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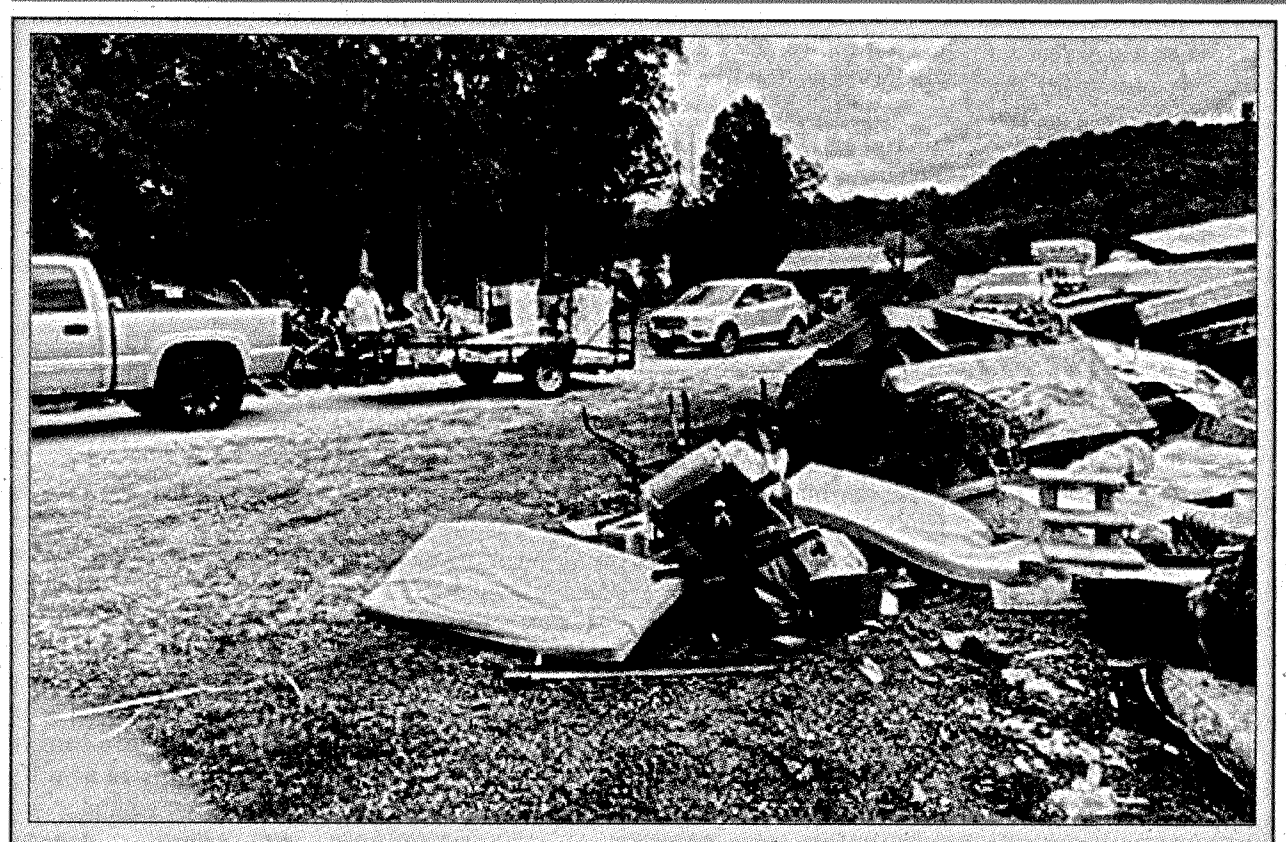

Trash Drop-Off Day is huge success

Shown above is one of the piles of trash that was waiting to be placed during last week's annual Free Trash Drop Off Day. According to organizers of the event, well over 400 residents dropped off trash at the event. The large number of participants meant some trash had to be set aside while organizers prepared and moved dumpsters for the next customer. Shown at right, lines continued down the highway for those waiting to dispose of unwanted trash. Officials say they are thankful for every participant since the tons of trash dropped off last Saturday will never be in a ditch line or cluttering up the community.

Employees of school district to receive new raise package

By: Mike French
Editor

Employees at the Rockcastle County School district received some good news at the district's regular monthly meeting last week. For starters, a raise is coming next year.

According to Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, the district will be providing several increases or benefits beyond salary for all certified and classified employees in the district in what she calls "Support our Rocket Leaders Package.".

According to Ballinger, the district has made a nearly $700,000 commitment in raises alone and all certified and classified employees will receive a 4% raise. The same staff received a 3% raise four years ago, a 2% raise three years ago, a 1% raise one year ago and will receive the 4% raise for the 24-25 school year. "In the past four years, this is a 10% increase. "We have

(See "Raise" on A5)

Three new sports coming

School board talks about new teams at local schools

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County School Board held their regular monthly meeting last week with a full agenda.

After a presentation from students of Brodhead Elementary School, and Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger's monthly recognitions of teachers and staff, the board approved the monthly financial reports provided by Director of Finance Jenny Sweet.

The board also approved increasing expense reimbursements for travel and hotel/motel stays which was still at $75. "We are more in line with the rest of the state now. This needed to be adjusted to reimburse our staff for travel expenses," Ballinger said.

Ballinger also presented raises for all certified and classified staff, along with several other increases. The increases were approved unanimously. Ballinger also told the board about an increase in SBDM allocations because SEEK funding was raised in the last state legislative session.

The board also heard reports indicating that local schools are show-

(See "School" on A5)

Unclaimed body issues

Fiscal Court deals with many issues with full agenda

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week with a two-page agenda and several guest speakers.

After approving previous minutes, and the Livingston Trail Town report, the court agreed to provide $1,155 in support to the Rockcastle County Development Board. The board receives similar support each month.

Local student Riley Smith also presented the court with a request for help for a trip for the Rockcastle FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) sponsorship. Smith said the trip would cost $8,000 and asked for any amount but County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said the court will have to look at the legalities of donating to such programs with tax dollars. The request was tabled.

The court also accepted the County Extension District 2024-25 budget. Members of the court also unanimously

(See "Court" on A5)

Domestic dispute at local Dollar Store

By: Mike French
Editor

On April 24, Kristopher Fletcher, 42, of Brodhead was arrested after an apparent domestic dispute at a local business.

According to the citation, 911 dispatchers received a call stating that a male was beating a female in the parking lot at a local Dollar General store while forcing the female into a car. The caller claimed the female could be heard screaming as the car drove away.

Adam Stallsworth of the Mount Vernon Police Department was dispatched to the scene and was able to locate the vehicle in question. The report says the officer wit-

(See "Dispute" on A5)

Relay For Life event is planned for June 14

Once again the time has come to help those who will face Cancer, celebrate those who have survived Cancer and honor those who have lost their battle with Cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, sponsored by Exela Technologies, Citizens Bank, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Community Trust Bank, is set for Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Rockcastle Middle School Track and everyone is invited to come and play a role in making a difference in the second biggest cause of death in America.

(See "Relay" on A5)

Fiscal Court hears both sides of marijuana/cannabis legalization issue

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court discussed the legalization of medical cannabis and how the court plans to address the issue, during their regular monthly meeting last week.

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear has legalized medical cannabis in the state but legislation leaves the handling of the issue up to each county and each city. At last month's meeting, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. presented about 100 pages of information to the court concerning the issue asking them to study the documents to make a better decision about the issue.

The four options avail-

(See "Pot" on A5)

Marijuana plant

RCHS Graduation planned for tonight

By: Mike French
Editor

The 52nd Rockcastle County High School Graduation ceremony is planned for tonight, Thursday, May 23, at the RCHS football field and school officials say the event, as well as the entire school year, has been well planned.

Officials agree they are proud of all 203 graduating seniors who earned the 24 credits required to reach the end of a 13-year journey.

The graduation ceremony will begin with *Pomp and Circumstance*

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ramblings...

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I sometimes feel like I live in an alternate universe where nothing is right side up.

I don't follow the Trump trial fiascoes, neither which have made sense to me, so far.

There is no question that Trump's legal woes, from the 91 charges, resulting in four different indictments, have been coordinated through the White House in an effort to 1)get a verdict on one of the "charges" that would actually put the former President in prison and 2)keep the President off the campaign trail, thus hampering his efforts to get reelected President.

Currently, in spite of this, Trump holds a very narrow 1% lead over Biden nationally 44% to 43% in an average of all polls, although he leads Biden in four of the five swing states. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is polling at 15%.

According to this, at least half the voters do not mind that Biden outright lies when he says inflation was at 9% when he took office in January of 2021 (it was actually 1.4%) and he has lowered it to something over 3%. The pResident manages to repeat this lie over and over with a straight face, while looking directly into a camera.

Now I don't want you, dear readers, to think that I'm insinuating there is anything nefarious about the two trials Trump has been subjected to thus far.

I'm sure that New York Attorney General Leticia James' campaign for election, based on her proclaiming early and often, I will "get Trump" during my term in office and the fact that, in his current case, the judge's wife worked for James, his daughter owns Authentic Marketing which is involved in Biden's re-election campaign and that his son-in-law is the head of the U.S. Census Dept/database.

I feel certain that he Judge, Juan Merchan, didn't mean to show any bias when he issued a gag order against Trump speaking out about any facet of the trial (and subsequently fining him for doing so) while allowing the prosecution and their witnesses free rein to comment on any aspect of the trial.

While I'm not Trump's biggest fan, I certainly will not hesitate to vote for him over Biden, even if Trump does, by some miscarriage of justice, happen to be in a jail cell come November.

In fact, I would probably vote for anyone incarcerated before I would cast a vote for Biden, who has made it the goal of his time in office to systematically dismantle everything good about this country. From inviting and facilitating the illegal entry of 10 million aliens (not counting, at least, 1.6 million "gotaways"), beginning immediately upon his taking office, destroying the economy with runaway inflation, he has now promised to let Trump's tax cuts (that did benefit the middle class despite claims by Democrats to the contrary) expire next year. It was also found that his

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Aces Over

By: Mike French

Last week this column talked about life for a kid in the 60s. I thought I would continue the theme.

In those days, bicycles were the most important thing in life. Every kid had to have a bicycle. And it was as handy for the parents as it was the kid...almost.

It wasn't like most kids today. Anymore, kids get a bike mostly so that they will have one like their friends. "If Johnny has a bike, then my son is going to have a bike too. A better bike!"

Kids I know take such a thing for granted. Barely even recognizing the implications, a kid anymore expects one and then rides it a few times and that's it. Occasionally they may get the bike out and ride for a minute or two, but it is mostly for show.

That was not the case in the 1960s and 70s. A bicycle was as important to us kids as life itself. It was our connection to the world and our escape from any part of the world we didn't like. It served a needed purpose and provided a tool that allowed freedom and independence.

If purchased by our parents, they got their money back out of it. Parents would send their kid on grocery runs and garbage runs and deliveries among neighbors, as well as a hundred other chores, that kept them from having to use the gas and the time to do it themselves. If we had a bike for our own use, then the cost was that we provided a delivery service for our parents.

A bike was our constant means of transportation and we were on our bike seat more than any other seat in the world. Us neighborhood kids had a meeting place and when ever we felt like it, we would go to our secret fort and see if any of the other kids were around. If not, we could ride to their home and get them outside.

Bikes were our first object of pride and the first worldly object that we took really good care of and treated like another friend in the crowd.

All our bikes in those days had foot brakes. You pedal it to go forward and push the pedal backwards to apply the brake to the rear tire. If you push backwards hard enough, the rear tire would lock up and you could drift around curves. We were all that!

Though we wanted the biggest and best bike available, most of us had normal, everyday bikes without bells and whistles. But one of us eventually got a bike with hand brakes.

Oh it was fancy! Curly, chrome handle bars and a shiny, chrome chain guard.

What we didn't understand was that one of the hand brakes was for the front wheel. This is the day we learned about inertia and centrifugal force. When the front tire stops turning on a gravel road, it becomes impossible to turn, or to steer.

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook

Catalog Time

Dear Journal,

One day last week we got a Montgomery Ward catalog in the mail. It wasn't as big as the catalogs of years ago, it was more of a magazine. It also included a notice that I had several hundred dollars worth of credit with them. I don't know exactly how that came about, I know that I hadn't applied for any credit from them. Actually, I thought they had gone out of business. Years ago, that would have been unheard of. It would be like Walmart and Amazon closing. The catalog was the place to go to get most anything you could imagine.

I remember when I was growing up our family would receive a huge catalog from Montgomery Ward, Sears and probably J. C. Penny at some point during the year. There would be a special Christmas catalog that came out about the first week of November. know the mailman hate this time of year. These catalogs were about three inches thick, about twelve inches long and about eight inches wide. They would weigh about two pounds each.

These catalogs served several purposes.. Other than being the place to get all of the things you needed, they served as a pastime. People of all ages enjoyed hours on end browsing its pages and wishing for the things their hearts desired. Hence, the name "wish" books was what they were called. When the catalog had expired, they came in handy for lighting fires in wood or coal burning stoves. They would find their way to outhouses to be used as toilet paper. They were a step ahead of corn cobs. I've heard of them being used as wall paper along with newspapers. The older generations didn't let anything

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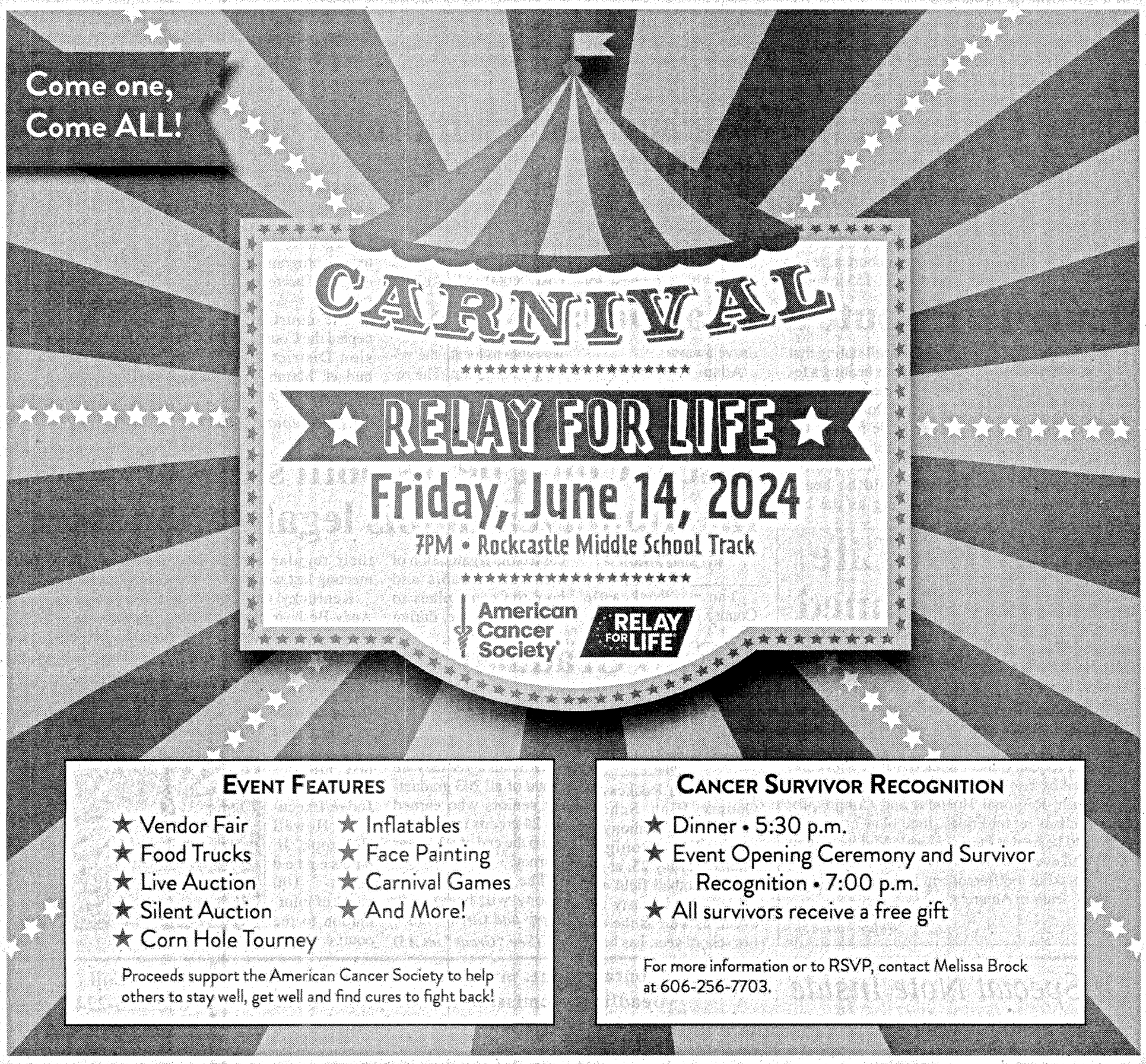

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We each got our road rash lesson from hand brakes.

My buddy left his fancy bike at my house one weekend when my cousin came to visit. Before I even had a chance to explain, he took off on it.

Me and my parents and his parents were watching him shoot down the gravel road at a thousand miles an hour when we saw a car coming the other way. "I hope he knows about hand brakes," I said. I remember well the panic in the eyes of his parents who started screaming very loudly at him to stop. That was a mistake.

He tried to stop and turn at the same time.

The rest of the weekend was spent with my cousin in my bed covered in bandages and band-aids. He had what looked like a hundred pieces of tiny gravel in his skin.

We had a thing called merthiolate in those days. It was red and they had covered each gravel hole with that stuff and it looked like he was bleeding from all over his body.

It was a traumatic memory and one our family talked about for years.

Anyway, by Sunday afternoon he felt better and just had some bruises. I think he told me he still has a couple of scars from that day.

I don't think I ever rode his fancy bike again and I know my cousin didn't. There were a few scratches on his new bike and he was mad at me for a while. But in a few days, life was back to normal.

Bikes remained a huge part of our lives for many years and there were a lot more bike wrecks in our future. We all have scars but it was the price we paid for the freedom of a bicycle.

In 1972, I got my first motorcycle. Talk about a new brand of pain.

T.J.'s

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go to waste. My generation is the children and grandchildren of the Depression era generation. Even if we didn't live through it, we learned of it first hand. To a certain extent, their way of living has been passed on to us. That isn't altogether isn't a bad thing.

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egime has been flying illegal immigrants directly into the country and busing them into smaller owns (and, dollars to doughnuts, these numbers are not included in the estimated 10 million count). Besides all that, Biden is also now advocating flying thousands of Gazan refugees into America (appearing to just want to do his part to guarantee that the Caucasian race is in the minority in our country by 2045).

Of course, Muslim leaders, in this country, have said repeatedly that Muslims will soon rule our country (with their Sharia law in place), mainly because of their much larger birth rate.

FYI, it's an election year and Biden's reinstallation is, by no means, a shoo-in (although it will again be very hard to beat the Democrats' top-knotch cheating efforts) so we may again be subjected to fear-mongering about a pandemic, this time the "bird flu." This would ensure the use of mail-in ballots completely in some states, in order to ensure the outcome Democrats want -- total power from now on - in case you're wondering.

Recently, a story was published by the *Daily Mail* that a Florida dolphin had died of "mutated" bird flu that is 18 times more resistant to drug treatment.

The story is being called bogus by some doctors who insist, for one thing, that no one is testing for bird flu in deceased marine mammals and asserting that bird flu can be found in an acorn any time.

The flu is also being used as an incentive to push more vaccinations on the public but that is also, apparently, failing.

Kansas City Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker opened up a can of worms over the week end when he gave the commencement address at St. Benedictine College. It was even denounced by an order of nuns affiliated with the school.

I mean, how dare a practicing Catholic, father of two, who is very open about his faith, show support for women graduates who are most excited about marriage and the children "you will bring into this world." Butker also acknowledged that there were women graduates "who would go on to lead successful careers in the world."

The NFL quickly issued a statement that "his (Butker's) views are not those of the NFL as an organization." The Chiefs have not commented on the controversy. Apparently, in the NFL, you can be a rapist, woman beater, abandon your kids, a racist, misogynist, adulterer, murderer an assaulter but one thing you cannot be, is a truth-teller of Christianity (not my opinion, just look at their track-record).

Two responses to the speech, which reportedly denounced abortion rights, Pride Month, COVID-19 lockdowns and "the tyranny of diversity, equity and inclusion," have been that Butker's #7 jersey is now one of the league's top-sellers, rivaling those of better-known teammates Brian Mahomes and Travis Kelce and an online petition calling for the Chiefs to release the kicker had nearly 215,000 signatures as of Sunday morning.

So, again, where does his right to free speech end and your right to curb his freedom of speech begin? In my opinion, we either have free speech or we don't. I don't have a problem with someone taking issue with what someone says about an issue, as long as there is not an attempt to curb the speech totally.

National seat belt enforcement runs from May 20 to June 2

Kentuckians are reminded to buckle up and properly secure children in car seats or boosters during the annual Click It or Ticket campaign, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, running May 20 to June 2.

Seat belts save lives, said Gov. Andy Beshear. I urge all Kentuckians to take every possible safety measure to safeguard our families and loved ones while on the road, including buckling up and ensuring that children in the backseat are properly secured too.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinets (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining law enforcement around the commonwealth and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the annual federally funded high-visibility seat belt enforcement effort.

According to the KOHS, of the 813 roadway deaths last year in Kentucky, 550 were occupants of motor vehicles. Of those killed in motor vehicle crashes, 50.9% (280) were either not wearing a seat belt or were not properly restrained in a car seat or booster seat. Eight of the 550 deaths were children ages 9 and younger. One of the eight was improperly restrained.

Buckling your seat belt should be a reflex anytime drivers or passengers enter a vehicle, said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. Regardless of the vehicle type, the time of day or the journey's length, consistently wearing your seat belt is the most effective measure for ensuring safety every trip, every time.

According to NHTSA, despite the low traffic volume, fatal crashes are three times higher nationwide at nighttime versus daytime. Of the 550 occupants killed in motor vehicle crashes, 211 occurred at night. Of those, 124 were unrestrained.

More than 110 law enforcement agencies throughout Kentucky have participated in the KOHS Click It or Ticket Local Heroes initiative to reinforce this message. Localized public service announcements (PSAs) feature officers, deputies and Troopers in counties with low seat belt usage rates and/or a high number of unrestrained motorist-involved crashes. The PSAs will air during the Click It or Ticket campaign beginning Memorial Day weekend. In areas without a county-specific PSA, statewide versions will air featuring various law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

We encourage motorists to make safe choices on the road because its the right thing to do, not just because it is the law, said Secretary Gray. However, if a life may be saved by writing a ticket, they will do it.

According to NHTSA, when worn correctly, seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45% for front-seat vehicle occupants and by 60% for pickup truck, SUV and minivan occupants. Properly fastened seat belts contact the body's strongest parts, such as the chest, hips and shoulders. A seat belt spreads the force of a crash over a wide area of the body, putting less stress on any one part, and allows the body to slow down with the crash, extending the time when the occupant feels the crash forces.

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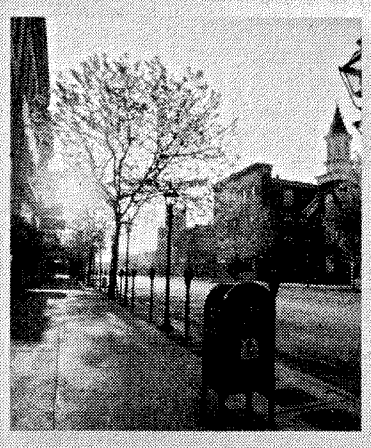

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, May 27th: Holiday-No Service. **Tuesday, May 28th:** Child Development, Seek 'N Learn, Lisa's Little People, Tic Toc. **Wednesday, May 29th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

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.

KPR Meeting is May 28th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, May 28th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Kentucky Public Retirees President Larry Totten will be the guest speaker. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at the Veterans Center the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

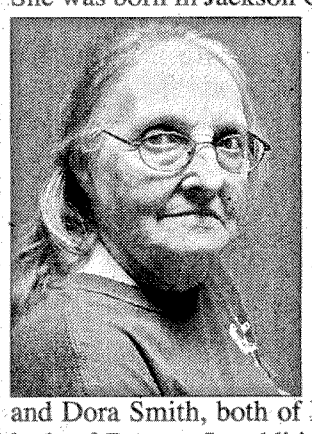
Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous-Brodhead: 7 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900. Please park in the Coffey & Ford parking lot

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

Obituaries

Ida Tankersley

Ida Mae Tankersley, 74, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Jackson County on July 1, 1949, the daughter of Ovie and Anna Mae Carpenter Jones. She had been a homemaker and was of the Holiness Faith. She enjoyed fishing.



She is survived by: her husband, Billy Tankersley; her daughter, Linda Vanwinkle and husband Dowell of Mt. Vernon; a grandson, D. J. Vanwinkle; and three sisters, Ella Gray and Dora Smith, both of Mt. Vernon, and Jean Bullock of Berea. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: two infant daughters: Judy and Jill Tankersley; three sisters, Georgia Adkins, Sue Meadows, and Viola Jones; and a brother, Arthur Jones.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 17 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Phillip Doan, pastor of Calloway Holiness Church. Burial was in Pine Thicket Cemetery in Jackson County.

Pallbearers were: Dowell VanWinkle, Doug Adkins, Ovie Adkins, Dustin Albright, and Chad Neal.

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

Jim Durham

James E. "Jim" Durham, 67, of Berea, husband of Joy Parsons Durham, died Friday, May 16, 2024 in Richmond.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday.

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

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

Patricia Hayes

Patricia Ann Hayes, 64, of Brodhead, husband of Charles Dennis Hayes, died Friday, May 17, 2024 at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

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

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

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.

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.

Maretburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Maretburg 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.

Three Links Cemetery

Donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Three Links Phillips Cemetery may be sent to Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

McKinney Cemetery Meeting

The annual meeting of the McKinney Cemetery will be held Sunday, May 26th, beginning at 1 p.m., under the shelter.

Donations will be taken Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the form of checks, cashier checks or money orders only - no cash will be accepted.

Please come out and join us, hope to see everyone there.

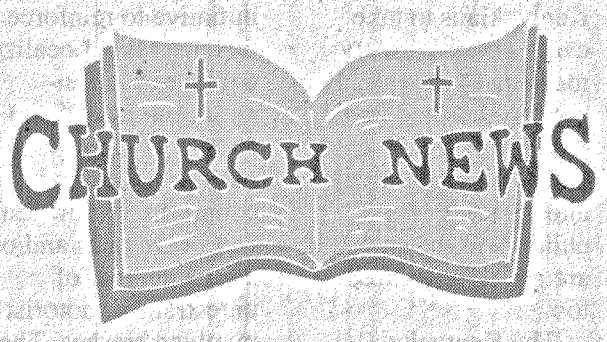
Bring a covered dish for the Dinner on the Ground.

Maple Grove Cemetery

Donations will be taken for upkeep of the Maple Grove Cemetery on May 24th-27th. Donations can be given to: Joy Hampton, Darla Reams, Penny Cameron and Vicky Ruggles.

There will be a money drop box at the cemetery or you may go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit to the cemetery's account or call Penny Cameron at 758-4476.

Signal office closed on Wednesdays



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

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church is holding a 3 day Revival with Brother Marlowe Napier of London beginning Thursday, May 23rd through Saturday, May 25th. The Praise Singers of Irvine, Phillip and Trish Doan of Calloway Holiness Church will also be there and Kadi Carpenter of Cupps Chapel will be singing. The church and congregation would like to invite you to come hear some annointed preaching and singing. Everyone welcome!

Gospel Meeting

Sand Springs Baptist Church will hold a Gospel Meeting on Saturday, May 25th, beginning at 6 p.m.

Bro. Roy Sutton will be preaching and The Raines Family will be singing.

Everyone welcome.

Revival at Union Chapel

Bro. Ernie Wyatt will be preaching at a Revival at Union Chapel Pentecostal Church beginning Sunday night, May 26th at 6 o'clock, On Monday through Thursday, May 27-30, services will begin at 7 p.m.

Pastor Walter Bowling and congregation welcome everyone to come and worship with us.

The church is located on 1505, 3 miles out of Brodhead.

Reunions

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; E-Mail, jwthacker10@gmail.com.

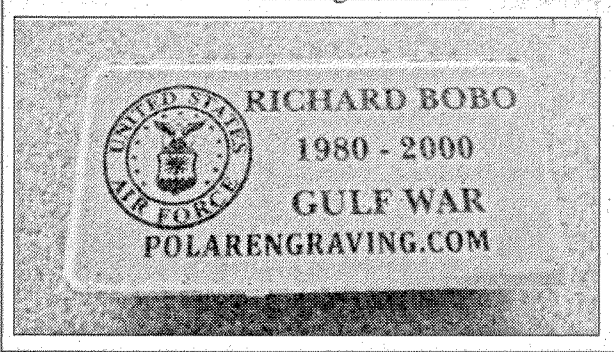
Mullins Family Reunion & Fairview Homecoming

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!

Call change of addresses asap to 606-256-2244 or email us at mvsignal@windstream.net

"Walk of Honor" Fundraiser

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



Sewer Rate Increases

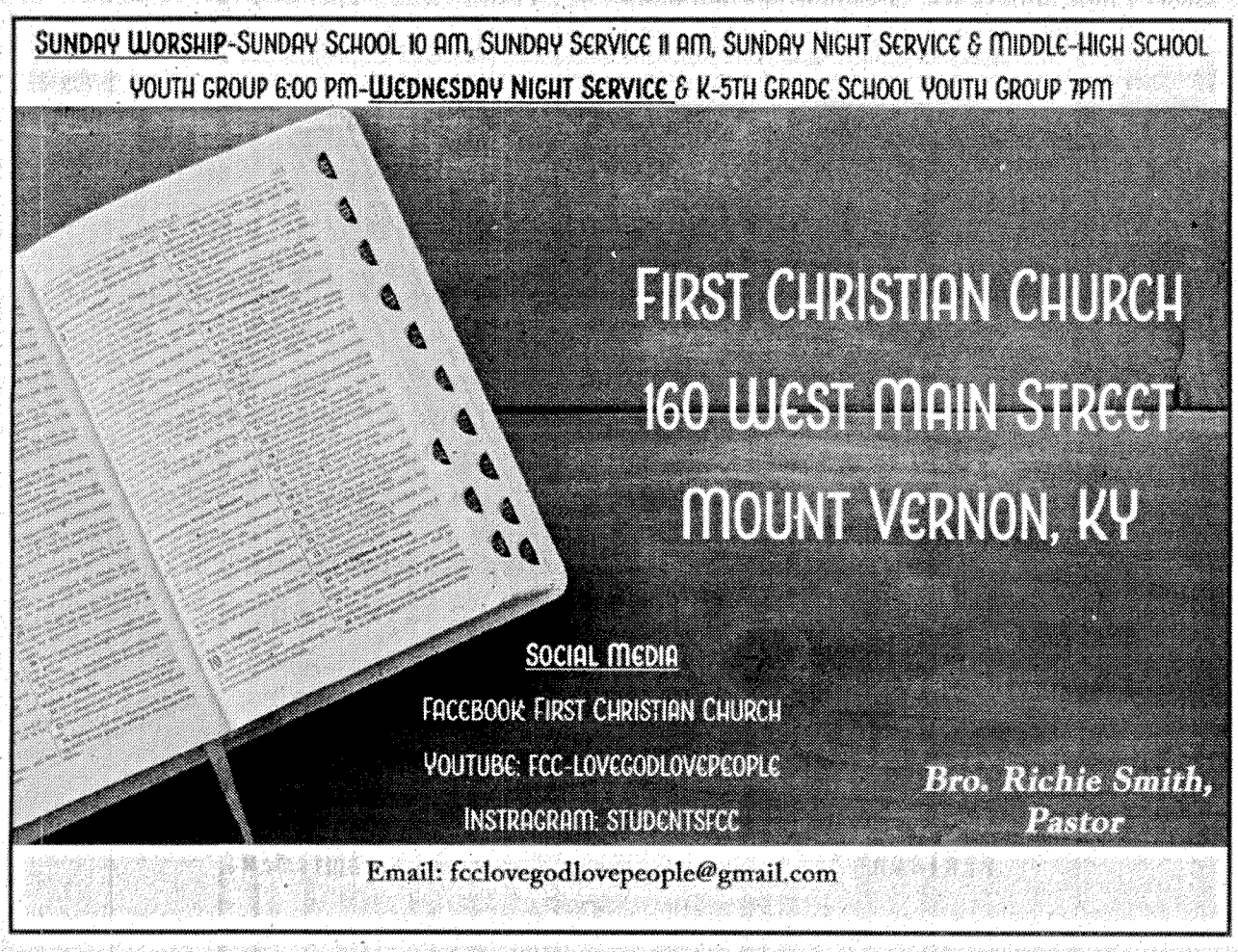
The Consumer Price Index set by the Department of Local Government increased by 3.4%
New Rates will be in effect July 1, 2024

Old Rates

	Inside City	Outside City
Base Amount 1st 2000	$ 18.12	$ 26.05
All Over 2000	$ 7.34	$ 10.33

New Rates

	Inside City	Outside City
Base Amount 1st 2000	$ 18.74	$ 26.94
All Over 2000	$ 7.59	$ 10.68



Court

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approved $250 for a 4-inch by 8-inch brick at the new Veterans' Park as part of a fund raising effort.

The court agreed to bid, in a reverse salt auction, for 500 tons of salt. "I hope we would never need that much, but I'd rather have it and not need it," said Holbrook.

The court also accepted the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) recommendations for resurfacing of KY 1229 from KY1659 for 2.87 miles and resurfacing KY 1326 from mile marker 0.6 to 1.854 miles to Purr Rigsby road.

The cost of resurfacing the two roads will use up the entire $238,931 the county received in FLEX funding from the KYTC for 2024.

The court agreed to accept the low bid of $95,000 for a generator for CSEPP from Masters Electrical Service in Winchester.

Court members also agreed to have the Farmers Market cleaned each week for $100 per month. Holbrook said the money would be paid from rental sales.

The court also discussed medical marijuana (see related story.)

The court approved the receipt of $29,139 into the National Forestry account. Of that amount, $22,269 is part of the Title I Act which must be split with the local school district. The court agreed to send $11,134 to the Rockcastle County School District.

The court also accepted a contract for $175,000 from the AOC for one year's rent of the annex to the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

There was also some discussion of how the county should handle unclaimed bodies of those who are deceased but has no family to claim the body. "We budgeted for one case which has been about the average," said Holbrook, "But that is picking up a lot in recent years. We have already had four (unclaimed bodies) and it is costing the county more every year." According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, even when a life insurance policy is paid to a family member, "they are under no obligation to do anything with that money," he said. "Sometimes they don't have the money and sometimes they just let the responsibility fall back on the county."

However, Rowe said the county is responsible for unclaimed bodies of those deceased. Options apparently include burial, cremation or donation to a medical service. Holbrook asked Rowe to look into the possibilities and help find a way to "lessen the burden on the taxpayers." Rowe agreed to investigate options.

The court also agreed to reimburse the Rockcastle EMS $1,659 for expenses incurred during the CSX railroad derailment several months ago.

Court members also discussed a broken skid steer loader. Holbrook said estimates to repair the machine are as high as $42,000. The court decided to discuss other options.

The court voted to end county maintenance on Evans Road at 328 feet and Shady Grove Road at 9,220 feet. The court also agreed to a speed limit of 25 mph on Old State Road and at 15 mph on Pine Hill Circle.

The court heard the Animal Shelter update and the Livingston Gym rental report.

The court also heard and accepted the Quail Park report and the county treasurer's report.

The court heard the first reading of the county budget and the standing payment order list as well as the monthly financial reports. The court also paid the claims and agreed to all intra-fund transfers.

Treasurer Vickie Miller asked to transfer $28,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and $3,000 from the general fund to the parks and recreation fund and $25,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund.

Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 at 4 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Dispute

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nessed Fletcher restraining the female as she was attempting to escape.

The report also says the female had marks on her neck and arms.

Fletcher told police the female was hitting him and he was defending himself.

Fletcher was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with assault in the 4th degree, possession of drug paraphernalia and strangulation in the first degree.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe says his office and local police place a priority on domestic abuse cases.

School

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ing notable improvements in reading and math skills.

Ballinger informed the board that next year will include the first ever RCHS girls' soccer team. According to Mike McNabb, the team will compete in the 12th region, 47th district. Officials say a survey is held every two years and the last survey showed enough interest to form the team. Kevin Conforti has been named as the head coach and McNabb said the continuation of the team will depend upon the interest shown.

