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A special candlelight ceremony was held Friday night before the Rocket-Cawood game at RCHS. The ceremony was held in honor of all Rockcastle County Armed Service Personnel and Veterans. A large group was honored during the ceremony in conjunction with senior night at RCHS.

Blood stained shirt found in microwave

Philip Lowell Lanham, accused of beating his wife to death in their home, entered a plea of not guilty Monday during his arraignment in Garrard County District Court.

Lanham, 45, has been charged with murder for allegedly beating his wife, Kenna, to death in the couple's Cartersville home on Oct. 11.

According to police reports, Lanham beat his wife, put her in bed then called police.

Police have not released much information, including whether or not a weapon was used.

And the state medical examiner's office has not established a cause of death for Mrs. Lanham, pending toxicology reports.

Last Friday, eight days after Mrs. Lanham's death, State Police Det. Van Wright found a blood-stained T-shirt and a pillow in a microwave in

the kitchen of the Lanham home. According to an affidavit used to obtain a search warrant, Megan Rawlins, Mrs. Lanham's daughter-in-law, found the blood-stained T-shirt

in the microwave near the entry from the carport to the kitchen.

Mrs. Rawlins contacted County Attorney Jeff Moss's office which in

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Few reports of anthrax scare made locally

The nationwide anthrax scare has had little impact in Rockcastle County, although authorities have been notified by at least two residents concerned that they had received packages with anthrax in them.

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Trevor Hensley said that one resident brought a package to the Sheriff's office, which was later examined by Sheriff Shirley Smith.

Hensley said Smith determined there was no danger. Another package was picked up by Rockcastle Emergency Manage-

ment Director Bobby Bishop, Jr., and with advice from headquarters in Frankfort, he examined that package and determined that it was also unwanted.

One suspicious package at the Mt. Vernon Post Office was also returned to the main office in Lexington for examination, but it too was apparently safe.

Mt. Vernon Clerk Karen Noe said all county postal employees are taking more precautions sorting the mail and she urged local residents to be more aware as well.

Renovation underway at Livingston

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court has ordered renovation work to begin on the former Livingston School.

Last week a company from London began sandblasting the outside of the building, cleaning off the old paint and Rockcastle Judge-Carrolltis said that numerous work release prisoners from the Rockcastle County Detention Center are in the process of cleaning up the mess made by all of the vandalism to the building over the years.

The county has received a \$100,000 grant from the state to help with the renovation. The county originally plans to replace the gym floor and put a roof over it.

The county will then seal off the building, while it looks for other funding, although people will be able to use the gym.

Carrolltis also said that he will ask the fiscal court on Friday to lease one of the classroom buildings to the city of Livingston for use as city hall for \$1.00 per year, with the city paying the utilities. That at the request of the city council.

About 715 people attended a recent Open House at the new Brodhead Elementary School. Those in attendance got a tour of the \$6 million facility and got a chance to speak with staff members. Brodhead has approximately 425 students in grades K-5. Above Destie Harris, Judy Harris, Scott, Tyler, Haley and Christie Harper attended the Open House. At left: Barbara Lovell, Breann Lovell, Jaletta Bradshaw and Linda Burton were also on hand.

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Denny, three others arrested in Laurel Co.

Rockcastle County Jailer James Miller announced that Johnny W. Denny, 39, of Mt. Vernon who escaped from the Rockcastle County Detention Center two weeks ago has been apprehended.

Miller said that London police, Laurel County Sheriff's deputies and Kentucky State Police stopped Denny and Phillip Kirby, 25, of Mt. Vernon near the Super 8 Motel around 3 a.m.

According to a news release from the London City Police Department, police determined Denny was wanted for escape from the Rockcastle Detention Center on October 9, although Denny gave police a false name address.

According to Miller, when police tried to arrest Denny the first time, he ran across the road and into a wooded area.

Police said that after a lengthy search Denny was located and arrested without incident.

Police said that during the course of the investigation it was determined that there was possible drug activity in a room at the Super 8.

Upon receiving permission to search the room officers discovered a substantial quantity of what is to be Methamphetamine inside.

Also arrested by police were Jessica Johnson, 21, of Mt. Vernon and Jennifer Kirby, 22, also of Mt. Vernon.

Denny was charged with escape, trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication and giving of officer false name and address.

Phillip Kirby, who was wanted on federal warrants was charged with,

trafficking in a controlled substance 1st (Methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Johnson was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance 1st (Methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was wanted on warrants from Rockcastle County.

Jennifer D. Kirby was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance 1st (Methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

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Johnny Denny



Phillip Kirby

Rockets play for district at Bell Co.

The Rockcastle County Rockets have another perfect season going, but the toughest task in completing that undefeated season awaits them this week.

The Rockets will travel to Bell County on Friday night where they will take on Dudley Hill and the Bobcats.

"I am very concerned about this game - it is never easy going into Bell County and I have never won on that field," said head coach Tom Larkey, whose Rockets have won 22 of the last 23 games dating back to last year.

Last year the Rockets completed their first ever perfect regular season by defeating the Bobcats 25-0.

Larkey hopes for the same result this season, but he says he will take a two point win.

"Some people say you are down three touchdowns when you step onto the field - so our kids are going to have to be focused more than ever," he said.

"I have a lot of confidence in our team - but if they don't play to best of their ability - we will come away with

a loss," he said.

Bell County has lost only two games this season, those were to Corbin and Prestonsburg and they are undefeated in the district.

The winner of this game will, of course, be the district champs and maintain homefield advantage throughout the regional play-offs.

Bell County is mostly a running team which could pose some problems for defensive coach Tony Saylor's squad.

The Rockets have seen mostly running teams in all of their blow-out wins this season.

Coach Larkey said he hoped that the Rockets would take a large crowd to Bell County - which would help offset the Bobcat's home field advantage.

"We are working our tails off this week in practice and I think this team understands the importance of keeping home field advantage throughout the regional play-offs," Larkey said. Game time at Bell County is 7:30 p.m.



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