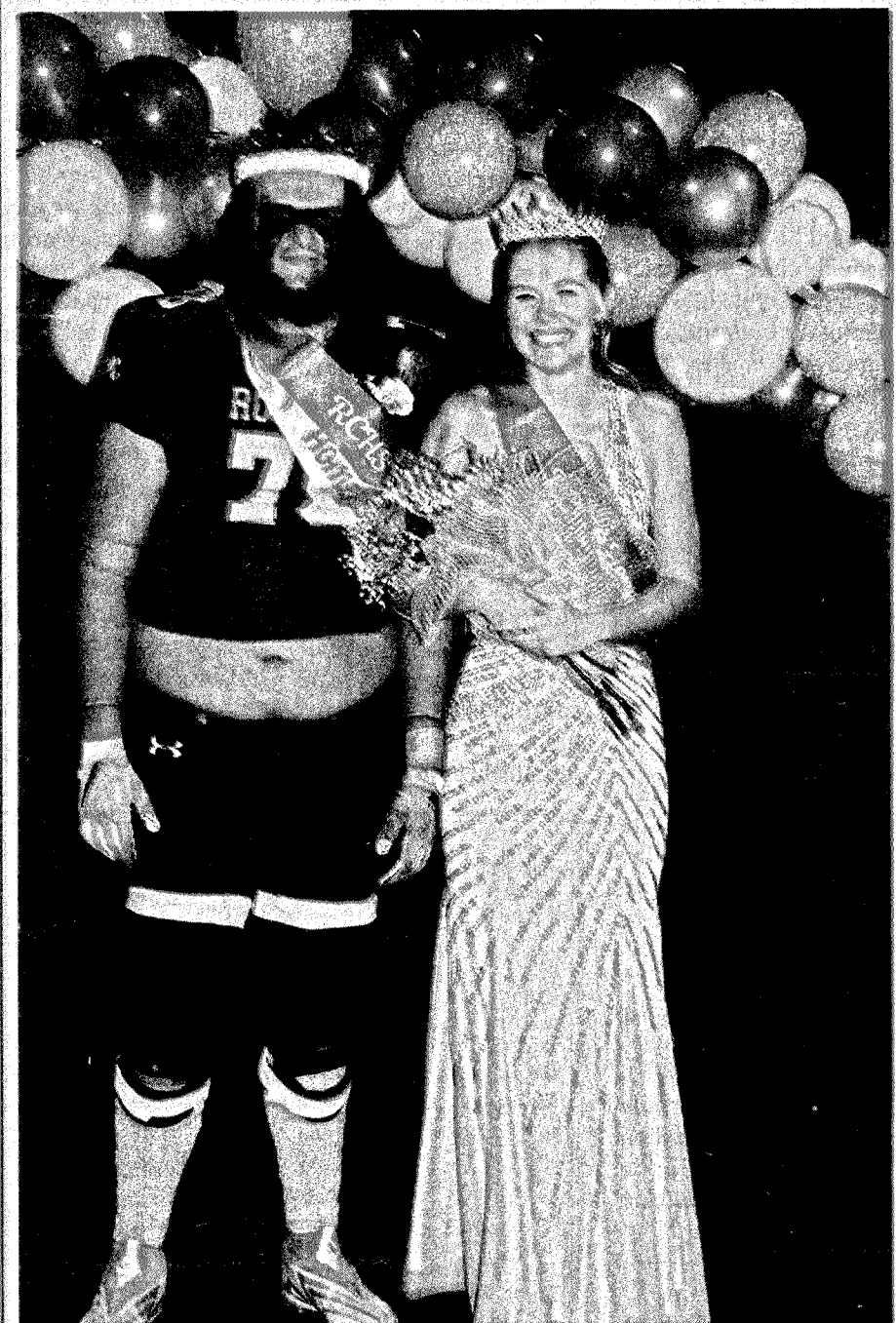


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## RCHS Royalty



Kameryn Medley and Jake Snyder were named RCHS Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the Rockets' win over McCreary Central Friday night. Second runners-up were Ashleigh Abney and Trent Wilson and frist runners-up were Briley Fowler and Ethan Gibson. (See more photos on A12)

## RCHS and MVES may have new paving, other upgrades

Changes to RCHS entrance may be included

By: Mike French  
Editor

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

The meeting opened with the usual presentation from one of the schools in the district. This month's presentation came from the RCMS FFA.

The board then approved the monthly financial report as provided by Finance Director Jenny Sweet.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing paving and upgrading projects at Mount Vernon Elementary and Rockcastle County High School. The project includes resurfacing the parking lots and driveway area as well as some changes in the entrance into the high school and a ramp to meet ADA (American Disabilities Act) requirements.

The plan, according to a slide presentation by Derek Phillips of DECO Architecture, Inc., includes expanding the entrance along KY-461 where vehicles line up to wait during

student pick-up each school day, rearranging some parking and greenspace, entries and exits and the repaving of all parking and driveways at both schools.

Phillips said his firm had been studying the traffic patterns at the schools and is recommending the site improvements along with the paving projects.

Phillips said some concrete stairs had also deteriorated and he

recommended new stairs made from salt-resistant concrete as well as an ADA compliant handicap ramp.

The firm is planning to price each individual project in separate bids and then the board can choose which of the projects to complete, if not all of them. "This is part of our District Facilities Plan to upgrade our parking and

(See "School" on A5)

## General Election already underway

Election Day  
Tuesday, November 7

Once again Election time is near.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7 and in Kentucky a photo ID is required to vote.

Rockcastle County elections will remain on the same format that was created during the COVID Pandemic. Instead of voting centers across the county and voters being required to visit a specific voting location, there will once again be only four locations to vote. However, voters may cast their ballot at ANY of the four locations. Voter are not restricted to vote in their precinct location.

Election officials say this has been confusing to some voters but wishes to clarify that you may vote at ANY of the four voting locations.

**Voting locations**

The four locations include the Rockcastle County Courthouse at 205 East Main Street in Mount Vernon, Roundstone Elementary School at 6701 North

Wilderness Road in Mount Vernon, Brodhead Elementary School at 27 School Street in Brodhead and the Livingston Fire Department at 9254 Main Street in Livingston.

**Voting times and dates**

Thursday, November 2 through Saturday, November 4, is set aside for early in-person voting. No excuse is required and anyone may vote at that time but all early, in-person votes must be cast at the Rockcastle County Courthouse regardless of the voter's precinct location.

Thursday voting hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday voting hours are 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday voting hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October 25 though November 1 is set aside for excused voting. To vote during this period, voters must have a valid excuse to vote early as set out by KRS 117.076(2).

(See "Vote" on A5)

## Opioid funds sitting unused as officials seek state guidance

By: Mike French  
Editor

What if you had a quarter of a million dollars but were not allowed to spend it yet? Such is the case with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and

to a smaller degree, cities inside the county as well.

A recent lawsuit, involving multiple states and pharmaceutical companies who promoted opioids, resulted in a \$26 billion settlement signed by Attorney General Daniel Cameron. Over \$470 million of that settlement came to Kentucky. Rockcastle County

has received \$251,179 while The City of Mount Vernon has received about \$18,000 with more to come next year. Each city received a portion of the funds from the state of Kentucky.

The difficulty for local officials has been that the money is highly restricted

(See "Funds" on A5)

## Fiscal Court handles monthly business

By: Mike French  
Editor

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

After accepting the minutes and the Trail Town report from Livingston, the court agreed to issue the usual \$1,000 in trail town program support for the City of Livingston and the \$1,515 in support for the Rockcastle County Development Board. The court also accepted the RCIDA monthly report and agreed to provide \$500 to the Cumberland River Behavioral Health Christmas Program. The court also agreed to \$13.50 per hour for an additional 911 Certified Training Officer at the local 911 center.

The court also agreed to an MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) for election equipment costing \$98,210. The funds will be reimbursed through a grant that was approved earlier, according to Judge/Executive

Howell Holbrook, Jr. The court also re-

(See "Vote" on A5)

## Arrest made after single-car crash on I-75

By: Mike French  
Editor

One of two simultaneous single car crashes on I-75 caused the closure of the southbound lanes for over two hours last Thursday and resulted in the arrest of the driver of one of the vehicles, according to a citation.

The citation says Rebecca Rhodes Skinner, 62, of Shepherdsville asked police to search her overturned vehicle for a University of Louisville Identification card after her accident, but police found suspected Methamphetamine instead.

According to the citation, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Donald Weaver, was working an accident on I-75 last Thursday when

(See "Crash" on A5)



Shown above is the vehicle driven by Rebecca Skinner, of Shepherdsville, after a single-car accident which closed I-75 southbound for over two hours last Thursday. A citation says Methamphetamine was found in the vehicle after Skinner asked first responders to search her vehicle looking for an identification card. Skinner was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

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We Americans have made a drastic and critical mistake. In our constant drive for an easier, more comfortable, lazier life, we have created a life that can be taken from us with the snap of someone's fingers. It was a stupid mistake. We have purposely gone from complete self-sufficiency to complete dependency.

For all of mankind's existence, there were five basic "needs" for survival. Humans require food, water, shelter, air and sleep to live. In our quest to live "better," easier lives, we have added electricity and transportation to those five.

The average American now has at least seven needs to survive, but that isn't the scariest part. The real ignorance came when we allowed others (mostly government) to have total control over many of those needs. It is self-destructive to hand the power over your needs to survive to others.

While electricity was invented as a convenience, we have turned it into a complete necessity. It is estimated by BioMed studies, that in an electrical grid emergency, where power is off for more than one month, 90% of American citizens would die. That is an astounding thought to me. Just two generations ago, most people didn't even use electricity. Many had never even heard of it. For all of history, electricity did not exist and then two generations after it is invented, 90% of Americans would die without it.

We have taken a manmade convenience and turned it into a basic need for our very survival.

But that isn't all of our stupidity. Our ignorance goes much deeper. Even many of the other five necessities of life are no longer at our own discretion. We have given complete authority and control of our basic needs for life, over to people we have never met and then we pay them to keep providing those needs for us. What could go wrong! Anyone who thinks that is a smart idea, is apparently looking forward to the end of America.

Not counting farmers, our food is completely controlled by people you never met. Millions and millions of Americans have never seen a farm and would have no clue how to grow food or harvest meat. I believe the 10% that would survive, are right here in our Appalachia area where we still hunt and fish and know how to build a fire. But those in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and all the other big cities would be helpless.

Shelter is also now in the hands of government. We work our lives away to build a safe home for our family and then give the government the authority to take it from us and put us on the street in the cold unless we pay their annual extortion known as property tax.

Water has now become so polluted and nasty that humans can't drink it anymore. Now we are completely dependent upon those who pump water to our homes. We have all but

### Aces Over

By: Mike French



done away with wells and cisterns that I grew up with. We now depend on others to have water.

Luckily we still have air. Although it is getting more polluted every day by big industry.

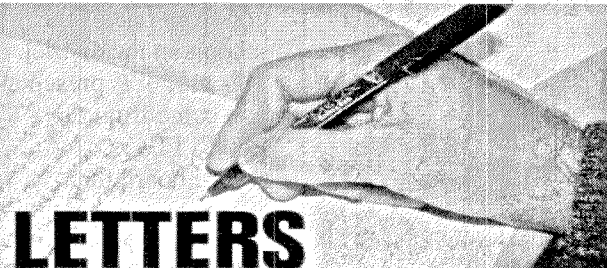
We have also added the basic necessity of "transportation" to our list of basic needs. In today's world very few know how to ride a horse. Most everyone now depends on stores for all their needs and have to drive to them to have anything. Most cannot walk to work anymore. Some travel many miles to work every day.

After thousands of years, we have gone from a completely self-sufficient creature to a completely dependent creature.

My grandfather couldn't have cared less about government's thoughts or ideas. He drank water from his well, ate what he grew and what he killed, was sheltered by the home he built from trees he cut down and he didn't really need anyone.

I keep hearing the liberal term "It takes a village." But the truth is, it didn't for thousands of years. Only in this needy generation are we forced to depend on people who may wear a pig ring through their nose and men who often wear their mother's clothing, to keep our water turned on.

These people now decide if you have water and food and shelter and electricity and transportation. A generation that has changed the world because they are afraid someone may hurt their feelings, have the power to decide if you live or die. A generation that needs psychologists if they don't win a race in school, control your very existence. Let's hope you don't call them by the wrong gender and upset



Dear Editor,

As to those three persons on TV that say they are Republicans voting for Beshear, there is no real Republican that would vote for killing babies (Abortion) or for men marrying men or women marrying women or something stupid like taking an 8 to 9 year-old girl and trying to make her a boy, or taking an 8 to 9 year-old boy and try-

ing to make a girl out of him. I believe if you believe in the Democrat platform like Beshear and Biden have drawn up, you will probably never make it to Heaven.


God Bless you and yours.

**Bob Lunsford**  
P.S. By the way, you are not voting for Beshear, you are voting for his wishes. (platform.) Beshear a Decon???

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### T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Let Me Tell You What I've Been Thinking About

Dear Journal,

For about two years or longer I've been thinking about a needed project, at least in my view. I've been wanting to make a Trail of Tears monument and Memorial garden. There are so many people in this area that have Native roots, at least in part that a monument to our ancestry should be erected. Then, there should be a garden of native plants and herbs surrounding it. Maybe there should be a medicine wheel, as well.

I've had the good fortune to get in contact with some people who can help me make this a reality. First, there needs to be funding. So, I plan to have a fundraiser next month that should prove

to be not only fun but educational. This project is in its infancy, therefore don't expect a major event for a year or two. Everything has a beginning, usually small. I've heard that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step forward.

I'm hoping to have some dancers, a drum, storytellers, vendors, good food and a few surprises. This event is sponsored by the Rockcastle DAR and the Wildcat Harley-Davidson of London. The Harley-Davidson will be donating T-shirts and gift cards as prizes to be given out periodically (as far as I know as of now). With the vendors on hand, hopefully, people will come through and spend

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## SSI retirement benefits will increase 3.2 percent

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 71 million Americans will increase 3.2 percent in 2024, the Social Security Administration recently announced. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by more than \$50 per month starting in January.

More than 66 million Social Security beneficiaries will see the 3.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) beginning in January 2024. Increased payments to approximately 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on December 29, 2023. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits).

Social Security begins notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December. Individuals who have a personal my Social Security account can view their COLA notice online, which is secure, easy, and faster than receiving a letter in the mail. People can set up text or email alerts when there is a new message--such as their COLA notice--waiting for them in my Social Security.

Information about Medicare changes for 2024 will be available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). For Social Security beneficiaries

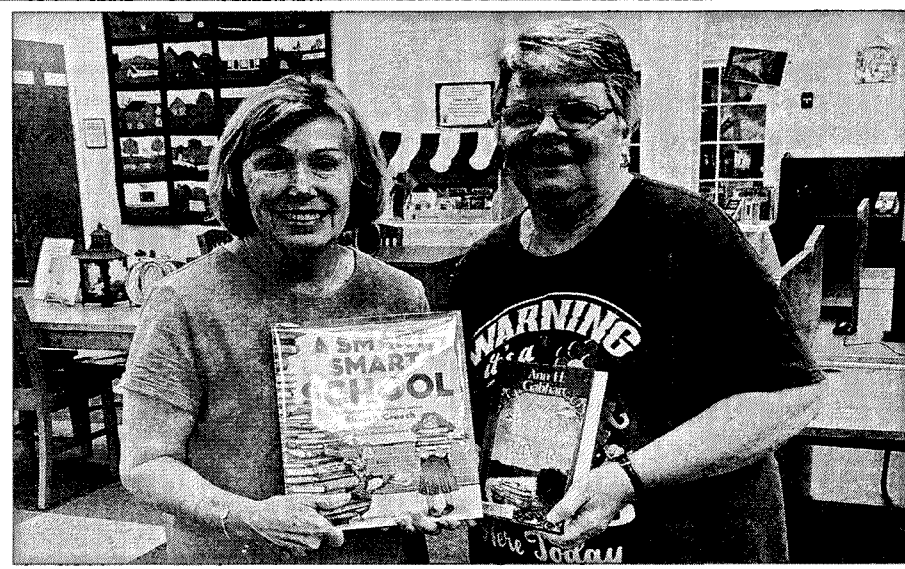
enrolled in Medicare, their new 2024 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed

COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA

is calculated.

