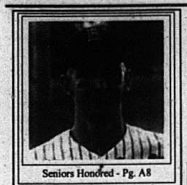

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Court rules for county on Oscar Isaac roadway

The Rockcastle Circuit Court has issued a Judgement in the Oscar Isaac Road case, where the county had been seeking to obtain the legally required 30 feet right-of-way in order to construct and maintain the road.

The Judgement, entered April 27, 2002, now grants the county lawful authority to work the roadway, located in the northern section of the county.

The suit, brought in August, 2000, was an effort by the Fiscal Court to maintain a controversial roadway, after some residents brought their concerns to the Rockcastle Fiscal Court.

In the 1970's the court had received by deed less than the amount of the roadway required by law, and was prohibited from continuing maintenance. Also, certain portions of the road were in dispute as to ownership by adjacent landowners.

As a result, the Fiscal Court brought suit to condemn necessary portions of the roadway to bring it in compliance with statutes requiring a 30 foot right-of-way for county maintenance.

"We are pleased that we can now begin maintaining Oscar Isaac Road in a way that we hope will benefit all the residents and landowners that are served by the road," County Judge Buzz Carloftis said.

Several landowners have already executed deeds conveying the nec-

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Board gives 2.7% raise

The Rockcastle County Board of Education voted unanimously last week to give each employee a 2.7 percent raise for the next school year.

2.7 percent doesn't sound like a lot, but it will be an increase for the school system's budget of $485,000.

"Because of the problems they are having in Frankfort with the state's budget - we may be going out on a limb," said School Finance Officer Richard Bray.

After a lengthy discussion the board approved the raise and agreed to review surrounding district salary schedule for comparable positions.

U.S. Congressman Harold Rogers, who has been very supportive of the Hall of Fame project, was on hand Friday as was his wife, Cynthia. The Hall of Fame and Museum is now officially open.

A Dream Realized

David Henderson, left, a member of the Hall of Fame board and Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis were on hand at Renfro Valley Friday for the official opening of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum. A large crowd attended the historic event.

Local Primary scheduled for next Tuesday

By: Richard Anderkin

The May Primary Election will take place next Tuesday.

Rockcastle County voters will cast ballots for Judge-Executive, Sheriff, Jailer, magistrates in four of the five districts and for constable in all five districts.

County Attorney Jeff Burdette, County Clerk Norma Houk, PVA Margaret Offutt and Coroner Bill Dowell are all unopposed.

Third disfrict magistrate Bill McKinney, a Republican is also unopposed in the Primary, but will have to face Democrat James "Bear" Bradley in the fall.

Incumbent Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis faces a challenge from local pharmacist and businessman Howard Saylor.

Sheriff Shirley Smith faces opposition from seven hopefuls including former deputy sheriff Darrell Doan, Gary Linville, Sam Stallsworth, Bill Hammons, John H. Kemper Jr., Wayne Lear, Sr. and Jack Stallsworth.

Jailer James Miller faces a challenge from former Jailer and Sheriff Billy Kirby.

Incumbent first district magistrate John Holbrook, the only Democrat county official, faces Larry Newcomb in the Primary and the winner of that race will face one of six Republicans on the Primary ballot.

They are David T. Gibbs, Eugene T. Caldwell, Paul Buster Rowe, Larry D. Leece, Arnold McGuire and Donald W. Collins.

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Commencement set for June 2nd

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of 2002 at the Rockcastle County High School are set for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 2nd.

The event will be held in the gymnasium and parking for graduation will begin at approximately 12:15 p.m. on that date.

RCHS assistant principal Barry Noble said the gates to the high school will not be open to the general public until that time.

Sex offender caught here

A Maryland man living at Green Fish Hill was arrested Monday after local police were tipped off as to his location.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shirley Smith and Deputy Sheriffs Ronnie Roark and Brian Coffey arrested Raymond Alby Hullings, 46, after it was learned that he had twenty charges against him for illegal sex acts, mostly involving young boys under the age of 16.

Roark said that Hullings, is accused of having homemade video tapes depicting sexual acts between young boys and young girls with one tape showing one young boy performing sodomy on another and another tape showing a young man performing fellatio on another one.

Hullings is also accused of having sex himself with a male horse and female horse.

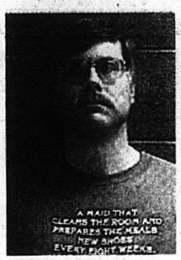
Roark said that Hullings has a court date of May 29th and no bond was set.

