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A lot of decisions for voters Tuesday

Burning ban here

A 24 hour outdoor burning ban is now in effect in Rockcastle County. Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolis issued the order Wednesday morning, at the request of the State's Division of Forestry.

Numerous fires have broken out in eastern and southern Kentucky, because of the drought like conditions the area is now facing.

The smoke filled air in Rockcastle County is coming off those fires, burning to the south of the county.

The only fire burning in Rockcastle County is in the Burnt Ridge area, where a massive fire broke out Monday night.

Members of the Brindle Ridge Fire Department and fire fighters from the Division of Forestry responded to the fire, according to the county's 911 Director Tim Cameron. Cameron said that he had been notified that the fire has been contained, but he said it would be at least two more days before the fire is out.

During the month of October only 1.57 inches of rainfall was recorded at the Cox Funeral Home weather station.

Actually, there were only three days in the month that rainfall was recorded at all.

The high for the month was 85 on the fourth and the low was 30 on the tenth.

Last year, 2.48 inches of rain fell during October.

October 24 was the last time any precipitation was recorded in the county.

Local man jailed after attack in Mt. Vernon

A Mt. Vernon man is behind bars this week after he attacked a woman in her office on Main Street in Mt. Vernon on Thursday.

Harvin Cunnagin, 37, is being held on \$5,000 cash bond, after he was charged with second degree assault.

Cunnagin is accused of attacking Regina Lay, 35, of Broadhead, in the office of Joseph Clinto CPA on Thursday afternoon.

Lay said that she had asked Cunnagin to leave her office on Tuesday and Wednesday and that on Thursday when he came into her office again, she told him she had called the police.

Lay said that when she told Cunnagin she had called the police he pulled a knife on her and grabbed her arms and tried to force her to the back of the building.

Lay said that she broke free from Cunnagin and ran next door to call police again.

Cunnagin was located on Hwy 150, by Mt. Vernon Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney.

Delaney found a knife on Cunnagin at the time of his arrest.

According to the police report filed by Delaney, Cunnagin admitted to pulling the knife on Lay.

Cunnagin is due back in court on November 6.

Judges take sick leave

Rockcastle and Pulaski County has a new District Judge.

Retired Judge William Schmiedeke will fill in for Judge Walter McGuire for the next six to eight weeks.

McGuire is recovering from back surgery.

Circuit Judge Dan Venters will also take two weeks off from his duties, at the orders of doctors who are treating him for high blood pressure.

Venters' cases will be continued until he returns.

By: Richard Anderkin

Rockcastle County voters will have plenty to vote for next Tuesday in the November 7th General Election.

They will also be voting on two amendments, one that would allow the Kentucky General Assembly to meet every year, instead of every two years and the other amendment would abolish the no nothing office of the Railroad Commission.

Kentucky Senate President David Williams, a Republican and Kentucky Speaker of the House, Jody Richards have voiced their support for the annual sessions, but many Kentuckians are still very reluctant to allow the General Assembly to meet annually.

Supporters of the amendment say annual sessions could help make the policy-making process more timely and orderly and could diminish the need for special sessions.

They also say the state could respond more rapidly to new federal laws and the General Assembly could boost their presence in the state and keep a closer eye on the Governor.

Opponents of the amendment say there are enough laws in Kentucky. They also say annual sessions inevitably lead to a spiraling of legislative costs, since legislators and other assembly personnel are brought together twice as often.

Experts have estimated that the session in odd-numbered years would cost taxpayers \$1.5 million.

If the amendment passes, the General Assembly will meet for 30 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in even numbered years.

Since a large voter turnout is expected on Tuesday, the Rockcastle

Carl Hurley in Renfro

Either Carl Hurley knows the funniest people in the world or he has the world's greatest imagination. Carl's delivery is so sincere and his tales so cleverly woven that audiences are never quite sure whether his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends are truly prone to such hilarious misadventures and misunderstandings or if Carl just makes them seem so. Either way, when Carl Hurley takes center stage and begins to tell his tales, audiences are in for a banquet of belly laughs.

Recognized as the only honorary member of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance family, Carl joins his friends in the Valley for the seventh straight year. This one-time college profes-

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Board of Election Commissioners are encouraging all voters to read and understand the two amendments. Pamphlets, which explain the

amendments in more detail are available at County Clerk Norma Houk's office on the second floor of the courthouse.

Besides the amendments, there will be races for a Circuit Judge in Family Court, a race for the State Senate in the 21st district which includes, Rockcastle, Jackson, Laurel and Knox Counties, races for city councils, school board, U.S. Congressman and President of the United States.

Rockcastle County resident and current Family Court Circuit Judge Debra Lambert will face Assistant Pulaski County Attorney Michael Duncan for the Judge's seat in Division III of the 28th Judicial Circuit, which is comprised of Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties.

Lambert was appointed last year by Kentucky Governor Paul Patton to the new judgeship, which was created by the 1998 General Assembly.

