

## Train derailment near Livingston

### Livingston and Piney Branch evacuated on Thanksgiving

By: Mike French  
Editor

The City of Livingston in Rockcastle County became the focus of national attention last Wednesday afternoon when 16 CXS railroad cars derailed, just north of Livingston, spilling Sodium Hydroxide (sulphur) onto the ground, according to officials on the scene. The potentially hazardous materials spread across the soil and a resulting fire caused the materials to enter the air around the area, forcing an evacuation order for the entire City of Livingston and those on Piney Branch Road. US-25 was closed from the Laurel County line to the Calloway area for about 24 hours during Thanksgiving Day, due to thick smoke and heavy equipment work.

Emergency Management Services, police officers, city commissioners and more ran door-to-door to warn citizens of the potential danger and suggest they abandon their home.

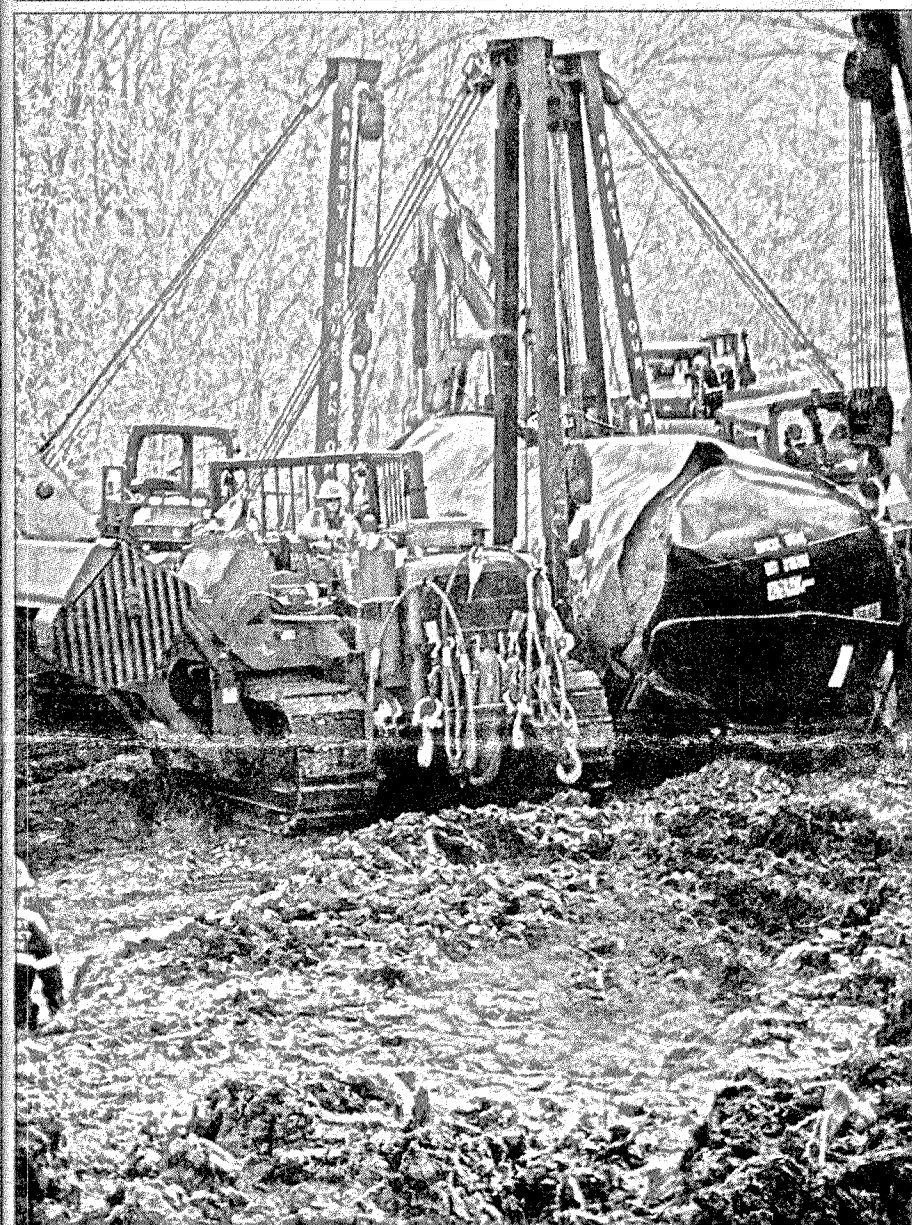
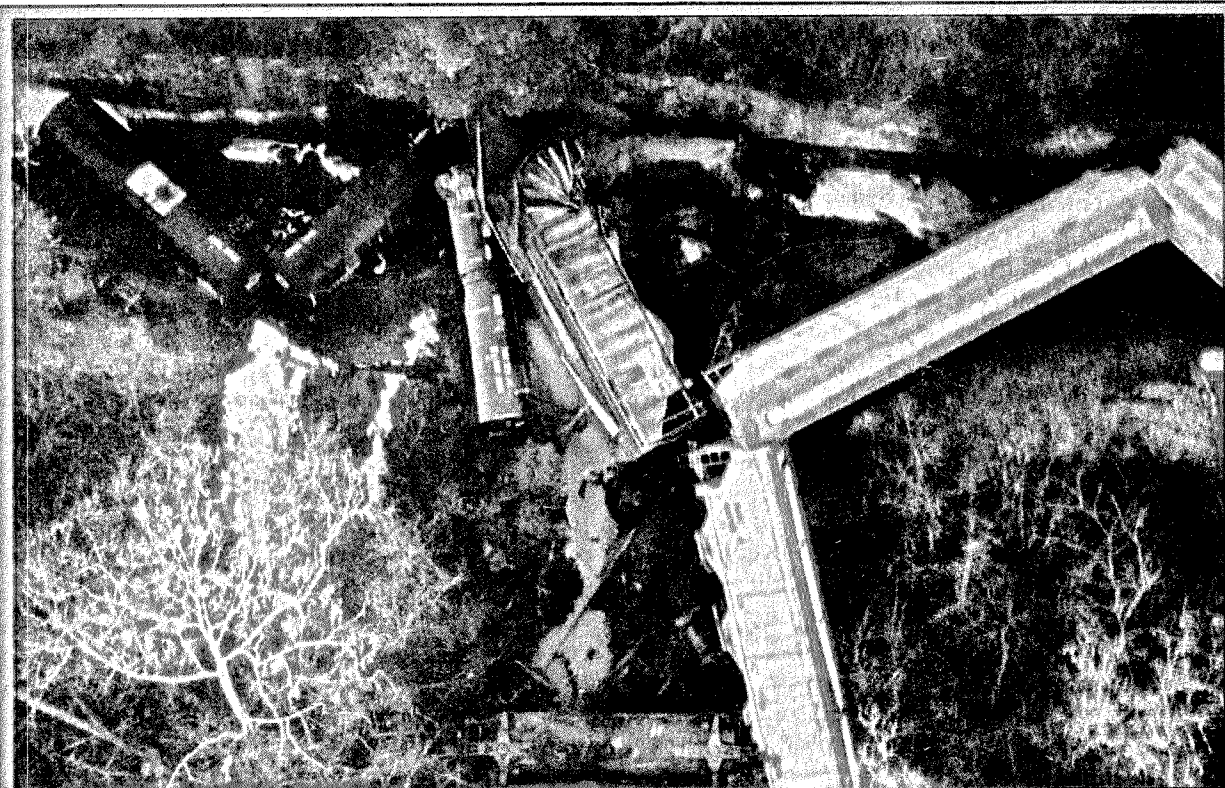
News crews from across the state appeared as close as possible to the scene and national news outlets picked up the stories from many Kentucky based news outlets. CSX officials say they are not certain what started the fire but the company held its own investigation of the fire, as well as the derailment.

After residents had been evacuated, local officials held a press conference with the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency and CSX officials, as well as local officials, reporting 16 railroad cars derailed and two separate chemicals were spilled onto the ground and caught fire. There were two crew members on the train, but only one had minor injuries. He was treated and released at the scene, CXS officials say.

Livingston Commissioner Sandi Singleton said it was a rushed time to get citizens evacuated. "Once we hurried to evacuate Piney Branch, we returned to town only to discover we now had to evacuate our own town," she said. "We all went door-to-door letting everyone know what was at hand. In far less than an hour, we had the entire town informed. Everyone helped and did what needed done and some of us stayed behind to be available for any needs of those that remained. I already had a lot to be thankful for on this holiday. But now I am also thankful for everyone who worked so hard to help one another."

Sheriff Shannon Franklin said there was also an unidentified deer hunter in the area, when the train derailed, who

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Shown above are eight of the 16 cars that derailed last week near the city of Livingston. Two of the cars ruptured spilling potentially toxic chemicals and damaging about 2,500 tons of soil. A fire soon started filling the community with thick smoke causing the evacuation of the city of Livingston and the Piney Branch area for slightly over 24 hours until crews extinguished the fire. Shown at left is one of the two rupture railcars. The chemical can be seen inside the car but officials say it is not toxic unless it is burning. The spilled chemicals have been removed and the soil replaced with fresh material. Trains were seen running on the track again by Monday afternoon.

## CSX response to citizens of Rockcastle Co.

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Editor

The following is parts of the response made available to the public by CSX on Friday, November 24 after the train derailment evacuation had been cancelled and residents could return to their homes.

"Thanks to the Rockcastle County authorities for their support and close collaboration throughout the response to this incident. We are also thankful to the community members who worked with us to help residents who were affected, especially those who assisted us in serving Thanksgiving dinner for the community.

CSX apologizes for the inconvenience this incident has caused the lo-

cal community and is appreciative of everyone's patience as we work to restore the area.

CSX is still supplying food, lodging and other necessities to affected community members.

Concerned residents may call CSX Outreach for information at 1-800-805-9840.

The Red Cross Family Assistance Center has transitioned to the CSX Outreach Center, located in the old Livingston Gymnasium at 29 School Street in Livingston. On Sunday and Monday the CSX Outreach Center (was) open to reimburse affected residents for any wage loss, out of pocket expenses and other inconveniences. CSX appreci-

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## A message from Judge/Executive

By: Mike French  
Editor

Editor's note: Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., was asked about the train derailment and evacuation due to chemical spills in Livingston last Wednesday. Holbrook was reported to have been on the scene moments after the derailment occurred and was still working to bring citizens home after the evacuation ended more than 24 hours later. Instead of including his answer in the story, the comments were so insightful that we decided to print his remarks here.

"I am so very proud of the local first responders, the Rockcastle County School System and the citizens of our community. They sprang into action and had a shelter ready for occupancy early on in all of this.

Through a collective effort of federal, state and local government agencies, we truly have had the best possible outcome in a very dangerous situation that could have been so much worse. We truly do have a lot to be thankful for on this holiday as the threat of loss of lives was contained quickly.

I want the public to know the magnitude of support we received from the office of US Congressman Hal Rogers, Governor Andy Beshear, State Senator Brandon Storm, State Representative Josh Bray and the State Emergency Management Agency.

I commend the great lengths that CSX went to to ensure displaced residents had a place to

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## Senator Storm responds to train derailment

The following is the official response to the train derailment incident from Rockcastle County's Kentucky State Senator Brandon Storm.

Local officials say Storm was in continuous contact with local officials throughout the incident. This press release was issued last week, shortly after the evacuation of the City of Livingston and the Piney Branch area.

"Kentucky Emergency Management has confirmed the evacuation of the town of Livingston and the Piney Branch area as a precautionary measure, and I encourage the public to avoid the area as the incident's impact is being mitigated."

"Despite the gravity of the incident, only one engineer was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

We pray for a speedy recovery. To my knowledge, no casualties were reported, and the impacted area appears remote. For all of this, we can be thankful.

"I've directly communicated with local officials, including Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson, State Representative Josh Bray, Circuit Clerk Eliza York-Hansel and Schools Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, as part of a coordinated response to this incident.

"I want to commend the collective response and how everyone stepped up to protect and inform residents in these communities.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I know you won't believe this but there is a "mysterious" respiratory illness, that has been hitting China hard, that has now made its way to the United States. Washington, DC is seeing an uptick in hospital cases due to the "mysterious" illness (or better known as the Presidential Election Year Virus).

Reportedly, the illness appears to hit children the hardest but China is still saying they haven't seen any reason for concern yet. The WHO is reportedly monitoring the situation.

Oh, well, if the WHO (World Health Organization), who still wants to make Covid passports mandatory across the globe and who is lobbying hard to be the only one responsible for virus protocols for every nation) is "monitoring the situation" than we have nothing to worry about because, of course, all the alphabet health organizations only have our best health interests at heart (wish I had an emoji I could insert here of me rolling my eyes).

Or, maybe it is as Dr. Robert W. Malone, an outspoken critic of the COVID vaccine, which he helped create said, it's just the season for infectious diseases to make their routine trip through the population, like the flu and head colds. Of course, this could be another year like, 2021-2022, when the flu-bug only made a minute appearance because "Covid" was very busy trying to annihilate the world's population.

During Sept., 2020-May 22, 2021 flu season in the United States, only 1,675 (0.2%) of 818,939 respiratory specimens tested by U.S. clinical laboratories were positive for an influenza virus. For comparison, during the three seasons before the "pandemic," the proportion of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza peaked between 26.2% and 30.3%. There was only one reported death of a child due to the flu in the 20-21 period. But, since 2004, the annual figure for children dying from the flu ranged from a low of 37 (during 2011-12 flu season) to a high of 199 (2019-2020 season). I said all this to say that it suited those who keep statistics to count regular flu deaths as Covid deaths rather than from the flu. Just as they counted people who died in a car wreck, or from a heart attack, or from Cancer, etc., who also had Covid, as a Covid death.

I actually long for the old days when, if asked if I trusted our government, I would have answered with a resounding Yes!

But, that all ended when it became clear that the present Regime would DO ANYTHING to stay in power, even down to outright stealing an election and spending our country into oblivion.

I trust NOTHING that comes out of Washington, DC anymore. When I saw our FBI jail citizens for nothing more than walking onto the grounds of our nation's capitol and deny them due process in the bargain; when I saw an unarmed veteran Ashli Babbitt being gunned down in cold blood by one of our capitol policemen without any liability to him whatsoever or when I watch this regime encouraging massive illegal migration across our border (over 10,000,000 to date and another 4 to 6 million expected by the time Biden's first installation ends in 2025) then I know no one in our government is to be trusted. I still believe in a few of our Republican officials (mainly just Rand Paul) but even they are not doing enough to bring this rogue government to accountability.

**Something else to watch out for.** The United Nations is set to call on Americans to reduce meat consumption because of "climate change."

Now I'm not sure which will upset people more, being told to cut "meat consumption," John Kerry's (Biden's "Climate Czar's") assertion that we cannot continue to farm in this country because of the damage being done to our environment by it, or, the World Economic Forum's (WEF's) declaration that all dogs and cats must be killed because of the harm they are doing to our environment (somehow I guess the last might trigger the most outrage).

I'm not sure who gave the WEF the authority to make any proposals concerning our country's lifestyle but, just as Nazi collaborator gazillionaire George Soros seems to wield a great deal of influence in this country, and others, our government pays entirely too much attention to their nonsense.

