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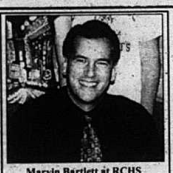

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Rockets win region again

For the second straight year the Rockcastle County Rocket football team has won a high school regional championship.

Friday night the Rockets defeated Bell County at home 28-14 in their 13th straight win of the season.

The Rockets are only one of four teams now left in 3A in the state and they will play at Covington Catholic on Saturday afternoon.

Covington Catholic defeated Lexington Catholic 31 to 14 on Friday night.

The Rockets scored on their first possession Friday night, but Bell County answered back in the first quarter to tie the game at seven.

In the second quarter, the Rockets would score twice to take a 21 to 7 lead into the dressing room at halftime and they would score once more in the second half, as did the Bobcats to result in the final 28-14 score.

"It is very hard to beat a good team twice and Bell County has a good team - I'm proud of our kids," said head coach Tom Larkey.

The Rocket scoring went as follows:

First quarter: Marty Reagan, three yard run.

Second quarter: Reagan, three yard run. and Josh Hale, eleven yard pass from Aaron Anderkin.

Fourth quarter: Reagan, 26 yard run.

Placekicker Jens Strietzel was a perfect, four for four in extra point kicks.

Defensively, the Rockets gave up a season high 305 yards, 225 through the air and 80 on the ground.

Stephen Boreing, James Michael Bussell and Reagan all picked off Bell County passes.

P.J. Rowe had four sacks, Jason Leger had two, Bussell had two, William Blair, Reagan and Boreing also recorded a sack.

Blair, who plays the middle linebacker spot for the Rockets also recorded a total of 13 tackles and assists.

Other Rockets with tackles and assists were: Reagan with nine, Bussell, eight, Rowe, seven, Steve

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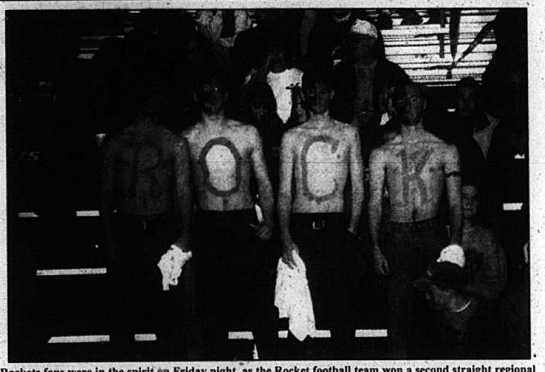

Rockets fans were in the spirit on Friday night, as the Rocket football team won a second straight regional championship with a 28-14 win over Bell County. Above from left: Brandon McIntosh, A.J. Reams, Jarrod Burdette and Tim McIntosh showed off their school spirit before the game.

Although the Rocket defense gave up just over 300 yards on Friday night, they have been ranked among the top in the state all season long. Shown above are the Rocket front four: Tanner Abney, Adam Childress, Steve Blair and Jason Leger. The Rockets play at Covington Catholic Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the State Semi-Finals.

Local man who threatened Judge among those charged

Ten indictments returned by local grand jury

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned ten indictments recently.

Indicted were: Johnny W. Denney, 39, of Mt. Vernon; Bobby Joe Hensley, 19, of Mt. Vernon; William Glen Mink, 42, of Mt. Vernon; Amanda N. Kates, 21, of Mt. Vernon; Angela Miller, 25, of Mt. Vernon; Bessie Ball Miller, 59, of East Bernstadt; Danny Ray Bowman, 38, of Mt. Vernon; Timmy Renner, 30, of Mt. Vernon; Franklin Bond, 34, of Mt. Vernon and Terry Lear, 49, of Mt. Vernon.

Bond was indicted for Intimidating a Judicial Officer.

He is accused of threatening Judge Debra Hembree Lambert directly or indirectly with intent to influence, intimidate or to impede the performance of her duties.

Denney was indicted on the offense of escape, second degree and committing the offense of Persistent Felony Offender, Second Degree,

He is accused of escaping from the custody of the Rockcastle County Detention Center after being charged with a felony.

Hepsley was indicted on Possession of a Controlled Substance, First, Degree, First Offense; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, First Offense and Resisting Arrest.