Ballinger said next year will also include a boys wrestling team and elementary level basketball will also start at each of Rockcastle's elementary schools. Ballinger said the coaches' salaries have already been added to the budget and salary schedule.

Ballinger then asked that the July meeting be moved to the third Tuesday of the month on July 16 at 6 p.m.

Ballinger presented the Superintendent's Personnel Action Report. It is as follows:

Resignations:

Brian Oliver, assistant football coach at RCHS and certified math teacher at RCMS; Christina Prewitt, food service cook/baker; Cindy McCullough, substitute teacher; Dana Carter, substitute instructional assistant; Emily Ponder, substitute teacher; Hunter Baker, substitute teacher; Jenni Fay, substitute teacher; Jennifer Evans, instructional assistant at BES; Kasey Newcomb, substitute instructional assistant; Keith Graves, substitute teacher and substitute bus driver; Kristen Howard, certified science teacher at RCMS; Linda Clontz, substitute teacher; Paula Cowen, substitute teacher; Pete Warren, paraprofessional assistant football coach at RCHS and substitute custodian; L. Rachelle Haarman, substitute instructional assistant; Ronald Chasteen, substitute teacher; Steve Nelson, assistant football coach at RCHS.

Retirements:

Jenise Coffey, school counselor at BES; Scott Adams, certified math teacher.

Classified substitutes hired:

Brian Presley, substitute bus monitor; Jennifer Evans, substitute instructional assistant; Tiffany Hayes, substitute nurse; Utina Meade, substitute FS service cook/baker.

Volunteers:

Jonathan Hollman, cheer volunteer at RCHS.

Relay

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The Relay for Life event this year is filled with activities, with information and fun for all ages.

Events will include a vendor fair, food trucks, a live auction, a silent auction, a corn hole tournament, inflatables, face painting, carnival games and much more. Proceeds from all of the events will go to support the American Cancer Society (ACS) to help others to stay well, get well and find cures to fight back, according to the ACS release.

There will also be a Cancer Survivor Recognition Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The event's opening ceremonies and survivor recognitions will be held at 7 p.m. All survivors who attend the event will receive a free gift.

Anyone wishing more information about the event or to RSVP, should contact Melissa Brock at 606-256-7703.

Pot

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able to counties include: taking no action, which means that facilities that grow and process medical cannabis could begin operation within the county in July; the option of creating a resolution that would set regulations and/or fees for such production; prohibiting the production of medical cannabis in Rockcastle County, And, the county may place the issue on the ballot and let voters decide how the county will handle the issue.

Kentucky State Police Detective Darren Allen, who has dealt with countless people involved with marijuana, over many years spoke passionately to the court, asking that magistrates vote to prohibit such production in Rockcastle County. "The pro marijuana movement is very powerful, but I will not hide the fact that I despise marijuana. I have heard all the same arguments over and over again but there are simply no facts to back up their argument," he said. "In my years of dealing with people who smoke marijuana, I have studied the issue closely and I have real world experience. What pro-marijuana supporters say and what I have seen in the real world are very different."

Allen continued to present real facts and figures from many different well known sources such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, among others. The former detective said he has seen marijuana make smokers lazy. "You have to decide, do only lazy people smoke marijuana or does marijuana make people lazy? I have seen many very intelligent people with a bright future become lazy after smoking marijuana and I think we all know the answer."

Allen also pointed out medical evidence that marijuana adversely affects the developing brain, vision and coordination and pointed out statistics that a marijuana smoker is 77% more likely to miss work. He also discussed evidence that marijuana smokers display violent tendencies. Allen also said states, where marijuana has been legalized, show an immediate increase in murder and assaults. "In each state where marijuana is legal, the welfare rate increased, unemployment rate increased, the dropout rate increased and murder and assaults increased. In every case. You can say it has no affect all day but these are the facts."

Rachelle Riddle then spoke to the court supporting the legislation. "Who am I and who are you to decide what medicines people may have," she asked. "Put it on the ballot and let the people decide. Why should five people in this room decide for them?" Riddle is running for Kentucky State Representative against incumbent Josh Bray.

Magistrate Mike McGuire said "The people of my district elected me to speak for them. They expect me to make the best choices for my district and I intend to. We recently voted to make Rockcastle County a zero-tolerant county and that includes all drugs, including marijuana," he said.

Riddle said if the court makes the improper decision, those same people can vote them out of office. McGuire agreed and later said those same people can also reelect magistrates for making the right decision as well.

Riddle said there is a difference in marijuana and cannabis and that the court should not vote to prevent citizens from a free choice of medicine or to prevent more jobs in the county. She said marijuana is not a gateway drug that leads to the use of other drugs. However, Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin, said recently, that in his years of service in law enforcement he has "never met a single addict who did not start with marijuana use."

Allen also said legislation is written so that the county will not raise funds through taxing the manufacturing operations that would come to the county if such processing plants are approved.

Magistrate Shane Thacker said he is torn about the vote. "In all my years as magistrate, this is the most difficult decision I have ever faced," he said. "I just don't know what to do because I see both sides so clearly and both sides have great arguments. This is the hardest decision I have faced."

Though the growth, cultivation, processing and sale of medical cannabis will become legal in January of 2025, new legislation allows processing plants to begin in July so that in January, plants will be ready to begin sales as soon as it is legal to do so in Kentucky.

According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, the court must make a decision soon. "If a processing plant starts operations in July and has expenses and employees, and then you decide to prohibit it, that will be a different issue," he said. "You have to decide before it is legal to start an operation so that people will know what to do in our county."

The court decided to table the issue until a later date. "We have time and we will make a decision before July," said Holbrook.

Raise

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worked very hard to make our district competitive with those districts around us and I think this does just that," said Ballinger. "Even in the districts with a much larger tax base, we are now very competitive."

Ballinger said she and Director of Finance Jenny Sweet have been working for several years to have a starting salary of $40,000 and this raise has reached that goal. "We finally have a starting teacher salary of $40,000 for a first year teacher. It took a lot to get us here but we are very happy to have made it," Ballinger said.

Among other changes in the system, the district will now provide Rank increases in mid year. "In the past, when a teacher achieved a rank increase, the raise in salary that comes with that rank was started at the beginning of the following year," Ballinger said. "But with this new package, teachers will receive that increase immediately when rank is achieved."

Also, the district now has four levels of pay for instructional assistants, according to the educational level of the employee.

The package also includes "field trip pay" for all bus drivers on field trips or other transportation needs outside regular routes.

Ballinger also pointed out that this year's school calendar includes eight less days than normal so the raise is actually more per hour worked. However, board member Matt Chaliff pointed out that in future years, the variable calendar may not apply. "We will not be paying for eight more days next year if our calendar does not stop eight days short," he said. It is a benefit this year but no guarantees about future years."

Ballinger said there is also now pay for extra work. Classified employees that are involved in extra work, outside their regular duties, will receive $25, she said.

"It has been very difficult to find the balance between what we could afford and what our staff deserves," she said. "But we have found a way to help the best we can."

Board Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink said she is proud to be a part of the raises. "I have full confidence in Dr. Ballinger and Ms. Sweet and they have worked hard to see that the district can afford this. I trust them both and I hope this can serve as an incentive for others to want to come to Rockcastle."

According to Ballinger, the "Support Our Rocket Leaders Package" will begin with the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Grads

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by the RCHS Band and Kaliee Collins, Student Council Senior Representative, will provide the opening address. Landon Reppert, FCA Leadership Team, will give the welcome and the RCHS Honors Choir will perform *You Raise Me Up*.

The RCHS Band will perform *Sheltering Sky* and Principal J.D. Bussell will present special recognitions. Ella Bussell, Senior representative of the Student Council, will present the Spirit of the Rock Award. Bussell is also Summa Cum Laude and will present the senior address.

Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger will award diplomas and preside over the changing of the tassels.

"As we wrap up another school year, I want to extend my gratitude to all Rockcastle County teachers for their unwavering commitment to our graduating class," said Ballinger. "To the class of 2024, your hard work, dedication and perserverance have paid off and we celebrate our remarkable accomplishments. Congratulations graduates! Your future is bright and we cannot wait to see all that you will achieve."

Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert said that he was proud of all involved. "We want to congratulate all our seniors on graduating from high school," Reppert said. "This time is a culmination of many years of focus and effort to equip our students to reach their greatest potential. We appreciate the untold hours spent by students, parents and school staff to prepare students to go from Rocket learners to Rocket leaders. Go change the world for the better!"

Members of the school board are scheduled to sit on the stage with all dignitaries this year. Board Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink said she is proud of every student. "I am so proud of this class of 2024. These Rocket learners are going to be true leaders in our community," she said. "These young people are a reflection of the dedicated faculty in our schools and hours of hard work that they have put in. I look forward to how they are going to leave their mark on the world. I wish them all the best of luck."

The local school system continues to grow with a planned new middle school, 213 freshmen this year and an additional 10 freshmen at the academy suggests the possibility of an even bigger ceremony in three years.

Bad weather has threatened to adjust the timing of the event. At press time, the plan was to schedule a rain date for Saturday, May 26 at 10 a.m. However, officials are discussing changiing that date or that time.

Everyone is encouraged to watch the Rockcastle County School website to keep updated concering last minute changes to a possible change in rain date and time.

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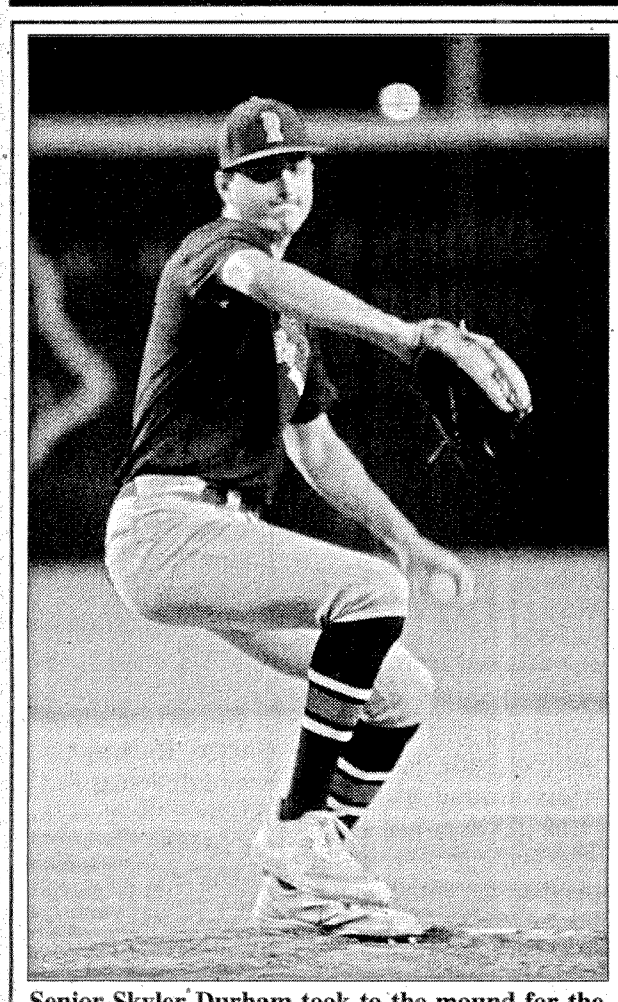
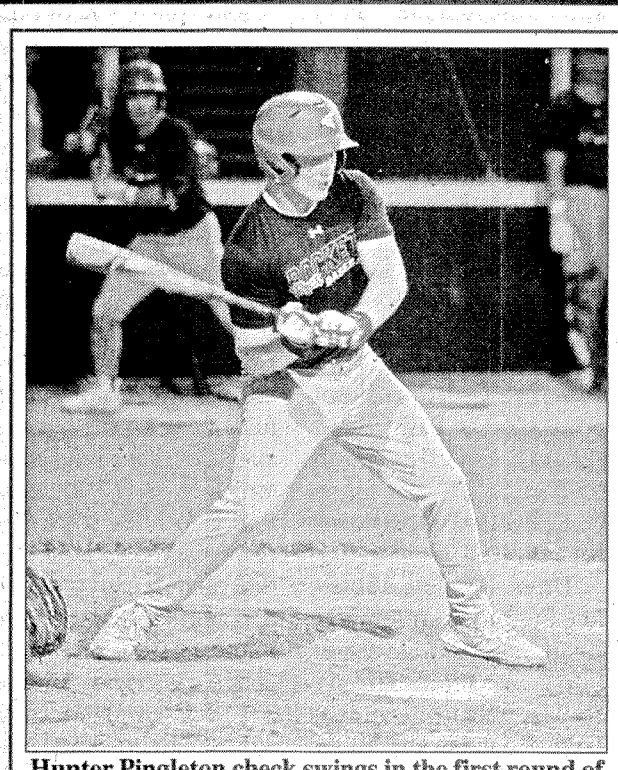
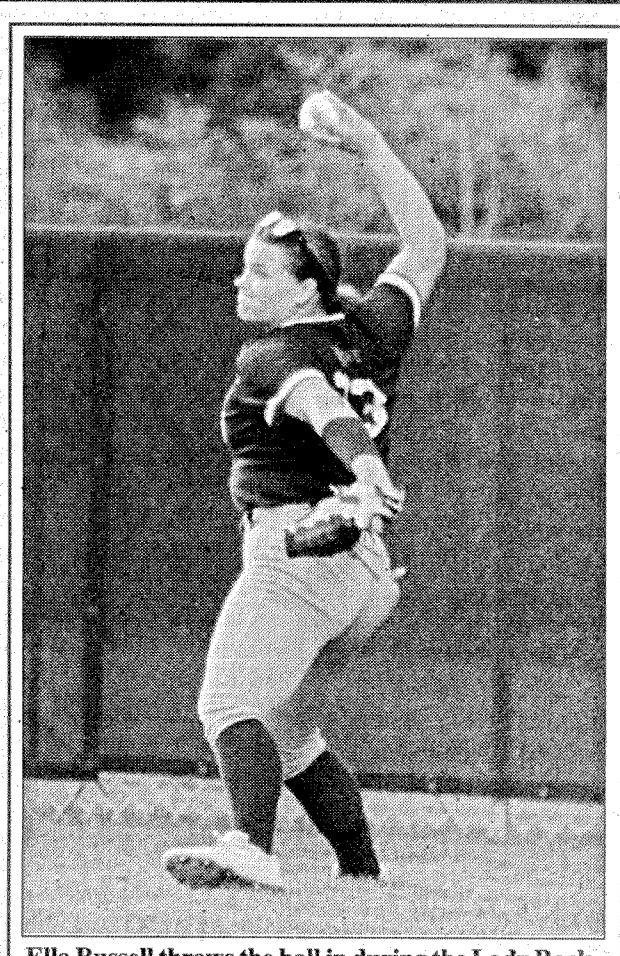


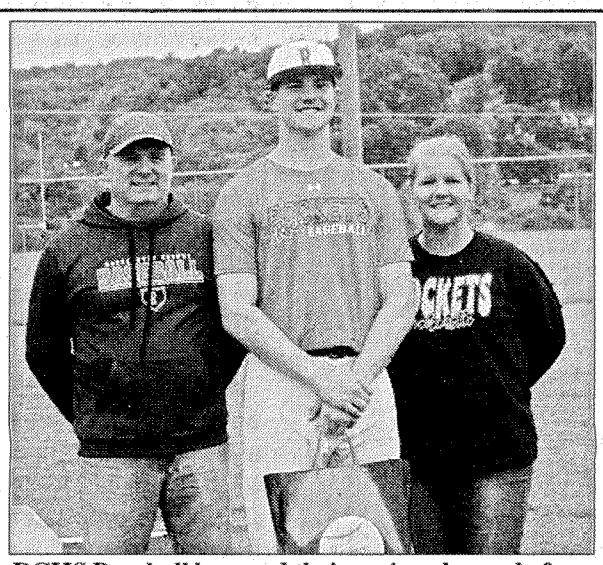
Senior Skyler Durham took to the mound for the Rockets' in the first round of the 47th District Tournament Monday night against Somerset. The Rockets season came to an end with an 11-1 loss to the Briarjumpers.



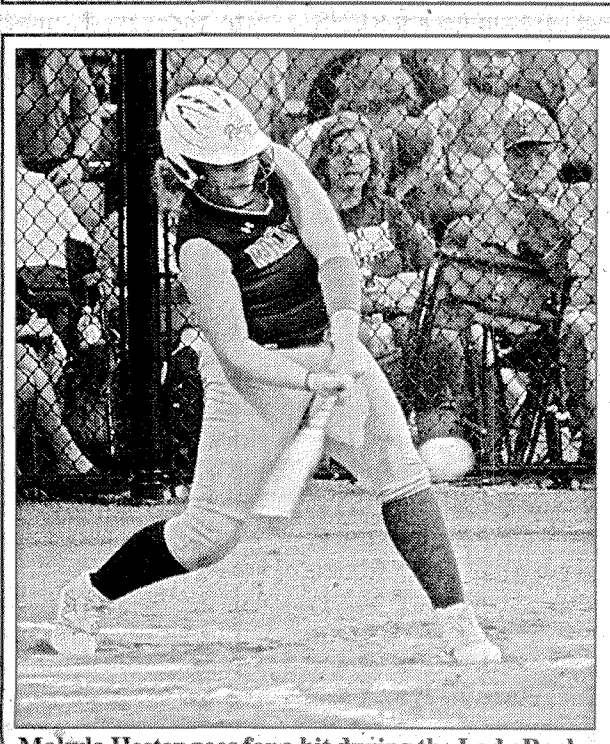
Hunter Pingleton check swings in the first round of the 47th District Tournament Monday night against Somerset.



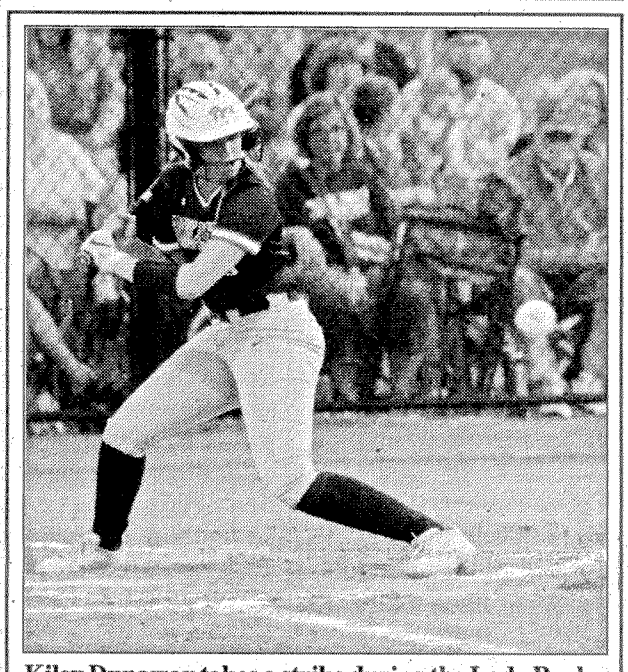
Ella Bussell throws the ball in during the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Casey County in the 47th District Tournament Monday night.



RCHS Baseball honored their senior players before their game against Danville. Shown above is senior Ben Brown with his parents, Jay and Natasha Brown.

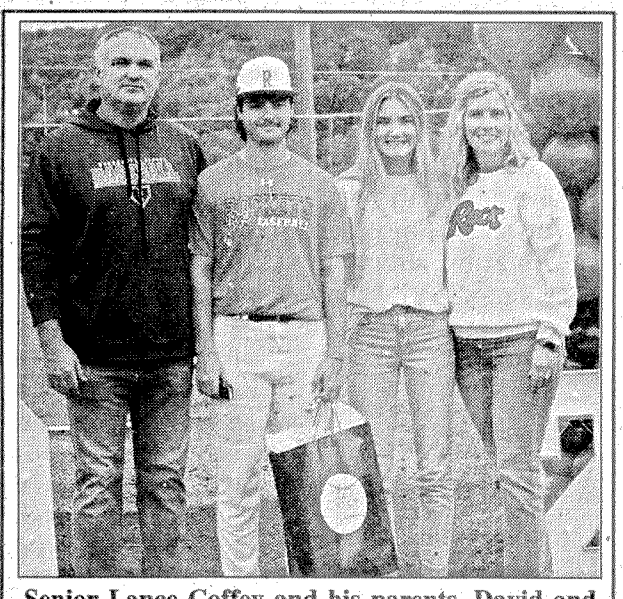


Makyla Hester goes for a hit during the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Casey County in the 47th District Tournament Monday night.



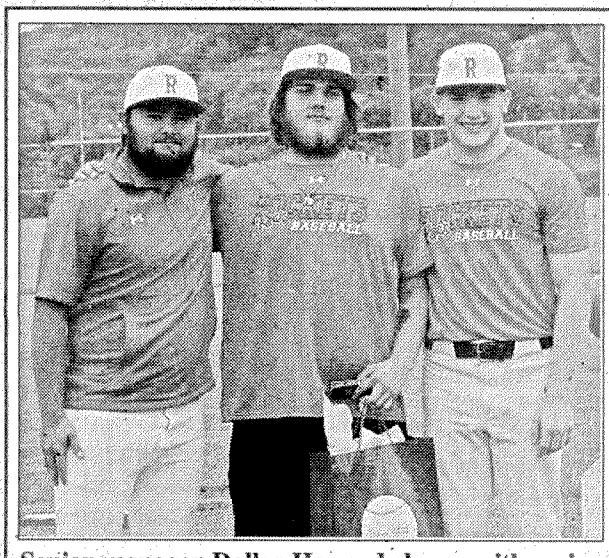
Kiley Dunaway takes a strike during the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Casey County in the 47th District Tournament Monday night.

Senior Skyler Durham, escorted by brother Javan Hasty, mom and stepdad, Richard and Dee Reams Mays, father Brad Durham and brothers, Braydon and Dalton Durham.



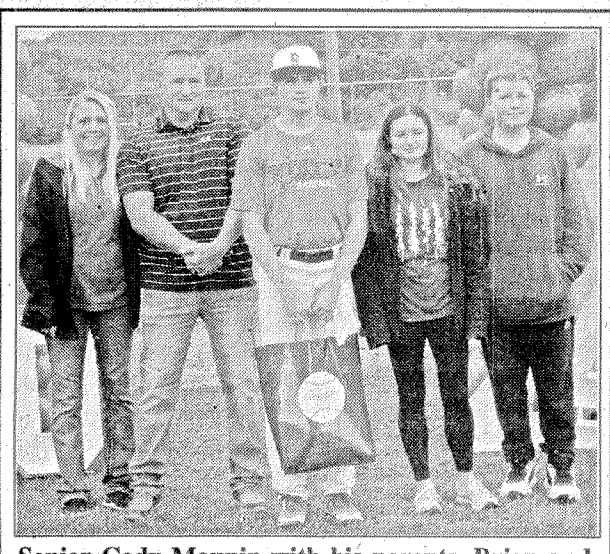
Senior Lance Coffey and his parents, David and Jenise Coffey and sister, Kathryn.

Baseball seniors honored

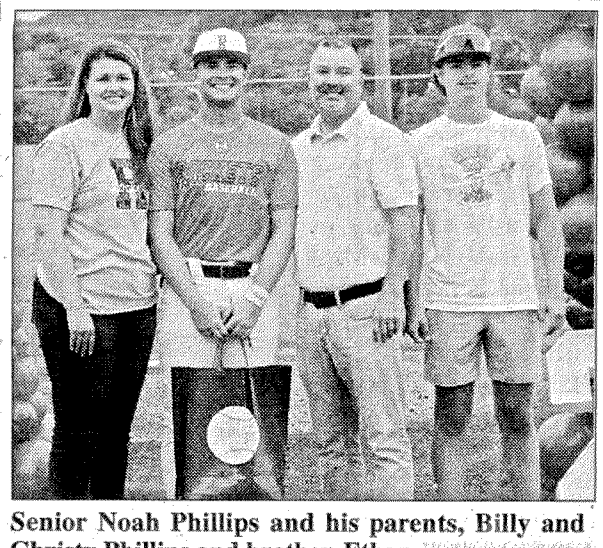


Senior manager Dallas Howard shown with assistant coach Chayse McClure and teammate, Hunter Pingleton.

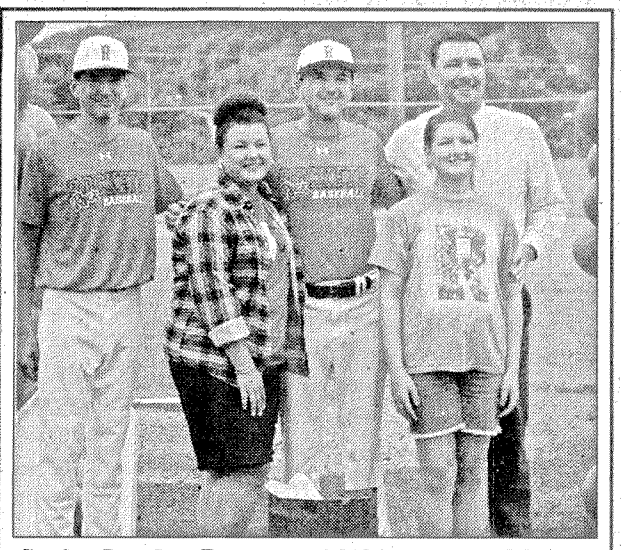
Senior Andrew Powell shown with his parents, Ralph Powell and Brittney Renner, Colson Powell, Amanda Kimsey and Liam Renner.



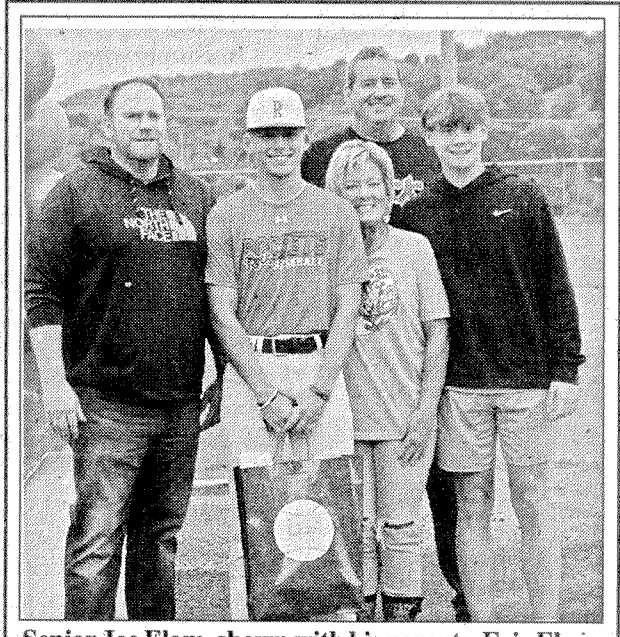
Senior Cody Maupin with his parents, Brian and Jessica Maupin and siblings, Emily and Wesley.



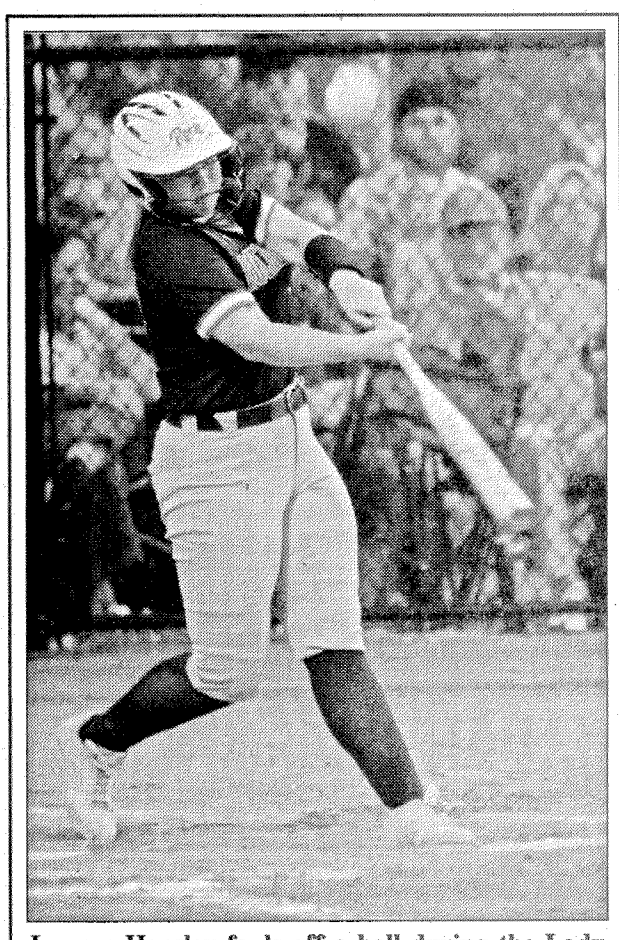
Senior Noah Phillips and his parents, Billy and Christy Phillips and brother, Ethan.



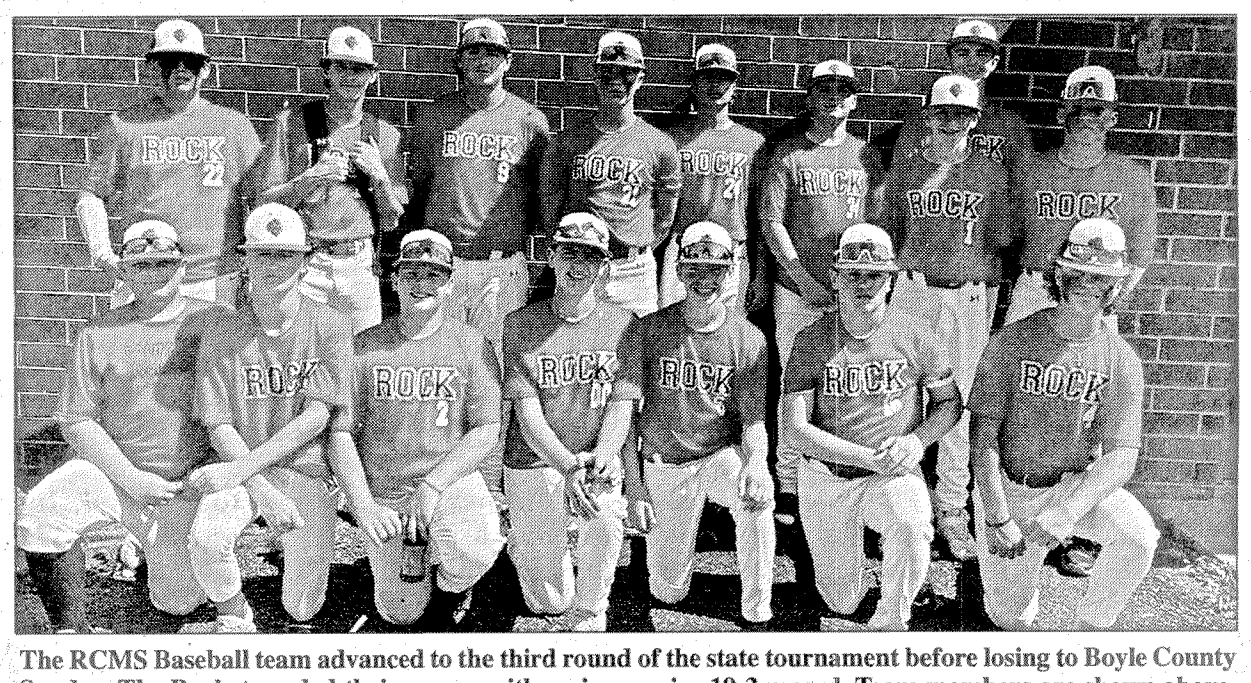
Senior Landon Reppert with his parents, Marcus and Danielle Reppert and siblings, Nick and Alivia.



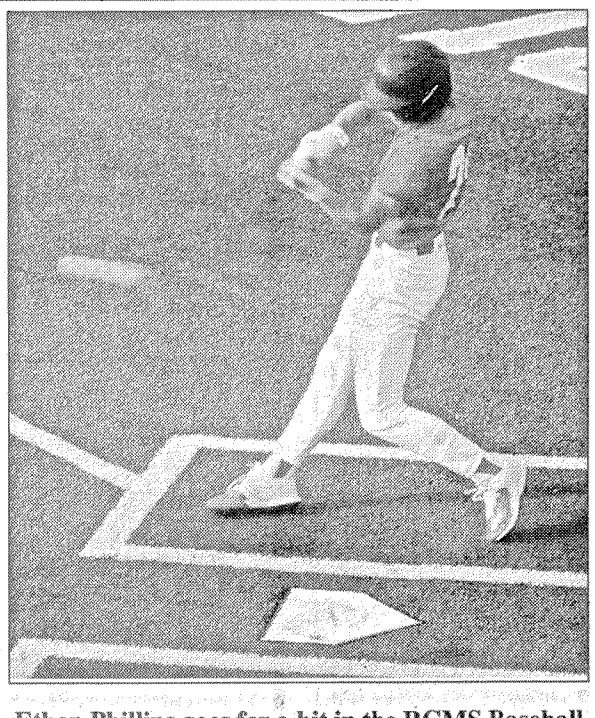
Senior Joe Elam, shown with his parents, Eric Elam and Cassey Mullins Shields and Chuck Shields and brother, Sam.



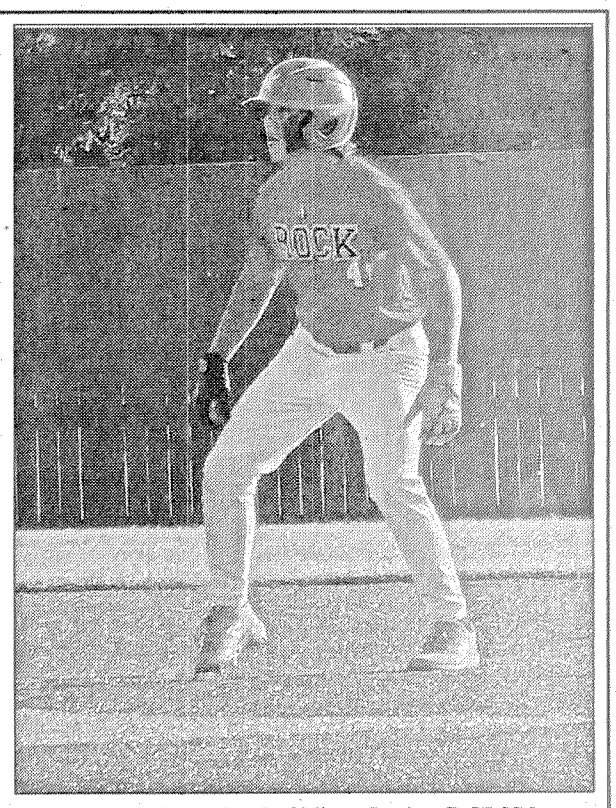
Lauren Hensley fouls off a ball during the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Casey County in the 47th District Tournament.



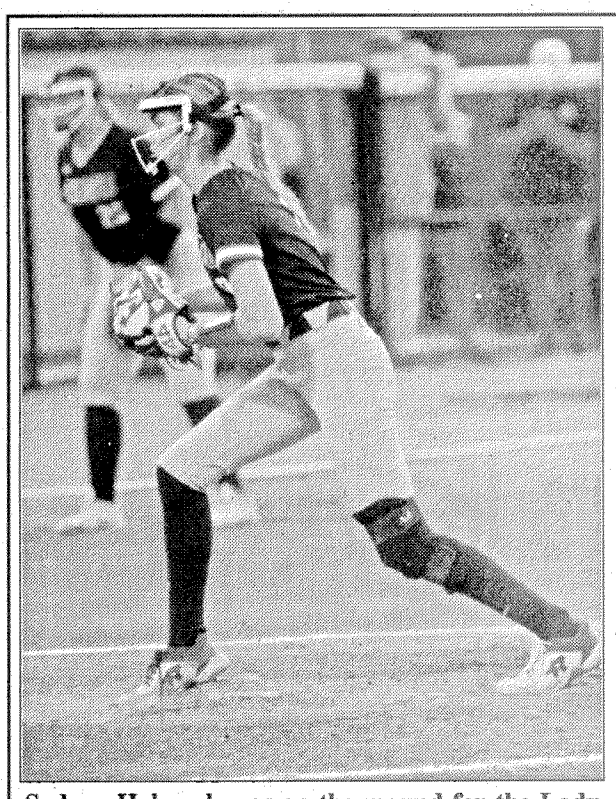
The RCMS Baseball team advanced to the third round of the state tournament before losing to Boyle County Sunday. The Rockets ended their season with an impressive 19-3 record. Team members are shown above, front row from left: Robby Carrosello, G Isaacs, Leland Hughes, AJ Martin, Clay Cash, Trey Cundiff and Cal Rader. Back row from left: Gage Childress, Jacob Camel, Landyn Shepard, Brayden Thacker, Ethan Phillips, Sawyer Cash, Zaydon Scalf, Baylee Taylor and Zaydon Riddle.



