**Cocke County Squeaks By King’s Academy, 67-64**

**Lead story**

**Candidate qualifying begins December 20 for some county offices**

*Newport—The Cocke County Election Commission announces the start of the candidate qualifying period, beginning Monday, December 20, 2021, for several offices on ballot in 2022.*

Qualifying petitions will be available for the following countywide offices: County Mayor, General Sessions Judge, Trustee, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, Sessions Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Superintendent of Schools.

Petitions will also be issued for Fourth Judicial District offices: Circuit Court Judge Part I, Circuit Court Judge Part II, Circuit Court Judge Part III, Circuit Court Judge Part IV, Chancellor, District Attorney General and Public Defender.

The election commission will issue petitions for fire protection districts at its office in the Courthouse Annex, 350 E. Main Street, Room 220, Newport, beginning Monday, December 20, 2021, through noon Thursday, February 17, 2022. All petitions for these positions must be filed at the election office by the qualifying deadline of noon on February 17. Candidates should also consult the Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 53, for any additional requirements.

**Second story**

**Redd named Damage Assessment Coordinator for Cocke County**

*By MATT WINTER*

**Redd named Damage Assessment Coordinator for Cocke County**

*By MATT WINTER*