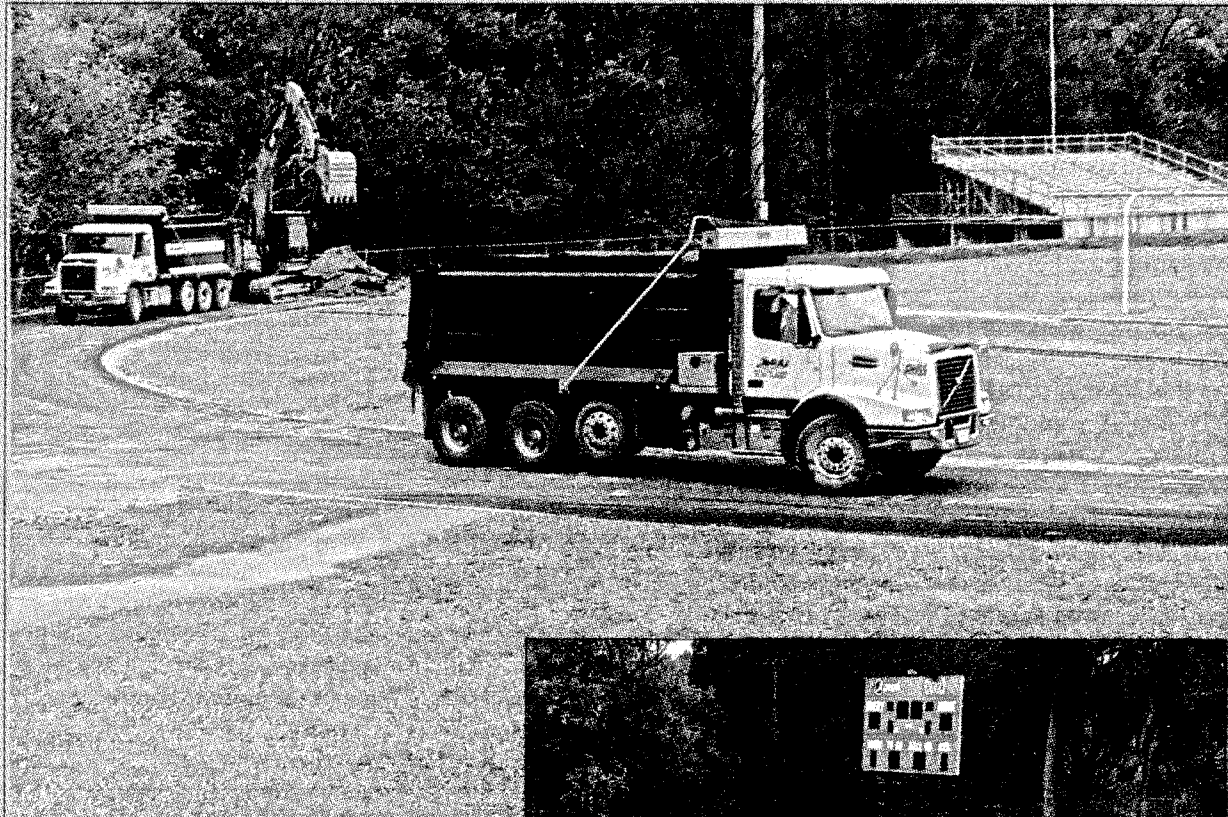


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RCMS Construction underway



Construction is underway at the new \$53 million Rockcastle County Middle School. The project is expected to last about 36 months and contractors say they are working to cause as little disruption as possible to students and staff. Shown above, workers have started the process by dismantling the track. A new football field and track are expected to be modernized and provide a safer, and more efficient environment.



Chamber gives city council candidates a chance to speak

Ten of 11 candidates participate

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle/Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce invited all 11 Mount Vernon City Council candidates to their monthly meeting last week to give the community a better idea of whom they would be voting for in the November general election. Ten of the eleven showed up for the event. Only candidate Chandler Hunter did not participate.

Chamber Chairman Steve McKinney provided an introduction to those present at Marcella Farm to Fork Restaurant meeting room where the first time event was held.

After recognizing special guests and local elected officials, McKinney said the meeting was a simple intro-

duction for each of the candidates. "This is not a debate. We are simply trying to do our part in introducing candidates who are running for office to the community," he said. "We haven't done anything like this before but we hope to provide an opportunity for each candidate to introduce themselves and tell a little something about themselves and what they hope to accomplish as community leaders."

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen talked shortly with those present and explained the local voting dates and times. Allen said she expects a large turn out in November and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Each candidate then
(See "Vote" on A5)

County officials discuss projects with Brodhead officials

By: Mike French
Editor

With the acquisition of the Rockcastle County Industrial Park near Brodhead, and the 1,400 acre megasite in Brodhead, the natural gas pipeline now coming through Brodhead and the discussion of a new water source from Danville through Brodhead, city commissioners had been asking for county officials to visit the Brodhead City Commission to explain how all the growth and development is expected to affect their residents.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook attended Monday evening's

regular monthly meeting to explain all the projects and answer any questions the commission and mayor may have. And they had a lot.

"This means a lot that you both came to help us to understand everything going on, including the motives behind it all," said Commissioner Brian Bullock. "We hear from our citizens every day asking what is going on with this project or that development. We greatly appreciate your brining this information to us."

After providing detailed explanations, by the two officials, of each of the four projects underway, members of the commission expressed their full support of the projects and said they felt sure each project would benefit the citizens of

Brodhead. In fact, Bullock made a motion to draft a city resolution in support of the new potential water line project bringing water from Danville to Rockcastle.

The motion passed unanimously.

VanHook explained the goal of the potential water line project would be to pay for the project completely through

grants and state funding and that each city or territory the water line passes through will be a partner in the project capable of receiving dividends or participating in

the resale of the product. According to VanHook, the additional water source would provide more water of better quality to every entity in-

(See "Projects" on A5)

Fiscal Court holds monthly meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

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

After approving minutes for three previous meetings, the court agreed to extend the \$1,000 Trail Town support to the City of Livingston for another three months. The motion passed unanimously.

The court also agreed to \$1,140 in program support to the Rockcastle Development Board and received the RCIDA financial report for review.

The court also agreed to extend Lear Lane by an additional 2,285 feet nearly doubling the length of the lane.

The court voted to seek a quote for the repair of fencing along the Brodhead Fairgrounds and the installation of air vents in the horse arena. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said officials are seeking a grant that he hopes will pay 50% of the expense.

Holbrook also told the court the county received a check for \$2,000 from the road rally organizers as a donation for security and assistance with traffic as well as other help from local fire departments. Holbrook said after taking off the ambulance service bill of \$175, the Pongo, Climax and Livingston Fire Departments will receive \$456 each for their assistance. Holbrook said the Mount

Vernon Fire Department portion will be used toward the \$24,000 new engine in one of the department's fire trucks.

The court also reviewed the Livingston gym rental report showing \$425 in rental fees

last month.

Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel challenged the court to match recent Kiwanis donations to the local schools. Hansel said the club donated \$1,000 to

(See "Meeting" on A5)

MVPD to hire three SROs

City drops 2024 property tax rate

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held a special called meeting last week to deal with two issues.

First on the agenda was the first reading of an ordinance setting the property tax rate in the city.

According to City Administrator Andrew Pensol, the council voted to drop the 2024 tax rate from .1497 to .1466. The ordinance leaves the vehicle tax rate at the same level as 2023 at 16.7 cents

per \$100.

"We want to help people all we can," said Mayor Tim Roberts. "When we can drop the tax rate, that's what we try to do."

According to Roberts, the city's revenue will remain very close to the same as last year's revenue due to an increase in assessed value of property in 2024. "Since property is valued slightly higher, it allowed us to drop the tax rate and still maintain our revenue and continue the services we

(See "Tax" on A5)

Local man arrested after foot chase

By: Mike French
Editor

Kentucky State Police arrested Justin Bishop, 32, of Scaffold Cane, after a foot chase last week.

A Kentucky State Police trooper spotted a vehicle on Scaffold Cane Road with unrestrained occupants. The citation says both occupants attempted to place seat belts on after spotting the

cruiser. The trooper initiated a traffic stop and the citation says the driver claimed to be Dustin Barrett and provided a social security number. However, in a records check on site, the trooper discovered the name and number did not match.

Bishop then left from the car and ran over a steep embankment and

(See "Chase" on A5)

Halloween just two weeks away

It is once again the time of year for ghosts and goblins as All Hallows Eve, also known as Halloween, is just 14 days away on October 31.

Halloween has been traced back to an ancient Celtic Festival known as Samhain. According to History.com, the festival was held each year on a night that Druids believed that souls of the dead came back to their homes. Those with such fears wore costumes and lit bonfires to scare off any spirits that may enter into the area on that evening.

Today, the celebration in America is centered more on children and trick or treat events

Officials in Mount Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston have set officials times for youngsters to participate in Halloween events.

All three cities have designated Thursday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. as door-to-door trick-or-treating time. In Mount Vernon, City Administrator Andrew Pensol said door-to-door trick or treat will be the only Halloween celebration in the city and the residential and business decoration contest will not be observed this year.

Brodhead City Clerk Becky Bussell said door-to-door trick or treating will be underway in the city limits as well as Halloween at the Park at the Depot Park. Everyone is invited to attend the Halloween at the Park event in which anyone may hand out treats from their vehicle

(See "Halloween" on A5)

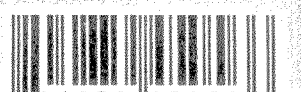
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ramblings...
by; perlina m. anderkin

I have been listening to some videos on X, made by civilian volunteers on the ground, concerning the ongoing horrible situation, particularly in Asheville, NC and the mountains of the same area.
I know that some of your all's first reaction is going to be that these videos are from the far right sector and are deliberately politicizing the situation. Well, maybe you are right about it being from the far right sector because, quite frankly, they seem to be the only ones on the ground trying to help these people. FEMA workers get on TV occasionally and tell you how much they are doing which is immediately refuted by residents and volunteer aid workers who say they are doing NOTHING, NOTHING!!
It's been over two weeks and there are still bodies that have not been recovered and the buzzards are out in force and the stench is unreal, by all accounts.
One resident claimed that FEMA was only positioning themselves in areas that are easily accessible and only doing the bare minimum there. There are even reports of FEMA shutting down donation sites, denying aid and denying volunteers the opportunity to render aid!!
Of course, being of the Conservative persuasion, I'm not surprised and neither should any of you be (regardless of your political affiliation). We have been shown time and time again, this regime actually cares nothing for the populace.
Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas came out immediately after the very unusual (might I even say unprecedented) flooding of the mountainous Western North Carolina area - with absolutely no warning from anyone -- and said that FEMA did not have enough funds to last through the hurricane season.
People, more inquisitive than I, immediately responded that that might be because they had spent \$1.4 BILLION of their budget on benefits for the over 13 million illegal aliens this regime has allowed into this country and whom, we, the taxpayers, have been keeping up with free housing in four and five star hotels, three squares a day of culturally appropriate food, free medical, free phone, free college tuition and a cash card worth thousands!!
Of course, Mayorkas through his minions, the main stream media, immediately denied this unconditionally.. However, further research revealed that the money did not come from money allocated by FEMA for natural disasters at home, but from the allocation FEMA made, from their budget, for the upkeep of illegal immigrants!! Small distinction since no where in our Constitution can you find any requirement that we, the taxpayers, take care of illegals. I'm sorry (not really), I am guilty of not using the "appropriate" term for illegal immigrants. It was first decreed by the federal regime that they must be referred to as "undocumented" and, when that didn't satisfy the limousine liberals, it was changed to "newcomer"
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I'll be voting 'no'
Dear Editor,
Hooray! The ultra conservatives in our legislature have finally succeeded in getting on the ballot a measure that can destroy our public schools system. Because it was sponsored by our fellow Republicans, are we to simply follow our leaders and vote 'yes'? Just as you, I received a flyer in the mail touting the (false claims) that taking money from the public schools will somehow hire more teachers and give them much needed pay raises. A second grader's math easily proves if you remove funding from public schools there will be less for teacher pay. What it will do, however, is give money for private and church schools that might have very few academic standards and based on things other than scientific knowledge. There's no doubt that some private schools have excellent teachers, as do many public schools, but if my tax money goes to private schools I lose control of my tax dollars. In public schools I can at least elect board members
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Aces Over
By: Mike French

It was usually rather cool outside but me and my cousins and friends were fairly warm. With all the layers of silk and burlap and plastic we had on our bodies, plus the running and adrenaline flow, we stayed rather warm all night. We watched the clock and had our bags ready to go. "Come on 6 o'clock! Hurry up." Finally, we were released.
We barely heard them as our parents yelled "be careful and have fun." We had a million other things on our minds at the time and we weren't going to waste a moment. After all, this joyous occasion only lasted a couple of hours per year and we were going to take full advantage of it.
It was time for Trick-or-Treat! Only Christmas and Easter were as exciting for us youngsters in those days.
Our costumes usually included a \$1 plastic mask with an elastic string around our head and looked like Batman, Superman, a skull face or a clown. Our clothing was the result of hours of work by our mothers finding old clothes or tablecloths and fashioning them into a costume of sorts. As Superman or Batman, the job was easy. A red or black bath towel served well as the cape and a big "S" on our chest came from lipstick.
We were just as happy with those as kids today are with \$400 latex, movie masks and studio quality costumes. In fact, I think we were more proud because we weren't used to getting just every little whim we uttered.
All our family had certain jobs. Mom made Thanksgiving dinner for the family. Aunt Mary handled Easter. But my aunt Edna Mae was in
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T.J.'s Journal
By: Tonya J. Cook