To get more information, please visit [www.ssa.gov/cola](http://www.ssa.gov/cola).



The Rockcastle County Retired Teachers Association recently donated two books to the Rockcastle County Library in honor of teachers who passed away in the past year. Memorial plaques were placed in the books by librarian, Pam Chaliff. This year the following teachers were honored: Ronnie Cash, Nell Craig, Geraldine French, Terry Parkey, Shelby Reynolds, June Taylor and Margie Wilcop. Pictured from left are Jerri Lynn Smith, Rockcastle County Retired Teachers and Pam Chaliff, librarian.

## T.J.'s

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some time with us and get some of their Christmas shopping out of the way. This will be an arts and crafts fair with a Native theme, but there will be

much more as well. It is still in the planning, so watch the Signal, WRVK, and flyers for further details.

I also want to form a community of Native people from the area for

the purpose of just getting together for companionship, and good time gatherings from time to time. I hope I can count on support from everyone in this endeavor.

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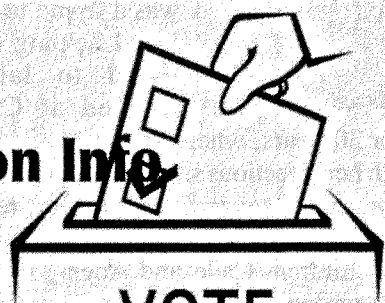
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Online Absentee Portal open Sept. 23 – October 24, 2023 **VOTE**

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Official Ballot DROP BOX: Located at the US25S Entrance to the Rockcastle County Courthouse @ 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (KRS117.086 (2)(a))

**OCTOBER 19, 2023 Board Inspection/Seal Check of Election Equipment, 8AM**  
Rockcastle County Courthouse, KRS 117.162 (1) & (2)

**October 21, 2023 @ 10AM or October 24, 2023 @ 6PM**

**Precinct Election Officer Training, Rockcastle County Courthouse**

**Ballot Processing May Begin this day and runs through Election Day @ 6pm**

**October 25 – November 1, 2023 (Excused voting)**

Rockcastle Co. Clerk's Office, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Must have a designated reason to vote during this period (KRS 117.076 (2))

**November 2 - November 4, 2023 (NO EXCUSE) Early In-Person (ID required)**

Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 for **ALL** registered voters, regardless of precinct.

- Thursday: Nov. 2, 2023 : 10AM - 6PM
- Friday : Nov. 3, 2023 : 6AM - 2PM
- Saturday : Nov. 4, 2023 : 8AM - 4PM

**ELECTION DAY – November 7, 2023 (ID required)**

Rockcastle County will have four centralized voting centers, meaning **ALL** precinct ballots will be available at each location, on Election Day from 6AM-6PM. Rockcastle County voters may use whichever location works best for them.

Locations are as follows:

1. Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
2. Roundstone Elementary School, 6701 N Wilderness Rd, Mt Vernon, KY 40456
3. Brodhead Elementary School, 27 School Street, Brodhead, KY 40409
4. Livingston Volunteer Fire Department, 9254 Main Street, Livingston, KY 40445

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
**Monday, October 23rd:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston. **Tuesday, October 24th:** Maple Grove and Climax.

### Citrus Fruit and Nut Orders

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau is currently taking Citrus Fruit and Nut orders until 10-23-2023. Please call 606-256-2050 to place an order.

### DBCAA Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., will be having a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County @central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road, Manchester. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

### KPR Meeting October 23rd

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday, October 23rd at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website ([kentuckypublicretirees.org](http://kentuckypublicretirees.org)). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

### Weekly Grief Support Group

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

### New Volunteer Training

Hospice Care Plus will host a new volunteer training, Saturday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond. Volunteers are trained to work in their own communities or at the Compassionate Care Center. Pre-registration is required and refreshments will be served. You can register online at [hospicecareplus.org](http://hospicecareplus.org) or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500.

### Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post 5908

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

### Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

### Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

### American Legion Post News

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

### DAR Meetings

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

### Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

### Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**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.

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

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

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

**Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only.**

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



# Obituaries

## Florence Hoskins Winstead

Florence Hoskins Winstead, 87, of Brodhead, died Thursday, October 12, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born November 13, 1935, in San



Diego, California, the daughter of the late Henry and Ollie Ponder Hoskins. Florence acquired a Master's Degree and was a retired Rockcastle County High School English teacher. She enjoyed hand crafts, sewing, knitting and crossword puzzles.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Clint Winstead of New York; grandchildren, Alex Winstead, Billy Combs, Leah Fields, and Carrie Ross; great grandchildren, Caleb Winstead, Arden Winstead, Makenzie Fields, Raelyn Combs, Madilyn Combs, Eli Combs, and Kenny Manning; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Nora Ross, and brothers, Henry and Floyd Hoskins.

A "Celebration of Life" memorial service was conducted Monday, October 16, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

## Loretta "Sue" Cox

Loretta "Sue" (Mullins) Cox, 88, of Dayton, OH, died Monday, October 9, 2023 at Hospice of Dayton, OH. Sue was born July 19, 1935, in Orlando, to Fred Sr. and Nancy Barnett Mullins. She enjoyed decorating for the holidays and shopping at the local thrift store. She also enjoyed trips to KY to be with family. She was a member of the Climax Christian Church in Climax.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Norma Reams of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Dee (Richard) Mays, Jared Reams, Mikah (Danielle) Reams, all of Mt. Vernon, Dallas Lynch, Megan Koch, and Alyssa Barham of Dayton, OH; three great grandchildren, Javan Hasty, Skyler Durham, and Robert Reams, all of Mt. Vernon; special nieces, Shirley Parks of Humble, TX, Buffy Wheeler of Columbia, MO, and Mary Kerns and Kim Fields of Hamilton, OH; three nephews, Freddie Mullins of Eubank, Ralph Mullins of Mt. Vernon and Willie Jennings of Hamilton, OH; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Sue was preceded in death by: her husband, Emmitt Cox; three sons, John Koch, Frank Koch, and Dale Barham, all of Dayton, OH; brothers, Fred Mullins, Jr., Stanley Mullins, Hubert, and Everett Jennings; and one sister, Lola Sissy White.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 15, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Bob Dalton officiating. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery in Climax.

## Linda Lawson

Linda Lawson, 62, of Somerset, died Sunday, October 15, 2023 at her home. She was born in Mt. Vernon on October 23, 1960, the daughter of Arval and Ethel Carpenter Clark.

She was a retired waitress for Jean's Restaurant and a member of Conway Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by: a daughter, Shonda Bradley (Joshua) of Somerset; grandchildren, Holly and Kyle Heuberger, Samantha Bradley (Stevie), and Ronnie Bradley; great grandchildren, Kenzly, Rylee, and Oakleigh Heuberger, and Madelynn Bradley; and a sister, Goldie Kirby (Terry). In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Samuel Lawson; and siblings, Doug, Rick, Danny, Joe, and Mike Clark, Donna Kirby, and Gena Dooley.

Graveside services will be conducted Friday, October 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Charles Kenneth Moberly

Chester Kenneth Moberly, 79, of Florence, Ky., entered into rest on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. He was born in Livingston on March 11, 1944 to the late Daniel Chester Moberly and Ella Lee Clark Moberly.

He was a member of the Cincinnati Primitive Baptist Church and was an avid Kentucky Wildcat basketball and football fan. He retired from International Permalite, Inc.

He is survived by: his son, Kenneth Wendell Moberly; one daughter, Teresa Mae Concannon; one granddaughter, Ella Mae Magdalene Tiefert (Adrian.)

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Delia Mae Moberly; his brothers, Chester, George, Jesse, Roy and Ed Moberly; his sisters, Maude Lunsford, Dorothy Barnes and Margaret Taggart.

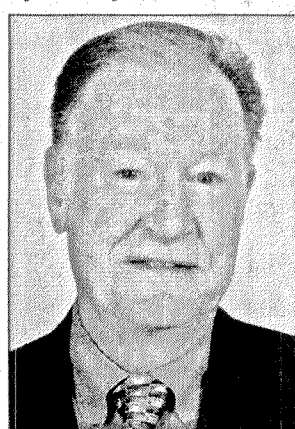
He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Stith Funeral Home in Florence with Elder Lasserre Bradley, Jr. and Elder Jeremiah Bass officiating. Burial was in Hopeful Lutheran Cemetery in Florence.



## Rev. George Poynter

Rev. George Merrill Poynter, 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, October 14, 2023 at his home surrounded by family. He was born in Rockcastle County on



August 8, 1937, the son of Charles and Lydia Arvin Poynter. A graduate of Livingston High School, he had been a production manager for Okonite Cable Company, retiring after 29 years of service. He pastored Colony Holiness Church for 40 years and was the President of the Full Gospel Ministerial Association of America for 12 years. He was also a member and Chairman of the Rockcastle County School Board for 16 years.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and is survived by: his loving wife of 64 years, Icie Owens Poynter; sons, Mark Poynter (Sheila), Greg Poynter (Kim), and David Poynter (Yolonda); a daughter, Lora Joan Poynter; grandchildren, Adam Poynter, Zach Poynter (Samantha), and Sarah Poynter Nordine (Ethan); step-grandchildren, Kristina Lowery, Erica and Patric; a brother, James Russell Poynter (Ann); nephews, Russell Edward Poynter (Anna), Duke Gibson, and Earl Poynter; and a niece, Suann Hensley (Brady). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Wesley Poynter; three sisters, Cloa Mae, Cynthia, and Margie Poynter; and a nephew, Bradley Poynter.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Brush Creek Church by Bros. Lonnie McGuire and Jim Miller. Burial will follow in Poynter Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Pete Benge, Ethan Nordine, Adam Poynter, Russell Poynter, Zachary Poynter, and Garnett Tuttle. Honorary pallbearers are: David Bruner, Gary Fields, and Gary Whitaker.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Deborah Lois "Deb" Blair

Deborah Lois "Deb" Philpot Blair, 69, of Mount Vernon, formerly of Evarts, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital following a long illness. Deb was born May 31, 1954 in Harlan County to the late James T. Philpot and the late Evelyn Short Philpot. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church. Deb was a friend to many, she loved helping others and loved to laugh. She worked at Cloverfork



Clinic for 30 years, where she welcomed many patients with her infectious smile. Deb and Wally moved to Wisconsin for several years before returning to Kentucky to become "Nonna" to her pride and joy, her grandchildren, Cade and Aden. Deb loved to decorate, garden, and the Green Bay Packers. She was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, sister, wife and daughter.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother, Michael Philpot and a brother-in-law, Otis Belcher.

Survivors include: her husband of 20 years, Walter "Wally" Blair, Mount Vernon; a daughter, Brooke McLain (Daniel) Nipper of Keavy; two grandchildren, Caden Hatcher and Aden Nipper; three sisters, Juanita (Dave) Brinson of Ohio, Patricia Belcher of Virginia and Regina Johnson of Danville; and a brother, James T. "Jim" (Lynn) Philpot, Jr. of Ohio. Also surviving are many cousins, nieces, nephews, other family and friends, and her special caregivers, Michelle Mason and Shanda Stamper.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of the Evarts Funeral Home with the Reverend Robert Amundsen officiating.

Burial will follow in Resthaven Cemetery with her family and friends serving as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Avenue Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.

Evarts Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Deborah "Deb" Blair.

## Willie Jean Skeen Bray

Willie Jean Skeen Bray, 94, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead.

She was born January 10, 1929, in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late William Christopher and Ollie Mae Owens Bradley. She had been a homemaker who enjoyed farm work, cows, cats, sitting on the front porch and her dog Spanky. She was a member of Higher Praise Ministries of Mt. Vernon. She was blessed to have had two husbands in her lifetime, Jack Skeen she married in Oct. 1946 and Dale Bray in May 2010.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Judy Dillingham (Gary) Parker of Mt. Vernon; her grandchildren, Shea Lawson, Chris Dillingham, Jason Dillingham and Tara Jones; her great grandchildren, Bryson Lawson, Emily Hamblin, Landon Dillingham, Averi Dillingham, Tye Hamblin, River Dillingham, Ronin Dillingham and Logan Prewitt; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Phyllis Jones.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 13, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Stacy Smith and Allen Hensley officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

## Jewell D. Anglin

Jewell D Anglin, 81, widow of Russell Anglin, died Friday, October 13, 2023 at The Terrace Nursing and Rehab Center in Berea. Jewell was born in Rockcastle



County to the late Robert Henderson and Mary Ann Baker Hurley. She was a wonderful cook and had worked for several local restaurants, The Colonel and Peoples Restaurants. She was also an avid sewer and member of the Leavel Green Christian Church. Jewell was also preceded in death by her siblings, Charlie Hurley, Coleman Hurley, Maggie Carroll, and Pearlie Klein.

Jewell is survived by: her children, Robert "Bobby" (Charlotte) Anglin, Peggy Ann Couch, and Brenda Gail (Dale) Ballinger; siblings, Dorothy Hurley, Raymond Hurley, Betty James, Lorena Hurley, and Loretta Keys; grandchildren, Misty (Brian) Brock, Brad (Sarah) Anglin, Chad Anglin, Katrina (Mike) Meadows, Chris Couch, Jessica (Kyle) Willis, and Rachel (John) Day; and 15 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday October 17, 2023 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Dale Ballinger and Bro. Dave Stewart officiating. Burial was in Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brad Anglin, Chad Anglin, Chris Couch, Brian Brock, John Day, Kyle Willis, and Mike Meadows.

Online condolences at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)

## Annetta Mallicoat

Annetta Jean Mallicoat, 79, of Orlando, died Monday, October 16, 2023 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County on March 14, 1944, the daughter



of Chester and Ada Bond Robinson. She was a retired employee of Cowden Manufacturing and the Rockcastle Sewing Factory.

She is survived by: a daughter, Carcila McGuire of Orlando; a son, Billy Gene Robinson (Carla), also of Orlando; four brothers, Carl Robinson, Bradley Robinson, Olen Robinson, and Merle Robinson; and a sister, Wanda Anderson. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Glen Eric Baker, David Baker, Josh Ballard, and Nikki Baldwin; as well as several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her husband, James "Matt" Mallicoat; two daughters, Mildred Ballard and Tammy Baker; a grandson, Junior Ballard; and several brothers and sisters.

Per her request, funeral services and burial were private.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## Take Action

### What is the Safe Haven Law?

KRS 405.075 states that a newborn infant can legally be placed in a device designed to permit a parent to anonymously surrender their baby with the intent for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn take custody.



- There are currently 136 SHBB
- 16 of those boxes are located in KY
- The first baby was placed in a KY SHBB on 2/10/2023, less than 2 mths after installation

The nearest Safe Haven Box to Mt. Vernon, KY is in Mt. Washington, 97 miles away.

For more information, or to make a donation contact  
**Makaela Brooke Abney**  
[makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us](mailto:makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us)





“School”

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traffic areas," said Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger.

In other action, the board approved moving forward with an offer from SFCC (School Facilities Construction Commission) of a \$1 million grant for the project.

During board comments, Chairman Angela Mink and board member Matt Chaliff thanked the department heads for their work towards improving the school district in countless ways.

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

**Full time classified employees hired**

Isaac McClure, boy's head basketball coach at RCMS; Kelsey Nelson, itinerant instructional assistant at MVES; Matthew Dylan Smith, second shift custodian at RCMS; Samuel Pensol, assistant boy's basketball coach at RCHS; Tarrah Gadd, instructional assistant at RES.

**Resignations**

Adam Hensley, Girl's head softball coach at RCMS; Emily Jones, substitute FS cook/baker.

**Certified substitutes hired**

Carl Price, Chris McGuire, Cloia Collins, Jessica Owens, Patricia Owens and Phyllis Holcomb, all substitute teachers.

**Classified substitutes hired**

Amie Fulks, substitute bus monitor; Emily Sturgis, substitute instructional assistant; Joshua Spencer, Kimerly Woods and Megan Yates, substitute FS cook/bakers; Marlin Bubulici, substitute custodian; Rachel Hemsley, substitute nurse; Rachelle Haarman and Selena Burdine, substitute instructional assistants.

**Classified staff updates**

Christina Prewitt, full time cook/baker at BES; Monica Hurst, school secretary-1 at RCMS.

“Vote”

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The online Absentee voting Portal is now open through October 24. Voters must qualify through KRS 117.086 (2)(a). The official Ballot Drop Box is located at the courthouse entrance on US25S.

**Governor**

Rockcastle County voters will be voting for Governor of the State of Kentucky. Running as the incumbent will be Democrat Andy Beshear and Daniel Cameron, current Attorney General, running as the Republican candidate.

**Secretary of State**

Voters will also cast a ballot for the Secretary of State. Michael Adams is the Republican candidate while Charles "Buddy" Wheatley is the Democrat candidate.

**Attorney General**

Voters will also choose a new attorney general. The Republican candidate is Russell Coleman and the Democrat candidate will be Pamela Stevenson.

**Auditor of Public Accounts**

In the race for Auditor of Public Accounts, the Republican candidate is Allison Ball and is Kimberly "Kim" Reeder.

**State treasurer**

In the race for Kentucky State Treasurer, the Republican candidate is

Mark H. Metcalf and the Democrat candidate is Michael Bowman.

**Commission of Agriculture**

In the race for Commissioner of Agriculture, the Republican candidate is Jonathan Shell and the Democrat candidate is Sierra J. Enlow.

“Crash”

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he was called to another accident on the same side of I-75, a few miles north of his location. Upon arrival, Weaver and other local police, along with EMS and the Mount Vernon Fire Department, found a vehicle attached to a trailer that had flipped onto its side in the center lane of the interstate.

According to the citation, two individuals were trapped in the vehicle. The driver was removed by EMS workers while the passenger had to be extricated from the vehicle and flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Emergency Service workers informed Weaver that the driver, Skinner, may be intoxicated causing Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis to perform six field sobriety tests. The citation says Skinner failed two of the tests and Constable Steve Griffin had to help her stand for one of the tests. Skinner was placed under arrest.

Meanwhile, the citation says, EMS workers were searching the vehicle for an identification card, at Skinner's request, when they located a container with two crystalized rocks suspected to be meth. The citation goes on to say that Skinner claimed the meth belonged to her ex-husband but that she was aware that it was in the vehicle.

Skinner was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where blood was drawn. She was then transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, wanton endangerment in the first degree and possession of meth, first offense.

“Funds”

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concerning what it can be used for, according to Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman and Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

"The biggest challenge so far has been identifying how we are allowed to spend the money," said Bowman. "It is so restricted and they have not yet released guidelines letting anyone know how the money can be used legally." Holbrook agreed. "We are still trying our best to find out how we can use the funds. It has been difficult," he said. "There is so much we don't know about it yet other than the funds are restricted as to what it can be used for."

In fact, it has been so difficult to get guidance concerning the funds that several local officials attended a 2-day symposium hosted by the Kentucky Opioid Advisory Commission in Lexington last week, hoping for clarity on the subject. Holbrook, Bowman, City Clerk Crystal Rush, Project Manager and Mayor's Assistant Nicole

Roberts and Magistrate Lee Earl Adams attended the event in the hope of some light being shed on the subject..

"The truth is, I think we have more questions now than we did before we went," said Adams. Bowman and Holbrook agreed that speakers at the event seemed "vague" and no one explained how the funds may be used.

According to the commission, 2,137 Kentuckians died of opioid overdoses in 2022 with Fentanyl as the number one cause of death among those 18 to 45.

According to Holbrook and Bowman, officials cannot use the funds until guidelines have been released because if it is used for an unapproved project, the taxpayers would have to repay the funds.

Officials say they will continue seeking guidance and will inform the public once it becomes clear how the funds may be utilized.

“Court”

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viewed purchase contracts for two snow plows and two controllers for \$26,000. The court agreed to the purchases.

Magistrates also heard the Animal Shelter report indicating that in September the shelter had 23 dogs and 11 cats after disposing of 72 dogs and 49 cats last month. Disposal refers to adoption, returned, died or euthanized, according to the report.

The court then reviewed the 25-page first quarter financial report. The report summary shows total receipts in all accounts at \$11,556,502 with an unencumbered balance of \$8,858,720. The court approved the report unanimously.

The court also heard the County Treasurer's report. Treasurer Vickie Miller said the general fund shows an October cash balance of \$2,055,891 but that in-

cludes the \$2 million deposit from the ARPA fund. The Detention Center fund shows an October balance of \$920,068, which includes the \$1 million deposit from the ARPA fund. The court agreed to place the \$1 million of the ARPA fund into the jail fund rather than draw funds from the general fund each month of the year.

County audit shows two deficiencies in local jail

By: Mike French Editor

Two deficiencies were found in the Rockcastle County Detention Center in the annual report of the audit of Rockcastle County Fiscal Court by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The annual audit is required for all Kentucky counties and cities.

Jailer Nathan Carter says both issues found to be deficient have now been corrected and no fines or restrictions have been imposed. "We were already doing these two things the audit lists as deficiencies," said Carter. "We just apparently were not doing them the way they wanted us to. So now we have changed protocol and are doing things the way they asked."

The audit includes all areas of county government and there were no finding of inadequacies or deficiencies in the fiscal court portion of the audit. "I was happy to see such a good audit report for the fiscal court," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

However, auditors listed two areas of concern for the detention center saying there were "significant deficiencies identified" and "noncompliance material to financial statements."

The audit goes on to explain "the Rockcastle County Jailer failed to properly reconcile the Commissary Account" and "the Rockcastle County Jailer lacks internal controls over inmate and com-

The court also addressed the existing heating and cooling system in the courthouse and Holbrook's recommendation to consider replacing the system. (See related story in this issue.)

The court was also presented with the Rockcastle County Audit for the year ending June 30, 2022 by Mike Harmon, Auditor of Pub-

lic Accounts. Deficiencies were found in the Detention Center. (See related story in this issue.)

Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the court house. The public is invited to attend.

missary receipts."

According to the report, both deficiencies are repeat findings from the previous year's audit, that were not corrected by the 2022 fiscal year audit.

The audit says the June 30, 2022 bank reconciliation did not agree with the June 30, 2022 year-end financial statement

The second deficiency says "the Jailer lacks internal controls over inmate and commissary receipts." The audit says such inadequacies can risk misappropriation of assets due to errors in financial reporting" and that the risk of theft of funds increases.

Apparently money is deposited into inmate accounts through a kiosk and then a receipt is printed and retained by whomever deposited the funds.

The report says the majority of the money collected at the jail is inmate money completed through a kiosk system in the lobby of the jail. The report says "no report is processed when monies are removed from kiosks for deposit to allow for recon-

ciliation." The report also says "No daily checkout sheet procedures were performed to reconcile kiosk and manual receipts. No daily checkout receipts were completed or maintained for either the inmate or the jail commissary accounts."

However, the report also says Carter has already responded to the auditors and his response is included in the report. "The Jailer is putting together an audit team in order to correct this finding and to prevent future findings," the report says.

Carter said he has already formed the team that will ensure such findings do not occur in the future and that he and his staff are very careful about how funds are handled within the jail. "We always make sure all this is done, we just weren't completely aware of the exact method they wanted us to use," Carter said. "We now have a team organizing and watching to make sure we are compliant with the auditors."

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

### Rockcastle County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

October 21, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon

At the Rockcastle County Recycling Center • 2528 S. Wilderness Rd, Mt. Vernon

Free Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes **for Rockcastle County Residents Only** • Drive through & stay in your car • Workers will unload the waste from your vehicle • **No Businesses may participate** • Call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for more information

**The following items will be accepted:**

<b>Batteries:</b> Lead Acid (no automotive) Dry Cell Lithium Ni-Cad Recyclable	<b>Corrosives:</b> Drain Cleaners Toilet Bowl Cleaners Muriatic Acid Deck Wash Vinegar Stop Bath Acetic Acid\Lye	<b>1# Soldering/Small Stove Type</b>
<b>Oxidizers:</b> Pool Chemicals Spa Chemicals Bleaches Hydrogen Peroxide Ammonium nitrate fertilizer	<b>Reactives:</b> Aluminum Paint Flammable Solids Dangerous-When-Wet Materials	<b>Fluorescent Bulbs:</b> 4' & 8' Bulbs (unbroken) Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL)
<b>Mercury:</b> Free Liquid	<b>Paint:</b> Oil Based	<b>PCB Materials (Polychlorinated Biphenyls):</b>
<b>Thermostats</b>	<b>Propane:</b> (must be manufacturer labeled as propane) 20# Gas Grill Type	<b>Light Ballasts</b>  <b>Capacitors</b>  <b>Free-Liquid Oils (must be marked as such)</b>
<b>Thermometers</b>		<b>Aerosol Cans:</b> Any and all types
<b>Any Device Containing Mercury</b>		<b>Solvents:</b> All compatible flammable solvents, such as: gasoline, kerosene, lamp fluid, automotive fluids, etc.
<b>Mercurochrome</b>		<b>Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides:</b> All liquid and solid forms, such as: lawn fertilizers, lawn foods, lawn treatments, plant foods, insecticides, rodent poisons/killer, etc.



# Yards to Paradise

by: Max Phelps

## Landscape: Thoughts of the Times

Election years, wars, recessions, pandemics—sometimes events we have very little control over set up and no matter our business plan, our landscape plans, or advertising plans to grow a business can all be overshadowed by the weightiness of things we find ourselves in the midst of and surrounded by. Such is the present mood, and likely through early November 2024 some things will be frozen in time or in a ‘holding pattern’, circling and waiting. Big projects come to a stop, and those that proceed often trim the amount they are willing to spend at a given moment in time. This seems to describe the next year as we read the ‘tea leaves’.

This current year has seen a lot more traveling. The problems associated with the SARS-COV2 virus resulted in a pent up demand that expressed itself in the summer of 2023. Both vacations, and home projects to improve our yards and home have been on the busy calendars of many. But the large discretionary projects seem to have come to an abrupt pause earlier than usual for it to just be caused by politics. Economic worries over prices of things, and also job insecurities are common concerns. And then there’s the threat of new pandemics.

Edible landscaping is one of the few areas that has outpaced the expected spending averages. More people are planting fruit trees and fewer shade trees. More folks are doing at least a little bit of gardening. This is true even on city lots. Raised beds have

been a popular thing this year. There’ll be other edible landscaping stories in this series, so I’ll just mention one recent book that caught my eye: “Edible Landscaping with a permaculture twist” by Michael Judd.

Along that line, I’ve been doing some fruit tree grafting in recent years. Those that sell supplies are already running out of some things for next spring. Waiting for snowy winter days to order from the nursery catalogs may not mean there is nothing left to buy—but the ‘hot’ items will be gone well before then most likely.

We haven’t yet mentioned the stock market. But if it’s heading down or many are fretting it may head down, you can look out for additional folks putting projects on hold and taking similar ‘tighten the belt’ measures. The current year has seen so much inflation...far more than official government figures. Not only have fast food workers gone from \$8.00 an hour to 12-15-20 or more in some cases (and the food prices at such establishments have gone up nearly double, even as portion sizes continued to shrink). So, now, everybody else wants a raise! (And more paid time off.) I’m sure we’ll see more and more strikes, as some workers are successful in getting a sizable new contract. All will want a raise, not just union members.

And you just know those raises will be added to the price of everything from chicken wings to freight haul bills to the cost of a new vehicle to the cost of a plant at the big box mega-store. That’s a safe bet. So, it’s a never-ending game

once inflationary habits consume the people of a city, state, or country. Wages never keep up. Minimum Wages may rise 800%, but the newly negotiated earnings won’t buy as much as the old wages did 50 years ago. A dollar isn’t worth nearly as much as 50 years ago.

Certainly, I could fill the paper, not just this column. But, as always, I encourage my readers to think ahead, plan wisely, and save up for the

projects they need or want. (Interest on debt will add a whole lot to the final cost if projects are put on credit cards. The U.S. government is finding this out with refinancing 33 TRILLION dollars at new higher interest rates.)

In recessionary times, those that have saved up can often find better than normal deals in the slow times. For when the next “good times” come along, everybody starts hiring the contractors and

buying the goods, and the recessionary reprieve in pricing doesn’t last long. When everyone is doing something—it’s cost always goes up.

So, forget the promises made, some things are about as inevitable as tomorrow’s sunrise. Good economic times are followed by bad times, which are again eventually replaced by better times once again. But, as the Great Depression taught us, some bad times stick around and get

worse for a number of years. Let us hope the coming year doesn’t dip into those kinds of times. It took a World War to end that economic mess.

Uh-oh. I think I just uttered something everyone is trying not to think about. Wishing all my readers a yard more like paradise and the ability to enjoy those things they dream of.

The author is a landscaper. Feedback welcomed. Email: rockcastles@gmail.com

# Holiday events being planned

By: Mike French  
Editor

With the changing leaves and cool temperatures, annual celebrations are being scheduled throughout the county.

A Christmas Sale indoor Yard Sale is planned in Livingston on December 2 in the old school gymnasium. According to Commissioner Sandi Singleton, the event will have over 25 families involved in the indoor yard sale with over 6,000 square feet available to anyone with items to sell.

There is a \$25 fee to set up and everyone is invited to bring anything you are willing to sell. "This event usually turns out to be a wonderful yard sale for everyone who enjoys finding good deals," said Singleton. "But even more than that, it is a kind of Livingston family reunion and people gather around and fellowship as much as they sell their unused treasures for yard-sale prices."

Anyone interested should contact the City of Livingston.

The City of Livingston is hosting the annual Chili Cookoff in the Depot Building on December 21 beginning at 4 p.m. This is a free event and visitors will vote for the best chili with a full belly.

On November 18 everyone is invited to the Livingston Christmas Tree Decorating event beginning at 2 p.m.

On November 19 the Livingston annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held. Everyone is invited to the free event.

The annual Noel Night Market and Christmas Parade is planned for December 2 on Main Street in Mount Vernon. As usual the Night Market, scheduled from 4-9p.m., will include handmade items vendors and food trucks as well as a visit from Santa. Anyone interested in a space for the Noel Night Market should contact the Rockcastle Arts Association for information. The time of the parade and other events will be released in detail at a later date.

The City of Brodhead is planning the annual Brodhead Christmas Parade on December 2 as well. Though details are not yet available, the parade is typically two hours prior to the Mount Vernon parade so that Santa can make it to both events. Details will be released soon officials say.

The Livingston Christmas Parade is planned for December 16 with Santa and presents for children in the community.



