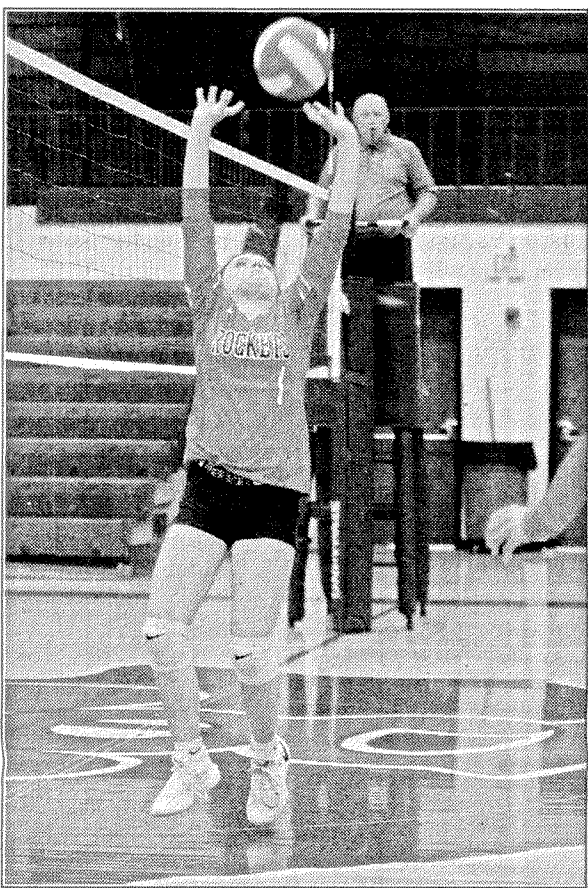
The Rockets will travel to North Laurel Friday night to round out regular season play.

Rocket softball picked up an 18-1 win over George Rogers Clark Tuesday, May 17th and lost to Corbin last Friday.

Their final regular season game is set for Friday, May 17th at McCreary Central.



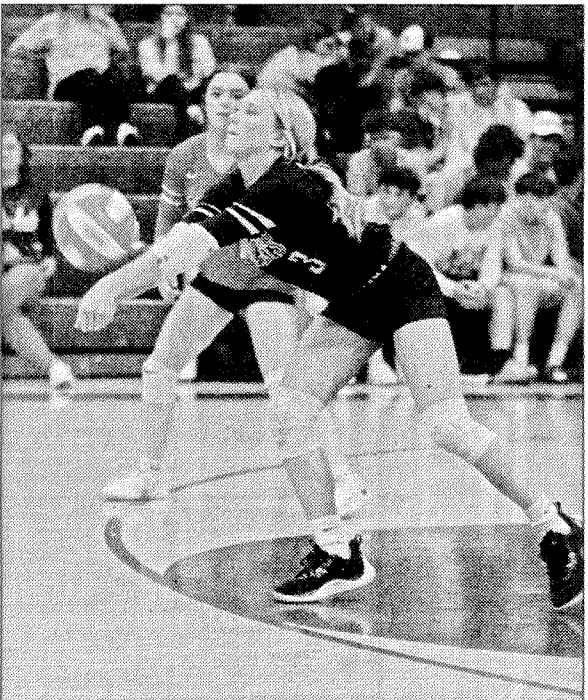
RCMS honored their eighth grade softball players Monday night. Eighth graders are shown above, from left: Kinley Shearer, Haley Hopkins, Brailyn Todd, Adeline Bussell, Tatum Bishop and Clara Shaffer.



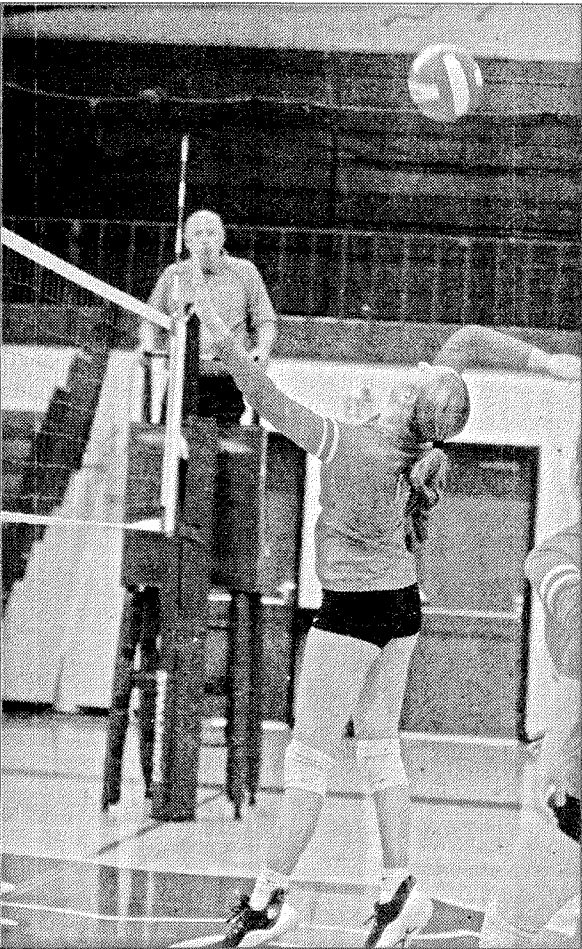
Amber McClure sets a teammate during the eighth grade's win over North Laurel last Thursday.