He is being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and will be extradited back to Maryland.

Roark said Hullings had been living in Rockcastle for about a year with another man.

Roark said police got the tip after Hullings had a phone put in at his residence.

At the time of his arrest, Hullings had several mares and a pony at this residence.



Raymond Hullings

Marker taken from cemetery

At least one ornate marker in the Chestnut Cemetery at Pleasant Valley near Sparks Quarry was stolen last week.

A truck driver traveling along I-75 called Mrs. Juanita Witt, a member of the local Historical Society, from a cell phone after he saw someone removing the stone.

Officials located the cemetery which is right beside the interstate

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Five indicted

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned indictments against five Rockcastle County men last week.

Dallas Ray Clifford, 29, of Mt. Vernon was indicted in connection with a July 31, 2001 altercation.

Clifford is accused of possession of methamphetamine, (Meth), syringes for injecting a controlled substance and possession of a firearm. He is also accused of assaulting KSP

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Relay for Life seeks support from Rockcastle County

Coach Larkey is a Survivor

The American Cancer Society and its two million volunteers are working diligently in communities, like Rockcastle County to reduce the threat of cancer. Your help is needed to make the hope of conquering cancer a reality by taking part in Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is an overnight fundraising event filled with activities, food and community spirit. Last year, 3,000 communities nationwide participated in Relay for Life.

Coach Tom Larkey, a cancer survivor, challenges everyone in Rockcastle County to get involved in the American Cancer Society's national signature event, Relay for Life. Coach Larkey stated, "It can strike anyone. All of us have been affected by cancer in someway. It would be great if we could get the community involved in Relay for Life."

Committees are being formed to coordinate the event that is scheduled to take place on Friday, August 2. However, they are still in need of volunteers. The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the courthouse.

If you are a cancer survivor, or know of one, please contact someone listed below.

If you would like to be involved in this event in anyway--either by forming a relay team, assisting in the planning, making donations, etc. then

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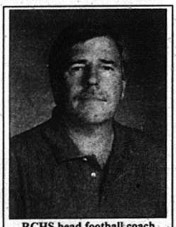


RCHS head football coach Tom Larkey

In Nicholasville

Local man dies in auto accident

Two men died Friday night in a single-vehicle accident on South Main Street in Nicholasville, according to police reports.

Rickey Lee "Red" Lawrence, 40, of the Quail-Ottawa community and William A. Smith, 41, of Nicholasville, were pronounced dead at the scene by Jessamine County Coroner Joe North after their vehicle ran off the road at 9:17 p.m. and struck a tree.

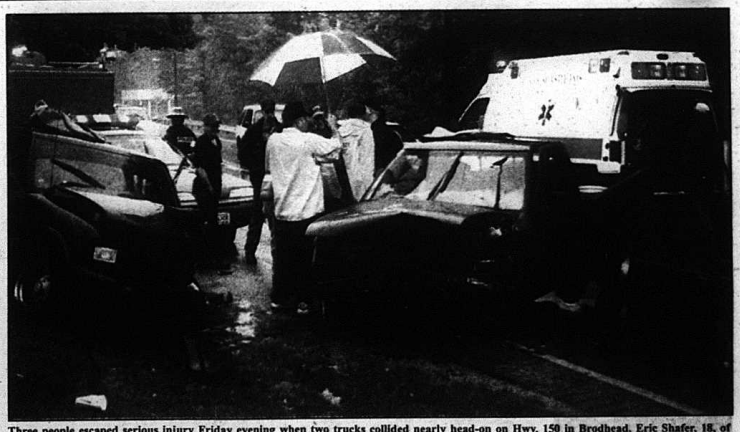
Police said they thought Smith was driving.

Both men worked for Donaldson Co. in Nicholasville.

Funeral services for Lawrence were held Tuesday at Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home.

Lawrence is survived by two young daughters, Keena Nicole and Jessica Marie and his mother, Bonnie Lawrence.

Rick Lawrence



Three people escaped serious injury Friday evening when two trucks collided nearly head-on on Hwy. 150 in Brodhead. Eric Shafer, 18, of Brodhead, Timothy Nicely, 21, and Courtney Barnett, 19, were all treated at Rockcastle Hospital and released. The wreck happened around 6 p.m. on a rain slick roadway. In an unrelated wreck also on Friday night, 40-year-old Rickey Lawrence was killed in a wreck in Nicholasville, which also claimed the life of a Nicholasville man.