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New \$58 million RCMS project now underway

By: Mike French
Editor

Dignitaries representing the State of Kentucky and Rockcastle County

filled the side yard at the Rockcastle County Middle School (RCMS) last week for the long-awaited groundbreaking

ceremony for the new \$58 million RCMS project. "There were times that I didn't think we would get here," said Superinten-

dent Dr. Carrie Ballinger. "But thanks to so many who worked so hard, including Josh Bray and Brandon Storm, today we

cross the finish line and break ground on our new, modern middle school project."

The new middle school has been in the works for several years but had a difficult start. By the time the school district raised the funds and was able to bring all the agencies and entities together to make the dream a reality, inflation had risen at an unexpected rate and the price of the project became unrealistic. "It is horribly disappointing, but I would rather not build it than to build anything less than what our students deserve," Ballinger said af-

ter receiving the unexpectedly high bid packages. The project was put on hold.

Months later, through detailed budget actions and restructuring, countless meetings and weeks of lobbying in Frankfort, the school district was able to raise around \$38 million toward the project. When Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray announced he was able to introduce legislation that would provide an additional \$20 million in state grant funding, the project was on again.

(See "RCMS" on A5)

"Remember where you were on this day. It is the day that changed things in your county."

Rocky Adkins



Shown above, dignitaries from the State of Kentucky, Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the City of Mount Vernon and the Rockcastle County School Board broke ground on the new \$58 million RCMS project at a ceremony held last Tuesday evening at the site.

About \$35 million now available for park property purchases

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Indus-

trial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday

morning with a short agenda.

Al Cross, Professor Emeritus of Journalism at

the University of Kentucky, asked for RCIDA support for a project that would create a scenic

Route 111 from Mount Vernon to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Cross said the current roads, beginning at KY-461 to Highway 27 and others, would also become federal scenic Route 111. Cross said this would create potential tourism for all cities and counties along the route.

Jeff VanHook, RCIDA Executive Director, said some other states have scenic routes that have become well known, such as Route 1 in California and A1A along the Atlan-

tic Ocean, around the country and he believes this scenic route could also become a well-known route along the Appalachian Trail.

According to Cross, no current roads names would change, but Route 111 signs would be placed along the scenic route from Mount Vernon to Chattanooga.

Cross said the Transportation Cabinet was receptive to the idea and

(See "Park" on A5)

Holiday events now underway

By: Mike French
Editor

Once again it is the holiday season and local officials are preparing events for citizens to en-

joy.

In the City of Mount Vernon, the Rockcastle Arts Association will once again sponsor Noel Night Market on Satur-

day, December 7 from 3 to 8 p.m. on Main Street. The annual Christmas Parade will begin at 4 p.m. and this year's parade will be led by the National Champion RCHS Cheerleaders as Grand Marshals. Prizes and trophies will be given to winning entries.

Anyone interested in competing for the cash prizes or trophies should line up at the Mount Vernon Elementary School at 2:45 and sign up at the school's front door. No other registration is required.

Categories will include business, non-profit, school, church and other and the first place winners will receive \$100 while second place winners will receive \$50. An overall champion will be chosen and will receive \$300.

The Mount Vernon

Tree Lighting Ceremony is planned for tonight (Thursday) at Triangle Park. Everyone is invited to attend the traditional, family-centered event.

Anyone who would like more information about Noel Night Market

(See "Events" on A5)

School Board holds monthly meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held their monthly meeting last week but it was a special called meeting since it was held in a different location.

The board agreed to hold their meeting in the

middle school library immediately after the groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$58 million RCMS project held moments before the meeting.

The board approved minutes and approved the October financial report as well as the Calendar Committee's 2025-26 school calendar.

The board also discussed the groundbreaking ceremony, sending accolades to those who

(See "School" on A5)

Meeting postponed for tree lighting

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting that was scheduled for tonight (Thursday, November 21) has been postponed due to the Kiwanis Club Tree Lighting Ceremony planned at Triangle Park tonight at 6 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, live music by Jaclyn Bullock along with the MVES Musical Mustangs and the RCMS Marching Band, stickers, pencils and fruit bags for children. Everyone is invited to attend.

A special called City Council meeting has been called for Monday, November 25 at 6 p.m.

Local man goes to jail after punching dog in the nose

By: Mike French
Editor

According to a uniform citation, a man was arrested after being accused of punching a dog in the nose twice and threatening the dog's owner with a kitchen knife.

The citation says on Sunday, November 3, Matthew Mason, 29, of Mount Vernon, was grilling outside at a local motel. However, another tenant on the second floor complained that smoke was entering their room

and asked Mason to move the grill.

Mason refused and a

(See "Punch" on A5)

Fill cruiser with toys and coats

Cash Express in Mount Vernon is sponsoring a holiday event to provide toys and coats for children in need.

The event is planned for Friday, November 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

(See "Coats" on A5)

Crash causes traffic congestion



A three-vehicle accident on US 25 South in front of Lumber King last week, involved two commercial trucks and one passenger pick-up truck. No life threatening injuries were reported though one individual was transported to the local hospital. The incident caused traffic delays but local emergency personnel spent part of the afternoon directing traffic and cleaning the roadway to ensure the safety of passing vehicles. Shown above and below are the trucks moments after the incident. Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.



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ramblings...
by; perlina m. anderkin

I sometimes think that Democrats exist in a vacuum with the power to not hear any conversation, debate or ideas that they don't agree with. I think this because they will say some of the most outrageous things, things against Republicans that Democrats are doing at that exact time.

One case in point this week was when I read that Dems in Congress are up in arms because Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. was picked as Secretary of Health and Human Services. They're "upset" because he's "neither a doctor nor a scientist!" Then, I researched who is the head of H&H presently and guess what? It's Xavier Becerra, A LAWYER!! But, never fear, I'm certain the Biden Administration had a reason to put Becerra. It might have been the fact that he was Attorney General of California from Jan. of 2017 until March of 2021. He was also a member of the United States House of Representatives for downtown Los Angeles from 1993 to 2017--nothing scientific or medical there. But, I almost forgot probably his most important qualification. He was the first Latino to hold the office providing a big check mark for the Dems' virtue signaling!! And did I mention that George Soros' money installed him as Attorney General to start with?

Under Becerra's leadership, 9 million more people were added to Affordable Health Care Coverage - a 75% increase in enrollment many of them "Dreamers." Dreamers are children of illegal immigrants brought to this country as children who Obama wanted to give automatic citizenship to since they had lived here for many years.

I don't know if you're aware that several states are still, or have just completed, counting votes from Tuesday, November 5th's election.

In one of those states, Pennsylvania, the Republican contender Dave McCormick upset incumbent Ben Casey by about 20,000 votes and was named the winner one day last week. But then, amazingly, 80,000 more ballots were "found." These found ballots were actually ones that had been thrown out for no signature or no date or had arrived past the deadline.

But, the Democrat Election Commission decided that, even though the decision to not count these ballots came from a law passed by the PA legislature and was upheld by the PA Supreme Court, they would count the ballots anyway. One of the members said that "prece-

dent by a court doesn't matter" and also said, in effect, that nobody pays attention to the law anymore!!

Anyway, they counted the ballots and McCormick still had an over 17,000 vote lead so they will now, at Casey's insistence, conduct a recount costing taxpayers an additional million dollars.

But, it's not only in politics that Dems reveal their "I'm smarter than you" attitude. Parents in Eau Claire, Wisconsin have asked the Supreme Court to hear their case against their local school board who's policy for students, of any age who wish to change their gender identity (names, pronouns and bathroom use) can do so at school in secret from their parents.

The parents, who claim that this is the policy in almost a 1,000 schools across the country, lost in a federal court and are asking the Supreme Court to intervene.

The school's training manual for this policy is quite clear. "Parents are not entitled to know their child's identity. Such knowledge must be earned." So put that in your pipe and smoke it parents. I have a quick temper at times and I am glad that this was never a problem when my seven children were going through public school because I would probably still be in prison, especially since the phrase "it takes a village to raise a child" used to infuriate me to the point where I wanted to punch someone!!

Dems are also quite incensed that Trump decided to appoint Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy to make our government more efficient and less corrupt and full of fraud. They like their little swamp benefits obviously.

They take this attitude in the face of the fact that the Pentagon failed their 7th audit this year -- meaning they have no idea where their \$824 billion budget was spent. But, I'm sure that the 44 four-star generals stationed there with their \$250 million budget and 2,000 employees EACH spent ever penny appropriately. The 44 times \$250,000,000 comes to \$110,000,000,000 alone per year.

Also, hopefully, Elon and Vivek will be able to do something about the thousands of federal workers in DC who are still working from home since the Pandemic -- causing some federal buildings there to have a 7% occupancy rate.

Several Dem mayors and governors are vow-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I talk a lot about my years as a lad. What a different time it was! The world was a different place and people had different attitudes. People simply looked at things differently than they do today. A problem for people today, was just another day for people back then. And what is acceptable today, would have been forbidden in those days.

But this week I have been thinking a different thought. I am betting (and I would win) that my father thought the same way I do. He must have thought the world in 1970 was falling completely apart and evil had taken over. In fact, as a youth, I remember mom and dad and my grandparents having those discussions.