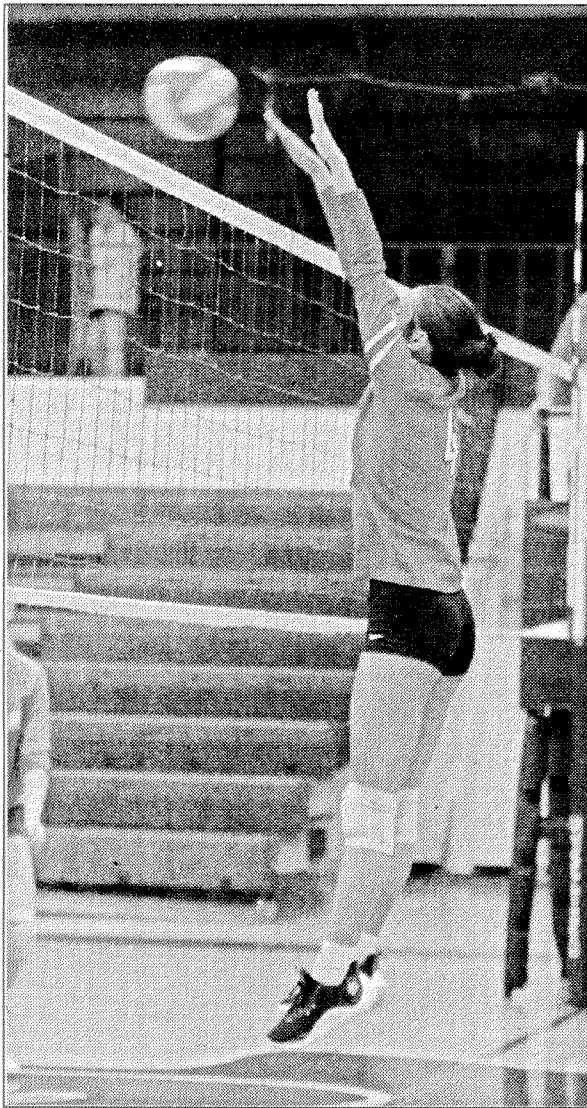
RCMS honored their eighth grade volleyball players last Thursday. Eighth graders are shown above, from left: Amber McClure, Carlee Cash, Leighton McKinney, Jaycee McIntosh, Makena Weaver, Kaiya Njie, Madelynn Parsons and Katie Vaile.



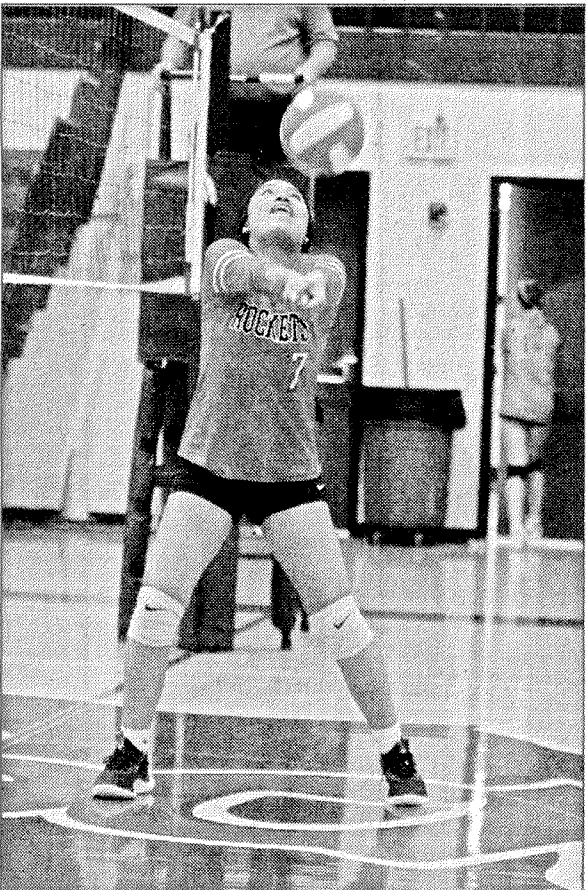
Makena Weaver gets a dig in the eighth grade's win over North Laurel last Thursday.



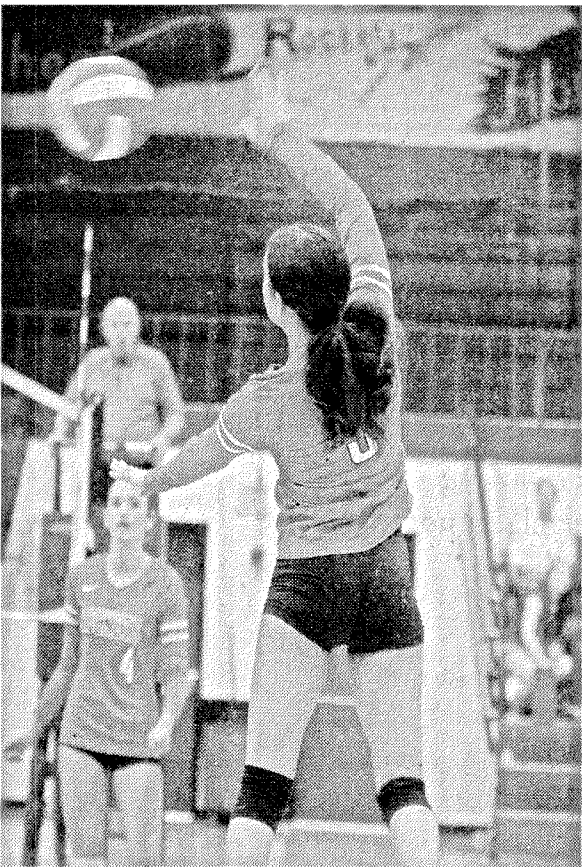
Jaycee McIntosh goes for a kill in the eighth grade's win over North Laurel last Thursday.



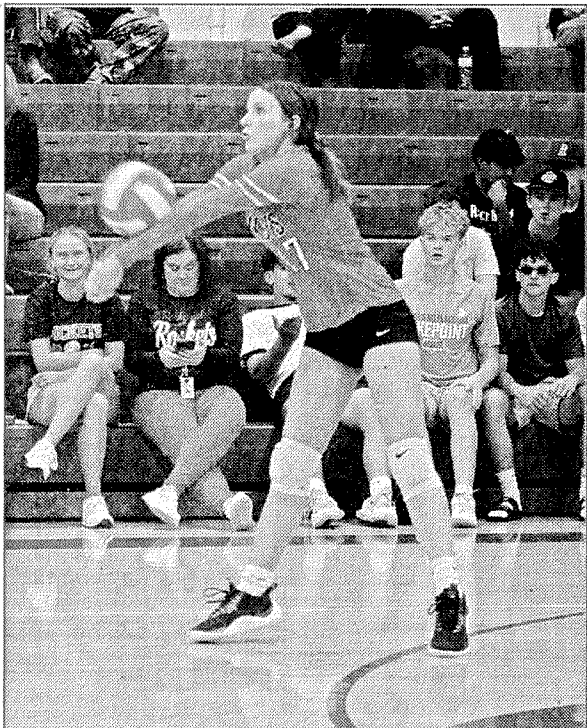
Madelynn Parsons gets a block during the eighth grade's win over North Laurel last Thursday.