The Kindly Spirits of Appalachia
Dear Journal,
In the spirit of the Halloween season, I thought that this week I would mention the kind spirits who inhabit the Appalachian Mountain area that most of us call home. This, of course, is from my recent studies of the area.
The first story is about the familiar call of a mother for her children. There was a man who had a family of his own living in the mountains of eastern Kentucky who bought his old family's farm. He built a new home only a few yards away from an old farmhouse that had been in his family for several generations going back to the 1870s. On one particular evening, just a little before dark a fog began to roll in from the valley below. His wife had gone to the front porch to enjoy the cool of the evening and to watch their children playing in their yard. Shortly, she began to hear the distinct faint voice of a mother calling her children to come home. She called about five names. Soon the man's wife called him from their living room to come and listen. He heard the voice call and say the names, "Bill, Tom, Susan Ann and Maggie. Come to supper."
Much to his surprise Tom was his grandfather and the other children are his great aunts and uncle. The faint voice must have been that of his great grandmother, Sue Eller calling to her children so long ago. A mother's love is eternal.
In another tale of interest, set in the 1940s in the mountains of eastern Tennessee. There was a boy of about eighteen who was driving his best girl home from a church so
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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BRODHEAD KENTUCKY
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Whereas, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the legislative body, and;

Whereas, the legislative body has reviewed such budget proposal and made modifications

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1, 2024 and ENDING June 30, 2025, IS ADOPTED AND SET FORTH HEREIN:

	GENERAL FUND	MUNICIPAL FUND	LGEA FUND	WATER FUND	SEWER FUND	UDAG FUND
Resources Available						
Cash Balances	\$ 27,836.32	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 8,722.24	\$ 49,393.90	\$ 19,393.90	\$2,500.00
Taxes (prop., ins, occ)	236,460.00					
Licence Permits	500.00					
Fire Dept	60,000.00					
Int-govern		12,400.00	4,000.00			
Charged Services				285,000.00	230,000.00	
Franchise	33,000.00					
Transfer in*						
Total Cash & Revenues	357,796.32	26,700.00	11,200.00	304,393.90	249,393.90	2,500.00
Appropriations						
Administration	100,804.00			80,000.00	80,000.00	
Operating	175,000.00					
Fire Dept	60,000.00					
*Equipment						
Streets & M		26,000.00	10,000.00			
Water & Sewer O&M				220,000.00	125,500.00	
Debt Service						33,393.81
Total Appropriations:	335,804.00	26,000.00	10,000.00	300,000.00	238,893.81	
BALANCE	21,992.32	700.00	1,200.00	4,393.90	10,554.09	2,500.00

SECTION TWO: This budget ordinance shall be administered by the executive authority as prescribed and set forth in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Administration shall include but not be limited to at least the following:

- Preparation and submission of financial statement which includes budgetary comparisons on not less than a quarterly basis.
- Provided for budget amendments if called for by the commission or if anticipated through implementation
- Prepare any financial statements required for the publication purposes, pursuant to KRS424 and 91A
- Cause each fund of this budget to be audited as prescribed by law.

Section Three: The detailed operating budget including the water project budget of the funding agencies is adopted by reference for administration and accounting purposes.

Section Four: This ordinance shall be published in the Mt Vernon signal by title and summary within thirty days of adoption

Adopted this the ____ day of _____ 2024

Jerry W Adams
Jerry W Adams, Mayor

1st Reading: 9th day of September 2024
2nd Reading: 14th October 2024.

John B. ...
Attest: city clerk

ramblings..

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ers.” I can barely type that sentence without foaming at the mouth out of anger for federal agencies that allocate billions of dollars for **ILLEGAL ALIENS** but offer \$750 to **CITIZENS** who have lost everything maybe because of the government’s weather modification program that can decide where rain falls or doesn’t, how much and with what ferocity. Don’t be so quick to denounce this. The federal government began registering patents for weather modification in the 1940s and Bill Gates is a recent player in the weather modification field!!

Anyway, a recent examination of FEMA’s allocation of their current budget showed a little over \$20 billion (42% of their total budget) allocated for “Covid.” Now non-liberals are questioning why \$20 billion needs to be allocated for Covid, an event that even pResident Biden declared **OVER** last year.

Mayorkas is currently viciously chiding Speaker of the House Mike Johnson for not calling the House back into session to pass another spending bill for FEMA. Johnson, however, responded that Congress had already passed a supplemental spending bill for FEMA worth \$20 billion that has not yet been spent. Of course, who knows? With Johnson’s track record of caving to the Dems since he became Speaker, we might see another session called tomorrow giving FEMA \$40 billion.

Were you aware that a Department of Defense directive has **expanded domestic military authority** to include **lethal force** against U.S. citizens within U.S. borders, when it deems lives are at risk--a move which is the complete opposite of what our Constitution says.

Of course, this action goes right along with their current proposed restriction on “misinformation” and “disinformation” (or better known as doing away with our Freedom of Speech) with no decision on who is going to determine what is mis and disinformation.

There are so many examples of misconduct (and in some cases downright lawlessness) by this current regime but the latest law suits, filed by the Department of Justice, may take the cake.

Attorney General Merrick Garland has filed suit against Virginia and Alabama because those states ordered the removal of illegal aliens from their voter roles.

Garland cites a law that bans anyone from being struck from voter rolls within 90 days of the election, to prevent voters being “struck in error.” This, to me, is mind boggling that he would insist that **ILLEGAL ALIENS** be allowed to vote but it shouldn’t be. After all the Biden regime, particularly Border Czar Kamala Harris, didn’t allow 13,000,000 illegal aliens (as much as the total population of 35 states), mostly young men of military age, to invade our country over the past three years and 10 months, to just collapse our economy and wreak havoc on actual citizens. The voting fiasco is another important part of their plan. After all, the majority of Americans will still refuse to vote for an out-and-out Marxist who was an im-

portant player in the economic miseries wrought on this country by this regime and whom they now want to elect to the highest office in our land so she can “turn the page.” Turn the page and get on with completely tanking our country as we know it. By the way, Vice President Harris, who loves this country so much, didn’t bother to register to vote until she was 29 years old. I guess she was a late-bloomer in her “love of country”

There are so many examples of the Democrats’ determination to take our country, from the Republic as it was founded, to an out-and-out Communist country, that it would take a complete issue of the *Signal* just to document them all.

Again, all I think we can do at this point is to pray for our country and hope that common sense prevails in the upcoming election.

Aces

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charge of the annual Halloween popcorn balls. She made them the old fashioned way with molasses and she always had blisters on her hands from the boiling concoction and squeezing the popcorn balls together.

When the time came, our parents simply opened the door and told us to have fun. They didn’t come with us. It was up to the oldest one of us to watch out for the rest of us. We roamed city streets from end to end knocking on every door we saw...“Trick or Treat!” On our trek we would pass hundreds of other small goblins or kids with sheets and two eyeholes. Part of the fun was not knowing which of the neighborhood kids was under the costume.

For two hours, us kids ran and played and laughed and knocked on doors. On a few occasions, our bags were filled and we had to go home to empty them and then go back to where we had left off. Oh the fun we had! Our parents had no clue where we were and were home playing Rook with friends or family until we arrived back at our own door.

One of my personal favorite times was after we got home and poured all our treats into separate piles and went through every treat one-by-one. Things we didn’t like, we would trade with another kid for something he didn’t like. By the end of the evening, we were stuffed and half sick, full of popcorn and candy and still had pounds of the stuff left over. My Halloween candy lasted for weeks.

Right about the time that I was getting too old to participate in the joyous event, rumors began to float around about a razor blade found in an apple or a child gone missing in Arizona and parents started being more careful.

But before those days, Halloween was nothing but fun. There were no worries and kids were free to be kids without security details. It wasn’t about who could have the safest, less offensive Halloween event, it was about a free night for kids to enjoy without the world to worry us. We dressed as anything we wished and if it offended someone, so be it. They offended us the next time. No one cried over it and no one cared if a

bunch of 8-year-olds were being politically correct.

In those days, Halloween was safe and fun and exciting and families didn’t have to worry about stupid people. You guessed right. Even at my old age...I miss it.

On a quick side note:

Can anyone tell me how many countries are sending money to America after the hurricane devastation that has recently taken place in the southern United States?

Surely several countries are sending plane loads of cash to North Carolina and Florida during our devastation. Right? Ukraine? Russia? Israel? Afghanistan? Egypt? Lebanon? After all, the U.S. sent well over \$60 billion to those countries in 2024 alone when they had some sort of problem. I keep waiting to hear about the plane full of cash that arrived in North Carolina.

Nothing?
Hmmmmmm.

T.J.’s

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cial. Her father had been killed on the very same road about a year earlier in a dangerous curve. It gave the girl a feeling of dread every time she passed this way on the road. However, it was the only route to her home. The couple was driving along, slowly in order not to wreck themselves. The spot that she dreaded so much was only a few yards away. They passed the spot safely and the worst part of the journey was over, or so they thought. The boy soon found that the hair on his neck was on edge, standing straight up. He had the overwhelming urge to look into his rearview mirror and then, not quite believing his eyes, he turned his head to look in his back seat. “Mr. Jones!”, he exclaimed, causing his date to turn her head, as well. She found her father sitting there in their back seat and he rode along with them for about a mile. The incident gave Miss Jones a sense of peace and comfort and she never dreaded passing that curve again.

I have been the recipient of a haunting myself in the mountains of western Virginia. Stanley and I went to visit his sister, Edna, a few years ago and on the way home, we stopped to see the historic Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon, Virginia. It was built in 1832 and is reported to be very haunted, being a Civil War hospital where so many died. Parking was scarce, so Stanley had to park up the street. We enjoyed a self guided tour of the inn. Being the history buff that I am, I was having the time of my life looking at the exquisite antique furniture and artwork. Stanley and I became separated so I was alone roaming around this huge old hotel, seeing the dining rooms, parlors and the like and it seemed that I was the only one in the building. By now I was expecting the unexpected apparition to jump out from some shadowy area. I finally made my way to the gift shop and bought a very lovely piece of silver as a souvenir and some jewelry. I finally found Stanley and we were ready to go. He went to get the car as I stood out front waiting. That’s when I became the victim of a drive-by haunting. I was standing there alone

waiting when all of a sudden I heard a bell ringing no more than about six feet from me. It was one of those bells like the Salvation Army has. I even went back inside to look around. No bell was to be found, anywhere. I should have known I wouldn’t get out of there without being the victim of a haunting.

Letters

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bers and attend their public meetings. This amendment is a foray into the unknown. I prefer to know the road ahead.

We are a national community that, before its founding, believed in a publicly supported educational system for every child, realizing that a rising tide of knowledge and education for every child raises all boats. There is always room for improvement - absolutely - but let’s not destroy a system that’s within our ability to influence for the better.

As a Republican, I simply refuse to be a part of the flock that is led to a cliff’s edge on this issue simply because our political leaders support it. I know it’s hard, but I hope you’ll think for yourself, too. I’ll be voting a resounding NO!

*Buzz Carloftis
Former County
Judge-Executive*

Looking for help...

Dear Editor,

I want to ask any of your readers if they have any information or old pictures of the small community post offices.

I am currently working on collecting Rockcastle history.

1. Small communities and how they got their names of all over Rockcastle County.
2. Information and photos of all the sheriffs of Rockcastle County., beginning 1810, photos their history.
3. Information and photos of all the Spanish American War Veterans of Rockcastle.
4. Information on County Judge Executives and photos, history of each.
5. Historical sites, why they are of significance of our county etc.

Thanks I would really appreciate your assistance.

Also would love to have you be a member of this society as we prepare a new year that dues run Jan 1-Dec 31.

We are now collecting any history that you may have that needs to be preserved. As a society we would love to

Scan old photos, bible with family history of births, deaths and marriages if you would love to share.

Respectfully,
*Debra J Brown
President of the
Rockcastle Historical
Society and Museum.
djbrown22
@windstream.net*

Thank you David’s Tire Center

Dear Editor,

On Monday, September 30th, I pulled into David’s Tire Center with a flat tire. I was very anxious and wanted to get back to my home in Western North Carolina.

Good news! My home wasn’t damaged and we got phone service back on Tuesday and power back on Friday.

There are still many people suffering and rebuilding will take a long time but I have been very blessed.

Thank you all for quickly finding tires for my car and getting me back on the road. Every-

one at David’s Tire Center was kind, professional and efficient.

You all made a stressful situation much easier to go through.

Thank you again!
*Ginger Hutcherson
Columbus, NC 28722*

The Mount Vernon Signal office is closed on Wednesdays.

Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, October 21: Calloway, Red Hill and Livingston. **Tuesday, October 22:** Maple Grove and Climax.

Farm Bureau Fruit and Nut Orders

The 2024 Farm Bureau Florida Citrus Fruit and Nuts can be ordered at the Farm Bureau office or by calling 256-2050. Deadline to order is October 25, 2024.