As far as climate change goes, we all remember the various predictions that have been made for the last 80 years, at least, that have not come to fruition yet the drum beat just keeps getting louder and the tax bill, for us, higher.

Some of those predictions include: 1960s - oil gone in 10 years;

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I wish the federal government would respond to the needs of the people as well as local and state officials did last week, following the train derailment in Livingston.

I was amazed at the dedication of a lot of people and the overall "goodness" of people during the event. After 44 years of doing this, I've seen a lot. In fact, I have covered train derailments in other cities before.

For 24 hours, there were very few times that I wasn't on the phone with the sheriff, the judge/exec, school officials, Senator Brandon Storm, CSX officials, Livingston city commissioners or residents of the town. Every one of them were scurrying to help clean up or move people to safety or organize one of many humanitarian efforts. Of course, we news people were not allowed to get close to the derailed cars, but local officials and concerned citizens kept me informed so that I could tell you what actually happened and how it was handled.

I'm sure the stories I wrote can't do real justice to the intense worry, concern and disruption of the people evacuated, or of the efforts of officials who worked so hard to protect everyone. I have tried to relate how personal such things are. I watched news stories on out-of-town news outlets and heard the facts and figures involved, but not a lot of attention was given to individual people who had to walk away from their Thanksgiving dinner plans with family and loved ones.

I also noticed that out of about ten reports I saw on television, or read online, many of them had different facts. This had to cause even more confusion among people who were already scared and concerned for their town. So I made a lot of special effort to triple check numbers and facts and figures, hoping to clarify things for our readers.

I'm sure that everyone who had a loud banging on their door, only to find someone telling them

there had been a "train wreck and chemical spill and you need to leave town now," remembered a similar event in Ohio a few months ago. It had to be quite frightening.

What seems hard for me to understand, are the EMS workers, firefighters and Livingston City Commissioners who did the knocking. They had to be aware that a toxic chemical spill had just occurred and the town was being evacuated. Yet, rather than grab their family and run, they stayed there to make sure everyone else knew about it and had a chance to get away. It took almost an hour to go to every home in Livingston. So these people stayed right there, knowing a dangerous chemical was floating around.

Those people are heroes in my book. I'm told one or two people may have been missed but I don't know how accurate that may be. I am shocked that anyone at all was warned. Again, I think they are heroes.

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## ramblings

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1970s - another ice age in 10 years; 1980's - Acid Rain will destroy all crops in 10 years; 1990s - the Ozone Layer will be gone in 10 years (and we'll all die of skin cancer) and 2000s - The ice caps will be gone in 10 years. This date for the extinction of the ice caps was later moved to 2013 and then Climate Guru Al Gore moved it to 2014. None of these things happened but we all got higher taxes because of them.

Ireland, a small island, has been invaded by well over a 100,000 illegal immigrants recently, with the total support of their government. The same government that is getting ready to pass into law a hate speech bill. This bill includes up to 12 months in prison for refusing to give the government the password to your devices, if you are suspected of committing hate speech (which includes any criticism of the government's open door policy to illegal immigration) and 12 months in prison for refusing to allow the state to read messages between you

and your spouse.

Of course, according to the government, this law will be "for the common good" (better known as Communism).

We must be vigilant as to what our present regime has planned for us because, best I can tell, there is not one iota of their policy that will benefit anyone except their sycophants but will enable them to achieve their goal of destroying our nation.

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tially deadly chemical spill? Really?

And then there were a lot of residents who simply said "nah. I'm staying." And they did. These are brave people too. My friends, Jason Medley and Sandi Singleton and many more, stayed behind to help others who stayed home.

It was a volatile situation, this 16-car train derailment and toxic chemical spill. No one was killed and, as far as I could discover, not a single person even had to go to the hospital. To me, that gets close to "miracle status."

And through it all, even CSX Railroad personnel seemed to be very compassionate. They had places to stay and places to eat and places to purchase personal items set up before some people even got out of their home. The school district, as always, leapt into action making sure everyone had a warm, dry place to go.

Those who missed their Thanksgiving dinner because of the evacuation were treated to a Cracker Barrel Thanksgiving dinner at the middle school. Of course that wasn't even close to the same as Thanksgiving dinner at

home with family but it was a lot better than nothing at all, and it certainly could have been worse.

Anyway, I know I didn't stop for 24 hours after the incident happened and I had the absolute easiest and least stressful job of anyone involved. I can't imagine the stress and pressure and troubles experienced by first responders and local officials and residents involved who were in the middle of it all.

To me, a train derailment and toxic chemical spill, forcing the evacuation of an entire city, is kind of a really big deal! I can't believe the President or national media didn't make it their constant, five-day discussion like they do if Trump has a bad hair day. This was big but I didn't see CNN or MSNBC in Livingston. I didn't hear Biden's Press Secretary mention it. I bet if toxic chemicals spilled in DC, it would have been front and center.

Anyway, congrats to all those who went above and beyond the call of duty last week.

What could have been a very deadly situation was kept to a minimal disruption, thanks to those who were willing to sacrifice their own holiday. I can tell you, I have seen such disasters before in other towns. I was there covering it personally. In fact, I won a Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association Spot

News Photo of the Year Award for covering a train derailment. I can assure you that not everyone acts with such a servant's heart as local officials did last week in Rockcastle County.

Still, having a conspiracy-minded heart, I still have some questions about the event, but we will see what happens from here.

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**2023 CAIP Approval Letter Correction**

I want to apologize to all the producers who received their approval letters for CAIP in the mail. There was a mistake found in the letter. The deadline on your letter says July 1, 2023 and it should be July 1, 2024. If you have any questions about the letter, please let us know and I would be happy to answer or find the answer for you. *Thank you from the Rockcastle Co. Conservation District.*

**Remembrance Tree Ceremony**

The 30th annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 2 p.m. at ECU's Perkins Building, 4436 Kit Carson Drive 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](http://hospicecareplus.org) or the Hospice Care Plus Facebook event page. For questions, contact Hospice Care Plus at (859) 986-1500 or [hospice@hospicecp.org](mailto:hospice@hospicecp.org)

**Weekly Grief Support Group**

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

**Kiwanis Club Meeting**

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

**Chamber of Commerce Meetings**

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

**VFW Post 5908**

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

**Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum**

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

**Mt. Vernon Lions Club**

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

**American Legion Post News**

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

**DAR Meetings**

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

**Rockcastle UNITE Coalition**

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

**Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA**

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

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

**Wednesday-Alcohol Anonymous-Mt. Vernon:** 12 p.m. 55 Crawford St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 606-308-4893 for info. or rides.

**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:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe** 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

**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.

## Visit Santa Claus and enjoy the Hamilton Christmas House decorations...



Santa Claus will be at the Hamilton Christmas House display from 6 p.m. to ? on Friday, December 1st and Friday, December 8th.

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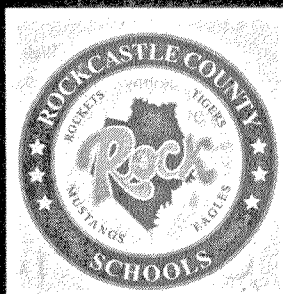
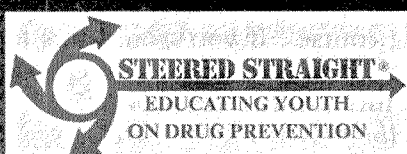
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## Rockcastle County Schools Vaping Me Crazy Community/Parent Meeting December 4th, 2023 6pm RCHS Auditorium

Mr. Micheal Deleon of Steered Straight will be presenting "Vaping Me Crazy" to educate parents and community members on the dangers involved in teenage vape and e-cigarette use.

All parents and interested community members are invited to attend this informative presentation where Mr. Deleon will:

- Provide parents with an in-depth and eye-opening snapshot of the prevalent use of electronic cigarettes and vapes among high school and middle school students.
- Give parents the real scoop on how THC from marijuana is commercially available for e-cigarettes
- Highlight the connection and marketing of electronic cigarettes and vapes directly to students.





# Obituaries

## John Holbrook

John Holbrook, 88, of Renfro Valley, passed from this life to Heaven on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at home with his son holding him as he took his last breath.

He was born in Colson, in Letcher County on June the 12, 1935. The son of May Crawford Holbrook and Ben Holbrook. John moved to Brodhead in February 1944 with his family. He spent a many hard days as a child and adult farming and raising cattle. His father Ben turned the family farm over to him at just 15 years old and his brother Jesse was just 12 years old. He was a Christian and life-long member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church since 1944. He became a Deacon on April 4, 1971. He was also the song leader and Sunday School teacher for many years. He attended Berea College and received a BS in Agriculture. Then went on to serve his country in the Army. He was a school teacher at Buffalo school. He married Faye Abney in 1962. Attended the University of Kentucky and received a master's degree in social work. John loved his family and community. He was a 30-year employee at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Mt. Vernon as well as a Rockcastle County Educator. He served as a magistrate for many years, played Santa for over 40 years and was a Kentucky Colonel. John loved raising flowers, telling jokes, carving, and giving away keychains. He loved and was proud of his family. He enjoyed being a grandpa most of all. He lived his life serving God and thanking Jesus for all his blessings. John was a loving husband, wonderful dad, and beloved grandpa.

He is survived by: his wife, Faye Abney Holbrook; his son, Anthony Holbrook of High Point, NC; his daughter, Cynthia Holbrook of Renfro Valley; granddaughter, Whitley Holbrook and husband Spencer Forney of Greensboro, NC; grandson, Ethan Holbrook and wife Marion Josey of Bardstown; sister, Frances Johnson of Louisville; and brother, Jesse Holbrook and wife, Barbara Sue of Nicholasville;

He was preceded in death by: an infant brother, Captain Calloway Holbrook; father, Ben Holbrook; brothers, Paul Holbrook and Don Holbrook; mother, May Crawford Holbrook; and sisters, Katherine Hoffman, Louise Polly, Ruth Ford, and Margaret Penney.

John Holbrook lived to be the oldest male of the Holbrook family's recorded history for the last 350 years.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 25, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. James Poynter and Nathan DeLeon officiating. A burial with military honors by Rockcastle Honor Guard was in Oakhill Cemetery.

Expression of sympathy in John's memory may be made to the Gideons.

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

## Greg Coyle

Greg Coyle, 63, husband of Patty Mullins Coyle, died Thursday, November 23, 2023. He was born April 3, 1960, in Dayton, Ohio, the son of the late Paul and Annette Isaacs Coyle. Greg's family moved back to Madison County, where he grew up in the College Hill Community. He attended Waco Elementary School and was a 1978 graduate of Madison Central High School. He was currently a co-owner for the past 27 years, of Hays Furniture in Berea, Kentucky. Prior to the furniture store, he had worked at Carhart in Irvine and was the owner of Coyle's Grocery in Richmond.

Greg loved spending time with his family. In addition he loved to golf, and he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He and his wife Patty attend Church On The Rock in Berea.

Survivors include: his wife Patty; one son, Cameron Gregory Coyle; one daughter, Conner Rachel-Ryan Coyle; two brothers, Paul Allan Coyle (Kim) and Larry Anthony Coyle (Becky); his step-mother, Joan Coyle; his mother-in-law, Margie Mullins; a brother-in-law, Greg Mullins (Pam); several aunts and uncles, including Shirley Stidham, Ralph Coyle, Gary Coyle (Tammy), Ora Lee Isaacs, Pam Isaacs and Joan Isaacs; his nieces and nephews: April Caudill (A.J.), Chad Coyle (Misty), Nathan Coyle (Hollie), Evan Coyle, Lacena Mulvey (Cody), Brandon Coyle (Katrina), Caleb Mullins, Aidan Mullins and Graham Mullins; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at Church On The Rock in Berea with Pastor Mark Sarver and Rev. Tony Stidham officiating. Burial was at Madison Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were: Chad Coyle, A.J. Caudill, Nathan Coyle, Evan Coyle, Cody Mulvey, Brandon Coyle, Neil Claytor and Dylan Jackson. Honorary pallbearers were: Caleb Mullins, Aidan Mullins and Graham Mullins.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all the wonderful friends who have shown their love and support to the family during Greg's illness. A special thank you to lifelong friend, Ed Denney and his loving mother-in-law, Margie Mullins who have and continue to help at Hays Furniture.

The Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, 328 West Main Street, Richmond were in charge of the arrangements.

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## Dorothy Lovell

Dorothy Reva Owens Lovell, 94, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born at Burr in Rockcastle County on October 7, 1929, the daughter of Harry and Mary Childress Owens. A 1948 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, she was a retired nurse aide and a cafeteria supervisor for Rockcastle County Schools. She was a life-long member of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ and enjoyed gardening and painting, as well as her beloved pet, "Gracie".

She is survived by: her sons, Michael (Sharon) Lovell and Dr. Mark Lovell; a son-in-law, Jim Rickels; grandchildren, Joshua Rickels, Jessica Rickels (Ben) Snyder, Kami Lovell (Doug) Phillips, Michael (Becca) Lovell, David (Sheila) Lovell, and Jenny Hall; great grandchildren, Luke and Gabriel Snyder, Finnley and Felix Phillips, Jasper and Henry Lovell, Holly Cromer Rebuck, Emily Hall, Alexis Lovell Brown, and Paige and Mykah Lovell; and one great great grandchild, Oaklynn Brown. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Sherman Lovell, Jr. in 1964; two children, Candace Lovell Rickels and Harry "Tim" Lovell; and siblings, Carmen Owens Coldiron, Fannie Lee Owens Coldiron, William Owens, Robert Owens, Henry Owens, and Sylvia Owens Lewis.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ova Baker, pastor of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. Burial followed in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Roger Coldiron, David Lovell, Michael Lovell, Mike Lovell, Doug Phillips, and Joshua Rickels.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Charles Robert Shepherd, Jr.

Charles Robert Shepherd, Jr., 89, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. He was born May 23, 1934 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Charles Robert and Mable Howard Shepherd. He was a retired Captain at the Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond, was a Marine Veteran, enjoyed farming, shooting, reading, bee keeping, and loved Wildcat Basketball.

Survivors are: one son, Rodney (Tracy) Shepherd of Gainesville, GA; one daughter, Amy (Perry) Mink of Mt. Vernon; and one grandson, Conor Richard Shepherd. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by: his wife of 60 years, Phyllis Ballinger Shepherd; and two brothers, Manuel and Dempsey Shepherd.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 25, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Phillip Doan officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Manuel Shepherd, Matt Shepherd, Malcolm Shepherd, Cody Shepherd, Conor Shepherd, and Ricky Kirby.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice.

Send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

### Let Love Motivate Us To Seek Unity!

God's people were commanded in the old and New Testament to love one another; a commandment is not a suggestion. In Matt VS 36-40 The question was asked, which is the great commandment in the law? VS 37 Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and all thy mind. VS 38 This is the first and great commandment. VS 39 And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. VS 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

One of the things that really hurts the credibility of a Church is the lack of love among the Church members. Jesus prayed in John 17:21-23 That they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast me. VS 22 And the glory which thou gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; VS 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and the world may know that thou hast sent me, and have loved them, as thou hast love me.

This scripture clearly indicates that Christ's mission for his church was to cause the world to believe. If the Church is what God intended for it to be, there must be love among the members. We can rest assured that if there is love in the church, people will want to be a part of it.