I can remember dad and grandpa saying the same things that I hear people saying now. It was the same conversation. People (especially Republicans) were in awe that America would approve of such evil, dark, morbid, things. They were astonished that anyone alive would have such low moral values and have no work ethics at all. They were talking about my generation.

And the kicker is, I remember my grandfather saying that he thought the same about my father's generation.

Apparently it happens during every generation. And I have no doubt that when the youth of today are grumpy, old squares, as I am today, they will say the same about their own offspring. Clearly, the world just gets more and more dark and evil and lazy with every generation. In fact, it does so with such speed and determination, that it takes less than one generation for it to be noticed.

Most like to think progress is a good thing. They love to talk about how easy things are and how fast we can accomplish goals that used to take a 100 times longer. People are proud of "progress" and changing times, just as I was in my youth when my father ridiculed me for my evil ways. Just as my father was proud in his youth when his father ridiculed him...and on and on.

And of course, each generation changes just enough that such "progress" is not forced to stop. This change has become more and more dark and disgusting at the perfect pace so that it is allowed to continue changing. If it happened too fast, or all at once, older people who still had some moral values, would put a stop to it. But, no. Darkness and evil ideas move in just slowly enough that the previous generation thinks, "well, that isn't right and it is evil...but kids will be kids, I guess. They will learn!" And we just let it go.

But instead of the kids "learning," they keep supporting more and more darkness and their kids even more, etc, etc. So it never stops.

You can tell this by thinking about a bigger time period. Instead of just one generation, imagine three generations of change happening at once.

Be honest with yourself and ask yourself, what if an American from 1899 was suddenly standing here today? What would he think about our moral values and work ethics and behavior? What would he think of string bikinis, abortion, locked school buildings, sex scenes on cartoons, beer commercials at foot-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



A Typical Day on My Phone

Dear Journal,
I watch shows and short subjects on YouTube quite often on my phone. They have stories about the British royal family every day. However, you don't know what is to be believed or not. The Royals I find to be interesting. It is like a big soap opera. It seems that Camilla is causing a lot of trouble for Prince William and his family. King Charles is pondering divorce and it goes from there. Ann, Princess Royal, has taken the side of William and Katherine. Ann gave their little daughter, Charlotte, a fortune of money recently and now she is the wealthiest child in the world, plus also having what the late Queen Elizabeth and Diana left her. She is about ten years old and has over 6 billion dollars. It is good to be the granddaughter of the queen and third in line to the throne. Every day the plot thickens. Then you add the woes of poor little Prince Harry and wife, that crazy Meghan Markle, an American. She makes me so ashamed I just want to hide.

There are a bunch of scammers to be dealt with on FaceBook. About a year ago I got involved with them in the midst of the Johnny Depp divorce case. What mud-slinging. He is from Kentucky and I wondered how he would fare in this whole mess. Anyway, I got involved

with what I suspected was a scammer. They wanted me to send Johnny a little money on a gift card. Now, this is a man that has over \$600 million dollars, owns an island, a French village, his own plane, yacht and several properties around the world including rental buildings in downtown Los Angeles. I get on FaceBook and mess with them, making them mad. They really try, though. They have gotten into a now and I get a call from Johnny every few days. I sounds just like him. Their English is sooo bad and their grammar is worse. This must be popular anymore. They have their friends in on it too. All within two or three weeks I'll get FE messages or from Johnny Depp, Kevin Costner, Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson, Dwight Yoakam, Jason Momoa and I think there is another one or two. I'm looking to hear from Elvis any time. I'm sure there are a lot of poor souls that really believe this. This bunch wants to come visit or go out on a date... all for a price.

Then there are a bunch of doctors, lawyers and military generals recently widowed that want to be my friend because they find my posts so lovely. People, let me tell you we had better watch out for scams and fraud. These are all lies and scams hoping to prey on people who are just gullible enough to fall for their foolishness.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation ("Jackson Energy") intends to propose a general adjustment of its existing rates by filing an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("KPSC") on or after November 8, 2024 in Case No. 2024-00324. The application will request that the proposed rates become effective on or after January 1, 2025.

Jackson Energy intends to propose an adjustment only to certain rates. The present and proposed rates for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply are set forth below:

Rate Class		Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Rate 10	Customer Charge per Month	\$24.76	\$36.48
Residential Service	Energy Charge per kWh (All kWh)	\$0.10180	\$0.10011

No revisions are proposed to any other charges or Rate Schedules.

The amount of change requested in both dollar amount and percentage change for customer classification to which the proposed change will apply is presented below:

Rate Class	Average Usage	Average Customer Bill	Total Revenue	Percentage
		Impact	Increase	Increase
Rate 10 Residential Service	999	\$10.03	\$5,793,612	7.20%

Any corporation, association, or person may within seven (7) days after the initial publication or mailing of notice of the proposed rate changes, submit a written request to intervene to the Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 or emailed to PSCED@ky.gov, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party and states that intervention may be granted beyond the seven (7) day period for good cause shown. The Public Service Commission is required to take action within 75 days of the date the application is filed.

Written comments regarding the proposed rates may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail through the Public Service Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov/>.

Any person may examine the rate application and any other documents the utility has filed with the Public Service Commission at the offices of Jackson Energy listed below, on the utility's website at www.jacksonenergy.com and on the utility's social media page at www.facebook.com/JacksonEnergy.

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Fiscal Court has short meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week with a short agenda.

To open the meeting, the court approved minutes, received three months of Livingston Trail Town reports, approved the monthly development board program support, reviewed reports from: the animal shelter, the Livingston Gym rental report, solid waste department and Quail Park.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., also gave the court an estimate from Herren Industrial Group for road department grader repairs for \$10,707. The expenditure was approved.

The court also approved several other requests and approved program support as well as approved the payment of claims.

The court officially added Kelly Ponder to the check signing registry since she will be the new County Treasurer and

County Court Clerk when long time county employee Vickie Miller retires at the end of December.

Ponder has been training for several months for the position and has already been playing a role in fiscal court meetings. Miller says Ponder "has done exceptionally well" and will be a strong addition to the fiscal court.

The court also heard from special guest Al Cross who provided a presentation to the court and to the Rockcastle County

Industrial Development Authority (see the RCIDA story for details.)

Holbrook requested a transfer of \$135,000 from the general fund with \$100,000 going to the Jail Fund, \$25,000 to the LGA Fund and \$10,000 going to the 911 Fund. The request was approved.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned as members of the court rushed to the RCMS groundbreaking ceremony immediately after the meeting.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

AUNT ETNA'S FRUITCAKE

4 cups pecan halves
2 cups walnut halves
3/4 pound candied cherries
1/2 pound candied pineapple
1 and 1/2 cup golden raisins
1 cup flour
1 and 1/2 cups of butter, room temperature
1 and 1/2 cup sugar
3 eggs
2 T lemon flavoring
2 cups flour, sifted
3/4 teaspoon baking powder

Preheat oven to 325°. In a large mixing bowl, combine pecans, walnuts, cherries, pineapple and raisins. (I always halve the cherries and cut the pineapple into segments.) Toss with the 1 cup flour. Set aside. Cream together the butter and sugar until light. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in lemon flavoring. Sift together the 2 cups of flour and baking powder. Add in thirds to creamed mixture. Mix well after each third. Add batter to fruit, mixing well to coat all fruits and nuts. (I do this with my hands since it's a very large mixture.) Transfer batter to a well-greased 10" tube pan. Cover tightly with foil. Place a pan of hot water on bottom rack of oven. Bake cake on rack above water for 2 1/2 - 3 hours. Re-

move foil. Bake 3 to 5 minutes more or until tops slightly dry. When thoroughly cool, remove cake from pan. Brush with light corn syrup and garnish with candied cherries. Store in tightly covered container.

FLORIDA WHITE FRUIT CAKE

1 pound candied pineapple
1 pound candied cherries
4 cups chopped pecans
2 cups flour
1/2 pound butter
1 cup sugar
5 eggs, beaten
2 tablespoons lemon flavoring
2 tablespoons vanilla
2 tablespoons almond flavoring

I like to line the tube pan with brown paper and grease with Crisco®. This keeps the cake from getting dry and makes it come out of pan easier. Using a sharp knife, chop fruit and put in large mixing bowl with the pecans. Add flour to fruit and nuts; try to coat each piece of fruit with the flour. Mix until each piece stays separate. In another mixing bowl cream butter, sugar, and beaten eggs. Add flavorings. Combine with fruit, nuts, and flour mixture. Stir until mixed. Pour into prepared pan. Place in cold oven and bake at 225° for about two hours.

Cool on rack before removing from pan.

Aces

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ball games, porn on cars, men pretending they are women, veterans living on sidewalks, state budgets based on gambling profits, handing more needles (that you pay for) to heroin addicts, Americans burning flags, taxing workers to pay others to stay home, 51% divorce rates, 15 million+ illegal immigrants from countries that want America to burn, the Ten Commandments forbidden in even one place, music on the radio about

killing cops, signs that prohibit firearms, having to ask government to build a barn, and on and on and on.