DBCAA Board Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., will hold their board of directors meeting on Thursday, October 23rd (today) at 6 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchestr. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Freedom From Smoking

Rockcastle Regional Hospital is offering free smoking cessation courses, beginning October 23rd. For more information, call Kayla Abney at 1-606-256-7383.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Obituaries

Jeff Nicely

Jeffrey Layne Nicely, 63, of Mt. Vernon, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital surrounded by his loved ones. He was born May 17, 1961 in Berea, the son of Paul and Gail Lovell Nicely. On August 30, 1980, he was married to the love of his life, Gina Cornelius. He enjoyed playing guitars, fishing, camping, and most of all, spending time with his family. Jeff said "yes" to Jesus just a few months ago and is celebrating in Heaven with his Savior.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his loving wife of 44 years, Gina Cornelius Nicely; his parents, Paul and Gail Nicely of Mt. Vernon; and his wonderful children and a special grandson he proudly helped raise, Layne Ross Nicely and wife Raychel of Prestonsburg, Nicole Nicely Helton and husband Eric of Richmond, and Jordan Blayne Nicely of Mt. Vernon. Jeff was so proud of, and had a special bond with all of his grandchildren, Jordan Nicely, Noah Helton, Matthias Helton, Easton Nicely, and Elliana Nicely. His sister, Regina Goff and husband Larry played a very important role throughout his life, along with his father and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Ruby Cornelius, and his brothers-in-law, Chris Cornelius and wife Jamie, and Kenny Cornelius and wife Heather. He was also treasured by his aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. In addition to his grandparents, he was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Dr. Kimberly Cornelius.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 10, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dennis Wilder, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. Music was provided by Jamie Cornelius, John Cornelius, and Amy Taylor. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Layne Ross Nicely, Jordan Nicely, Noah Helton, Chris Cornelius, Kenny Cornelius, George Powell, Larry Goff, and Richard Graham. Honorary pallbearers were: Matthias Helton, Easton Nicely, Elliana Nicely, Meagan Howard, Charles Cornelius, John Cornelius, Cameron Cornelius, Amy Taylor, and Michael Saunders.

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

Dylan Hunter McQueen, Jr.

Dylan Hunter McQueen, Jr., two-month-old infant son of Dylan Hunter and Mackala Ann Morgan McQueen, died Thursday, October 10, 2024. He was born July 30, 2024, in Madison County.

Survivors in addition to his father and mother include: his sister, Zala Raine McQueen; grandparents, Earl and Anita McQueen of Powell County, James and Melissa Morgan of Pike County, Shena Dees of Madison County, and Jacob and Darla Estes of Estill County; great grandparents, Peggy Tallant of Madison County, Francis Epling of Pike County, Johnny Dees of Madison County, and Larry and Wilma York of Lee County; and great great grandmother, Patricia Boneta of Madison County.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 14, 2024 at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Coburn officiating. Burial was at York Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Tyler Morgan, Robert Morgan, Trinity McIntosh, and Jacob Estes. Honorary pallbearer: Matt McQueen.

Jeffrey Scott Hamilton

Jeffrey Scott Hamilton, 63, died Wednesday, October 9, 2024, in Lexington at Cardinal Hill. He was born August 17, 1961 in Berea, to the late Edward and Marie Mullins Hamilton.

Jeff was a jack of all trades, through the years he worked for the Madison County school system as a janitor and worked with the late Dr. Maupin, helping any way he could when it came to animals. He was a graduate of Madison Central High School, and a member of Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, Jeff is preceded in death by two siblings, Kenneth Hamilton of Edgewood, MD and Carla Hamiton of Richmond.

Jeff will be remembered by: his siblings, Susan (Ronald) Sears, Thomas (Debra) Hamilton, and David Hamilton, all of Berea; sister-in-law, Cora Hamilton; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Lakes Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Condolences may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Violet J. (June) Burton

Violet J. (June) Burton, 89, died October 10, 2024. She was born in Somerset to the late Dallas and Emma (Goff) Carter.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of 66 years, James L. (Lloyd) Burton; four brothers-in-law, Floyd Raines, Carl Burton, Ronnie Burton, and Jearl Cromer; and two sisters-in-law, Berniece Cromer, and Ruth Owens.

She is survived by: her three children, Doug (Cathy) Burton, Jim (Rae Lynn) Burton, and Paula (Jeff) Middendorf; eight grandchildren, Matt

(Becky) and Nicholas Burton, Michaeline Bailey, Brandy (Shannon) Grubb, Ashley (Dewayne) Stanifer, Chelsey (Adam) Pettyjohn, Emmalee Middendorf (Parker), and Maggie Burton (AJ); 10 great grandchildren, Elizabeth Burton, Logan Grubb (Danielle), Alexis Grubb (Thomas), and Kody Grubb (Emily), Owen, Oliver, and Sydney Stanifer, Trevor and Harper Pettyjohn, and Elliot Phillips; two great great grandchildren, Cayden Grubb and Riverlynn Hill; one sister, Edie Raines; and one sister-in-law, Billie Burton.

She was a member of the Loveland Heights Church of Christ and a faithful Christian. We take comfort knowing she is resting in the arms of Jesus. She loved her family and greatly enjoyed her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all those that knew and loved her.

Funeral services were held at Hodapp Funeral Home Rt. 42, West Chester, Ohio on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. A graveside ceremony was held Wednesday, October 16 at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of Cincinnati.

Visitation services provided by Hodapp Funeral Home and funeral services provided by Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Tennie Bradley

Tennie Bradley, 87, of Nicholasville, died Thursday, September 19, 2024 at his home. He was born at Sand Springs in Rockcastle County on July 3, 1937, the son of Eugene and Minnie Doan Bradley of Rockcastle County. He was a retired technician for Trane Company and was of the Baptist faith.

He loved working outside, working on small engines, auto racing and trading cars. He especially loved his children and grandchildren and spending time with them.

He is survived by: his wife of 37 years, Doris Bentley Bradley; a sister, Geneva Bradley Whitaker of Radcliff; a daughter, Sheila Wilson (Dale) of Lexington; a son, Jeff Bradley (Lori) of Harrodsburg; four grandchildren, Jeff Bradley, Jr. (Emily), Hilary Wilson, Megan Jarrells (Andrew), and Chase Wilson (Chelsey); and four great grandchildren, Wyatt and Addison Bradley, Beau and Riley Jarrells.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his sister, Ona Pruitt; and seven brothers, Vernon (Tommy), Coy, Chester, James (Bud), G.B. (Bee), William (Willie), and Lacy.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at Clark Legacy Center. A graveside service followed at Bluegrass Memorial Gardens in Nicholasville.

The Bradley family would like to thank the kind, loving staff of Bluegrass Care Navigators for their care and support.

Charlotte Doan

Charlotte Doan, widow of Vernon, died Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at Rockcastle Hospital.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and are incomplete at this time.

Betty Jasper

Betty Frances Jasper, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, October 11, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Mt. Vernon on November 24, 1946, the daughter of T. C. and Mary Payne Hayes. She was a retired employee of the Cowden Manufacturing Company. An avid UK fan, she loved the outdoors and spending time with her family.

She is survived by: her daughters, Julie Bailey of Manchester, and Janie Bryant of Orlando; her brothers, William Bill Hayes, Gary and Donna Hayes, Dennis Hayes, Mike Hayes, Doug Hayes, and Steve and Lynn Hayes; and her sisters, Evelyn Brown, Lorene Sowder, Bobbie Jean Hood, Judy Rowe, Jackie and Bruce Lewis, Sharon and Ricky Mullins, and Dorothy and Mike Walton. 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, T. C. and Mary Hayes, she was preceded in death by: three sons, Robert Lewis "Button" Jasper, Tyler Jasper, and Joshua Dooley; a grandson, Jacob Jasper; and a brother, Jimmy Hayes.

The family will hold memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Skaggs Creek Baptist Church.

Initial arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Ann Smith

Piccola Ann Smith, born January 21, 1951, in Nelson County, died September 24, 2024. Known simply as Ann, she was a woman of strong faith, vibrant



spirit, and warm heart. She resided most of her life in Corbin and was an active and beloved member of the Shiner Church of Christ.

Ann's life was filled with joy, laughter, and the company of those she held dear. She was an ardent game player and relished the camaraderie and friendly competition that came with it. Her home

was always filled with the sound of laughter and the warmth of companionship. To quote George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." Ann embodied this spirit, keeping her youthful spark alive through her love for games and company.

She is survived by: her sons, Russell (Jean) Gorham and Billy (Joyce) Gorham; her grandchildren, Kevin (Amber) Gorham, Brittany (Thomas) Birely, and Wesley Gorham; and her great grandchildren, Selena Hinton, Riley Gorham, Rowan Gorham, Leo Griffith, and Koda Birely.

Ann was predeceased by: her father, Earl "Peck" Fitzgerald; mother, Genny Mae Fitzgerald; brothers, Joe and Jim Fitzgerald; and sister, Rose Fitzgerald. Her legacy will continue to live through her many nieces, nephews, and a host of other family and friends who mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 27, 2024 at Croley Funeral Home, 103 South 2nd Street, Williamsburg, Kentucky. Interment was at Corner Cemetery, Highway 39 Lincoln County, Kentucky.

In memory of Ann, we invite you to share your stories, memories, and photos on her memorial page. Your contributions will serve as a comforting reminder of the life she lived and the love she shared. As we reflect on Ann's life, let us remember the words of Albert Pine, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." Ann's love, faith, and joy will undoubtedly remain and continue to inspire us all.

Wanda McFerron

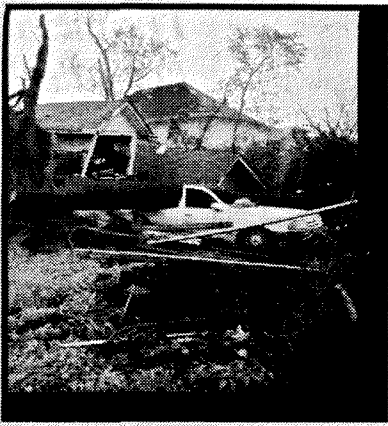
Wanda K. McFerron, 68 of Mt. Vernon, widow of Donnie Ray McFerron, died Friday, October 11, 2024 in Lexington.

Services will be conducted Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Rowe Cemetery at Blue Springs.

We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday.

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

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Projects

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"Mount Vernon's Lake Linville is a limited source of water," he said. "The city of Mount Vernon (who supplies Brodhead's water currently) is near capacity and is drawn from a single source. A second source of water would provide a back up source in the event that anything at all went wrong with the lake water or the treatment plant and would save Mount Vernon from having to build a multi-million dollar plant to handle growth and development. Their water could be treated longer and they would have room to handle growth. Everyone involved will be in a better position for the growth that is coming."

Holbrook agreed. "We have needed a second source of water for years and this project will provide that without costing cities expense," he said. "We are not in any way trying to cut Mount Vernon's revenue. Their plant couldn't handle development on the megasite right now anyway. This will help everyone."

VanHook said working from a regional viewpoint, that involves over a hundred thousand people, provides much more grant access via the state legislature and increases the chance of having the project fully funded.

VanHook told the commission there may be a misconception about his job. "I don't work for Mount Vernon alone. I work for every city in the county." "Every decision we make comes after we closely consider how it will affect Brodhead and Livingston and Crab Orchard and more. I am actually a Brodhead native."

Commissioners also asked questions concerning the natural gas line and the megasite as VanHook and Holbrook answered dozens of questions about each project.

Holbrook and VanHook spent an hour explaining the plans, procedures and process involved in each of the projects currently underway and how they will each affect the City of Brodhead.

"Now we are able to answer questions from our citizens," said Bullock. "This will make a lot of people very happy. A lot of people and businesses are buying products that use gas already. We are planning on this natural gas and now this water line project will be another very positive thing for our community. We simply needed to know the what, when and how things are happening."

In other action, Water/Sewer Superintendent Shannon Cash said he is about to send letters to Brodhead water and sewer customers concerning the type of piping in their residence. "If they don't know, that is fine. They just check the box that says 'I don't know' and move on," he said. The letter is part of the requirements from the Division of Water. "They can mail the letter back or drop it off in the box at City Hall," Cash said.

Fire Chief John Dyehouse told the commission the fire department car wash is still under development and plans are to move forward with a department-

operated car wash.

Commissioners also held the second reading of the annual Brodhead budget. The budget shows general fund resources available at \$357,796 while general fund appropriations are shown at \$335,804 with a balance of \$21,992. The municipal fund shows total resources available at \$26,700 while appropriations are shown at \$26,000 leaving a balance of \$700. The LGEA fund shows resources at \$11,200 with appropriations at \$10,000 for a balance of \$1,200. The water fund shows available resources at \$304,393 with appropriations at \$300,000 for a balance of \$4,393. The sewer fund shows resources available at \$249,393 with appropriations at \$238,893 for a balance of \$10,554.

The budget was approved unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tax

(Continued from front) provide for the people," Roberts said.

The motion to accept the first reading passed unanimously.

The second item dealt with the hiring of three new SROs (School Resource Officers.)

Recent legislation requires all schools to have at least one trained SRO at each school campus for security. The unfunded mandate has caused budgetary problems for schools across Kentucky since its inception.

However, Rockcastle County School officials devised a unique strategy working with the Mount Vernon Police Department to provide two SRO from their staff of officers. Those two officers work as SROs while school is in session and work with the MVPD when school is out of session.

However, though employees of the MVPD, the three additional officers now being considered would work only as SROs and would complete the state requirements by providing enough officers to have one SRO at each school campus. Pensol said the current SROs would continue to work with the MVPD when schools are out of session, but the three new officers now being considered would work only as SROs.

"Chief Joe Rush spearheaded this idea and I think it is a good one," said Roberts. "We worked out a deal where the officers will be employees of the city but the school system will reimburse the city for our expense."

Pensol said the school district has agreed to increase their reimbursement from \$28 per hour/per officer to \$35 per hour/per officer to help recover the equipment expense for the three additional officers including additional cruisers. "This is just a quick fix. We can amend the budget as needed if the council approves the idea," Pensol said.

Council member Michael VanWinkle was not present for the meeting but council members Lonetta Daugherty, Gertha Mink, Wayne Bullock and Julie Asher voted in favor of the proposal.

Council member Shelley Raines Lewis voted against the pro-

posal but not because she disagrees with the idea. "I completely support the addition of SRO's," she said in a later interview. Though she supports the idea in general, Lewis said in her view there were several problems with the motion to move ahead with the plan. "We didn't have anything in writing on what the financial impact to the city would be and the budget would have to be amended to factor that in," she said. "We didn't budget enough in wages for the police department to add three officers, we didn't budget any at all for the three additional vehicle purchases and we don't have an updated written agreement with the Board of Education detailing the proposed new rate and the liabilities involved. I wasn't comfortable without having all the numbers and details. I had to vote 'no' because we didn't have all the information I felt like we needed."