## Mike Harmon AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky  
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor  
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary  
Finance and Administration Cabinet  
The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive  
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

**Opinions**  
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

**Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**  
In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances – regulatory basis of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2022, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

**Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**  
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2022, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

**Basis for Opinions**  
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Fiscal Court Audit Guide* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

**Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**  
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement**  
Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement**  
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

- In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:
- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
  - Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
  - Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
  - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
  - Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### Other Matters

**Supplementary Information**  
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

**Other Information**  
Management is responsible for the other information included in this report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of capital assets but does not include the financial statement and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statement, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statement, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**  
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 23, 2023, on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

- 2022-001. The Rockcastle County Jailer Failed To Properly Reconcile The Commissary Account
- 2022-002. The Rockcastle County Jailer Lacks Internal Controls Over Inmate And Commissary Receipts

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts  
Frankfort, Ky

May 23, 2023  
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## Mullins Station: Haunted or Just Hauntingly Beautiful

Rumors of ghosts, witches, devil worshipers and other sinister events... documented murders, mysterious sightings, and accidental deaths, all are synonymous with Mullins Station, Kentucky. I personally have been to the "caves" down in Mullins Station only once as a teenager. I only remember the eerie feeling of unease as my then-boyfriend eased our car full of other teens into one of the tunnels and turned off the lights. Screams immediately ensued as I demanded he get us out of there! Interestingly, the car would not start! I was certain we were doomed to be yet another victim of Mullins Station...

Clearly, we survived, I'm not sure that the "stalled engine" was not staged to scare us even more, but we did live to see another day, others were not so lucky.

The area of Mullins Station was originally known as the community of Withers, but was changed to Mullins Station in 1886. The "town" boasted a sawmill and other businesses, and a post office. Ask anyone about haunted places around the county and inevitably Mullins Station will come up. The place, a now abandoned mine has had its fair share of murder and mishaps.

Much of my documentation comes from the blog site known as "Shaking Papers", a site dedicated to transcribing newspaper clippings

about homicide cases and related topics between 1860 and 1922. The author, Dora Whitaker, focuses the blog posts on Pulaski, Rockcastle, Laurel, Lincoln, McCreary, Garrard, Boyle, Casey, Wayne, and Whitley Counties.

The first, dating back to 1898. The story is simple. Reported in an excerpt from the Interior Journal, in Stanford Kentucky on February 22, 1898,

"Rockcastle had another killing yesterday. A dispatch says that at Mullins Station on the K. C., Geo. Durbin followed John Redwood to a tunnel where he and others were shooting craps and telling Redwood that he had come to kill him, pulled his pistol, and fired the fatal shot. both were K. C. bridge carpenters. Durbin was arrested and jailed at Mt. Vernon"

As it usually goes, there had been bad blood between the two prior to the killing. The dispute was suggested to have been over a crap game the day before. Durbin was sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary for the crime of murder. Perhaps John Redwood still roams the tunnels of Mullins Station willing trespassing teens to give more than just two and a half years for his murder.

Murder occurred again on August 6, 1902. Dan Scott was shot and killed by Bill Tink Mullins, or so the story goes. According to the Shaking Papers. The details of the murder are not given, but Bill Tink Mullins and his brother, Frank Mullins did willingly surrender to authorities. Interestingly, both were sentenced, but not before Bill Tink Mullins killed a second man, James Singleton (also of Rockcastle County) in Jackson County. Some argue that Singleton was scheduled to testify against Mullins in the

murder trial and that is why he killed him, but others argue that the murder involved a drunken argument between the two and was in no way linked to the Dan Scott murder. Frank Mullins, who was sentenced to five years for being an accomplice in the crime, was released in November of 1905 on parole. The November 10, 1905 publication of the Mt. Vernon, Signal suggests that Frank was unjustly sentenced for the crime of murder.

Okay, now this is where the story does become a little strange. The name Frank Mullins does come up again at Mullins Station. Just ten years later Frank Mullins was hit by a train in one of the tunnels. He was killed instantly. I cannot confirm that this is the same Frank Mullins, the brother of Bill Tink Mullins, but it is a strange coincidence.

Interestingly, this Frank Mullins was an employee of the railroad. In fact, he was a maintainer of the signal service. Mullins was killed by the No 32, the fast Cincinnati train, at the South end of the tunnel at Mullins Station. In the report from the Mount Vernon Signal the report wonders why Mullins would attempt to make the run through the tunnel, they say, "...he undoubtedly knew that the fast train was due, it is a mystery that will never be solved."

What drew Frank Mullins down into the tunnel when we should have known the train was coming? Was it Dan Scott seeking revenge for his murder? Did a spirit lure him to his death?

Perhaps it is even Dan Scott who causes the eerie feelings at Mullins Station, perhaps it is Scott who makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end when one dares to visit the tunnels at night.

There have been more sinister events in this dark region of the county. The still unsolved mystery of Jackie McHargue and Emma Ingrassia and the mysterious remains found of the missing William Hayes in 2017. There is no debating the fact that there are some dark deeds associated with Mullins Station. Some argue that it is haunted and that evil is associated with the tunnels.

The internet is littered with reports of Mullins Station, one writer, Andrea Limke, in her article "An Abandoned Mine Cave In Kentucky, Mullins Station Is Hauntingly Beautiful" suggests it is just hauntingly beautiful. Either way, it may be worth a visit this Halloween season to see for yourself if Mullins Station is inhabited with ghosts and goblins.

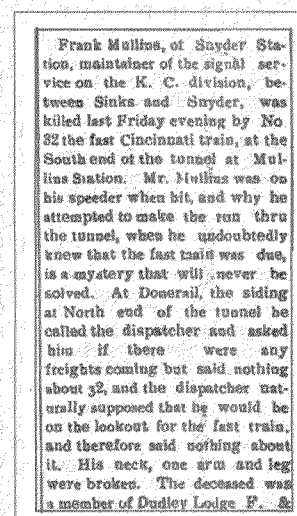
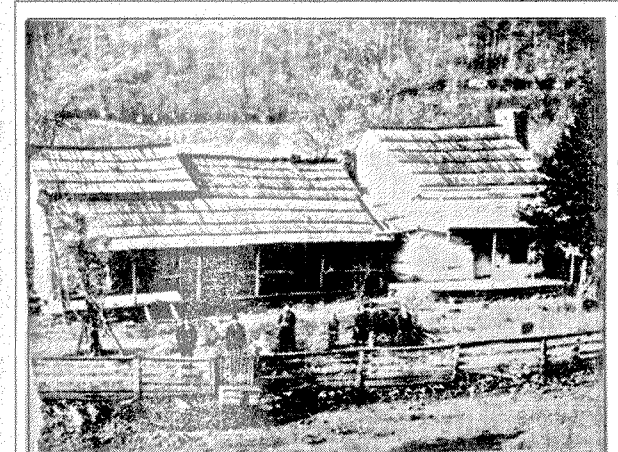


Photo of Frank Mullins from Facebook provided by Jenny Awad



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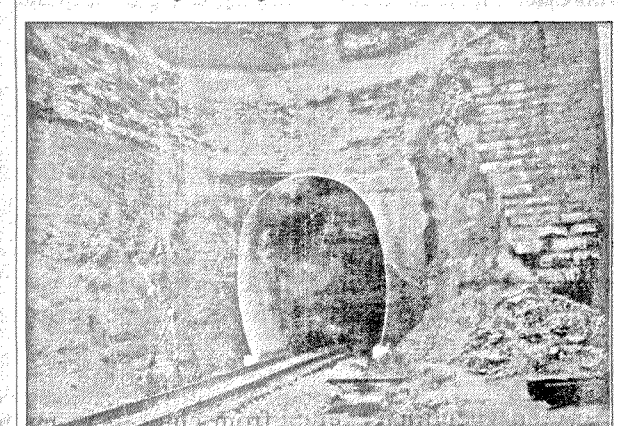


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- 14) "And miles" before I sleep" (Frost)
- 15) Hawaii "hi"
- 16) Prevalent
- 17) Secured, as a victory
- 18) Mortise's woodworking mate
- 19) Desktop graphic
- 20) Tyrannizing
- 23) Lummoes
- 24) Forgets to mention
- 25) Like a CIA operation
- 28) Some former tadpoles
- 30) Singletons
- 31) Tablet maker of note
- 33) Weep
- 36) Game you can lose only once
- 40) Winter clock setting in Vt.
- 41) Arachnids found in dust
- 42) Make up ground
- 43) Waxy buildup site
- 44) Start of Richard III's plea
- 46) Plug projection
- 49) Gold measurement
- 51) Not knowing one's head from one's tail
- 57) Iris locale
- 58) Like a turkey's wattle
- 59) Get a good thing
- 60) "Dadgummit!"
- 61) Counting everything
- 62) Common Maine tree
- 63) "If all fails..."
- 64) Achieve harmony
- 65) Hasenpfeffer, e.g.

### DOWN

- 1) Show signs of life
- 2) Centers of activity
- 3) Like fine wines
- 4) Like a ghost, say
- 5) Tennis racket strings, once
- 6) All eyes and ears
- 7) Discouraged behaviors
- 8) "You" of yesteryear
- 9) Turned state's evidence
- 10) Spectrum formers
- 11) African antelope
- 12) Brewing
- 13) Serves beer after beer
- 21) Word in the Postal Service creed
- 22) The Beverly Wilshire, for one
- 25) Center
- 26) Encumbrance
- 27) Suit option
- 28) Grand-scale poetry
- 29) Seasonal strain
- 31) Industrious insects
- 32) "Before," when before
- 33) "You are here" symbol
- 34) He gave us a lift
- 35) Nota (take notice)
- 37) Insect stage
- 38) Common inhalant
- 39) Diva's self-indulgences
- 43) Make one's blood boil
- 44) Diamond-shaped pattern
- 45) Was afflicted with
- 46) Overly proper person
- 47) Be in competition with
- 48) Parts, as a curtain
- 49) Groucho Marx prop
- 50) Viewpoint
- 52) "Heat of the Moment" band
- 53) "You \_\_\_?" (butler's question)
- 54) Group of troops
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# SPORTS

## Rockets are 3-0 in district play with win over McCreary

A 28-point first quarter was all the Rockcastle County Rockets needed as they cruised by McCreary Central 42-12 on Friday night to secure at least one home playoff game.

The Rockets (7-1) moved to 3-0 in Class 3A District 7 with the win over McCreary Central (0-8, 0-4) despite looking out of sync and the game being Homecoming, which Rockcastle lineman Jake Snyder was crowned Homecoming King.

"I thought we played out of routine," stated RCHS head coach Chris Larkey. "I think our kids got caught up in Homecoming stuff and lost some focus on the game. I know we were up 28-0 in the first quarter, but we need to play better. I thought our young kids played well and we need to work hard this week for Knox."

Coming off a bye week, the Rockets did look a little rusty, but were able to put away the game early by capitalizing on mistakes made by the Raiders.

A few plays after recovering a fumble on McCreary Central's first possession, Tucker Warren connected with Caleb Moore for a 10-yard touchdown completion to get the scoring started with 9:36 left in the opening stanza.

Just 2:31 later, senior Christian Larkey plunged his way in from two yards out for the first of his two rushing touchdowns on the evening.

It was just another 2:34 off the clock before the Rockets would score again when Warren completed a pass to sophomore Isaiah Jackson and the speedy receiver was off to the races for a 51-yard touchdown after being able to heal an injury in the bye week that occurred against Bell County.

"The bye week is great if you have school and kids are at school and practice," added Coach Larkey. "But our bye week fell on fall break, which is good too, but our varsity kids had to stay and practice that week to stay in football shape and not get out of routine. Our football kids don't get to do what most regular kids do in going off to vacation and miss a whole week. We have to keep going and make sure we don't get behind."

And keep going they did when a fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff after Jackson's touchdown when Moore caught a 32-yard touchdown pass from Warren a mere 0:23 later as the Rockets took a commanding 28-0 lead.

The offensive success continued into the early portion of the second quarter when Larkey plowed through the McCreary Central defensive line for a three-yard rushing touchdown.

The score would remain at 35-0 for the majority of the second quarter as the Rockets began to substitute many of their main offensive and defensive players out to give the backups some valuable playing time against a team they were far better than.

"It's miserable to try to tell and convince kids that every game is their biggest game, but in reality, when you play 10 games then it is the biggest game," added Coach Larkey when asked about how difficult it is to get a team ready for an opponent that hasn't had much success this season. "McCreary didn't show it Friday, but they played Bell to an 8-0 first quarter, and played better each week. We can't take anything for granted."

McCreary Central was finally able to break into the scoring column on a passing touchdown just seconds before halftime before coming out of the locker room fired

up and taking the second half opening kickoff back for a long touchdown.

Senior running back Anthony Goodin closed out the scoring with a one-yard touchdown run with around 5:00 to go in the game.

Warren finished the evening going 11-for-14 through the air for 228 yards and three scores while Moore had four catches for 83 yards, Jackson and Larkey had three receptions each for 64 and 57 yards, respectively, while Carter Powell had one catch for 24 yards.

"I have said all along that it's maybe the fastest team I have ever coached or been a part of," Coach Larkey mentioned about his team. "Each wide receiver compliments the other and it's hard to focus on one person. Tucker does a great job at finding the open wide receiver and getting them the ball. I also feel running on the track team has improved their speed and helped them get to this point. The only problem is there's only one ball for them to share, but it has worked great so far and hopefully the kids keep working hard to get open and go far into the playoffs."

On the ground, Warren had 52 yards on three carries, Goodin had four for 26 yards and Powell and Larkey earned 14 yards each on two and three carries, respectively.

Junior kicking sensation Benjamin Brenda was perfect on extra point attempts by going 6-for-6 on the night to bring his total made extra points on the season to 39, which is best in Class 3A by six and is tied for eighth in the state overall. Brenda was also vital in the kickoff game as well.

"Kicking deep is good if we can kick it into the endzone," Coach Larkey mentioned. "We kicked it deep and they returned it for a touchdown. I think we just proved that if you can't kick it into the endzone then kick it short and don't give up the big return. Benjamin is as hard-working kicker as I have ever had. He is doing a great job for us."

The defensive unit as once again led by freshman middle linebacker Hunter Pingleton, who had 13 total tackles (nine solo and four assisted) as well as a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Connor Wright had arguably his best game of the season on defense with eight total tackles including two tackles for loss.

"Hunter is getting better each week and people forget he is a freshman and only played two years," added Coach Larkey. "He has a huge future. Connor has worked hard to get better and was a huge surprise at how good he did Friday at the po-

sition he played, which was at linebacker when he is normally a defensive back, but he did a great job tackling the ball carrier and doing great."

Larked added six tackles including one for loss and a sack while Powell, Caden Lowell and Jaydon Bowles each chipped in five tackles. Powell had two tackles for loss and a sack to go along with Bowles' tackle for loss and Lovell's forced fumble and fumble recovery.

Jackson, Jayce Bowles and Austin Miles had three tackles each including one tackle for loss by Jackson. Goodin, Creed Gabbard, Xavier Leger and Aaron Mullins had to tackles each with Gabbard earning a tackle for loss to go along with one tackle each from Moore, Jai Denny and Colin Hamilton.

Up next for the Rockets will be a clash with Knox Central and their monster of a running back in Steve Partin, who is second in the state in rushing yards per game with 248 and has committed to play college football at Yale University of the Ivy League.

"If we win, we win the district and get the number one seed," said Coach Larkey of his team's next matchup that kickoff on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Barbourville. "It's an awful place to go play at Knox, a terrible atmosphere for the opposing team and we will have to block out all the stuff and focus on playing our game one play at a time. They have a monster running back and linebacker, Steve Partin, going to Yale as a linebacker and is around 225 pounds, which is as big as anyone we have on defense. We will have to practice and work harder this week than ever. A totally different game than Bell, it's a power game now and not a speed game like Bell had. This game can decide if we play two or four playoff games at home. It's a huge must win versus a very good team in a bad place to go."