John 15:17 says, These things I command you, that you may love one another. Ephesians 4: 2-3 Says walk worthy of our calling, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00



Many businesses remained open through the holidays to help families in need, including those evacuated after the train derailment in Livingston last week. CSX offered extra payment to employees from these businesses including the Dollar General in Renfro Valley. The Dollar General team asked CSX to purchase and donate to the local Christmas Toy Drive "Give Hope." First responders, along with Dollar General employees and the Rockcastle Baptist Association loaded toys into pick-up trucks which will be distributed at the Rockcastle County Middle School on December 9th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Officials offered a special recognition to ASM Sheila Owens for taking the lead with CSX and helping families purchase necessities during their time of displacement from their homes. Shown from left are Randy McPheron, Brandon Evans, David Bales, Diana Robinson, Evett Perkins, Katheryn Pope, Jessica Clark, Gordon Pope. Missing from the photo is Sheriff Shannon Franklin. The Dollar General store team includes Sheila Owens, Evett Perkins, Allison Cromer, Keashawna Collett, Lexy Hasty, Diana Robinson and Jacob Rice.

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### What About Reincarnation

Definition: "The belief that the souls of the dead successfully return to earth in new forms or bodies." This is a basic doctrine of Mohammedanism. Time is ripe when someone may start a new church with this unscriptural doctrine as a basis. You may think the doctrine is too ridiculous to consider. Many so called religious folks believe this.

The Bible never speaks of reincarnation, therefore there can be no faith in it. (Rom.10:17) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(Heb.9:27) "It is appointed unto men once to die then comes the judgment." "Once to die-not several times."

(Eccl.3:2) A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time-not several times.

(Eccl.8:15) Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun. One life-not many lives.

Then shall the dust return to the earth at it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (Eccl.12:7)-not enter into another body.

Solomon emphasized that now in this life-not in other lives-is the time to labor for a reward. (Eccl.9:3) This aspect of man's relationship to God has not changed since Solomon's days.

God will bring man into judgment for what he has done in this life (Eccl.11:9)- not in another life.

"The imagination of a man's heart is evil from his youth." (Gen.8:21) But if the doctrine of reincarnation is true, man is evil at birth, because he has lived before.

God permitted Moses and Elias to appear on earth again (Matt.17:1-5) but not as other people and that was only for a moment and that was for the purpose of teaching a lesson.

In (Lk.16:19-31) We have the story of the death and destination of two men, and neither was reincarnated.

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our YouTube channel Kentucky. (Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ) Mt Vernon Kentucky. We worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. We offer free Bible correspondence course. If you would like to contact someone from the church, you can either call or text this number 606-224-1480.

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## Train

(Continued from front) was treated at the scene and released as well. According to officials, no one needed hospital treatment throughout the incident.

After the derailment, when the presence of toxic chemicals were discovered, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., declared a State of Emergency and soon after, Governor Andy Beshear proclaimed a State of Emergency for the county as well. The declaration set the Kentucky National Guard and Kentucky Emergency Management on "ready status" and opened the county to potential emergency funding if required, according to Holbrook, who was on the scene or dealing with logistics throughout the event.

State Emergency Management crews set up a command center near Livingston and began taking over the situation. "They were able to send the new 'I-Alert' to phones to evacuate and we went door-to-door. The signal was supposed to only go to phones in the affected area but it went a little wide and some people in Sand Hill got the texts as well," Holbrook said. "But we didn't officially evacuate Sand Hill."

As usual, Rockcastle County School district officials jumped into action, opening the Middle School as a location for everyone who was asked to evacuate the area, providing food and shelter along with information and vouchers provided by CSX representatives. The 43-year-old CSX Railroad company immediately leaped into action also, setting up hotel locations and restaurants in the area for all evacuated residents to stay and to eat. CSX also set up accounts at local businesses for those who were evacuated to pick up personal items they might need over night.

"We were told to evacuate so we called and made a motel reservation. But by the time we got here, we were told CSX was paying the bill," said Livingston resident Melissa Hahn.

Emergency crews worked through the night attempting to clean the disaster and extinguish the fire. By Thursday morning, Holbrook said at a press conference at the local middle school, the fire was about 50% contained but there was still a lot of chemical on the ground and in the air. CSX officials said they would not "cut and run" and would stay until "residents were made whole."

Brodhead Assistant Fire Chief Brian Bullock indicated in a social media post that first responders and officials spent most of Thanksgiving Day driving through thick smoke that obscured the painted lines on the highway. Several first responders and residents complained of breathing difficulties while the smoke was in the air in Livingston.

Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis told the crowd at the press conference that over 200 residents had been evacuated but some had chosen to stay in their home. No time was given for residents to return home, but by Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m., another press conference was held to inform the public that the fire had been contained

and residents could return home.

One resident said on his social media page that he lives in Livingston but there was never a knock on his door. He claims that CSX officials eventually picked him up and took him to a motel.

Franklin said crews were closely watching a local creek bed near the accident to attempt to keep the chemicals from entering the water system. During the second press conference, CSX officials "reserved comment" on the issue of contamination in the water, but officials confirmed that continued water testing is underway and will be ongoing until officials are certain that no contamination has occurred. CSX spokesmen say tests will also be taken downstream as an extra precaution. The same officials said air quality is also being monitored constantly.

Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson said the city's first priority involves the safety of the people in the affected area. Davidson said the second priority will be avoiding any potential environmental damage. Davidson also expressed his appreciation to all who have worked to protect the citizens of Livingston.

The affected area was filled with countless units of heavy equipment and emergency management personnel, including Kentucky Fish and Wildlife personnel, and state transportation cabinet representatives assisting the Kentucky State Police and local and state emergency crews. However, the clean-up effort was handled by CSX, according to Holbrook. "The CSX company has their own hazmat crews, their own fire department and more," he said. "They fought the fire and dealt with the chemicals. They are their own entity. Local officials are dealing mostly with the safety of the people, traffic and logistics."

According to those on site, the streets of Livingston were filled with rock trucks traveling over smoky roads with countless construction and heavy equipment building a new road to the crash site so that the derailed cars could be removed and workers could have better access.

The sheriff's department made use of its new drone to provide overhead views of the incident to CSX workers and first responders, as well as investigators. "This is some spectacle here at the scene," said Franklin. "A lot of emergency personnel all working together to get the area cleaned up. There is heavy equipment, hazmat crews, emergency management personnel, environmentalists, specialists, law enforcement officers from many branches and more swarming the scene."

By Thursday evening, local officials and some CSX representatives said the fire had been fully contained and the chemicals would be removed until there is no more danger existing in the community from the derailment.

The cause of the incident was apparently investigated by CSX investigators, according to Franklin and other officials. According to the investigation, as reported in a CSX response, the derailment was caused

by one wheel bearing which failed on one wheel of one car causing the 16 railcar incident. CSX officials say over 2,500 tons of impacted soil has been replaced with fresh material and all derailed cars had been removed by Monday. The tracks have also been repaired the report said.

According to two residents of Livingston, CSX officials are providing over \$2,000 in compensation to each Livingston household. One resident reports receiving a check for \$2,070 from the command center in Livingston. Another witness reports receiving a

check for about the same amount.

According to local fire department officials, all fire departments have been asked to submit an expense report, listing all expenses related to the derailment, to CSX.

Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson and other local officials have agreed to an interview to discuss the aftereffects of the event on the city of Livingston, the residents and the future of Livingston, for next week's issue of the *Signal*. Davidson agreed the area has been repaired but said, "this is certainly not over."



Shown above, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook spoke to those present at one of the press conferences held after the train derailment and evacuation last week in Livingston. The press conferences were held at the local middle school as officials attempted to keep residents up to date on the issue.

## CSX

(Continued from front) states the support that the Red Cross has provided to the community throughout this incident.

### Hotels

Quality Inn in Mount Vernon

Haven Inn in Mount Vernon

### Restaurants

Derby City South Truck Plaza in Mount Vernon

Limestone Grill in Mount Vernon

### Necessities

As noted above, CSX is covering the cost of any needed supplies. Dollar Tree in Mount Vernon

CSX will continue to coordinate with emergency personnel and local authorities to ensure that those living in the Livingston community will receive the most up-to-date information possible."

By Monday the CSX website informed citizens that all 16 cars had been removed and over 2,500 tons of impacted soil had been replaced by fresh material. The press release also said the railroad tracks are also repaired.

## Judge

(Continued from front) stay, along with providing Thanksgiving Dinner and other meals.

I understand it was an inconvenience to say the least. However, I think we should all take a step back and realize how much worse this event could have turned out. I am always in awe of how our county comes together and works together when our community has a need for help."

## Storm

(Continued from front) "Given the severity of the situation, a state of emergency has been declared. The safety of our residents is our top priority, and I want to assure the community that all available resources are being mobilized to address the situation. I understand the challenges this presents to our community and I commit to working closely with all relevant parties to provide timely updates and address any concerns.

"I will closely monitor the cleanup to ensure the well-being of our community.

"We stand united as a resilient community and will navigate this difficult situation together."

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## PUBLIC NOTICE ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT SECOND READING NOTICE:

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Rockcastle County budget for fiscal year 2024, to include unanticipated receipts in the amount of \$1,066,666.99 and increasing expenditures \$1,066,666.99 will be held on December 12, 2023 at 4 pm at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 205 E Main St., Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

Copies of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection in the County Judge/Executive's Office, 2nd Floor Courthouse, 205 E Main St., Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court certifies that the summary above is true, correct & written in a way calculated to inform the public of its content.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

BY: Vickie Miller, Fiscal Court Clerk

200 Acres in Rockcastle County  
127 Acres in Lincoln County  
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# Absolute Live Online Only Auction

**AUCTION 1 – 199 ACRES IN 13 TRACTS – DUG HILL RD., BRODHEAD  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @ 1:30 P.M.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn off of Hwy 150 near EST factory onto Hwy 1229. Go approximately 2 miles, property is on the left. Auction signs are posted.

TRACT 1 – 8.4 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly cleared.  
TRACT 2- 9.6 acres and is improved with a lovely Bedford stone house with 4 bedrooms, formal living room w/ stone fireplace, kitchen, formal dining room, spacious family room, 2 baths and utility room. Other amenities include full unfinished basement, 2 car attached garage, heat pump/central air. In addition to the house, there is also a barn, small storage building, 2 larger storage/shop buildings, one measuring 32 x 72. Preview of house by appointment only.  
TRACT 3 is 6.2 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly cleared.  
TRACT 4 is 9.2 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is all cleared.  
TRACT 5 is 11.9 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly cleared.  
TRACT 6 is 91.8 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared land.  
TRACT 7 is 5.9 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.  
TRACT 8 is 11.4 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared. This tract has a pond.  
TRACT 9 is 12.1 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.  
TRACT 10 is 10.9 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.  
TRACT 11 is 8.7 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.  
TRACT 12 is 8.8 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.  
TRACT 13 is 4.3 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly wooded.

**AUCTION 2 – 127 ACRES IN 3 TRACTS – OTTENHEIM COMMUNITY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 10:30 A.M.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn off Hwy 643 onto Allen Rd. Proceed to Ephesus School Rd. Auction signs are posted.

TRACT 1 fronts on Ephesus School Rd. and Bowling Rd. and contains 45.1 acres. It has a combination of crop and woodland.  
TRACT 2 also fronts on both Ephesus School Rd. and Bowling Rd. with 37.9 acres and is mostly cropland with a few acres in woods.  
TRACT 3 fronts on Bowling Rd. and contains 44.8 acres, mostly cropland and a few wooded acres.

**AUCTION 3 – 116 ACRES IN 9 TRACTS – HWY 70, EUBANK  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 1:30 P.M.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 39, turn west onto Hwy 70 at Bandy. Go approx. 2 miles to property or from Hwy 27 in Eubank, turn east on Hwy 70. Go approx. 6 miles to property. Auction signs are posted.


TRACT 1 – 12.7 acres fronting on north side of Hwy 70 and Goodhope Estes School Rd. Mostly all cleared cropland.  
TRACT 2 – 6.4 acres and fronts on Goodhope Estes School Rd.  
TRACT 3 is 16.5 acres with 2 grain bins, pond and is mostly all cropland. This tract fronts on north side of Hwy 70.  
TRACT 4 has 25.6 acres, fronts on north side of Hwy 70 and is mostly cropland.  
TRACT 5 is 1.6 acres and fronts on Goodhope Estes School Rd.  
TRACT 6 is 1.5 acres and fronts on Goodhope Estes School Rd.  
TRACT 7 is 39.3 acres, fronts on north side of Hwy 70. The majority of this tract is cropland with some woods.  
TRACT 8 is 8.1 acres, all wooded and fronts on south side of Hwy 70.  
TRACT 9 is 5.1 acres of all woods and fronts on south side of Hwy 70.

**MULTI-PARCELAUCTION:** Each farm will be offered individually in tracts utilizing the multi-parcel method and selling in the manner that reflects the best returns for the sellers. This concept gives each and every prospective buyer the ability to purchase his or her individual tract or combination.

**NOTE:** The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property of lead-based paint. The period for inspections begins November 28th through December 7th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day inspection period.



**BUYER'S PREMIUM:** A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine the final sale price.

**TERMS:** 20% down due day of sale, with balance in 30 days with deed.



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Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm  
State Senator  
Senate Page Program a great opportunity for Kentucky students

There are many time-honored traditions in the Senate, but one of the favorites is the Senate Page Program. Through the Senate Page Program, students in top academic standing are invited to apply for a position as a page for the Senate for the 2024 calendar year. I want to encourage students in my district to consider applying as a full-time page, daily page, or "Sunny Page."

Full-Time Page Program  
Being a full-time page in the General Assembly gives students interested in a career in politics or

public service within government an opportunity to witness first-hand how our state legislature operates. Senate pages sit at the front of the chamber for general assignments and aid the Senate clerk's office. They respond to requests from senators and staff within the chamber and sometimes assist with handling Senate materials and supplies. Pages report to the Senate Page Mother's Office, which ultimately answers to the Chief Clerk of the Senate, Donna Holiday. If selected, a Senate page will serve for the calendar year in regular and extraordinary sessions. Each year, the Kentucky General Assembly convenes session

at noon on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January. The 2024 Legislative Session will begin at noon on Tuesday, January 2. Serving as a Senate page brings many benefits. Working in a professional environment gives the student confidence and boosts self-esteem. Pages learn to accept a large degree of personal responsibility for their work, as the experience helps prepare them for the future demands of their academic and professional careers. In addition to developing meaningful friendships with others in the program, pages gain a sense of belonging as they meet and relate to those with similar potential career interests. They

also get to work and build relationships with many people around the state. Full-time Senate pages are paid at a rate of \$60 per day, which helps them begin learning how to make decisions on managing their finances, transportation, work demands, housing, and new friendships. If interested in becoming a full-time page of the Senate in next year's legislative session, contact the Chief Clerk of the Senate, Donna Robinson Holiday, at 502-564-2450 or email donna.holiday@lrc.ky.gov. You will be asked to submit a cover letter stating why you would like to be a Senate page and a résumé. Please include all contact information. The clerk may then contact you at a later date for a job interview. The clerk will also contact all area schools to ensure that the applicant is of high academic standing and eligible to serve as a page for the year.