Pensol and Roberts said those involved are trying to have all the facts and figures involved available for tonight's (Thursday) regular monthly meeting when the second reading of the ordinance is expected. "The hold up is the lease agreement for the vehicles in question," Pensol said. "Until we know how that all falls together, we won't know an exact cost."

Pensol is attempting to work with Rush and the vehicle dealership to finalize expenses for the proposed plan.

Vote

(Continued from front) stood and introduced themselves with a short summary of their priorities and/or views.

The first speaker was candidate **David Bales** who provided a detailed resume of his experience at the post office, the highway department, the Bluegrass Army Depot and his lifelong association with the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Bales said he is a lifelong resident of Rockcastle County and hopes to be able to help the city in many ways. "I know I care about our city and I want to make a difference," he said. Bales said he has not run for any office before but felt the need to run for a seat on the city council.

Incumbent **Gertha Mink** said she is an owner in Mink Apartments and listed some of her priorities including sidewalks and repairs on Williams Street. Mink listed her accomplishments in her first term as the Cove Branch water lines and cemetery road project. "I have a lot of things I want to get done and I believe we can. People on Cove Branch wanted water, so we got them water. Things like that need to get done and the council worked with me to make it happen," she said. Mink also listed police officer salaries as an important issue to her.

Incumbent **Shelley Raines Lewis** spoke to the crowd. Lewis said she has been on the council for nearly 22 years and has worked with four mayors. "I have seen a lot of changes and been a part of a lot of projects as a council member." Lewis listed her degrees including a Masters in social work and her years of service as an investigator for child protective services as well as a case manager for foster

parenting as well as other accomplishments. "If I don't win, I will still be here and will still be an advocate. I always have been and will continue to be." Lewis said one of her concerns is that "it tends to feel as though elected officials are on the outside looking in. I am trying to fix that."

Candidate **Kenneth Collins** spoke to the crowd saying "I want to help the community grow." Collins said he has no experience as a politician but owns two businesses in the county and hopes to use that experience as a council member. "I want to see kids getting out of school and going into a trade and I want to see sidewalks. There are a lot of needs in this city and I just want to help people."

Incumbent **Wayne Bullock** spoke of his association with NAMI and the Adopt a Highway Program. "I work to keep this city clean and my whole goal is to help people. That is why I am here," he said. Bullock has been a member of the city council for over 30 years and has countless state recognitions for his work at cleaning trash from city streets.

Incumbent **Michael VanWinkle** told the crowd he feels "there is a general disconnect between the council and the people we serve." VanWinkle focused on what he calls the "non-existent digital presence" in the city. "We are the only city our size with no website," he said. "Not everyone reads the *Signal* or listens to WRVK. We need to be in touch with everyone instantly." He also mentioned the new industrial park mega-site and said, "I believe the council should address the here and now more than hoping something works out," he said.

Incumbent **Lonetta Daugherty** told the crowd she is a lifelong resident of the county and said "I love helping my community. I want to see the city grow." Daugherty also expressed her faith as part of her decision making process. "I love Jesus and I follow him. I want to make Mount Vernon even better for everyone."

Candidate **Vincent Townsend** said he has been in Mount Vernon for six years but plans to make this his final home. "It bothers me that every street in the city is not maintained by the city," he said. Townsend said he sees city streets that need snow removal and trash removal as well as sidewalks in bad shape. "All this needs to be addressed. Every time I ask a question, they bring up the budget. There is money for this stuff. No one even knows where the city boundaries are located. There is a lot that needs to be addressed. We need to take care of the basics," he said.

Incumbent **Julie Asher** said she was appointed to the council last year but seeks to be elected for her next term. "I am a native of Mount Vernon and I always want what is best for our little town," she said. Asher said she hopes to be "the voice of the people" and she hopes to help "develop the city properly."

Candidate **Chuck Shields** told the crowd he is a graduate of RCHS and an Air Force Veteran. "These are exciting times for us all," he said. "I want to be a small part of helping our city to grow and become more pro-

perous."

More than one of the candidates mentioned that none of those present were running for office for financial gain. "We make \$25 per month. Money has nothing to do with why we do this," said Mink. Lewis agreed. "We make \$25 even when we have several meetings per month," she said. "None of us are here for the money."

McKinney asked if there were any questions from the crowd and then opened to floor to comments or other chamber business.

In closing, McKinney thanked all the candidates who chose to participate and "help the voters to make a more informed decision concerning whom they should vote for in November." The crowd of about 30 applauded each of the candidates and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting

(Continued from front) each school for school-specific projects. Hansel listed each project that each school plans to fund with the donation.

However, she said she asked the Mount Vernon/Rockcastle Tourist Commission to match the donation but was told such a donation was not allowed by law. Hansel then approached the Mount Vernon City Council asking for the match in donations but officials said they would have to investigate the legalities involved and let her know at a later date. "No one has been willing to help just yet so I am asking the fiscal court to match the donation," Hansel said. However, Holbrook and Assistant County Attorney William Leger both agreed they would have to investigate the court's ability to donate to schools for projects.

Leger told the court there may be a law allowing the court to donate directly to the Kiwanis Club with specifications that the money be designated for the school's use but he would have to check Kentucky statute to be certain. Holbrook said he will follow up with Hansel.

In other action, the court approved moving \$1,224 to the general fund which was accidentally deposited into a different account and \$7,776 to the general fund which was also a deposit error.

The court received a \$500 check from Sweden for an occupational tax due. "Someone in Sweden apparently owns a business in Rockcastle County," Holbrook said. However, according to Treasurer Vickie Miller, the bank refused to deposit the funds in the occupational tax account. The court voted to move the funds from the general fund into the occupational tax fund.

Miller then requested a transfer of \$385,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then transfers from the general fund to the 911 fund for \$60,000, to the LGA fund for \$10,000, to the jail fund for \$145,000 and to the fairground fund for \$15,000. This would leave \$155,000 in the general fund to deal with

expenses. All requests were approved unanimously.

Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

Chase

(Continued from front)

through water. According to the citation, the trooper informed Bishop that he would be tased if he did not stop but Bishop continued to run. The citation does not say if the taser was fired but says Bishop then fell to the ground and was arrested.

The citation also says Bishop freely handed over drug paraphernalia that was in his pocket and admitted to taking illegal drugs that morning.

After a search of the vehicle, no drugs or paraphernalia were located.

The female occupant of the car was released due to her cooperation, the citation says.

Bishop was transported to the hospital where he refused a blood test and was then transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with not wearing a seat belt, improper muffler, no license in possession, giving false information to an officer, fleeing and evading on foot, operating under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Halloween

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in and around the shelter at the park.

Mayor Sandi Singleton said the City of Livingston will also celebrate door-to-door trick-or-treating from 6-8 p.m.

Also on Thursday, October 31, the Second Annual Trunk-or-Treat event will be held at Mount Vernon Elementary School bus loop.

The event will be held from noon to 1 p.m. and everyone is invited to participate by decorating the trunk of your vehicle and preparing to hand treats to 640 students. Organizers say those participating should wear non-frightening costumes without masks and park in the loop with the trunk facing the students.

Those interested in participating should call Sierra Williams at 526-2935. A business or individual may take part in handing out treats.

Officials say anyone willing to hand out treats during Trick-or-Treat should have a porch light on and no trick-or-treater should approach a residence without a porch light turned on.

Also, Cupps Chapel Holiness Church is having a Trunk or Treat event for the children on Thursday October 31st from 6:00-8:30 pm. The address for the event is 2808 Copper Creek Rd, Brodhead. Everyone is welcome at this event.

Several other local churches and businesses have planned events to celebrate the holiday.

Police officers and the sheriff's department say they plan to have extra patrols out during all local Halloween events.

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RCIDA accepts \$50,000 check from Delta Gas

Discusses potential water project collaboration

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority held their regular monthly meeting last week with a full agenda.

After approval of the minutes, the board discussed the monthly financial statement. Included in the report was the new bond insurance premium for the RCIDA members taking their bond insurance from \$5,000 in coverage to \$500,000 in coverage. "I think it is a testament to recent accomplishments and growth that we need to do this," said board chairman Corey Craig. "The fact that we are dealing with much larger transactions and handling such large amounts of funds that we need this kind of insurance is a good problem to have."

According to the public entity policy form, the insurance covers many areas of public activities in the event of an error or other legal issue by any RCIDA member or their designated representatives. The new premium is slightly under \$9,000 annually and insures

members against in the event monies are lost due to mistakes or misappropriation events.

The Summary of RCIDA account balances as of September 30, shows a total IDA balance of \$1,172,445. The financial statements were approved unanimously.

Executive Director Jeff VanHook also showed the board a check for \$50,000 from Delta Natural Gas to be used to market the new 1,400 acre mega-site industrial park off KY-150. The board plans to transfer the funds to the RGL (Rockcastle/Garrard/Lincoln) Industrial Development Board to use in any marketing strategy that would benefit the site.

"It is an amazing benefit to have a partner like Delta in projects such as these," said VanHook. Craig agreed. "We should all appreciate Delta and their continued efforts to support our endeavors locally and regionally," he said.

The board accepted the check unanimously.

The board also discussed a recent plan hatched by VanHook and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., along with Kentucky

State Representative Josh Bray, to provide water service to the area without building a new multi-million dollar water plant and without relying entirely on Lake Linville as a water source.

The City of Mount Vernon had been discussing the eventual need for an additional water plant for over a year when VanHook went to the council with the idea.

According to VanHook, the plan would provide a new water line and utilize a water source from the City of Danville to Mount Vernon, similar to the new natural gas line on its way to Mount Vernon.

VanHook said the new line would cost less than a new water plant the city would be required to build when the expected potential growth in the area is realized.

"Lake Linville is a limited water source," said VanHook. "When someone develops the megasite, and our other park, along with the growth around such development, there needs to be an additional water source besides just one. What if something

happens and the water levels drop? Or something happens we can't predict? That cuts off everyone. That one lake should not be our only source of water."

VanHook said a water line from Danville would incorporate each city or town along the route. "Everyone along the route would be an owner in the water system. It would provide a source of revenue to each city on its way here," he said. "We have to protect our future and plan for growth. They already have the water available and already have the water plant to service our needs."

Holbrook agreed. "We do not want to be caught maxed out on our water or any other utility when a major company is ready to locate here," he said. "We have to prepare for the growth that is coming. When I joined the ADD Board 25 years ago, they were looking for an additional water source then, and they still are."

The board agreed to continue to research the issue and begin forming committees that will seek funding. "The goal will be to have the new

water line, with a second water source, and it all cost as little as possible. There are a lot of grants for such projects," VanHook said.

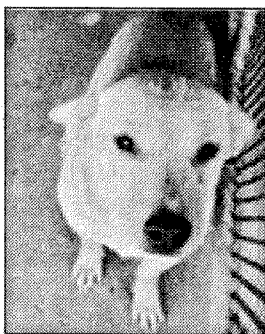
The board also discussed a several-page spread concerning the new RGL megasite in the FDI Alliance International Magazine. The magazine and a panel of the top site selectors in the world have picked the RGL Megasite as one of the top six available sites in the country, according to the article. "This is one more affirmation that we are on to something special here," said Craig. "Our county is being

discussed on an international level now."

Craig asked about the progress on the planned US-461 widening project. Holbrook said the original plan to bid the project in July was changed to November but now the state informs him that the project will not be bid until spring.

However, the plan still includes two roundabouts and the widening of the highway from I-75 to KY-150. "I know those roundabouts are intimidating but I believe everyone will get used to it quickly. It is much safer," Holbrook said.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Jack, (left) the two year-old male Border Collie mix who is very friendly and Heidi the 1 year-old female Corgi mix who is friendly but shy. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

2024 ELECTION

WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE IN ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING



BY MAIL BALLOT: requests can be made online at govote.ky.gov or by calling 606-256-2831, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 21, 2024. The last day to make your request is OCTOBER 22, 2024 at 4:00pm. Ballots may be returned by mail and received by the County Clerk's Office or placed in the drop box located at the Rockcastle County Courthouse-US25 entrance by 6:00pm on 11/5/24. (KRS 117.085)



EARLY IN-PERSON (Excused Absentee, ID required) is available OCTOBER 23-25 and OCTOBER 28-30, 2024 at the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office, during regular business hours. *To those who qualify per KRS 117.085.*



NO EXCUSE EARLY VOTING: Anyone registered to vote in Rockcastle County can vote early (no excuse required) on the 3rd floor of courthouse

- Thursday - OCTOBER 31 - 10am-6pm
- Friday - NOVEMBER 1 - 6am-2pm
- Saturday - NOVEMBER 2 - 8am-4pm

ELECTION DAY – NOV. 5TH



- Anyone registered to vote in Rockcastle county can vote at **ANY VOTING CENTER** on Election Day, Tuesday, NOVEMBER 5 - 6am-6pm
 - Rockcastle Co Courthouse - 3rd Floor
 - Mt. Vernon Elementary School
 - Livingston Volunteer Fire Department
 - Brodhead Elementary School
 - Roundstone Elementary School

ID REQUIRED

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

In Matthew 6:10 Jesus prayed this prayer, exactly what was he praying for? Let's examine this verse in a little more detail. Jesus was teaching his disciples how to pray and what to pray for. So, Jesus wanted the world to see what Gods will is. He lived a life that showed the power of God working in him and through him. His ministry was all about serving his heavenly Father.

There is a surrendering of His own will to the will of his heavenly father's will. Jesus was all about doing what pleased God. Sometimes we will say in a prayer, if it be your will, when we say that we are putting our trust in the Lord. People have trouble trusting other people but should never have trouble trusting God. A complete surrendering of our will to God requires complete trust in the fact that God knows best. If I don't trust God, then I won't be able to except his will.