The darkness never stops. It continues to grow every year at just the right pace to be allowed to continue.

For a huge majority, if parents read this column to their teen, the teen will laugh thinking it is funny. "Who is this boring dude that hates progress and good times?" When in fact, progress is like an iPhone. I love it. But it is ridiculously expensive.

ramblings...

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ing not to allow ICE agents to remove illegals from their sanctuary cities/states, claiming it will break up families, cause a loss of needed workers and cause rampant inflation -- and you may have to give them credit for that because if anybody knows how to ramp up inflation it's Dems.

The amazing thing to me is that they never look at the last Trump Presidency when inflation was 1.9% when he left office and, pre-plandemic, had the lowest unemployment rate in decades all WITHOUT the 12-15 millions illegals Biden-Harris have allowed into this country during their regime. Their concern for missing children isn't very credible either since 320,000 have gone missing from the southern border during their tenure and I don't see any major effort on their part to locate them.

In 1955, there were 1.5 million federal workers. Right now, according to Google (but I have heard much higher numbers quoted), there are 2,040,283 and their average pay, including benefits for comparable jobs, is much higher than the private sector. Biden and Obama contributed over a half million to this number. The number of government agencies also

now totals 439.

Years back, the logic about government jobs was that the pay was lower but that was offset by the better benefits. Well, that is not the case any longer -- they're both outrageous now!!

Then there were several major new departments - Education for one - added unconstitutionally. The Dept. of Education's budget is \$86 billion a year, and includes special law enforcement agents to investigate suspected fraud, waste, abuse and criminal activity involving the Dept. of Ed.

And, to end on a terribly chilling note. The pResident has authorized the use of U. S. high-grade missiles by Ukraine against Russia for the first time. This in spite of Russia making themselves clear that this action would increase the chance of them using nuclear weapon against NATO countries and plunging us into WWII.

It is no doubt a move by Biden (or his handlers) to hamstring the Trump administration right off the bat. He is also being accused of increasing sanctions on Israel and easing them on terrorists.

Oh well, just another day in the twisted mind of our "I could care less about the American people" pResident!!

Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, November 25th: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, Hwy. 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Tuesday, November 26th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick.

Health Department Thanksgiving Hours
The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed November 28th and 29th, 2024 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 8 a.m.

KPR Meeting is November 26

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Remembrance Tree Ceremony

The annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony will be held Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass in Richmond. Anyone who misses a loved one during the holidays is welcome to participate. To learn more, request an ornament or submit a photograph, visit hospicecareplus.org or the Hospice Care Plus Facebook event page. For questions, contact Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org.

Military Mental Health & Depression Prevention Coalition

The Rockcastle County Military Mental Health & Depression Coalition meets on the 2nd floor of the courthouse every second Tuesday for a coffee muster. Coffee and donuts provided.

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 attended Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., for breakfast and conversation, at Marcella's.

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 Location Update
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets the first Thursday of each month at Marcella's Restaurant at noon and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at Limestone Grille. 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.

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 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. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Jerry Morris

Jerry Edwin Morris, 63, of McKee, died Saturday, November 9, 2024 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on October 9, 1961, the son of Johnny Edward and Mary Joyce Hurley Morris. He had been a farmer and was of the Baptist Faith.

Jerry loved life and enjoyed the company of others, especially his dear friend, Charlie Sparks, his favorite uncle, Steve Morris, and his favorite brother-in-law, Roy Perry. He loved sitting on the front porch with his wife and watching the sunset. He loved listening to old country music, and always had a great time with others - laughing, playing poker, going to auctions, and cutting up with the kids. Jerry will always be remembered and never forgotten. Fly high with the angels, Jerry.

He is survived by: his wife of 42 years, Anna Mae Perry Morris, whom he loved dearly; two sons, Jerry Edward "Bubby" Morris, Jr. and Joseph Dale "Joe Bob" Morris; a daughter, Mary Ann Morris; two brothers, William Morris and Johnny Lee Morris; and two sisters, Melinda "Sissy" Morris and Heather Morris. Four granddaughters, one grandson, and two great grandsons also survive. He was preceded in death by: his father, Johnny Morris; his mother, Mary Morris; two brothers, Michael Morris and Marty Morris; one sister, Jenny Morris; and his baby girl, Amanda Mae Morris.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Red Hill Union Baptist Church. Burial followed in Red Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Debra Lynn Martin

Debra Lynn Martin, 67, of Livingston, died Monday, November 11, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt Vernon. Debbie was born October 4, 1957, in Columbus, IN. She was a daughter to William Mose and Janet (Denney) Barnett. On April 30, 1977, she was united in marriage to Jerry Martin and from that union came three children, Brandy, Kara, and Matthew.

She was a member of Three Links Christian Church. Debbie was Director of the Medical Records Department at Rockcastle Hospital for many years. She enjoyed photography, sewing, scrap booking, and U.K. basketball, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Those left to mourn her passing are: her parents, William Mose and Janet (Denney) Barnett of Quail; her husband, Jerry Martin of Livingston; her children, Brandy Lee Jones (Johnny) of Science Hill, Kara Brooke Francisco (Chad) of London, and Matthew William Clay Martin (Kaitlyn) of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Layne and Colton Isaacs, Kayleigh, Cooper, and Cole Martin, and Makayla and Adlee Francisco; one brother, Larry Barnett; one sister, Sherri Barnett; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family.

Funeral service was held Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Three Links Christian Church with Bros. Grant and Jack Martin officiating. Burial was in Phillips Cemetery.

Casket bearers were; Matthew, David and Justin Martin, Chad Francisco, Johnny Jones, and Larry Barnett. Honorary casketbearers: Colton Isaacs, Josh, Cooper, and Cole Martin.

Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Jonathan Todd Adams

Jonathan Todd Adams, 39, died suddenly November 10, 2024. Jonathan was a welder with the Hyster Company for many years, and a graduate from Rockcastle County High School. Jonathan was preceded in death by his mother, Eva Abney Adams, and his brother, Kelley Joe Adams.

Jonathan is survived by: his father, John Adams; his brother, James Edward Adams; his uncles, Stephen Abney, and Mike Abney; and his aunts, Louise Shirley, Judy Nussbaum, and Teresa Vanderpool.

Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

Homer Money

Homer Terry Money, Sr., 93, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, November 11, 2024 at Hospice Care Plus Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born in East Bernstadt on August 10, 1931, the son of Joseph Ernest and Zora Bell Woodall Money. He was a retired TV and radio repairman and a US Air Force Veteran. He was an avid Bluegrass musician and fan and was a member of New Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church at Roundstone.

He is survived by: his wife, Martha Begley Money; his children, Homer Terry Money, Jr., Sandra Hammon, and Bobbi Hammon; and his step-children, Johnny Sparkman, Chad Sparkman, and Rebecca Hepert. Also surviving are three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters and four brothers.

The family chose cremation and will hold memorial services at a later date.

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

Vernon Leon Doan, Jr.

Vernon Leon Doan, Jr., 48, of Mt Vernon, died November 13, 2024, at University of Kentucky Medical Center. Vernon was born April 8, 1976, in Mt Vernon.

A son to the late Vernon and Charlotte (Lawson) Doan. He attended Calloway Holiness Church, and he enjoyed playing guitar, hunting, and fishing.

Those left to honor his life are: his children, Amber Doan of Mt Vernon, LeAnn Doan of Mt Vernon; one grandchild, Arianna Denny; two sisters, Tina Doan of Mt Vernon, and Debbie Hellard (Larry Shepherd) of Mt Vernon; two brothers, Dennis Doan (Donna) of Mt Vernon, and Dalmas Doan (Vicki) Doan of Mt Vernon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and family.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: one child, Alex Denny; one grandchild, Iris Denny; and one brother, Michael Doan.

Services were held Monday, November 18, 2024 at Calloway Holiness Church with Bro. Phillip Doan officiating. Burial was at Doan Family Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Marvin E Owens Funeral Home.

Mose McKinley Brock, Sr.

Mose McKinley Brock, Sr., 90, of Kings Mountain, died Monday, November 11, 2024, at Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville. He was born May 6, 1934, in Brodhead, to the late Mose and Verla (Brummett) Brock. On October 2, 1954, he married Naomi (Branham) Brock in Sumter, SC. From that union came three children, Jacqueline, Mose (Kinny) Jr, and Stephen.

On March, 22, 1954, Mose joined the Air Force and completed his basic training in New York at Samson AFB. Mose served in Sumter, SC and Okinawa, Japan. He was a certified mechanic and a farmer for many years. He was a member of the DAV and served as commander of chapter 91.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Jacqueline R. Proctor of OH, Mose Mckinley Brock, Jr. (Natalie), and Stephen Derek Brock; grandchildren, Jeremy Brock, Heather Fleming (Tony), Tracy Phillips (Charles), Teri Tikunoff (Matt), Haleigh, Page, and Mahala Brock; great grandchildren, Chelsea (Zack) Gard, Ashley Brock, Dakota Fleming, Maggie Phillips, Robbie Phillips, and Luke Tikunoff; and one great great grandchild, Luke Gard; four siblings, Evelyn Hilton Abbott, Francene Ledford, Dallas Brock, and Faye Gregory; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, friends and family.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Naomi (Branham) Brock; and four siblings; Proctor Brock, Virgil Brock, Corine Brock, and Matilda Brock.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bros. Ralph Baker and Linville Hatter officiating. Burial was in Negro Creek Cemetery. Military Rites were observed at the graveside service.