Besides being a lawyer, Lambert holds a degree in Child and Family Studies and a minor in Special Education.

Duncan has also served as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and prosecuted cases in all three counties of the Circuit.

Republican State Senator Albert Robinson, of Laurel County, is facing a big challenge from Laurel County Democrat Lawrence Kuhl.

Robinson has served in the Ky. Senate since 1994. Before that he was a State Representative for 14 years.

Robinson is currently chairman

of the Senate's State and Local Government Committee. He is a real estate broker, auctioneer and developer.

Lawrence Kuhl is a well known Laurel County businessman who served as President of Landon Bank and Trust Company and then National City from 1981 until he retired last year.

Kuhl was named Man of the Year in Laurel County in 1996 and is credited with much of the areas growth and prosperity.

Kuhl has also been a teacher and a coach.

The Circuit Judge's race and the State Senate race are expected to create the most interest in the local election on Tuesday.

At Mt. Vernon, seven names will appear on the ballot, but only six people are still in the race.

At Livingston, only three people filed for the four seats.

And at Brodhead, four people filed for four seats.

In division four school board, which includes Clinton and Grigo, several voting precincts, Martin Vanzant, 59, who is seeking his first full term, faces opposition from Beverly Sexton, 46.

In division five school board, incumbent Sherry Isaacs, 31, who is seeking her second term, faces opposition from Mike "BoChamp" Burdette, 46.

In division two school board, incumbent Terry F. Burton, 45, will be unopposed as he seeks his third term on the board of education.

In the Mt. Vernon City Council race, incumbents Wayne Bullock, Jackie R. Renner, Clarice Kirby, Loneta Daugherty and Clark Mullins will be joined by Gene Cromer.

Barbara Bennett's name will appear on the ballot, although she has dropped out of the race because she is moving out of the city limits.

The six will make up the new city council in January. Councilwoman Lou Vanhoose did not file for reelection.

In Brodhead, incumbent members Curt Brown, Johnny Wilcop and Everett Albright are joined on the ballot by Larry Taylor. Councilman

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Elaine Griffith was in the Halloween spirit Tuesday, as she waited on customers at Wendy's Mt. Vernon. Several of the Clito and Wendy's employees dressed up for the annual holiday. The extremely nice weather brought out hundreds of trick or treaters in the county.

Rockets beat Bell for perfect season

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Rockets ended a perfect regular season on Friday night when they defeated Bell County 25-0.

It was the first time in school

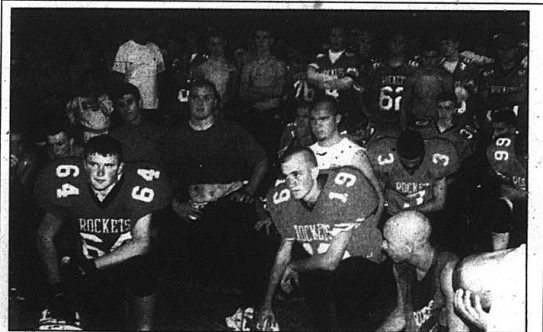
history that a Rocket varsity football team had gone 10 and 0 in regular season.

It was also the 137th win for head coach Tom Larkey who is in his sixteenth season. Head asst. Tony Saylor

has also been with Larkey each of those 16 years.

"It's pretty exciting, but there is still work to be done," he said this week.

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The Rockcastle County Rockets listened to the post game comments of Rocket head coach Tom Larkey, after they won their tenth game of the season on Friday night. It was the first time a RCHS varsity football team had ever gone undefeated in the regular season. The Rockets will host Lawrence County in the first round of the play-offs on Friday night.

Dyehouse honored by national FFA

John William Dyehouse, 18, of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter, is one of four national finalists who

competed for the title of national winner in the Home and or Community Development - Entrepreneurship Placement proficiency award program at the 73rd National FFA Convention Oct. 26-28 in Louisville.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excelled as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or

volunteers while they gained hands-on career experience, Home and or Community Development-Entrepreneurship Placement is one of 45 FFA proficiency award categories offered at local, state, and national levels. The Home and or Community Development - Entrepreneurship Placement

proficiency award program is sponsored by Carhartt, Inc., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

John Dyehouse's SAE program has helped him gain a definite career course. His family lived in a house that needed remodeling. In the process of the project, John developed skills in plumbing, installing vinyl siding, roofing and replacing floor beams. He has also landscaped, built fences and a barn.

John is attending a community college and plans to transfer to the University of Kentucky majoring in agricultural engineering. John's FFA Advisors are Jeff Hayes and Roy Reynolds.

John is the son of Kathy B. and Kenneth E. Dyehouse.



Mr. B. Scott Whitaker, left, National FFA Foundation Regional Director representing Carhartt, Inc. congratulates John Dyehouse, son of Kenneth and Kathy Dyehouse of Broadhead, of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter.