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The Rockcastle County boys' basketball team won the 13th Regional Tournament Saturday night with a two point win over Clay County. Members of the historic squad are shown above, front row, from left: Aaron Anderkin, Austin Miller and Chris Settles. Second row, from left: Jake Riddle, Jordan Cash, managers, Coty Reams, Chris Childress, Devin Taylor, Jason Reynolds and Aaron Cash. Back row, from left: Derrick Horst, Andrew Hammond, Darrin Harris, Stephen Boring, James Isaacs, Blake Roberts and Anthony Stevens. (See special section inside and see next week's Signal for more coverage.)

Rockets beat Clay County; headed to Rupp Bell County and Corbin also fall to Rock in Region

The Rockcastle County Rockets boys' varsity basketball team advanced to the Kentucky State Tournament after a 61-59 win over Clay County on Saturday night in the regional finals.

The Rockets capped off the historic week with wins over Bell County, Corbin and Clay County. "I am extremely proud of these kids - they beat three good teams and deserve a trip to the big dance," head coach Clayton Cash said.

And it certainly has been a big week for the Rockets.

Cash, who was a member of the last county boys' state tournament team from Brodhead High School in 1972, was named 13th Region coach

of the year on Tuesday.

Cash's son, Aaron, a freshman point guard, who has played on the varsity since he was in the seventh grade, was named tournament most valuable player.

RCHS assistant principal Barry Noble, who was tournament director of the 13th Regional Tournament, which was held at RCHS for the first time ever, said that over 6,000 people attended each of the three games.

"The first night we had about 1,800 fans and well over 2,000 at the other two games," he said.

If advance ticket sales are any indication, a large crowd from

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Two Ohio women, one 22 and the other 21, died as a result of a wreck on Interstate 75 Saturday. They were passengers in the above car, when it crossed the median and hit a transfer truck.



Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush escaped serious injury after he totaled his cruiser Saturday, on the way to a fatal accident.

Ohio women die after I-75 wreck

Two Ohio girls, one 22 and the other 21 died as the result of a wreck on Interstate 75 Saturday.

According to Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell, Kelly Ann Simone died at the scene and the 21-year-old died Tuesday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Dowell said the two young women were with two other college students who were heading back to Ohio after being on Spring Break.

"The road was slick because of the rain and they apparently lost control of the car after hydro-planing," Dowell said.

The coroner said that both girls were in the back seat asleep when the

accident occurred around noon Saturday.

After losing control on the rain-

slick road, the car went across the median and hit a transfer truck broad-

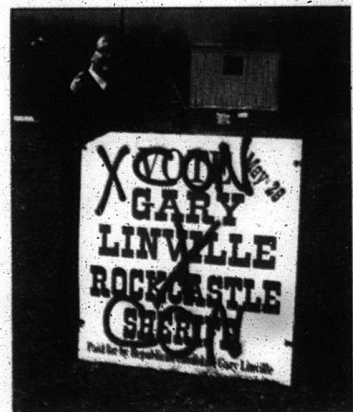
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Several shots fired into house on Negro Creek

A 23-year-old Brodhead woman was shot twice Saturday night, in an apparent drive-by shooting.

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Aaron Matthews said that someone shot into

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Sheriff candidate Gary Linville is offering a reward for information about the destruction of his campaign signs.

Linville offering \$500 reward

A candidate for Rockcastle County Sheriff is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone caught stealing, destroying or vandalizing his political signs.

Gary Linville said this week he has had numerous problems with people bothering signs, which he has placed throughout the county.

Linville said that anyone with information concerning the destruction of his signs should call him at (606) 256-9598.

Two arrested after fire in Lincoln County

Two men were arrested Saturday, accused of trying to burn a house in Broughtontown to hide evidence of a drug manufacturing operation.

Henry Baker, 32, the owner of the house at 110 C.E. Hebron Road and Eddie Todd, 23, of Mt. Vernon, were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, arson and tampering with evidence.

Baker and Todd were arrested about 5:30 p.m. Saturday when officers from the Lincoln County Sheriff's office and the Kentucky State Police arrived with a search

warrant for the property.

Sheriff Shelby Lakes said that just as officers arrived to serve a search warrant, the front right corner of the house erupted in flames and Baker was caught trying to run out the back door.

Todd was apprehended at the side of the house, apparently having climbed out an open window.

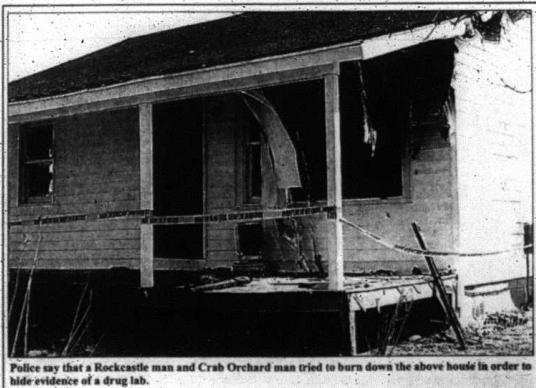
Lakes said that it appeared at the scene that the fire had been set deliberately in an attempt to destroy evidence of the meth lab operation.

The Broughtontown Volunteer

Fire Department was summoned to the scene and extinguished the blaze; salvaging evidence of the alleged methamphetamine making business being operated in the home. Most of the fire damage was confined to a front room where the fire started. There was, however, extensive smoke damage throughout the small, vinyl sided house.

Because the ingredients used in making methamphetamine are volatile - acetone and camp stove fuel, among other items - officers from the

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Police say that a Rockcastle man and Crab Orchard man tried to burn down the above house in order to hide evidence of a drug lab.