Casketbearers were: James, Tim, and Roger Brock, Gariel Gregory, Charles and Doug Leford, and Charles Phillips. Honorary casketbearers: Johnny Branham, Tommy Hardin, Gary Ledford and Matt Tikunoff.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Negro Creek Cemetery fund thru Franklin Bank and Trust (Account # NKM181146) of Bowling Green, KY 42102.

Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BEER BEEF BRISKET

Joanne served this at our first Progressive Christmas dinner after we moved into the neighborhood. Everyone loved it. I got the recipe and fixed the brisket for our New Year's Eve dinner when Lawrence and Lelia spent the holiday with us.

3/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
3/4 cup chili sauce
3/4 cup ketchup
1 pack (1.4 ounce) dry onion soup mix
1 bottle (12 ounce) beer—not light beer
1 beef brisket, 3 to 4 lbs
15 small red potatoes
1 and 1/2 lbs baby carrots

Preheat oven to 325°. Stir together first 4 ingredients; gently stir in beer. Place brisket, fat side up, in a large Dutch oven or roasting pan; pierce several times with a fork. Arrange potatoes and carrots evenly around brisket; pour beer mixture over brisket, potatoes, and carrots. Bake uncovered for 3 and 1/2 hours, basting occasionally with sauce. Remove from oven, and let brisket stand in pan, uncovered, 20 minutes. Remove brisket from pan; cut into slices. Return to pan with potatoes and carrots. Cover; bake for another 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

BROCCOLI SALAD

1 small head of broccoli, chopped

1 small head of cauliflower, chopped
2 tomatoes, diced
1 can black olives, halved
1/2 red onion, diced
1/4 cup sunflower seeds
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/2 cup prepared ranch dressing
1/2 cup blue cheese dressing
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine the veggies; toss with both dressings. Add sunflower seeds and crumbled bacon. Salt and pepper to taste.

HONEY BUN CAKE

1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 box (15 to 18 ounce) yellow cake mix
4 eggs
2/3 cup oil
1 container (8 ounce) light sour cream
2 and 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350°. In a small bowl, mix brown sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.

Mix cake mix, egg, oil, and sour cream. Pour half of batter into a greased 9 x 13 baking pan. Sprinkle brown sugar cinnamon mixture over batter. Spread remaining batter over that mixture. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Beat powdered sugar and milk. Use a toothpick to punch hole in the still warm cake. Pour glaze over cake while cake is still warm.

Operation SafeDRIVE is now underway

Driver safety is among the top priorities for the Kentucky State Police (KSP). From targeting unsafe driving behaviors like speeding to assisting motorists experiencing vehicle troubles on the side of the road, KSP troopers and officers are committed to maintaining safety on all Kentucky roadways.

KSP's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) is furthering this devotion to safety by participating in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Operation SafeDRIVE (Distracted Reckless Impaired Visibility Enforcement) from Monday, November 18, 2024, to Wednesday, November 20, 2024. The initiative focuses on dangerous interstate driving behaviors such as aggressive driving, speeding, tailgating, failing to wear a seat belt and driving under the influence. During this effort, KSP Commercial Vehicle Inspectors will open scale facilities, ensuring commercial drivers follow safety regulations, including hours of service compliance, commercial driver license compliance, medical certification and commercial motor vehicle credentialing.

Officer Stevie Douglas, East Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Spokesperson, believes Operation

SafeDRIVE increases highway safety.

"KSP is honored to be a part of this initiative to make it safer for everyone to travel through our state during the upcoming holiday season," said Douglas. "We are committed to preventing dangerous driver behaviors and educating motorists on sharing the road safely with commercial trucks."

KSP encourages all motorists to take the following advice while driving on the roads:

- Stay out of blind spots: Larger vehicles have more enlarged blind spots on all four sides.
- Pass safely: Before passing, make sure you can see the truck driver in their side mirror and use your turn signal.
- Do not cut off large vehicles: It takes a large truck traveling at highway speeds the length of two football fields to stop.
- Avoid tailgating: Following too closely puts you in the truck's blind spot, which can be dangerous.

KSP's mission is to promote public safety through service, integrity and professionalism. The agency uses partnerships to prevent, reduce and deter crime. KSP promotes highway safety through education and enforcement, safeguards property and protects individual rights.

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SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

Kentucky Hand Crafted Soap

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The Friday Night

Gospel Singing

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Free Admission

November 22nd at 6pm.

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Punch

(Continued from front)

verbal altercation ensued. Apparently, during the verbal altercation, the dog was punched in the nose and Mason waved a large kitchen knife that he eventually threw in the direction of the victim, the citation says.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department received a call from the dog owner, while they were on the way to an emergency vet. Deputies arrived at the hospital and, through an investigation, determined Mason's location.

Mason was taken into custody and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with wanton endangerment, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening and cruelty to animals.

Mason was held on a \$5,000 cash or property bond.

School

(Continued from front) helped make the project a reality.

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel Action Report. It is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired

Charity Ballard, itinerant speech language therapist.

Full time classified employees hired

Jessie Ferguson, academic team coach at RES; Scott Roberts, second shift custodian at RES; Joshua Haines, yearbook sponsor at RES; Elizabeth Jones, student technology leadership program at BES.

Resignations

Megan Yates, Judith Howard, Brittany Delaney, Jeanine Lawrence, Tessa Smith and Holly Brown, substitute FS cook/bakers; Judith Howard, Brittany Delaney, Jenna Loudermilk, Samuel Grinstead, Christie Samples and Kristine Sowder, substitute instructional assistants; Michelle Parkerson and Dalton Durham, substitute teachers.

Certified substitutes hired

Victoria Castle and Katherine Coffey, substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes hired

Tim McIntosh, Destiny Bullen and Callie Benge,

substitute instructional assistants.

Volunteers

Kaden Kidwell, basketball volunteer at RCMS; Albert Snavley, Samarah Lovins, Timothy Henson and Lissa Jordan, JROTC volunteers at RCHS; Hannah Isaacs, girls basketball at RES; Olivia Puckett, band volunteer at RCHS; James Rogers, volunteer at RCMS.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Events

(Continued from front) or the parade events should email rockcastlearts@gmail.com.

In the City of Livingston, the Thanksgiving Community Meal will be served on Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. at the Depot Building. The event is sponsored by the City of Livingston and provides a hot Thanksgiving dinner for all who come. Covered dishes and/or desserts would be appreciated but not required.

The Livingston Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 21 at 6 p.m. and will once again include gifts for all children as well as hot chocolate and a visit with Santa.

The City of Brodhead's annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 7 at 2 p.m. and line up is at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Santa has agreed to attend all three county Christmas parades. Everyone is welcome to all holiday events and asked not to dress as Santa.

Park

(Continued from front) suggested he seek public support before the project moves forward. "This would cost the city or the county nothing. All we seek is your verbal support to move forward," he said. The board voted unanimously to support the project.

Board members then reviewed and approved the monthly financial report and budget summary.

The Executive Director's report lists countless tasks underway in which VanHook continues to market and promote the county and the industrial sites available.

The board then entered into closed session to discuss property issues.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

This week VanHook announced that about \$35 million has now been received by the RGL Authority from the State of Kentucky. The funds include the first draw on a total of \$62 million in grant funding to purchase the properties involved at the new 1,400 acre megasite industrial park in Rockcastle County.

The funds were placed in the RGL Authority account and VanHook, who is also executive director of the RGL Board, said he plans to begin purchasing properties this week. Officials say the remaining funds are expected to be released soon so that purchasing can be completed by the end of February of 2025.

Coats

(Continued from front) the business at 75 South Wilderness Road,

Anyone interested in participating may help fill a police cruiser with toys and coats and all donations will stay in Rockcastle County.

Everyone is urged to bring a toy or coat to the event and stuff them in the cruiser until it is filled.

For more information, call 606-256-0886 and ask for Ashley, Leslie or Katelyn.

RCMS

(Continued from front)

After design work by Decco Architects and the work of Codell Construction Management, ground was officially broken for the project last Tuesday evening.

Governor Andy Beshear's Senior Advisor Rocky Adkins said, "I stand here a Democrat but I have to say, Brandon Storm and Josh Bray are the best senator and state representative you could possibly have. They were in the trenches every day and they never gave up on Rockcastle County." Adkins told the large crowd they should "remember where you were on this day. It is the day that changed things in your county."

Adkins talked about several other projects in which Bray and Storm spearheaded gathering funding, including the new 1,400 acre industrial megasite. "People ask where are the workers going to come from for such projects, I can tell you a lot of them will come through this new modern high tech middle school we are starting here today."

Bray also spoke at the event saying "When I attended this school 25 years ago, we had barrels in the hall catching water. We see these new, modern schools going up around the nation and we decided Rockcastle County could not be left out. Now my daughter will attend this same school but it will be new and modern and have all those same educational advantages that other middle schools have."