Katie Vaile sets a teammate in the eighth grade's win over North Laurel last Thursday.

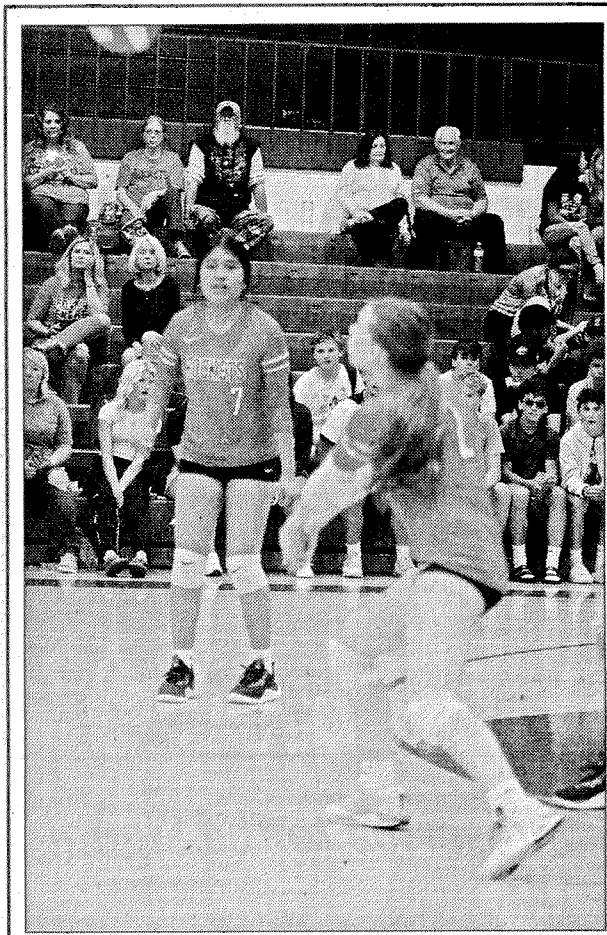


Kaiya Njie goes for a kill in the eighth grade's win over North Laurel last Thursday.

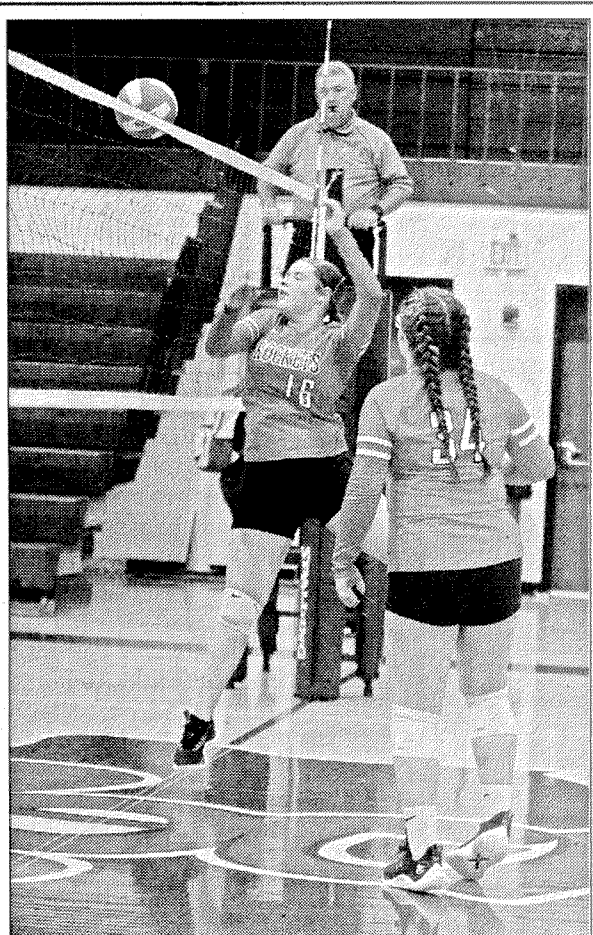


Leighton McKinney makes a pass during the eighth grade's win over North Laurel last Thursday.

