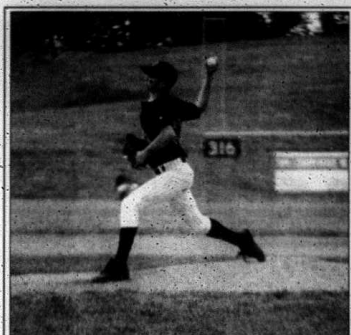




The RCHS Lady Rockets softball team has a 6 and 6 record this season with wins over district foe Clay County 7-6 Monday night and Somerset 6-2 on Tuesday night. Members of the squad are, front row, from left: Amanda Ballew, Claudia Brock, Renee Taylor, Jessie Hayes, Tressie Robinson, Elizabeth Scarborough, Ashley Dollins and Ainsley Busell. Back row: Head Coach Clay Collins, Melinda Lindsey, Heather Hopkins, Krystal Parsons, Latoya Lamb, Rachel Childress, Cassie Hamilton, Ashley Kinberly, Jessica Thacker, Asst. Coach Suzie Ellison and Asst. Coach Mike Hayes.



Rockcastle Rocket, freshman Colby Brown was the winning pitcher against Middlesboro last week, but dropped a decision to Clark County on Monday 6-1. The Rockets are 17-8 on the season and ranked 17th in the state.

"Arrests"

(Cont. From Front)

by troopers from the Kentucky State Police and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

Sandusky is being held on a \$15,000 cash or property bond. Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette said that Sandusky has been bound over to the Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

"School Board"

(Cont. From Front)

Rockcastle has always included classified personnel in the across-the-board increase given to certified personnel.

Bray also presented the board with the 2003-04 tentative working budget which will total \$22,893,000.

(More complete information will appear in next week's Signal on both the new salary schedule and budget).

Two board members, Martin Vanzant and Tina Hasty, spoke about their concerns over a lack of instruction for the students following testing.

Vanzant said he was told by a teacher that, "after testing you might as well turn school out because we don't do anything after that." And, Mrs. Hasty said she was told by one teacher that the last days would be used by her for packing up her room.

Hammond responded with the comment that those teachers might ought to "think about a resignation," and said that he would hope schools would take advantage of any time they have with students and would be addressing this at an upcoming principal's meeting.

Mr. Hammond also invited Mr. Vanzant and Mrs. Hasty, and other board members, to visit any schools during the five professional development days to "see what's happening."

Board member Sam Stallworth also asked the board why a school employee had been told not to do business at a local business. Bray said that local businesses must be on the school's "bad list" to be a supplier.

"It's all about legal procurement," Bray said.

"Fletcher"

(Cont. From Front)

men in the county and we are lucky to have him here in Kentucky."

While in Congress, Fletcher has worked on several pieces of legislation, including spearheading the Patient's Bill of Rights effort for President Bush. He also worked in 2001 to get tax relief for Kentucky families and voted last week for another round of tax cuts.

"We need to make sure that government works for the people, and that the people aren't working for the government," Fletcher said. "And in state government, the problem isn't that we tax too little, it's that we spend too much."

Fletcher's stop in Rockcastle County was part of a campaign ending his tour that will take Dr. Fletcher to more than two dozen counties over the final two weekends. Before hitting Mt. Vernon on Sunday, Fletcher started in Lexington on Saturday and visited Lancaster, Irvine, Somerset, and Nancy. On Monday, Fletcher's tour went through Bullitt, Hardin, Davies, Ohio, Butler, and Warren Counties. Next weekend, Fletcher will make more stops ahead of Tuesday's election, including some in Eastern Kentucky.

Fletcher's main opponent is Steve Nunn, son of former Kentucky Governor Louie B. Nunn, the last Republican to be elected Governor in Kentucky. That was in 1967.

Nunn is a State Representative from Glasgow and he is trailing Fletcher by a wide margin in the polls.

Other races in next Tuesday's primary election include all state-wide offices.

Kentucky Attorney General Ben Chandler, grandson of the famous

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former Kentucky Governor and National baseball commissioner, A.B. "Happy" Chandler, is the front runner on the Democrat side of the election.

His most formidable opponent is businessman, Bruce Lunsford, who is trailing Chandler in all polls.

Fiscal Court

(Cont. From Front)

approval of blue lights sirens, is a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days in the county jail. If installed on a privately-owned vehicle, all lighting and other equipment used or installed in violation of KRS 189.10 to 189.950 shall be confiscated and forfeited to the county in which the offense occurred.

Magistrate Billy McKinney stated his concern for the liability of the court and the magistrates individually if a constable happened to be involved in an accident while using the lights/sirens which resulted in the loss of life.

"We are not liable for the Sheriff's Department because we didn't issue them their blue lights, the state did," McKinney said. "But, they can come after Billy McKinney if a constable cause a wreck," he added.

Burdette agreed that liability has been found, individually and as a body, when a fiscal court has "negligently" approved the use of lights/sirens. McKinney countered that negligence was up to a jury and "you never know what they'll do."

Sheriff Darrell Dean spoke up in support of the constables, saying, "They help us out a lot."

Burdette said the court there was actually a "long list" of things constables, who have county-wide jurisdiction, can do and noted that his office had recently begun using them to serve papers on "hard to serve defendants," at a fee of \$10 per service.

In other action, Judge Carlotis discussed with the court the concern of a resident of the county about unfenced private pools. Carlotis said there was no state law requiring the fence but the court could pass an ordinance requiring that private pools be fenced.

However, there seemed to be little support for such an ordinance and no action was taken.

Carlotis also noted that if the caretakers of cemeteries in the county, where old flowers need to be picked up, should gather them at the gate, the county would pick them up, helping the caretakers to be clean for Memorial Day.

The court also approved payment from the general fund of up to \$30,000 toward an approximate \$76,000 payment due in May on the jail renovation. The rest of the funds will come from jail revenue.

A report to the court by County Treasurer Joe Clontz showed all county funds in the black.

Little League Update

Submitted by David Brock

Minor League - A

Rockies 18 - Dodgers 8
A's 6 - Yankees 0
Rockies 12 - Yankees 8
Dodgers 12 - A's 11 (Brandon Evans-HR for Dodgers)

Minor League - B

Reds 10 - Indians 9 (Jacob Busnell HR for Indians)
Rangers 13 - Tigers 6
Rangers 14 - Reds 8 (Tyler Holman HR for Rangers and Dylan Cromer HR for Reds)

Major League

Indians 4 - Rangers 3
Diamondbacks 4 - Reds 2
Indians 6 - Reds 2
Yankees 8 - Rangers 4 (Tanner Perkins HR for Yankees)

Home Runs

MINOR LEAGUE A
Brandon Burdette, Josh McKinney, Devin Didonato, Kenton Adams, Tyler Smith and Brandon Eyns, 1 HR each.

MINOR LEAGUE B
Brady McClure, 3; Tommy Shafer 2 and Jon Paul Kibwell, Will Reynolds, T.J. Bussell, Jacob Busnell, Dylan Cromer, B.B. Cameron and Tyler Holman, 1 HR each.

MAJOR LEAGUE
Tanner Perkins 3.

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