He is accused of possession of Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, possessing marijuana, possessing a straw with intent to use or designed for use in the intake of a controlled substance and threatening or using physical force against a peace officer who was making an arrest.

Mink was indicted on Cultivating Marijuana, Second Offense.

He is accused of planning and cultivating five or more marijuana plants.

Kates was indicted on Possession of a Controlled Substance, First Degree, First Offense and Possession of

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PRIDE awards $53,000 in grants to Rockcastle

PRIDE (Personal Responsibility ina Desirable Environment) has been awarded two Community Grants totaling $53,000 that will be used in Rockcastle County for a variety of cleanup projects.

Rockcastle Fiscal Court was awarded $50,000 for labor and equipment to clean up 12 illegal dumpsites: Buffalo Hollow, Valley Spring Branch Road (two sites), Big Sandy Road, Hammonds Fork Road, Green Pond Ridge Road, Crooked Creek Road (two sites), High Dry Cemetery Road, Sowder School Road, Red Hill Road and Old Rocky Road.

City of Mt. Vernon was awarded $3,000 for a spring 2002 cleanup and to clean up around Lake Linville.

Since the program began in 1998, PRIDE has awarded 332 community grants totaling $7,502,911, including 54 grants this year, totaling 1,796,582. That money has been used across the 40-county region PRIDE serves in a variety of cleanup projects. Some examples of the work being done by

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Filing for county offices has begun

By: Richard Anderkin

The Primary Election in Rockcastle County may be over six months away, but that hasn't kept local residents from filing for office.

The first day to file was November 7th, the day after the General Election in many parts of the country.

On that day, William Denny, 36 of Chestnut Ridge filed for magistrate in the second district and Wayne Lear, 72, of Brindle Ridge filed for the office of Sheriff.

Incumbent Property Valuation Administrator Margaret Offutt also filed for re-election on that day.

The next day, Gary Wade Mink, also a Republican filed for office.

On November 9th, incumbent County Court Clerk Norma Houk filed for re-election and November 10 the only Democrat county official, first district magistrate John Holbrook filed for re-election.

On November 14th, incumbent Jailer James Miller filed, as did incumbent County Attorney Jeff Burdette.

The table is certainly set for some interesting county races, as well as school board races and city council races, including the Mayor in each of the three cities.

Also in May of 2002, State Representative Danny Ford, District Judges Mike Henry and Walter McGuire and U.S. Representative Harold Rogers, will also have to run.

Countywide office holders have always received more than pauper's pay, but with recent changes in the state legislature, pay in most county offices is good - really good for Rockcastle County, considering the average family income.

For example, if you are the Rockcastle County Judge-Executive state law requires that you be paid more than any other elected county official.

The state determines that amount of compensation on the number of residents in the county.

If you are the County Judge-Executive in Rockcastle County you will be paid $65,305 a year, plus $300 a month for expenses. All of that is of course subject to state, federal and local taxes.

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Well-known resident Roy Brown, 86, dies

Roy G. Brown, a well-known Rockcastle County resident died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was 86.

Mr. Brown of Quail, died from complications of a heart attack he experienced on Sunday night.

He was probably best known for his work with the Cumberland Production Credit Association, where he served as county office manager for 30 years from 1947 to 1977.

Roy Brown

Mr. Brown, who was currently serving as chairman of the Rockcastle Conservation District board, a position he had held for many years, will also be remembered for his life-long service to the people of Rockcastle County.

He was very instrumental in the founding of the Rockcastle Western Water Association, which has brought water to many rural areas of the county. Western now has almost 4,000 customers.

In 1979, Mr. Brown received the Everett C. Brown Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service and most recently he was inducted into the Rockcastle Farmer's Hall of Fame.

He also served as tour director of the Rockcastle Agri-Business tour, which has toured different locations across the nation for the past 35 years. Mr. Brown was also deeply involved in the activities of the Rockcastle County 4-H Chapter and the Rockcastle County Improvement Council, where he had served as chairman.

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A part of our past! Above is a picture of the Mount Vernon City Council, which was published in the *Signal* in the 1950s. Everyone in this photo is now deceased. Seated above from left: council member Jess Cummins and Mayor Roy Cummins. Back row, from left: council members Bob Jasper, Everett Chaney, Roy Winstead, Jack Laswell and Jack St. Clair.