Rockcastle Middle School Teams Advance in Playoffs

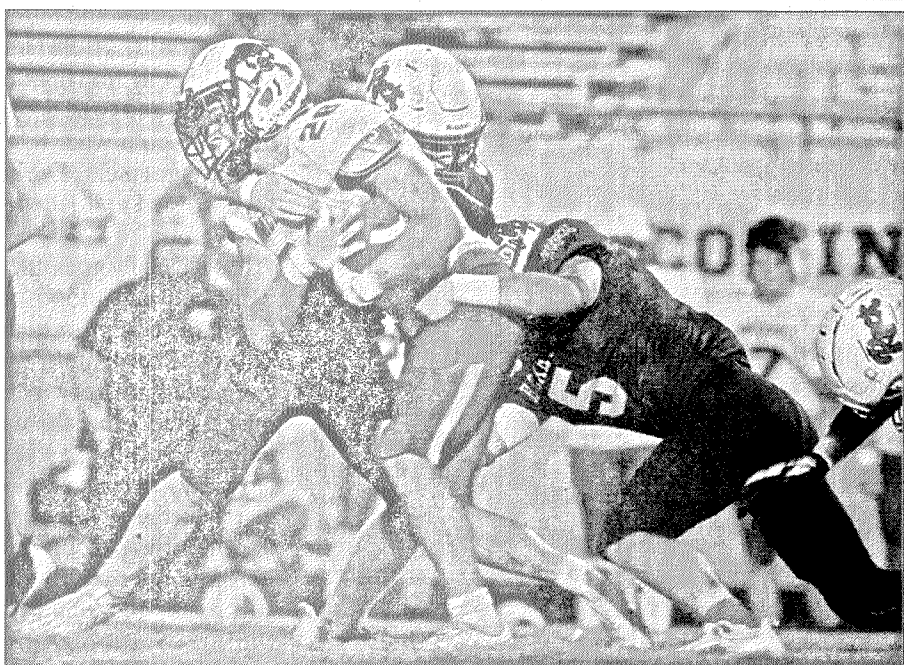
The Rockcastle County Middle School football teams were successful in advancing to the next round of the Kentucky Middle School Football Association's state tournament. The sixth-grade team blanked Garrard County 30-0 last Thursday.

The seventh-grade team took down a feisty Georgetown Middle team 28-6 on Saturday before the eighth-grade team easily defeated East Oldham 44-14 behind the likes of Jasper Rogers, Camden Larkey, Brayden Thacker and Jacob Camel.

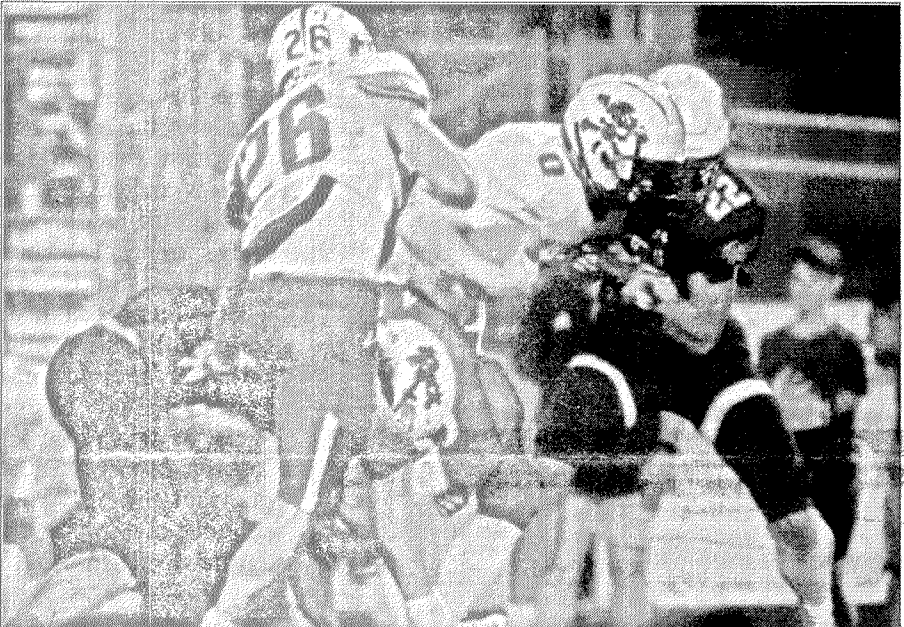
"Not enough can be said about our Middle School or Youth Football teams we

have," Coach Larkey added about the future of Rocket football. "Our third/fourth grade division and fifth/sixth grade division have dominated their conference and our sixth got a big win last week over Garrard, our seventh had a big win over Georgetown and our eighth had a huge win over East Oldham."

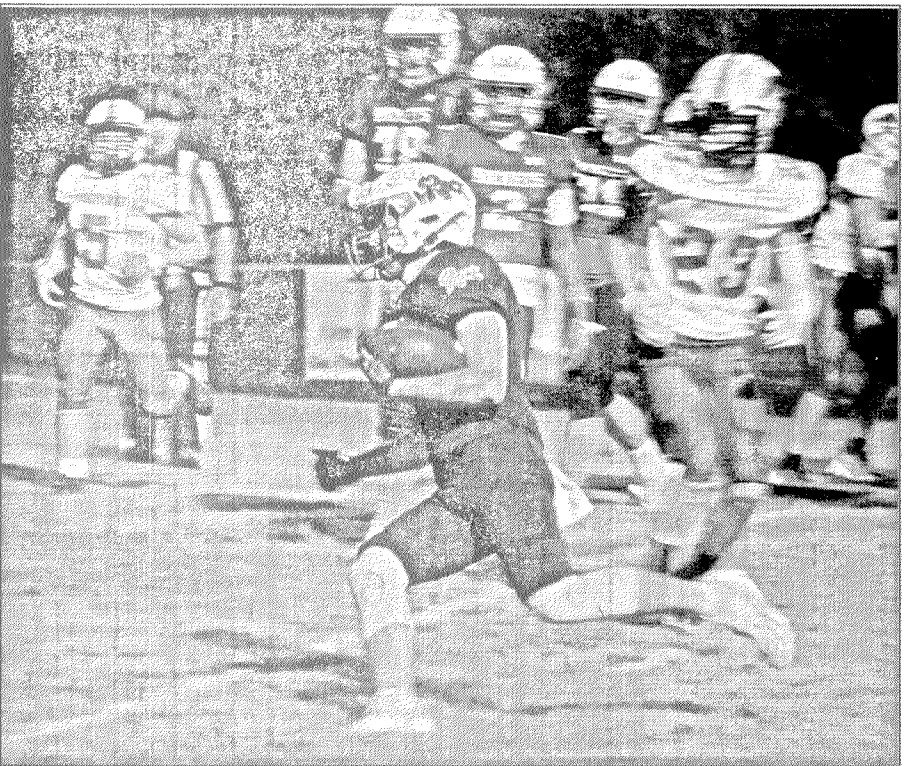
"These coaches do a fantastic job of pushing our kids and getting them better. Playing schools from other counties has helped our team to grow and get so much better. The Middle School State playoffs have allowed our kids to get an idea of what it takes to play in the playoffs and get better as they get older."



Hunter Pingleton and Carter Powell bring down a Raider during the Rockets' 42-12 district win Friday night. Pingleton had 13 tackles on the night, nine solo and four assists. Powell had five tackles, three solo and two assists, two tackles for a loss and one quarterback sack.



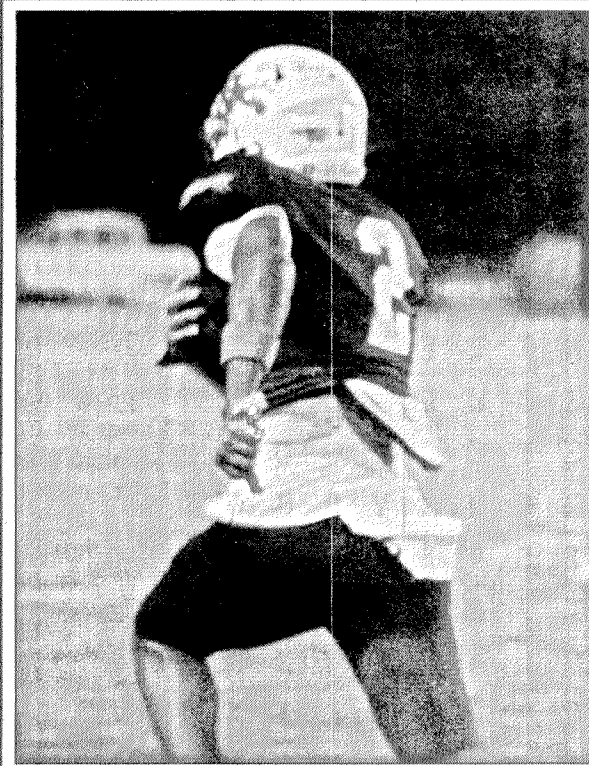
Creed Gabbard makes a tackle on a McCreary Central Raider during the Rockets' 42-12 district win Friday night. The Rockets travel to Knox Central this Friday night before their final regular season home game next Friday.



Christian Larkey goes in untouched for the Rockets' first touchdown of the night against McCreary Central. Larkey had three carries for 14 yards and two touchdowns and three receptions for 57 yards.

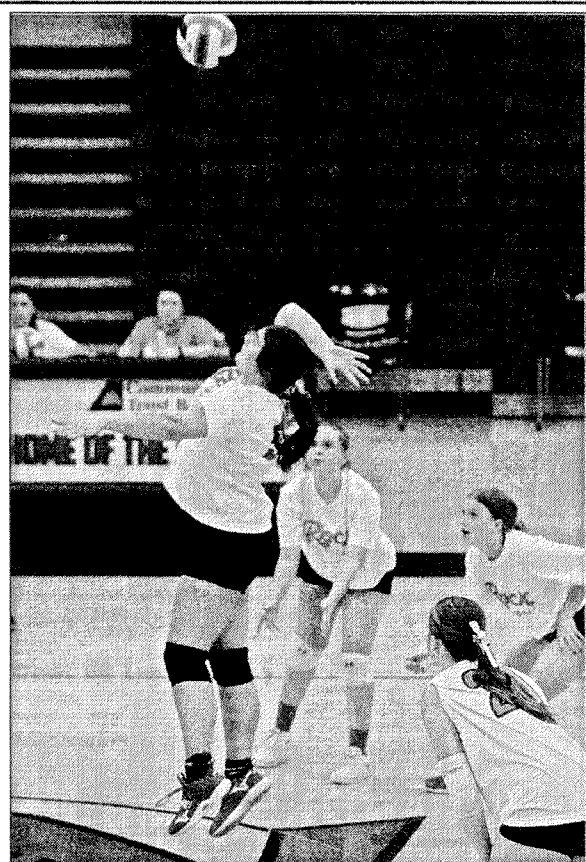


Anthony Goodin gets stopped after picking up yardage during the Rockets' 42-12 district win Friday night. Goodin had four carries for 26 yards and one touchdown.

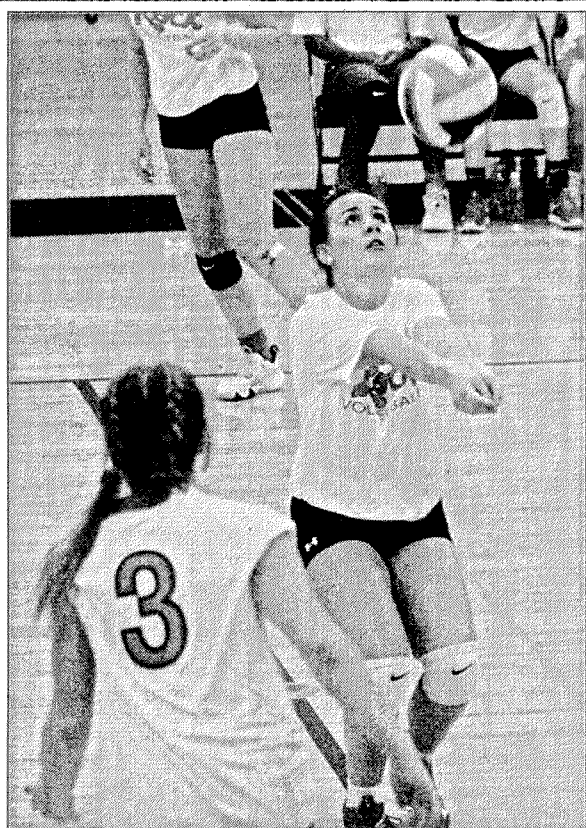


Isaiah Jackson takes it to the endzone after this pass reception for the Rockets' second touchdown of the night. Jackson had three receptions for 64 yards and a touchdown.

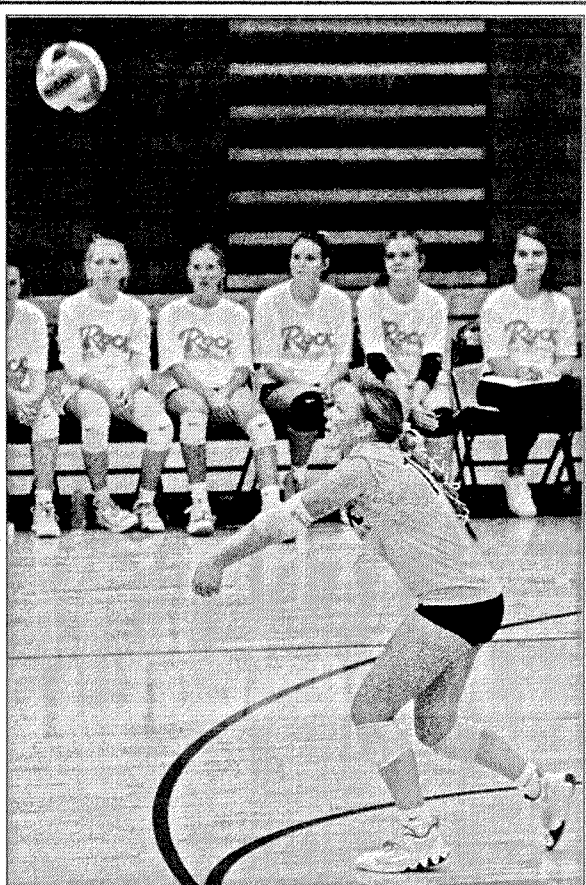




Addison Rush goes up for a kill in the Rockets' final home match of the season against Lincoln County. The Rockets won 25-19, 25-16 and 25-17.



Markley Richards prepares to set her sister, Arrahlyn, in the Rockets' win over Lincoln County last Thursday.



Hannah King gets a dig in the Rockets' win over Lincoln County last Thursday. The Rockets' lost in first round action of the 47th District Tournament Monday night to Pulaski County, 25-23, 12-25, 20-25, 15-25

## Be on the lookout for Pop-Up License Day

Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel has partnered with Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., and the Kentucky Department of Transportation in scheduling another pop-up for Rockcastle in the month of December so that Rockcastle citizens will be able to obtain a Driver's License without having to travel to a regional office.

Please make sure to read the *Mount Vernon Signal* and listen to WRVK, and watch our Facebook page for the upcoming date for you to be able to schedule your appointment online at [DRIVE.KY.GOV](https://drive.ky.gov).