Gods will is revealed unto us throughout the scriptures for example in Matt. 16:16 when Christ ask Peter who do you say that I am. Peter responded and said Thou art the Christ the son of the living God, And Christ said I say unto you thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The rock he is referring to of course is Peters acknowledgement that Christ was the son of God.

Matthew 26: 39-42 tells us, And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

We see in the scriptures that Jesus surrendered to doing God's will, likewise we must also surrender our will to do Jesus's will.

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CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Free Smoking Cessation Course

Are you ready to live a tobacco free life?

If you would like to quit smoking or using other tobacco products, Rockcastle Regional Hospital can help. Using an innovative smoking-cessation program called Freedom From Smoking, we can help you become tobacco-free.

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Interested in participating? Contact Kayla Abney at 606-256-7383 or k.abney@rhrcc.org.

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Pastor Appreciation...

The members of Grace Baptist Church thank the Lord for our former pastor and his wife, Bro. Raymond Offutt and Margaret, who faithfully taught us, loved us, and led us for 52 years.

And now, we also are so appreciative for our new pastor and his family. Already, we love Bro. Ronny McClure's heart of love for the Lord and His word, his compassion for the lost and for the church, his care for children, and the grace with which he conducts himself. Thank you Ronny and Brittany and children! We love you! We also extend a loving invitation to everyone to visit our church. We'll be glad to see you!



• Church News •

Let the Bible Speak

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

Revival at Union Chapel Pentecostal

Bro. Ernie Wyatt will be preaching at Union Chapel Pentecostal Church Sunday night, October 20th thru Thursday night, October 24th. Services will begin at 6 o'clock on Sunday night and at 7 o'clock Monday through Thursday.

The church is located on 1515, three miles out of Brodhead.

Pastor Walter Bowling and congregation welcome everyone. Come and be blessed.

Rockcastle Co. residents have been invited to participate in this event....



Garrard County Electronics Recycling Drop-off Day

Saturday, October 19
9:00 - 4:00

Soil and Water Conservation Office
166 Precision Court, Lancaster

Discarded electronics contain hazardous substances that can leach into soil and water sources, polluting ecosystems and posing risks to human health. Be conservation-minded and bring your items in for FREE recycling.

This event is open to all households and small businesses.

Items that will be accepted

Televisions and monitors: flat screen or old-fashioned tube
Computers: desktop, laptop, tablet (for example, iPad)
Computer hardware: scanner, printer, keyboard, mouse, router, modem
Office equipment: copiers, fax machines, electric typewriters
Telephones: cell phone and landline, answering machines
Small appliances, including microwaves ovens
Other electronic devices:
iPods, MP3 players
Stereos, speakers
CD, VCR, DVD players
Headphones
Radios
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Pagers
Calculators
Wire
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Items NOT accepted

Smoke detectors
Large appliances (refrigerators, etc.)
Lead-acid batteries, alkaline batteries
Light bulbs: incandescent, fluorescent, LED

This event is brought to you by the Garrard County Soil and Water Conservation District in partnership with Tech Recyclers. Questions? Call the Conservation Office at (859) 792-2620

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- 16) Constructed
- 17) Jungle vine
- 18) Affirmative action?
- 19) "Tomorrow" musical
- 20) Aggravation at a lack of progress
- 23) Type of modern testing
- 24) Airplane passenger's concern
- 25) Addressed a waiter
- 27) Pronged weapons
- 32) ___ fide
- 33) It may be right above a knee
- 34) Down's partner
- 36) The time being
- 39) Knocks on a door
- 41) Begets
- 43) Gulf War missile
- 44) Stand on its head
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- 49) Went out, as a fire
- 51) Jewish sect member of old

- 53) Small scrap
- 56) It can help with a housewarming
- 57) "Overhead" engine part
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- 64) States with conviction
- 66) "___ we having fun yet?"
- 67) First thing read, typically
- 68) Camelot weapon
- 69) One way to move quickly
- 70) Alpha's opposite
- 71) Church part
- 72) Tennis match segment
- 73) Chart anew

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- 3) Jacob's twin
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- 7) Cowboy's pride
- 8) Part of a TV feed
- 9) Leave high and dry
- 10) Big bang creator
- 11) Things that get in the way
- 12) Type of skirt that flares outward

- 13) "Farm" or "home" attachment
- 21) Some members of Indian royalty
- 22) Kingly sphere
- 26) "The Dukes of Hazzard" spin-off
- 27) By way of, briefly
- 28) Acquire in the field
- 29) Roadblock
- 30) H.S. math subject
- 31) Bacon bit
- 35) "Awright!"
- 37) Be a good doctor
- 38) Competitive advantage
- 40) Quick haircut
- 42) Big mess
- 45) Coup participant
- 47) John Deere product
- 50) Belle of the ball, briefly
- 52) One of these days
- 53) La ___ (Milan opera house)
- 54) Type of base
- 55) Autocrats no more
- 59) Common test answer
- 60) Lease
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- 62) Legendary gymnast Korbut
- 63) Tide type
- 65) Former electronics giant

SPORTS

Football field paint crew leaves lasting mark

By: Chad Hensley

To have worked behind the scenes in sports, one will earn a greater appreciation and undertaking for just how much work goes into the presentation that fans just show up and pay their admission to.

Growing up working sporting events in Rockcastle County will also allow someone to earn a greater appreciation for the many traditions that we hold onto so dearly throughout the years.

As many may know, we here in Rockcastle County are getting a turf football facility next season thus the end of two cherished traditions; having a grass football field and having an outstanding field maintenance crew to keep the grass as great of shape as they do despite the sheer number of games played on it throughout the various grade levels.

Throughout the years, the field maintenance has included keeping the grass cut to a certain level, the grass is watered at set intervals each day when the forecast isn't calling for rain and painting the lines and cherished script Rock logo at midfield on the Thursday night prior to a Friday night home game.

Most of those duties have fallen on whoever was the president of the Quarterback Club. There have been many to have held that title, but the one that comes to mind the most is the late Jim Bussell, who could be seen on Thursdays either by himself or with a handful of others helping get the field ready for the following night's game, which he would then be the official clock operator at as well.

As Mr. Bussell got older, he finally relinquished his duties back over to then head coach Scott Parkey, who had to find someone other than himself and his coaching staff so they could have more time to worry about their upcoming opponent.

Eventually that task was given to fellow RCHS football alum Mickey McClure, who has held onto the task of leading a crew of anywhere from 10-20 individuals each week who lovingly prepare the field for battle just as it was for them when they played or had a relative playing on the team.

"When I first started helping," McClure reminisced, "It was mostly coaches and volunteer parents that would come after practice and paint the field. I just helped like everybody else. Then as time went on, my friends and some of my family started helping me and that way the coaches didn't have to fool with it because they had enough on their plates. I'm thankful that Coach Scott Parkey and the administration trusted me enough to turn me loose with painting the field. I was always blessed with a lot of great help.

"When my son (Chayse McClure) got into high school, his class was blessed with a lot of great parents that were willing to help. Chayse

and his teammates graduated then a lot of the kids out of his class and those that I coached started helping us. I never considered it a job or something hard. I really enjoyed it. I always enjoyed the people that came out and helped. We always had a good time. I just like being part of the football program and just wanted to do whatever I could do to help."

It is the fellowship and having a good time that makes people want to give as much time and effort as possible because they know that even if the general public doesn't know about what they do, the people they are working with appreciate all the effort they put into painting the field.

With football having been played at the RCHS football field since the field opened for play back in the 1970s, it would be a tough undertaking tracking down a list of everyone who helped work on the field each week so everyone's efforts will forever be greatly appreciated.

"There have been many other people that have painted the field before me and I definitely appreciate all the hard work that they put into painting the field," McClure added. "I definitely realize how much work goes into it. You definitely have to have good help to make it look good and I was always fortunate to have lots of folks helping to make the field look great every Friday night. We took a lot of pride in it."

One such great helper that McClure had would be current RCHS student-athlete Adisynne Lovell. Forget the fact that she has been a three-year starter on the softball team or is in her fourth and final season of being a manager for the football team, Lovell is just one of a couple females that is willing to put in the same kind of physical and tedious work that the guys do on the painting crew.

"Honestly it was very rewarding," Lovell commented. "I loved getting the opportunity to spend my Thursdays helping prep the field for the players and getting to work with numerous individuals who dedicated their time to really capture the heart and tradition in that field. I also really enjoyed getting the chance to turn around that Friday making sure the players needs were met so they could compete to the best of their abilities. It's still a very rewarding feeling. We all put in the time and effort to make the field amazing every other week. We all played crucial roles, and we still got the same opportunities. Whether it was just me and Granny (Janet McClure) or if it was us and a few more, we got the job done and we got it done well."

Thursday, October 3, 2024, marked the final time that McClure and his crew would paint the field as the Rockets hosted archival Bell County the following night and then

the Middle School and youth football programs hosted the Battle at the Rock the following day for the final football games to ever be played on the natural grass field.

"The last time we painted the field was definitely bittersweet," McClure added. "There's a lot of memories on this field. I played high school football on this field, coached high school football on this field and I painted the field for several years. We took a lot of pride in what it looked like as far as painting went and you look back and think of all the young men that have given everything they had for the Rockcastle County football program and laid it on the line each and every Friday night. I count it a

blessing to be a small part of the Rockcastle County football program."

New to the WRVK radio broadcast crew this year is Devon Bussell, who can be heard alongside Chris Bishop each week. Bussell is another RCHS alum that continues to give back and he had this to say when reflecting back to helping paint the field for the final time.

"It was kind of a bittersweet moment. It was kind of closing the chapter on the legacy and past of that field but bringing a new chapter for Rock Football going forward. I couldn't help but think back on games I've played and watched on the field."

Another person that is helping to also play a

small part in the continuation of Rockcastle County football being strong for years to come is Zack Napier, who is the Rockcastle County Youth Football League president. Napier is also on the crew that McClure has out to paint the field and he couldn't help contain himself when asked about everything he does for the future of Rock football.

"It means everything to not just me but my family," Napier exclaimed. "We all love not just the game but the extended family it has given us. From painting the field to running the league to filming on Friday nights, it's the most time-consuming thing I've ever done but we are always surrounded with that family and that's what makes it worth it. It

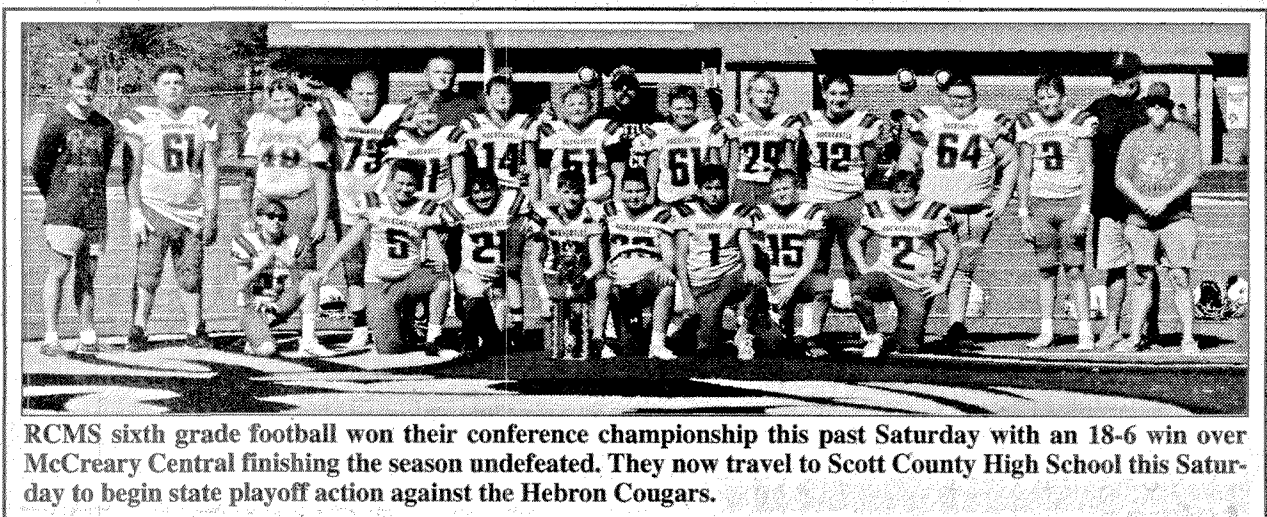
gives me a peace of mind knowing that if something ever happens to me, my boys will have that village around them while they grow up. When we had a death in our family, seeing some of the boys show up for Jase and seeing how much that meant to him. That's the stuff that makes it with it for me."

And what will forever be etched into Napier's memory will be coming off the field on Saturday, Oct. 5, for the final time after awarding the Battle at the Rock championship trophy to the Rockcastle County 5th grade team when Jase could be seen with tears in his eyes. Napier asked his son what he was crying about and the response he got just shows how much we as

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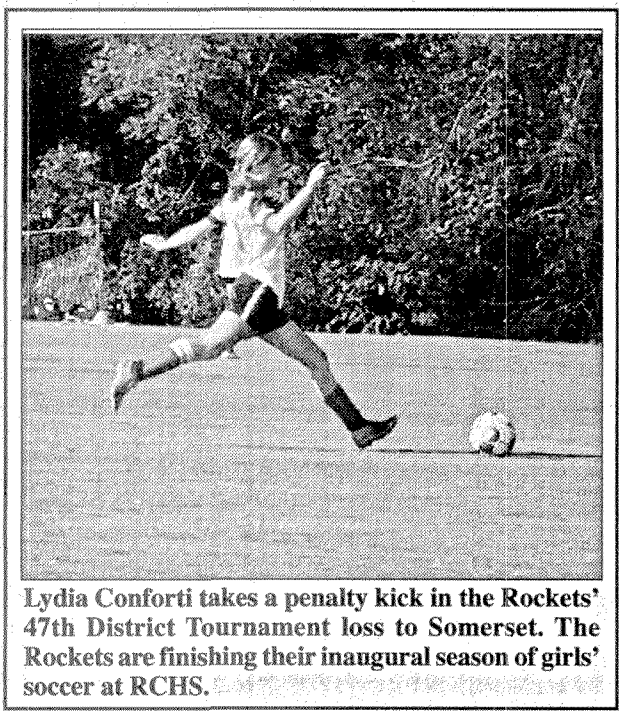


Rocket paint crew before their final home game of the season against Bell County.

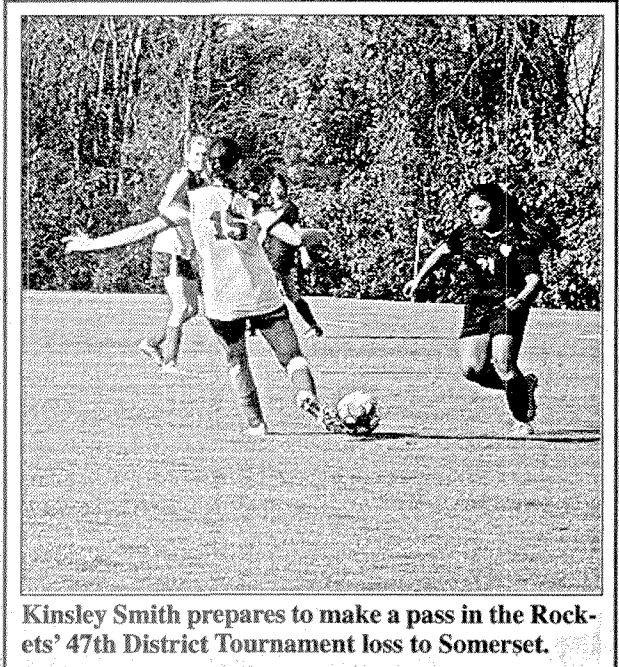


RCMS sixth grade football won their conference championship this past Saturday with an 18-6 win over McCreary Central finishing the season undefeated. They now travel to Scott County High School this Saturday to begin state playoff action against the Hebron Cougars.

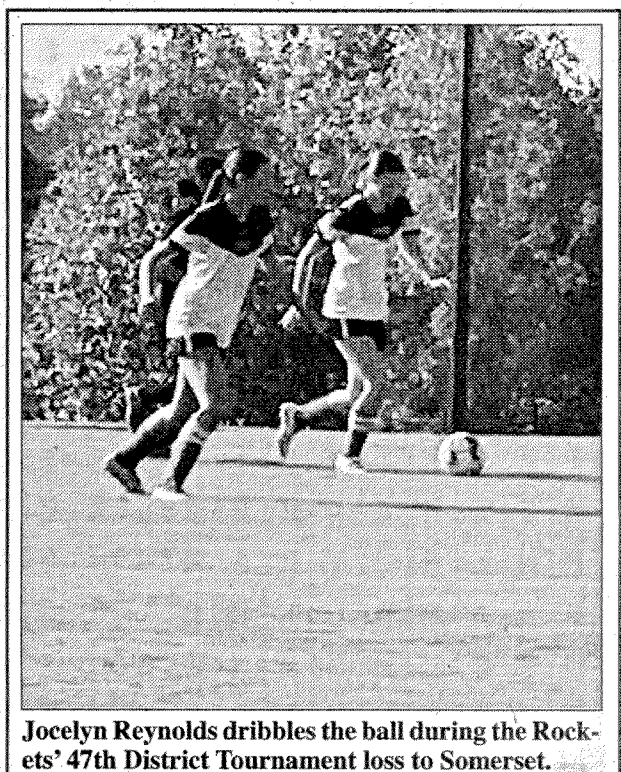
Soccer ends inaugural season



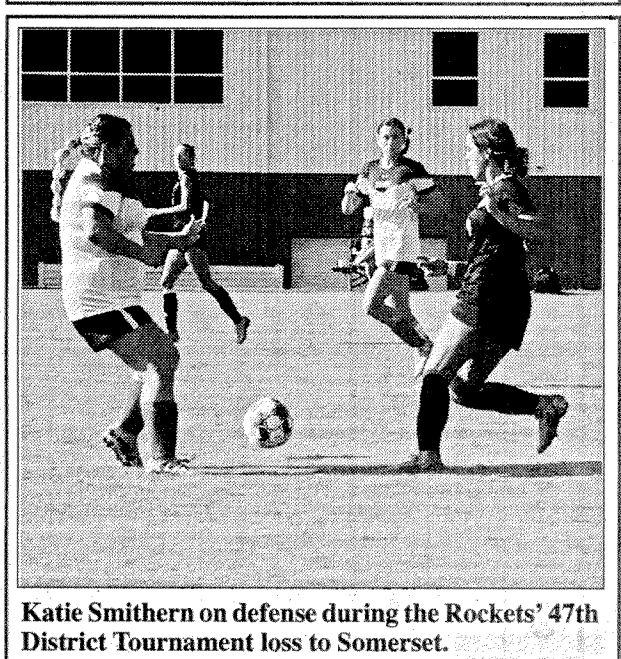
Lydia Conforti takes a penalty kick in the Rockets' 47th District Tournament loss to Somerset. The Rockets are finishing their inaugural season of girls' soccer at RCHS.



Kinsley Smith prepares to make a pass in the Rockets' 47th District Tournament loss to Somerset.



Jocelyn Reynolds dribbles the ball during the Rockets' 47th District Tournament loss to Somerset.

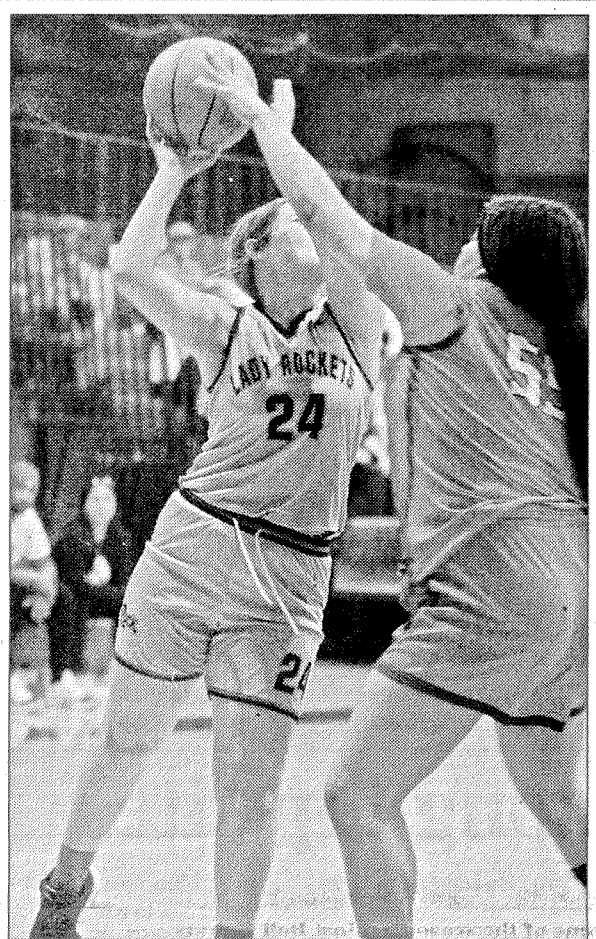


Katie Smithern on defense during the Rockets' 47th District Tournament loss to Somerset.

RCMS Basketball



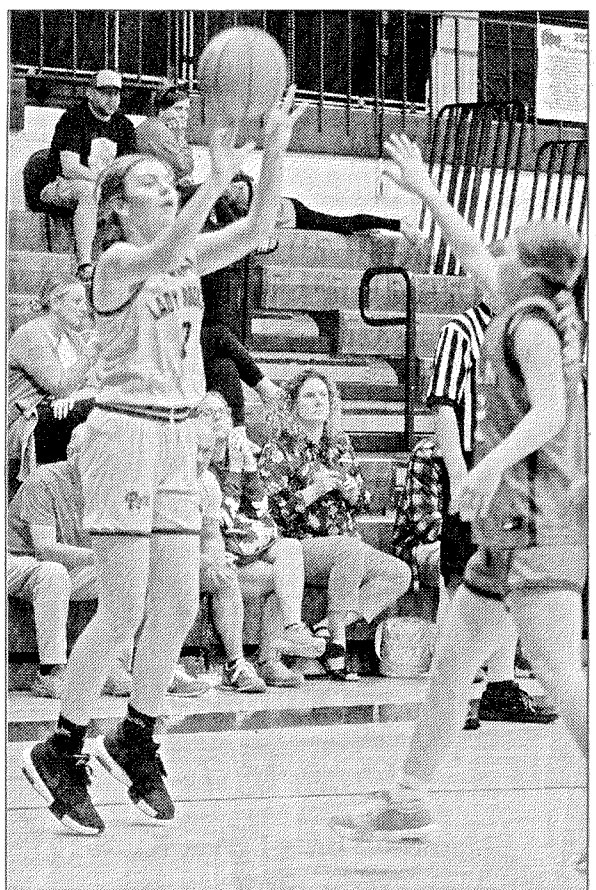
KG Bussell drives around a Lincoln County defender in eighth grade action.



Lacey Prewitt goes to the basket during eighth grade action against Lincoln County.



Hailey Mize fights for a rebound during eighth grade action against Lincoln County.



Maycee McIntosh puts up a jump shot during eighth grade action against Lincoln County.



Rayleigh Hancock runs a fast break during eighth grade action against Lincoln County.



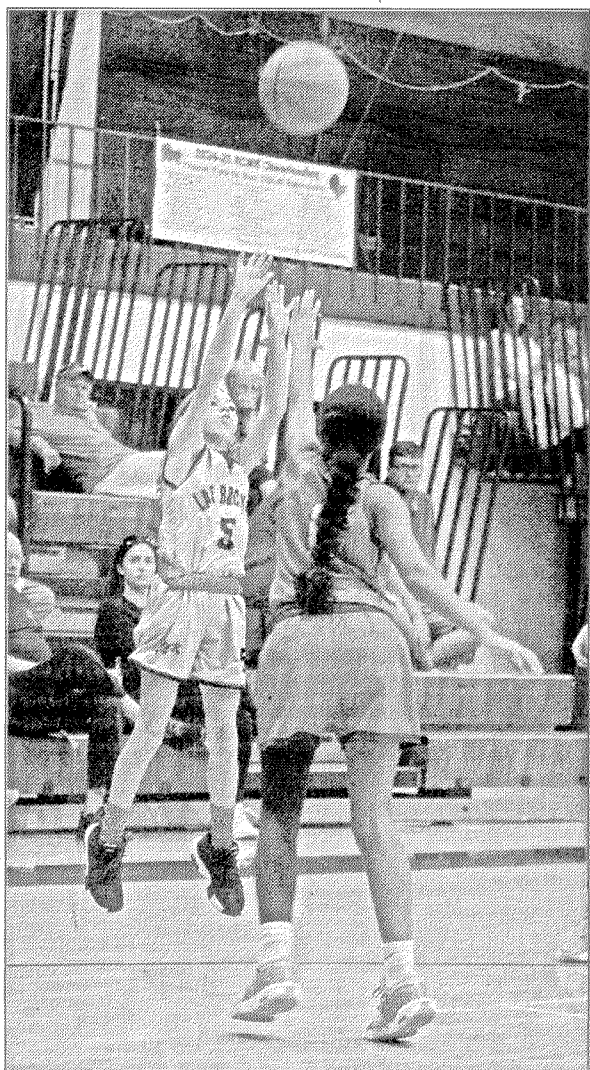
Ava Craig forces a jump ball during the seventh grade's 36-31 win over Lincoln County. Craig had six points for the Rockets.



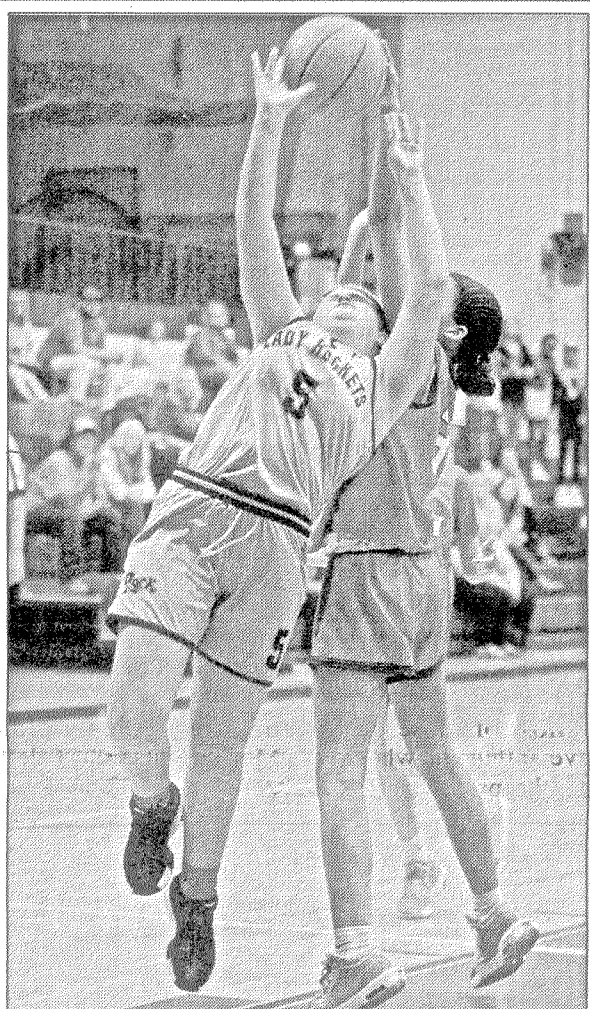
Avery Gatliff drives to the basket during the seventh grade's 36-31 win over Lincoln County. Abrams had nine points in the win.