Several dignitaries spoke at the event thanking those who made the project a reality includ-

ing, Lila Rigsby, Storm, Adkins, Bray, Ballinger, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Jessica Willis, RCMS Principal. A strong performance of the National Anthem was performed by Harrison Craig and the Pledge of

Allegiance was led by Teagean Bond. The prayer was led by school board chairman Angela Mink.

"This will be a wonderful addition to our school system and provide a more complete,

up-to-date education for every student in our county," said Ballinger. "This is a great day to be a Rocket."

Some estimates put completion of the project around 36 months with no unforeseeable delays.

6th grade winners



Rockcastle Chapter DAR sponsored the annual Veterans Day Poster Contest at the middle school. Chapter Regent Karen Adams and Chaplain Natalie Taylor presented this year awards to the students which included a certificate and ribbon. Sixth grade winners were: 1st Place- Amaya Spoonamore (not present); 2nd Place- Kendall Collins; 3rd Place- Lily Hensley; and Honorable Mention- River Dillingham.

7th grade winners



Rockcastle Chapter DAR sponsored the annual Veterans Day Poster Contest at the middle school. Chapter Regent Karen Adams and Chaplain Natalie Taylor presented this year awards to the students which included a certificate and ribbon. 7th grade winners were: 1st Place- MaKenzie Clark; 2nd Place-Brylee Silcox; 3rd Place- Kennedy Hopkins; and Honorable Mentions- Damian Barron Ashcraft, Daniell Ashcraft and Izac Sammons (not present).

8th grade winners



Rockcastle Chapter DAR sponsored the annual Veterans Day Poster Contest at the middle school. Chapter Regent Karen Adams and Chaplain Natalie Taylor presented this year awards to the students which included a certificate and ribbon. 8th grade winners were: 1st Place- Lacey Prewitt; 2nd Place- Eeve Warrick; 3rd Place- Sophi Lewis; and Honorable Mention- Josie Hall.

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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/insets, 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.

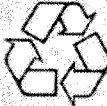
Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage.

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.



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11/20	9:00am - NOON
11/21	4:00pm - 7:00pm
11/22	1:00pm - 5:00pm
11/23	9:00am - NOON
11/24	1:00pm - 5:00pm
11/25	9:00am - NOON

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Carla C. and Carter Lynn Parsons, John E. and Sheila D. Clontz and James W. and Tamara S. Clontz, property on Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon Road, to William K. Blair III and Lauren C. Blair. Tax \$200

Steven Wayne Hill, property in Rockcastle County, to Steven Wayne Hill, Kerri Lynn Johnson, Brianna Lynn Rowlen and Jolene Elizabeth Moore. No tax

Bluegrass Property Holdings, LLC, property on Brian Rose Road, to Rick Reed and Stuart Martt. Tax \$80

S&J Timber Valley, Inc., property on Chester Azbil Road, to James and Shawna Tenney. No tax

Magdalene Collins, property on Jack Hurd Road, to Janet Kirby and Caleb Kirby. No tax

Christopher and Hazel Powell, property in Rockcastle Co., to Talt Hall, Jr. Tax \$23

Dixie Scheiderer, property in Rockcastle County, to Albert J. Scheiderer, Jr. and Faith Marie Scheiderer. No tax

Sarah Carson, property in Rockcastle County, to Kevin Stamper. Tax \$298

Joshua C. Lamb, property on Old U.S. 25, to Bret D. Poynter.

Nelson McFerron, property in Livingston, to Cassandra and Steven Johnson. Tax \$85

Johnny and Worth Anne Harris, and others, property in Rockcastle

County, to John Matthew Harris. Tax \$180

Sharon Gail Jones, property in Rockcastle County, to Raymond N. Dustin II and Erika Piedad Cardenas Murillo. Tax \$24.50

Christopher and Marisa Albright, property in Hunter's Ridge Subdv., to Joshua and Heather Hancock. Tax \$342

John Hamilton, property on Lower River Road, to Russell Kester. Tax 50c

The Estate of Aaron Dearl McKinney, property on KY 1249, to Timothy Duncan and Kirsten Fletcher.

Charlotte Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Ronald Kevin Taylor, Jr., and Ashley Teeters. Tax \$159

Robert Speed, property on waters of Skeggs Creek, to L&C Holdings, LLC. Tax \$156.50

Marriage Licenses

Jessica Kay Blackburn, 30, Livingston, student and William Edward Willis, 54, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 11/12/24

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Robert Abney, \$1,695 plus claimed due.

Larry Newcomb v. Harli Davis, forcible detainer complaint.

Eagle Financial Ser-

vices, Inc. v. Melodye Taulbee, \$3,355 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Jeanette Pemberton. \$887 plus claimed due.

ADLP Investments, LLC Series 1 v. Joanie Mink, \$3,277 plus claimed due.

BCG Equities, LLC v. Jeremy Neal, \$1,562 plus claimed due.

BCG Equities, LLC v. Dennis Stewart, \$1,019 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Kelsey Nelson, \$1,368 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Alisa Davis, \$1,635 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Kenneth C. Clemmons, \$1,033 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Parker Brown, \$1,423 plus claimed due.

Lendmark Financial Services, LLC v. Donald Brock, \$3,048 plus claimed due.

Denali Capital, LLC v. Maeteca Shackelford, \$4,600 claimed due.

LVNV Funding v. Austin Jasper, \$829 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Juanita Hayes, \$1,403 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Michael Burgess, \$1,483 plus claimed due. C-00273

Circuit Civil Suits

Abigail Elizabeth Hill v. Cody Austin Hill, petition for dissolution of

marriage.

Onemain Financial Group, LLC v. Eric D. Doan, \$11,101 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Destiny Niece, \$7,466 plus claimed due.

Samantha Bishop v. Christopher Baldwin, petition for custody.

Amanda Hurt v. William Hurt, Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

Discover Bank v. Darren Winn, \$10,859 plus claimed due.

Edna Durham v. Katrina Berry, et al, verified complaint.

Discover Bank v. Joe Spivey, \$12,264 plus claimed due.

New American Funding, LLC v. Robert M.T. Canfield, et al, complaint for foreclosure. CI-00294

District Court

November 13, 2024

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Joshua D. Bengel: probation violation, 90 day sentence imposed/concurrent.

Kayla A. Johnson: public intoxication, 2 days in jail/credit time served.

Speeding: Ahmed Ali Alaf, Stephen Wayne Austin, agreed order entered;

Amin Bairamkulov, Gerold Allen Parker, Daryl S. Alberto Pena Lopez, license suspended for failure to appear failure to appear (fta).

Bairon Baker: failure to comply w/helmet law,

license suspended for fta/bench warrant (bw) issued.

Kahbran Raheem Brown: failure to wear seat belts, agreed order entered.

Randall Callahan: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance, \$200 fine plus costs; \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months plus ADE/10 days in jail in lieu of fine and costs/credit 10 days served.

Robert Allen Clark: failure to wear seat belts, agreed order tendered.

Amanda Dawn Clontz: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, reg & title requirements Vehicle not operating on highway; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Felicia R. Cope: improper registration registration plate, license to be in possession, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt and two other charges, agreed order entered.

Teddi Day: possession controlled, substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, no tail lamps and six other charges, agreed order entered.

Ibrahima Drame: failure to wear seat belts, agreed order to be tendered.

Greg Foster: No/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license

suspended.

Betty Gilbert: harassment - no physical contact, agreed order to be tendered 1/6/25.

Johnathon Ashton Goodeve: speeding and improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, agreed order to be tendered 1/6/25

Steven Allen Goodlett: license to be in possession, driving on suspended license, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol and two other charges, agreed order entered.

Jacqueline Renee Harding: no/expired registration plates - receipt (two charges), failure of non-owner operators to maintain req. insurance (two counts), failure to produce insurance card (two counts), rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seat belts, agreed order entered.

Jeffery Curtis Howard: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for fta.

Crystal Elizabeth Jones: theft by deception, agreed order to be entered.

Jacob Jones: fleeing or evading police (two counts), speeding, careless driving and six other charges, agreed order entered.

Regina E. Jones: failure to wear seat belts, perating on uspended/revoked operators license, no/xpired Registration plates - receipt and three other charges, agreed order entered.