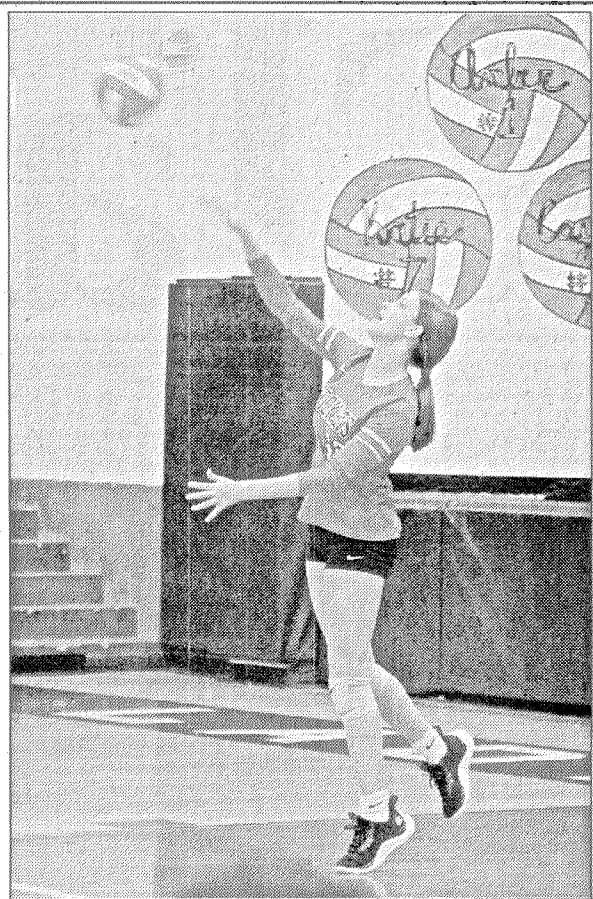




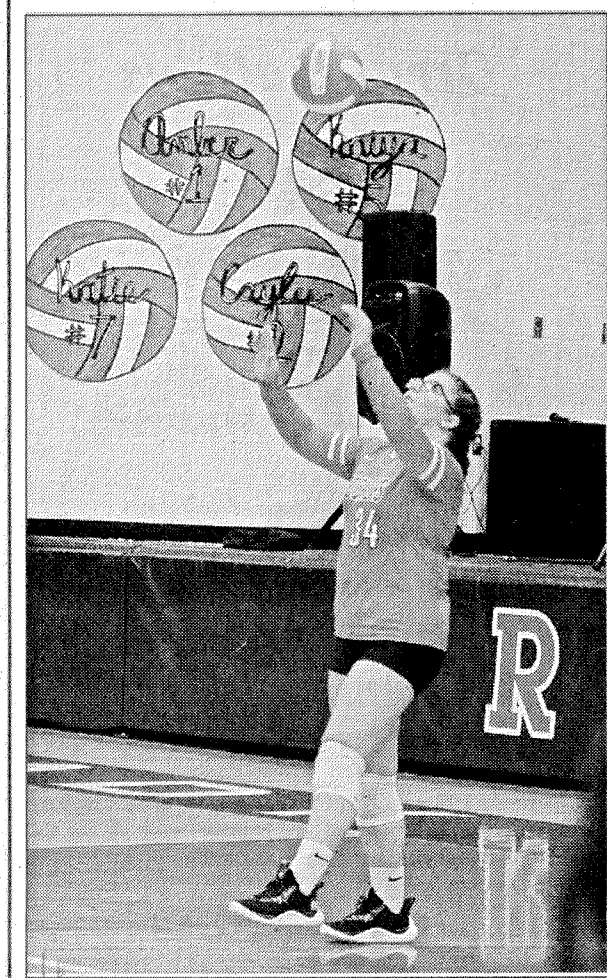
Carlee Cash makes a pass in the eighth grade volleyball's win over North Laurel last week.



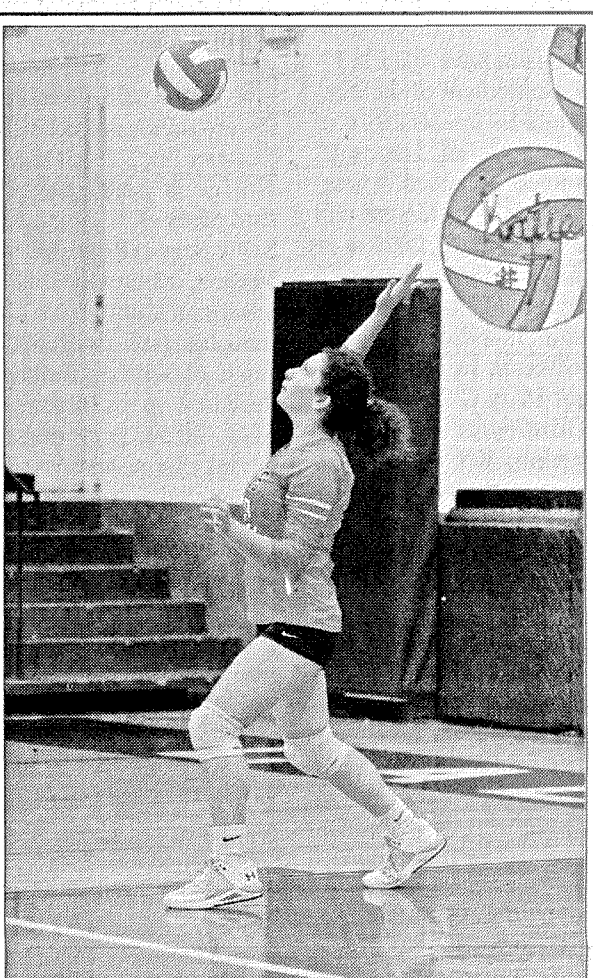
Lacey Prewitt gets a kill in the seventh grade volleyball's win over North Laurel last week.



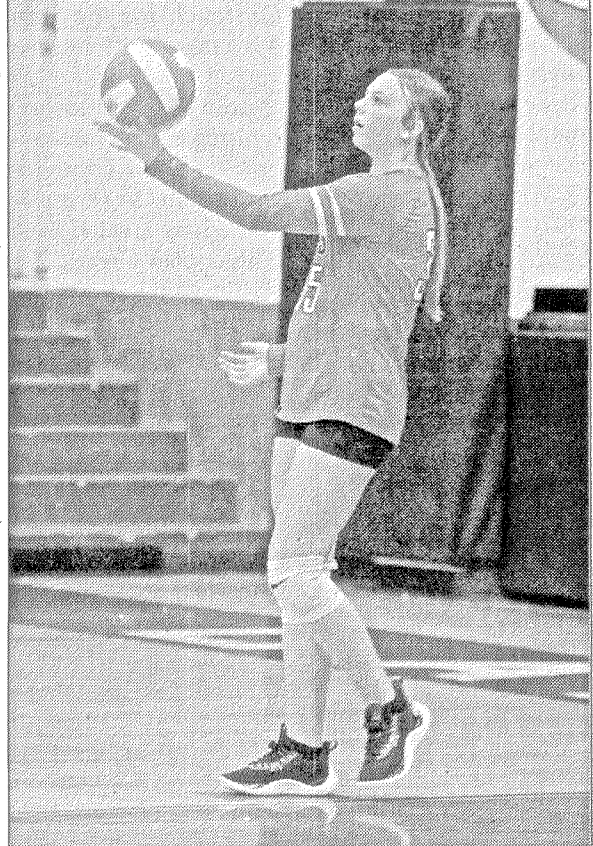
Khloe Bussell served 10 straight points to start the seventh grade's win over North Laurel.



