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Photos from **JESSICA FRANCIS PRATER**

At press time on Wednesday, FIVE Magoffin County students are ranked nationally in archery! Magoffin County High School Senior Landon Collinsworth (above left) shot a 290 in 3D over the weekend, which is the highest 3D score this season, earning him first place ranking in boys' archery in the nation.

MCHS Sophomore Chloe Skaggs (above right) scored 275 in 3D in the same tournament, ranking her third in the nation in girls' archery.


At the middle school level, Herald Whitaker Middle School students Brayden Lewis, Luke Montgomery and John Martin Connelley (below) also made it into the national rankings, with Luke Montgomery ranking seventh with a season-high of 282. Brayden Lewis and John Martin Connelley both scored a season-high of 280 in the November 4 tournament, tying them both at 13th in the nation.



Tied for 13th in the Nation
BRAYDEN LEWIS



Ranked 7th in the Nation
LUKE MONTGOMERY



Tied for 13th in the Nation
JOHN MARTIN CONNELLEY

BURN BAN

By **HEATHER ONEY**
Editor

SALYERSVILLE – As of press time on Wednesday, November 8, Magoffin County is under a burn ban.

Magoffin County Judge/Executive Matthew Wireman issued an executive order on Wednesday, banning all outdoor burning in Magoffin County until further notice:

Whereas, due to current and predicated weather conditions and the extraordinary danger of forest fires, an immediate ban on all open burning in Magoffin County is essential for the health, welfare, and property of citizens of Magoffin County.

Now, Therefore, I, Matthew C. Wireman, Magoffin County Judge/Executive, by the virtue of the powers and authorities vested in me as Judge/Executive by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, It is Here-



by Ordered as follows;

1. All outdoor burning in Magoffin County is prohibited under authority of KRS 149.401.

2. This ban shall remain in full force and effect until lifted or modified by further order of the undersigned Magoffin County Judge/Executive.

Witness my hand this 8th day of November, 2023.

Honorable Matthew C. Wireman
Magoffin County Judge/Executive

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INDICTMENTS RELEASED

Includes charges of sexual abuse, rape of a child

By **HEATHER ONEY**
Editor

SALYERSVILLE – A Magoffin County grand jury handed down the seven indictments on Thursday, November 2, with charges ranging from DUI to the sexual abuse of a child.



Matthew Tackett, 42, of Twin Lick Road in Salyersville, is charged with two counts of first-degree sodomy, victim under 12 years of age (Class A felonies); first-degree rape, victim under 12 years of age (Class A felony); and four counts of first-degree sexual abuse, victim under 12 years of age (Class C felonies). According to the indictment, on or about February 12, 2018, through February 11, 2020, Tackett allegedly engaged in deviate sexual intercourse with a person less than 12 years of age at least twice, engaged in sexual intercourse by forcible compulsion with a person less than 12 years of age, and subjected a person to sexual contact at least four times who was incapable of consent because the child is less than 12 years old.

Ashley Tackett, 39, of Twin Lick Road in Salyersville, is charged with complicity to first-degree sexual abuse, victim under 12 years of age (Class C felony). According to the indictment, on or about February 12, 2018, through February 11, 2020, Tackett allegedly acted in complicity with Matthew Tackett, when he allegedly subjected another person who is less than 12 years old to sexual contact.

Matthew and Ashley Tackett, a married couple, are both scheduled to be arraigned on November 16, 2023, at the Magoffin County Justice Center. Ashley was given a summons to court at the request of the Commonwealth, and Matthew was issued a warrant. The warrant was served on November 3 and he was taken to the Big Sandy Regional

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ELECTION RUNDOWN

By **HEATHER ONEY**
Editor



SALYERSVILLE – Magoffin County General Election returns mirrored state results on Tuesday night, predominately choosing the Republican candidates in every race

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