Dwane A. King: criminal

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SUGAR'S PUZZLE PAGE



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Fall Festival Word Search

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- Problems for directors
- At a quick rate, poetically
- Some precipitation
- Eye layer
- '70s White House name
- Shoppers' bag
- Easily achieved goals
- Dark
- Aspen features
- Whacks
- Insult but good
- After-hours school gp.
- Common welcomers
- Last name for an unbalanced egghead?
- Gabriel
- Very angry
- Buffalo's canal
- It may be needed to be an NFL player
- Cause of some shivers
- Begin an Internet session
- 3-D hospital procedure
- Pungent condiment
- Duck's domain
- Stereotypically stubborn animal

- Minnow variety
- Bygone despot
- Some kind of nut
- Pigeon's perch
- Weaponry that's neither large nor small
- Black cat, to some
- Chose not to dine out
- vera
- British title
- Year-end tunes
- Some evergreens

DOWN

- Streaming service
- Shakespeare's river
- Cry like a baby
- Colonial title in India
- Arbor
- "Animal Farm" critter
- Line on a graph
- Hits on the head
- Decorate with gold leaf
- Played a banjo, in a way
- It may be proper in a sentence
- Mayberry's self-jailer
- Moist
- Type of energy

- German wife
- "Legal" prefix
- Drag one's feet
- "Don't give me that!" old-style
- Evergreen-forested landscape
- Black (cattle breed)
- Posture problem
- Donna's intro?
- Stadium features
- Abominable creatures
- Cereal grain killer
- It's designed to get your attention
- Charged particles
- Ultimate object
- Hindu Mr.
- "The Cometh"
- A Muse
- Pass on in a race, as a baton
- Disaster relief grp.
- Footnote word
- Leaves home?
- Take-out order?
- Shoot up
- Storm centers
- Like hip Brits in the '60s
- "Shop you drop"
- and outs

Indoor yard sale



The annual Livingston Indoor Yard Sale held this past Saturday, typically signals the end of the yard sale season. The event brought hundreds of treasure hunters to the Livingston Gymnasium as 16 families displayed items for sale. Organizers wish to thank those who participated as well as those who attending the event.

Roundstone Elementary School

K- Ms.Tanya Clark
Charleigh Fortner, William Robinson, Luke Stamper, Asa Yates.

K- Ms. Imogene Williams
Everly Callebs, Lauren Cromer, Bentley Isaac, Hailey Isaacs, Gage Miller, Declan Neff, Eden Riddle

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Xander Caudill, Jase Ellison, Blakely King, Nova Ashcraft, Addie Carpenter, Takoda Harding, Lane Isaacs, Kashlynn Parrett.

1st- Ms. Wilson
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2nd- Ms. Emily Craig
Kylie Anglin, Rhett

Brown, Aubrey
Burdette, Linclon
Callebs, Sawyer
Caswell, Layla Cobb,
Jaxon Farmer, Hudson
Gatliff, Aiden King,
Brayden LaJoice,
Emerson Mullins,
Brooklynne Yates.

2nd- Ms. Ainsley VanWinkle
Skyla Dees, Kenlee Hacker, Ashton Hampton, Mollie Hayes, Ivy Lamb, Sawyer Nelson, Grant Short, Brody Slagle, John Stamper, Brayden Taulbee.

3rd- Ms. Emily Ponder
Phoenix Anderson, Simon Azbill, Archer Bowles, Cayden Carter, Jozlin Cole, Melody Jones, Kyndra Savage, Keaton Shearer.

3rd- Ms. Nikki McKinney
Sarah Cromer, Emma Hacker, Autumn Kelley Roman Klav, Annie Ross, Alex Slone, Dustin Yates.

4th- Ms. Jessica Bullock
Audrina Dooley, Paisley Ingram, AJ Jones, Kennedy Merritt, Abby Robinson, Grayson Stallsworth.

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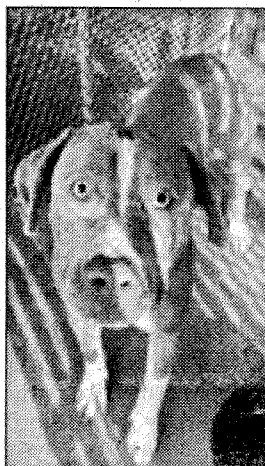
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Alana Doan, Presley Kash Fowler, Audrey Harding, Eli King, McKinzie McFerron, Maddilynn Stamper, Cole Zechman.

5th- Ms. Skylar Holcomb
Maycee Abney, Avalynn Baxter, Addy Carter, Kinsli Cole, Hayley Collier, Zarina Harris, Ava Klave, Nicholas Peters, Ian Rowland.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Oscar (left) the 7 month-old, male, mix breed who is very friendly and Bella, the 7 month-old female, Pitbull who is friendly and has been vaccinated. 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.



Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Enclosing Spaces for Seclusion and Intimacy

Finding that private spot or the time for an intimate moment seems harder to come by than ever before in our rushed world. I hope today to present a few ideas and possibilities for creating a secluded spot at your place if you're lacking such a space.

From the large sprawling yard in an exclusive community to the closely built smaller new home on a lot barely big enough to be legal as determined by city codes, there's not much you probably could describe as secluded. Privacy outside the home is often missing. If you have a garage attached to your home, that may be as close as you can come to finding a moment in private.

The smart phone or the laptop do entice some to ignore even a crowd and give the illusion of privacy to the younger folks—but you do know the device is listening and recording all the time, right? And the home that has the fashionable open floor plan is all the more likely to im-

pede any thoughts of intimacy.

For a couple, I suppose there's the bedroom with blinds and thick drapes—but so much of one's waking hours are spent elsewhere.

So, if secluded spots are scarce or non-existent, how can we make some areas conducive to privacy and relaxing? And, this being a landscaping column, outdoor settings for privacy is our objective. Let us begin with a few ideas, and you'll probably think of additional ideas on your own once you give it further consideration.

One idea is fencing. From solid barriers to lattice types, fences are useful for creating private spots.

But, fences can make a small yard feel even more tiny. And codes in towns may limit the height so that you don't get the result you sought. Growig vines on fences and planting hedge plantings just inside or outside the fence (if allowable in your city) can help in gaining privacy by fencing or partitions.

Structures of varying types can give us a private spot in a gazebo or behind a shed. Outdoor rooms can do the same, especially if strategically placed shrubs or hedgerows are included.

Blocking of view has at least two purposes; blocking out undesirable views, and blocking others from viewing us or our place. Trees are a means to accomplishing this. Still, trees take time to grow large, so multiple smaller trees both evergreen and deciduous can create a thicket that is hard for neighbors or passers-by to see through. This idea can deter everything from salesmen to trick-or-treaters to the prying eyes of "street view" of your home by Google.

Recently we've realized flying drones are another hindrance to intimate moments in our own yards. Satellites and aircraft have for a long spell been spying on us...but out of sight is often out of mind. Finding relief from eyes in the sky will be a more complex undertaking.

Possible solutions to this as well as some of the other ways we lose our privacy or feel failed by walls, fences and hedges might include an allee of trees that droop or weep to make the area under them hard to see from overhead. A picnic table or a child's sandbox under large trees can afford screening from eyes above. Going partly or even completely underground with our patio or outbuilding or 'man cave' is an option unless there are restrictions on such where you reside.

A sunken patio surrounded by a well-planted berm may be a workable option. Or even a depression that is still planted in lawn grass surrounded by evergreen trees or hedge plantings can be a simple remedy if you can't get permission for a sunken patio or structure. (A giant 'tornado cellar' should be acceptable to most zoning folks—just call it a storm shelter and it'll probably meet with approval of your codes enforcement officials and homeowners associations.)

Large plants in containers, rooftop gardens, multi-purpose greenhouses and sheds may also be possible actions you can take.

Providing enclosed spaces and other spots offering privacy and opportunities for intimacy with a partner or just a commune with the creation can really help make our yards more like paradise.

The author is a landscaper. Send feedback to rockcastles@gmail.com

Court News

(Continued from A6)

nal mischief, agreed order entered.

Richard Kirby: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates - receipt, license suspended for fta; criminal mischief, agreed order entered.

Mihailo Lucic: careless driving, agreed order to be tendered 1/6/25.

Claude Mazimpaka: improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, agreed order to be tendered 1/6/25

Caleb Moore: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates-receipt, agreed order entered.

Darrell Eugene Nangle: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued lfor fta/license suspended.

Sherilynn Nielsen: criminal possession forged instrument (three counts), agreed order entered.

Christopher Ryan OMary: driving motor vehicle texting, agreed order to be tendered 1/6/25