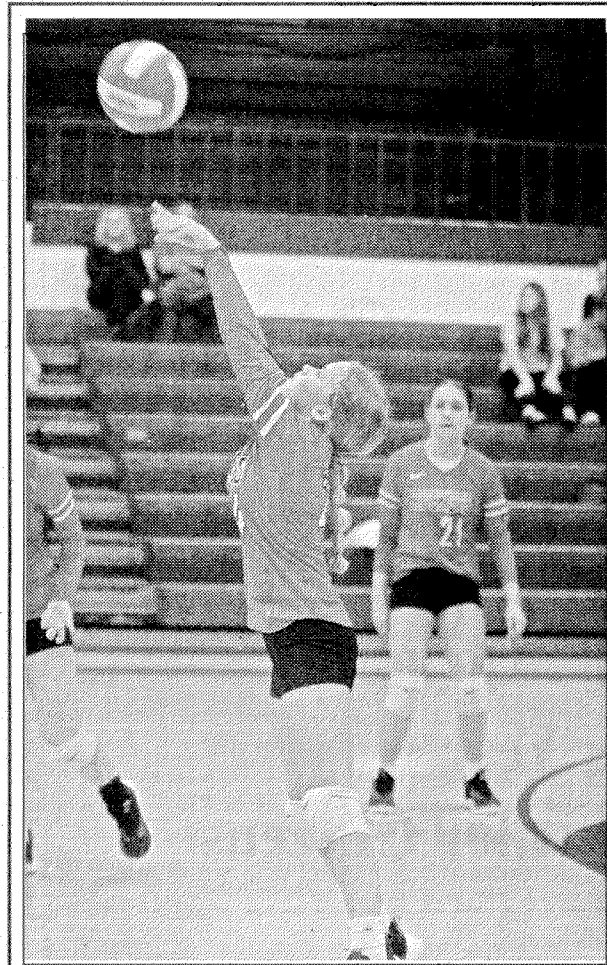
Sophie Lewis puts up a serve in the seventh grade volleyball's win over North Laurel last week.



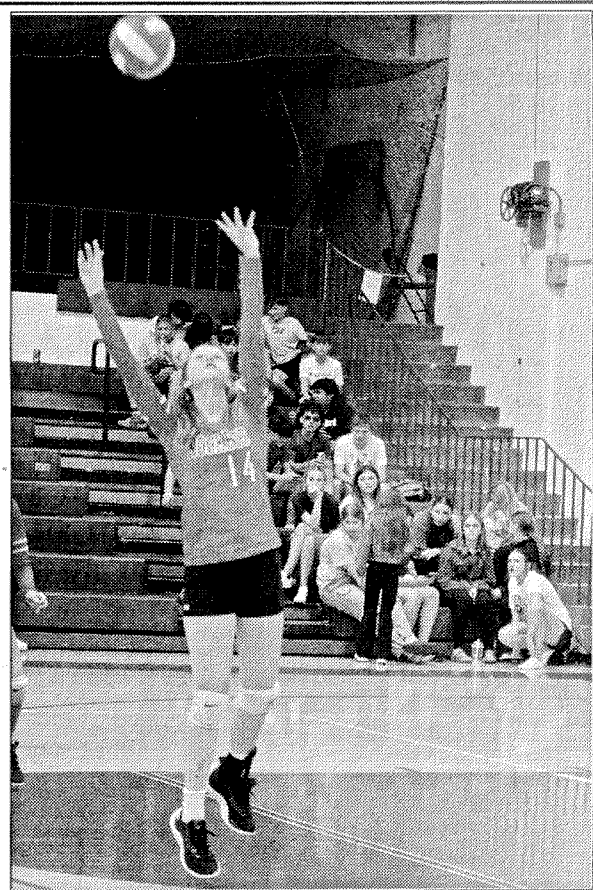
Lila Rigsby serves in the seventh grade volleyball's win over North Laurel last week.



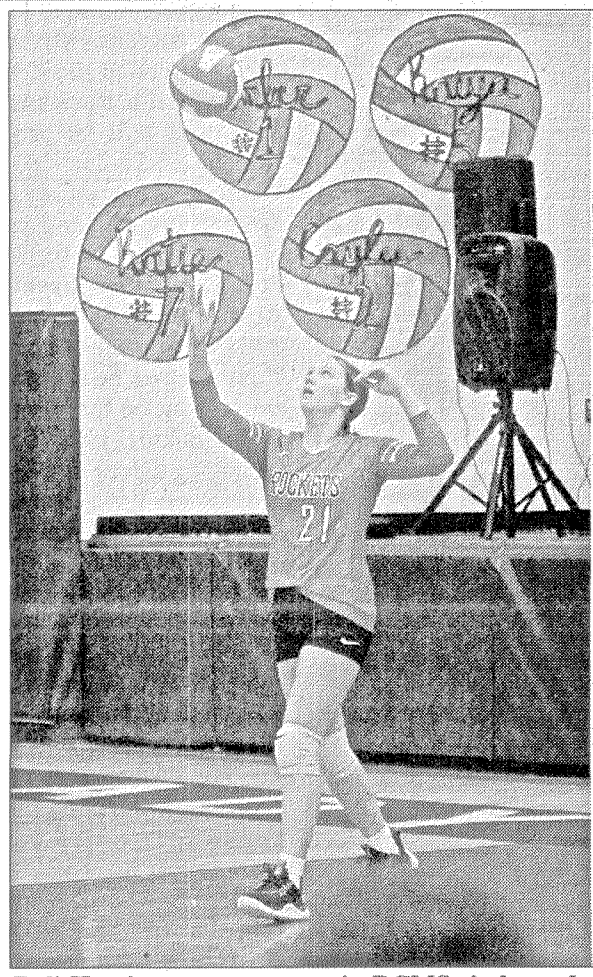
Kylie Sturgill serves during the seventh grade volleyball's win over North Laurel last week.



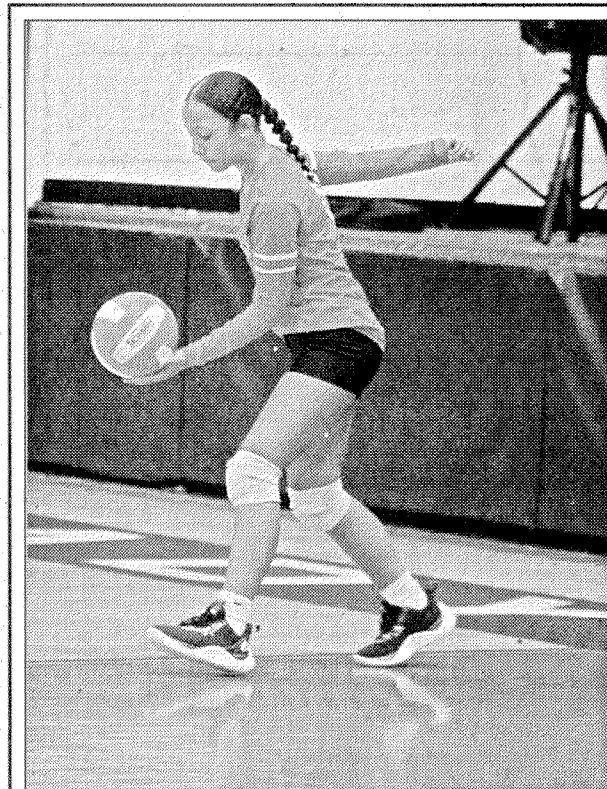
Lilah Sizemore receives serve in RCMS sixth grade volleyball action against North Laurel last week.



