

PULASKI'S PAST & LOCAL NEWS

The Center for Rural Development is accepting applications for summer leadership program

SHARON DODSON
THE CENTER

The Center for Rural Development is accepting applications for a new summer leadership program that will give high school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky the skills they need to succeed as future business leaders and entrepreneurs.

Rogers LEADS (Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Achievement, Development, and Service) is an intensive, week-long day camp focused on developing teamwork, business, and entrepreneurship skills; providing an outlet to explore career pathways; and participating in hands-

on college-level activities.

"We are excited to announce we are reshaping our summer youth leadership programs to give high school students the tools they need to become our region's future business leaders and entrepreneurs," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development. "Participants will not only expand their leadership and entrepreneurial skills, but they will have access to college scholarship opportunities upon completion of the program to help make their dreams come true."

Rogers LEADS is scheduled for July 27-31, 2026, on the campus of The

Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY. This is a day camp and does not include overnight lodging.

High school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who have a minimum 2.5 GPA and reside within The Center's 45-county primary service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky are eligible to apply. The application period runs from March 6-March 31. Students may apply online at www.centeryouthprograms.com.

Rogers LEADS was developed specifically for high school students interested in cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset and strengthening the skills needed to become effective

business leaders.

"Our hope is that students use Rogers LEADS to help develop their leadership and entrepreneurial skills while exploring opportunities in new industries and technologies," said Amber Decker, Youth Programs Coordinator and Community Liaison. "This is a wonderful program for students throughout our region to come together to learn and grow into the business leaders of tomorrow."

There is no cost to attend Rogers LEADS, thanks to generous supporters and partners, including the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation.

Rogers LEADS is one of

three summer youth leadership programs coordinated by The Center for Rural Development. Rogers Scholars – the flagship program – is a week-long program for upcoming high school juniors. Rogers Explorers is a three-day, two-night program for upcoming high school freshmen that focuses on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics).

For more information about Rogers LEADS or any of the other summer youth leadership programs, please contact Amber Decker or Amy Ellis at 606-677-6000 or email youth@centertech.com.

Established in 1996

through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), and other leaders, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In its 45-county primary service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture. The Center is committed to constantly expanding its capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services throughout Kentucky and the nation.

PAST

Continued from 8

lead to 13 (50-37). Somerset had one last spurt, as Mills hit two bombs and guards Smith and Spear connected from the outside, cutting the deficit to six (54-48) with 3:17 remaining. Hanson hit all 10 of his charity tosses in the waning seconds — four free throws coming from technical fouls on the SHS bench — as the Maroons pulled away.

The 6-8 Hanson was brilliant, leading all scorers with 26 points, while pulling down 11 rebounds. ... Meanwhile, Fraley made some nice assists and contributed 10 of his 18 points in the second session. ... Spear led Somerset, which finished the campaign with a 19-9 mark, with 15 points, while Peterson poured in 14. Smith and Cummins were also in double figures with 12 points each.

- You have to hand it to the Pulaski County High Lady Maroons — their timing was flawless. In their most important game of the year, they played their best basketball of the year. "In a crucial situation, our girls played the game of their lives," PC coach Larry Hurt said last night, after his team shocked Laurel County's third-ranked Lady Cardinals 63-48, in the first round of the 48th District tournament. ... Leading the way for PC was senior center Jackie Prather, who sank eight of 12 field goal tries and finished with a game-high 18 points. ... Guard Angie Cox added 15 points for the Lady Maroons, while forwards Kelly Cowan and Carrie Oberman added 14 points each. ... "After losing four starters from last year, you have to say our girls are overachievers," Hurt said. "We've already had a super season. But we

don't want it to stop now. We want to go as far as we can."

ADS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES:

-Goody's — Levi's pre-washed 501 blue jeans, sale price \$15.88. Levi's classic denim jacket, sale price \$24.88.

-Winn Dixie — Large eggs, 59 cents/dozen. 8-pack Pepsi Cola, \$1.59. 2% low fat milk, \$1.69/gallon. Arm & Hammer liquid heavy duty detergent, \$3.79/128 oz.

-Radio Shack — AM/FM stereo cassette Modulette-600. Record from AM, FM stereo, or "live." Built-in mikes! Sale, \$99.95. 16K Color Computer 2. Vivid 8-color graphics, exciting sound effects, attaches to any TV set. Sale, \$69.95.

-Video World — N. Hwy. 27, Eubank. New. Family entertainment, VCR & movie rentals, arcade, billiards, new movie releases. Free membership.

-Bonanza Family Restaurant — Somerset Mall. Ribeye dinner, 2 for \$8.99. Chopped steak dinner, 2 for \$6.99. Kids eat free every Tuesday.

IN THE CLASSIFIEDS:

-For sale — 1981 Delta 88. New tires, engine in perfect condition, excellent gas mileage; asking \$3,800.

-For sale — 1984 Escort L. Low mileage, AM/FM tape. \$3,400.