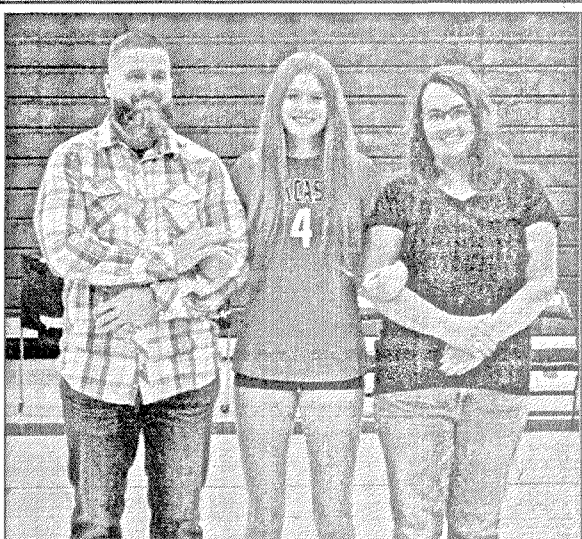
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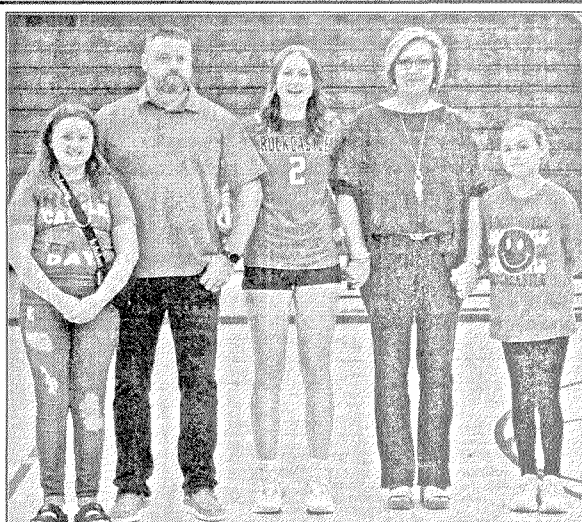
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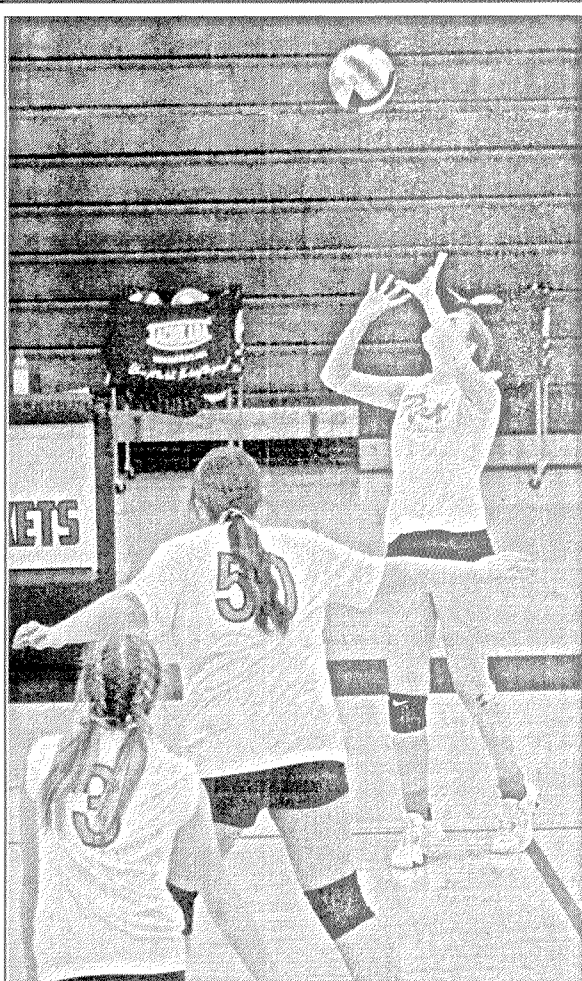
RCHS Volleyball honored their senior players before their final home match Thursday. Shown above is senior Paige Cash and her parents, Curtis and Ginger Cash and siblings, Clay and Caylee.



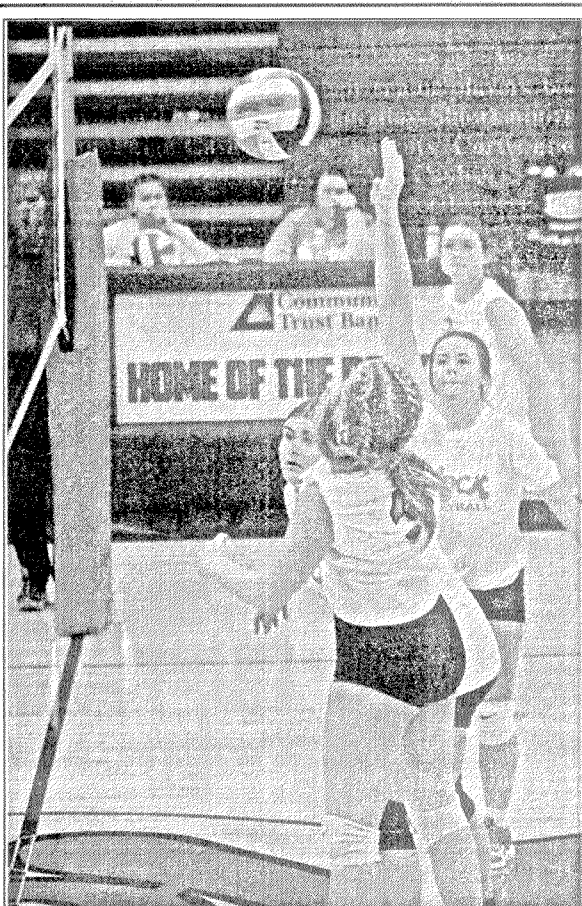
Senior Carley Carter with her parents, Nathan and Dana Carter.



Senior Kaylee Carpenter and her parents, Robbie and Tammy Carpenter and sisters, Sydney and Alyvia.



Kaylee Carpenter prepares for a quick hit over in the Rockets' win over Lincoln County last Thursday. The Rockets' lost in first round action of the 47th District Tournament Monday night to Pulaski County.



Arrahlyn Richards goes for a kill in the Rockets' win over Lincoln County last Thursday.

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Please contact Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. at (606) 256-5315 for eligibility requirements, income limits per family size, and additional program information.

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## Commonwealth of Kentucky Madison Circuit Court Division II

Civil Action No. 22-CI-00151

Stockton Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff

v.

Michael Nathaniel Williams  
aka Michael Nathan Williams,  
Shianne Williams Defendant

## NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 8, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 88/100 (\$111,134.88) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Thursday, October 26, 2023  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:15 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot #7 in the Robert Ford Subdivision as shown by plat of record in Plat Book 1, Page 61 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.

Subject to covenants, easements and restrictions, if any, appearing in public records.

Address: 115 Liberty Drive, Mount Vernon, KY 40456  
Parcel ID: 046W-16-006

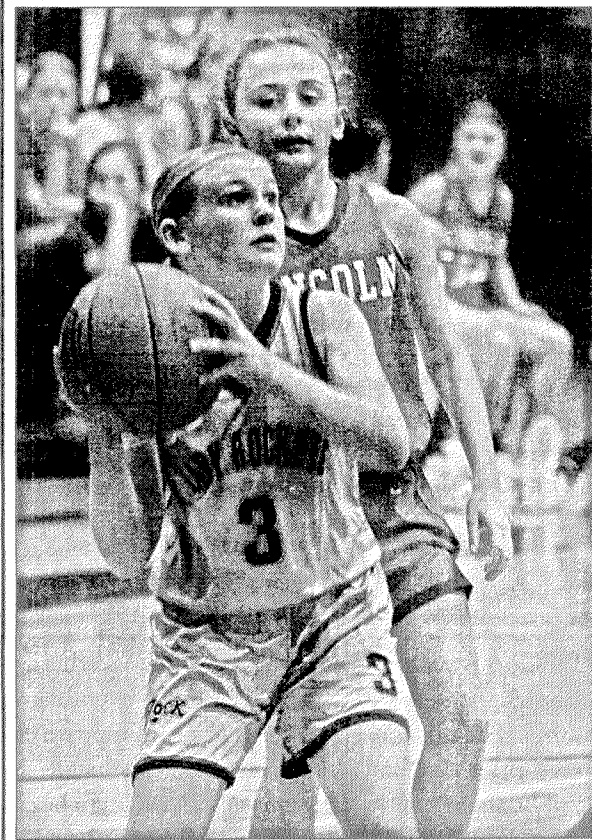
Being the same property conveyed to Michael Nathan Williams and Shianne Williams, husband and wife, by deed dated September 15, 2020 and recorded on September 24, 2020 in Deed Book 274, Page 390 of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

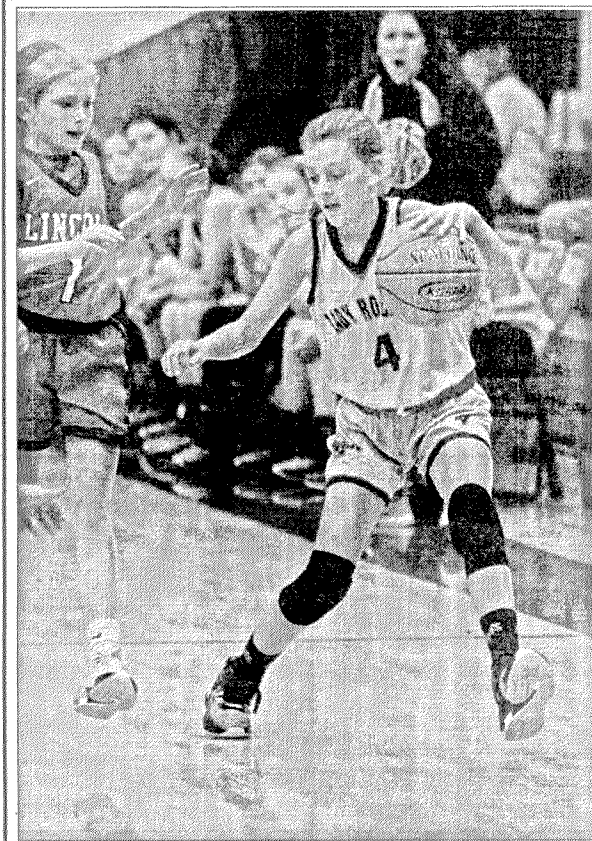
1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (3.1250%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the property upon compliance with the terms of sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".



RCMS BB Action



Avery Gatliff looks for a shot in the sixth grade's 28-26 win over Lincoln County. Gatliff had two points in the win. Other sixth graders scoring but not pictured were: Paisley Bishop with four, Bella Sowder scored two and Aubree Winkler with two.



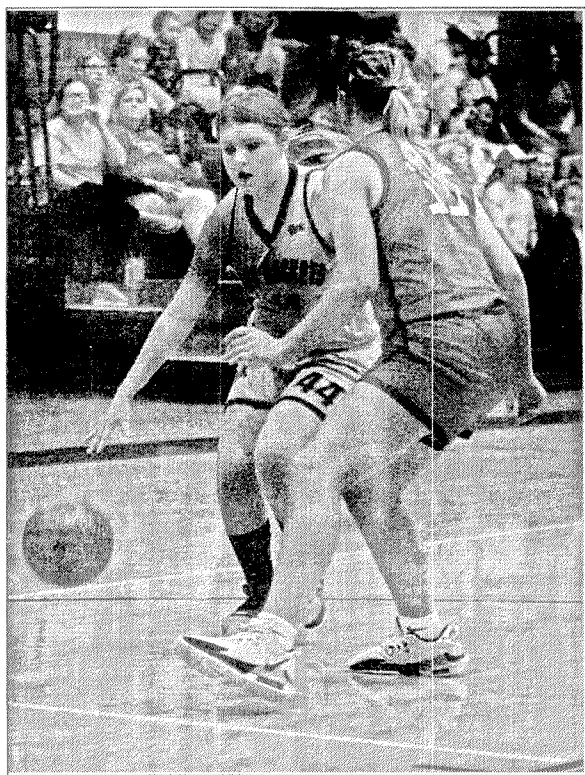
Mia Scalf runs a fast break in the sixth grade's win over Lincoln County. Scalf had 10 points in the win.



Sixth grader Brylee Silcox plays some tough defense during seventh grade action. Silcox had six points in the sixth grade's win and two points for the 7th.



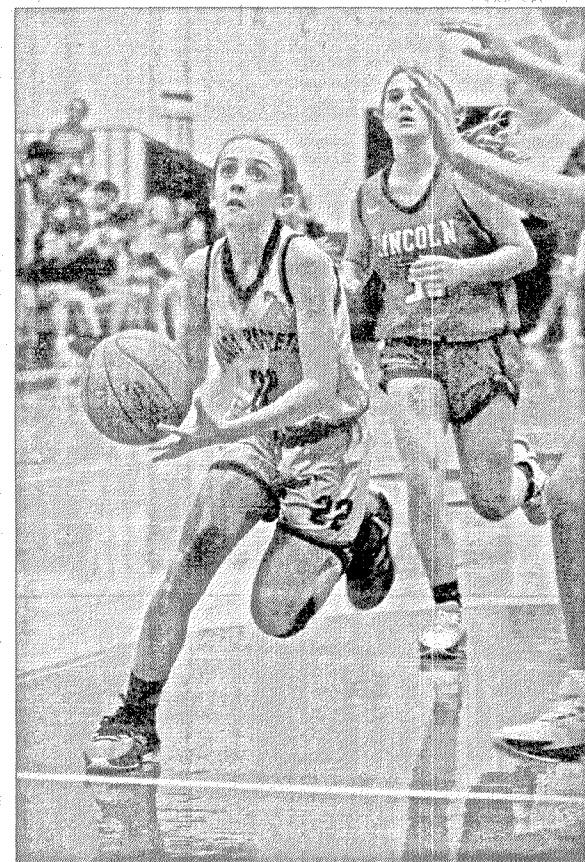
Sixth grader Kyleigh Abrams puts on the D during seventh grade action. Abrams scored two points in both the seventh grade game and sixth grade win.



Lacey Prewitt drives to the basket during seventh grade action with Lincoln County. The Rockets came out on the losing end, 42-21. Prewitt scored three points. Others scoring but not pictured were: Maycee McIntosh with two, Mia Scalf with three, Lexie Stevens with two, Kyleigh Abrams had two, Brylee Silcox scored two.



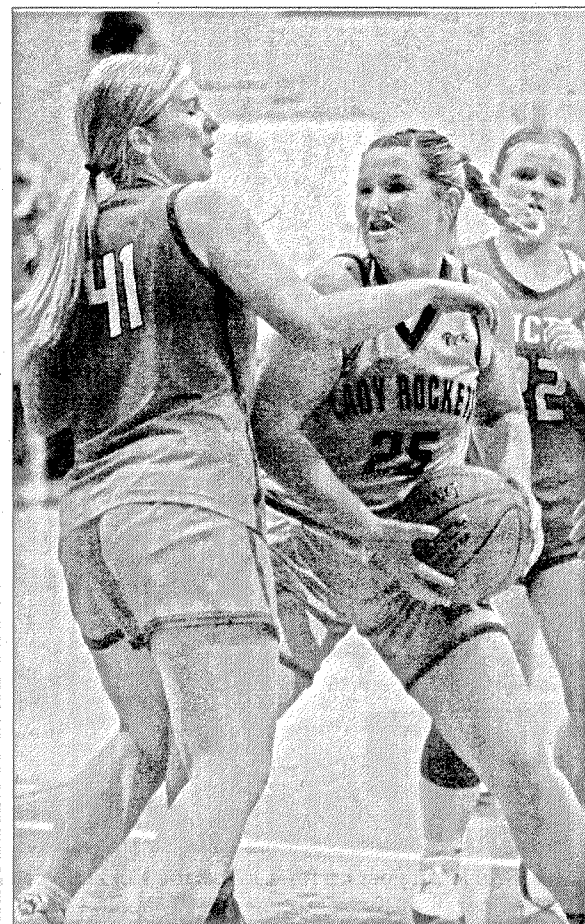
Kylie Sturgill puts up a jumper in seventh grade action with Lincoln County last week.