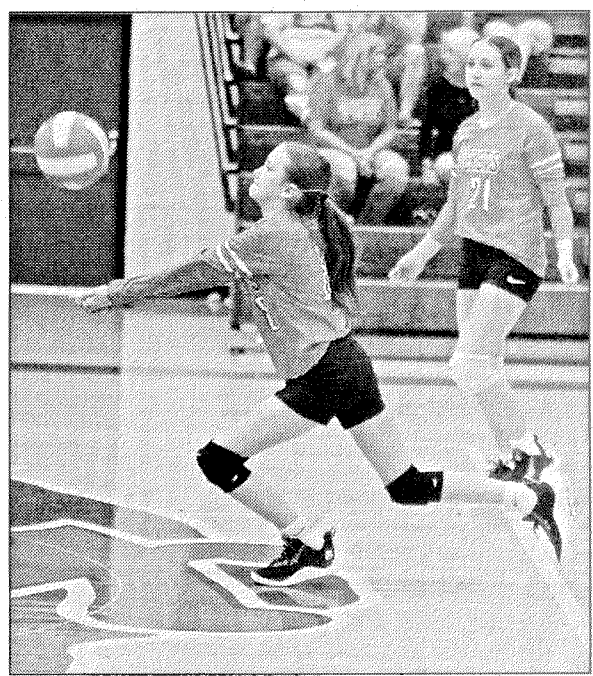
Kennedy Hopkins sets a teammate in RCMS sixth grade volleyball action against North Laurel.



Ryli Harris puts up a serve in RCMS sixth grade volleyball action against North Laurel last week.

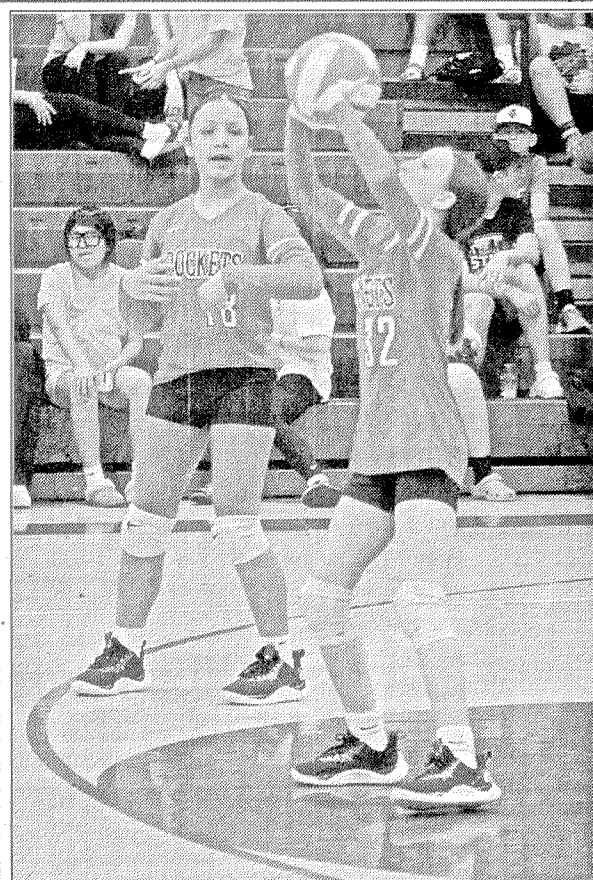


Aniya Barnett serves in RCMS sixth grade volleyball action against North Laurel last week.



Abby Northern gets a dig in RCMS sixth grade volleyball action against North Laurel last week.

**Next Week....**  
*RCMS and RCMS Track  
RCMS Softball & Baseball*



Lilah Sizemore makes a pass in RCMS sixth grade volleyball action against North Laurel.



# Classifieds

**CLASSIFIED RATES**

- Local Rates - \$5 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
- Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch

**Deadline for Classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday**

## For Rent

**Chism Drive Thru Storage.** 9 1/2 x14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

**Mt. Vernon Housing Authority** open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

**Accepting Applications**  
For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

**For Rent**  
**Maple Street Storage of Brodhead**  
606-308-3032  
606-392-8654

**Property For Sale**  
30 Acre Stand of Timber. Sawmill nearby. Call 606-594-8990. 33xntf

**Posted**  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to the Sams family located on Piney Branch. Not responsible for any accidents. Violators will be prosecuted.  
**Posted:** No trespassing for any reason on land belonging to Matthew Broadbudd and others on KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 12(24)x52  
**Posted:** No trespassing, for any reason, or hunting on land belonging to Paul B. Renner and others on Sand Springs Road, Marler Hollow Road and Luther Road in Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 11x4p  
**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All

violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23  
**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x25  
**Posted:** No trespassing or hunting on private property located on Evans Lane in Mount Vernon, Ky. owned by Granville and Christopher Graves. Trespassers will be prosecuted.  
**Posted:** No trespassing or hunting on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 39x24  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted.  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart in Livingston and Mt. Vernon. Anyone entering the properties must be with Orville Burkhart. Violators will be prosecuted. 35/23x51p  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and KY 461 intersection. 40(23)x25  
**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.  
**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tf

No Trespassing  
Absolutely no trespassing or hunting on Haarman Farm located on Fort Harrod Way and U.S. 150. All violators will be prosecuted.