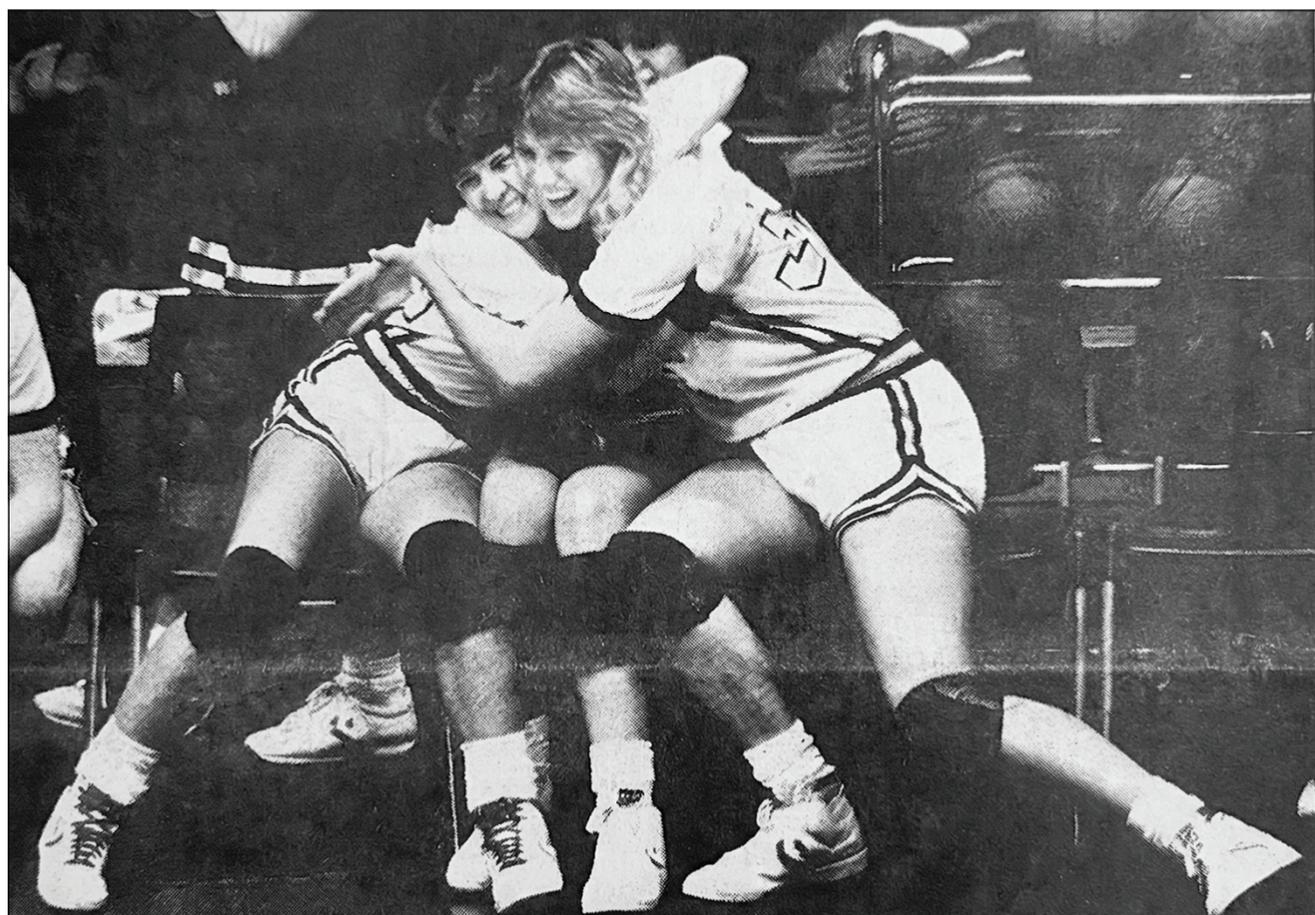
-For rent — 1 bedroom deluxe apartment. Wall to wall carpet, central heat/air. \$199/month.

-For rent — 2 bedroom apartment in town. Refrigerator, stove, all utilities & heat furnished. \$180.

-For sale — 2 bedroom home, large lot, city water, electric heat, flue for woodstove, on blacktop. \$23,900.00.

TOP TUNES:

1. "Kyrie" Mr. Mister



STAFF PHOTO BY MARTY MEDVEDIK

Celebration sandwich

Crunching a teammate in the middle, Kessia Causey, left, and Tari Seedfelk embrace joyously on the Pulaski County bench. The Lady Maroons pulled a stunning upset last night in defeating, Laurel County, the No. 3 ranked team in Kentucky, 63-48. Somerset also advanced in the 48th District Tournament by winning over Casey County, 43-32. The winner of next week's regional tournament will advance to Diddle Arena in Bowling Green to play for the state championship.

— 2. "Sara" Starship —
3. "How Will I Know" Whitney Houston — 4. "These Dreams" Heart — 5. "Secret Lovers" Atlantic Starr — 6. "Silent Running" Mike & the Mechanics — 7. "The Sweetest Taboo" Sade — 8. "Living In America" James Brown — 9. "Life in a North-

ern Town" The Dream Academy — 10. "King for a Day" Thompson Twins — 11. "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A." John Cougar Mellencamp

Read the complete story online at www.somerset-kentucky.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charles C. Boston, 182 Lake Forrest Dr., Somerset, KY 42503 hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a Quota Retail Drink, Malt Beverage Retail Drink, Special Sunday Sale license(s) no later than April 10, 2026. The business to be licensed will be located at 202 Alexander Dr., Somerset, Kentucky 42501 doing business as Cruiser's Saloon.

Owner, Charles C. Boston of 182 Lake Forrest Drive, Somerset, KY 42503.

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 30 days (KRS 243.430) of the date of this legal publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a Pulaski County Fiscal Court Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 in the Pulaski County Courthouse, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. The agenda will be as follows:

Pulaski County Fiscal Court Meeting AGENDA
March 10, 2026
10 am

Moment of Silence/Call to Order

Citizens Comments

Minutes

Approve minutes from February 24, 2026 Fiscal Court Meeting

New Business

Pulaski County Conservation District – Annual Budget and Plan of Work

Road Addition / Removal

Department Reports

Sheriff-	2025 Year End Report, Excess Fees
County Clerk-	Excess Fees
Solid Waste-	Ordinance 930
Emerg Management-	Preparedness Update
Road Department-	Road Lists
Treasurer -	Bill Lists

Adjourn