Daily Page Program  
An extension of the full-time Senate Page Program is the Daily Page Program. This is for students between 12 and 18 who are too young or can't commit to being a full-time page. Pages generally have a Senate sponsor, typically the senator elected to their home district. Still, they

perform a valuable service for all senators and staff by delivering messages, running errands, copying material and delivering bills-- to name a few. During a typical day, there is a pool of pages available. Full-time pages and daily pages do not have the same duties and will go through training with their respective supervisors. They will be taught where to be stationed during the session, how to carry out their various tasks, and instructed on proper decorum within the Senate chamber. Each daily page will be given a certificate of appreciation at the end of the day's work by their Senate sponsor. Please get in touch with my office if you know a student between the ages of 12 and 18 who would like to participate in the Daily Page Program. I would love to have them join me in Frankfort, experience the legislative process and be recognized in the Senate chamber. You can connect with my office at 502-564-8100 or by email at Brandon.Storm@lrc.ky.gov.

Sunny Page Program  
In addition, there is the Sunny Page Program. This is a very special program for children with disabilities, also allowing them to participate in the legislative process while serving as Senate Pages. Sunny Pages will be introduced on the Senate floor with their sponsor, carry out duties as they can, and receive a Sunny Page T-shirt and certificate of appreciation at the end of the day. My colleague Senator Danny Carroll started this program along with former Senator Dennis Parrett to include children with disabilities in this tradition and to bring awareness to some of the issues affecting those with special needs. To become a daily page or Sunny Page if you are not in my district, don't hesitate to contact your respective senator's office or the Senate clerk at the phone number and email previously provided to arrange for a Senate sponsor. To streamline the process, please fill out the online applications for Daily or Sunny Pages and submit them to your senator's office or the Senate clerk via email. Online application to be a Senate daily page or Sunny Page: <https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislators/Pages/SenatePageProgram.aspx>. I hope to see bright young students from the 21st Senate District participate, and for those who do, I look forward to meeting you.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Eligibility for Elections for the 2023 County Committee

Elections for USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Rockcastle County Committee are underway. It is important that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the USDA. The 2023 election in Rockcastle County will be conducted for the representative Local Administrative Area (LAA): 3-The northeast and southeast section of Rockcastle County bound by Garrard, Madison, Jackson and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Little Hurricane Rd, I-75, and Hwy 25. Customers can identify which LAA they or their farming operation is in by using our new GIS locator tool available at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).

To be eligible to vote in the elections, a person must:  
Be of legal voting age or, if not of legal voting age, supervise and conduct the farming operation of an entire farm.  
Have an interest in a farm or ranch as either:  
An individual who meets one or more of the following:  
Is eligible and capable to vote in one's own right.  
Is a partner of a general partnership.

Is a member of a joint venture.  
Participate or cooperate in any FSA program that is provided by law. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation(s) but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits.  
County committee election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, 2023. The last day to return completed ballots to the Rockcastle County FSA office is Dec. 4, 2023.  
For more information on FSA county committees, visit: [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).  
Committee Meeting Date: December 6, 2023 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.  
Important program dates and Interest Rates  
Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 5.375%  
Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 5.500%  
Limited Resource Loans = 5.00%  
Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%  
Emergency Loans = 3.750%  
Farm Storage Loans = 3 yrs. = 4.875%, 5 yrs. = 4.750%, 7 yrs. = 4.750%, 10 yrs. = 4.750%, 12 yrs. = 4.750%  
Commodity Loans = 6.500%

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Rockcastle County Schools      Date of Issue (11/21/2023)

**SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

Rockcastle School District Paving Jobs  
Mount Vernon, Kentucky

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for the following projects:

**BG# 24-096 Mount Vernon Elementary Paving**  
**BG# 24-097 Rockcastle High School Paving and ADA Ramp**

These projects are located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Sealed bids will be received at the Rockcastle Teaching and Learning Center located at 250 Richmond Street Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 where bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in numerical order according to BG number. Bids will be discussed privately between the owner and the project design teams (architect/engineer), and will not be awarded until all requirements have been met.

All bids must be received on or before 2:00 PM (local time) Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained digitally for free by contacting the architect's and engineer's offices at the emails listed below on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Printed copies of plans and specifications will also be available, if requested, at the contractor's expense from locations listed below. Please notify the office ahead of time to allow time to run prints.

**Architect's Information:**  
Deco Architects, Inc.  
127 Old Monticello St, Suite 1  
Somerset, KY 42501  
Phone: 606-687-9233  
Project Manager: Christopher Phillips  
Email: [c.phillips@decoarchitects.com](mailto:c.phillips@decoarchitects.com)

**Engineer's Information:**  
AGE Engineering Services Inc.  
165 Fosters Ln  
Stanford, KY 40484  
Phone: 606-365-8362  
Project Manager: Lucas Jones  
Email: [ljones@ageengineering.com](mailto:ljones@ageengineering.com)

The Form of Proposal is a part of the front end specifications, which may be obtained online through Lynn Imaging's Plan Room. All bids shall be submitted only on the Form of Proposal and in a sealed envelope. The sealed envelope shall have the Project Name and BG number clearly marked, along with the respective bidder's information. Sealed Envelope containing a Combined Bid shall be marked 'COMBINED BID' and will have the respective bidder's information clearly marked thereon.

Each Individual Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cash, or bidders bond, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE BID PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the Bid Proposal is accepted, a contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured.

In order to provide a Combined Bid Proposal, each bidder is required to have provided Individual Bid Proposals for both Projects. Award of Contracts based on Combined Bid Proposal shall not be considered without properly submitted Individual Bid Proposals recorded by the prospective bidder. Separate surety for Combined Bid Proposal shall not be required.

Bid Proposal Forms must be properly filled out. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a submitted Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after the date for the Opening of the Bid.

In the event the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory Contract and 100% KDE AIA Performance and Payment Bond, they shall be eliminated and shall forfeit their certified check, cash, or their Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss incurred by the Owner by such failure.

Any Bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

No pre-bid conference will be held, but any contractor may reach out to the architect/engineer and request a site visit prior to bid date.

Bidders shall submit questions to Chris Phillips via email at [c.phillips@decoarchitects.com](mailto:c.phillips@decoarchitects.com). The deadline for bidder questions is Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 4:00 PM local time (EST).



## 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**  
bhdp@gmail.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 Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.**  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays

**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 p.m.**

**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.**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 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

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

**CrossPoint Church of God**  
211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
**Sunday 2 p.m.**  
**Thursday Evening 7 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Matt Griggs**  
859-582-2553

**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
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.**  
**Thursday 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.**  
**RAs and GAs 7 p.m.**  
**Mission Friends 6 p.m.**  
606-256-3722  
email: fellowship@fvmc.com

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wildemess Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**  
**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
**Dennis Wright, Pastor**  
**Jesse Wilder, Assoc. Pastor/Youth**  
website: www.fbcmtvky.org  
email: fbcmtvmon@kyntvwebc.com  
**Every Sunday:**  
**Morning Worship: 9 & 11 am**  
**Sunday School/Growth Groups 10 am**  
WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.  
LiveStream at fbcmtvky.org  
**Wednesdays: AWANA 6-8pm**  
**Student Worship at 6 pm**

**First Christian Church**  
West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
**Bro. Richie Smith, Pastor**  
**Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister**  
**Sunday School: 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.**

**Flat Rock Missionary Baptist**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst**  
859-200-6331

**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.**

**Higher Praise Ministries**  
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
**Chris Davidson, Pastor**  
**Sunday 11 am & 6 pm**  
**Wednesday 7 pm**  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777  
**Lighthouse Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.  
**Tim Hampton, Pastor**  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
**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.**

**Little Country Church**  
Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd.  
**Jack Weaver, Pastor**  
**Sunday 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Livingston Baptist Church**  
**Pastor: Josh Hasty**  
**606-392-3809**  
**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.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Jim Miller, Pastor**  
606-256-1709

**Living Word Community Church**  
"About our Father's Business"  
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
**Sunday School 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship Noon**  
**Wednesday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor**  
606-308-4312

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor**  
**Maple Grove Baptist**  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873  
**Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor**  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.**  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.**

**Mareburg Baptist Church**  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
**Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor**  
Phone: 256-8844  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
(all ages)  
**Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.**

www.mareburgbaptist.org  
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com  
**McNew Chapel Baptist**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Service 7 p.m.**  
**John Vanwinkle, Pastor**  
**Mt. Vernon Church of God**  
1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Bobby Owens, Pastor**  
859-986-1317

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
606-308-3293  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 5 p.m.**  
**New Heights Church**  
316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheightschurchky.com  
**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**  
**Worship & Children's Church**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.**  
**Midweek Gathering for all ages: prayer & Bible study, youth worship, and Children in Action**  
**New Hope Baptist**

Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.**  
**Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor**  
**Northside Baptist**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
**Kenny Allen, Pastor**  
**Sunday**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Morning Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Children's Church 11 a.m.**  
**Tuesday**  
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9  
**Wednesday**  
**Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.**  
Time Warner Cable  
Tues., Thurs., Sun.  
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

**Ottawa Baptist Church**  
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead  
Pastor: Bro. John McPherson  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Children's Church 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Services**  
**Service 7 p.m.**  
758-8453  
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
525 Williams St  
(across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
**Mass Times:**  
**Tuesdays at 5 p.m.**  
**Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.**  
**Holy Days 5 p.m.**

**Father Alfredo Basuldo, Pastor**  
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance  
**Philadelpha United Baptist**  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
**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

**Pine Hill Holiness**  
5394 S. Wildemess Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**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**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor**  
859-986-1579  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.**  
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every  
2nd Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.  
**Pleasant Run Missionary**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.**  
**1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care**  
**Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor**  
**Poplar Grove Baptist**  
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.**  
**Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor**  
**Providence church of Christ**  
1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618  
758-8524  
**Robby Cable, Evangelist**  
**Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Morning Worship 10:20 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.**  
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com  
**Red Hill-Union Baptist**  
4308 Highway 1955  
Livingston, KY  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Bill Hammond, Pastor**  
606-392-1826

**Everyone invited to come and worship with us**  
**Roundstone Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Night 7 p.m.**  
**Sand Hill Baptist Church**  
Sand Hill Rd.  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday Night 6 p.m.**  
**Pastor Tommy Miller**  
**Sand Springs Baptist Church**

Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry**  
**Scaffold Cane Baptist**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Night 7 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Bro. James Hardin**  
**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Pastor: Bro. Richard West**  
**Everyone Welcome!**  
**Tabernacle of Love**  
244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
606-25605894  
**Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Clyde Hodge**  
**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
(3 miles out of Brodhead)  
**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Walter Bowling**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

**United Gospel of Christ**  
4 miles off US 25 on Wildie Rd.  
**Church welcomes everyone**  
**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.**  
**Valley Baptist Church**  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
**Organized in December, 1908**  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.**  
**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
**Watts Chapel Baptist Church**  
1462 KY Highway 2750  
Crab Orchard, KY  
606-879-8183  
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**Dan Gutenson, Pastor**  
**Wildie Christian Church**  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.**  
**Family Fellowship 6 p.m.**  
**Bible Study 6 p.m.**  
**Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor**

## Brodhead Pharmacy

Main Street • Brodhead

**606-758-4373**

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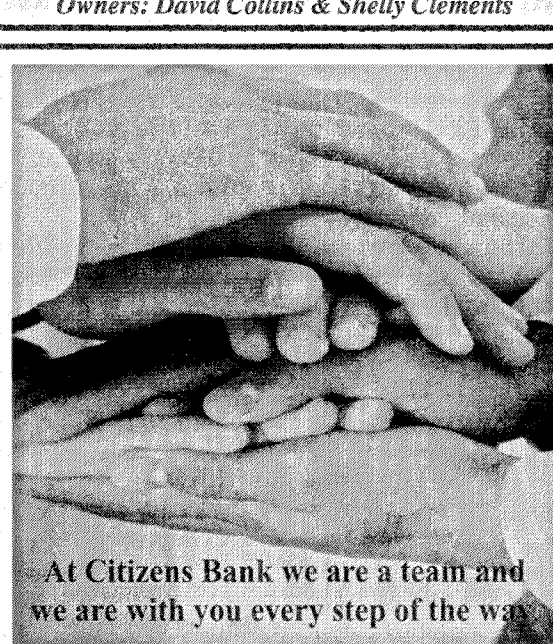
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**606-758-9333**

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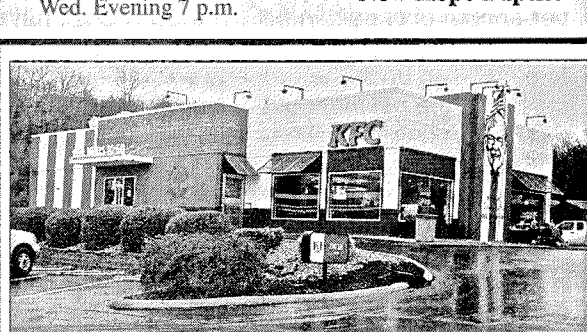


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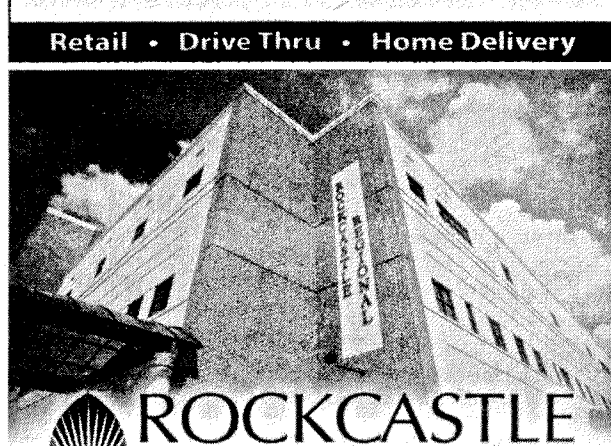


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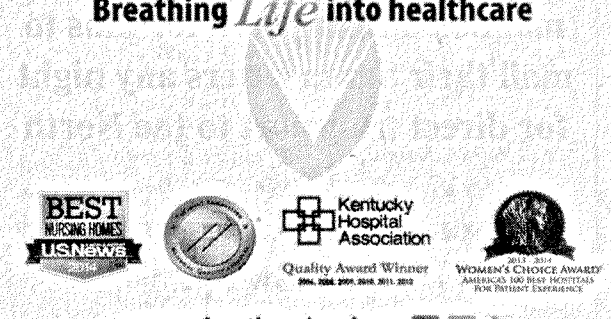
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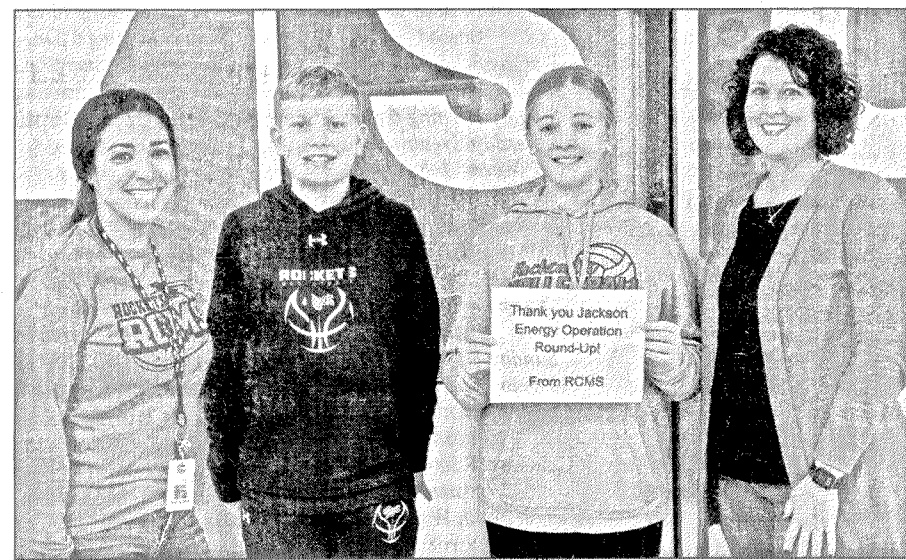
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## Kentucky State Police participate in Operation SafeDRIVE

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement have been participating in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Operation SafeDRIVE (Distracted/Reckless/Impaired/Visibility/Enforcement) that began Nov. 20.