## Miscellaneous For Sale

**Cresthaven Cemetery**  
Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

## Motor Vehicles For Sale

**For Sale:** 1952 Chevy Show Truck, \$15,900. 1957 Chevy Show Truck, \$14,900. 2002 Chevy 3/4 Ton Truck, \$10,900. Call 606-386-1470. 13x4

## Notices

**Notice is given that** Stacie Thacker and Joseph Ferguson have filed a Final Settlement of their accounts as co-executors of the Estate of James C. Taulbee, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held June 17, 2024 at 11 a.m. Any exception to said settlement must be filed before that date. 13x1

**Notice is hereby given that** Mary Gabbard, 1625 White Rock Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Rosamond E. Howard, deceased, on the 24th day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mary Gabbard or Hon. William C. Smallwood, 908 W. 5th St., Ste. 105, London, KY 40741 on or before October 28, 2024 at 11 a.m. 11x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Rhonda Jean Nottingham, P.O. Box 1648, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Guardian of the Estate of

Adriana Monroe Nottingham, a minor, on the 22nd day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rhonda Jean Nottingham or to the Hon. Keith Allen McLamb, 209 East Mount Vernon Street, Somerset, KY 42564 on or before October 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. 11x2

**Notice is hereby given that** Granville Owen Taylor, 342 Waller Ave., Lexington, KY 40504 has been appointed Executor/with will attached of the Estate of Jesse Aaron Taylor on the 30th day of April, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Granville Owen Taylor on or before October 30, 2024. 11x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Mary H. Blecher, 136 Sayre School Road, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 has been appointed Administratrix (no will) of the estate of William Belcher, deceased on the 6th day of May, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mary H. Belcher or to Hon. William Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before November 6, 2024. 12x3

## Yard Sale

**Three Family Yard Sale:** 55 Quarry St., Mt. Vernon. May 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. Starting at 9 a.m. daily. A little bit of everything!

**Rocket Storage**

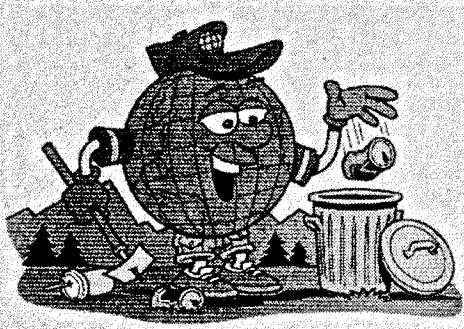
*will be selling contents of the following storage units on Saturday, May 25th*

**Crawford St. • 9:00 a.m.**  
Unit #s 2, 4, 54, 55, 59, 63

**Hwy. 150 • 9:15 a.m.**  
Unit # 12

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The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce

**Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!**

Non-profits such as Churches, School Groups, Clubs, Fire Departments or other organizations which have a state tax-exempt ID number on file, may now raise needed funds to help their respective organization or group by cleaning up roadside trash, while also helping to

**Keep The Rock Clean!**

The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available.

**Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details**

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**Suicide Warning Signs for Youth**

It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:
  - Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
  - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
  - Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
  - Recent increased agitation or irritability.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org or reach out to a mental health professional.

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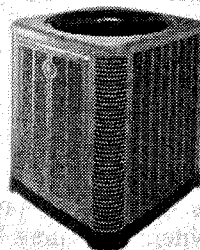
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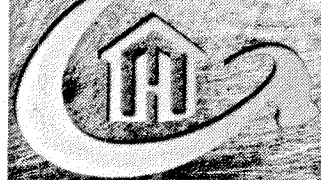
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# Little Library dedicated in Livingston on May 7th

The Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR Inc. in collaboration with Save the Children, Dr. Carrie Ballinger, Superintendent of Rockcastle Co. Schools and the City of Livingston, officially opened the Little Library to the public in a ribbon cutting ceremony at City Hall, Livingston on May 7th. The DAR sponsored the creation of the little library and Save the Children will provide the books and keep the library stocked for anyone interested..

Special recognition was given to the Lincoln Co. High School Shop Department students Jadyiah Henry, Justin Mounce and Colby Townes who were in charge of building the li-

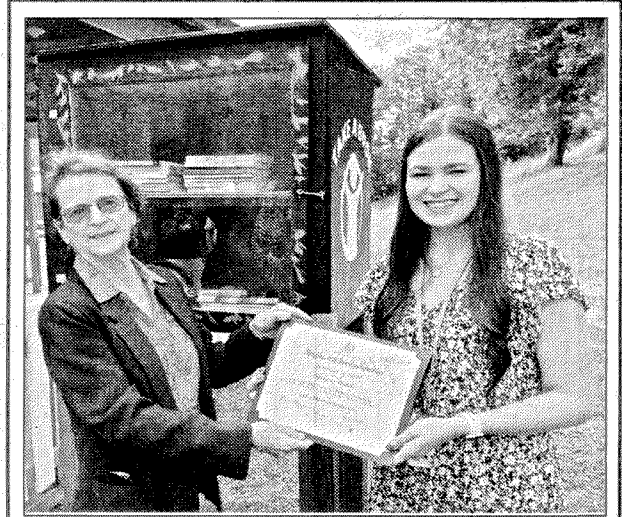
brary and Rockcastle Co. High School Art students Kaylee Hargis and Hannah Gregory who artistically decorated the library. Awards for Outstanding work in literacy

promotion were presented by DAR Women's Issues Committee Co-Chairs June Whitler and Edwina Anglin. Recipients of the awards were Cori

Quesenberry, Agriculture teacher and FFA ad-

visor Lincoln Co. High School and Savanna

Howell of Save the Children.



June Whitler presents Savanna Howell of Save the Children with outstanding work in Literacy Promotion Award.



The Little Library was dedicated in Livingston on May 7th with a ribbon cutting. Pictured from left are: June Whitler, DAR; Samantha Smoker, Livingston City Clerk; Savanna Howell, Save the Children; Dr. Carrie Ballinger, Superintendent of Rockcastle Co. Schools; and Jessie Mahaffey, Director of Community Relations Rockcastle Schools.

# Livingston City Commission deals with many issues

By: Mike French  
Editor

Two new commissioners were present for their first meeting of the Livingston City Commission during last week's regular monthly meeting. Along with adding the two new commissioners, the officials dealt with an extremely long agenda, which included a resolution with CSX Railroad, bidding city contracts, road aid funds, damage to city property, the passing of an ordinance, the hiring of a city attorney, the city water tower, renting city property and other items.