Ethan Phillips goes for a hit in the RCMS Baseball state tournament first round win. The Rockets advanced to the third round and were knocked out Sunday by Boyle County.

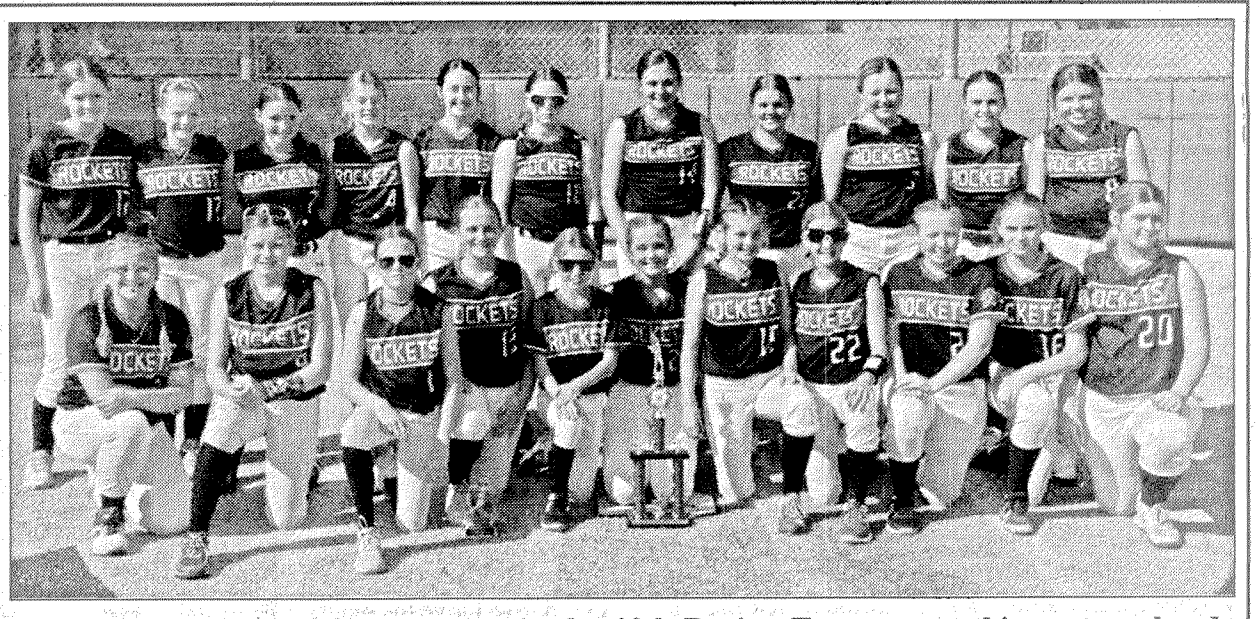


Cal Rader takes a lead off first during RCMS baseball action in the state tournament last week.

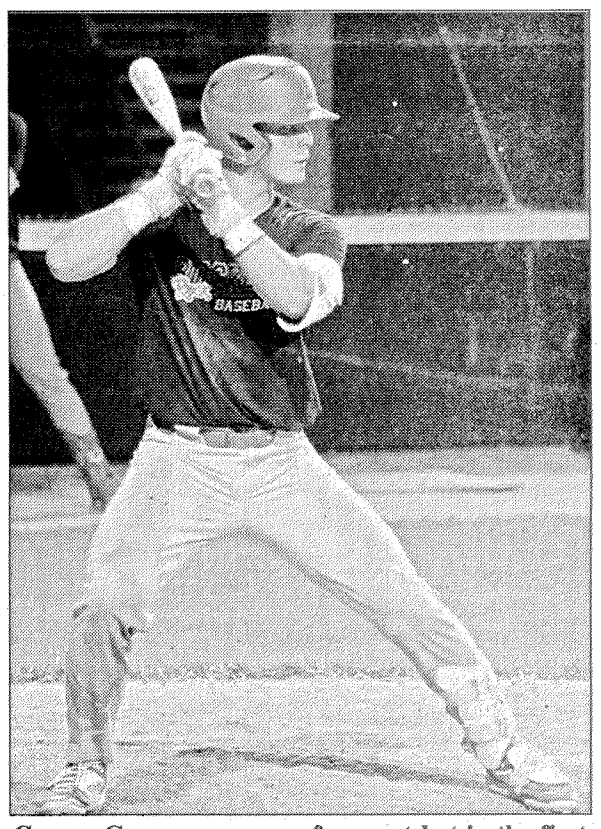


Sydney Holcomb was on the mound for the Lady Rockets' Monday night in the 47th District Tournament.

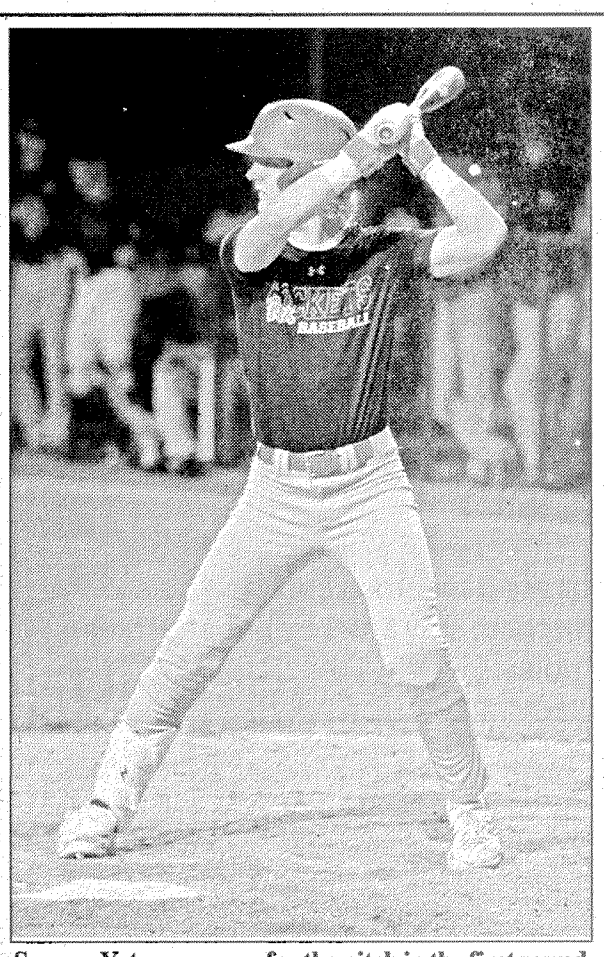
RCMS Baseball and Softball finish seasons with good tournament showings



RCMS softball finished runners-up in the 12th Region Tournament this past weekend. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Sadie Adams, Bella Sowder, Eliza Evans, Rayleigh Hancock, Brylee Silcox, Kynley Calico, Avery Gatliff, Kyleigh Abrams, Paisley Bishop, Astrid Isaacs and Gracie Parker. Back row from left: Kendall Santo, Hazelyn Jones, Haley Hopkins, Mia Scalf, Serenity Owens, Brailyn Todd, Maycee McIntosh, Adeline Bussell, Tatum Bishop, Clara Shaffer and Kinley Shearer. At right, Rayleigh Hancock, Tatum Bishop and Clara Shaffer were named to the 12th Region All-Tournament Team.



Carson Carrera prepares for an at-bat in the first round of the 47th District Tournament Monday night against Somerset.



Sawyer Yates prepares for the pitch in the first round of the 47th District Tournament Monday night against Somerset.

Sadie Osborne slides into second base during the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Casey County in the 47th District Tournament Monday night.

Signal office closed Wednesdays

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Deeds Recorded

David Perkins, property in Rockcastle County, to Tanner and Rachel Perkins. No tax

Shannon Bullock, property on KY 1152, to Dennis and Mary Clevenger. Tax $72

Conan Dale and Norah D. Stephens, property in Rockcastle County, to Russell Murphy. Tax $115

Isaiah Scarborough and Patty Scarborough, property on Brodhead/Chestnut Road, to Matthew Lee Davidson. Tax $199

Eugene Martin and Tammie and Randall Bond, property in Rockcastle County, to Aaron and Amy Caldwell. Tax $2

Betty Cain, property in Miller Addition to Mt. Vernon, to Dennis and Kathy McClure. Tax $20

Renee L. Ayers Gilliam, property in Mt. Vernon, to Christopher Thomas Ayers. No tax

Edna Jo Cook and Steven Blackwell, property on KY 1786, to Amber Nicole Yocum. Tax $80

Theresa Sturgill, property in Livingston, to Linda Mae Pyles. Tax $47

Charles Crabtree and Kristiana Nakaj, property adjoining KY 1249, to Rebecca Crabtree. No tax

Charles and Rebecca Crabtree and Michael and Carol Rupley, property adjoining KY 1249, to Jamie and Amanda Osborne. Tax $80

Boonewood, Inc., property on KY 1326, to PBK Bank, Inc. Tax $92.50

Kaitlin R. Mason, property on Silver St., Brodhead, to Devon M. Mason. No tax

Robert N. and Carollene Pybas, property in Country Estates Subdv., to Robert B. Pybas and Natalie N. Taylor. No tax

MVPD taking part in Click-It or Ticket

Mt. Vernon Police Department will participate in safety checks as part of thje Click-it or Ticket program.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Honeyberries: First Ripe Fruit of the Year

This past week I have been harvesting haskaps, or honeyberries. The bush is a type of honeysuckle. (Not the invasive one.) The blue berries resemble blueberries at a distance, but are more oblong or oval than round like a blueberry might be. By comparison, they are a little more tart, sort of like a red raspberry mixed with a blueberry. Lovely new fruit—one I expect someday to be available at a local Kroger.

Honeyberry (haskap) are an edible honeysuckle native to Canada, Russia and northern islands of Japan.

Haskappu is a Japanese term translated to mean lots of little gifts at the end of limbs of this lonicera edulus plant.

This plant has been hybridized and thrives from zone one through zone 7.

I first found the plant for sale late in 2011 in Knoxville, and added it to an 'edible landscape' in Madison County, Kentucky early the next spring. It performed nicely, in the Bluegrass, and needed no special soil, like blueberries require.

A perennial shrub, living 20 to 50 years, this plant can get 3 to 8 feet tall, and about as broad, depending on the cultivar. The Russian ones tend to bloom before bees are flying (and they do require cross-pollination). The Japanese ones, and their hybrids, tend to bloom later and are best in hotter climates. Blooms and foliage amazingly can take 18 degree temperatures and still fruit, and the leaves not get frozen or damaged!

Young plants may have a few fruits, but mature ones that get the necessary pollination can bear 5 or 10 pounds of fruit per plant.

Some like the berries fresh. Jams and pies are a natural. And the fruit make an exceptional fermented drink, even comparable to the best vintages of grape wine. The antioxidants, the healthy things about this berry, exceed grapes, blueberries, strawberries, and definitely oranges, in nutrition. A winner by all accounts—and easy to grow. Goji berries nor pomagranates nor acai berries have anyhing on this fruit.

This is a little bush you can put in a landscape, flower bed, or even an orchard row. I love the plant, and do not believe it requires a "green thumb" to succeed with it. So, happy gardening as you add honeyberries to your paradise.

The author is a landscaper. Email: rockcastles@gmail.com for feedback.

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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Beautification Week starts on Mount Vernon's Main Street

Submitted

Last week volunteers turned out to beautify Mount Vernon's Main Street by planting colorful flowers. Rockcastle Garden Club President Sarah Pasons and club members gathered at the History Garden early Monday, May 13th to plant the four raised beds there. This is the 3rd year garden club members have volunteered their time and expertise to ensure residents and visitors are welcomed to town with the beautiful summer plantings.

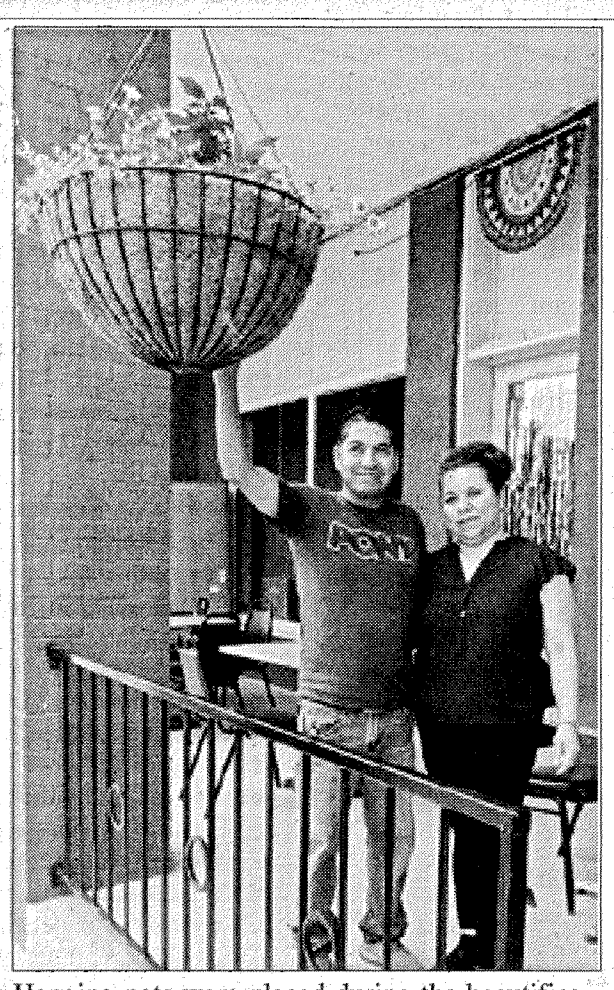
Community Trust Bank dedicated two employees – Rachel Taylor and Malinda Pigg to plant the (22) black pots located on the downtown sidewalk. This is the third year for Rachel and Malinda. They look forward to dedicating their day towards Main Street beautification and said they find it very gratifying to watch the pots grow.

This year, the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce and Development Board further enhanced the plant beautification by offering grant funds for further plant beautification of the storefronts. The Chamber applied for a Jackson Energy RoundUp Grant. Brent Jackson, Jackson Energy Community Relations Manager, presented a check to Chamber Treasurer Lynn Tatum in the amount of $500. The *Mt. Vernon Signal* and Los Casadores Restaurant contributed to the Main Street plant package with the addition of a large hanging basket at the restaurant patio and the *Signal* enhanced their second story by adding a window planter. The development paid the expense to hire Woodall's Tree Service to do the installation work. The maximum grant amount per building is $100 with a match improvement by the building owner/operator. If you are interested in participating, contact Lynn Tatum for more information (606-308-4646).

Beautification Week had several days of rain; however, building owner Ron Cooper still managed to paint a section of his storefront. Art Alley is a city project that will continue to improve over the summer. The city intends to build a small stage area, add a mural, parking space and bench.

Photos submitted

Rachel Taylor and Malinda Pigg, with Community Trust Bank, helped with beautification projects last week on Main Street.



Hanging pots were placed during the beautification work last week. Shown are Eulogio and Elvia Uribe, the owners of Los Casadores Restaurant with one of the backets.

Garden Club members worked on the History Garden on Main Street planing flowers and beautifyinig the area. Shown from left to right are Mary Woodall, Sandi Oram, Eva Hume, Sarah Parsons, Nancy Mullins, Martha Cox and Debbie Bullen (not shown Angela Mink and Angela Moore)

Daniel Boone Agency can help in many different ways

By: Mike French
Editor

Life sometimes tosses surprises and unplanned circumstances into every life. On occasion, those unplanned circumstances can cause one some serious problems. Even up to finding oneself homeless, unable to pay your bills or hungry.

Fortunately, the world is filled with people like Natasha Hubbard and Robin Whitaker. Whitaker is Executive Director of the Daniel Boone Community Action Agency and Hubbard is the Rockcastle County Coordinator for the agency.

The agency began under President Lyndon B. Johnson, about 60 years ago, and is now one of 23 agencies in Kentucky alone. "Our goal is to fight and eradicate poverty in Rockcastle County," said Whitaker. "We don't want to give anyone a hand out. But we want to give everyone a hand up."

The agency offers countless programs for Rockcastle residents, including LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), weatherization programs, a homeless shelter, case management, credit/budget counseling, low-income mortgage assistance, security and utility down payments, utility assistance programs, training services, GED assistance, job search assistance and much more. Each program has several categories in them and Hubbard, from her office on Main Street in Mount Vernon, looks for new ways to help Rockcastle County people every day.

The two energetic ladies sat in Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr's office recently and spent over an hour telling stories about families and individuals they have been blessed to help over the years.

> *"We need to get the word out to people that such programs exist,"*
> **Natasha Hubbard**

The ladies talked about many cases in which the agency was able to help a family in a bad situation and they enjoy telling success stories. In fact, one of their success stories involves a Brodhead resident who found herself in need and, through the use of several agency programs, is now another worker at the local agency. "We are so proud of her achievements," Hubbard said.

Whitaker said last year only one local resident took advantage of the weatherization program, which makes a home extremely more energy efficient. Work on such homes includes weather stripping, insulation, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, water heater replacement and, in some cases, the installation of a new heating and cooling system. "We need to get the word out to people that such programs exist," said Hubbard. "All people have to do is call our office to see if they qualify but they don't know unless they try."

The agency also provides housing for 12 people currently. Though the shelter is now full, vacancies do open up often because the goal of the agency is not only to provide shelter, but to help people be able to support themselves in their own home or apartment. "We help people find housing they can afford and help teach them life skills, jobs and more," said Whitaker. "Our top goal is to get people into housing and then give them skills to retain that housing," added Hubbard.

Even when the local center is full, Hubbard said she will refer anyone who comes for help to another agency and help find them shelter.

The agency also helps on a larger scale and has actually had homes built for families in need and then helped supplement their low-interest loan so that payments are affordable, Whitaker said.

Hubbard can also help if you are about to be evicted. "Our Rapid Rehousing Program can be of assistance and help families achieve stability," Hubbard said. "We may be able to prevent the eviction or help find them another home, but only if they contact us."

The agency is also involved with Goodwill and helped many to buy clothing, furniture and more. Hubbard also said she can help anyone apply for their Social Security or food stamp programs and more. "There are so many people in Rockcastle County who would qualify but they don't know it so they don't try," said Hubbard. "They need to call us and at least find out. When in doubt...reach out!"

The agency is funded in part under a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the Community Services Block Grant Act of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

The agency is now located in Clay, Laurel, Jackson and on Main Street in Rockcastle Counties and organizers say there are a lot of people the agency could help that have not contacted anyone for assistance. "I am there Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the number to call is 606-256-5315."

Security of local voting machines is a top priority among officials here

By: Mike French
Editor

Many may be surprised at the amount of security involved in holding an election. On the state and federal level, there are many security features but locally County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen and her 40-person team of election workers, are just as serious about security.

"There are checks and double checks from the beginning to the end of every election," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "I am on my way up to Danetta's office to perform one of the those checks. There will be no questions in Rockcastle County."

Franklin met Allen and one Republican and one Democrat representative last Tuesday in the double locked room in the courthouse where the election machines are housed. "As you can see, no one can get in this room without the proper keys. These machines are safe from tampering," Franklin said.

Allen worked the locks and opened the first door to the voting machines and then proceeded through to the storage area where another locked door held the machines. "Our election volunteers take three days of training and there is always double security in every step of the process of delivering these machines to their voting location," said Allen.

Tuesday, just before the machine check, Allen and her well-guarded staff, under the eyes of representatives of each party, had already opened 21 of the 40 absentee ballots that were mailed out for the May Primary Elections.

But on this day, Allen and the political party representatives joined the sheriff with clipboards and files, checking every machine one at a time. The machines had been cleared and sealed at the end of the last election and then placed in the secure room so that no one could tamper with them. The workers compared those seals on each machine with numbers in their files as a check to ascertain the seals have not been broken or replaced since they were stored. "We verify that each machine is zeroed out and show no votes registered on them before they go to the voting places," Allen said. "Then once at the location, they are checked and compared again before being put into operation," said Franklin.

"By 5:30 a.m. on election day, these machines will be ready to go at each voting location with zero votes on them," Allen said.

There are also several security checks during other voting methods throughout the election process, according to Allen. "Security and accuracy are top priority and we take it very seriously."

When the crew had completed their task Tuesday, all the numbers matched and each machine was verified as blank and untampered with. "When the time comes, we are confident that these machines are safe and accurate," Allen said.

The election was held Tuesday and local officials say they have no doubt that in Rockcastle County, each vote will be properly counted and the numbers will be accurate.

Rockcastle DAR

Rockcastle Chapter DAR Jennifer Mattingly presented the DAR Good Citizen Award to seniors Jacob Snyder and Callie Benge.

Rockcastle Chapter DAR American History Chair Sharon Lovell presented the Excellence in American History awards to Ella Ford (above) of Mt. Vernon Elementary and Silas Burdette (below) of Roundstone Elementary.

School Board hears tentative budget

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County School District Director of Finance Jenny Sweet presented the tentative budget to the board during last week's regular monthly meeting.

Sweet, first, publicly thanked Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, Senator Brandon Storm, Governor Andy Beshear and the legislature for the state budget that provided funds to Kentucky schools.

Rockcastle County Schools fared well in the state budget recently as SEEK funding was increased from $4,200 per student to $4,326 per student for a total SEEK increase of $1,215,280, according to Sweet. "Our budget distributes over half of that to the staff and the remainder to instruction and inflation."

The director said the tentative budget shows over $18 million dedicated to instruction. There was also an increase in the transportation budget.

Sweet said the state budget increases helped with new programs offered in the district and has now allowed the district to begin the new middle school project.

Sweet said tax revenues equal about $2.8 million in the district and instructional services, operations and facilities equal about $7 million. A Contingency Fund of 5.4% in the general fund and 7.4% restricted contingency, along with the $5.1 million in SEEK monies, help make-up the $34 million general fund tentative budget.

Sweet discussed several departments, including food services and others and presented a slide show to the board explaining each of the funds within the budget.

Sweet said the new middle school project will not show up in the budget until the bid process is complete and awarded and the required bonds are sold.

The board approved the tentative budget and Sweet is expected to present the working budget to the board during the September meeting.

The board also approved an offer of assistance from the state for $13 million to complete funding needed for the new middle school that had been postponed. "I think this is the easiest vote we have ever had," said Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink. "I believe all of us are in favor of the new middle school."

"We are proud of our budget. It is student based and every dollar is used to better our school district," she said.

Cumberlands announces Spring 2024 President's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the spring 2024 semester.

To be eligible to have your name added to the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. (Note: All students who are named to the President's List automatically make the Dean's List, since the Dean's List requires a minimum semester GPA of 3.5; however, Cumberlands only lists students on either the Dean's List or the President's List, to avoid overlap.)

The following students from your local area made the President's List for spring 2024:

Jacklynn Thacker of Brodhead (40409)

Kristin Childress of Brodhead (40409)

Jennifer Parsons of Mount Vernon (40456)

Jessica Wolf of Mount Vernon (40456)

Riley Sherrow of Brodhead (40409)

Jessica Cromer of Brodhead (40409)

Peyton Cotton of Orlando (40460)

Katherine Coffey of Mt Vernon (40456)

Hallie Brown of Brodhead (40409)

Rebekah Hurley of Mount Vernon (40456)

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The following students from Rockcastle made the Dean's List for spring 2024:

Danielle Reppert of Mount Vernon (40456)

Jenise Abney of Mount Vernon (40456)

Natasha Hubbard of Mount Vernon (40456)

Karlee Smith of Brodhead (40409)

Amanda Taylor of Brodhead (40409)

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Cumberlands congratulates their newest graduates

Everyone at University of the Cumberlands wishes heartfelt congratulations to all graduates in the Class of 2024.

Local students who received a degree in Fall 2023 or Spring 2023, or are set to complete their degree in Summer 2024 (and were thus eligible to walk at Cumberlands' commencement ceremonies) are: Natalie Mullins of Mount Vernon; Christina Mcguire of Mount Vernon; Jennifer Parsons of Mount Vernon; Maegan Bishop of Mount Vernon; Savannah Neeley of Mount Vernon; Tristan Petrey of Mount Vernon; Bailee Allen of Mount Vernon; Hannah Bryant of Brodhead; Rebekah Hurley of Mount Vernon; Katherine Coffey of Mt Vernon; Jessica Taylor of Mount Vernon; Reese Sherrow of Brodhead; Jacklynn Thacker of Brodhead; Brittany Adams of Brodhead; Ashley Burton of Brodhead; Tiffany Pingleton of Mount Vernon; Regina Ponder of Brodhead; Samuel Pensol of Mount Vernon; Landrea Brown of Mount Vernon; and Hannah Hudson of Mount Vernon.

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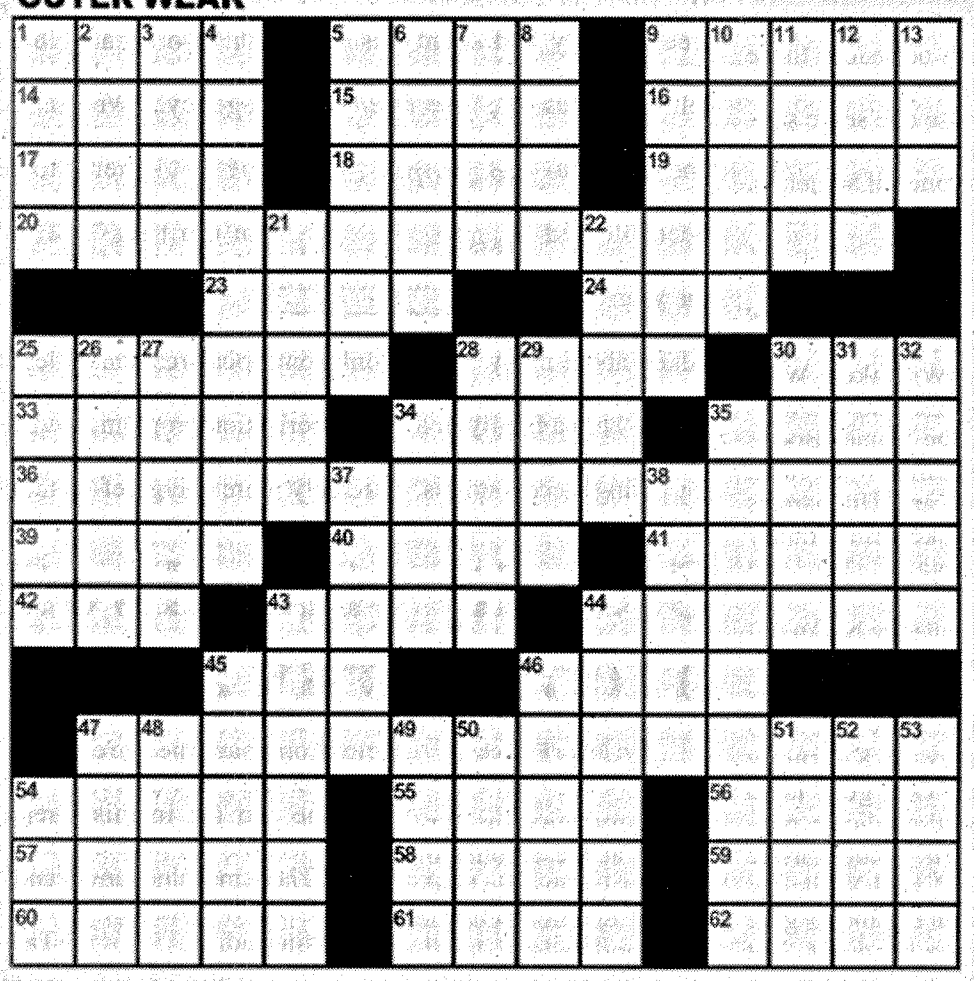

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15) Big bird of the pampas
16) Slow-paced runner
17) "___ go bragh"
18) Cash repository
19) Military adversary
20) Metaphorical shield
23) Harp relative of old
24) Time before anything
25) Pound's major opus
28) Like some ammunition
30) Relaxing retreat
33) Lie in store for
34) Of the finest quality
35) Witnessed
36) Removes the first layer?
39) ___ out a living
40) Doggie bag items
41) Armistice
42) "The Hunt for ___ October"
43) Cons partners
44) Rang, as a bell
45) Lose tautness, in a way
46) Minimum-range tide
47) South African peninsula
54) Photographer's poser
55) Heat and light generator
56) Husband of a countess
57) It's all around the lagoon
58) Birthstone after sapphire
59) Attention-getting utterance
60) Electric car brand
61) Give up, as territory
62) Baby seals

DOWN

1) Detail, for short
2) Deliver, as a pitch
3) Gallimaufry
4) Fines
5) Tree-shaded areas
6) Make sore by rubbing
7) Gymnasts' perfect scores
8) Pen name of H.H. Munro
9) Record jacket
10) 1,000 kilograms
11) Cartel since 1961
12) "Who wants candy?" response
13) Be a busybody
21) Japanese capital of yore
22) Flood-control structure
25) Do a banquet
26) Out of dreamland
27) With nothing on
28) Ransacks
29) They're accommodating
30) Capital on the Han River
31) Quiet companion
32) Put in a poker chip
34) Jimi Hendrix's do
35) Accumulation of refuse
37) Pass up
38) Ending for "farm" or "home"
43) Spanish rice dish
44) Human beings
45) Kind of checker
46) Roamer
47) Sheep enclosure
48) Hubbubs
49) Tuftlike mass
50) Stare dumbfoundedly
51) Iolani Palace's island
52) Get ready to operate
53) Some shade providers
54) Wrestler's surface

Rockcastle Historical Haven

Presented by Rockcastle Historical Society

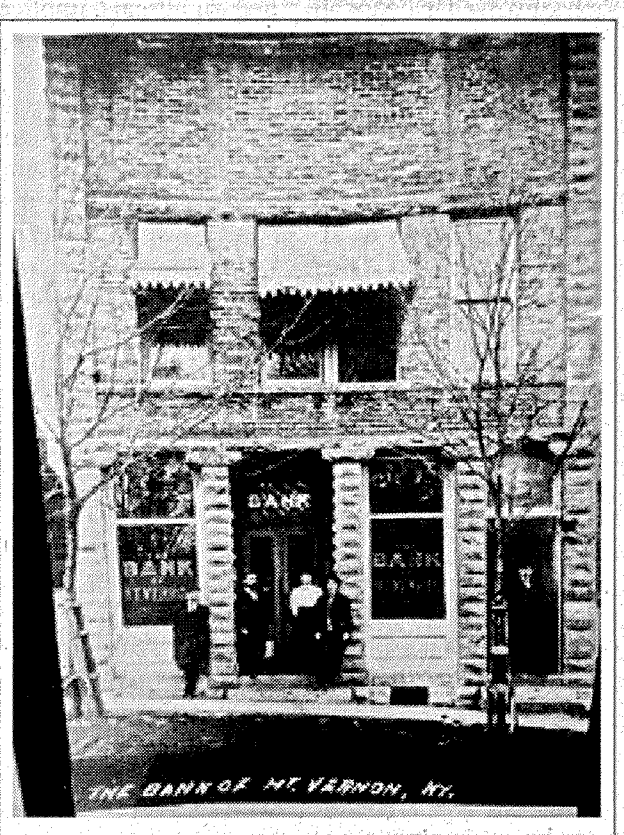
By: Markita Proctor

John Lair published a weekly column in the Mt. Vernon Signal titled Rockcastle Recollections in one of these columns reviewed many of the firsts in our little county. In this list, Lair was able to discover many firsts, from the first white man to visit the county to the first industry. One of the many firsts recorded by Lair was the first Bank in Rockcastle County. The Bank of Mt. Vernon was established in 1900, with S.H. Martin as president, W. L. Richards as cashier, and A.B. Furnist as assistant cashier. The June 22, 1900 edition of the Mt. Vernon Signal details one of the first stockholders meeting of the proposed bank. As reported the group met in the courthouse on Saturday, June 16, 1900. L. W. Bethurum was made the chairman and E. S. Albright secretary. The following are the officers and committees: M. J. Miller, Sr., President. Dr. John M Williams, vice president. Directors included Geo. Levisay Sr., S. H. Martin, J. T. Adams, W.J. Sparks, Jonas McKenzie, A. T. Fish, and Gus Stavason. The Building Committee: C. C. Williams, Jonas McKenzie, L.W. Bethurum. SAFE Committee: W. L. Richards, Dr. John M. Williams, Jas. T. Adams. W. L. Richards was made a committee of one to buy the books and stationery. Dr. John M. Williams and W. L. Richards were appointed to the committee to select the furniture. On Motion of Judge Williams Jarve Cook deputy county clerk, was appointed to take around the articles of incorporation and acknowledge the signature of the stockholders. The signal reports that there was just a quorum of stockholders present, but all present felt that the new bank would not be long in coming. The goal was to have the bank would be ready to commence business on or about September 15th, 1900. There was a flurry of excitement for the prospect of the new bank, "Let everyone who has a spark of interest in the welfare of his county fight for the bank."

The Bank was reported to be open and in good running condition in the October 5th, 1900 edition of the Mt. Vernon Signal. According to the report, "People were coming from all parts of the county to make their deposits. It is perfectly safe. Every man who deposits his money is fully secured and no one need have any fears when he puts a dollar in it, but what he will get every cent of it back. The bank, which the people will soon realize themselves will be of more help to the county than most anything which we can conceive of."

At one time there was a suspicion of banks and bankers. According to William C. Mallalieu and Sabri M. Akural in an essay published by the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society Titled "Kentucky Banks in The Crisis Decade: 1834-1844," There were phases of attitudes towards banks. First, early settlers did not trust banks, they were mysterious and sometimes guilty of fraudulent operations. After the 1800s, the Kentucky Insurance Company charted the first bank of Kentucky in 1806. People started to recognize the value of banks. "The banks chartered between 1833 and 1835 survived several financial crises, a prolonged depression, and a civil war." No wonder the citizens of Rockcastle County were a little leary of the "new-fangled" banking system. There was a time in our not-so-distant past when money was stored under the mattress, in the pages of a book and for the more extreme, buried in the backyard.

The bank operated relatively safely for many years after opening in 1900, before relocating to a new location on Main Street. The building changed hands and served as the law office for James Lambert for many years. Today this building is considered to be of historical significance. It was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1981. We hope that this historical building has a bright future. With the help of grants and donations, The Rockcastle Historical Society and Museum hopes to create a place where citizens and historians can go to see the history of Rockcastle County on display.



Garden Club takes on another big project

Seven members of the Rockcastle Garden Club were recently on hand to jump-start a new project. The Club plans to help Brodhead Elementary School by organizing an effort to give the courtyard a facelift. Club members are shown working on the first phase of the project by removing overgrown shrubs and dead trunks and roots.

The club plans to help the school get new plantings and possibly some child friendly objects of art. The Kiwanis club has already donated $100 toward the effort.

Members working were Club President Sarah Parsons and her husband Adam, Martha Cox, Nancy Miller, Mary Woodall, Harold Woodall, Nancy Mullins and two little helpers and future gardeners, Walker Parsons and Hadley Parsons.

Hospice to host in-person volunteer training

Hospice Care Plus, Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative and bereavement care, is hosting a new volunteer training on Saturday, June 8, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library in Berea.

The training is for individuals who would like to help provide care and support for those with a serious illness, their caregivers, and the bereaved, either directly or indirectly.

Mariah Smith, volunteer coordinator, says the in-person, group training has a special quality that makes a good experience for all.

"I hear over and over from the Hospice Care Plus volunteers that they receive more from their service than they give," said Smith.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed at hospicecareplus.org, 859-986-1500, or hospice@hospicecp.org. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Smith said there is something that will fit everyone's schedule, regardless of how much time they have to volunteer. There are opportunities to work with patients and caregivers or in non-patient care roles such as mailings, office support and more. Many roles require only an hour or so a month.

Several programs give new volunteers a wealth of choices. A complete list of programs is available at hospicecareplus.org. In all cases and programs, Hospice Care Plus staff are available to support volunteers.

"Our staff welcomes volunteers as part of the team," said Smith. "They're supported and appreciated for the real, meaningful contributions they make."

To learn more or to register for the training, visit hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org. Registration can also be completed via the Facebook event page. For those interested in self-paced, online training options, contact Smith.

Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative, and bereavement care. The organization also serves Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison and Owsley counties and owns and operates the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Relying on contributions from individuals and groups, all care is provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. To learn more, donate, or explore career and volunteer opportunities, visit hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500.

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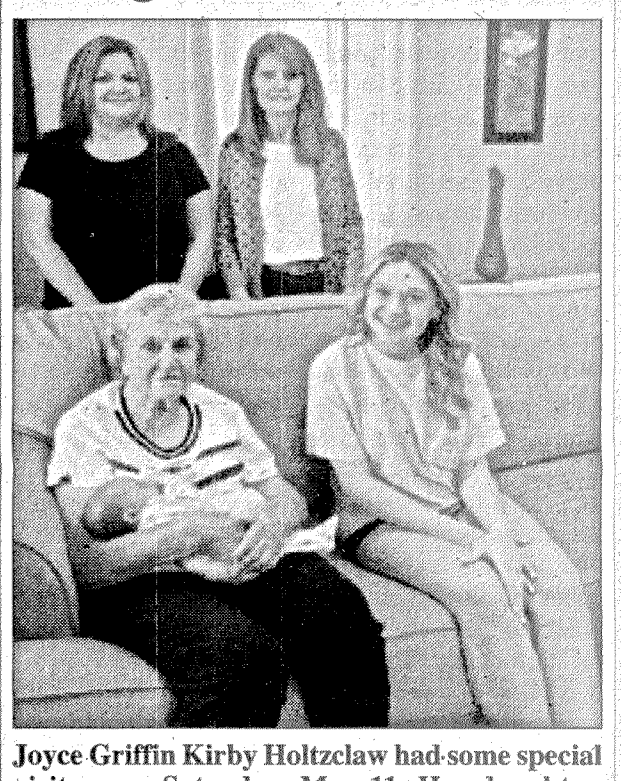
Five generations

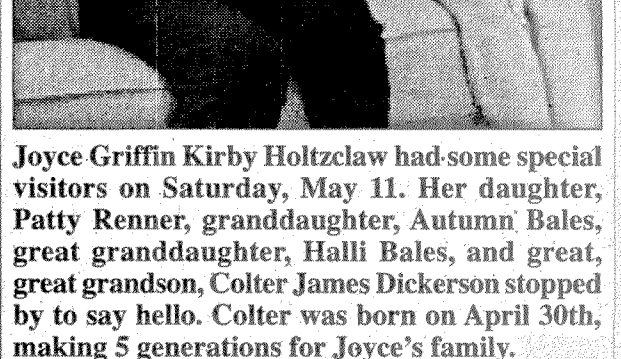


Joyce Griffin Kirby Holtzclaw had some special visitors on Saturday, May 11. Her daughter, Patty Renner, granddaughter, Autumn Bales, great granddaughter, Halli Bales, and great, great grandson, Colter James Dickerson stopped by to say hello. Colter was born on April 30th, making 5 generations for Joyce's family.

"Walk of Honor" Fundraiser

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

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



Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) beside the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

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.

Sewer Rate Increases

The Consumer Price Index set by the Department of Local Government increased by 3.4%
New Rates will be in effect July 1, 2024

Old Rates

	Inside City	Outside City
Base Amount 1st 2000	$ 18.12	$ 26.05
All Over 2000	$ 7.34	$ 10.33

New Rates

	Inside City	Outside City
Base Amount 1st 2000	$ 18.74	$ 26.94
All Over 2000	$ 7.59	$ 10.68

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative

Get Out and Vote!

America was founded to give all citizens of the nation a voice in the political process. The founders rallied behind the demand of "No taxation without representation" and fought to establish a nation where the voice of the people was paramount. Though our founders disagreed on many aspects of their future nation, one facet of our political system was agreed to by all, in one form or another, and this was the right to vote for those who govern us.

As we approach the primary elections that will be held on May 21, voters need to understand the election process, the intent of these elections, and how to learn more about those competing for their party's nomination. Unlike general elections, primary elections require voters to be registered members of the party they are voting for. This means Republicans vote between Republican candidates, and Democrats vote for Democratic candidates. Primary elections empower members of political parties in a given jurisdiction, whether a State Representative District or a Presidential primary, to choose the nominee for the party in the general election in the fall. Those without a party affiliation cannot vote in a party's primary, and all others must have registered as a represented party by April 22 of this year.

Unfortunately, primaries are historically marred by low voter turnout. The lack of voter participation may result in the ascension of an unpopular candidate to the general ballot, forcing the voters to choose between the notorious "lesser of two evils." To avoid this, you must exercise your right to vote during a primary and support the candidate you believe will do the best job for your community. These elections are not just important to all people, parties, and communities; they are vital to the nation's and state's well-being. They determine your representation and, ultimately, who will be on the ballot in November. Your vote matters.

It is important to vote in every election. Without high voter participation and engagement, your community will not have access to the change and strong leadership it deserves. No matter your preferred candidate or your party, I encourage you to get out and vote on May 21.

Kentucky offers voters a variety of options when considering when and where to vote. First, we have traditional in person voting that will be available to everyone on election day. Second, the state offers mail-in ballots on request. Additionally, you can vote in-person before election day at a location selected by your local governments during the excused in-person absentee or in-person no-excuse absentee periods between May 8 and May 18.

To find your polling location and learn more about locations that offer Mail Ballots, or Absentee voting locations, please visit the State Board of Elections website at www.elect.ky.gov and click "Find My Polling Place." The State Board of Elections website also provides information about becoming a precinct election officer and other ways you can help your community during election season.

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

Honor Our Heroes This Memorial Day

By: Senator Brandon Storm

Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, is a solemn day of remembrance for the men and women who have died in military service to the United States. Originally known as Decoration Day, it began in the aftermath of the Civil War as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Over time, it has evolved to honor all Americans who have died in military service.

Memorial Day was initially known as Decoration Day, a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers.

The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and necessitated the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Kentucky has a long and proud military tradition, with numerous notable figures and events shaping its history. Kentucky's contributions to the U.S. military have been substantial from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and into the modern era.

Kentucky, a border state during the Civil War, played a critical role because of its strategic location and resources. Many Kentuckians fought for both the Union and the Confederacy. The Battle of Perryville fought on Oct. 8, 1862, was the largest battle fought in the state and had significant implications for the control of Kentucky.

During World War II, Kentucky's Fort Knox became a crucial training ground for armored divisions. The fort's name became synonymous with tank training and played a vital role in preparing U.S. forces for combat.

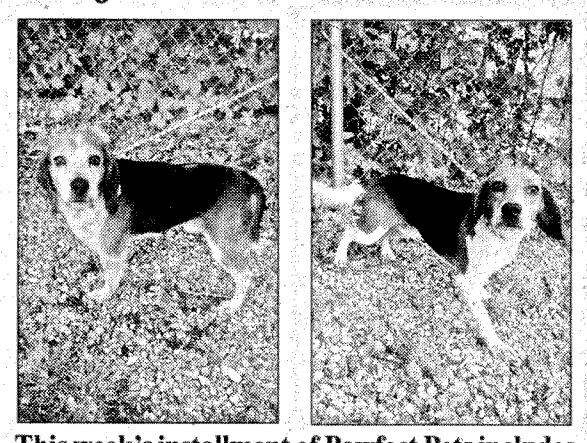
More recently, Kentucky has remained a key player in the nation's military efforts. The 101st Airborne Division, based at Fort Campbell, has been involved in major conflicts from Vietnam to the War on Terror. Known as the "Screaming Eagles," this division is one of the most storied units in the U.S. Army with a legacy of valor and sacrifice.

On this Memorial Day, we honor the brave Kentuckians who have served our country—individuals such as Sgt. Dakota Meyer, a Medal of Honor recipient from Columbia, Kentucky, reminds us of our military members' extraordinary bravery and sacrifice. Meyer's heroism during the Battle of Ganjgal in Afghanistan exemplifies the courage and dedication of Kentucky's service members.

The significance of Memorial Day extends beyond barbecues and parades; it is a day to reflect on the sacrifices made by those brave souls who fought and died to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. It is a day to honor their courage, commitment, and ultimate sacrifice. For many of us, it is also a personal day of mourning and remembering loved ones lost in service.

As we reflect on Memorial Day's meaning, remember these heroes' sacrifices and ensure their legacy endures. Honor their memory by striving to live up to the ideals they fought to protect. Kentucky's history is rich with stories of bravery and sacrifice. Today, we pay tribute to all who have served and fallen, ensuring their contributions are never forgotten.

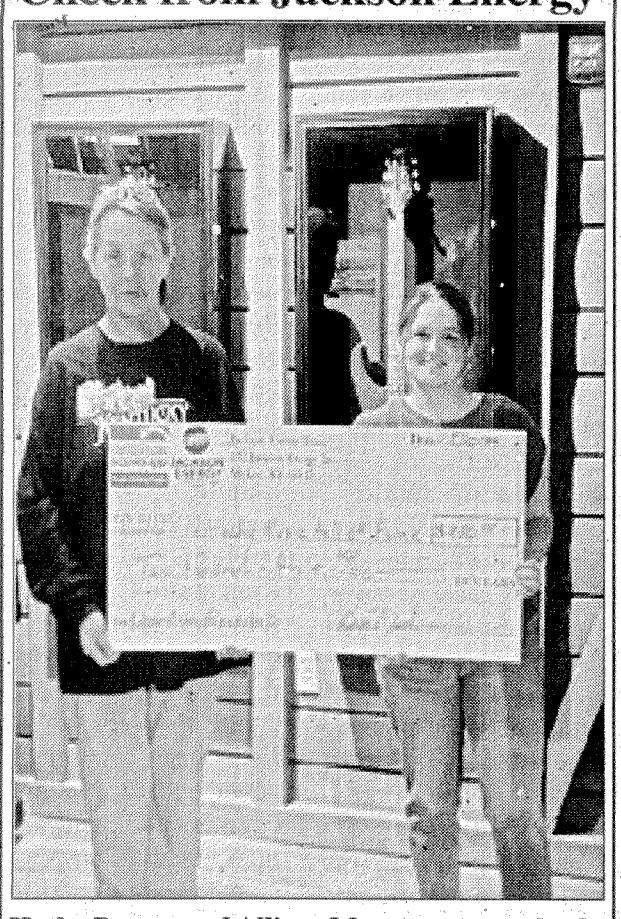
Pawfect Pets



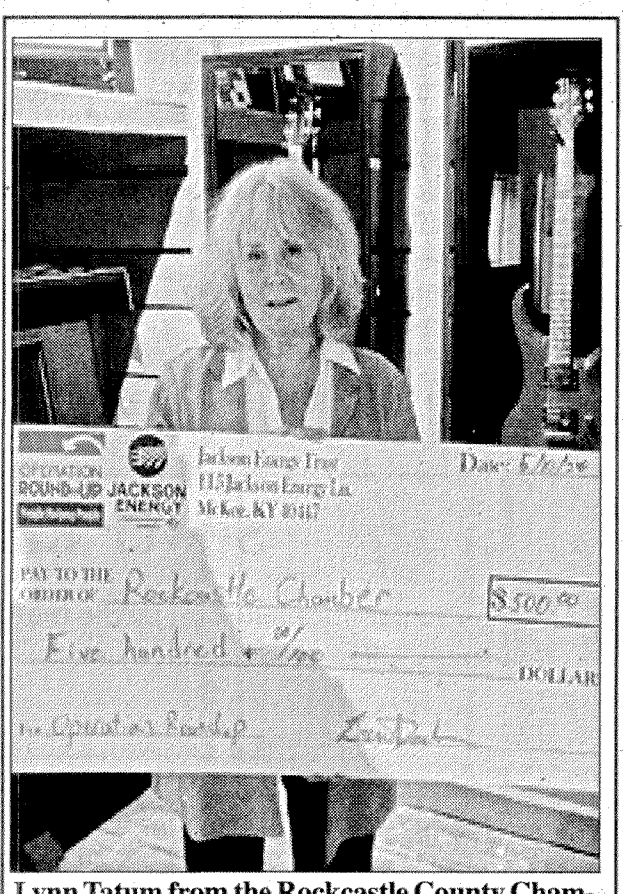
This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Bruno, the 6 year-old male, Beagle who is friendly but shy and Snoopy, the 2 year old male Beagle who is also a little shy and very friendly. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a $20 adoption fee.

KING'S
EYE CARE
Dr. Sarah King
Dr. Kevin Skidmore
Dr. Ashley Lane
Dr. Gary King
Dr. Taylor Waggoner
—Optometrists—
854 Ridgewood Dr. • Berea, KY 40403
www.eyedoctorberea.net
859-986-7027

Check from Jackson Energy



Kathy Brown and Allison Myers accept a check for $250 on behalf of Kentucky Music Hall of Fame from Jackson Energy's program Operation RoundUp.



Lynn Tatum from the Rockcastle County Chamber accepts a check for $500 from Jackson Energy's program Operation RoundUp.

PUBLIC HEARING

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 E. Main St. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Mt. Vernon, KY on Friday, May 24 at 12 noon to obtain citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. Written comments can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P.O.Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and must be received before 11 am on Friday May 24, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Rockcastle County budget for the fiscal year 2024, to include unanticipated receipts from General Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund, LGEA Fund, Forestry Fund, Fairgrounds Fund, EDF Fund, Farmers Mkt Fund, 911 Fund, Clerk Storage Fee Fund, OSF Fund, SPF Fund and the CSEPP Fund in the amount of $1,142,176.36 and increasing expenditures in each fund will be held on May 30th at 9 am at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 3rd floor conference room.

A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

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A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge Executive during normal business hours.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE TRIFLE

1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup cold milk
1 box (3.4 ounce) instant vanilla pudding mix
1 tub (12 ounce) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 and 1/2 eups crushed butter-flavored crackers
1/4 cup melted butter
2 cans (21 ounces each) strawberry pie filling

In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Beat in sour cream; mix well. In a small mixing bowl, beat milk and pudding mix on low speed for 2 minutes. Stir into cream cheese mixture. Fold in whipped topping. In a small bowl, combine crackers and butter. In a 2 and 1/2 quart trifle bowl or clear glass bowl, layer half of the cream cheese mixture, crumbs, and pie filling. Repeat layers. Refrigerate until serving.

STRAWBERRY PIE FILLING

1 cup mashed strawberries
3/4 cup water, or more if needed
3/4 cup white sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 cups sliced strawberries

Combine mashed strawberries and water in a saucepan; bring to a boil and simmer for about 3 minutes.

Strain juice from cooked strawberries and add enough water to make 1 cup of juice. Discard pulp.

Combine sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, and salt in a saucepan; stir strawberry juice into the sugar mixture. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, until clear and thick, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Stir sliced strawberries into the strawberry sauce.

STRAWBERRY COOKIES

1 box (15.25 ounce) strawberry cake mix
2 eggs
1/3 cup melted butter
1 and 1/2 cups white chocolate chips
Fresh strawberries, if desired

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Combine cake mix and eggs in a medium mixing bowl. Add melted butter. Mix well. Add in white chocolate chips and stir by hand to combine. Use a medium 1/2 tablespoon cookie scoop to measure out dough and place on the cookie sheet. Top with a few more chocolate chips if you'd like. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. If you have fresh strawberries, place one on top of each cookie. Let them rest for another 3 to 5 minutes on the hot cookie sheet. Transfer to baking racks to cool completely. Enjoy!

Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer
156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10 -11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhop@ymail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Monday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs

Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Live services on
www.biblebaptist.org
and Facebook®
Pastor: Bro. Alan Dodson

Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Phillip Permenter
Eric Bullock
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor

Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Mink, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Jason Medley, Pastor
606-308-4543

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
"Central Time" Radio Broadcast
WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.
WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.
Transportation and Nursery provided for all services
Home of Well of Pure Water Radio - 93.3 FM
Mark Eaton, Pastor

Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon
Turn left off US Hwy 25
Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Bro. Ova Baker
Bro. Dale McNew
Bro. Philip Scott

Church of Christ on Fairground Hill
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Different speaker each Sunday

Clear Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Climax Christian Church
Hwy. 1912
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at 7

Community Worship Church of God
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor
Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
www.cwchurchofgod.com

Conway Missionary Baptist
116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

Cove Branch United Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
1st Saturday of month singing 6 p.m.
John Vanwinkle, Pastor

Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
606-355-7595

Creekside Baptist Church
2261 Copper Creek Rd.
Sunday morning breakfast: 9:30
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor Bro. Jack Stallsworth

CrossPoint Church of God
211 Industrial Park Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY
Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Matt Griggs
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Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Cupps Chapel Holiness
Copper Creek Rd.,
Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

Fairground Hill Community Holiness
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
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email: fellowship@fvmbc.com

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship
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Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon
Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
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Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead,Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon
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Wednesday 7 pm
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Sunday 3 p.m.
Thursday 7 pm

Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist Church
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor

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Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
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(all ages)
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening
Bible Study
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 pm
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-308-5368

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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church 7 pm Thurs.
Pastor Ashley Noe

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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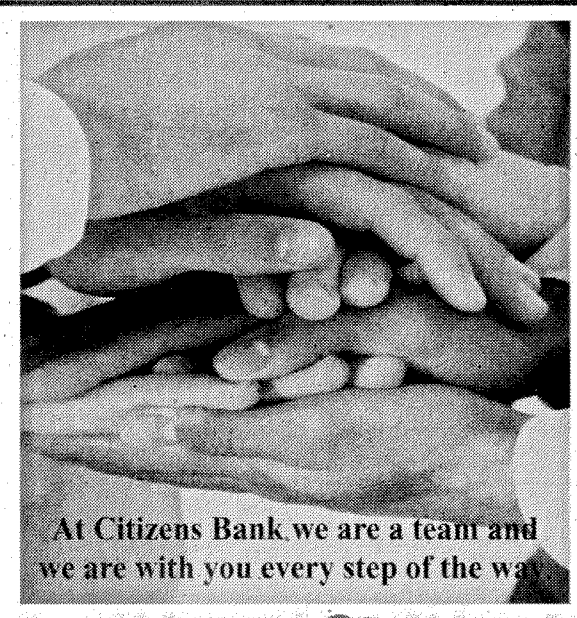

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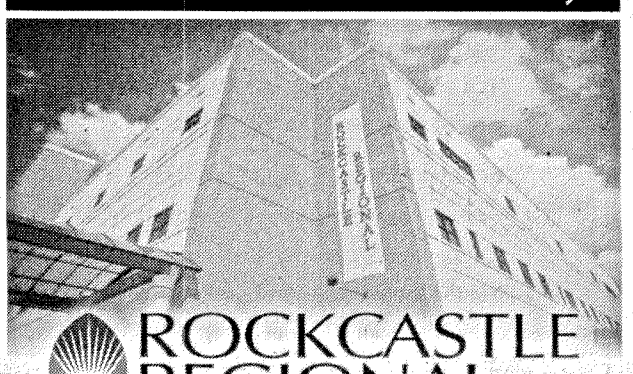
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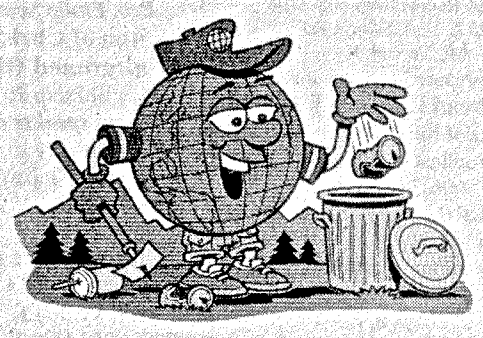

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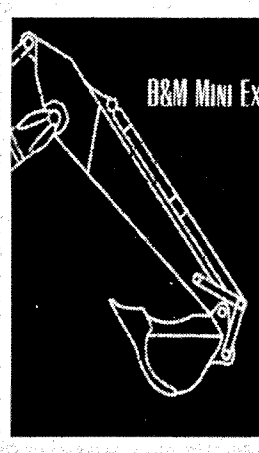

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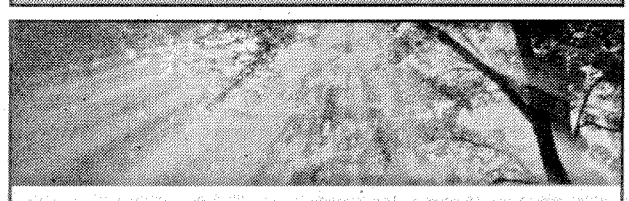

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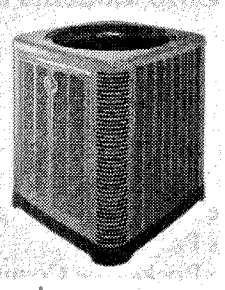

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Legislation helps many small cities with audit troubles

By: Mike French
Editor

Small cities in Kentucky now have a much better chance to get the help they need, thanks to a bill sponsored by Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, according to Brodhead city officials.

During their regular meeting Monday evening, Brodhead commissioners discussed the paperwork they are in the process of gathering to make the city eligible for funds they would otherwise not be able to access.

"Thanks to Josh (Bray) and the help of Howell Holbrook, we are eligible for many things that we would not have been able to get," Commissioner Brian Bullock said.

The problem over the years has been city audits, according to all the commissioners. "Getting an audit for a small town is almost impossible," pointed out Mayor Jerry Adams. "The first thing a CPA asks is your population and as soon as you say, they lose interest," he said. In fact, the City of Brodhead, as well as other cities in the county, have been several years behind on providing the city audit the state requires before a town is eligible for many grants and other funding or programs.

"There are a lot of cities across the state in the same situation," said Bullock. "More small towns than you can imagine were just like us and could not find an auditor willing to perform an audit."

Even if an auditor was found, it did not always solve the issue, Bullock said. "When you can find one willing, the cost is so prohibitive you can't possibly use them."

So commissioners contacted Holbrook who researched the issue and contacted Bray. "Josh saved a lot of cities across the commonwealth from being left out of a lot of funding opportunities," said Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell.

According to Bray, he had several conversations with Adams, as well as other mayors in the district, and helped put legislation together that could help such cities. "A lot of cities were suffering from he same issue and we had to do something to help. There was a real need there."

Commissioners are currently gathering information from their bank that is available for all cities. "We just have to gather our bank information and submit it and we are eligible as if we had an audit," said Bussell. "We still have to work towards getting our audits done but this gets the ball rolling and helps us not miss opportunities," said Adams.

According to commissioners, all cities will still be required to eventually have audits completed but while working on the process, that takes some cities several years, each city will be able to compete.

"This is a big help to us and all the small cities that were having the same issue," said Bullock.

RCHS History Department receives DAR Grant

The Daughters of the American Revolution offers Pre-K-16 teachers and administrators "American Revolution Legacy Grants" that support educational initiatives or student programs (for young and old), enhance student academic performance, and reward creative approaches to support higher levels of student learning. Funded through the President General's Project, 31 educators in 19 states received up to $5,000 each in conjunction with National Teacher Appreciation week activities.

Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR, Inc. is proud to announce the $5,000 recipient of the DAR American Revolution Legacy Grant is American History teacher, Kevin Conforti and head of the History Department at Rockcastle Co. High School Holly Robinson.

Their proposed project is to create a history lab so that students can engage in "hands-on" history connected to the revolutionary period, the founding documents, and the legacy of the revolution. To make this lab a reality, grant money will be used to purchase artifacts such as buttons, documents, books, cloth, household items, items related specifically to Kentucky or Rockcastle County, etc. The goal of this lab is to reinforce the lasting legacy of the American Revolution for our students.

Submittals for the 2024 application process will go through November 2024-March 1, 2025. Please contact the Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR Inc. at rockcastledar@gmail.com if you are interested in applying for this grant.

Holly Robinson, head of the History Department at RCHS and Kevin Conforti, American History teacher.

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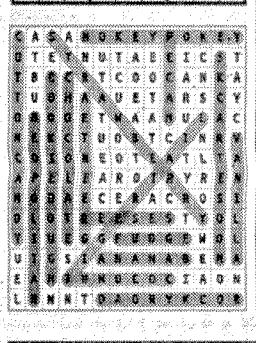

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Murmurings and Complainings

The children of Israel did much murmuring and complaining and Paul used them as an example to warn Christians. (1Cor.10:10) Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. (v.11) Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples and they are written for admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. They had been brought into the wilderness of want and thought they might perish. They complained to their leaders and proposed a return to Egypt. Children whine and cry and complain. but children are to put away chidish things and behave themselves like men. (1Cor.16:13) Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

(Jude :16) These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. " Vincent in his word studies of the New Testament". It is easy to talk and say nothing, multiply words without knowledge. this is done in the secular world in business and by many of our politicans. It should never be done in the church by our teachers and preachers, or by our brothers in sisters in Christ Jesus.

We need to take the warning from the apostle Paul(1Thes.2:4,5) But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloack for covetousness-God is witness. I wonder sometime those that preach just to fill in a space when they teach or preach, realize that God is their witness, and just to speak great swelling words, that only 10% of the church understand. Folks we need the truth, nothing more nothing less. " That is what sets us free". Let us rememeber the words of Solomon: (Prov.10:19) In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely.

"Most fertilize is filler, our sermons should not be".

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos on our You Tube channel. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. The church assembles for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Every one is welcome. We offer free Bible correspondence course.

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The Center for Rural Development selects RCMS students to attend Rogers Explorers

The Center for Rural Development has selected three Rockcastle County students to participate in the 2024 Rogers Explorers Program.

Rockcastle County Middle School students Brady Gibson, Madalynn "Maddy" Alexander, and Jalie Peterson have been chosen as Rogers Explorers and invited to attend this summer's program.

"The Rogers Explorers Program encourages middle school students to develop their leadership skills and explore new adventures while spending time on a leading Kentucky college campus," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development. "We're excited to welcome our 2024 Class of Rogers Explorers and for them to start their journey."

Rogers Explorers is open to eighth-grade students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky who have a strong interest in developing their skills in leadership, team building, community service, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields of study.

This summer, approximately 184 Explorers will be spending three days and two nights on one of six partner Kentucky colleges or universities. While on campus, they will learn valuable leardership skills, complete a community service project, and partipate in hands-on learning.

Rogers Explorers is presented by The Center for Rural Development in partnership with Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, University of the Cumberlands, University of Pikeville, and Union College.

Brady is the son of Trevis and Kimberly Gibson of Brodhead. Maddy is the daughter of Tiffany and Robert Gibson of Brodhead. Jalie is the daughter of John and Darlene Peterson of Mt. Vernon.

For more information about Rogers Explorers, please contact Amber Decker (adecker@centertech.com) or Amy Ellis (aellis@centertech.com), visit www.centeryouthprograms.com or call 606-677-6000.

The church is Christ's kingdom on earth!

Matthew 16:18 says And I tell you, you are Peter, and this rock I will build my church, and powers of death shall not prevail against it. This proclamation from Christ came following Peter's confession that was a response to a question ask by Christ. Who do you say that I am? That's a question that is applicable to all people. Christ ask this question in order that we might profess our faith in him and be saved. He asks in order that once we have answered it, we like Peter might, also tell others who Jesus is- the Savior of the world.

So, what are some of the characteristics of the Lord's church, his kingdom? First there are some requirements. Acts 2:47 Says, And the Lord added to the church daily those who were saved. It is the Lord's church paid for with his precious blood. 1 Corinthians 6:20 Says, for you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Subjects in a kingdom must submit to the King's authority. Often, I hear people say. I know that the bible says that, but I don't think you have to do that. That is not submission to Lord's will, I fear that we live in a time when a lot of people want to live under the canopy of Christianity without conforming their lives to be Christ like. Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Being part of a kingdom requires action on our parts and we have a King that is worthy to be exalted, is worthy of honor, is worthy to be praised. We are not entitled to anything, but because of God's mercy we have access to be members of a kingdom. It is a privilege to serve a King that looks out for us, who has our best interest at heart. If you're not part of God's kingdom make the decision to become part of it today!

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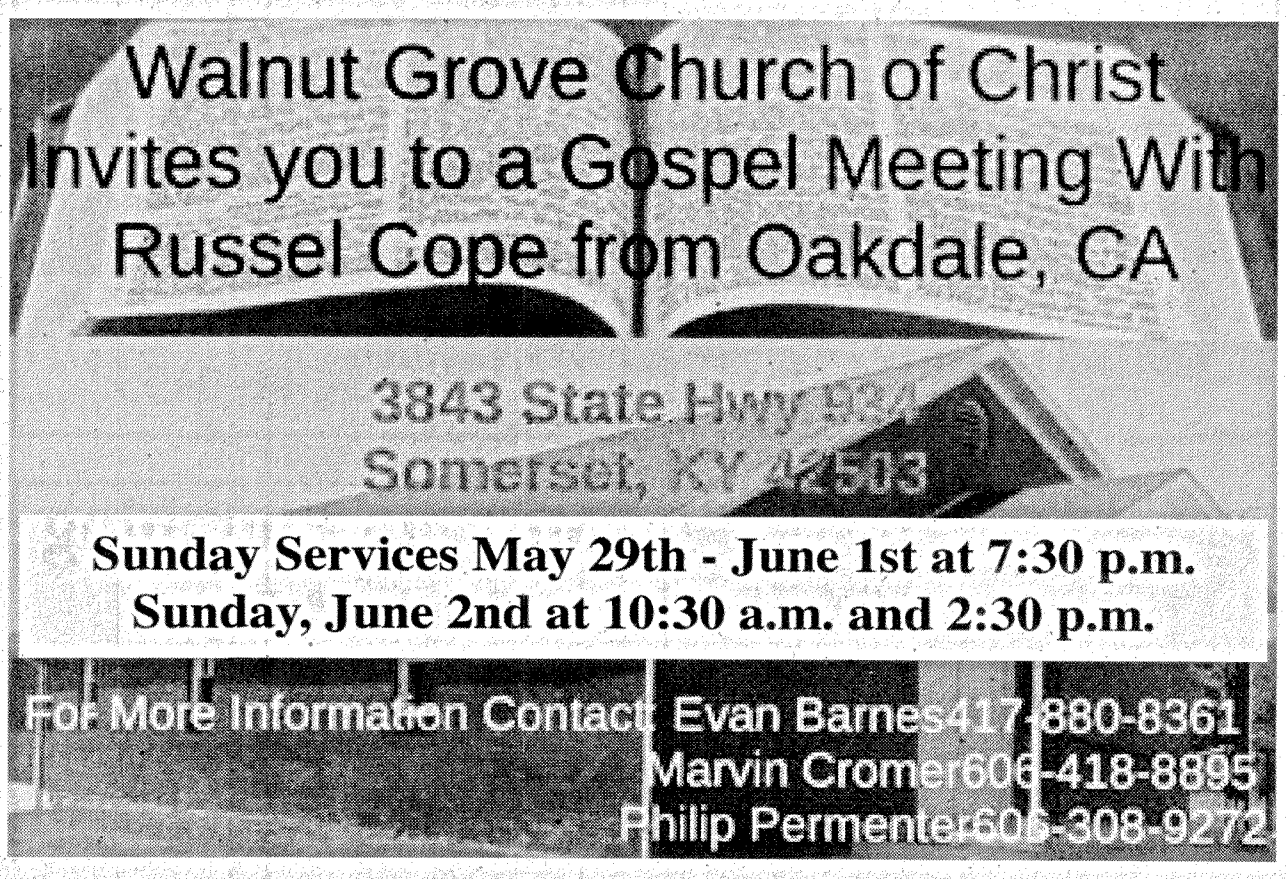

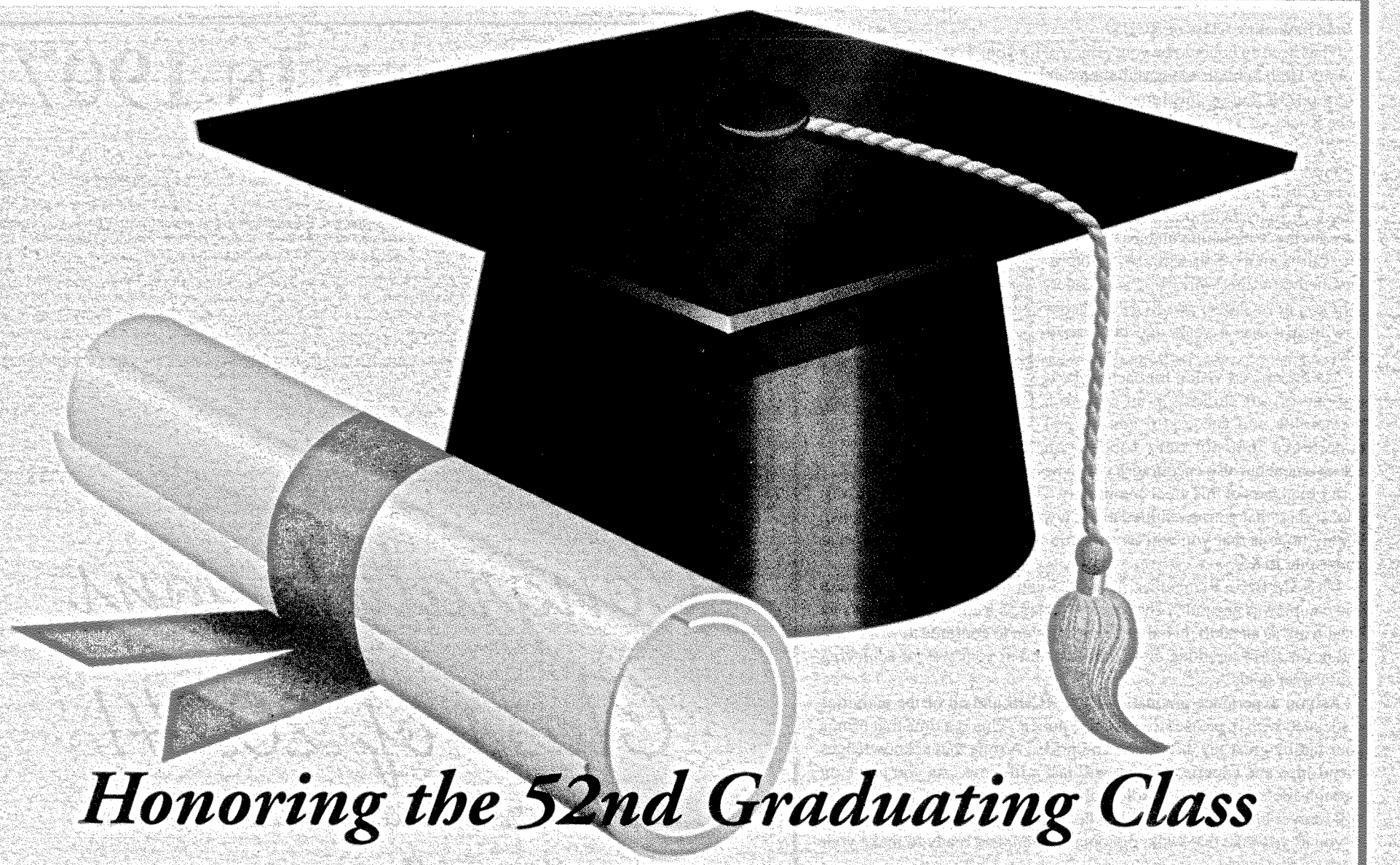

Honoring the 52nd Graduating Class

Rockcastle County High School

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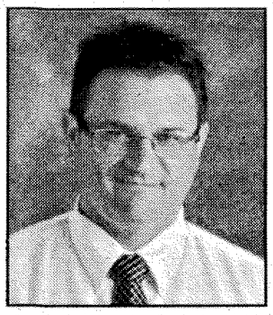
52nd Graduating Class of RCHS:

It has been an honor to be your principal for your 4years at Rockcastle County High School. Congratulations and commendations to each and every one of you on this remarkable achievement of graduation from "The Rock".

My hopes are your memories from yourfour years at RCHS are of friendships made and knowledge gained. Now you are prepared to receive a diploma and move on to the next step of your lives. I am very proud of your accomplishments and the outstanding leadership you have provided for your school. You will always be remembered for this work ethic and leadership you have shown and RCHS is better now than it was 4 years ago because of you.



My dream and vision for each and every one of our students is to receive a memorable and successful educational experience that not only focuses on achievement but also encourages you to be active members of this great community. The greatest thing about your education is that you are entitled to use it without limits. It is your choice andmy hope is that you will never settle for anything other than what you aspire to do.

DREAM BIG! Remember, the harder you work as a child, the more you can play as an adult. The more you play as a child, the harder you must work as an adult. I challenge each of you to continue to work hard and never allow anything or anyone to stand in your way of achieving your career goals.