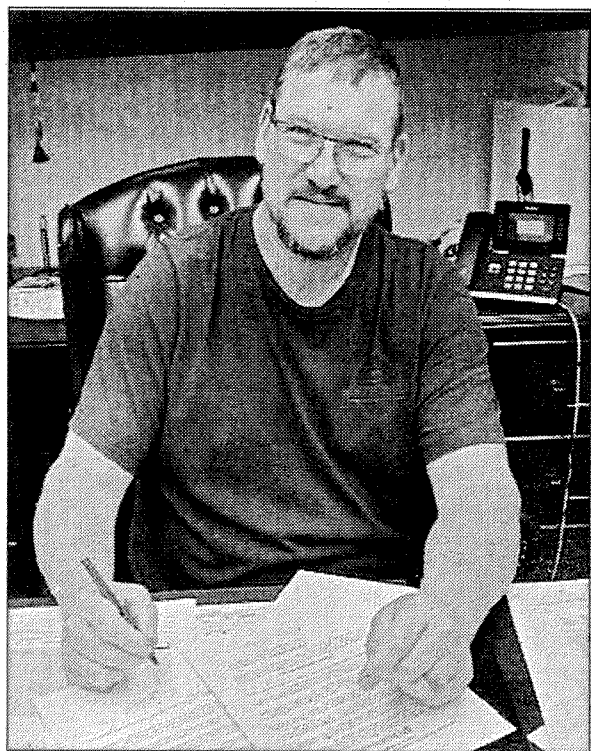
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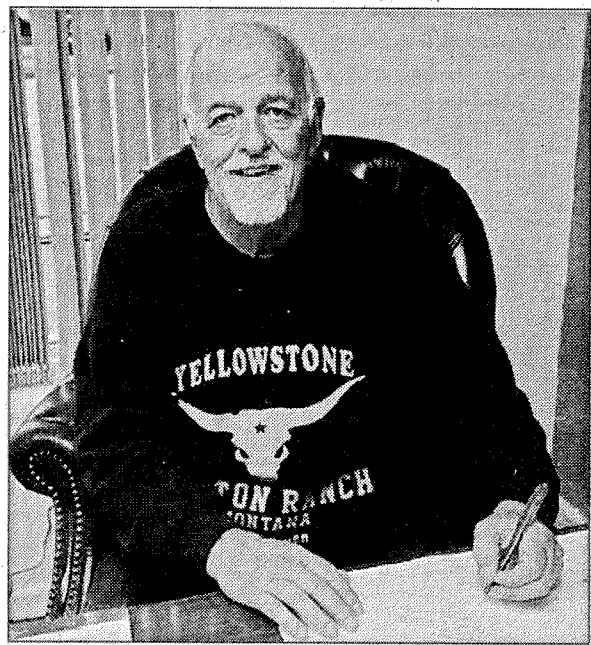
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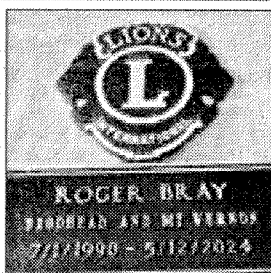
Michael Keith Woodcock: driving motor vehicle using handheld mobile phone, agreed order



Mayors Tim Roberts of Mt. Vernon (above) and Jerry Adams of Brodhead (below) signed proclamations for Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR proclaiming that November is Native American Heritage Month in Rockcastle County.



Mt. Vernon and Brodhead Lion's Club members along with the family of Roger Bray gathered at the Brummett Cemetery to place a memorial plaque at the gravesite of Roger. Roger was a long time member of the Brodhead Lion's Club and more recently the Mt Vernon Lion's Club. He served faithfully in several officer positions and was always active in serving the community



SPORTS

Rocket season ends with 21-13 loss to Belfry

By: Chad Hensley
Despite a valiant effort against a formidable foe, the Rockcastle County High School football team saw its season come to an end by a 21-13 score as the Belfry Pirates advance to the region finals of the KHSAA Class 3A Playoffs.

The win will allow Belfry to host the Russell High School Red Devils in the next round, which would have been the situation if Rockcastle had won the contest.

"We went into the game knowing that Belfry was very fast and big," mentioned RCHS head coach Chris Larkey of a Belfry squad that had scored a minimum of five touchdowns in each game things season. "We also knew that in order to stay close and have a chance, we had to run at them, their overall team defense speed is just as good ours is. I thought our kids played exceptional. Once we got into the flow, we moved the ball on them and actually ran 20+ more plays than them. We are only the thirdteam to rush for over 200 yards on them this year and we held them to their lowest total all year. It's a testament to how hard our kids played and executed the game plan to win. In the end if we make a couple of plays here and there we win, but we had a chance and against a good team like Belfry at home, that's all you can ask for."

That chance came to be after Rockcastle had trailed 21-7 late into the

fourth quarter before Isaiah Jackson bullied his way into the end zone to cut the deficit down to 21-13 with just over three minutes to go.

Unfortunately for the Rockets, the ensuing onside kick would not bounce their way and the Pirates took the ball, gained a first down and ran the clock out for the victory.

"We knew going in we had to counter Belfry's speed by attacking them head on," Larkey stated. "It has been our strength all year. Our offensive line made some good holes and lanes to run through and allowed Carter Powell and Isaiah Jackson to keep moving the chains. We actually kept the ball out of Belfry's hands for the most part and allowed for the game to stay close. I just can't say enough how proud I am for the kids to play so close to such a good team. We tried getting outside some, but their speed slowed that down a lot."

That outside speed on the defensive side of the ball was paramount for Belfry because Rockcastle would have had numerous plays go longer first downs if not touchdowns.

From the opening kickoff, it was evident that it would be a battle of two teams that were going to step up to the line and show the others just who wanted it more.

During the pregame coin toss, Belfry had the beginning of an atypical

spirit line like all teams do especially when at home and in the playoffs. The Pirates, however, extended theirs well past midfield and deep into the area the Rockets would run through thus not allowing for a Rockcastle spirit line while the coin toss was about to commence so the PA announcer knew whether to announce the Belfry defensive or offensive starters.

A Belfry senior lineman ran from his endzone towards the Rockets in a poor showing of sportsmanship trying to forcefully get our players to move all while the referee crew stood there taking it all in.

"The stuff Belfry did before the game should have gotten them a penalty to start the game," Larkey added about Belfry's pregame shenanigans. "Teams and fans aren't allowed past the 50-yard line. They more than exceeded that and allowing their players to run down to our huddle to taunt us is classless."

That extra motivation for both teams to come out firing on all cylinders led to a masterclass in hard-nosed, bruising, aggressive and powerful but clean hits from both teams. Things may have been chippy prior to the game, but it was evident that the Rockets showed that they were in it for the long haul.

With the game being scoreless late in the first quarter, Belfry returned a punt over 30-yards for outstanding field position at the Rockcastle 25. One play later, it was Belfry leading 7-0 3:36 left in the first quarter.

It wasn't until a long, sustained drive late in the second quarter before Rockcastle was able to finally crack the scoreboard when sophomore quarterback Caden Lovell scored from 2-yards out with about 0:30 left before halftime.

Belfry would take the lead and eventually extend it to 21-7 before the Rockcastle touchdown late in the contest provided the final margin.

Even though the offense struggled at times, the effort that many of those same players

showed while in the defensive side of the ball was the most impressive showing in holding a staunch offensive team like Belfry to its lowest scoring total of the season.

"Our defensive coaches did a great job on the game plan of stopping Belfry," praised Larkey. "You're never really going to stop them 100 percent based on what they do, but to limit them so much and give us a chance is all we could ask for. They run the hardest offense in the state to stop and all it takes is one misread and they score."

No defensive stats were available in the KHSAA scoreboard site at the time of printing this article, but offensively, the Rockets were led by Powell's 116 rushing yards on 26 carries. Jackson was close behind with 88 yards on 20 carries and one touchdown.

Lovell had four carries for nine yards and one touchdown and was 1-6-1 passing with the one completion going to Jackson for a yard.

Prolific kicking sensation Benjamin Brenda ended his Rocket kicking career going 1-for-1 in extra point attempts.

The loss not only ends the season for the team,

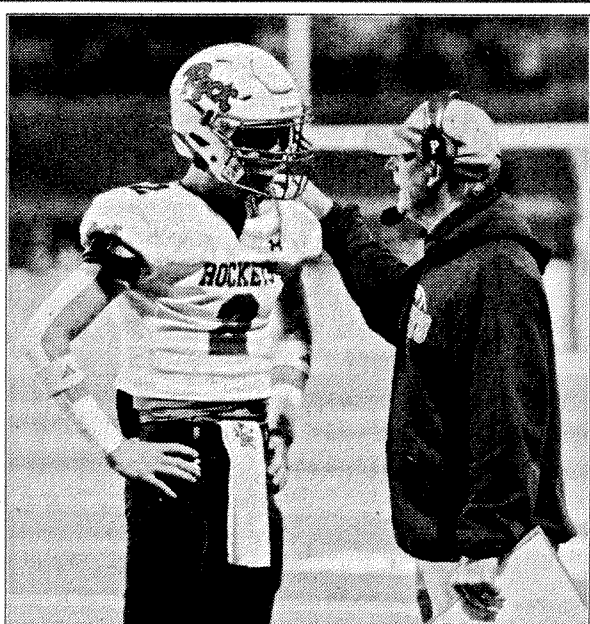
but also signaled the final time that six outstanding young men would ever buckle their chin strap and shoulder pans before donning a Rockcastle uniform. We asked Coach Larkey to say something about each young man and here is what he had to say:

Benjamin Brenda
"Brenda is one the best kickers to ever play at Rock. He may actually be the all-time scoring leader when I get the stats added up. His ability to kick field goals won us games and the kicker is something that is very hard to replace."