Though the meeting started later than scheduled, while waiting on a quorum, once the meeting began officials faced many items that needed to be resolved. Mayor Sandi Singleton also explained to the public how other items had been resolved over the

past month. Singleton was sworn in as the new mayor at the April meeting leaving one commissioner's seat vacant. Then at last week's monthly meeting, commissioners accepted the resignation of Commissioner David Mahaffey which then created two open seats.

Since Singleton's seat became open at the previous meeting, the city began accepting names of those interested in filling the seat. Hence, the mayor took two names off the list of nominations and swore them both in last week. The two new commissioners are Jeff Carpenter and Jerry Gross.

Livingston City Commissioners are now Jerry Gross, Jeff Carpenter, Greg Carpenter and Troy Goforth. According to KRS, in a commission form of government, the

mayor serves as the fifth commissioner. "We have four Jeff Carpenters in Livingston," said the mayor. "It may get confusing to some but I think people know them apart."

Mayor Singleton opened the commission meeting to public comment as the first item of business. Most comments from the public were related to streets in the city limits and asked for solutions to several issues including signage and widening or redesign of the entry to some streets. Singleton said the commission could vote to address the issues and make specific decisions later. However, Commissioner Greg Carpenter said he would prefer to table the motion until officials could speak with other property owners who may be affected and have time to investigate the legalities involved. The motion was tabled.

Commissioners also voted unanimously to move the regular monthly meeting time to the first Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Singleton said some of the commissioners have difficulty making the Thursday meetings.

Singleton also informed the crowd that the city has received a check from CSX Railroad to pay for sidewalks damaged done due to the train derailment a few

months ago. Hellard Construction had bid the project at \$2,800. The check was filled out for the full costs.

The city also accepted five bids from contractors to mow all the city property. The mayor passed the list of each bidder to the commissioners who then voted for their choice. The mowing contract was awarded to local resident Jeff S. Carpenter.

Each commissioner also signed several Municipal Road Aid agreements that had not been signed previously. City Clerk Samantha Smoker said the agreements make the city eligible for a portion of a state grant for road repair. The agreement also gives the city the ability to apply for assistance in the event of a roadway emergency, such as a road slide or other damage.

Singleton explained that a tractor-trailer truck hit an electrical line recently causing severe damage to the city's electrical system along Main Street. However, she said the truck owner's insurance company has agreed to pay the \$8,000 in full repairs for the damage. The system is expected to be replaced as it was, so that vendors and others may use electricity on Main Street during special events.

The commission also

heard and approved the second reading of the amended Nuisance Ordinance that increased the fine structure for violations of the ordinance.

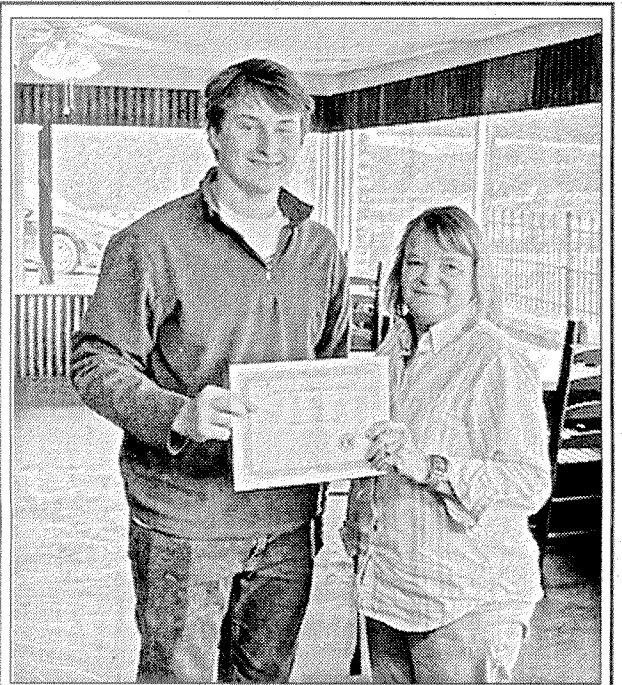
The city also now has a city attorney after the commission voted to accept Attorney Jill Edwards, of London, as the City of Livingston Attorney for a retainer fee of \$500 per month. "It has been one big battle to get an attorney willing to take us on," said Singleton. "We have contacted every lawyer we could find but they just weren't willing to work with some officials at the time. But now that things have changed, they like us again. Jill is very interested in our city and wants to be our city attorney."

The commission also agreed to rent a building that is part of the firehouse for \$300 per month for storage. Singleton said the agreement allows the company to use the space for storage only and if the company begins to use the property as a business, the rent amount will change. "They have agreed to that condition and that's \$300 the city didn't have," she said.

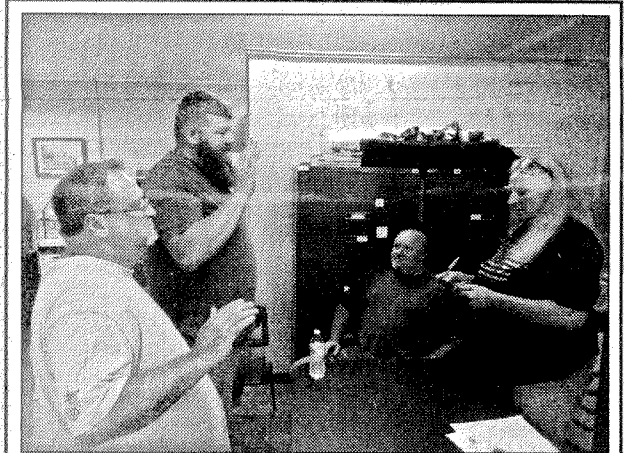
The commission also discussed the water tower project (see related story.)

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The following day city officials issued a boil water advisory for all Livingston residents until further notice.



The Mt. Vernon Lions Club presented their scholarship to senior Christian Larkey. Larkey plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University in the Fall and study History and continue his football career. He intends to become a Social Studies teacher and a coach. Shown in the picture is Lions Club President, Edwina Anglin, presenting a check to Larkey.



Shown above, Mayor Sandi Singleton (right) swears in Jeff Carpenter (center) and Jerry Gross as the two new Livingston City Commissioners as current commissioner Greg Carpenter looks on.

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