This enforcement campaign targets unsafe driving behavior that often leads to crashes involving passenger cars and commercial vehicles. It complements national efforts to educate all drivers on safely sharing roads with large trucks.

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

Officer Stevie Douglas, East Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Spokesperson, says Operation SafeDRIVE

can significantly impact highway safety.

"It is important to our officers that everyone travels safely on our roadways," said Douglas. "Operation SafeDRIVE is an opportunity for us to ensure drivers follow the rules of the road and offer tips to keep drivers protected."

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

- Stay out of blind spots: Large trucks and buses have big blind spots on all four sides.

- Pass safely: Make sure you can see the truck driver in their side mirror. Use your turn signals, and don't linger in the blind spot.

- Make sure you can see the CMV vehicle in your rearview mirror before pulling in front.

- Don't cut off large vehicles: It takes a large truck traveling at highway speeds the length of two football fields to stop.

- Don't tailgate: Tailgating a commercial vehicle puts you in a blind spot.

Operation SafeDRIVE coordinates with a national campaign run by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration called "Our Roads, Our Safety," which educates

all motorists on how to share the road safely.

The mission of KSP is to promote public safety through service, integrity and professionalism using partnerships to prevent, reduce and deter crime and the fear of crime, enhance highway safety through education and enforcement, safeguard property and protect individual rights.

### Commonwealth of Kentucky Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 20-CI-00241

Mid South Capital Partners, LP Plaintiff

V.

Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of James Roberts, Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of Donna Lynn Roberts, Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle, Unknown Spouses of the Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of Donna Lynn Roberts Defendants

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 13, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 70/100 (\$4,457.70) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

on Thursday, November 30, 2023

Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Beginning at a slick rock in the branch near Coal Mines; thence west with branch, Rome Graves line to a sugar tree; thence nearly South 200 feet to a stone in side of Old Coal Road; thence with said road nearly East to the beginning and supposed to contain one (1) acre and being a part of the P.M. Bullock land.

Address: Pokeberry Lane

Map ID: 036-00-028

Being the same property conveyed to James Roberts and wife, Donna Lynn Roberts, from Charles D. Marler and his wife, Freda Marler, by Deed dated February 18, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 164, Page 587; in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. James Roberts passed away on May 15, 2003, no Will or Affidavit of Descent of record. Pursuant to survivorship clause in said Deed, fee simple title was vested in Donna Lynn Roberts. Donna Lynn Roberts passed away on July 15, 2012, no Will or Affidavit of Descent of record. Her remainder interest passed to the Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of Donna Lynn Roberts.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (6%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court

## Sen. Storm encourages constituent engagement

As the Constitution of Kentucky calls for the convening of the 2024 Legislative Session on Jan. 2 in Frankfort, Senator Brandon Storm of the 21st Senate District is proactively reaching out to constituents, urging them to stay informed and engaged in the legislative process.

Expressing his commitment to ensuring that residents' voices are heard and valued, Storm encourages constituents to sign up for legislative updates from his office. By staying informed, constituents can actively shape legislative outcomes directly impacting Casey, Laurel, Lincoln, and Rockcastle Counties communities.

"I'm asking those interested in the legislative process to let my office know if they want to receive updates," said Storm. "I want everyone I represent to know they are heard."

To receive timely updates from Storm's office, residents can email Brandon.Storm@lrc.ky.gov and request to be added to Storm's email list.

Residents can also use the Legislative Research

Commission (LRC) legislative message line at 800-372-7181. This platform allows constituents to leave messages for their respective state representatives or senators to share their support or opposition to specific legislation. Residents can find members of their delegation by utilizing the 'Find Your Legislator' tool at the LRC website.

Constituents can also utilize specialized lines for specific inquiries, including the Bill Status Line (866-840-2835), Meeting Information Line (800-633-9650), Meeting Line en Español (866-840-6575), and the Hearing and Speech Impairment Message Line (800-896-0305).

Follow legislative activity, access bill status information, meeting details, legislator profiles, and more at [Legislature.ky.gov](http://Legislature.ky.gov). Live coverage of legislative proceedings can be

found at [KET.org/Legislature](http://KET.org/Legislature) or via the LRC YouTube Channel, with archived footage available on both platforms and at [KET.org/Legislature/Archives](http://KET.org/Legislature/Archives).

Additionally, constituents can follow Storm on Facebook by clicking [HERE](http://HERE). For broader legislative updates, follow the Senate Majority Caucus at @KYSenateGOP on X, formerly Twitter, @kysenate.gop on Instagram, or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/KySenateRepublicans](http://Facebook.com/KySenateRepublicans).

Storm remains dedicated to facilitating an open dialogue with constituents, fostering a collaborative approach to address the needs and concerns of the 21st Senate District. As the 2024 Legislative Session approaches, he encourages residents to actively participate in shaping the future of their communities.

### Commonwealth of Kentucky Rockcastle Circuit Court

Division II

Civil Action No. 20-CI-00232

Mid South Capital Partners, LP Plaintiff

V.

Courtney Hensley, Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle, CMH of KY, Inc. d/b/a Crossland Homes, Central Financial Services, Inc., Credit Acceptance Corporation, Kentucky Department of Revenue, Division of Collections, unknown spouse of, if any, Courtney Hensley (Zachary King), CMH Homes, Inc., A Tennessee Corporation, f/k/a CMH of KY Inc. Defendants

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 13, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS AND 33/100 (\$4,221.33) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

on Thursday, November 30, 2023

Beginning at the Hour of 10:15 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an IPC set in the East right of way of an unnamed county road (D.B. 165, page 15), said IPC bears North 35 degrees 14' 47" West 151.06 feet from the junction of the East right of way of the unnamed county road with the North right of way of Cove Branch Road; thence with the East right of way of said County road; North 35 degrees 14' 47" West 59.43 feet to an IPC; North 24 degrees 34' 39" West 27.74 feet to an iron pin; North 25 degrees 40' 40" East 45.61 feet to an iron pin; North 10 degrees 34' 52" East 50.15 feet to an iron pin, also corner to Joseph Denny (D.B. 111, page 239); thence leaving the East right of way and running with Joseph Denny; North 52 degrees 02' 00" East 247.13 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving Joseph Denny and severing the land of the grantor two new courses; South 26 degrees 48' 40" West 221.79 feet to an IPC; South 33 degrees 23' 09" West 141.62 feet to the BEGINNING.

Address: 46 Rigby Road

Map ID: 059-00-045.12

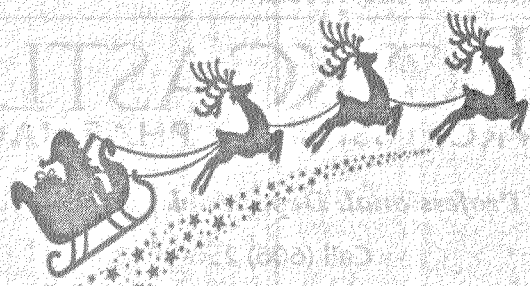
Being the same property conveyed to Courtney Hensley, from Richard Hensley, single, and Judy Mink, single, by Deed dated August 18, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 265, Page 685, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

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John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court

## Visit Santa Claus and enjoy the Hamilton Christmas House decorations...



Santa Claus will be at the Hamilton Christmas House display from 6 p.m. to ? on Friday, December 1st and Friday, December 8th.

Come and enjoy the beautiful decorations and lights, located in Houston Point Subdivision on Cedar Rapids Rd. There will be a mailbox on the porch for kids to mail their Santa letters any night for direct transport to the North Pole.

And, some of Santa's friends may also show up.



## Derailment affects residents in many different ways

By: Mike French  
Editor

There is a personal side to all disasters that may not get reported in news stories. A lot of details, concerning the CSX train derailment near the City of Livingston last week, have been released. As usual with disasters, rumors and innuendos were rampant and even many national news crews reported differing facts and figures throughout the incident, causing even more confusion among those affected.

It is difficult to know the stories behind the scenes of any such event and, though news outlets attempt to provide facts, many times how those facts affect the people involved may not be understood.

"It was Thanksgiving Eve," said Livingston resident Melissa Hahn. "People had turkeys in the oven and family members on their way. We had our oven filled and had to walk away and leave it. We didn't know what to expect or what was going to happen. Was it really that serious or were they just being cautious? People didn't know anything."

Fortunately, some officials on the scene said a part of the evacuation process was indeed an attempt to err on the side of caution. However, officials agree there was indeed also a risk due to the chemical leaks and the evacuation was necessary.

CSX Railway Company personnel immediately jumped into action, trying to help those who were asked to evacuate their home after the chemical spill was detected.

"We had a room waiting for us when we got there that CSX had paid for, and then we had breakfast Thursday morning at Derby City Truck Stop where CSX had set up an account. CSX also had us evacuees an account at Limestone Grill for lunch or dinner and there is an account at a Dollar Store. We needed that because we had to

leave in a hurry and didn't bring anything with us," Hahn said.

Other residents reported forgetting their medicines but were unable to return home to get them. She explained that pharmacies refuse to give more of certain medications. Reports indicate that in some cases, local residents volunteered to go to the evacuee's home, amid the smoke and odor, and retrieve things that were needed.

One evacuee told news outlets that the event was a "scary situation" and that she was thankful to all those who

helped get her out of the dangerous area.

Then there were those who didn't leave at all. "I didn't refuse to leave. I just never felt worried," said past Livingston mayor Jason Medley. "I trust God. If He had laid it on my heart to go, I would have left with everyone else. But my heart is in this community and I know a lot of folks who were staying behind. I stayed in case some of them needed something and I just didn't feel threatened."

Even with heavy smoke in the air, apparently EMS workers and police, along with city officials, traveled along streets knocking on doors, shortly after the chemical spill was discovered.

Many who left their home went to RCMS where they were given more information and vouchers provided by CSX. "About 30 evacuees came to RCMS and were given instructions and vouchers and then were transported by bus to either the Haven Inn or Quality Inn," said Rockcastle County School Director of Students Marcus Reppert. "No one stayed at the school all night. They were sent to one of 87 rooms provided by CSX."

The following day, a Thanksgiving meal was provided by Cracker Barrel Restaurant for all evacuees at RCMS.

Some residents, who asked not to be identified, said they stayed behind partly because they were concerned about burglaries. "I saw a lot of people leaving but I didn't see any of the town's known questionable people leaving and I couldn't leave my home unattended for who knows how long," said one resident.

One resident told news crews that she experienced strong Asthma attacks when she left her house, immediately after the spill.

Some have expressed concern about property values while others were more concerned about missing the holiday with family and some expressed concern with other issues. One resident also said on his social media page that no one knocked on his door and he did not know about the spill until later. However, hundreds have said they appreciate those who braved the smoke and danger to knock on their door and let them know of the situation.

Officials also had to consider the pets of those evacuated. School officials provided a trailer for all pets to remain warm and safe during the evacuation.

Local first responders and officials were dealing with the situation over the next 24 hours. "We have some very dedicated people in our

county," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. The judge/executive was one of many who reportedly did without sleep for nearly 24 hours while working to schedule and organize evacuation attempts and clean-up, as well as inform the public.

A press conference was held Thursday morning, but no time limits were provided, as evacuees went back to their motel rooms or to a restaurant for a meal provided by CSX, and avoided their homes. Another press conference at the middle school was held Thursday evening at 4 o'clock to let citizens know they could return home.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said the 24-hour period was filled with first responders and emergency personnel, working as a unit to clean up the area and make the town safe for citizens. However, each individual involved expressed different issues and experienced different problems during the evacuation.

Livingston residents report receiving a check from CSX officials at the command center in amounts over \$2,000. Reports indicate that each household is eligible for the compensation whether or not the residents evacuated the city.

Anyone seeking support for expenses related to the derailment, may call 1-800-805-9840.

## Events this Saturday

Saturday, December 2

The City of Brodhead will host their annual Christmas Parade on Main Street in Brodhead at 2 p.m. Santa is expected to be the star of the event.

The annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade will kick off the celebration, beginning at 4 p.m. The Noel Night Market will also begin at 4 p.m. and will feature arts, crafts and vendors, among other activities. The Rockcastle Arts Association is planning to present awards to winning floats after the parade. This year's theme is "Christmas Songs."

At 6 p.m., Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club will sponsor the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Triangle Park. Hot Cocoa is expected to be available and Santa will be in the parade and during Noel Night Market activities.

A Children's Lantern Parade will be held at 8 p.m. Children have attended several recent workshops to build the lanterns that will be part of the Lantern Parade.

The Christmas Yard Sale is also this Saturday in the Livingston Gymnasium. The gym will be filled with hidden treasures.

Everyone is invited to all the free community-wide events.

## Local shelter stays busy taking care of animals

By: Mike French  
Editor

"What people may not understand is that we have some really, good dogs and cats here. Just because this is an animal shelter, people sometimes imagine old, scruffy animals. But that isn't the case. We have some beautiful, loving animals just looking for a home," said Rockcastle County Animal Shelter Director David Carpenter.

The local animal shelter opened its doors over 20 years ago, according to Carpenter, and the shelter is completely supported by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

A recent matching grant helps with spaying and neutering animals and Carpenter said it is the goal of the shelter to provide a service to the county and to the animals. "I'd love to see every animal adopted out to a good home," he said.

Carpenter said it is difficult to be around so many dogs and not become attached to some of them. "Everyone that visits the shelter knows 'Pickles,' he said. Pickles is a dog that has been at the shelter for over six years. "When she came here, she hit my heart strings and has been the animal shelter dog ever since."

Carpenter and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., agree that there is more involved in operating such a shelter than many may be aware of.

"Our Dog Warden (Richard Gibbs) is on call 24 hours and he gets calls at all hours of the day and night," said Holbrook.

"He and David do a lot more than people may realize. When there is a DUI arrest or an accident on the highway or anyone is arrested or taken to the hospital, the shelter gets called also. We have to go to take care of their pet."

Carpenter said just last week a fatality on I-75 involved a dog in the vehicle. "We went and got the dog and the family came and picked him up," said Carpenter. "We can't just leave an animal unattended."

The shelter also receives calls almost daily involving a dog getting into trash cans or causing some other nuisance in a neighborhood, Holbrook said. "We get calls about dog fights occasionally and the shelter deals with those issues as well."