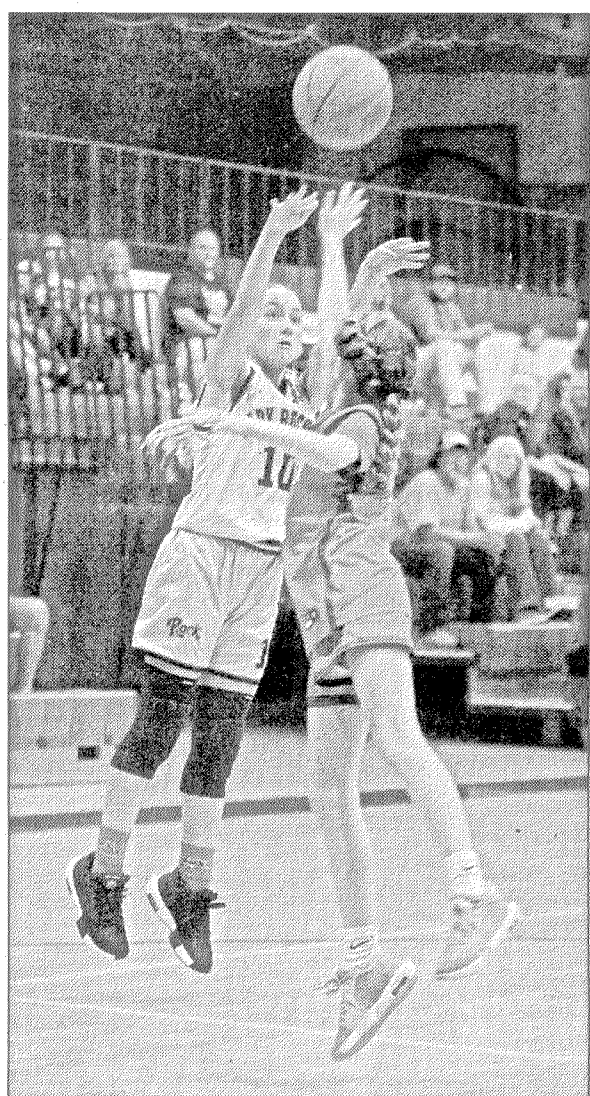
Mia Scalf drives past a defender during the seventh grade's 36-31 win over Lincoln County. Scalf had five points in the win.



Brylee Silcox puts up a jump shot during the seventh grade's 36-31 win over Lincoln County. Silcox had four points in the win.



Shayla Prewitt fights for a rebound in sixth grade basketball action against Lincoln County.



Paisley Wheeler puts up a jump shot in sixth grade basketball action against Lincoln County.

"Paint"

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adults care for something also carries over to our younger generation.

"Dad, I'm not crying because I'm sad, I'm crying because I got to be the last person to ever score a touchdown on our grass field," said an emotional Jase Napier.

The surface may

change, but the meaningful traditions that we hold so dear to our hearts as Rocket football fans will forever live on in players such as Jase and his teammates. The efforts that individuals like Mickey McClure and his crew will go on to be remembered by someone who will then turn around and give back to the program in their honor.

— Eighth graders honored —



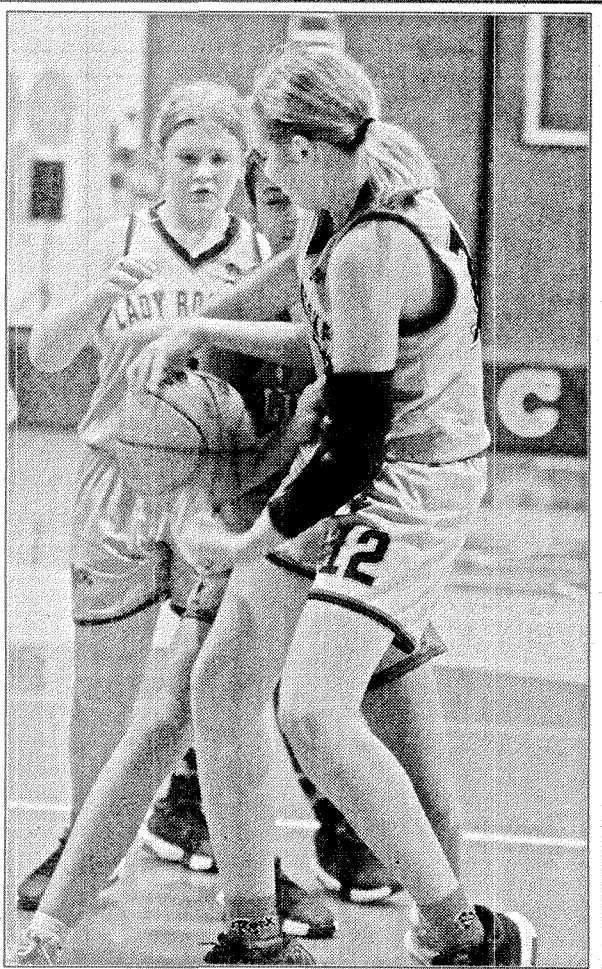
RCMS football recently honored their eighth graders. Eighth graders are shown above, front row from left: Leland Hughes, Keegan Riddle, Gabe Powell, Kevin Valle, Robby Carosello, Marrick Hester and Brody Campbell. Back row from left: Ethan Phillips, Jasper Rogers, AJ Martin, Dalton Bullen, Eyan Bussell, Gabe Day, Jamie Howard, Josiah Rodriguez and Dillon Bradley.



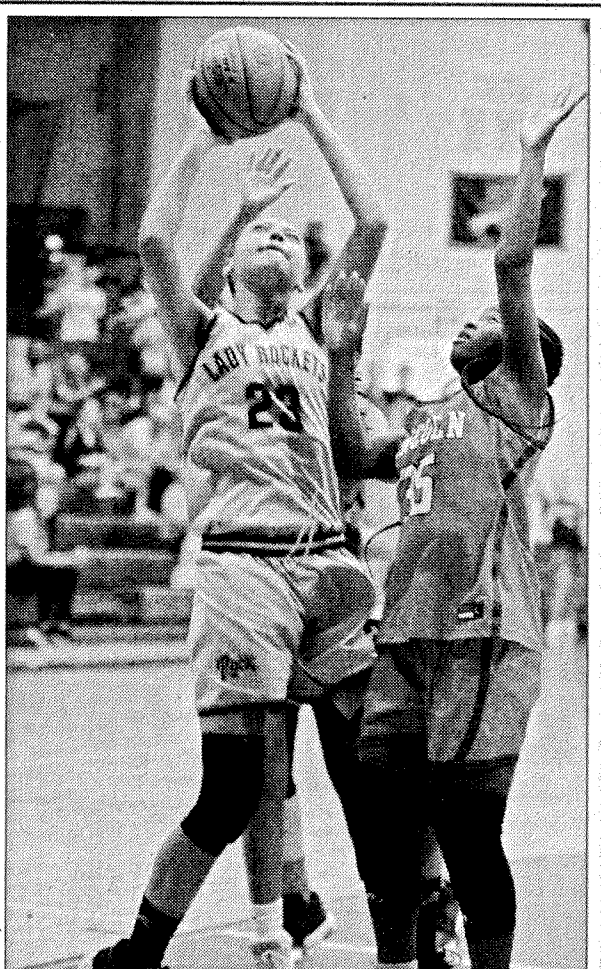
RCMS basketball honored their eighth graders in their final home game against Lincoln County. Eighth graders honored are shown above, from left: Lacey Prewitt, Kylie Sturgill, Rayleigh Hancock, Maycee McIntosh, Lexie Stevens, Hailey Mize, KG Bussell and Khloe McFerron.



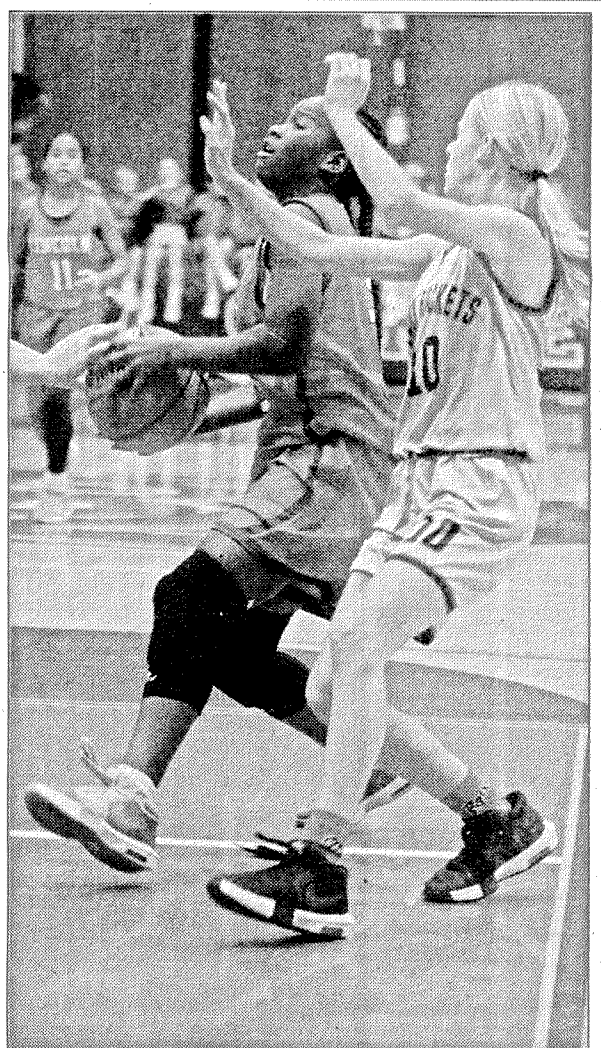
Kylie Sturgill drives to the basket during eighth grade action against Lincoln County.



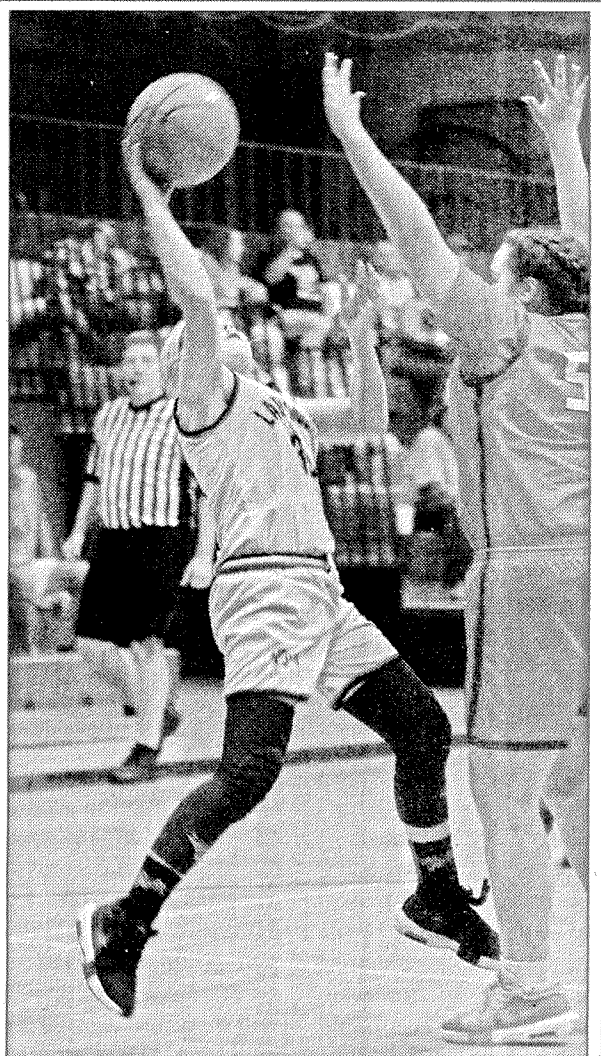
Kara Philbeck forces a jump ball in sixth grade basketball action against Lincoln County.



Elayna Wearren goes for two in sixth grade basketball action against Lincoln County.



Kyleigh Abrams stops a driving Eagle player during the seventh grade's 36-31 win over Lincoln County. Abrams had nine points in the win.



Caylee Yount takes it to the hole in sixth grade basketball action against Lincoln County.

RGL Megasite among top sites

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) discussed several items during their regular meeting last week. A large part of the conversation focused around the new 1,400 acre megasite off US 150 between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead.

Members of the board agree the potential financial impact the megasite offers to Rockcastle County is immeasurable. But, as RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Chairman Corey Craig pointed out to those present, such feelings are not limited to local officials. Rockcastle County is showing up in national and international magazines and business meetings around the world.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., who was present for the meeting, agreed. "Rockcastle County is getting talked about and I don't mean just locally," he said. "Our county is being discussed across the state, across the nation and internationally, due to this megasite."

Apparently, the local megasite, known as the RGL (Rockcastle/Gariard/Lincoln) Industrial Park, offers all the opportunities that site selectors around the world look for when helping large industry, companies or businesses find the best location to expand or start up. "Our site is considered among the top sites in the nation and with good

reason," said Craig when the natural gas line was about to come to Rockcastle County. "In the past few years we have been able to overcome obstacles that had hindered progress in years past. No more can site selectors say they would be interested in locating here if only.... We have been able to eliminate the excuses."

And now the FDI Alliance International has named the RGL Megasite as a part of REDI (Readiness Evaluation for Development and Investment) which is touted as the new national standard in assessing site readiness for United States office and industrial projects.

Administered by the Site Selectors Guild, REDI sites provide a searchable database of available sites that have undergone rigorous assessment set by the world's foremost group of site selection consultants. REDI is the first national site readiness program.