As you experience graduation from RCHS and all of the activities associated with it, please stop and take notice. This is a time that brings your family great joy, happiness and pride. A time that acknowledges friendships and experiences that will last a lifetime. As you move on through life's hoops and hurdles, always remember that you are, and will forever be, a Rocket! I will be honored to stand on stage with each of you as you take that walk, diploma in hand, and ready to make your mark on this world.

And as you go forth from your high school experience, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

With my most sincere regards,
J.D. Bussell

Principal ~ RCHS Class of '94

Skyler Durham

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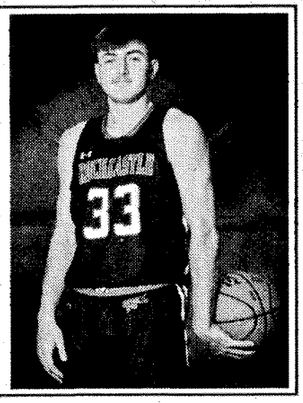

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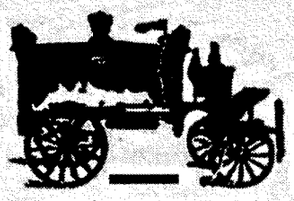

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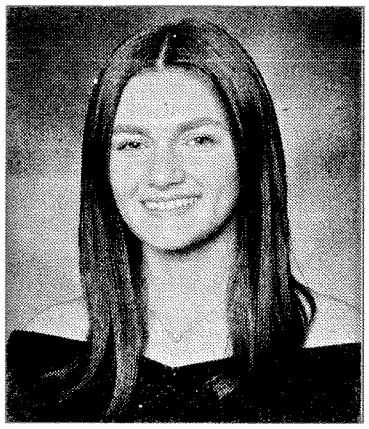

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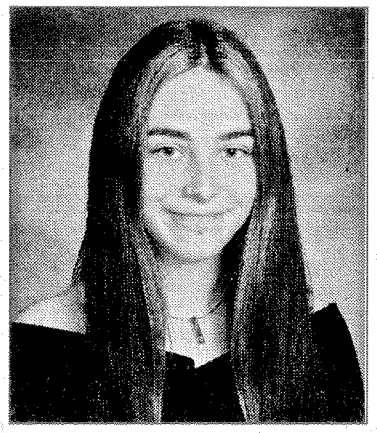

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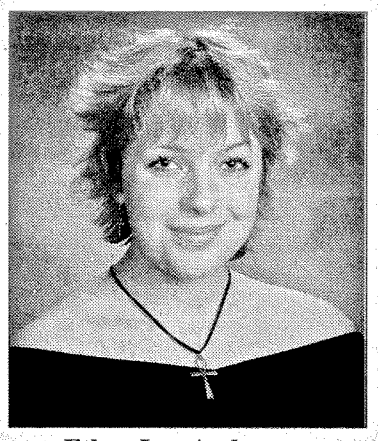

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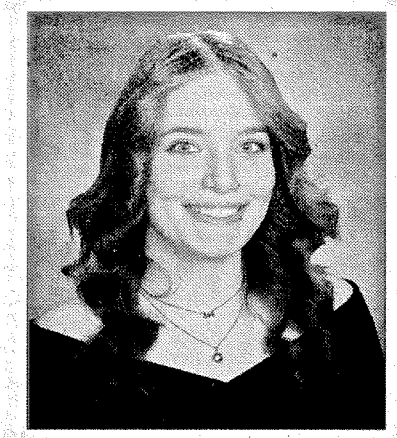

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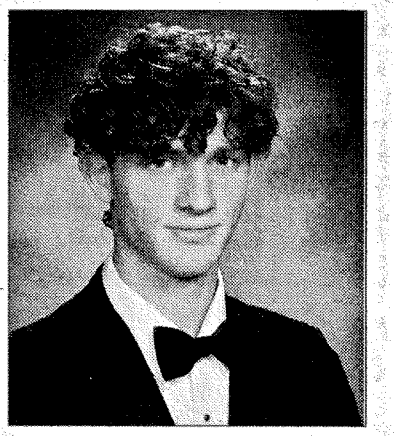

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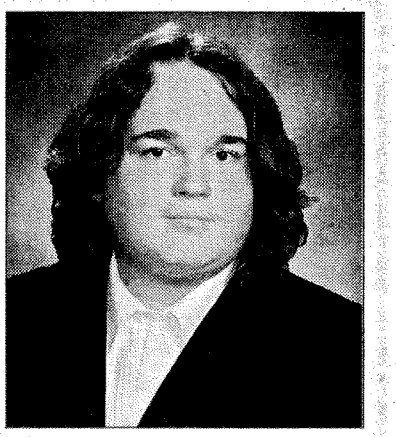

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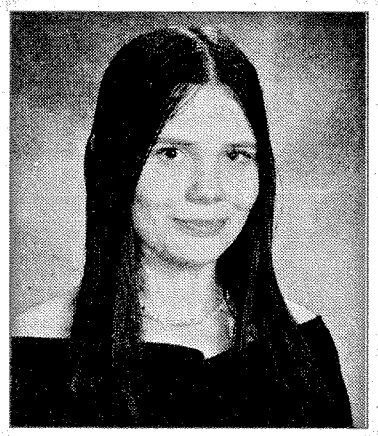

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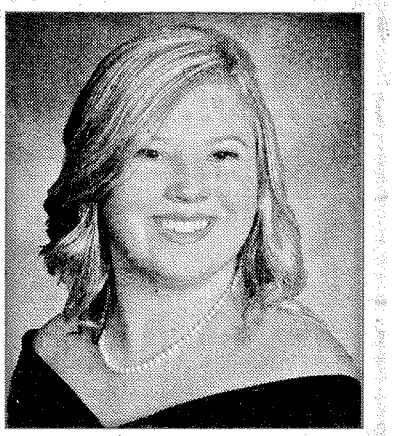

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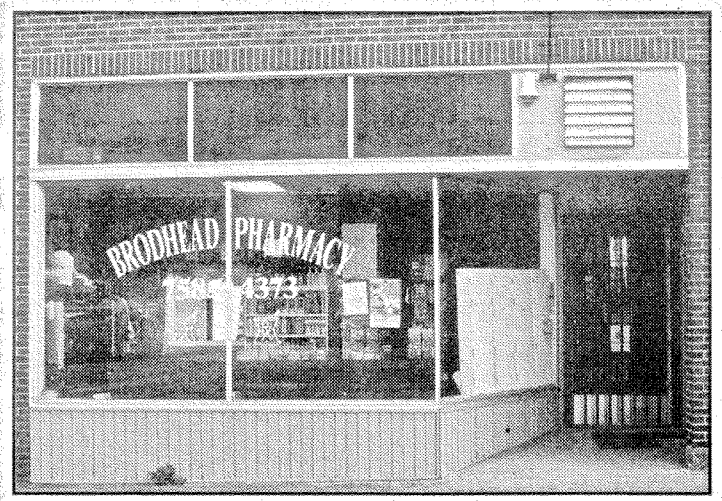

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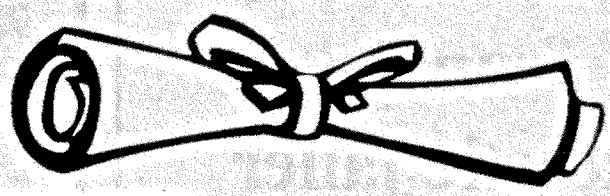

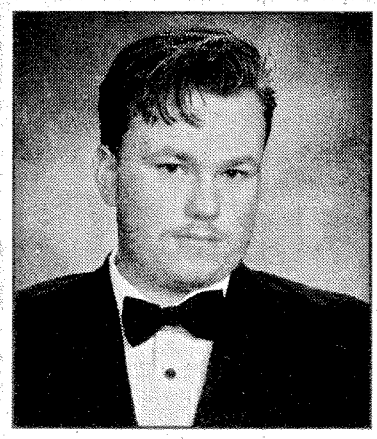

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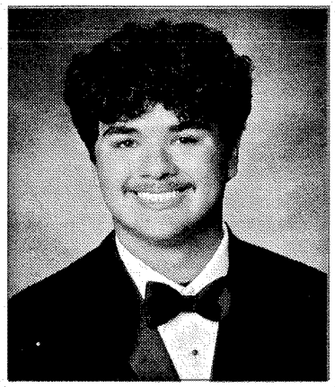
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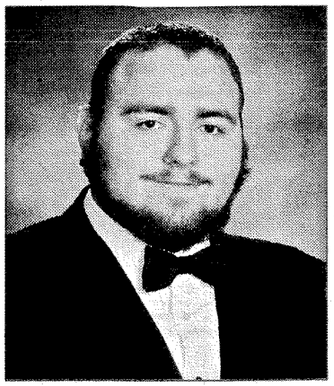
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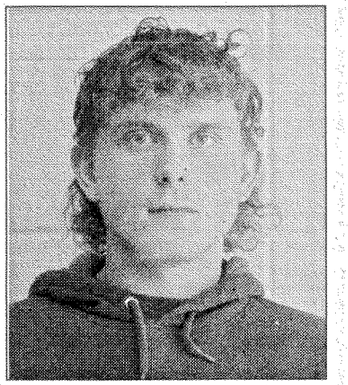
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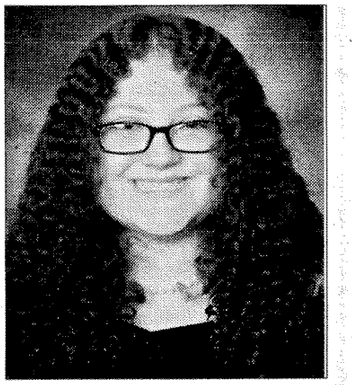
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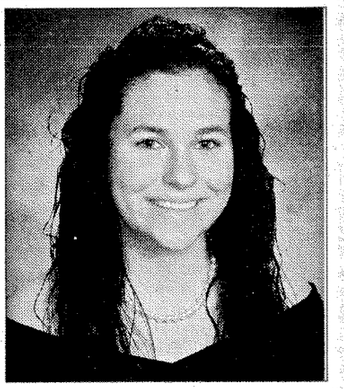
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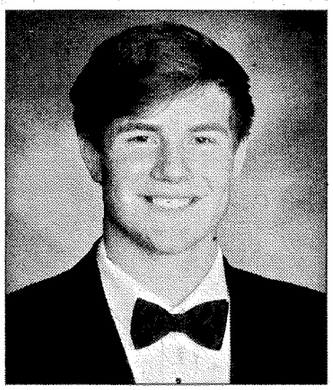
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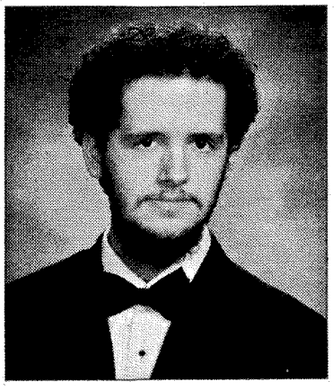
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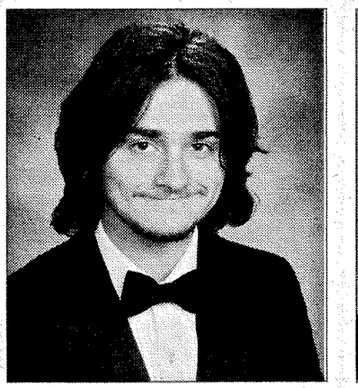
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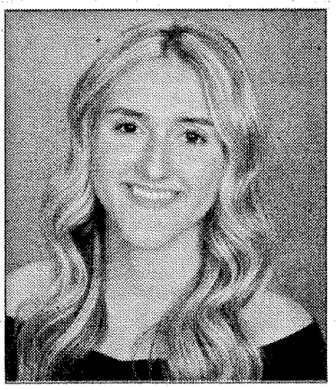
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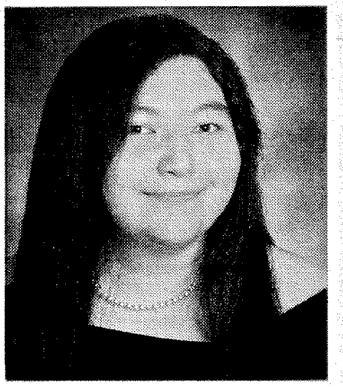
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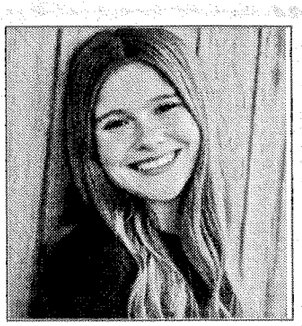

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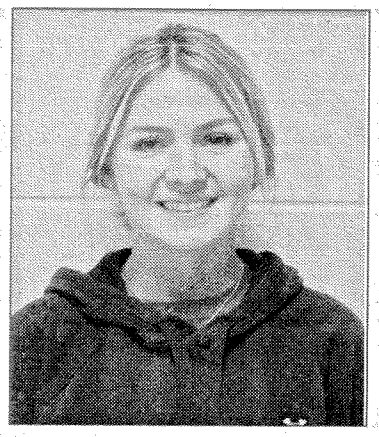
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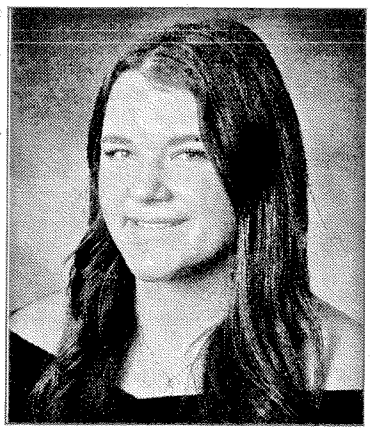
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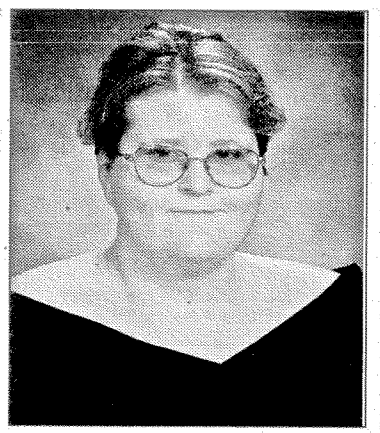
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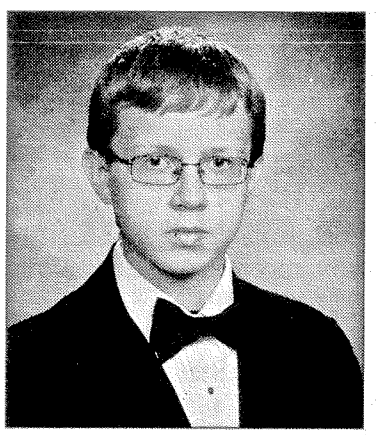
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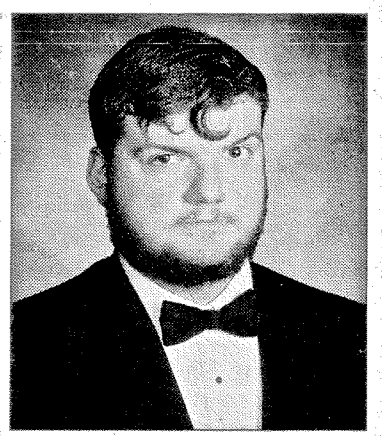
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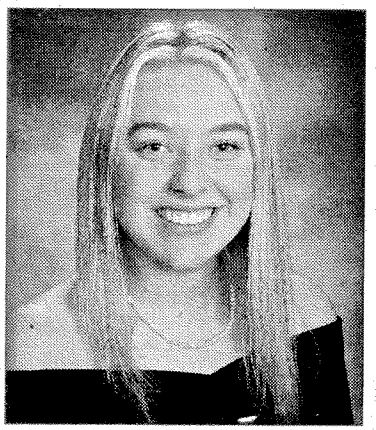
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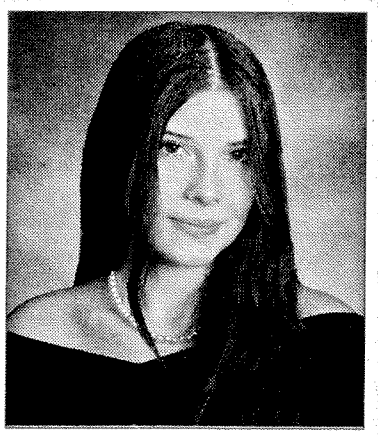
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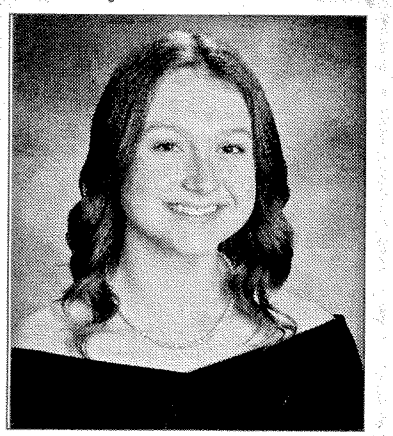
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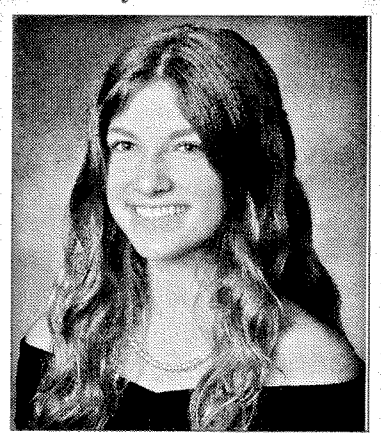
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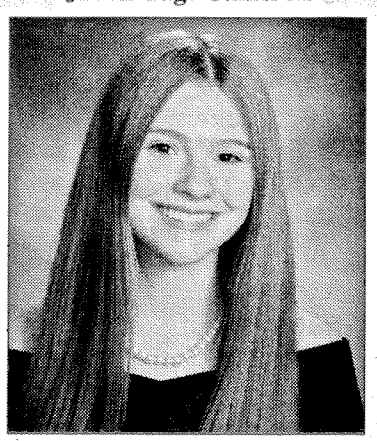
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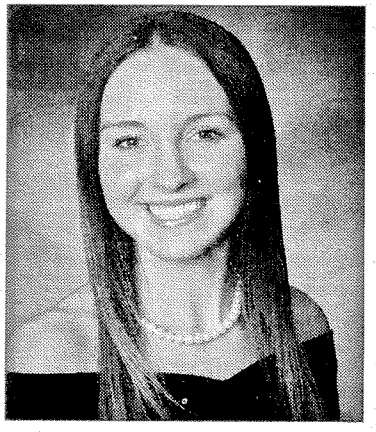
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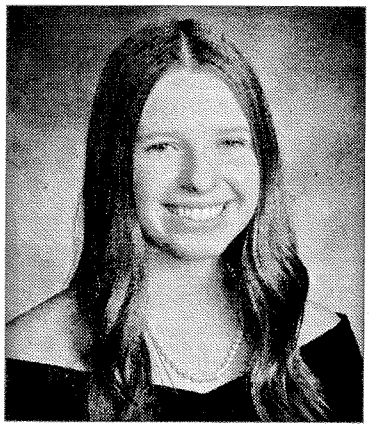
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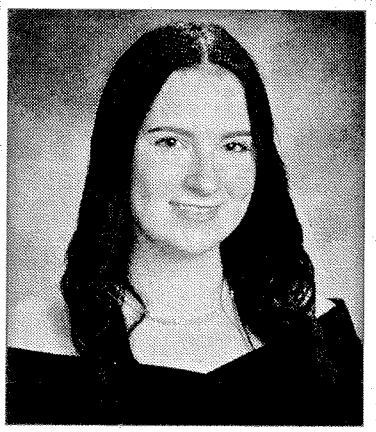
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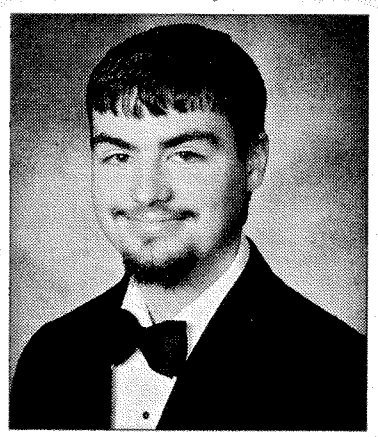
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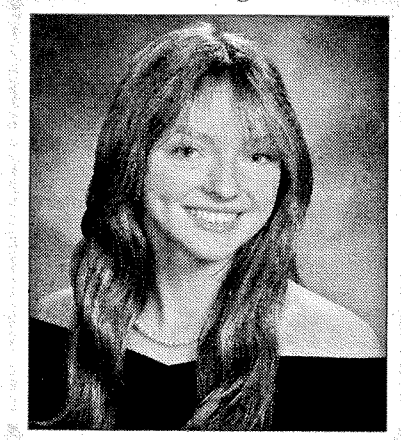
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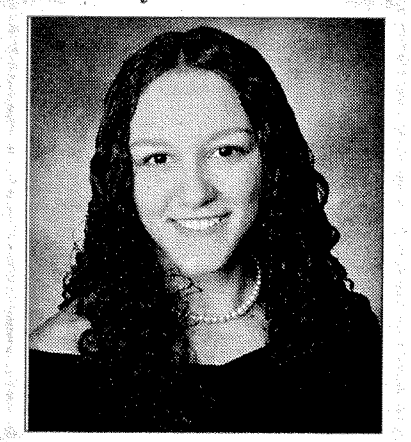
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2024 Senior Class

Madison Abrams, Livingston, daughter of Tracey Faulkner. Rockcastle Walkers.

Amy Angell, Orlando, daughter of Angela Kuhnhein and Mike Angell. 4H Talent Show Gummy Bear Play - first place, 4H Talent Show, Singing, second place.

Connor Anzures, Brodhead, son of Brienne and Nathan Anzures. TSA, Skills USA and the track team.

Jacob Isaiah Ashcraft, Berea, son of Jennifer Forman and Tim Ashcraft.

Marcos Benge, Mt. Vernon, son of Spencer and Paige Benge. Band, 7 years; Marching Rockets, 6 years; JROTC, 4 years; Archery, 9 years; FFA; Guitar Club.

Austin Blanton, Mt. Vernon, son of Justin Blanton and Whitney Keeton. D&D Club, Star Wars Club.

Rylie Bradley, Livingston, daughter of Derotha Bradley and Carl Weddle. FFA.

Benjamin Joseph Brown, Crab Orchard, son of Natasha and Jay Brown. RCHS baseball, four years; HOSA, two years; CPR Certified.

Noah Brown, Brodhead, son of Barbara Penson and Les Penson. Chess Club; Algebra II Award, Junior Year; Biology Award, Sophomore Year.

Garrett Bryant, Mt. Vernon, son of Matt and Holly Bryant. Musician, artist.

Cheyenna Bustle, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Kimberly Bustle and Earl Bustle. FFA Club, DnD Club, took part in two plays, Art.

Timothy Caldwell, Mt. Vernon, son of Dale J. Bradley and Kristy Marie Lynn Caldwell. JROTC, Archery, 10th grade, FFA, enlisted in the United States Marines.

Jaden G. Cameron, Orlando, son of Jennifer and Billy Cameron, Archery, JAG certificate, 9 years of Engineering.

Jaden Marie Cameron, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Amy and Steven Cameron. JAG.

Jordan Carpenter, Brodhead, daughter of Donald Carpenter and Tammy Williams. First place Human Resource Management at KY FBLA state conference; first place Lesson Plan and Delivery at KY Ed Rising State; FBLA Rockcastle ATC Reporter; Microsoft Office Expert Certification in Word; Microsoft Office certified in Excel and Power Point; 50+ hours of community service; first place Human Resource Management at Region 6 FBLA Conference; Member of Environmental Club; Floral Design; Smile Club; FBLA and FFA; Former member of Education Rising and Gear Up Club; Recognized Excellence in Art; Completed Pathway for Administrative Support; Passed Administrative Support Pathway.

Kaylee Carpenter, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Robbie and Tammy Carpenter; Volleyball; Tennis; National Honors Society Officer; FCCLA member; Rocket

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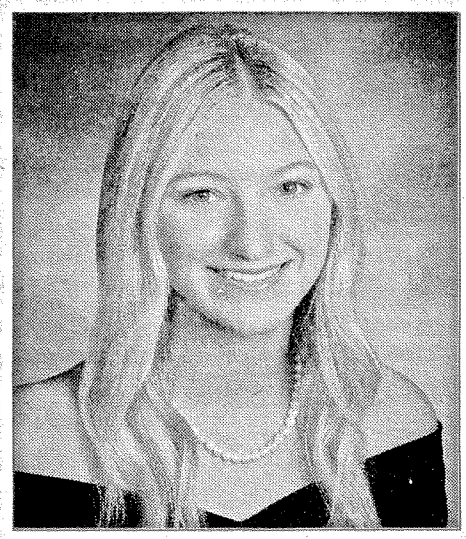

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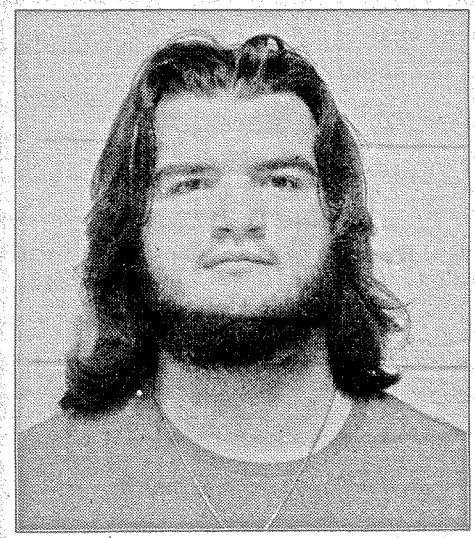

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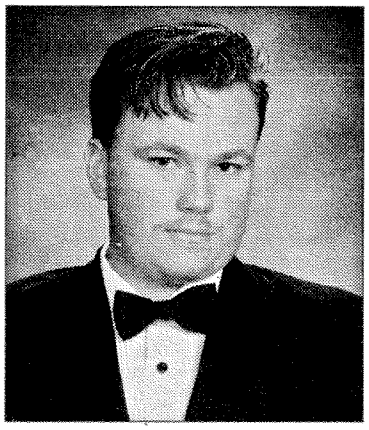

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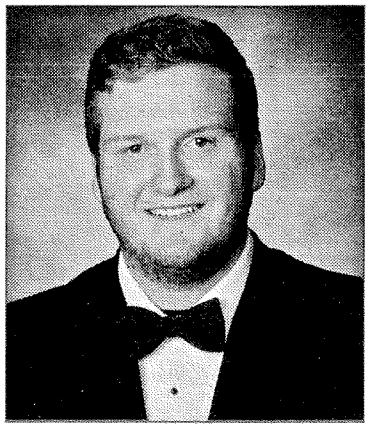

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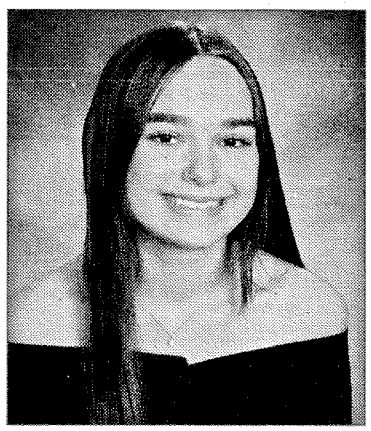

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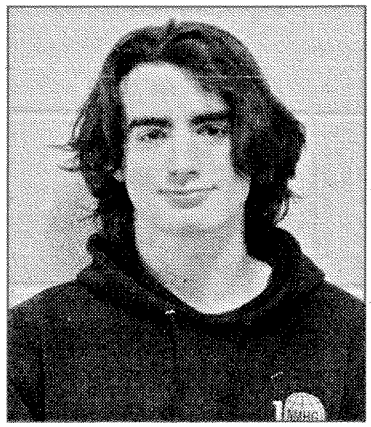

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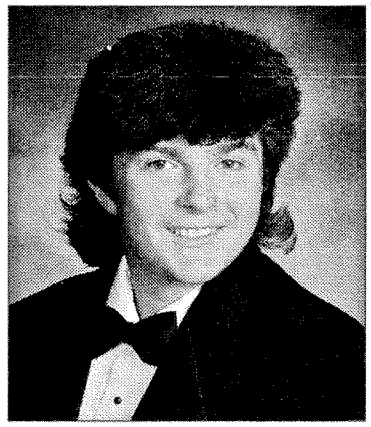

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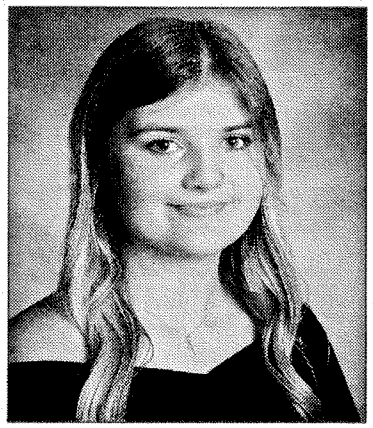

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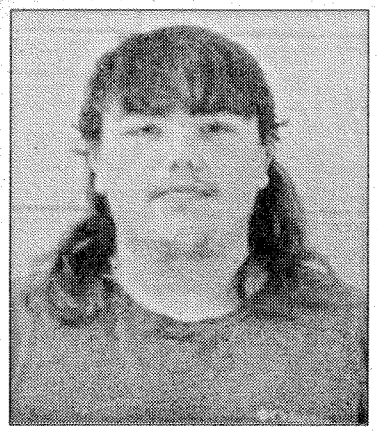

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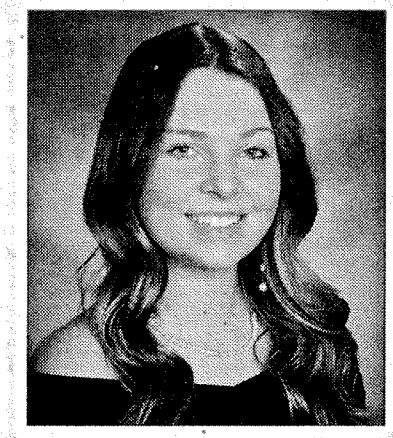

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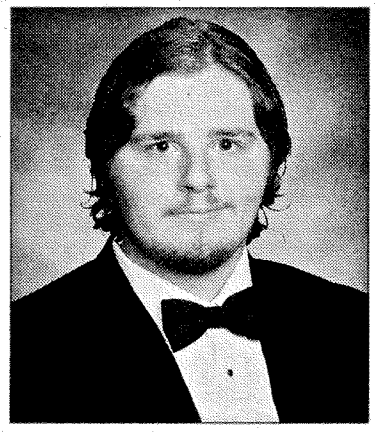

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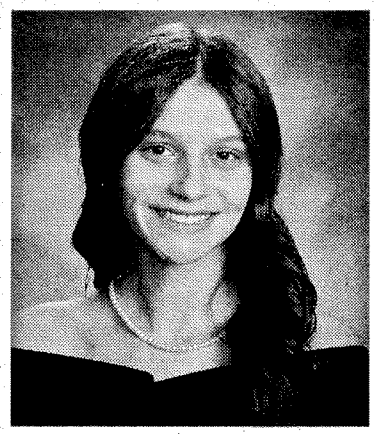

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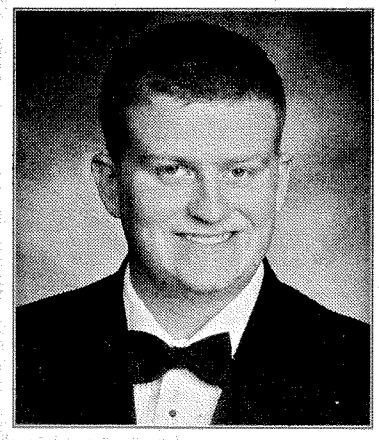

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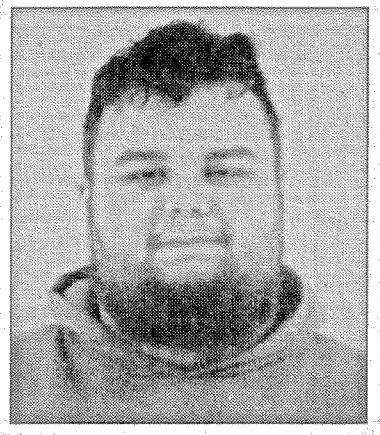

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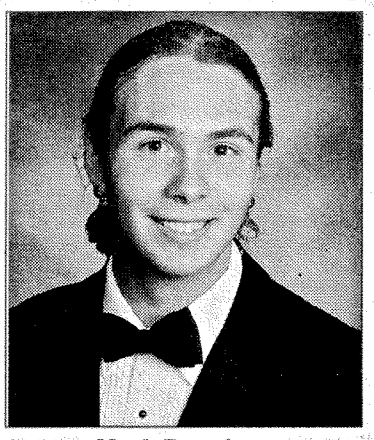

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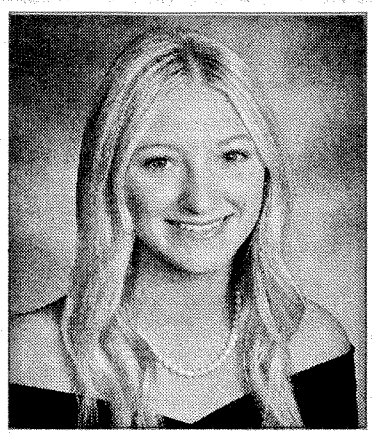

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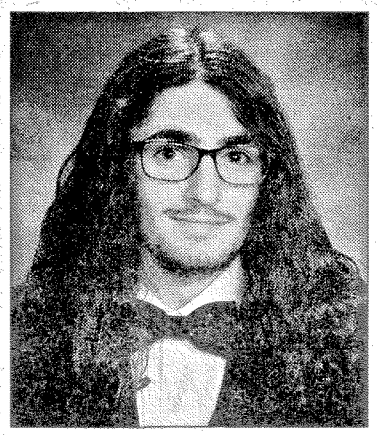

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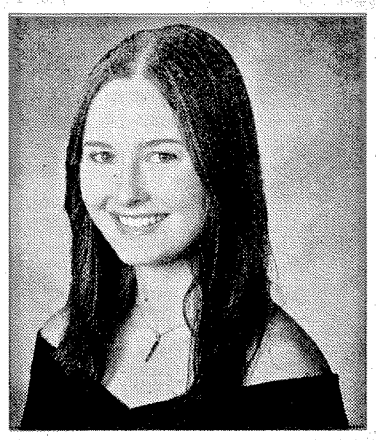

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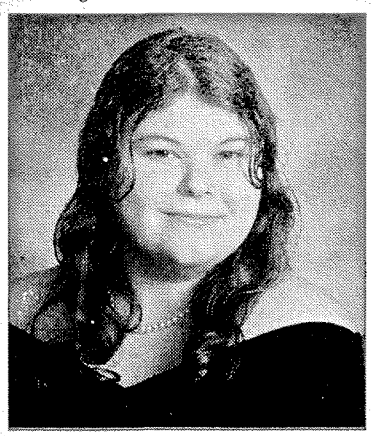

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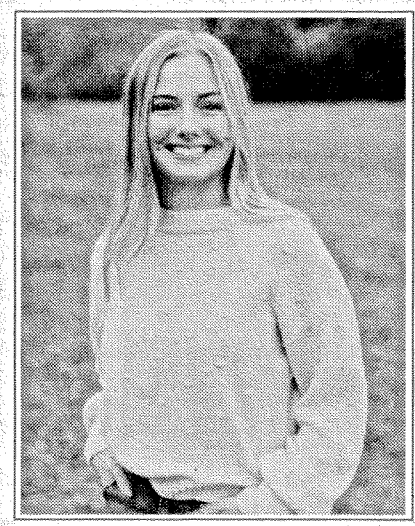