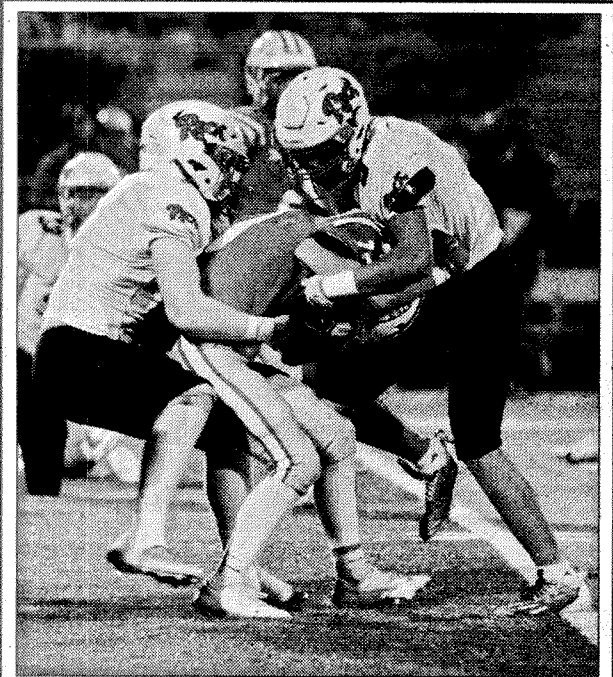
Creed Gabbard
Gabbard was the state sack leader going into Friday. His speed and strength and blocking from tight end and just this personality will be greatly missed. He played so awesome this year.

Carter Powell
Carter's ability to break big runs into touchdowns and take pressure off our other running backs and not to mention playing linebacker and making plays. Anytime you lose a 2-way starter, it's hard to replace.

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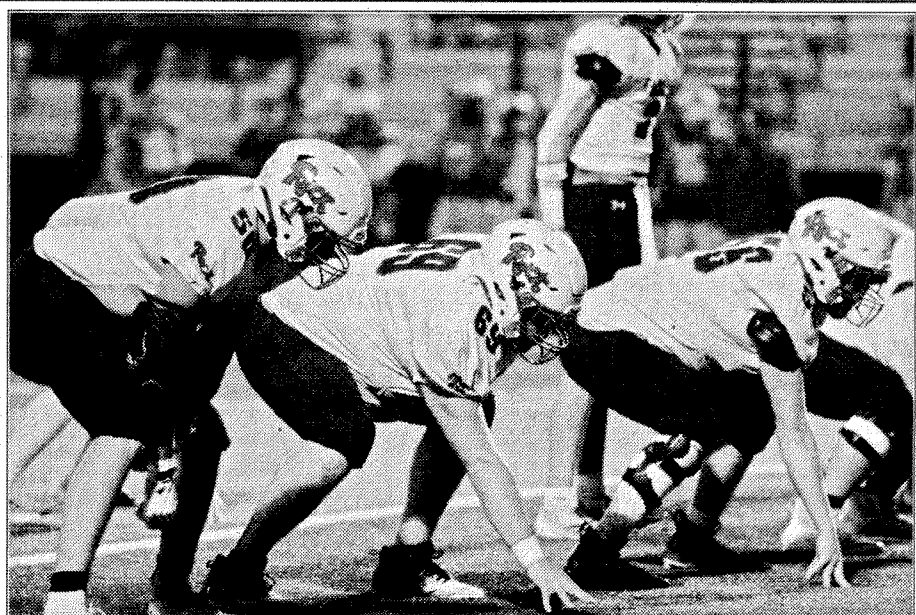
Head coach Chris Larkey talks with quarterback Caden Lovell during the Rockets' season ending loss to Belfry Friday night. The Rockets finished with a 10-2 record.



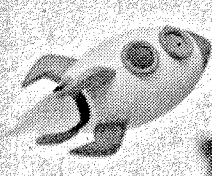
Hunter Pingleton and Xavier Leger make a tackle during the Rockets' 21-13 loss to Belfry in playoff action.



Isaiah Jackson fights for running woom in the Rockets' loss Friday night. Jackson had 88 yards on 20 carries and one touchdown.



Jace Bowles, Austin Miles, Jacob Leger and the rest of the offensive line prepare for a play in the Rockets' second round playoff loss to Belfry.



ROCKET MADNESS

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

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Notices

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Notice is hereby given that Tamara Rochelle Wilder and James Kelley Hoskins have filed a Final Settlement of their accounts as Co-Executors of the Estate of Donna Jean Cloyd Hoskins on November 12, 2024. A hearing on said settlement will be held December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 40x1

Notice is hereby given that Reginald Amaral, 9105 Old Culpepper Rd., Warrenton, VA 20186 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Theresa Amaral on the

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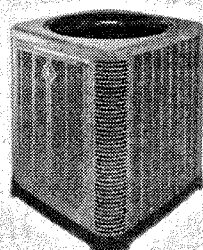
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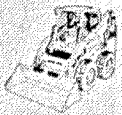
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“Rockets”
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Jacob Leger
Leger was perhaps our best offensive line guy. He played so hard and so smart. His leadership will be missed. He is a great lineman.

Jaden Minton
Jaden came back from a knee injury and helped the defense and his attitude and leadership is something he had that will be missed. He was sometimes the voice of reason.

Brandon Valle
Brandon also came back from an injury and provided leadership to the players and added more

depth to the secondary. The things he did were invaluable.
“The worst thing for me is that all six of these seniors are old enough that they could all be returning another season and we see how well they did this year and one more year and think of the ‘what could have been’.”
The last two seasons have put Rockcastle football back in the map and with the KHSAA districting teams every four years now, the Rockets are primed for a run at Kroger Field with the makeup of Class 3A for the next several years.
With wins against a strong schedule, the Rockets could all but

guarantee anywhere from 2-4 games on the new turf facility and have a packed stadium to support our guys.
Our district will remain the same with Bell County, Clay County, Knox Central and McCreary Central, but gone from the sister districts in the eastern half of the state will be Belfry, who is dropping down to 2A, and Lexington Catholic has been moved into a Class 3A district in the western half of the state.
“Football is a game of luck and opportunity,” state Larkey. We will be as good as the kids want to be. It all starts in the weight room and their

work ethic. How much do they want to dedicate themselves to being good? You can't just want to be good. You have to work to be good.”
As far as Rock Nation is concerned, the buzz for next season is already stirring with wondering who will step up into the various roles needing replaced as well as the what ifs of players staying healthy and having a talented crop of 8th graders that are going to come into this offseason hungry and some could challenge for playing time right away.
“I feel we have some of the best and loyal fans in the state,” Larkey boasted. “Our fans travel

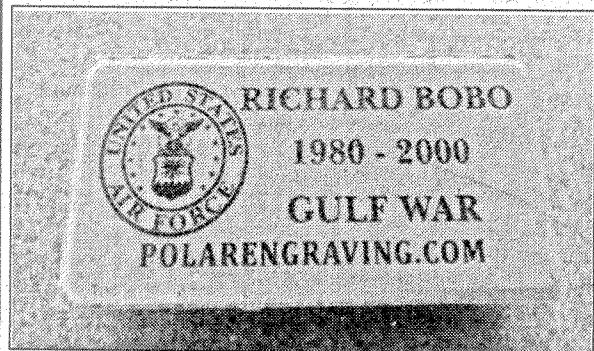
well and they support our team as if they are royalty. For our fans to go three hours to watch a high school football game is just a testament to how much football means to our county.
“The last thing I would like to add is that our coaches and myself don't dedicate our time to football. Instead, we dedicate our lives to Rockcastle Football. We devote everything to this county. We teach these kids that this sport means so much to our county and that they play for this county and give our county pride in their team. When we win, it's a great feeling and when we lose, I feel like we let the whole county down. We carry that burden of living up to

the expectations set before us by past teams and success for us is playoff wins. No one feels worse when it's over than me. No one can imagine the pressure we put on ourselves to win for this county.”
Coach Larkey, we may not know that pressure that you and your staff put on yourself, but we thank you for leading and being servant leaders to our young men and women that walk the halls of Rockcastle County High School. Just like when many our age did with your dad Tom Larkey as well as legendary assistant Tony Saylor, we will never forget the impression you had on us and molded us into the Rockets we will forever be.

*Signal office
closed on Wednesdays*

“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.



A structure was destroyed in the early morning hours Friday on Paul Street in Mount Vernon. A single story residence was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived on the scene. Firefighters attacked the blaze to keep flames from spreading to wooded areas but fiber optic lines were damaged causing officials to call internet service providers to the scene. First responders discovered the home had been abandoned and no injuries were reported. Responding to the scene were the Mount Vernon Fire Department, Brodhead Fire Department, Livingston Fire and Rescue along with Rockcastle EMS. It took about 20,000 gallons of water to extinguish the blaze. The cause of the blaze is not known at press time.

Welcome to Our Team

Introducing Lisa Brock, APRN



Rockcastle Regional is pleased to announce Lisa Brock, APRN, has joined the endocrinology provider team at Rockcastle Family Wellness.

Brock earned her advanced practice registered nurse degree with a subspecialty in endocrinology from Northern Kentucky University (NKU), after practicing as a registered nurse for 30 years. While at NKU, Brock was inducted into the Rho Theta Society, a nursing professional organization reserved for those who have demonstrated excellence in their studies.

“My passion in healthcare is helping people manage their conditions,” said Brock. “My approach to care is to be patient-centered in that all decisions are made together with the ultimate goal of improving their quality of life.”

A native of Rockcastle County, Brock currently resides in Mount Vernon with her husband, Barry Brock. Together, they have three daughters, Brookelyn Smithern, Alexis Brock, and Katielynn Smithern.

To schedule an appointment with Lisa Brock, APRN, please call (606) 256-4148, option 2.



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