Seventh grader Hailey Mize takes it to the hole to score two of her five points against Lincoln County.



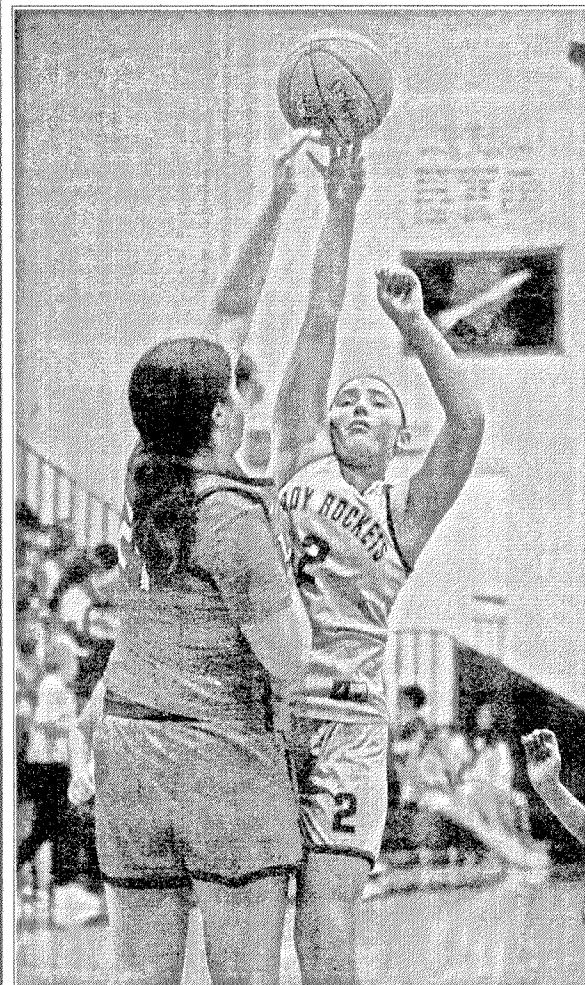
Rayleigh Hancock makes a pass up the floor in seventh grade action against Lincoln County last week. Hancock had two points in the contest.



Lauren Hensley fights under the basket during the eighth grade's 47-43 win over Lincoln County in their final game of the season. Hensley led her team in scoring with 16. Others scoring but not pictured were: Jaycee McIntosh with five and Rylee Brown with six.



Tatum Bishop works hard on offense during the eighth grade's win over Lincoln County. Bishop had 11 points in the win.



Hailey Hopkins puts up a shot in the lane during the Rockets' win over Lincoln. Hopkins had nine points in the win.

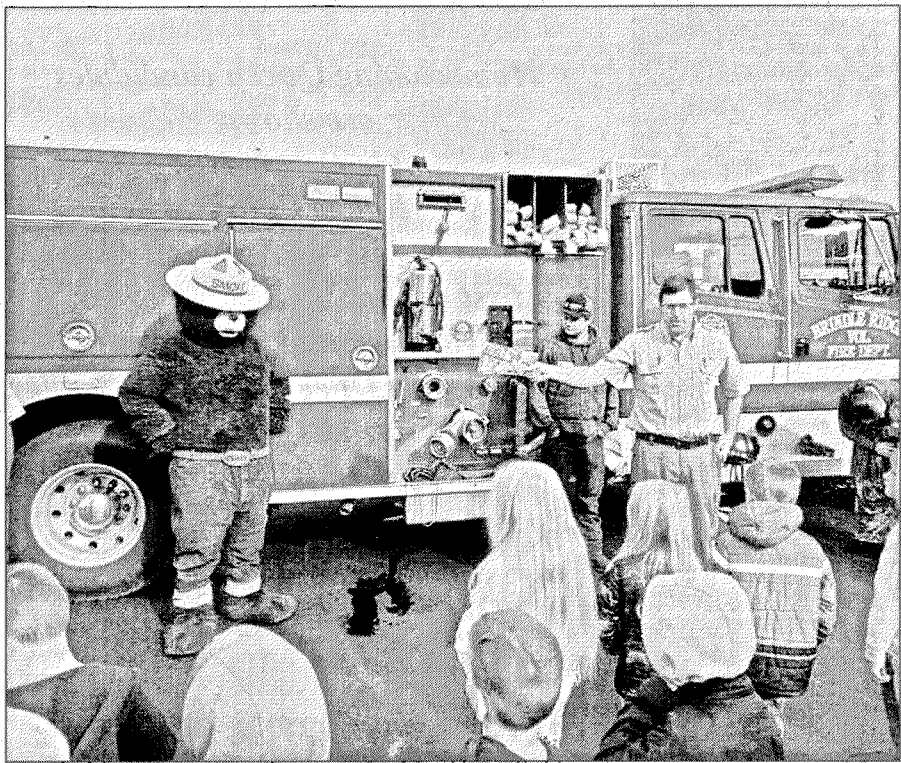


Leighton McKinney puts on the defense in the eighth grade's win over Lincoln County last week.



## Smokey Bear visits

On Wednesday last week, the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department spent some time with the Roundstone Eagles to provide education and information concerning Fire Prevention Week. Smokey the Bear also



visited the students and helped with the lessons on fire safety and prevention. The Kentucky Division of Forestry was also present and helped with the lessons. The Brodhead Fire Department visited the Brodhead Elementary School grades K-5 to discuss fire prevention during the observance week. Each student was sent home with a fire safety packet and gifts from the BFD. Forest Fire Hazard Season began October 1 and lasts until December 15. Outdoor fires are illegal within 150 feet of wooded or brush areas and fires are only allowed between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. during the season.



### Pastor Appreciation

We, at Livingston Pentecostal Church, would like to wish our Pastor, Bro. Jim Miller and Sister Christine a Happy Pastor Appreciation Day. We are so blessed to have Bro. Jim and Sister Christine. We love you and appreciate the outstanding job you do.

### Israel, the fallen people of God

There is a lot of talk about Isreal and the recent attack on them from the Iranians and speculation of what it all means and what it is all about. Although Isreal is God's chosen people, they were a people that very often turn their back on God. In the Old Testament, God told Abraham that through his name, all nations would be blessed, as it say in Genesis 22:18, and in thy seed shall all nations be blessed because thou obeyed my voice. Isreal, another name for Jacob, was only one of those nations, it would not give due respect to Abraham, the father of many nations, to name only one of those nations after him. Isaac was the father of two nations, the Isrealites and the Edomites so the land of Isreal could not be named after him. According to the Biblical account of this story, later when the nation began to fall away from faithfulness to God it broke up into two kingdoms, Judah and Isreal each which acted as a separate nation. However, the promise to the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as seen fulfilled reign of King David, under whom a unified nation of Isreal reached its greatest extent. So that's how the nation of Isreal was established. Both the land that God had promised to Abraham and the people of God, the Isrealites. The way this was encompassed, the City of Jerusalem, which is significant, as we go forward into the new testament.

In Romans 10:1 Paul here expressed deep concern for Jewish ancestry. VS 1 brethren my hearts desire and prayer for Isreal is, that they might be saved. VS2 For I bear them record that they have God, but not according to knowledge. VS3 for they are ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their righteousness have not submitted themselves the rigorousness of God.

VS4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to ever one that believeth Romans Chapter 11:1 I say then hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am a isrealite of the seed of Abraham of the tribe of Benjamin. VS 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Know ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Isreal, saying,

VS3 They have killed the prophets and torn down thine altars; and I am left alone and they seek my life. VS4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. VS5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. VS6 And if by grace, then it is no more of works, then is it no more grace, otherwise work is no more work. VS7 what then? Isreal hath not obtained which I seek after, but the election hath obtained it and the rest were blinded. VS8 According as it is written God hath given them the spirit of slumber eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear unto us this day. VS9 And David Saith, let their table be made a snare and a trap and a stumbling block and a recompense unto them. VS10 Let eyes be darkened that they may not see and bow down their back always. VS11 Say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid but rather through their salvation has come unto the gentiles fore to provide them to jealousy. VS12 now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the gentiles, how much more their fullness? Colossians 3:10 And I have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. VS11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew circumcision nor uncircumcised, Barbarian, scythian bond nor free but Christ is all and all.

Everyone Welcome

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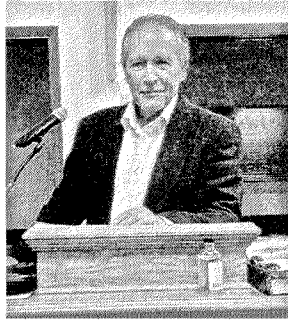
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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

### Pastor Appreciation

We, the congregation at Union Chapel Pentecostal Church, would just like to say we truly appreciate our pastor, Bro. Walter Bowling, for all he does and has done for the church in the last year.



God has surely blessed us. The church is located on 1505, approx. 3 miles out of Brodhead. Services on Sunday morning at 11 a.m., Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Thursday night at 7 p.m. Come worship with us and be blessed.

## 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

### Ladies Fall Brunch

Ladies are invited to a Ladies Fall Brunch on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 to 12:30 at Ottawa Baptist Church. Brunch is provided. Any questions, please call 530-363-8631.

### Fall Revival

Everyone invited to our Fall Revival at Creekside Baptist Church, 2261 Copper Creek Rd. October 22nd, Sunday morning through Wednesday night. Sunday morning 11 a.m., Sunday night at 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday night 7 p.m. Special singing each service. Evangelist is Bro. Kenny Davis, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Berea. Pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth invites everyone.

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### Must

Man who comes to God must believe Him. (Heb.11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Man must be born again. (John 3:7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

There are things man must do to be saved from alien sins. (Acts22:16) And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Man must, if saved, be saved by the name of Christ. (Acts 4:12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Man who worships God must worship him in spirit and truth. (John 4:24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Man must suffer many tribulations to enter into the kingdom of God. (Acts14:22) Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

The days approach in which man must die. (Duet.31:14) And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourself in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

Man must stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (2Cor.5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

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

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All Vietnam Era veterans from Rockcastle County that served from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 regardless of where they served and a guest are invited to attend.

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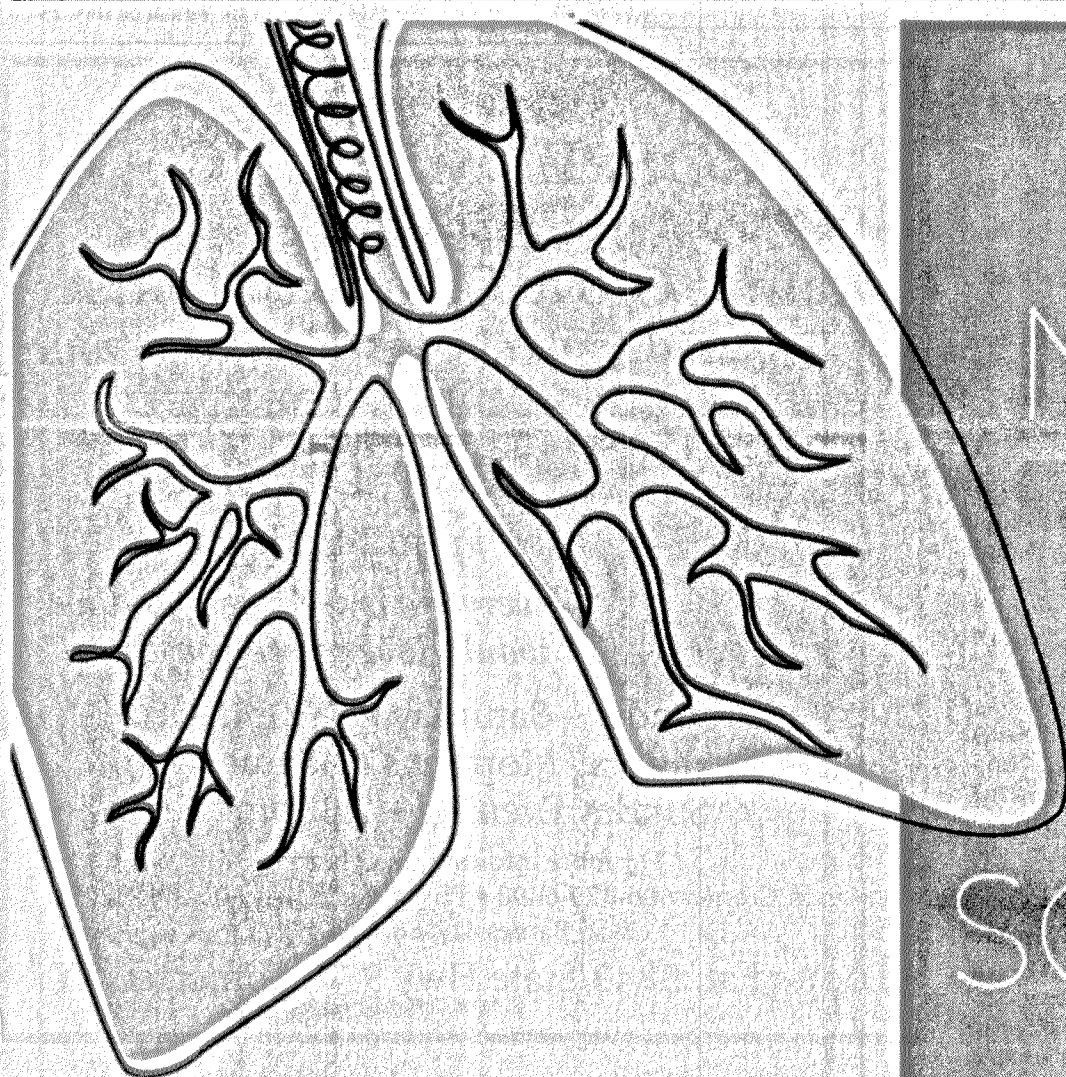
## RCHS Homecoming Queen Candidates

Homecoming Queen candidates are shown at left, from left: Kaliee Collins, second runner-up Ashleigh Abney, first runner-up Briley Fowler, Alivia Shepherd, Ella Bussell, Homecoming Queen Kameryn Medley, Raychel Carpenter and Kyndall McNew.



## RCHS Homecoming King Candidates

Homecoming King candidates are shown, at left, from left: Noah Phillips, Lance Coffey, Harper McCool, second runner-up Trent Wilson, first runner-up Ethan Gibson, Wendell Gentry and Daniel Sowder. Not shown is King Jake Snyder.



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## Livingston School basement can't be used for Halloween event

**By: Mike French  
Editor**

There will be no legal Haunted House in the Livingston Visitors' Center basement this year, as there has been in past years, due to a dangerous environment, according to officials with the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet.

Organizers of the haunted house event that is typically held each Hal-

loween season for several weeks, had requested the use of the old Livingston School building once again in the 2023 season, from the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, owners of the building. Organizer Glenna Robinson sent a letter to the fiscal court stating the building would be needed. The letter requested a key to the "basement and the dun-

geon" for use by the "Creative Minds Members."

However, Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson attended the fiscal court meeting when the request was made, and expressed serious concerns about using the basement area for such purposes. "I don't know a lot about haunted houses but I do know a lot about fire codes and I can tell you

the place is a death trap," he told the court. Listing dangerous situations, he mentioned the possible existence of asbestos due to when the building was constructed, as well as fire alarms and a lack of egress.