According to Holbrook and Carpenter, the shelter operates according to state animal shelter regulations: "There isn't a leash law in the county but, if an animal is causing a nuisance, we have to go check it out," said Carpenter. "Whatever we do, we operate to the letter of the state shelter laws and regulations."

The shelter deals with about 90 animals per month with an average of 30 of those being adopted.

Since the shelter cannot turn away citizens who bring in a dog, they must sometimes euthanize the animals that have been on the premises for the longest time. "We keep every animal a minimum of five days before any action can be taken," Carpenter said. "This gives the owners time to claim their pet or adopt one."

Carpenter said the local shelter is up-to-date for shelters its size and, though the county supports the facility, he greatly appreciates those who donate dog food and other gifts. "We have some families who faithfully bring us dog food every month and that is what we need the most," he said. "We use a lot of dog food and we really appreciate

those who donate to the shelter."

Anyone willing to donate animal food or make a monetary donation, should contact the shelter at 606-256-1833. "The county provides cleaning materials and dog food also. But we can use more from anyone interested in helping these animals out."

According to Holbrook and Carpenter,

## Non-Livingston resident arrested attempting to get CSX compensation

By: Mike French  
Editor

According to Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis, Jessica Blackburn, 30, was arrested Monday and charged with theft by unlawful taking, after she allegedly attempted to receive money from the CSX Railroad Company.

Chief Davis said he was notified by CSX officials that a female, who did not have a valid Livingston residence, had attempted to receive a portion of the compensation that the company was paying to each household in the city of Livingston.

After the train derailment and evacuation of the city of Livingston last week, CSX officials set up a local center where Livingston residents could come to receive payment for expenses incurred during the evacuation. CSX also provided \$2,000 to each household for the inconvenience caused by the derailment.

However, according to

Davis, Blackburn attempted to receive funds by falsely claiming to be a Livingston resident.

"We are thankful that CSX is helping cover the expense and inconveniences caused by the train derailment," said Davis. "We are grateful and we want to see everyone get the assistance they need. At the same time, everyone has to be honest, fair and truthful. We are working closely with CSX to provide all the assistance we can to make our citizens whole. But you can't cheat the system."

Davis said he arrested Blackburn and she was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Blackburn's bond was not known at presstime.

a lot goes on each day at the shelter and a Facebook Page has been established to help inform the public about animals available for adoption.

Anyone interested in adopting an animal as a pet should contact the shelter. "We have a minimal \$20 adoption fee and a short application but it is easy and quick if anyone is looking to adopt one of our animals," said

Carpenter.

Anyone considering adopting a pet may go to the shelter at your convenience and meet all the animals before choosing your pet. "We get some very special dogs here. We love what we do and we invite anyone to come out and see for yourself."

The number to call at the shelter is 606-256-1833. The shelter hours are 8 to 4 Monday through Friday.

## Cemetery Book Volume II coming soon

By: Mike French  
Editor

A new hard bound book that will continue a story started in 1985 is on its way to bookshelves thanks to the efforts of Debbie Brown of the Rockcastle County Historical Society and the Rockcastle County Cemetery Board.

The *Rockcastle Cemetery Book Volume II* is expected to be available within weeks.

The book is a collection of all cemeteries that have been inventoried since the original *Green Cemetery Book* by Bonham and Hiatt was published in 1985. The listings will be from those buried since 1985 to 2020/21.

The project was underway several years ago but

the COVID-19 epidemic stalled the research and writing of the project, Brown said.

Over 100 volumes have been ordered and anyone may be placed on the preorder list to have a book guaranteed, according to Brown.

The board was responsible for inventory, typing, corrections, rechecks and more and Brown says she hopes everyone enjoys "the labor and work that was strictly volunteer except for typists."

Brown says the board expects the book to be available by Christmas or at least by the first of January.

Anyone interested in the book may secure your order by mailing a check to the Rockcastle Historical Society, 85 Spring Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, 40456. As soon as the society receives your check, you will be on the list to receive the book. The cost will be \$80 if you pick it up in Mount Vernon. Or

(Continued on B4)

## Correction

A story last week erroneously listed a new 60-bed rehabilitation center coming to Rockcastle County as "Isaiah House." The facility will actually be called "Lake Cumberland Recovery" and will focus on "families restoring families." We apologize for the error.



# Classifieds

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

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## Posted

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and KY 461 intersection. 40(23)x25

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

**Posted:** No trespassing or hunting on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincaide Ridge Road. 39x24

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

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x25

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the property must be with Orville Burkhardt.** Violators will be prosecuted. 35(23)x51p

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

**Posted:** Property belonging to Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

**Posted:** No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tnf

## Mobile Homes For Sale

**Trailer and Lot For Sale.** 3 bedrooms. In Bullock Subdv. 606-308-4778 or 606-308-4796. 42x1

## Miscellaneous For Sale

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

## Notices

**Notice is hereby given that** Angela Nicole Foster, 104 Peach Tree Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Teddy Earl Roberts, deceased, on the 8th day of November 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Angela Nicole Foster or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 40x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Charles D. Deatherage, 2259 KY Hwy. 2750, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Charles C. Deatherage, deceased, on the 22nd day of November, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Charles D.

Deatherage or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 42x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Paul Pearson, 2528 S. Tree Tower Road, Sand Gap, KY 40481 and Lydia Vincent, 360 Kings Trace Drive, Berea, KY 40403 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Bernice Adams, deceased, on the 15th day of November 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Paul Pearson & Lydia Vincent or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 15, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

## Help Wanted

**Rockcastle County 911 Center** is accepting applications for dispatcher positions. You may pick up an application Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse from the County Judge Secretary. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, submit to drug screening and a criminal history/background check. Rockcastle County 911 is an EOE. 42x2

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- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

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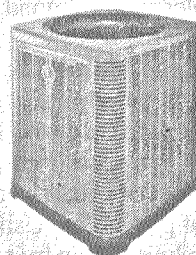
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# Rockcastle Historical Haven

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By: Markita Proctor

Before I begin this week's step back in time, I would like to express my apologies for a mistake made in the article on Rockcastle County veterans. In that article, I mistakenly said that Raymod Bullock was killed in the war. He was not killed in the war. I sincerely apologize for the mistake. I do try to find documentation for any information printed, but sometimes history is a fickle friend and I pull on a thread that was not secure. I will continue to chase the stories of our past and hope to ensure they are documented.

We have celebrated Thanksgiving and as the month of November comes to a close I turn my thoughts to the upcoming holiday season. In doing so, I would like to dig into the churches of Rockcastle County.

John Lair, in his book Rockcastle Recollections, has an extensive chapter on Churches and Cemeteries. He states that one of the first documented religious services ever conducted in the state of Kentucky was conducted by Rev. John Lythe in Boonesborough, Kentucky. Lair goes on to say that The first denomination was probably the Baptist. Rev. William Hickman was a traveling preacher sometime around 1776. Traveling preachers and traveling churches with full congregations were sometimes the only way to bring religious services

to the wilderness. The website, history.ky.gov describes the traveling church. According to the site, "In search of religious freedom, the Reverend Lewis Craig led his entire congregation of 200 Baptists and 400 other settlers from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and established them here on Gilbert's Creek. This expedition, guided through the wilderness by Captain William Ellis, was the largest group of pioneers ever to enter the District of Kentucky in a single body. Erected by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America."

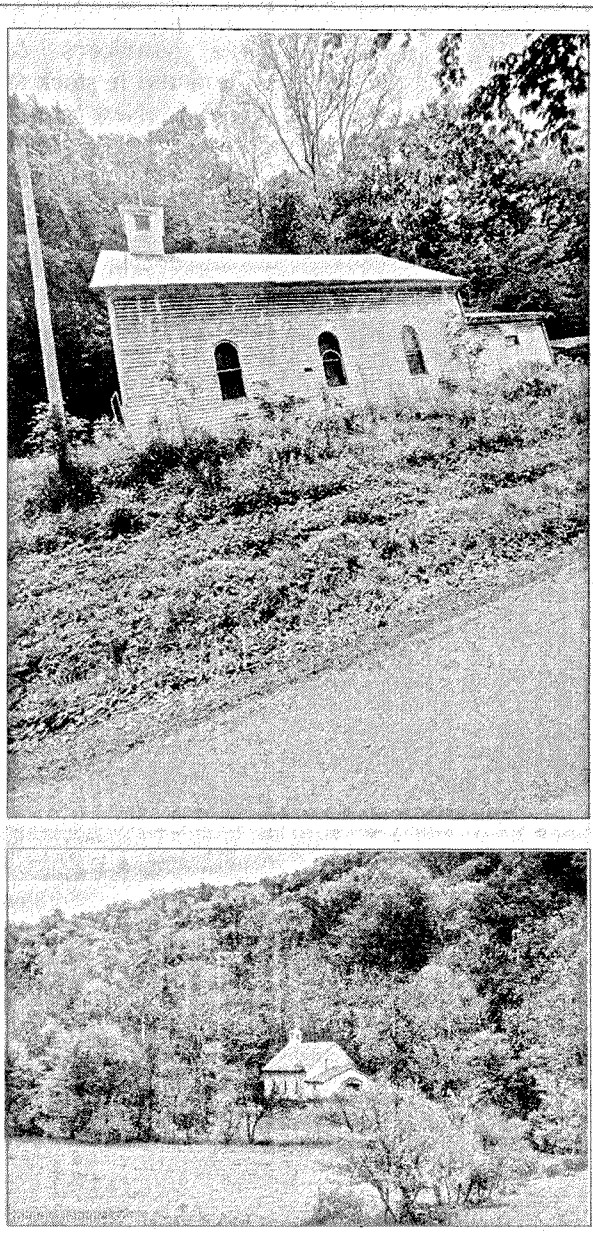
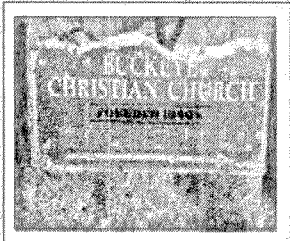
Jump ahead about 100 years, the Mt. Vernon Signal May 1889 edition reports upcoming church meetings. "There will be preaching in the month of May at the following times and places by Rev. Jas. M. Chestnuts: On the first at Calloway school house at 11 o'clock a.m.; at 3 o'clock p.m. the same day at the Cove School-house; on the third at Eingneton (the print was smudged and difficult to read this could be the wrong spelling) Valley at 11 o'clock and on the fourth at the Chestnut Ridge church at 11 o'clock a.m." So, it seems as if Rockcastle Countians were still using traveling preachers well into the 1800s. Now, that is not to say that there were no established churches with full-time preachers, but the evidence isn't clear on that.

In that same edition, there is also a report on the "colored citizens" of Livingstone. "The colored citizens have been having a protracted meeting for the past two weeks with nine additions. They have organized a church with twenty-five members." Churches were becoming more of an established presence in Kentucky and Rockcastle County. Lair suggests that one of the earlier established churches of the county was the Buckeye church. Lair states, "...the Buckeye Church was probably one of the oldest in the county and some of the earlier membership later went to the organization of both the Wildie and the Mt. Vernon Christian Churches." Interestingly, the Buckeye church is believed to have gotten its name because the church itself and the rough split log benches inside were all constructed of Buckeye logs. There are many posts on Facebook concerning

Buckeye Church in Rockcastle County. I have included some of the pictures below from "Abandoned Kentucky", "Kentucky Waterfalls, Arches and Landscapes", Phillip Choi Morris, and Tammy Gabbard.

Since these first humble services, it has been reported that there are more than 5000 churches in Kentucky and recently I have heard that there are possibly over 120 churches in Rockcastle County.

As we move into the holiday season I hope to dig deeper into the history of many of the churches of Rockcastle County. Follow me through December as we travel back in time to the religious history of Rockcastle County.



## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**FLORIDA WHITE FRUIT CAKE**

1 pound candied pineapple  
1 pound candied cherries  
4 cups chopped pecans  
2 cups flour  
1/2 pound butter, room temperature  
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, flavorings and beaten eggs. Add mixture to 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.

**FRUIT CAKE BARS**

3/4 cup butter, softened  
1 and 3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 and 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
3 cup coarsely chopped walnuts  
2 and 1/2 cups coarsely

chopped candied pineapple  
2 and 3/4 cups coarsely chopped candied cherries

Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and flour a 15 x 10 baking pan. In a mixing bowl, cream butter and brown sugar. Add egg, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Add flour and walnuts; mix well. Spread evenly into prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with pineapple and cherries; press lightly into dough. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool before cutting.

**MEXICAN FRUIT CAKE**

2 cups sugar  
2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 eggs  
1 large can crushed pineapple, do not drain  
1 cup walnuts or pecans  
1 cup golden raisins

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9 x 13 pan with non-stick spray or grease well. Stir all ingredients together with a wooden spoon. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 30 minutes.

**ICING:**

2 cups powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened  
1 stick margarine or butter, melted

Beat with electric mixer until smooth. Pour over warm cake.

Recipe came from Cousin Margaret Anderson. She brought to Poynter reunion 2012.



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- 6) Rye fungus
- 11) Santa \_\_\_\_\_, Calif.
- 14) Coffee emanation
- 15) Wife of Abraham
- 16) Cupid's mo.
- 17) Initial use of nuclear weapons
- 19) "O death, where is \_\_\_\_\_ sting?"
- 20) Football support
- 21) Bird call
- 22) Lecherous looks
- 24) Burn a bit, as a burger
- 25) It's white and fleecy
- 26) Acted the umpire, in a way
- 31) Audibly
- 32) A poker stake
- 33) Flight on a shuttle
- 36) Like a recluse
- 37) Coccoon occupants
- 39) Gentleman of the road
- 40) Drumstick, initially
- 41) At \_\_\_\_\_ (military order)
- 42) Breakfast staple
- 43) Some forms of protest
- 47) Sprinkle
- 49) Sandbox toy
- 50) Doughboy's ally
- 51) Wet bars?
- 53) "Crikey!"
- 56) "\_\_\_\_\_ Father, who art ..."
- 57) Camel competitor
- 60) Wrath
- 61) Erupt, as tempers
- 62) Gain computer access
- 63) Drug that might cause flashbacks
- 64) Valuable stringed instrument, for short
- 65) Ivory partner

### DOWN

- 1) Huck Finn's boat
- 2) Famous canal
- 3) Mad as a hornet
- 4) Letters on an ambulance
- 5) Observed
- 6) Fruity-smelling chemical compounds
- 7) Flet mignon order, sometimes
- 8) What cleats increase
- 9) Furniture wood
- 10) Similar stuff
- 11) Earthquake follow-up
- 12) Indira Gandhi's father
- 13) Bottomless gulf
- 18) A herring relative
- 23) Before, romantically
- 24) Whodunit board game
- 25) Provide as a footnote
- 26) Refuse to raise
- 27) Cosmetic additive
- 28) Not buzz-cut
- 29) Come to the point?
- 30) Some strands in a cell
- 34) Bassoon's smaller kin
- 35) Soprano Lily
- 37) It gets flipped
- 38) "\_\_\_\_\_ it or lose it"
- 39) Icy pellets
- 41) Inundates
- 42) React angrily
- 44) It often starts with "www"
- 45) Incapable of littering
- 46) Military "lights out" song
- 51) Category with \_\_\_\_\_, sometimes
- 52) Creole pod
- 53) Computer acronym for sloppy work
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Members of the Lady Rockets squad are pictured above, front row, from left: Kelsey Maupin, Trinity Childress, Kinsley Smith, Kaylee Smith, Tessa Begley, Jaden McPhetridge and Sadie Osborne. Middle row from left: asst. coach Chrissy Cash, Carleigh Philbeck, Brooklyn Smith, Camryn Cash, Talynne Shearer, Haven King, Kelsey Rowe, Aaroley Griffith and head coach Chrysti Noble. Back row from left: asst. coach Bert King, Markley Richards, Macy Spivey, Taylor King, Brylee Mullins, Ella McKinney and asst. coach Brett Gaynor.