Showing what REDI calls "the most lucrative investment destinations in the world," the RGL megasite is listed among six sites in America in the summer issue of FDI Alliance International which reaches over 625,000 decision makers, corporate executives, site selectors and investors around the world.

The six top listed sites in America include a site in Shelbyville, Kentucky, Martinsville, Virginia, Orangeburg, South Carolina, Texarkana, Arkansas, Amarillo, Texas and the RGL site in Rockcastle

County. However, the average size of the other five sites listed is 480 acres while the RGL site provides 1,400 acres of real estate.

"The potential this site provides to our county and this entire region is off the charts," said VanHook. "And this is just the beginning."

VanHook and the board agree that it may be a few years before the potential of the megasite is realized but

it may also move quickly. "We are not in a hurry," said VanHook. "We have what everyone else wants and other IDAs are asking us how we were able to accomplish such a monumental task. We can pick and choose and make sure we have the best possible partner at our site."

Officials agree that regardless of how long it takes to find the perfect partner, it will be worth the wait.

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Notices

Notice is hereby given that Lonetta Daugherty, 335 Jerri Lane, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 and Valerie Dillingham, 1792 Brown Road, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed co-executrixes of the estate of Lonnie E. Dillingham, deceased, on the 25th day of September 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lonetta Daugherty and Valerie Dillingham or Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 33x3

Notice is hereby given that Kimberly Claire Castleberry, 2092 Brushy Ridge Road, Orlando, KY 40460 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of William Castleberry, deceased, on the 25th day of September 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kimberly Claire Castleberry or Hon. Charlotte A. Nickerson, Nickerson Watts, PLLC, 148 South Main Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342 on or before March 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 33x3

Notice is hereby given that Diane Helton, 4237 Willailla Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of David Taylor, deceased, on the 2nd day of October, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Diane Helton or to Hon. William Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before April 2, 2025. 34x3

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Multi-Family Yard Sale: Bride of Christ Church, 100 High St. This Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Furniture, clothes, toys, some of everything.

Multi-Family Yard Sale: Friday, October 18th from 8 a.m. until at least 5 p.m. 158 Silver St., (by BES) in Brodhead. Tons of fall and winter clothing and shoes/boots (over 100 pair) for the entire family. Women's sizes S-2XL, men's sizes M-XL, kids' (boys and girls) from size 6/4 - 14/16. Name brand purses, books, toys, household items, movies, crafting supplies and MUCH more. Priced to sell!!

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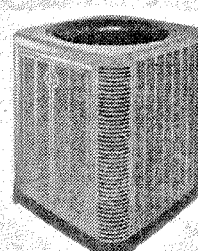
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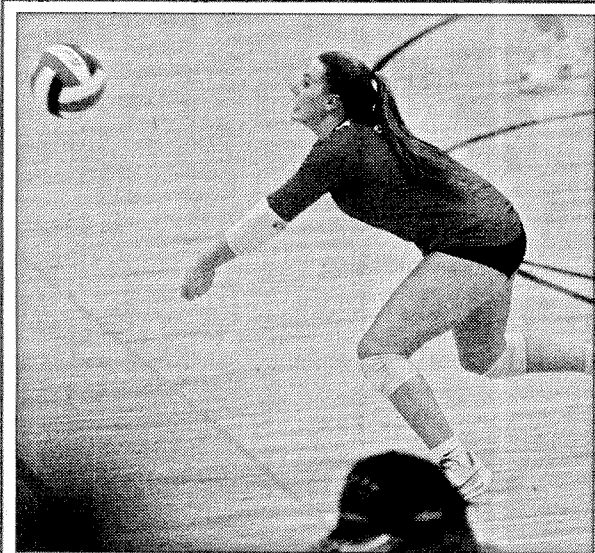
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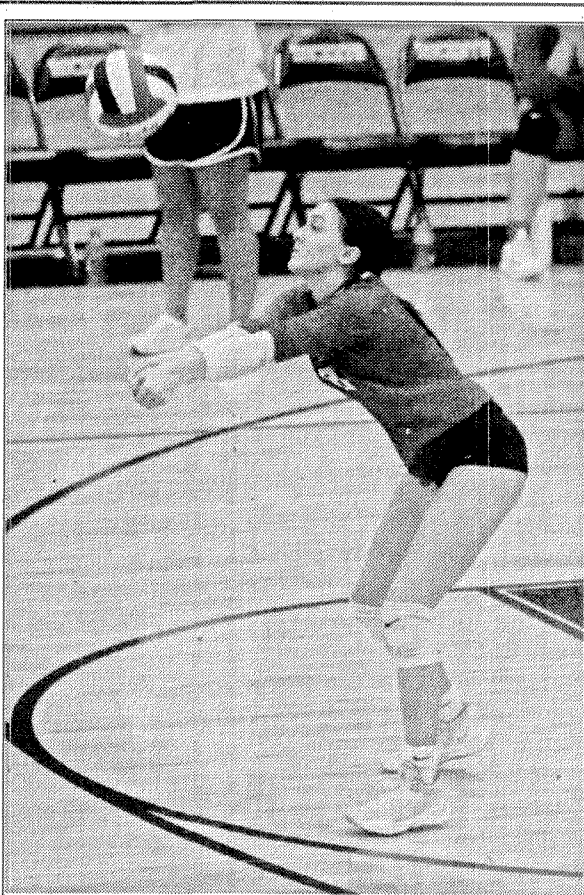
Addy King gets a dig in the Rockets' 3-1 win over Garrard County. King had 26 digs, nine kills and three service aces.



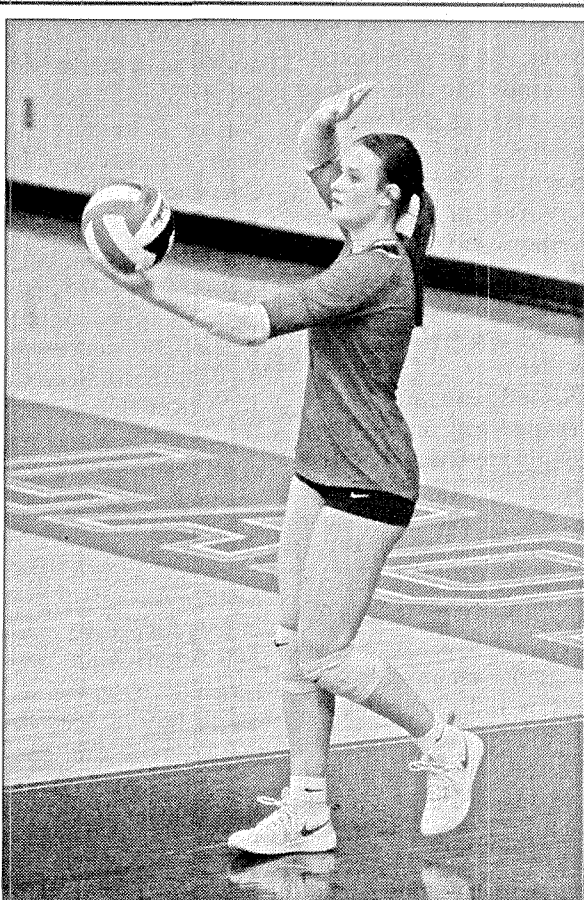
Addison Rush goes for a kill in the Rockets' 3-1 win over Garrard County. Rush had 11 kills, three blocks, two digs and one service ace in the victory.

Fundraiser/Benefit

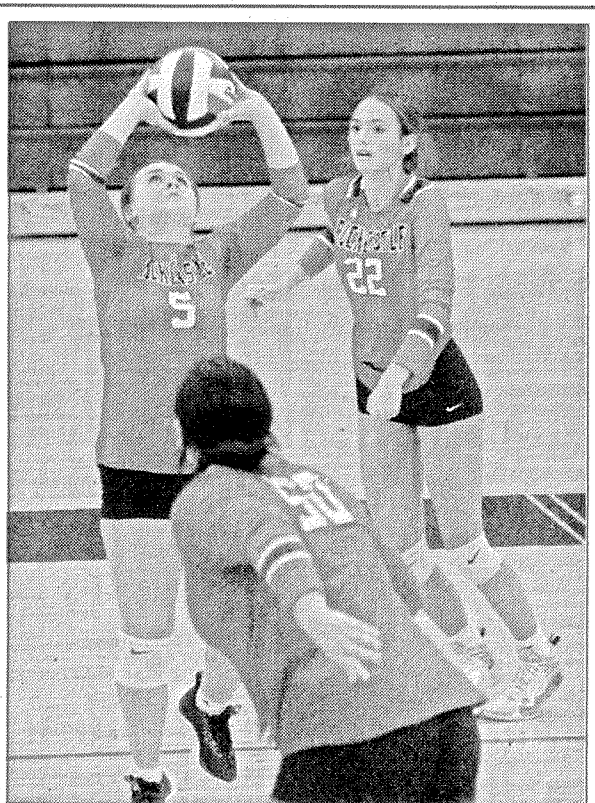
Please come join us for a fundraiser/benefit honoring the late Edgar Lynn "Flash" Albright at the Ottawa Baptist Church, Brodhead, Friday, October 25th, 6 to 9 p.m. Special music provided. Door prizes. Raffle/silent auction. Love offering at the end of the evening. For info, please contact Natalie Albright at 606-485-0861.



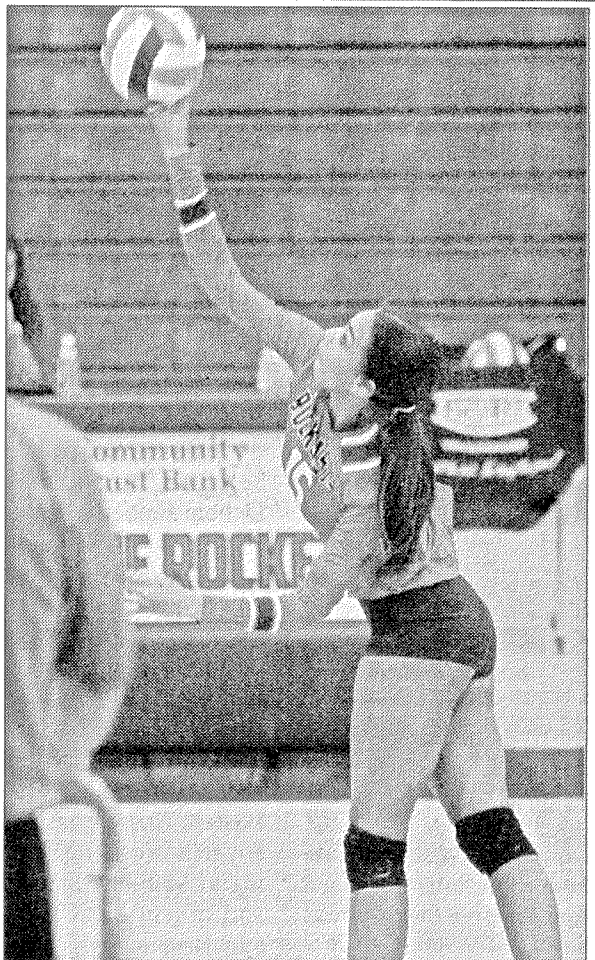
Trinity Abney makes a pass in the Rockets' 3-1 win over Garrard County Monday night. Abney had seven digs and one assist in the win. The Rockets' senior night is this Thursday at 6 p.m. before their match with Lincoln County.



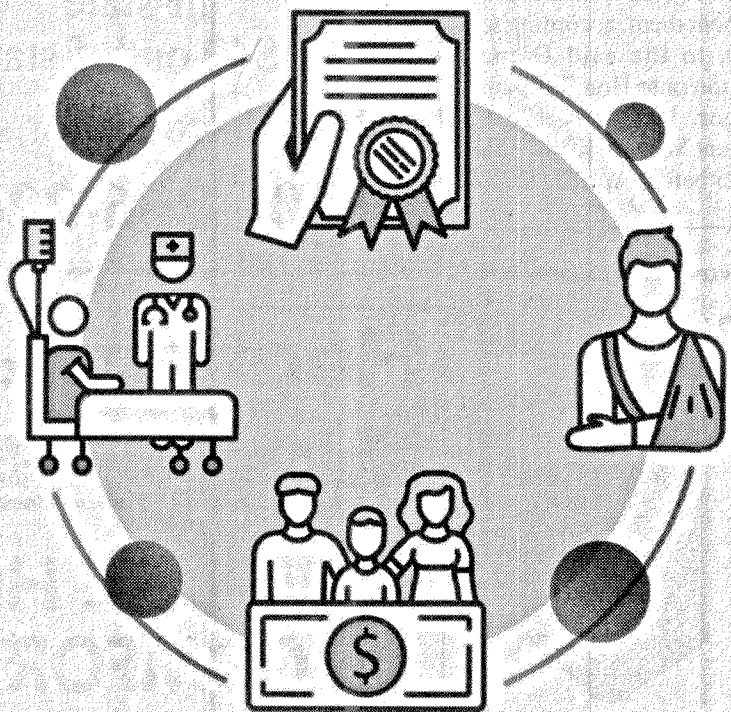
Brille Bussell goes for one of her four service aces in the Rockets' 3-1 win over Garrard County. Bussell also had 18 digs, four kills and one assist.



Markley Richards sets a teammate in the Rockets' win over Garrard County. Richards had 31 assists, 24 digs, one service ace and four kills in the victory. Also shown is Madelynn Parsons. Parsons had one kill, three blocks, seven digs and three service aces.



Aisha Nije goes for a kill in the Rockets' 3-1 win over Garrard County Monday night. Nije had 12 kills and seven blocks in the win. The Rockets will face Casey County next Monday at Casey at 8 p.m. in the first round of the 47th District Tournament.



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