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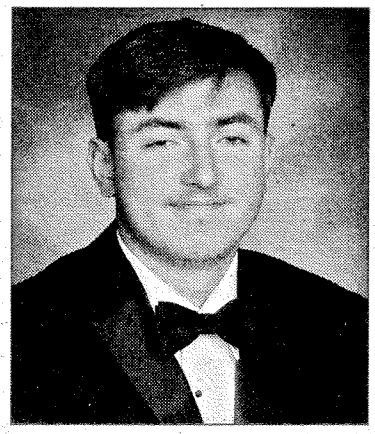
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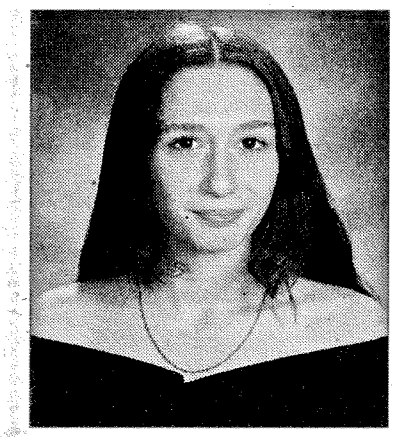
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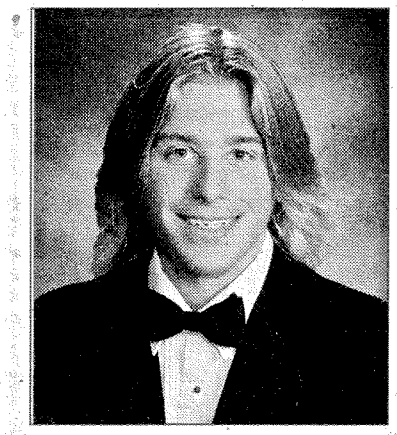
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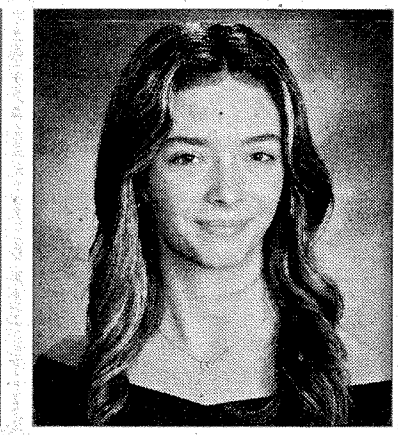
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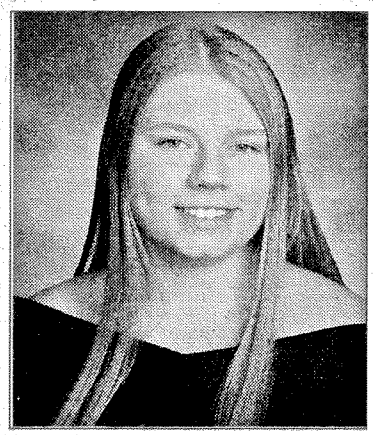
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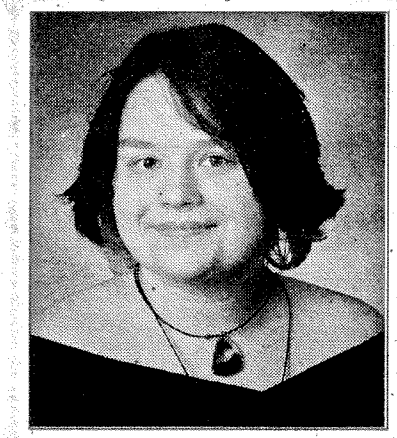
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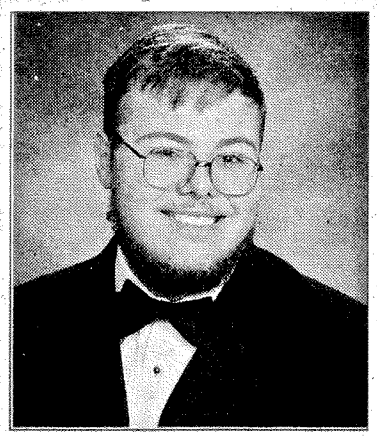
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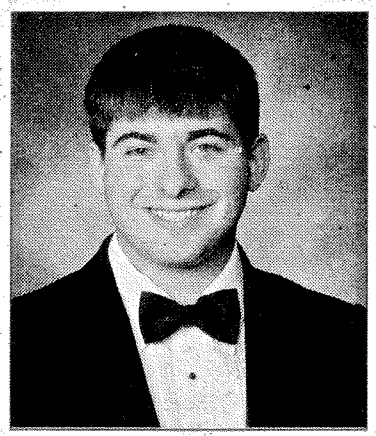
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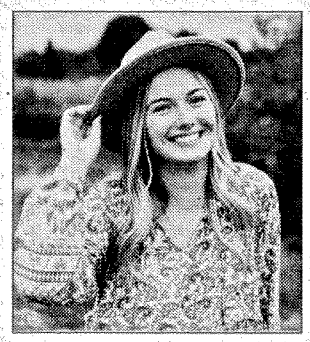

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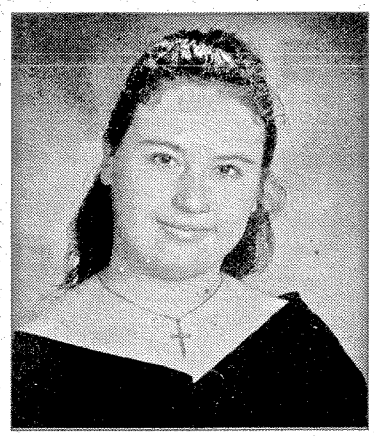

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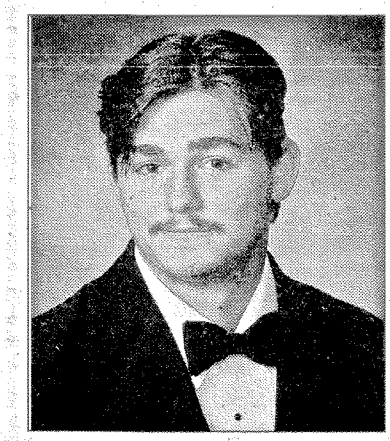

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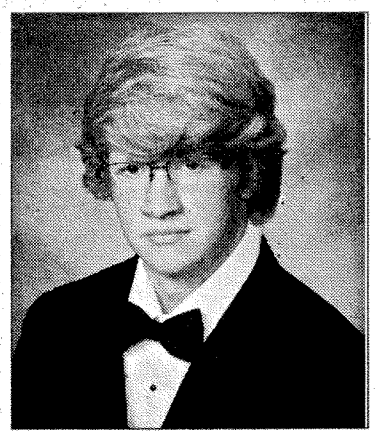

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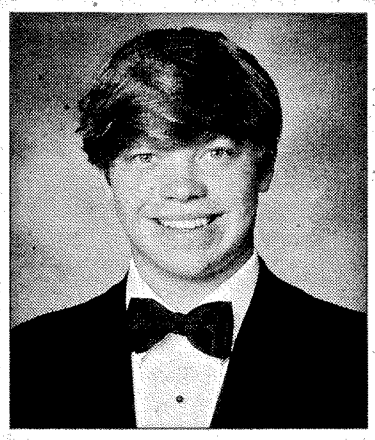

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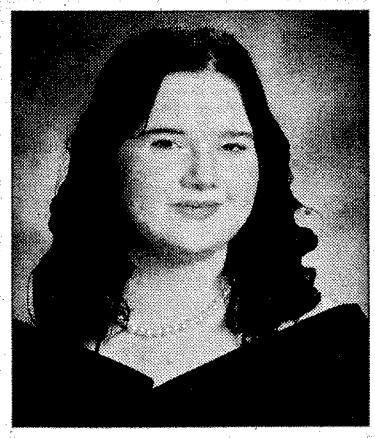

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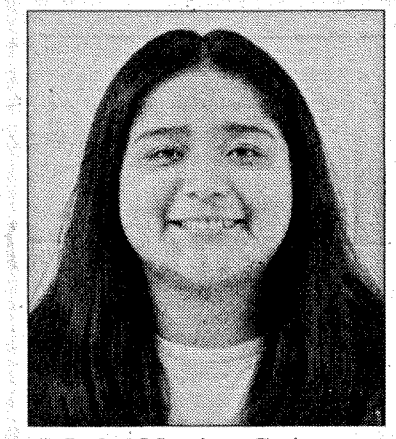

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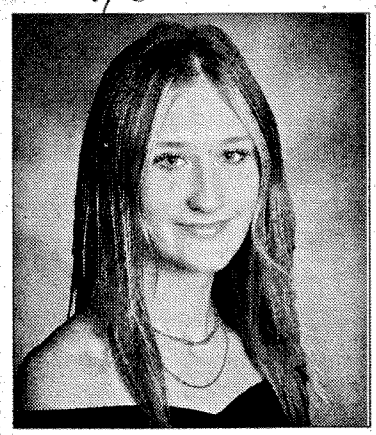

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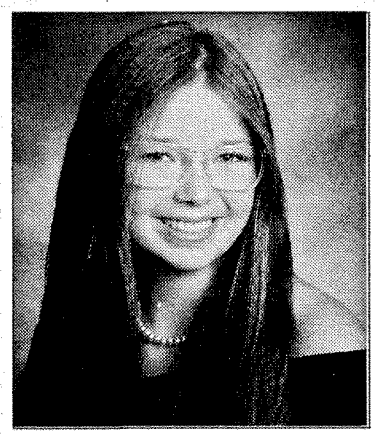

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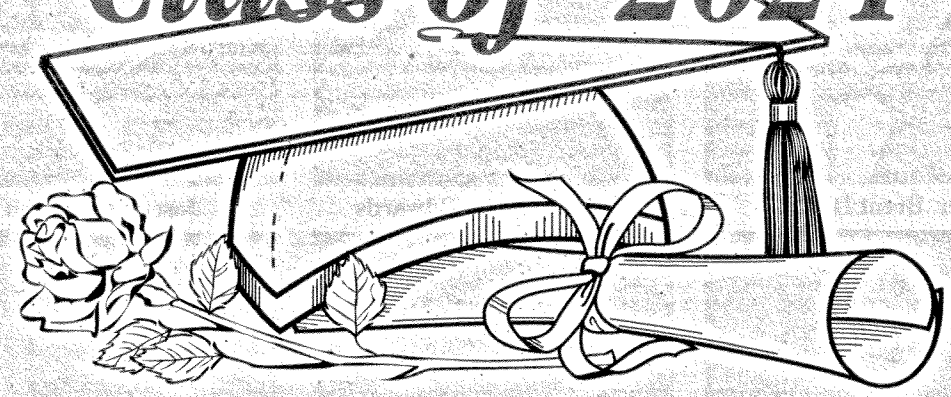

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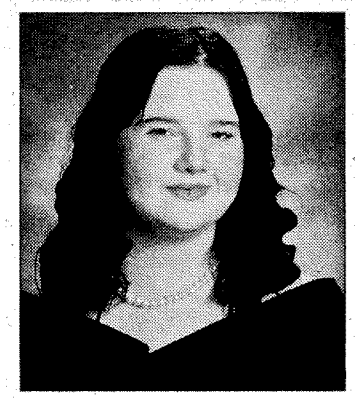

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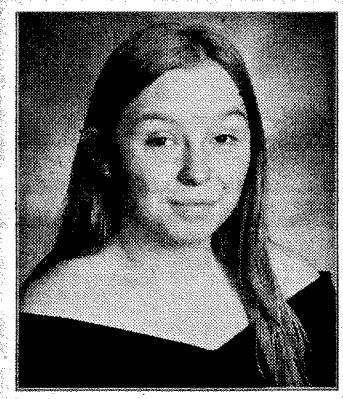

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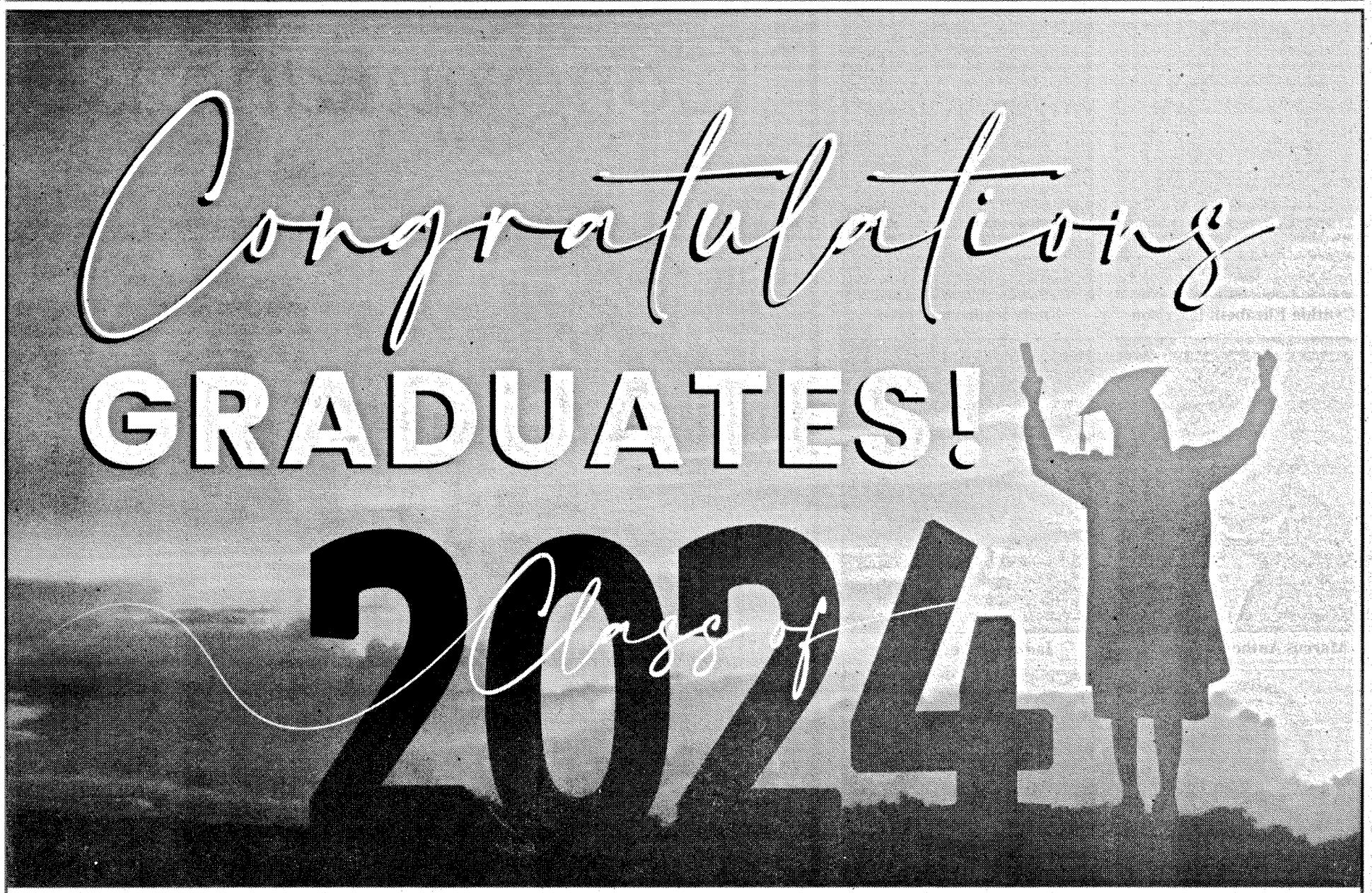

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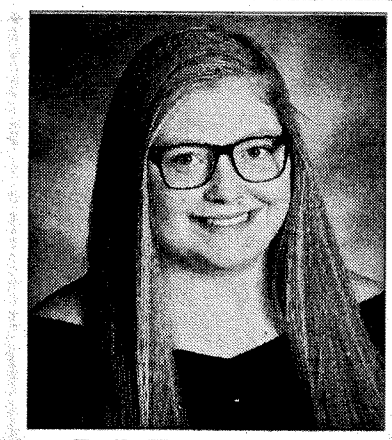

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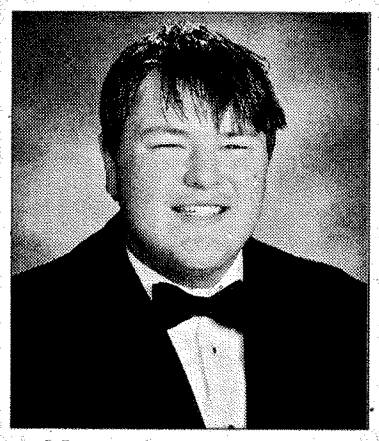

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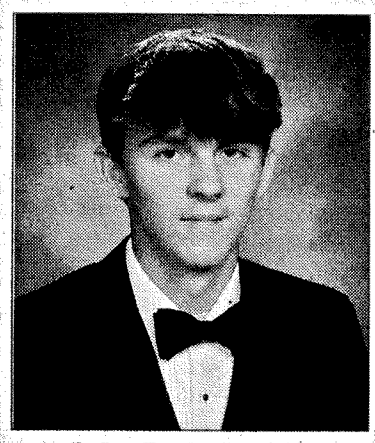

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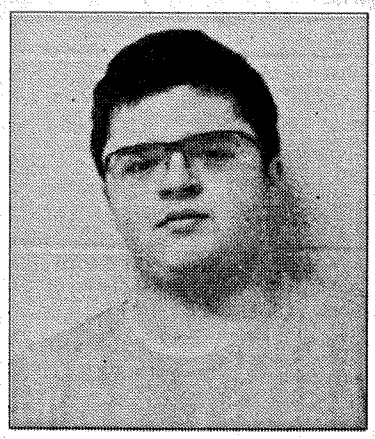

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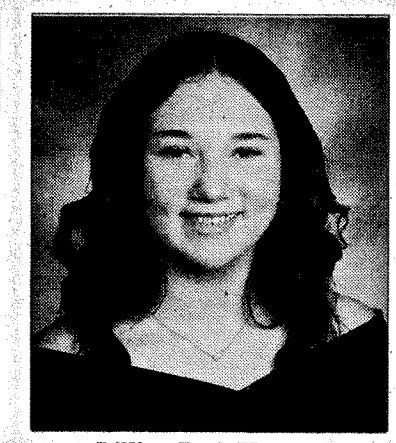

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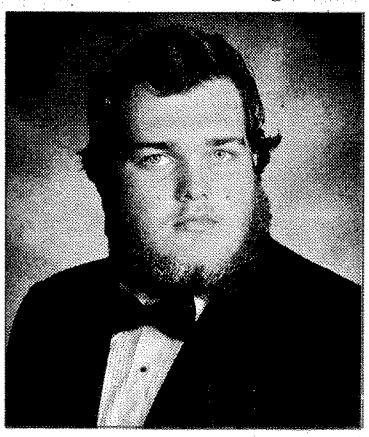

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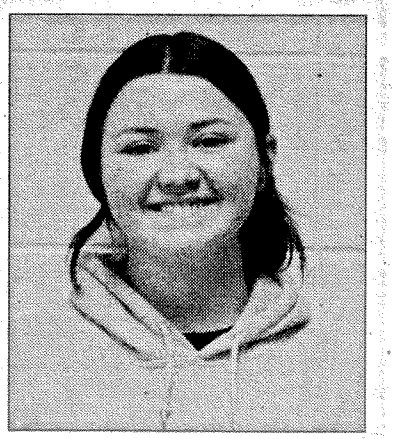

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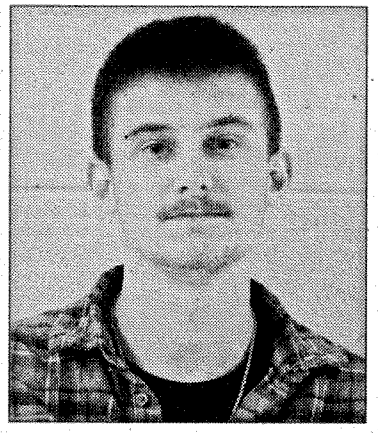

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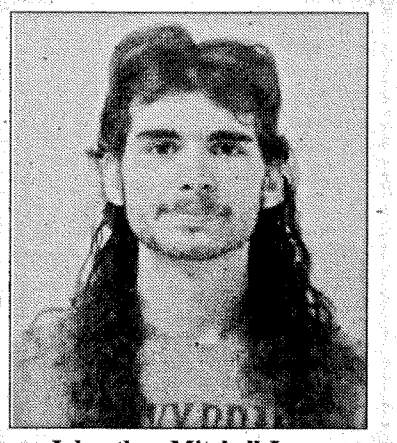

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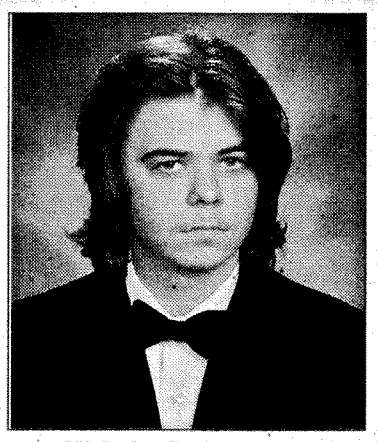

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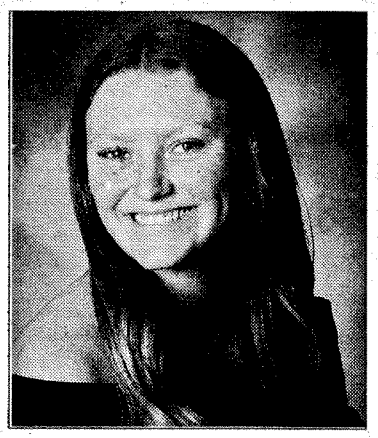

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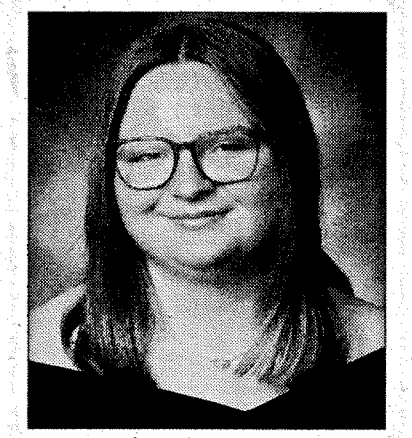

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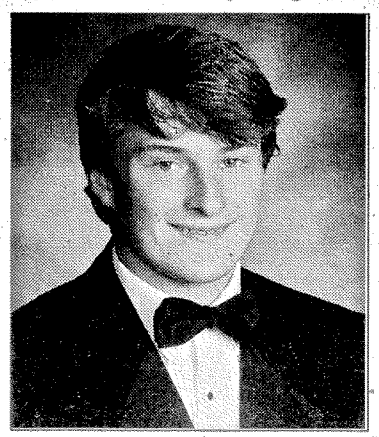

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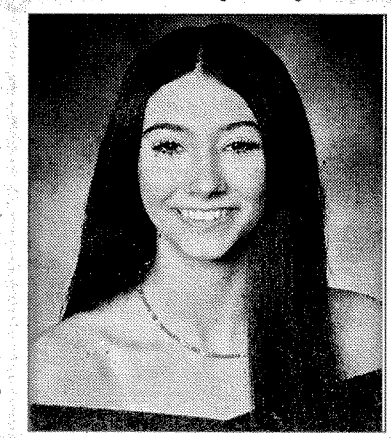

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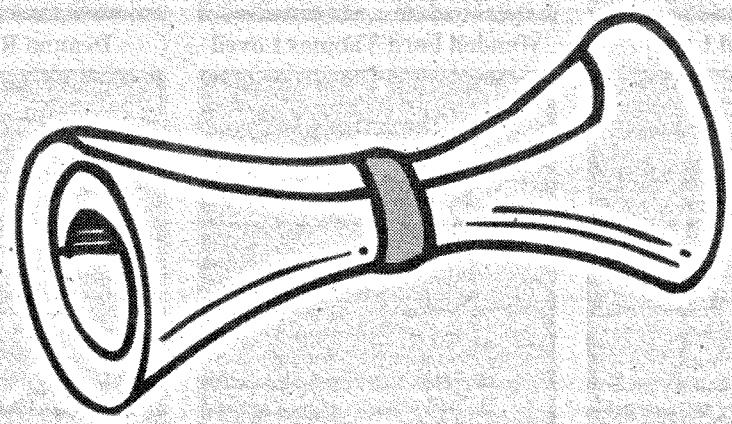

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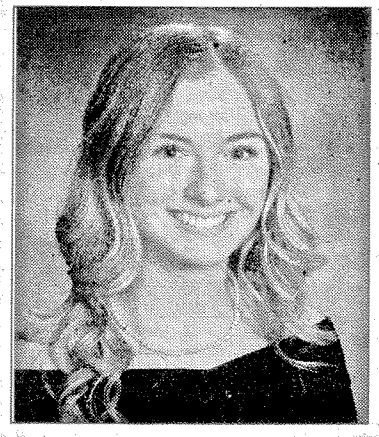
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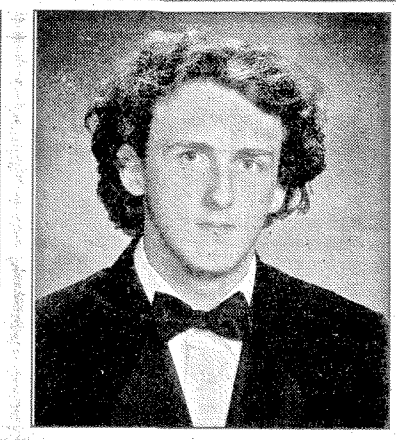
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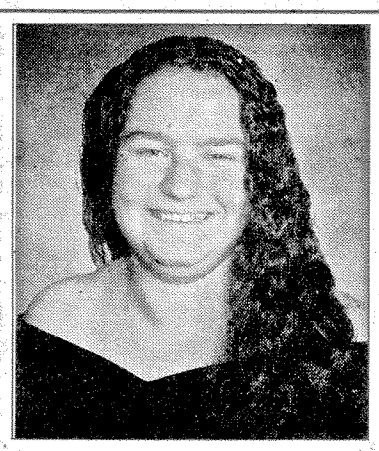
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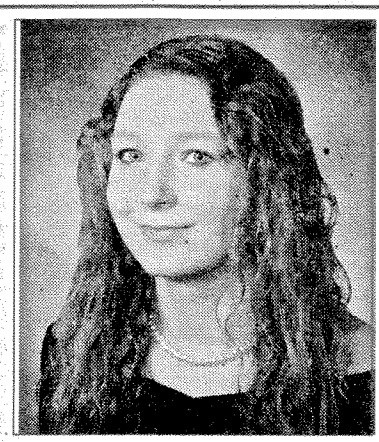
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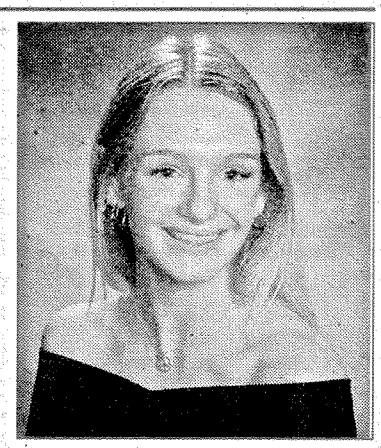
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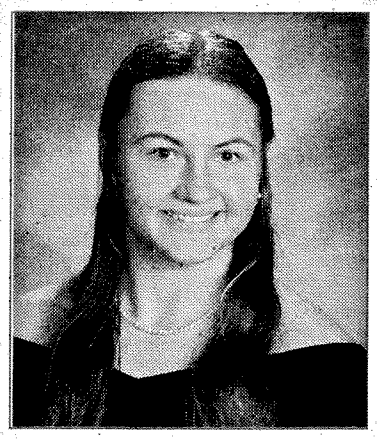
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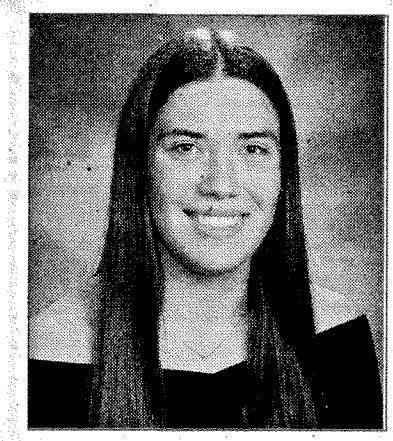
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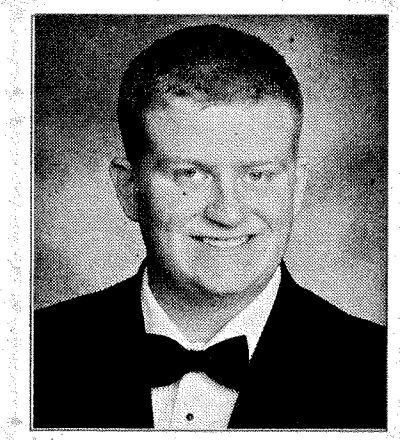
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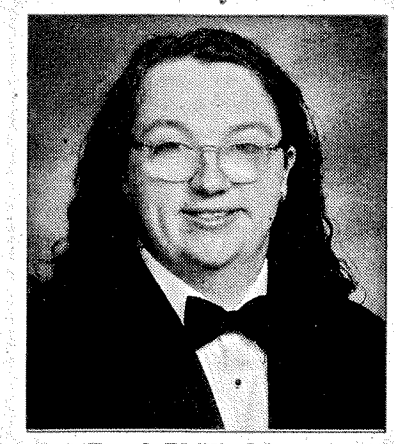
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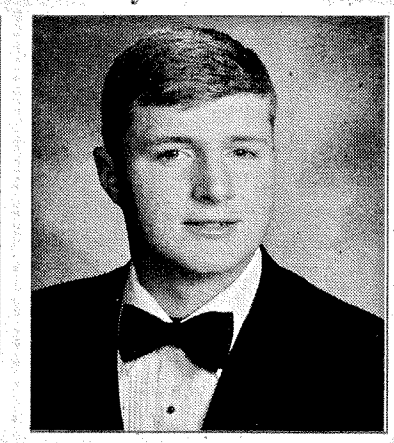
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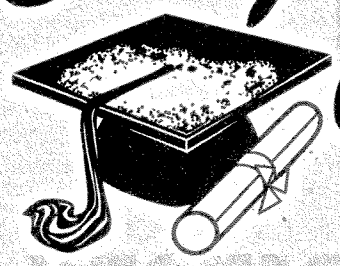

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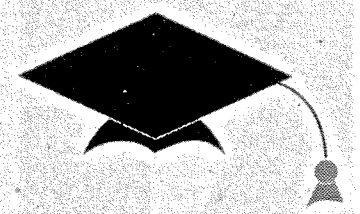

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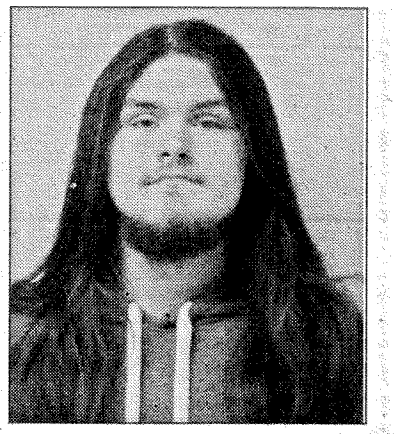

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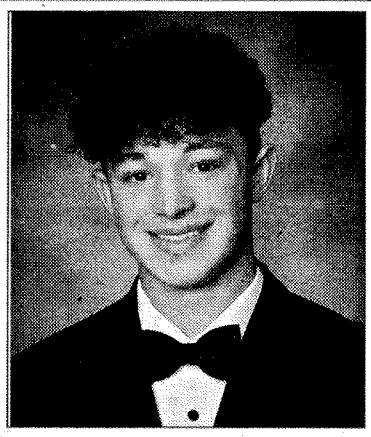

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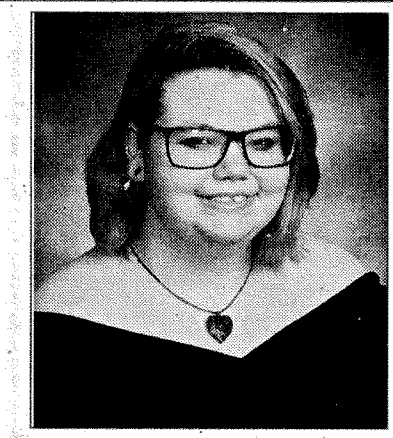

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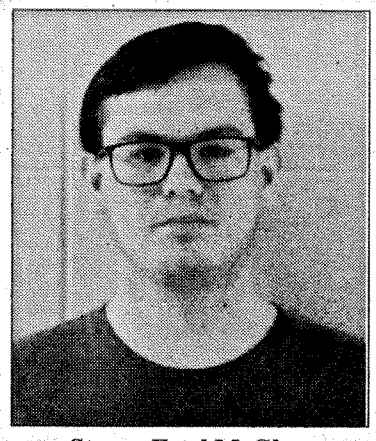

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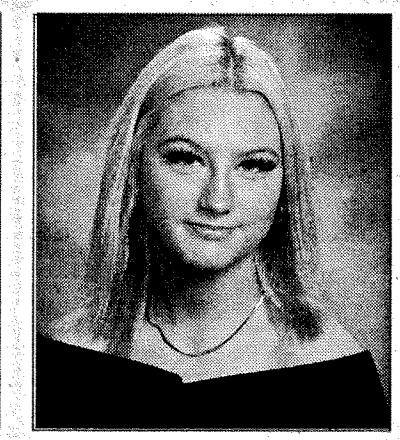

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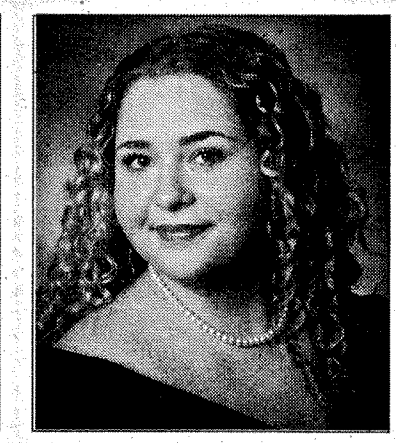

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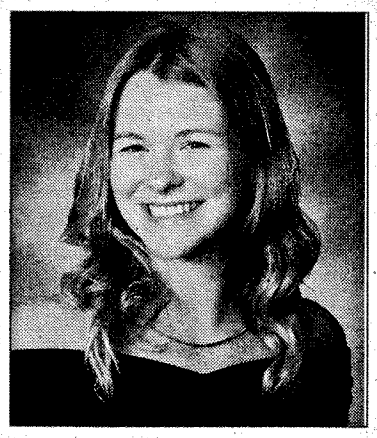

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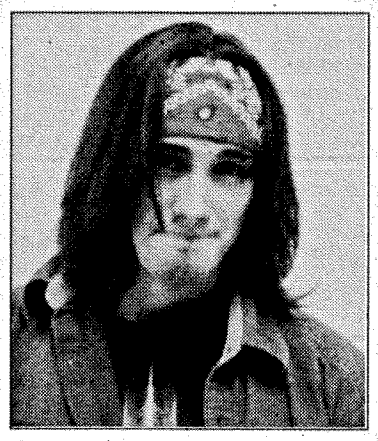

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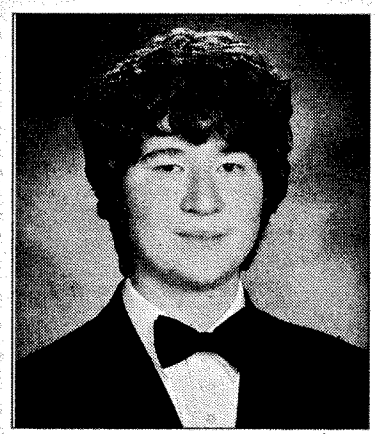

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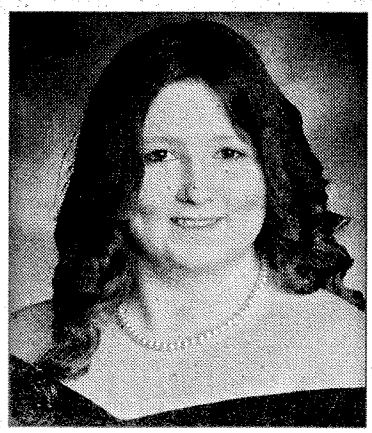

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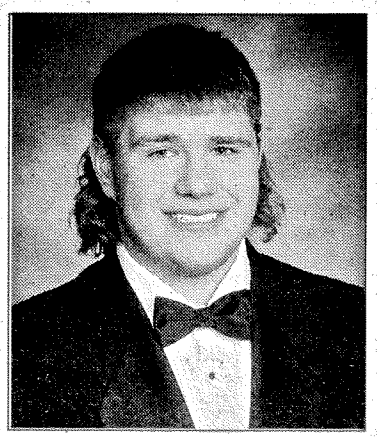

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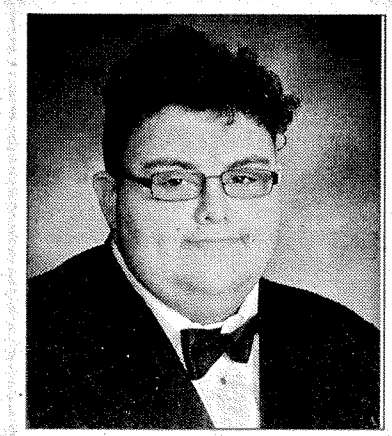

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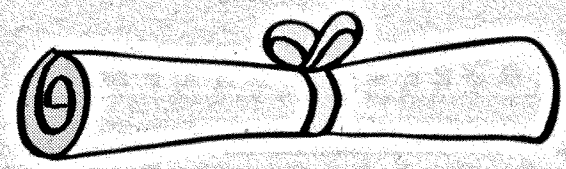

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Club Member; Prom Club Member and Gear Up Member. Placed second at FCCLA State in Sports Nutrition Level 3. Will be competing at the national level this summer in Seattle, WA. Quanex Foundation Scholarship Recipient. Scholarship to University of the Cumberlands for Volleyball. Will be majorng in Criminal Justice at UC.