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## ***Rockcastle County Rockets***

Members of the Rockets basketball squad are pictured at left, front row, from left: Maddux McClure, Caleb Alexander, Xavier Leger, Nolan Bryant, and Jaken Masters.

Middle row from left: Harper McCool, Trent Wilson, Cameron Smith, Maddox Parsons, Jace Rogers, and Caleb Moore.

Back row from left: Colton Cash, Connor Hunt, Walker Craig, Skyler Durham, and Chris Chuquirima. Not pictured: Tucker Warren.

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# Rockets looking to improve on 16-16 season

**By: Chad Hensley**

A promising season in boys high school basketball is upon us as the Rockcastle County Rockets head into the season looking to improve upon a 16-16 record and a 47th District runner-up finish in 2021-22.

The Rockets, who are led by head coach Andrew Cash, return nearly all their roster from last season that includes almost 55 out of 60 points per game on offense and 22 of 26 rebounds per game.

"Last season, we had a lot of young guys seeing big varsity minutes," commented Coach Cash about the 2022-23 squad. "We had our ups and downs, but you will have that playing the majority of freshman and sophomores. Overall, I was pleased with the progress that we saw with our group. We ended the regular season at 15-14 and got a district win against Somerset to help get us back to the regional tournament.

"We fell short in the district finals against Pulaski County and faced an experienced West Jessamine team in the region bringing our total to 16-16. We knew we had some talented kids, but strength was going to play a big factor in a lot of games, and it did. After that, we had a bunch of guys living in the weight room to get ready for this season."

The team may have lived in the weight room during the offseason, but the one thing they have that a coach just can't teach is the height factor. The shortest player that will likely get a lot of minutes probably stands at 6-foot-1 with at least three at 6-foot-6 or taller. It is a luxury that most high school teams in this part of the state just aren't blessed with.

"We do have a very big

lineup," Coach Cash added. "This is probably the biggest that I can remember and the good thing about it is that they can all guard multiple positions. We are going to play hard and get after it on both ends of the floor every night. I tell the guys all the time that sometimes the ball isn't going to go in like we want it to, and we can't control that, but we can control how hard we play. We like to shoot the 3-ball and have a few guys that can play around the rim, so hopefully we will see a few dunks a game."

Included among the returnees is highly touted Walker Craig, who is a 6-foot-7, 181-pound sophomore guard. Thanks to a successful summer with the Griffin Elite AAU program, Craig has garnered attention from Division I schools such as Morehead State, Indiana State and Tennessee Tech.

"Walker is a gym rat," Coach Cash spoke about his talented sophomore. "He's always in the gym working on his game and working to get better. I look for him to have a good sophomore run. He shot 43 percent from long range his freshman year and has continued to shoot it well from deep this offseason. He has worked on attacking the basket and becoming a more well-rounded scorer. I've seen him just trying to make a basketball play more this year rather than trying to force shots up over defenders. He's trusting his teammates to make plays and it's going to help himself out in the big picture."

Last season, Craig led the Rockets in numerous offensive categories including points (502), points per game (15.7), field goals (165), 3-pointers (73) and free throws (99) to go along with team highs in re-

bounds (154) and rebounds per game (4.8).

Craig, Trent Wilson, Jace Rogers, Connor Hunt, Skyler Durham and Maddox Parsons all saw significant minutes last season with Craig, Wilson and Rogers playing in all 32 contests for the Rockets.

While Craig may be garnering the most attention from Division I scouts, the Rockets are not a one-man shop when it comes to scoring. Durham (9.1), Wilson (8.4), and Hunt (6.2) can all score at any given time from anywhere on the offensive side of the court and will all be enough of a headache for opposing teams that they can't double-team Craig.

Hunt led the Rockets in field goal percentage shooting at a 56.3 clip while making 71 of 126 attempts in 31 contests.

Coach Cash had the following to say about the bulk of his returners this season:

"Skyler Durham is a guy that can play any position on offense or defense. I look for him to help lead the charge on both ends of the floor. He has really matured up from freshman year until now and understands what he has to do for this team. Trent Wilson plays extremely hard all the time. He makes a lot of things happen on the floor. He does all the little things that it takes to win that doesn't get a lot of credit. He is another guy that can get hot quickly if he sees a shot or two go down. Connor Hunt beefed up this offseason and really worked hard on transforming his body. He should be a force on the post this year and be a guy that averages a double-double. Maddox Parsons is another guy that can play multiple positions on both sides of the floor and can score the basket-

ball from deep and attack the basket. He was another guy that added muscle and lived in the weight room. Jace Rogers grew a few inches in the off-season. He missed some time with a broken nose but should be good to go. We just have to get him back in game shape and he will be ready to lead the charge at point. Jace adding a few inches will help him finish at the rim through contact. Harper McCool is a guy that has developed his game over his four years and can come in and give us important minutes. He does the little things that don't get a lot of credit. These guys put a lot of time in the weight room this offseason and it's paid off. Last year, strength was an issue, and we knew we had to

change that. Hopefully it transitions on the court. Any of these guys can put a lot of points up quickly. As long as we play together and not try to do too much with the ball, we can be a hard team to guard. Just play within themselves and make a basketball play."

With the success that is expected from the team this season, the Rocket faithful are hoping that the team can build off the momentum that the football team had during the fall with players such as Caleb Moore, Tucker Warren, Cameron Smith, Hunter Pingleton and Xavier Leger on the roster.

"Tucker Warren is a strong, physical kid that has a lot of

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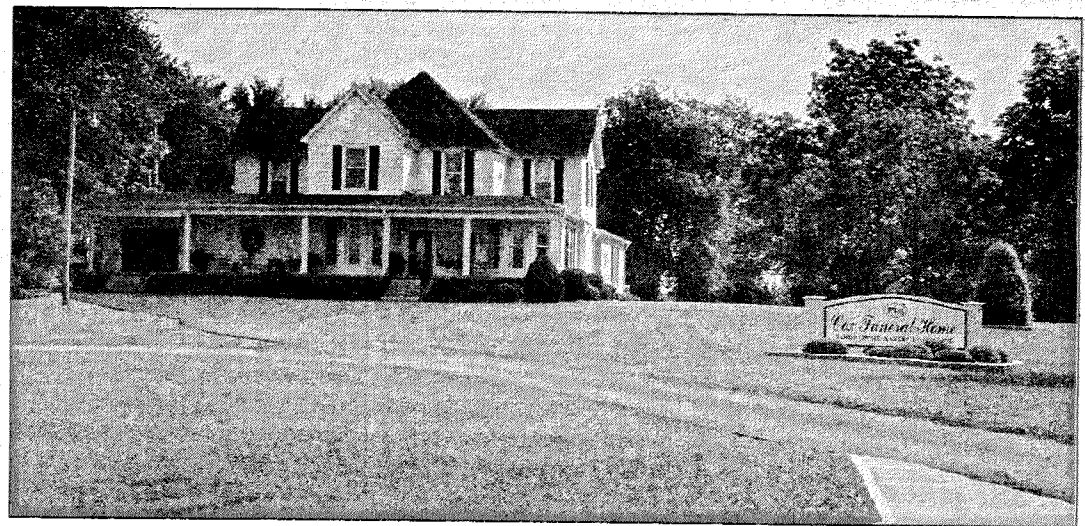
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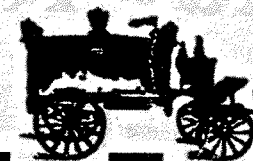
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# Lady Rockets begin season Friday at home

By: Chad Hensley

The 2022-23 edition of the Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets basketball team will look to improve on a strong 20-9 record from last season with the majority of their scoring output retuning for what promises to be an exciting season.

Rockcastle, which is coached by the legendary Chrysti Noble, exited the 47th District tournament by way of a 58-50 loss to Somerset, but was able to string along winning streaks of 10 and seven games at various points throughout the regular season.

"Unfortunately, the end to the season wasn't what we wanted and worked for," commented Coach Noble. "We won some games, but your last game is what mattered the most. Hopefully, our team will keep that in the back of their mind and use it as motivation to work harder."

Gone from last season's team three-point specialist Keelee King, who shot for better than 35 percent from long range for her career. Also not returning due to graduation are Calleigh Burdette, Savannah Santo and Karlee Smith, who along with King accounted for 18.8 out of 57.6 per game.

With the return of nearly 40 points per game, the Lady Rockets have a bevy of talent on their roster including seniors Talyne Shearer, Camryn Cash, Haven King, Kelsey Rowe and Brooklyn Smith.

Shearer led the team in many offensive categories including total points (445) and points per game (15.3) while also hauling a team-leading 203 rebounds (seven per game). Haven King added 104 rebounds of her own while Cash, Rowe and Smith are vocal leaders on the team.

"It is an opportunity for them and the rest of the team to step up," Coach Noble added about her team's seniors. "It takes five

players on the floor at a time and ten others always working at practice. Talyne has the ability to do it all. She needs to use her motor all the time. Cam is a good three-point shooter and Haven is a good rebounder who can also step out and score. We need all three to be able to handle pressure and score. The seniors need to be more vocal, and lead by example. Kelsey Rowe and Brooklyn Smith are my other two seniors. They are hard workers."

A player to watch out for and will look to make a name for herself is Macy Spivey, who as a freshman last season averaged 5.2 points and two rebounds per contest. Spivey had a fantastic summer with her Richmond Heat travel team placing high in just about every tournament they played in against some of the best competition on the

circuit.

"Macy is very athletic and has the ability to do lots of things," mentioned Coach Noble about the sophomore combo guard. "She is very explosive and can run the floor, shoot the three and get to the rim. She needs to work on being more physical."

Rocket Madness was held

*"Unfortunately, the end to the season wasn't what we wanted and worked for. We won some games, but your last game is what mattered the most. Hopefully, our team will keep that in the back of their mind and use it as motivation to work harder."*

—Chrysti Noble

on Monday, Nov. 20, and fans got a look into how a few other players on the roster will handle themselves on the court. While it may have been an intrasquad scrimmage, Players such as Haven and Taylor King, Ella McKinney, Abby DeLeon, Markley Richards and Brylee Mullins had outstanding performances.

"Haven is also a good anticipator on defense and plays bigger than her size," Coach Noble added. "Her sister Taylor King will run the point. She has good handles, can get to the rim and shoot the three as well. You will see lots of good things out of Taylor. Markley is another athletic player that will contribute to this team. She has a nice jump shot and is very quick on defense. Ella is another Lady Rocket who is versatile and knows

everyone's position. She has a nice shot with a quick release. Abby and Brylee will bring some size inside. Abby is very strong and has a nice drop step while Brylee is a good rebounder."

The schedule is once again peppered with some outstanding competition that includes district foes Pulaski

County, Somerset and Casey County as well as the likes of Lexington Catholic, Raceland, Paul L. Dunbar, Mercer County, Danville

Christian and Jackson County.

Another 20-win season is possible, but the main goal of putting together a strong schedule is to get a team ready for postseason play. This season, the Lady Rockets won't have to travel far for the district tournament as it will be played inside the friendly confines of Rock Arena.

"It will take every player giving it their all every day," exclaimed Coach Noble. "Pulaski is the favorite in the district and the region and Southwestern is probably the second best in our region. Currently, we are working on ourselves. When you play better competition, it will make you better for tournament time. Your team doesn't get better beating teams by 30 plus. Don't get me wrong, I like to win as much as any-

one, but I think the Lady Rockets need a tough schedule to make them rise to the occasion."

One thing is certain and that the girls will be led into battle by one of the most influential and caring women they will come across. Coach Noble is a legend in her own right and is respected throughout the state after having led the Lady Rockets as their head coach for 33 seasons and amassed a record of 610-361.

The 64-46 win over Casey County on Jan. 13, 2023, was the 600th win of Coach Noble's illustrious career in command of a Lady Rockets program that has a state title in 2011 as well as seven regional titles and numerous other district crowns.

Not one to brag about herself, Coach Noble gives all the credit for the program's success to everyone else involved throughout the years.

"I haven't won those games," said Coach Noble. "I have been blessed with many great teams, consisting of great players, who loved the game and loved to win. The good Lord, my family, my coaches, my support staff, my community and Rocket fans have all contributed to the Lady Rocket legacy."

It is that legacy that this 2023-24 team will look to add accolades to as they begin the season with Madison Central at home on Friday, Dec. 1. Tipoff against the Lady Indians is slated for around 7:30 p.m.



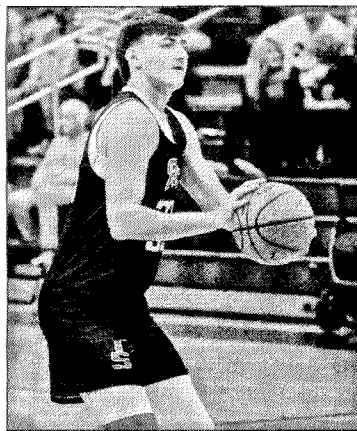
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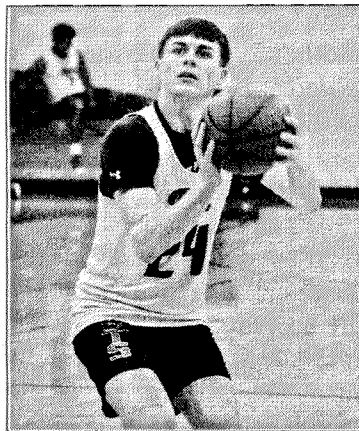
Senior members of the Lady Rockets are shown above, from left: Brooklyn Smith, Camryn Cash, Talynne Shearer, Haven King and Kelsey Rowe.