Davidson said he would provide documentation concerning what he believed to be unacceptable about the area to be used for a public

event.

That documentation was delivered to the court, but Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook says he then contacted state officials with Building and Codes Enforcement and was told that since the event only lasts a few weeks and was called a "Haunted House" that typical codes enforcement regulations did not apply. "I was told different laws apply to haunted houses and short events like that," he said.

The court then voted to allow the event to take place, if inspectors agreed that the public would be safe during the event.

However, last week, the results of that inspection, held on September 14, was reported and received by the fiscal court, recommending that no such event be held there.

"We are unable to issue a Certificate of Completion," the report says. "This project is deficient in numerous ways, some of which include non-compliant electric, non-compliant means of egress, non-compliant for smoke detection, non-compliant for sprinkler system and non-compliant finish material on walls, floors and ceilings. It would be considered to be illegally occupied unless you receive approval."

The report was provided by Alison Baker, Building Codes Plan Re-

viewer of the Public Protection Cabinet in Frankfort.

The court then addressed the issue at the October regular monthly meeting when Holbrook read the report to the court. Once read, the court agreed unanimously to refuse the use of the area for the purpose of a haunted house.

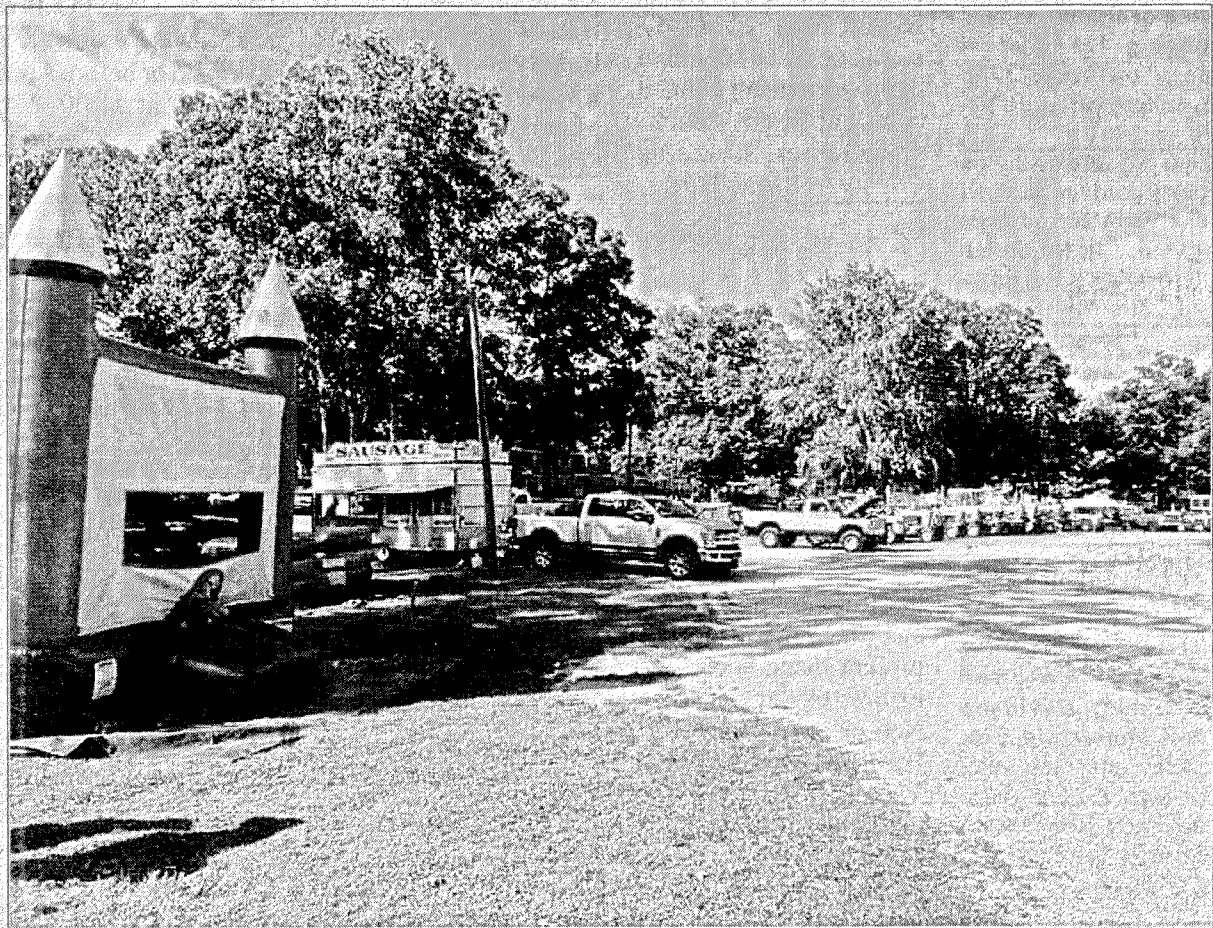
Former Livingston Mayor Jason Medley said the following day that some have used "fear tactics" to convince others that the Livingston School and gym contained asbestos. However, according to Medley, "An environmental study was done yesterday (Wednesday, October 11) and I am very proud to say there was absolutely zero asbestos found in the Livingston School or gymnasium. There is no asbestos and the inspectors also commented on how structurally sound the buildings are today."

Holding the event at a different location was not discussed.

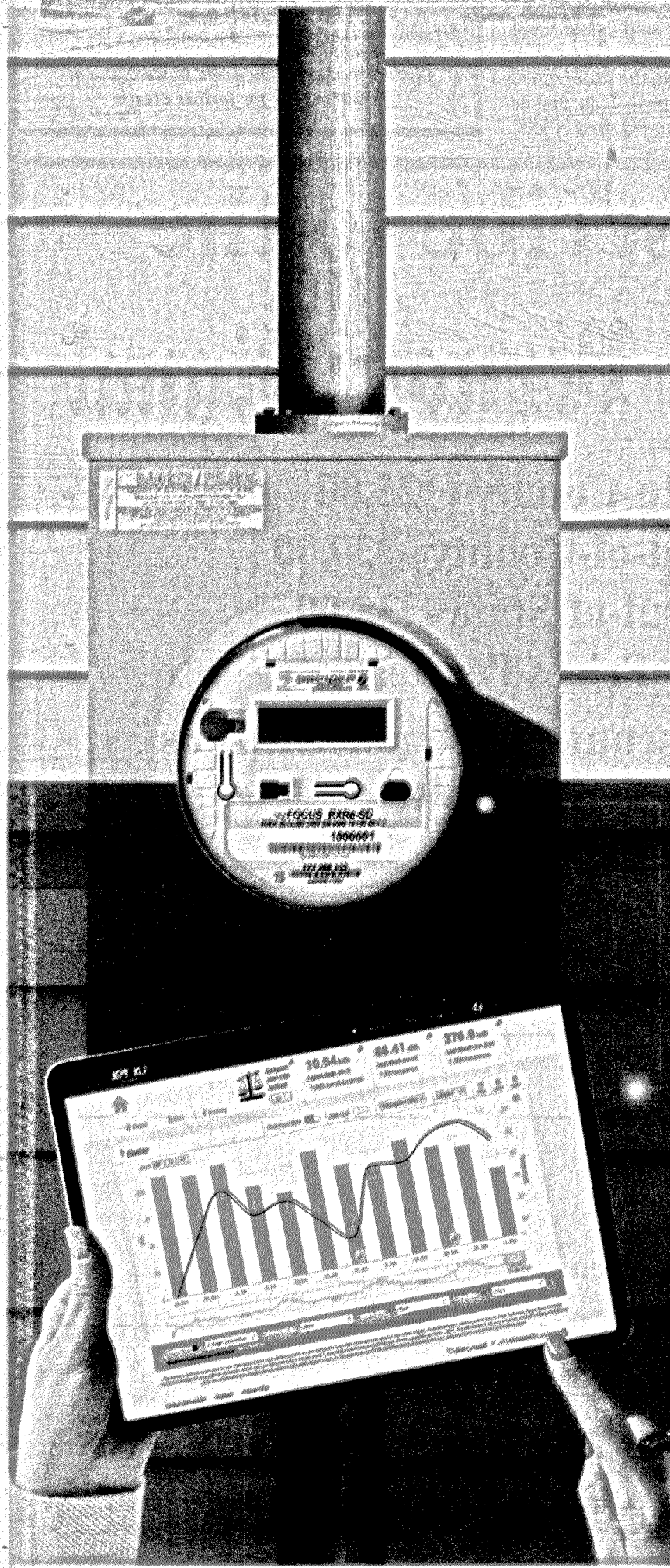
### Chamber meeting cancelled

The October Mount Vernon Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meeting has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with the planned speaker.

### Family Fun Day



Organizers say the Brodhead Family Fun Day was a great success with countless visitors from the City of Brodhead, Rockcastle County and surrounding counties enjoying the many activities throughout the day Saturday. Inflatables, contests and car shows were only a few of the many events and activities that kept young and old alike entertained. Organizers are planning next year's event and expects it to be just as successful as the 2024 Family Fun Day.



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## Posted

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

**Posted:** No trespassing at 180 Richards Lane, Orlando, property of Randall and Tammi Bond. 36x3

**Posted:** Be it known: no trespassing or hunting henceforth and indefinitely on the 4 acre property located between Mohawk Ln. and the spring on Chestnut Ridge Rd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Miscellaneous For Sale

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## Notices

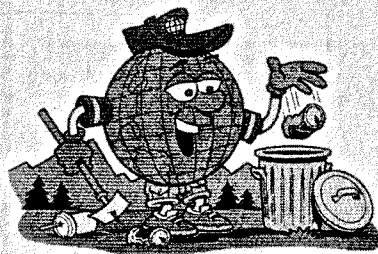
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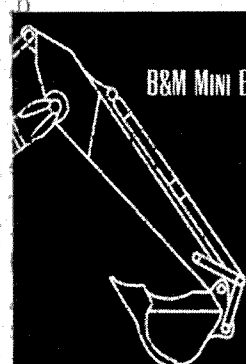
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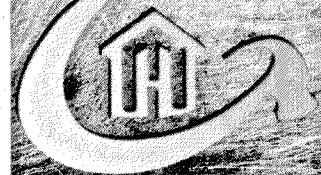
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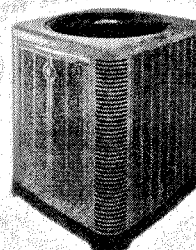
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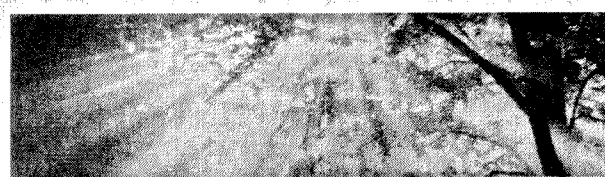


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Local artist named Partners for Rural Impact Teaching Artist

Alyssa Bustle of Brodhead is one of 16 artists recently selected by Partners for Rural Impact (PRI) to join a roster of teaching artists who conduct visiting artist programs in school and community settings throughout Appalachian Kentucky.

"I'm excited to apply my own artistic abilities in a way that may teach and inspire others," Bustle said, adding that she "loves any opportunity to help bring arts

alive!" PRI's complete directory (<https://bit.ly/PRI-Teaching-Artist-Directory>) includes 50 partner artist profiles, sample programs, and other resources to support collaboration between schools and teaching artists. While the directory is available for anyone to reference, PRI also uses the directory internally to coordinate extensive grant-funded arts integration

programs throughout its Appalachian Kentucky service area. These programs frequently weave arts with other academic subjects, family engagement or college-and-career

readiness services and include the arts as a core element of PRI's whole-child approach to improving student outcomes. "We look forward to

a long-term relationship with these artists," Amon Couch, executive director of PRI - Appalachia, said. "The arts are a catalyst for kids to learn all types of content.

"It's not just about the art, but about what participation in the arts does for kids," he added. "It meets a need that nothing else can."

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

EASY CROCK POT BEEF STEW

This is my very favorite way of making beef stew. Quick and easy preparation. Made some yesterday and shared with the neighbors. Got some great compliments. 3 pound beef roast such as chuck or top round 1 pound baby carrots, 1 pound baby potatoes, quartered 1 or 2 onions, chopped 1 bag (10 to 16 ounce) frozen green peas 1 envelope (about 1 ounce) dry Au Jus or brown gravy mix 1 envelope (about 1 ounce) dry ranch salad dressing mix 1 envelope (about 1 ounce) dry Italian salad dressing mix 2 or 3 cups tomato juice Cut meat into bite sized pieces. Spread carrots in crock pot. Follow by potatoes, onion pieces, and peas. Place meat on top of the onions in your cooker. Mix all three envelopes with tomato juice. Mix until blended completely. Pour mixture over meat and vegetables in the slow cooker. Cook on high for about 4 hours or on low about 8 hours.

CROCK POT BEEF STEW

2 pounds chuck meat, cut into cubes 1/4 cup flour 2 tablespoons olive oil 1/2 cup red wine or water 1 cup beef stock 2 potatoes, peeled and cubed into 1-inch pieces 2 stalks celery, sliced 2 carrots, peeled and sliced 1 large onion, chopped into cubes 2 garlic cloves, minced 1 teaspoon salt 1 can (15 ounce) diced tomatoes Place the cubed meat and flour in Ziploc bag, seal and shake until the pieces are fully coated with flour. Heat the olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium high heat and sear the pieces of meat for 4 minutes until all sides are nicely brown. Remove the meat from the pan and place in the crock pot. Add the red wine or water and stock to the sauté pan. Scrap off the bits of meat that have browned in the bottom of the pan. Bring mixture to a boil; let boil for one minute. Add liquid to the crock pot along with the remaining ingredients and combine. Cook on low for 6-8 hours.

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NO <sup>1</sup>	Protect Human Life	YES
NO <sup>2</sup>	Protect Religious Freedom	YES
NO <sup>3</sup>	Educational Freedom	YES
YES <sup>4</sup>	Forced Gender Preferred Pronouns	NO
YES <sup>4</sup>	Transgender Bathrooms and Sports	NO
YES <sup>4</sup>	Sex "Reassignment" Surgery for Minors	NO
NO <sup>4</sup>	Parental Rights	YES
NO <sup>5</sup>	Work Requirements for Medicaid	YES
MIXED <sup>6</sup>	Lower Taxes	YES

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<sup>1</sup> Beshear vetoed the 15-week abortion ban (HB 3 - 2022) and the Born Alive Act (SB 9 - 2020) as governor. <sup>2</sup> Beshear ordered state police to target churchgoers on Easter Sunday (4/12/20) during the COVID lockdown. He also sought to prevent Sunrise Children's Services' state contract because of their biblical views. <sup>3</sup> Beshear vetoed HB 563 (2021), which created a tax credit for education opportunity accounts. Beshear also vetoed HB 9 (2022), which provided funding for charter schools. <sup>4</sup> Beshear vetoed SB 150 (2023), which protects Kentucky school kids from controversial LGBT indoctrination in K-12 public school classrooms, makes clear that bathroom and locker room policy corresponds to biological sex, and prohibits gender medical procedures of minors. Beshear also vetoed SB 83 (2022), which kept boys off girls' sports teams. <sup>5</sup> Should able-bodied adults (age 19-64) have to work, volunteer, attend school or receive job training for at least 20 hours per week? AP News, "Kentucky governor rescinds planned Medicaid work requirement," December 26, 2019. <sup>6</sup> Beshear vetoed HB 8 (2022), which codified the process to reduce the state income tax. He said reducing the income tax "threatens Kentucky's economic future."