Camryn Cash, Brodhead, daughter of Chrissy and Andrew Cash. Varsity basketball, four years; student coach; FCA; Rocket Club; JAG member.

Shelby Chesnut, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Delora Sowder and Jeffrey Chesnut. SRNA Certification; Rockcastle Regional Employment; HOSA, 2 years; Rocket Club, 1 year; Weighted GPA of 4.0; First Aid/Emergency Procedure Trained/Certified.

Lance Coffey, Mt. Vernon, son of Jenise Coffey and David Coffey. RCHS Baseball.

Kaliee Collins, Berea, daughter of Latoya Lamb and Michael Collins. Student Council; HOSA President; National Honor Society; National Beta Club; Gear-Up Scholars; Y Club; Varsity Softball; Completed Allied Health and Pre-Nursing Pathway.

Landon Collins, Mt. Vernon, son of David Collins and Wendy Collins. TSA Engineering, Magic the Gathering Club, D&D Club, Chess Club, Robotics Club, Archery.

Eli Cook, Mt. Vernon, son of Sherman and Jennifer Cook. ASE Certified, OSHA Certified, Member of SKILLS USA.

Harley Shea Cope, Crab Orchard, daughter of Tony and Dana Shelton. JAG, FFA, FCCLA, EOP.

Kelsey Coy, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Tonya Coy and Kevin Coy. JROTC; Sport Awards - Scottish Rite Award; Superior Cadet Awardx2; Markmanship Team Ribbon; Drill Team Ribbon; Raider Team Ribbon; DAR Outstanding Cadet; Biathalon A1C Pin. Academic Team A1C Pin; Color Guard Ribbon; Academic Team Ribbon; Cadet Leadership Lab Completion Ribbon; Drill Team Rope; Honor Guard Rope; Drill Team Tab; American Legion Scholastic Award. Drill Team Captain and Command Sergeant Major.

Jake Cromer, Mt. Vernon, son of Jeff Cromer and Amber Cromer. Golf: 2023-24 Region Champion; First Team All Region, First Team All Conference; Second Team All State.

Jamie Cromer, Brodhead, daughter of Kayla Storms and Kenneth Cromer.

Nicholas Cromer, Brodhead, son of Jessica Cromer.

Leigha Crutcher, Crab Orchard, daughter of Doug and Dianna Crutcher. FCCLA and FCA.

Nicklaus B. Day, Mt. Vernon, son of Shawn B. Day and Stacey N. Day. Skills USA Reporter, OSHA 10 Certified; ASE Certified in Maintenance and Light Repair; Electric Diagnostics, Brakes Diagnostic, Steering and Suspension, Engine Repair, HVAC, Engine Performance, Manual Transmission, Automotive Service Technology.

Daria Rose Delph, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Elizabeth and Christopher Delph. Rocket Club, International Club, Smile Club, Walking, Tennis.

Arthur G. Lee Denney, Brodhead, son of Hope Bishop and Buster Denney.

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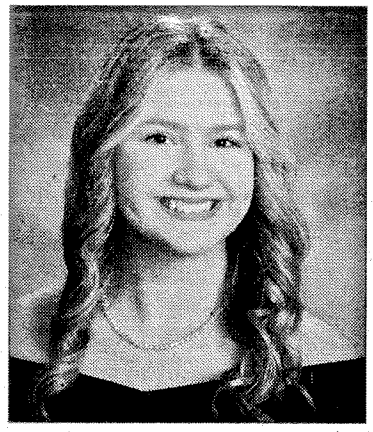

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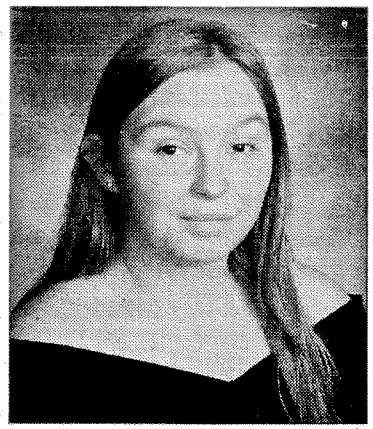

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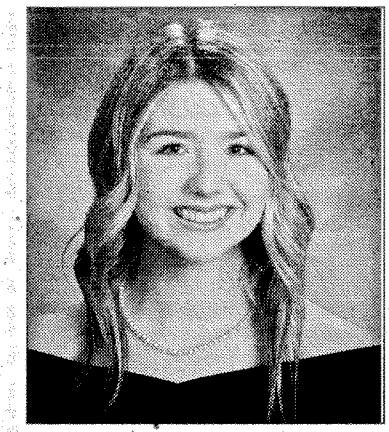

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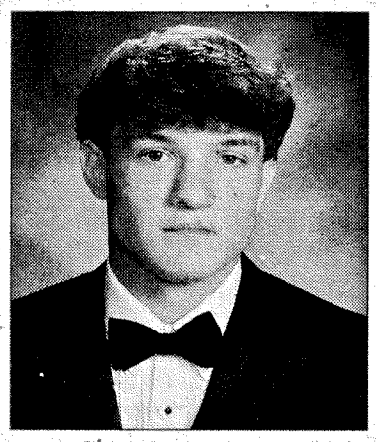

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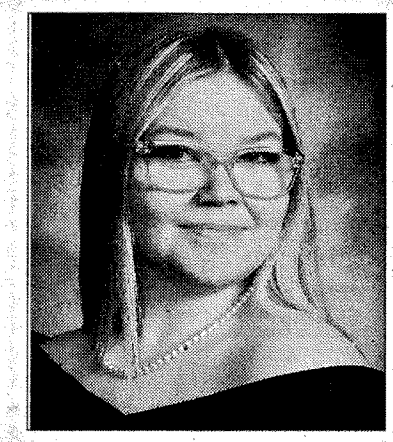

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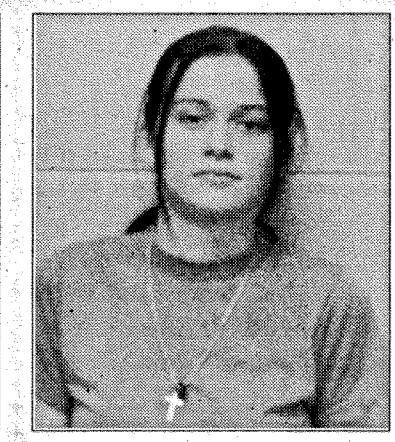

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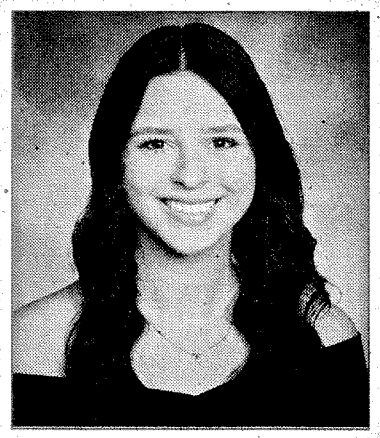

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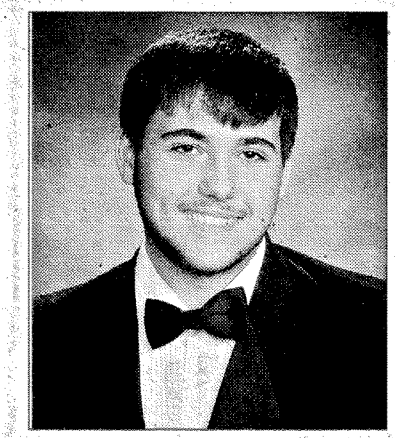

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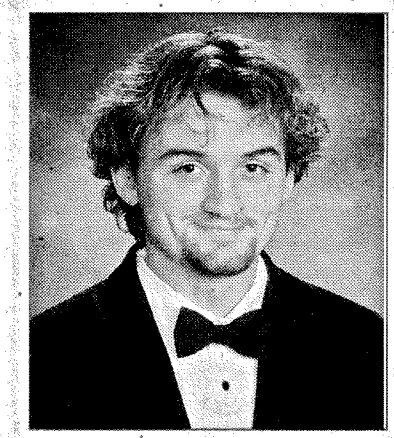

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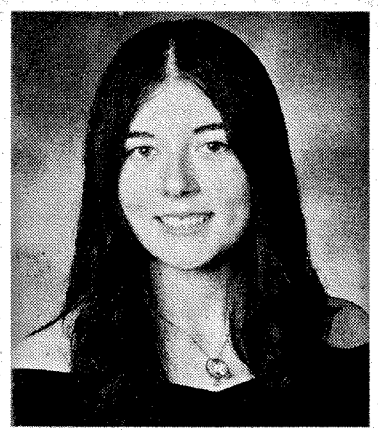

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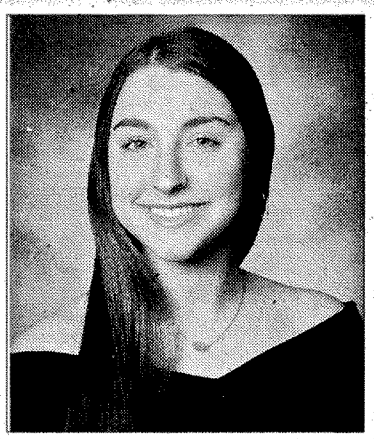

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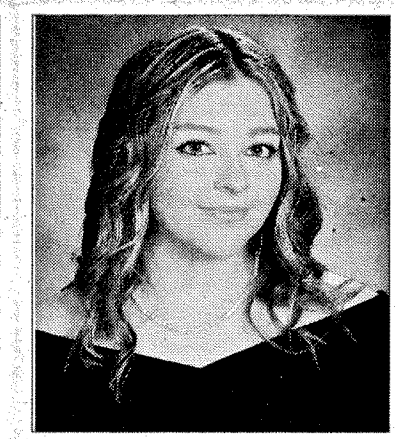

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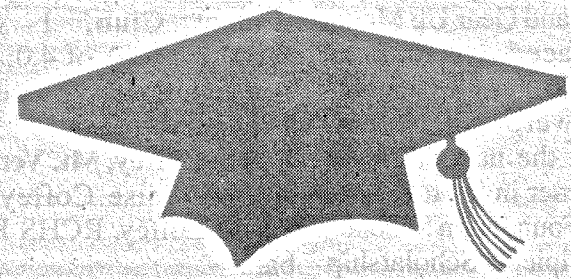

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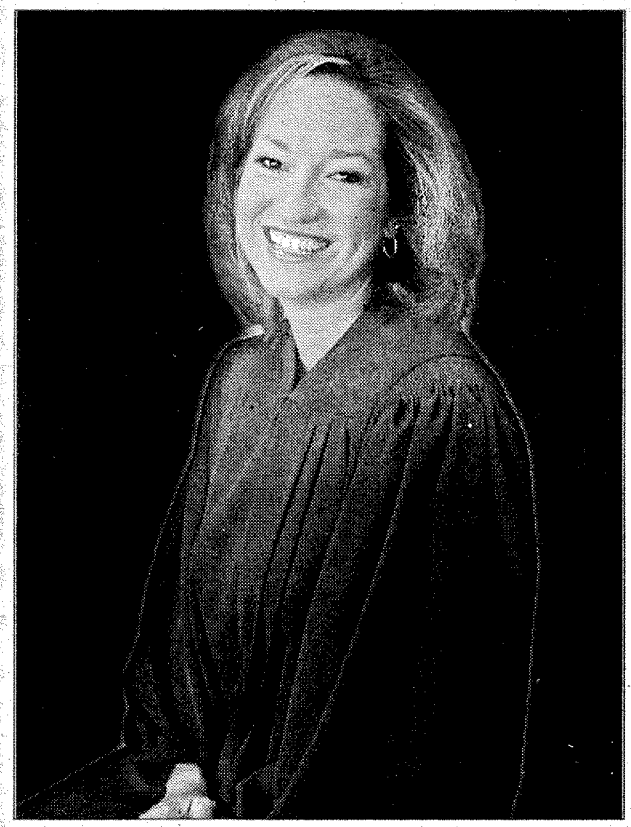

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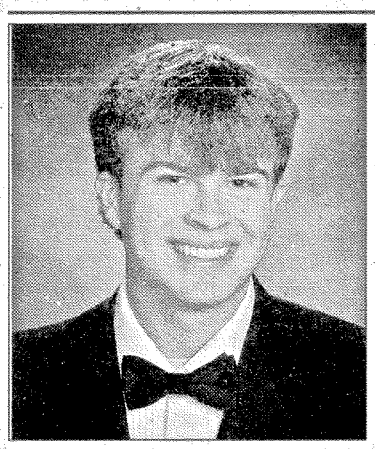
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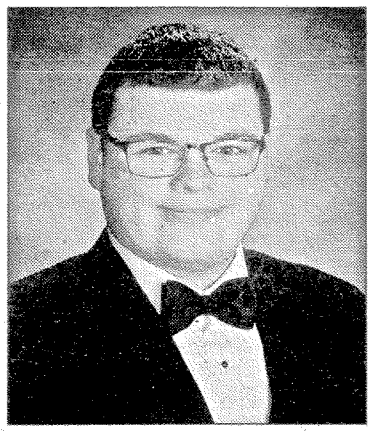
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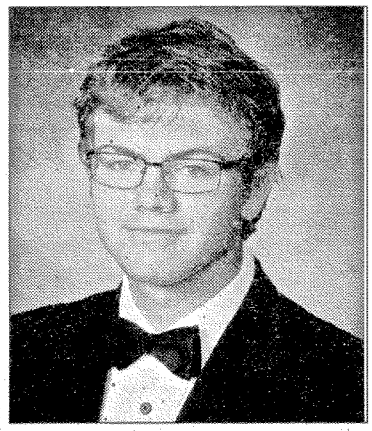
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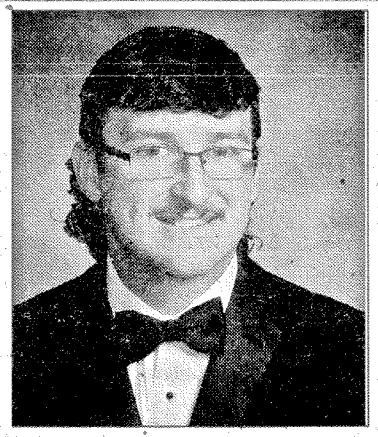
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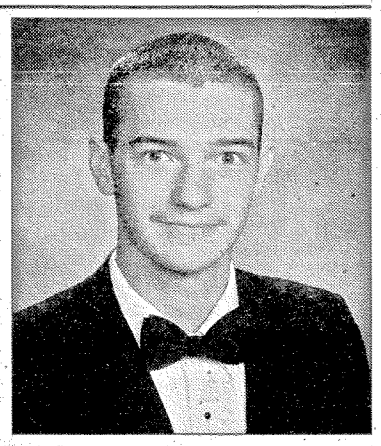
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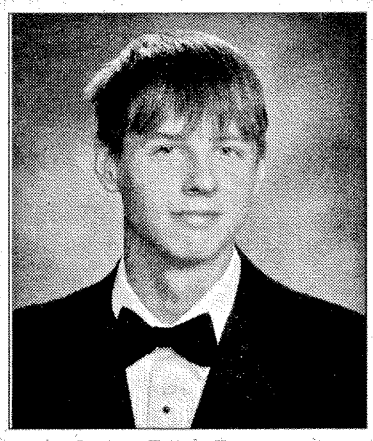
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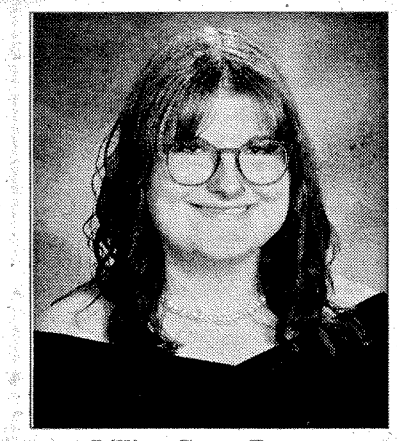
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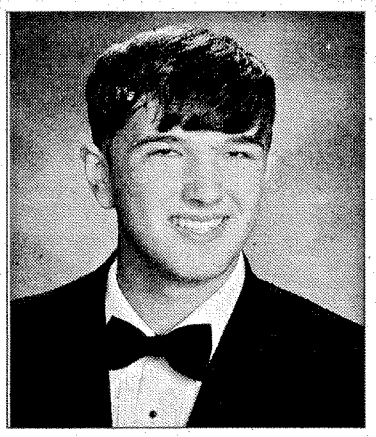
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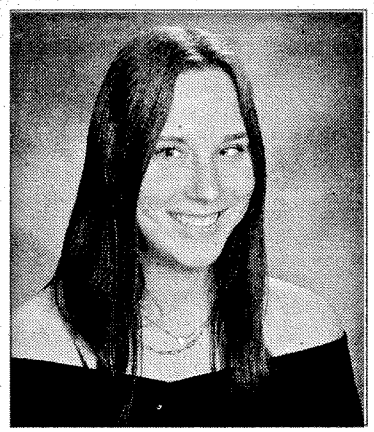
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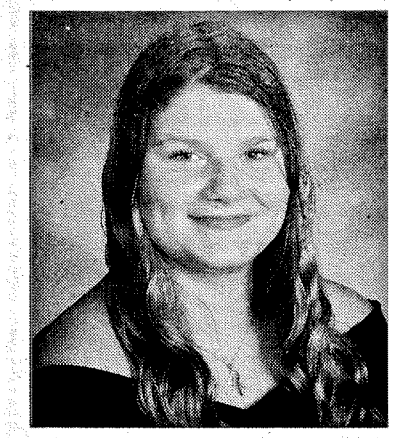
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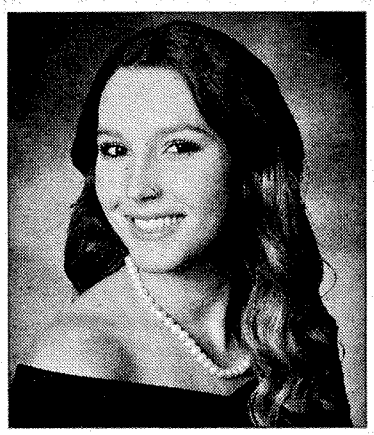
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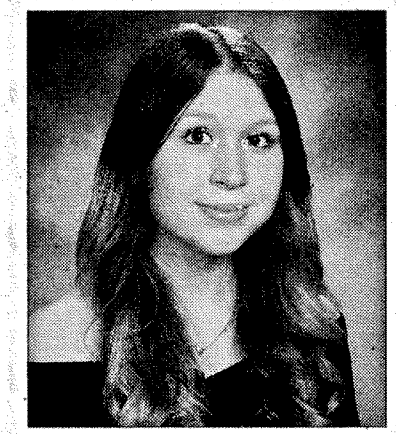
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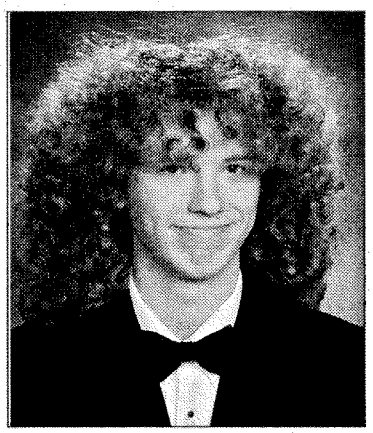
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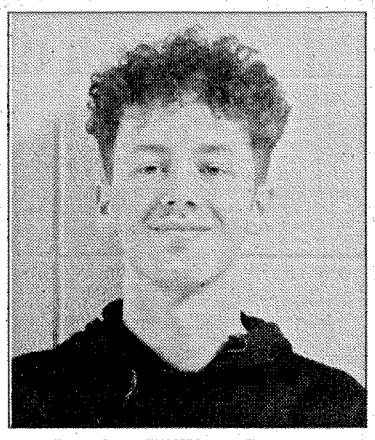
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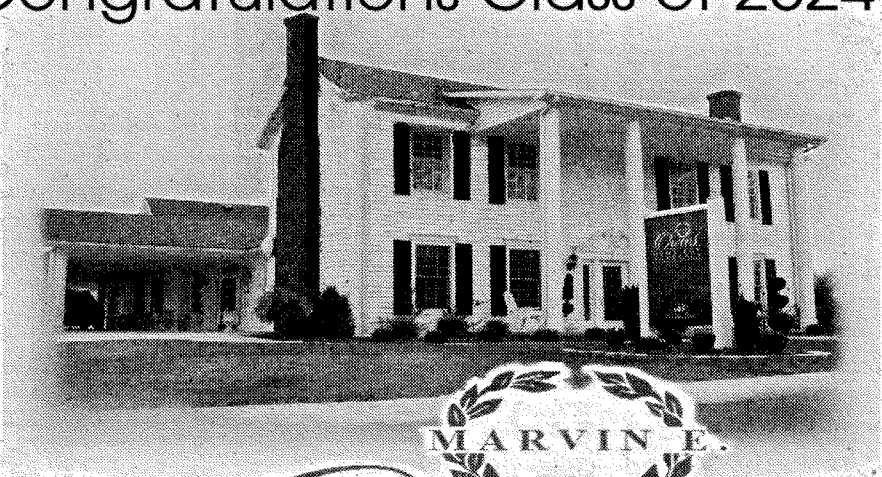

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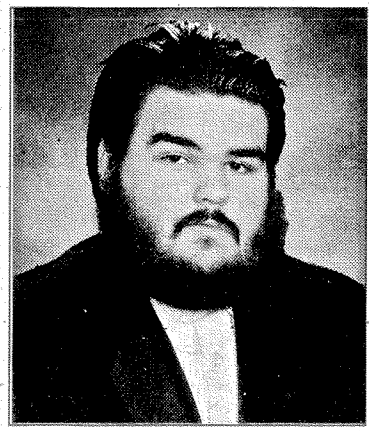

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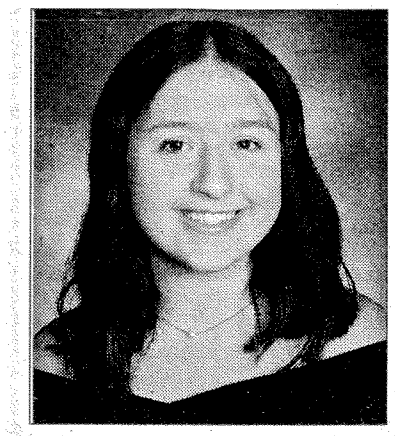

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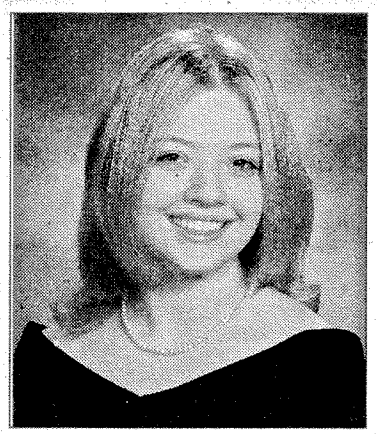

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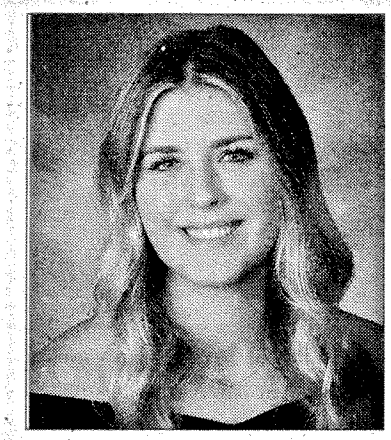

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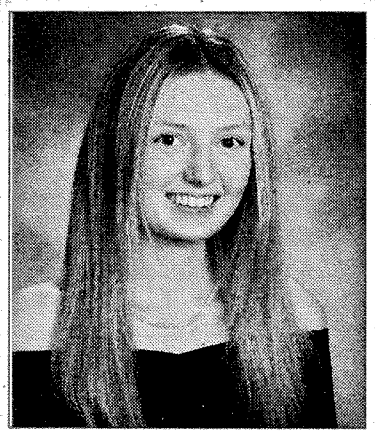

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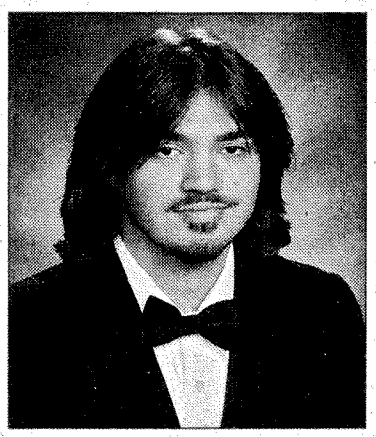

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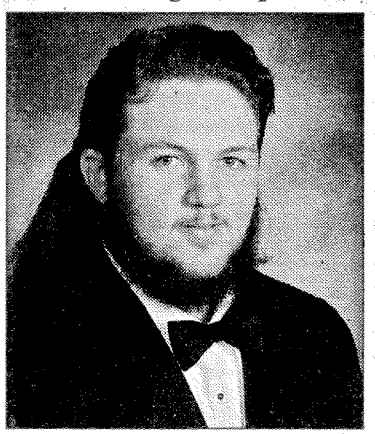

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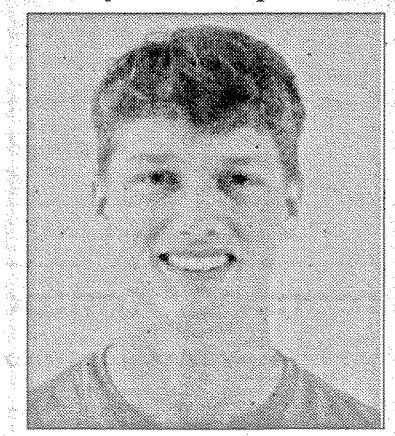

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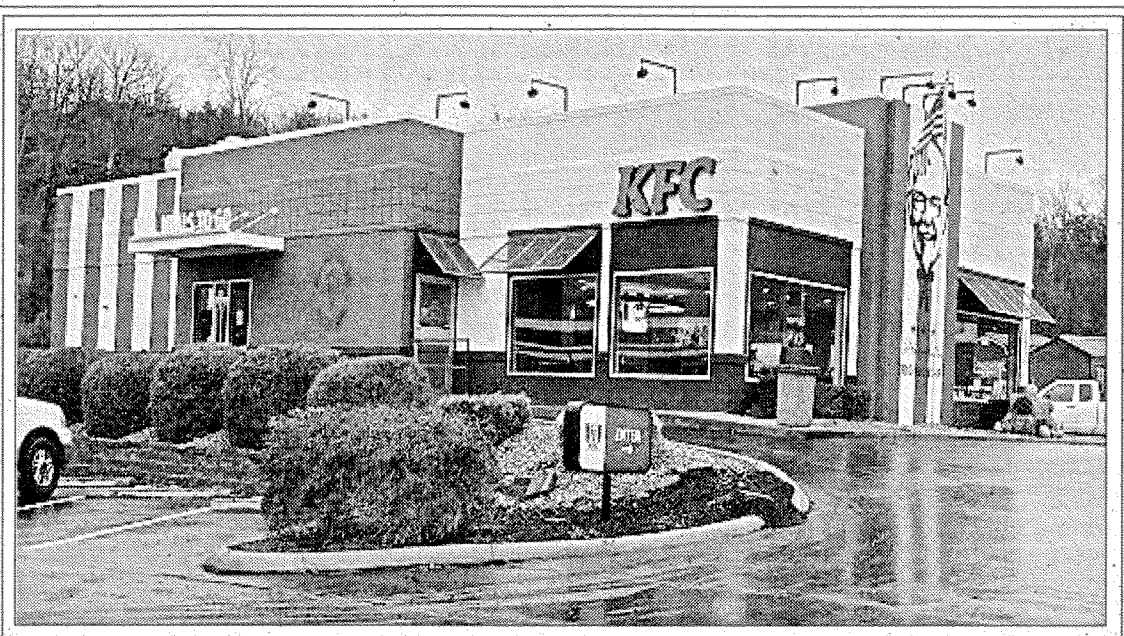

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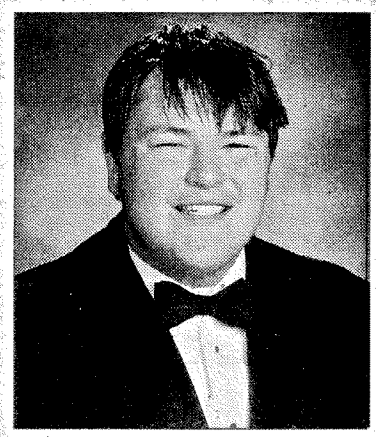

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Averi Cayte Dillingham, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Jason and Tasha Dillingham. FCA, Rocket Club, Floral Club, FFA.

Natalie Dixon, Brodhead, daughter of Rachel Blanton and Jearl Dixon. FCCLA, JAG.

Haylee Durham, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Rebecca Durham and Boyd Durham. JAG and Chorus.

Jacob Durham, Mt. Vernon, son of Jessica Himes and Robert Himes. ASE certified in HVAC, Electrical, Manual Transmissions, Engine Repair, Maintenance and Light Repair, Steering and suspension, Brakes, Engine Performance, Automotive Service Technology, OSHA Certified, Chick-Fil-A Leadership Club, Smile Club.

Skyler Brent Durham, Mt. Vernon/Brodhead, son of Dee Reams and Brad Durham. Baseball; Basketball; Golf; OSHA Certified; ASE Certified.

Alyssa Falicity Edwards, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Celeste Edwards and John Edwards. Outstanding Achievement in Community Service at Grateful Bread Food Pantry. Coloring Club, Art Club, Rockcastle FFA, UNO Club, Walking Club.

Joseph Elam, Mt. Vernon, son of Cassey Mullins and Eric Elam. Baseball, Y-Club, Berea College Scholarship.

Stephen McGhee Estel, Brodhead. JROTC, FFA.

Michael Estes, Brodhead, son of Nadina Estes and James Estes. Perfect Attendance 2022-23; Psychology award; Honor Roll; Chess Club; Computer Hardware and Software Maintenance Certification.

Briely Jean Fowler, Berea, daughter of Alice and Billy Fowler. JROTC; Guitar Club; Raider; Raider Team; Battalion Commander; Raider Commander; Superior Cadet; Distinguished Cadet; Honor Cadet; Mountain Raider.

Ezekiel Graves, Crab Orchard, son of Melissa and Granville Graves. Band, FFA.

Landan Gray, Mt. Vernon, son of James and Tabitha Gray. JAG, FFA.

Ethan Gibson, Mt. Vernon, son of Kimberly and Trevis Gibson. FFA; Honors Club; 4-H; Peer Friends; Prom Club; Rocket Club; Homecoming King, first runner up; first place Goat Proficiency; third place Goat Speech; 8th in State Livestock Judging; 1st place Ag Sales; 2nd Place State 4-H Land Judging; IFAL Certification; FFA Alumni Committee Chair; FFA Assistant Chaplain; FFA Chaplain; Alumni Scholarship Recipient; Goat Profieiency Year Two Second Place; FFA Star Placement; FFA State Degree Recipient.

Anthony Goodin, Mt. Vernon, son of Ashley VanWinkle and Scott VanWinkle. Football #21 Running Back; Defensive End; Punter.

Isabel Martinez Guzman, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Dora Guzman Palacios and Carlos Martinez Rodela.