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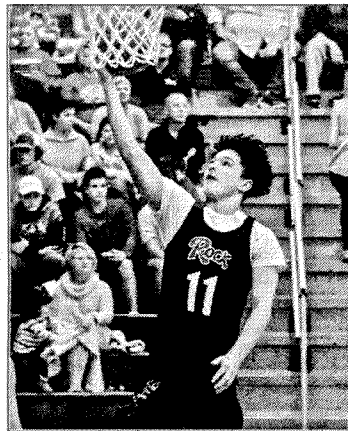
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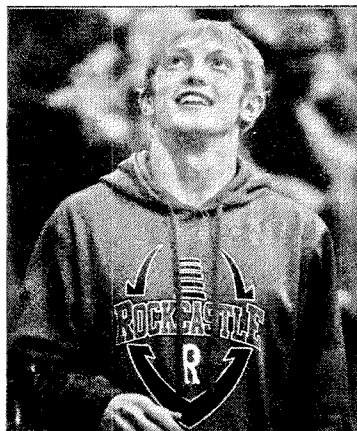
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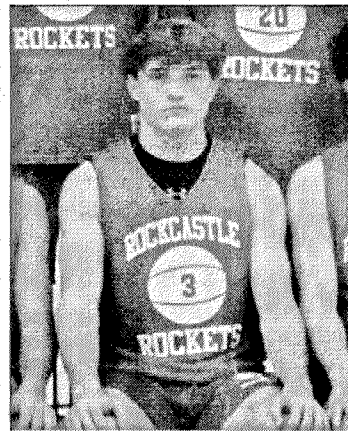
Harper McCool



At left:  
Tucker Warren

At right:  
Caleb Moore

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## Basketball

### Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
12-1	McCreary Central	Away	7:30
12-5	Danville	Home	7:30
12-8	Somerset*	Home	7:30
12-12	Boyle County*	Home	7:30
12-15	Casey County*	Home	8:00
12/20-22		@S. Laurel	TBA

*(Legacy Nissan Tournament)*

12/27-29		@TN	TBA
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*(Smoky Mountain Winter Classic)*

1-2	Somerset*	Away	7:30
1-5	Pulaski County*	Home	7:30
1-6	PRP	@Montgomery Co.	TBA

*(Joe B./Denny Classic)*

1-12	Casey County*	Home	8:00
1-16	Wayne County*	Home	7:30
1-19	Pulaski County*	Away	7:30
1-22	Anderson County	Home	7:00
1/26-27		Home	TBA

*(Rocket Classic)*

1-30	Madison Central	Home	7:30
2-2	Madison Southern*	@ Berea Coll.	TBA
2-5	Barbourville	Away	7:30
2-8	South Laurel	Home	7:30
2-9	Mercer County*	Away	7:30
2-13	Southwestern	Home	7:30
2-16	Russell Co.*	Home	7:30
2-20	Model	Away	7:30

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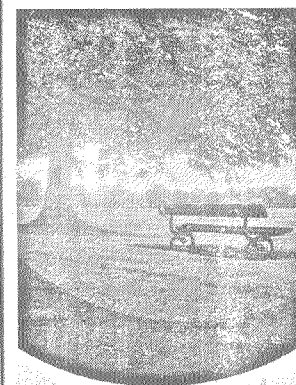




### 2023-2024 Lady Rockets Freshmen

Members of the Lady Rocket freshmen team are pictured above, from left: Kelsey Maupin, Carleigh Philbeck, Kinsley Smith, Aaroley Griffith, Kaylee Smith, Tessa Begley, Jaden McPhetridge and Sadie Osborne.

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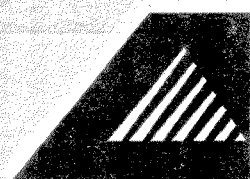
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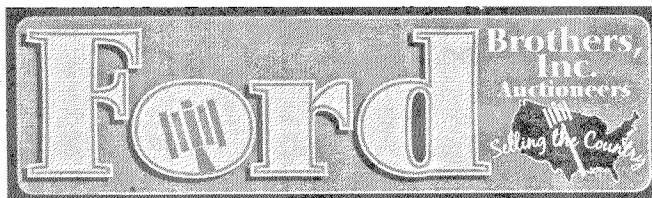

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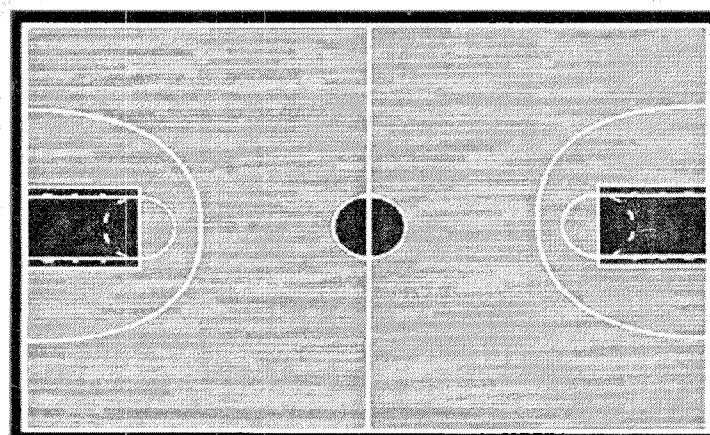
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## Basketball Schedule

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12-1	Madison Central	Home	7:30
12-4	South Laurel	Away	7:30
12-8	Somerset*	Away	6:00
12-11	Lexington Catholic	Home	7:30
12-12	Boyle County*	Home	6:00
12-15	Casey County*	Home	6:30
12-21	Bath Co.	@Bath Co.	6:30
12-22	Raceland	@Bath Co.	2:00
12-23	Menifee Co.	@Bath Co.	5:00
12/27-29	Smoky Mtn. Winter Classic @TN	TBD	
1-2	Somerset*	Home	6:00
1-5	Pulaski County*	Home	6:00
1-6	@Franklin Co		TBD
1-12	Casey County*	Away	6:30
1-16	Wayne County*	Home	6:00
1-19	Pulaski County*	Away	6:00
1-23	Estill County	Home	7:30
1/26-27	Rocket Classic	Home	TBA
1-29	Whitley County	Away	7:30
2-2	Madison Southern*	Berea Coll.	TBA
2-3	Bell County	Away	TBA
2-6	Knox Central	Home	7:30
2-9	Mercer County*	Away	6:00
2-16	Russell County*	Home	7:30
2-19	Garrard County	Away	7:30
2-22	Danville Christian	Away	7:30

\*Denotes Lady Rockets/Rockets Doubleheader

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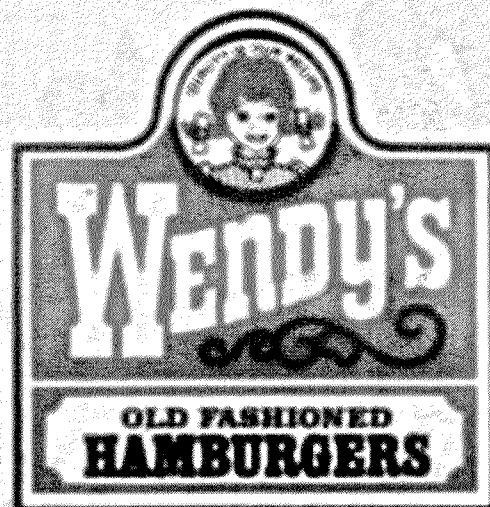
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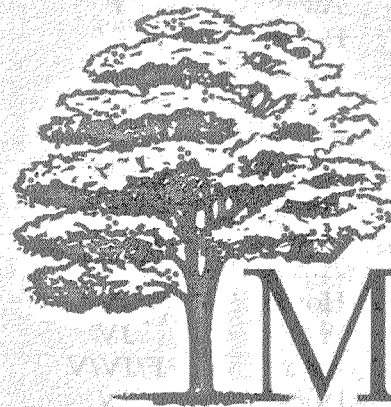
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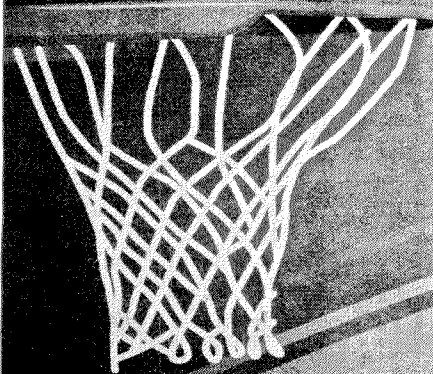
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12-2	11:00 a.m.	Madison Southern	Home	F
12-2	Noon	East Jessamine	Home	F
12-4	6:00	South Laurel	Away	JV
12-5	6:30	Southwestern	Away	F/JV
12-7	6:30	Madison Central	Away	F
12-11	6:00	Lexington Catholic	Home	JV
12-19	2:00	East Jessamine	Away	F/JV
1-8-24	TBD	Pulaski County	TBD	F/JV
1-9	TBD	Southwestern	Home	F/JV
1-11	6:45	Whitley County	Home	F/JV
1-13	10:00 a.m.	Madison Southern	Away	F/JV
1-15	TBD	Pulaski County	TBD	F/JV
1-20	TBD	Boyle County	Away	F/JV
1-23	6:00	Estill County	Home	JV
1-29	6:00	Whitley County	Away	JV
2-3	TBD	Bell County	Away	F/JV/V
2-6	6:00	Knox Central	Home	JV
2-19	6:00	Garrard County	Away	JV
2-22	6:00	Danville Christian Academy	Away	JV

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Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Teams
12-1	6:00	McCreary Central	Away	JV
12-5	6:00	Danville	Home	JV
12-7	6:45	North Laurel	Home	F/JV
12-9	10am/Noon	Pulaski Co.	Away	F
12-16	TBD	TBD	Home	F
12-18/19	TBD	South Laurel	Away	F
1-6	10am/Noon	Southwestern	Away	F
1-8	6:45	Boyle County	Home	F/JV
1-13	10am/Noon	Casey Co.	Away	F
1-22	6:00	Anderson Co.	Home	JV
1-23	6:45	North Laurel	Away	F/JV
1-30	6:00	Madison Central	Home	JV
2-5	6:00	Barbourville	Away	JV
2-8	6:45	South Laurel	Home	F/JV
2-10	TBD	Fresh. Region @Southwestern		F
2-12	6:45	Barbourville	Home	F/JV
2-13	6:00	Southwestern	Home	JV
2-20	6:00	Model	Away	JV

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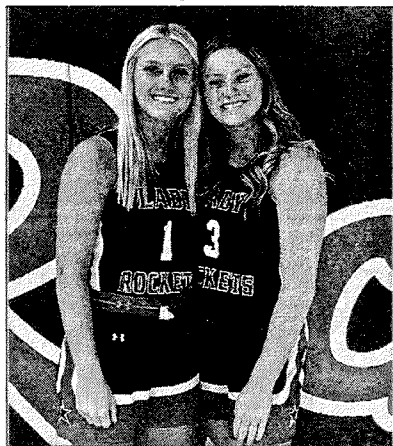
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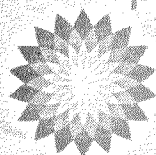
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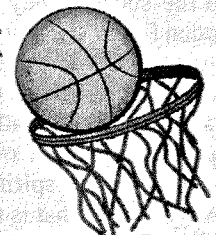
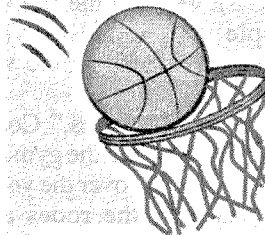
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## "Rockets"

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big-game experience," Coach Cash mentioned about Warren after he led the Rockets football team to a district title and an appearance in the region finals. "He's a competitor and will be a big help to us once he gets in basketball shape. Cam Smith needs to get in basketball shape. He plays hard and is a guy that does all the little things. He will push guys to bring it every day in practice. Caleb Moore is coming back to play this season and is another guy that has big-game experience. Hopefully his energy and quickness comes in and is an asset to us. If you start the season off right during football and have the success they had, our guys can feed off of that and keep things going. We were at most games cheering them on and I feel all of our student-athletes are supportive of each other and have great school spirit."

Any success that is to be had will be against the stout schedule that Coach Cash has thrown together this season. There is no easy game within the 47th District with all four programs having the ability to win the district title come late February when the Rockets will host the event.

"Hosting the 47th District hopefully will be a big advantage," mentioned Coach Cash. "Our district is probably one of the toughest in the region and will be a battle for the top seed. Casey will be a little down graduating several seniors, but we can't take for granted and overlook them. We still have to go play and compete. Us, Pulaski County and Somerset will be battling for the top spot. PC had one of the better junior varsity squads last year. They lost two of their best players from last season's state tournament team but will be your typical physical PC bunch. They will play hard & compete and give themselves a chance. Somerset returns two of the top players in the region.

They will have a solid team back as well. They are going to play hard and can score the basketball if we don't defend them."

Danville Christian is the preseason favorite to win the 12th Region tournament with Boyle County, Wayne County, Somerset and Rockcastle County rounding out the top five according to a recent poll released by the 12th Region Sports Network.

Along with strong district and region foes on the schedule, Coach Cash has his Rockets playing against the likes of Greenwood, Louisville Fairdale, Knox Central, Sayre, Frankfort, Madison Southern and Wolfe County.

"Year in and year out, we play a pretty solid schedule," Coach Cash talked about the gauntlet of a schedule his team will face. "We play a lot of the top teams in the region as well as some top teams from other regions. Before Christmas, we are playing in the Legacy Nissan Dribble Drive Challenge and face off with Greenwood High School. I think they were picked third in their region. The next game will be against South Laurel or Owen County with both having solid teams. The other side of the bracket has Mason County, Christian Academy of Louisville, Corbin and Harlan Independent. After Christmas, we are headed to Tennessee for the Smoky Mountain Winter Classic. We will mostly play some teams from Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia. On January 6, we are going to Montgomery County to play against Fairdale in the Joe B./Denny Classic.

"Then we have our Rocket Classic the last Friday and Saturday of January. We will have some solid matchups with teams from our region matched up with teams outside the region. It's two solid days of basketball. Playing this type of schedule definitely tests you

and gets you ready for tourney time and we want to be challenged along the way. You get to see what guys are ready for the big moments and we hope to be right there in the mix of it all for a chance to be dancing at Rupp."

One thing that is for sure about Rockcastle boys basketball is that regardless of what name is written down in the scorebook, it is one big family among the team with all the players being like brothers to one another. The inspiration for the familial feel for the team is the closeness that they see Coach Cash with his own brother Aaron during practices and games.

The Cash brothers are leading the team by example thanks in large part to learning to love the game from their father and long-time RCHS boys basketball coach Clayton Cash who led the Rockets to a couple regional titles when Coach Aaron was leading the way on the court.

"We grew up Rockets," Coach Cash boasted. "Being in the gym and around all these guys over the years, we were learning the ropes at a young age. It is very special to me to be able to follow in my dad's footsteps to lead this program and having my brother with me is pretty special as well. We've put a lot of blood, sweat and tears in this gym and to carry on this family tradition is unbelievable...helping teach these kids of what it means to be a Rocket, I take great pride in that. Coaching and winning games is great but allowing me to be a part of the process of seeing them come in as boys and help them through the ups and downs and see them walk out as successful men in whatever path they choose to go in is the ultimate win. I love all my guys past and present. I'm so thankful that I get to be a part of their journey."

The Rockets will look to put all the hard work and dedication to the game in preseason practice into action when they hit the court against McCreary Central at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 in Stearns, Ky.

The first home contest of the season will be on Monday, Dec. 5, when the Rockets welcome the Danville Admirals to Rock Arena at 7:30 p.m.

# 2023-2024 Rockets

## Roster

	Position	Grade
Skyler Durham	PF, SF	12
Harper McCool	G	12
Trenton Wilson	SF, SG	12
Tucker Warren	SG, PG	12
Caleb Moore	G	12
Connor Hunt	C, PF	11
Kaleb Alexander	W	11
Walker Craig	G, SF, SG	10
Maddox Parsons	PF, SF	10
Jace Rogers	PG	10
Maddux McClure	G	10
James Cash	F	9
Xavier Leger		9
Caden Lovell	G, W	9
Hunter Pingleton		9
Cameron Smith	F	9

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