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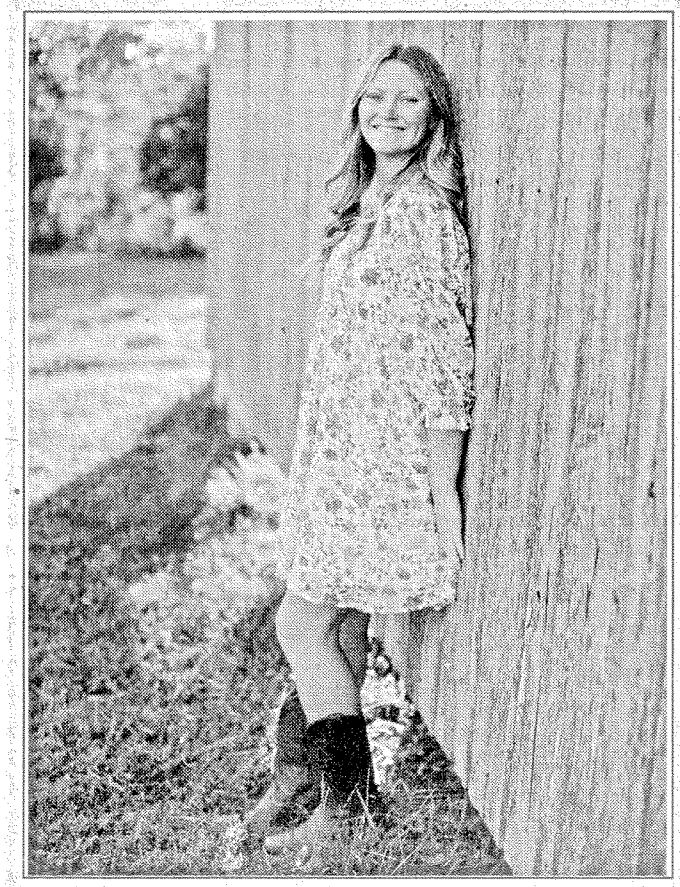

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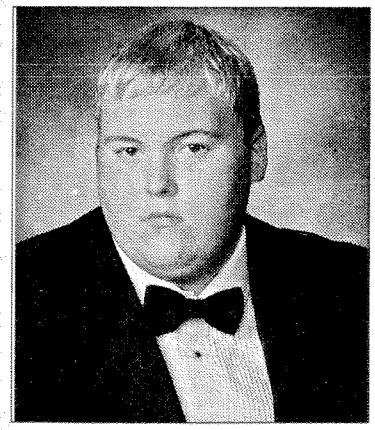

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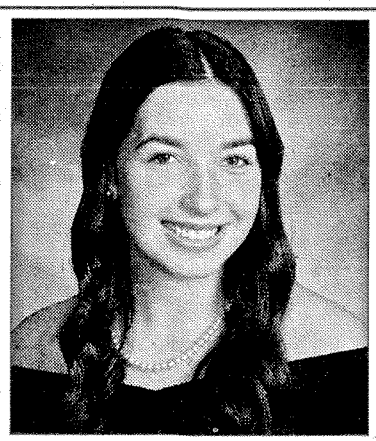

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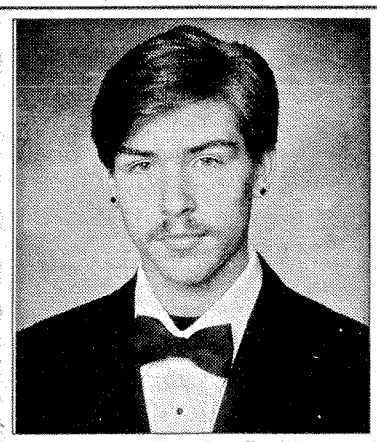

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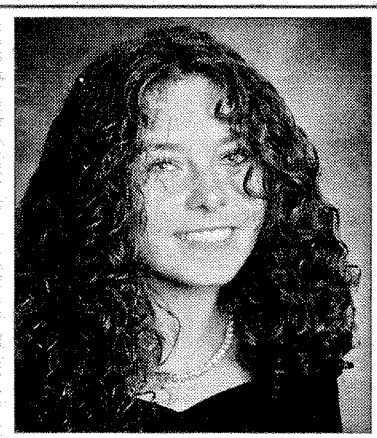

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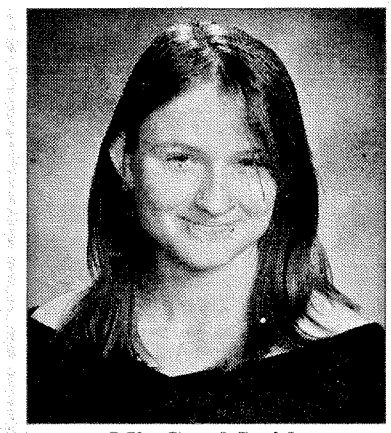

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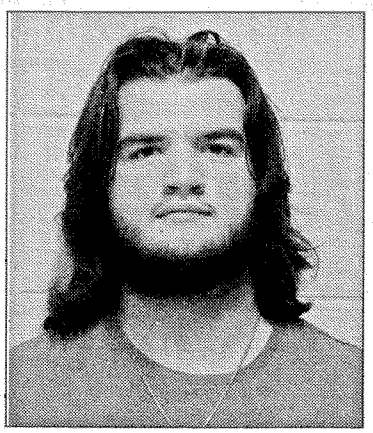

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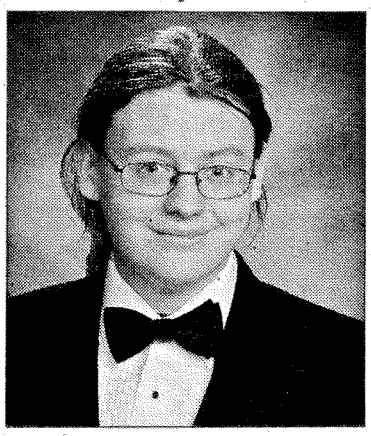

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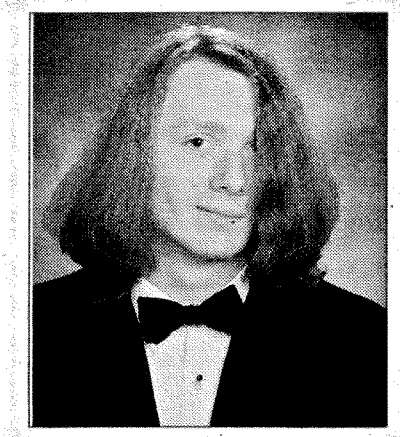

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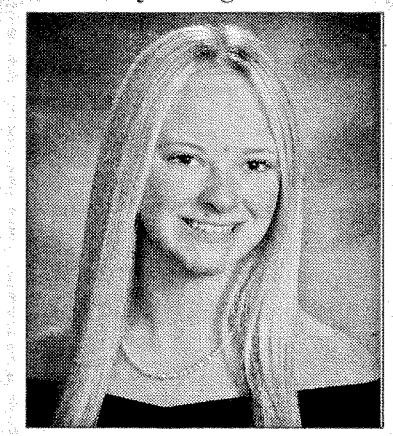

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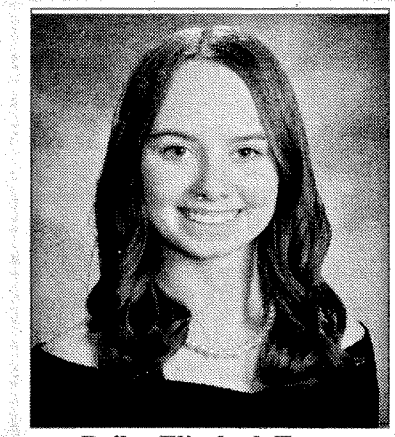

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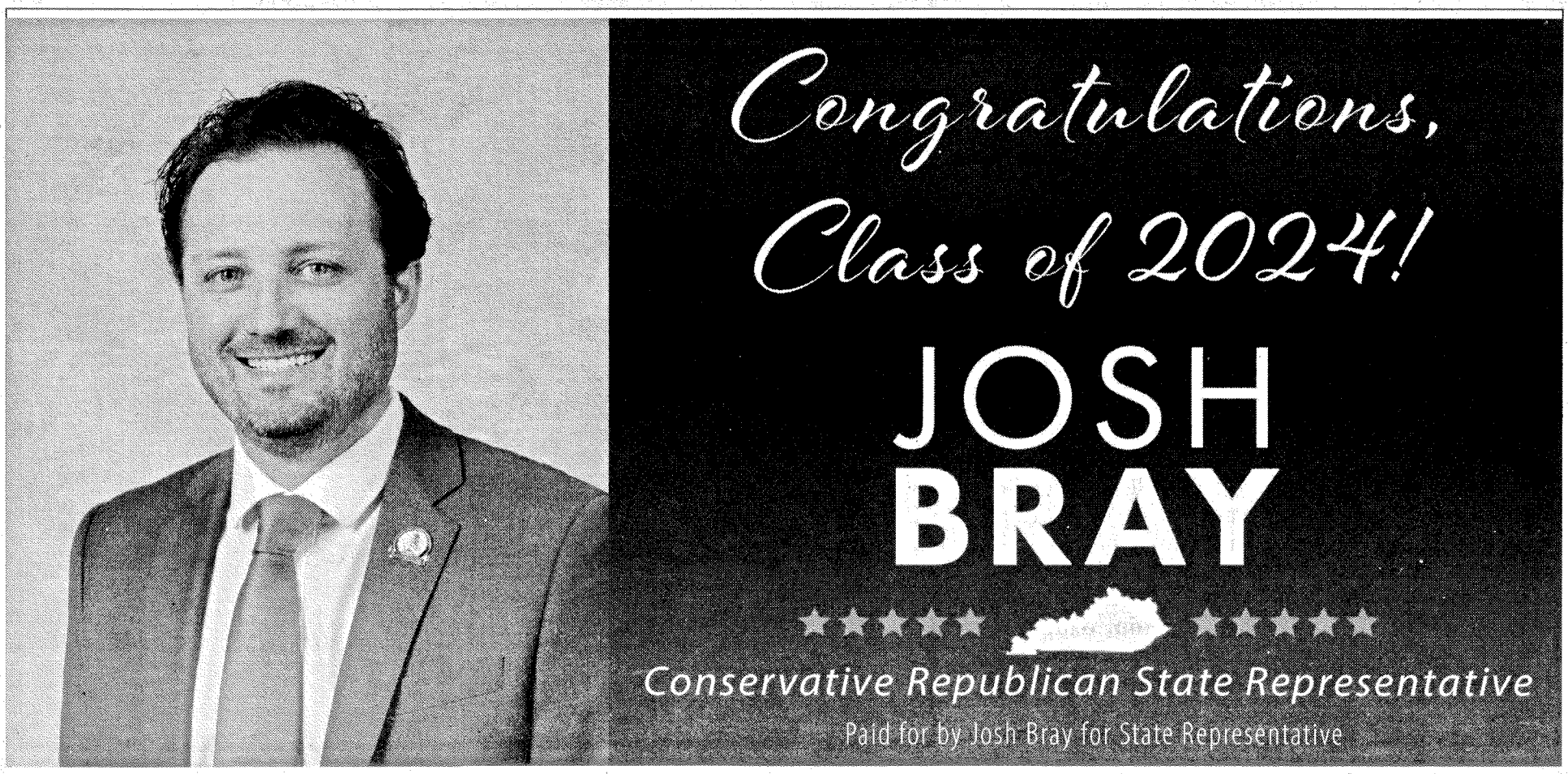

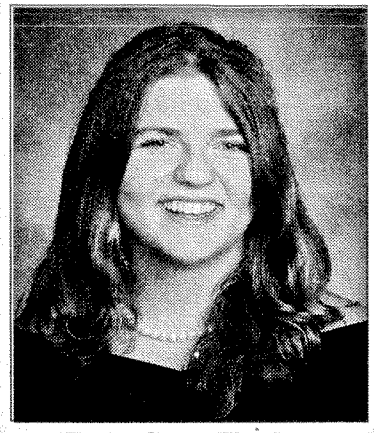
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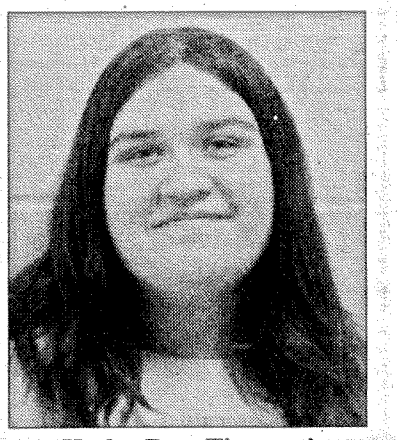
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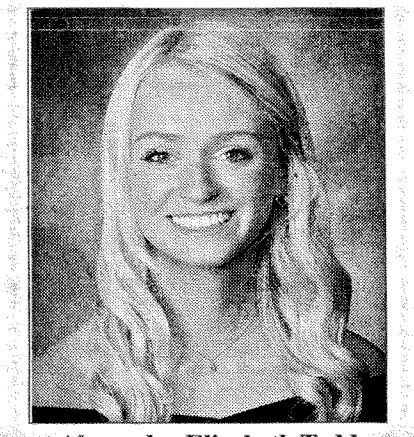
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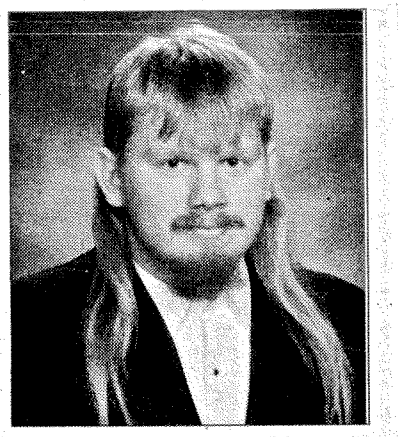
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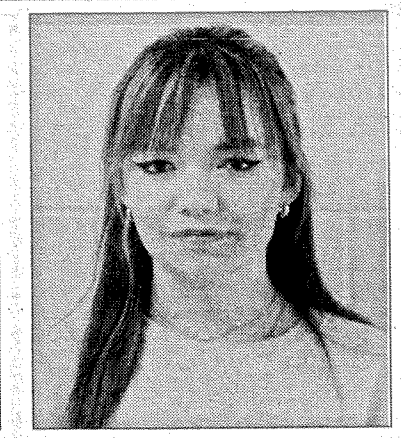
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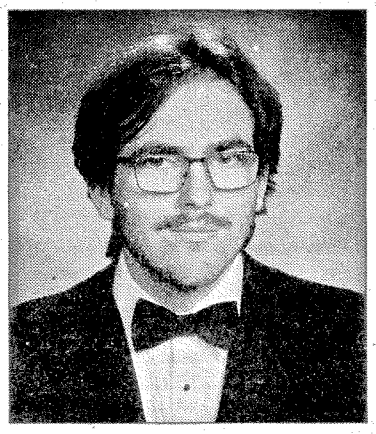
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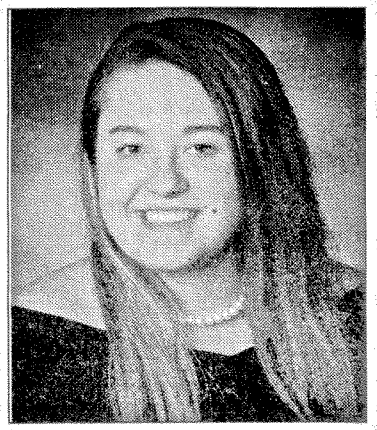
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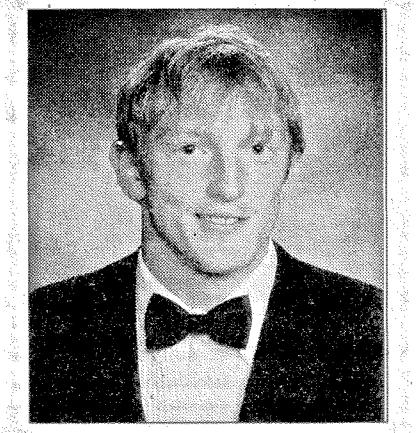
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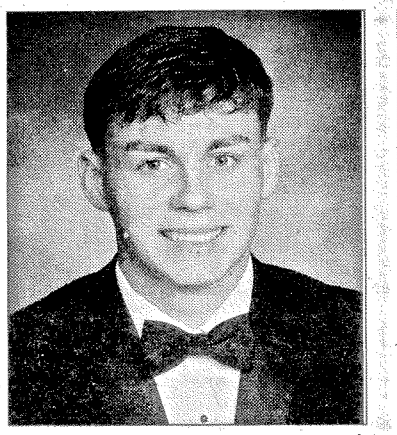
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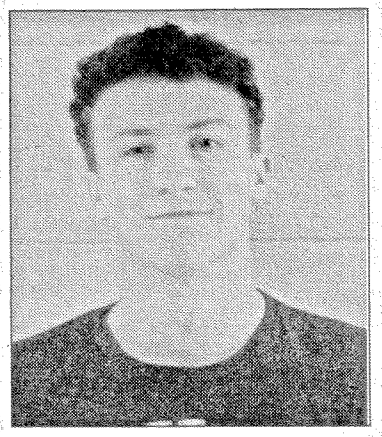
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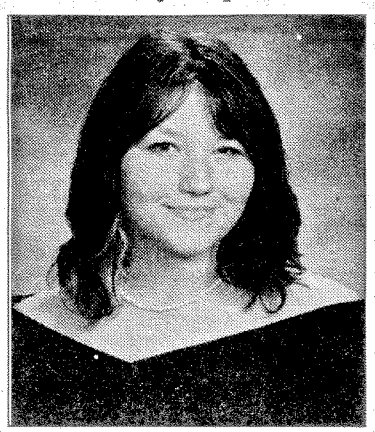
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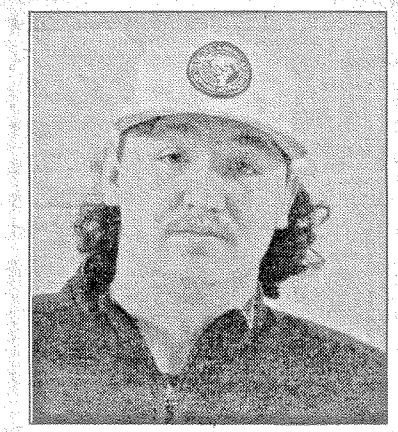
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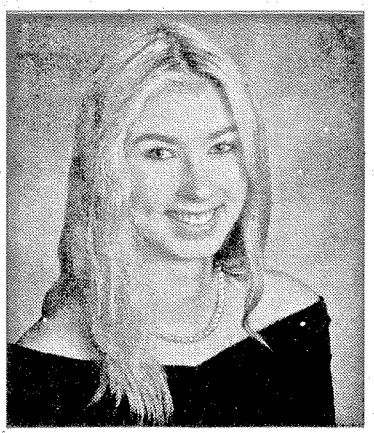
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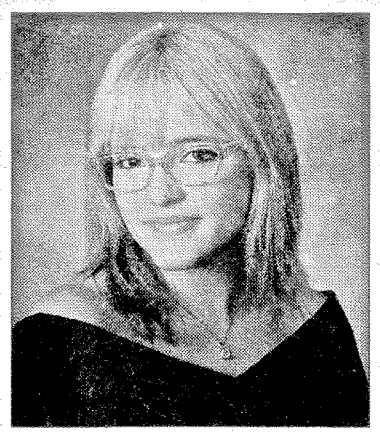
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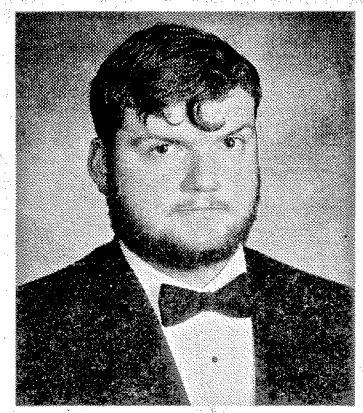
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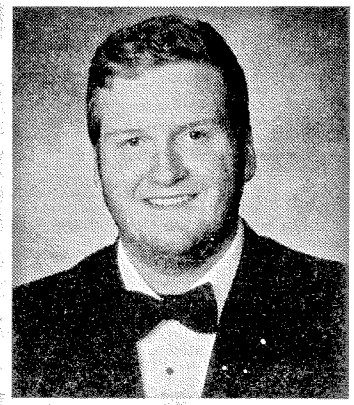
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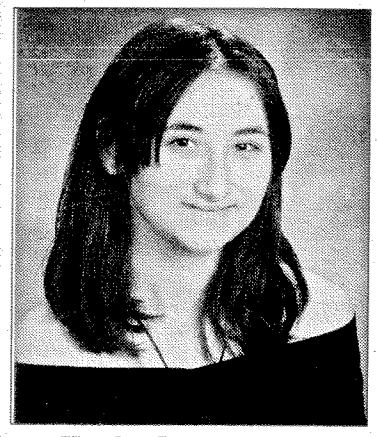

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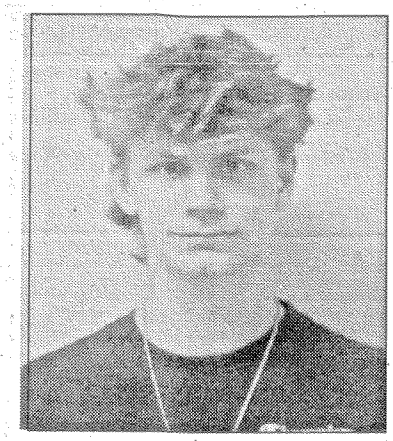

Jacob Edward Durham

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Charles Sebastion Bell • Landon Alex Keaton Carlton
Corey Douglas Coleman • Kelsey Lyn Coy
Xander Dandreano • Katelyn Brooke Denney
Timothy Jacob Elijah Dunn
Alyssa Danielle Dyer
Destiny LeeAnn Brooke Eversole
Breanna Nicole Goforth
Izaiah Michael Griffin • Trevor Alexander Hamilton
Jacob Tanyan Houk • Molly Grace Irvin
Abigail Leann Jones • Jonas Payton Key
Loareta Krebs • Donovan Wayne Martin
Inan Thorne McFarland
Emily Nicole McGuire • William Timon Moore
Blake Robert Nagel • Gracelyn Demaye Robinson
Ashton Keith Sanders • Pacey Jack Simpson
Destiny Hope Smith • Ethan Cole Curtis Smith
Jacob Riley Smith • Mackenzie Grace Sowder
Tiney James Weaver, Jr. • Austin Blake Wells
Paisley Grace Williams

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Emily Katherine Hayes, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Donna Hayes and Gary Hayes. State Licensed Registered Nurses' Aid; Accepted at Somerset Community College to become Registered Nurse.

Marcus Hebert, Brodhead, son of Melissa and Greg Burton. JROTC, four years, Captain; SIA Assistant; FCA, three years; 3on3 Basketball Club, 4 years; RCHS Football, 2 years. Plan to enlist active member of National Guard.

Ethan Hodge, Brodhead, son of Eric Hodge and Tina Hodge. Certified in all of the following ASEs: G1, Brakes, Steering and Suspension; Electrical, HVAC, Engine Repair, Engine Performance and AST.

Khole Jackson, Livingston, son of Paulina Jackson.

Johnathan Mitchell Jones, Mt. Vernon, son of Carolyn Rose Barron and Shaun Mark Jones. RCHS Football, one year; SKILLS USA, four years.

Nicholas Jones, Brodhead, son of David Jones and Regina Brady. ASE Certification; OSHA Certified.

Haven King, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Angie and Bert King. Softball; Basketball; Rocket Club; Honors Club; FCA.

Alivia Kirby, Livingston, daughter of Apryl Kirby and Chris Kirby. FBLA; FCCLA; Environmental Club; Floral Design Club; Ed Rising; Archery; Academic Team. Placed 4th in Math at Regions for Academic Team. Certified in Word 2019; Excel 2019; Power Point, 2019; Word Expert 2019. Passed the End-Of-Program Assessment for Business. Placed 6th in Advertising at Regions for FBLA.

Christian Larkey, Mt. Vernon, son of Chris and Leslie Larkey. Football, four year starter, 2X All State, 3X All District; 3X All Region. Track, All State; Fishing Team; SAF State Championship, 4th, 10th and 2nd Place; UNITE and Young Republican Club President.

Wendell Ford Thomas Lovell, Mt. Vernon, son of Wendell Lovell and Tiffany Daugherty. Football.

Bethany Jaiden Martin, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Jaime Martin. FBLA Treasurer; Key Club Secretary/Treasurer; Regional Champion in FBLA Business Communications; MOS Certified.

Wyatt Martin, Mt. Vernon, son of Steve and Donnaleah Martin. Band, six years; JROTC, two years; Honor Society Member; Archery, six years; Microsoft Office Specialist.

Brock Mason, Somerset, son of Bobbie and Chris Mason. Honors Club; FCCLA; Gear Up Scholars; Diversity Club. AP World; AP Language; AP Chemistry; Dual Credit in American History, Spanish, English and Math. Governor's Scholars Program Scholarship.

Brian Cody Maupin, Livingston, son of Brian and Jessica Maupin. Baseball.

Josaiyah McClure, Mt. Vernon, son of Ashley Neal and Jamie McClure. Football.

Harper McCool, Brodhead, son of Anthony and Donna McCool. Member of SKILLS USA; Varsity Basketball and Track. Awards in Electricity I and Circuits.

Kameryn Medley, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Anthony and Jill Medley. Honors Club Vice President; Key Club; Prom Club; Member Gear-Up Scholars. Member Varsity Tennis, Varsity Cheerleading team member and National Title Holder. Homecoming Queen; Prom Queen; Miss Freshman; Miss Sophomore; Miss Rockcastle County High School and KAPOS Scholarship Recipient.

Marlana Miller, Brodhead, daughter of Loretta and Michael Burgess. FFA; JAG; Prom Club; Floral Design Club; Lego Club; Spirit of the Creed Award (FFA)-Executive Team two years.

Zack Miller, Mt. Vernon, son of Chris and Angie Miller.

Chloe Miller, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Matt Mullins and Makenzie Mullins. Swim Team, three years. FCCLA; Art Club; UNITE; FCA; Smile Club; Dance Blue.

Michael Mills, Berea, son of Carla Nicole Johnson. Magic the Gathering Club; D N D Club; Star Wars Club.

Jasmine Nagel, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Kimberly Lohrey and Josh Nagel. JROTC.

Alexia Marie Paige Neeley, Brodhead, daughter of Tiffany and Anthony Anglin and Robert Neeley. FCA Club; HOSA; Prom Committee and Yearbook Staff.

Ryan Newcomb, Livingston, son of David Newcomb and Mary Newcomb.

Braydon Isaiah Owens, Berea, son of Jerry Owens and Jessica Owens. Football, four years; Dance Blue, two years.

Emma Nicole Payne, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Tina and Stoney McGuire and Dustin Payne. FCCLA EOP Childhood Development; FFA Agriculture Sales CDE, 1st in regional contest; JAG - Community Service. National Society of High School Scholars; Educator's Rising Club; Prom Club, two years; FFA Club; HOSA, one year; Dance Blue, two years.

Brylee Peters, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Mike N. Peters and Melissa Bryant. FFA; JAG; FCS.

Abigal Petrey, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Kristina and Matt Petrey.

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Noah Phillips, Mt. Vernon, son of Christy and Billy Phillips. Baseball; Y-Club; Berea Scholars; CAP Certified; Honors Club; UNITE.

Jacob Trace Powell, Berea, son of Christina Powell and Ronald Powell. FBLA State Region, 1st Place Region 6 FBLA UX Design.

Ralph Andrew Powell, Mt. Vernon, son of Brittney Renner and Ralph Powell, Baseball.

Joseph Michael Prickett, Mt. Vernon, son of David Prickett and Martha Collins. Member of National Guard. OSHA 10 Certified; ASE Certified in GI , HVAC, Engine Perfomance; AST, Manual Transmission, Electrical, Brakes, Engine Repair. JROTC - MVP on JROTC Raider Team.

Lillian Grace Reams, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Heather Reams and Jeremy Reams. Choir; Merit 2 Scholarship; Cruisin' Through the Valley Scholarship, EKU Dual Credit Achievements; Prom Club.

Brooklyn Renee Robinson, Orlando, daughter of Robert D. Robinson. ECD; Volleyball, four years; Tennis; FFA; Land Judging; FCCLA; CPR Certified.

Emma Grace Robinson, Orlando, daughter of William and Brandy Robinson.

Fredric Ryder Robinson, Mt. Vernon, son of James and Holly Robinson.

Gracelyn Robinson, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Kayla and Kenny Bustle. Art Club; Participated in The Little Mermaid play and Musical Review for Drama. Voted Most Artistic Female Senior.

Landon William Rodgers, Brodhead, son of Will and Bridget Rodgers. JAG; FCA; Basketball, three years.

Jordan Rowe, Crab Orchard, son of Crystal Smith.

Talynne Shearer, Crab Orchard, daughter of Brian and Rebecca Shearer. Baskeball. Completer of Family Consumer Science; Gear-UP; FCA; Smile Club; Little League Coach; Campbellsville Women's Basketball Scholarship; Walk Club.

Alivia Shepherd, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Nikki Shepherd and John Shepherd. Competitive Cheer, Student Coach; Honors Club; Gear-UP; Rocket Club - President; Student Y-Chapter; Berea Scholars; Book Club - President; Co-Editor of Yearbook.

Dalton Simpson, Crab Orchard, son of DeWayne and Tracy Simpson.

Skylar Slagle, Mt. Vernon, Son of Alecia and Eric Slagle. Rocket Club; Gear-Up.

Aiden Scott Slone, Mt. Vernon, son of Scott and Crystal Slone and April Frederick. Star Wars Club; Dungeons and Dragons; JROTC; SKILLS; second place Job Demo; Best Platoon; Humanitarian Award; JAG Award, JAG Rope.

Amber Smith, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Karen Rowe and Tony Smith. Basketball, one year; FCA; Key Club; Honors Club; Berea Scholars. Several Certifications in Business Communications.

Devin Smith, Mt. Vernon, son of Alison Smith and Mike Smith. JAG.

Jacob Snyder, Mt. Vernon, son of Angie Snyder and Samuel Snyder. Homecoming King; Agnes Foster Award; FCCLA; Art Club; Football.

Joseph Riley Spoonamore, Mt. Vernon, son of Crystal Spoonamore.

Daniel Seth Sowder, Mt. Vernon, son of Daniel Dale Sowder and Crystal Gale. D N D Club - President; CCAD Creativity Award; Art Club; Creative Writing Club; International Club; Diversity Club; Lead Drama Performer for The Little Mermaid and Musical Review; Voted Most Artistic Senior;

Chloe Isabella Grace Stevens, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Tiffany Falin and Jay Stevens. JAG.

Devin Tompkins, Mt. Vernon, son of Larry and Greta Tompkins. ATC Welding Certificate.

Trenton Wilson, London, son of Liza Lewis. Basketball; Track; Honors Club; Beta Club; JAG; Jackson Energy Scholarship; Gear-Up Scholar.

Lige Winkler, Mt. Vernon, son of Kimberly Luna and Louise and Thomas Winkler. JAG.

Gage Woodall, Brodhead, son of Angie and J.D. Woodall.

Harley Woods, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Peggy and Gene Vandierendonck. JROTC Award; JROTC Club; Drama Club; Rock Walkers.

Adrianna Jade Woodward, Mt. Vernon, daughter of Candance and Marco Woodward. Third Place in the Agriculture Conservation Essay Contest, 2023 and 2024.

Katelyn Wren, Mt. Vernon, daugher of Ariel and Joe Johnson. Choir, four years; Drama Club, one year with part in one of the plays.

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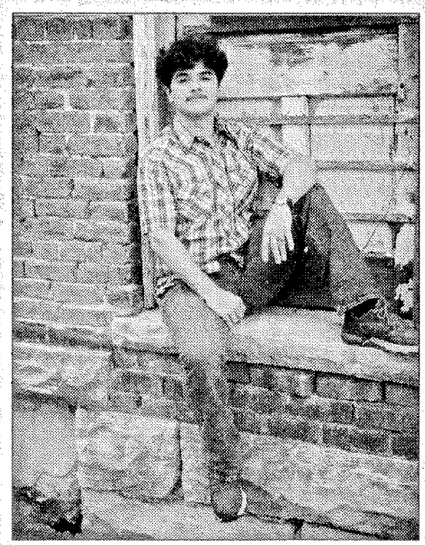

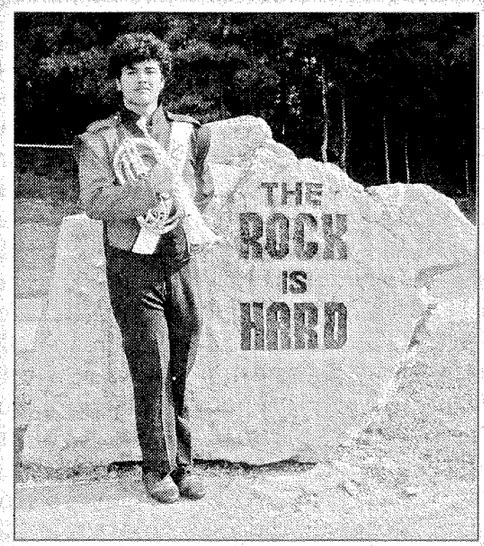

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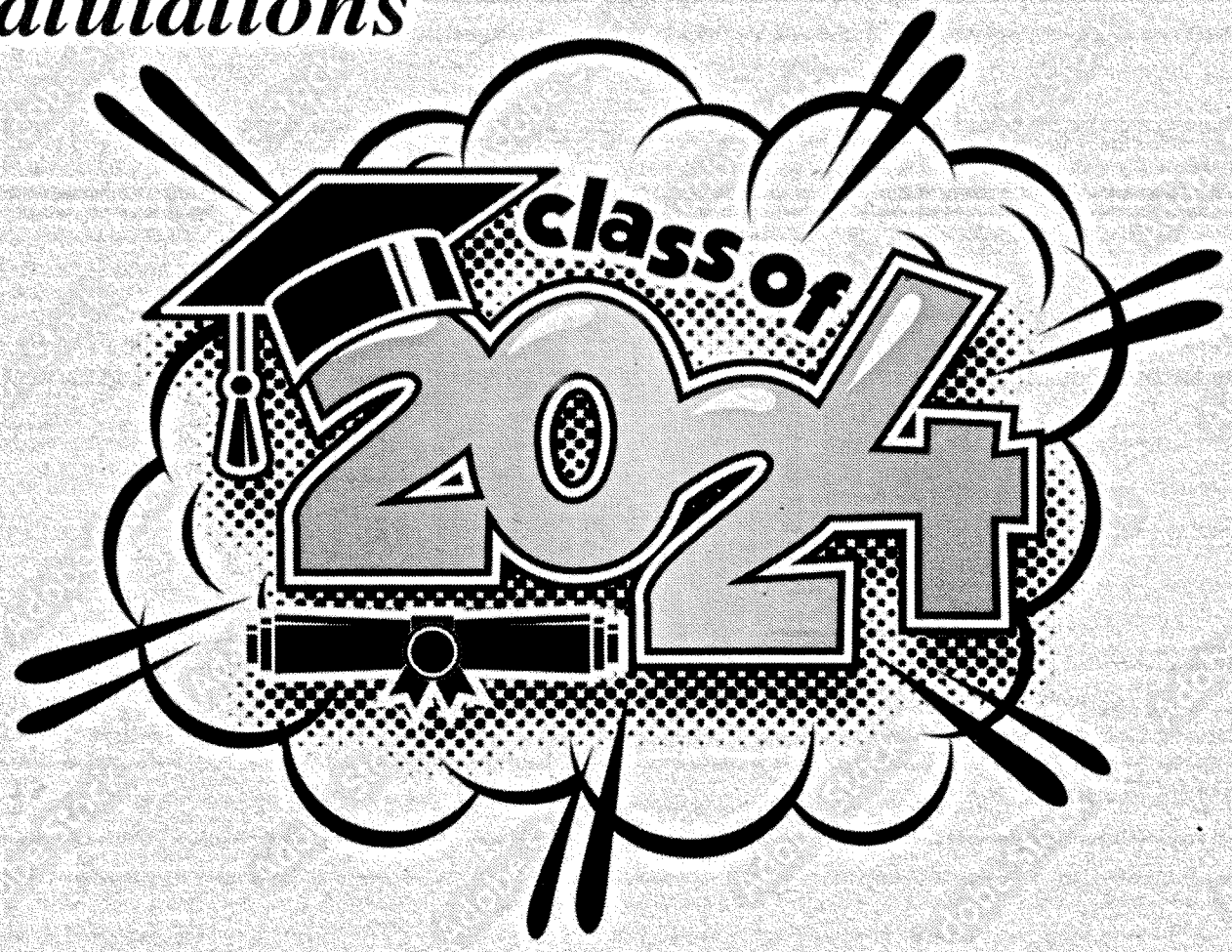

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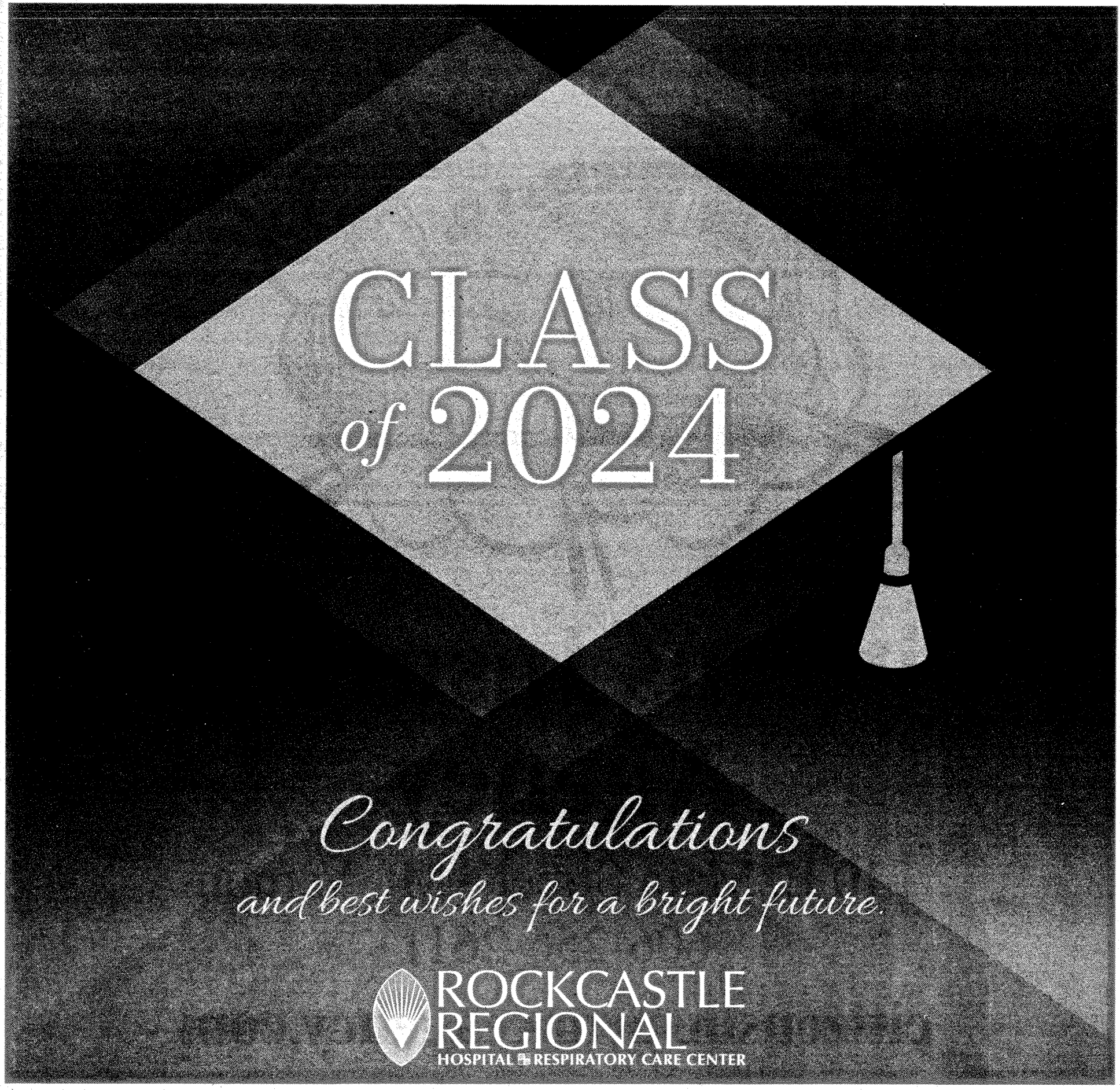
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