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The 56th Annual Farmers/Businessman Banquet was held Tuesday night at the Rockcastle Middle School. Shown above is Conservation District Board Chairman Tommy Harold Mink presenting Jim and Nate Mullins, of Mullins Valley Farm, the Master Conservationist Award.



The Kiwanis Club presented the Rockcastle County Development Board with the Distinguished Community Service Organization award during the annual Farmers/Business Banquet Tuesday night. Accepting the award were members of the Development Board's Executive Committee, shown above, back row from right: Livingston Mayor Jason Medley, Greta Tompkins, Tom Mills, Crystal Rush, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Stanley Cook, Tonya Cook, Tammy Cox and Judge-Executive Doug Bishop. Shown in front row from right: Kathy Robinson, Martha Cox and RCDB Director Lynn Tatum.

Kentucky's first Republican Caucus to be this Saturday

By: Mike French

This Saturday, March 5, is the Republican Caucus at the Rockcastle County Middle School. This is Kentucky's first caucus and anyone registered as a Republican as of December 31, 2015, should vote in this caucus.

Voting will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Anyone in line at 4:00 will be allowed to vote.

All of the candidates who filed for the Republican nomination for President will appear on the ballot,

even those who have now dropped out of the race. Signs will be posted at the voting site reminding voters of those candidates who have dropped out of the race in hopes that votes will not be cast for these previous candidates. Voters are urged to only vote for a candidate that are still in the race.

All voters will be voting only for the Republican Presidential nominee this Saturday and will still vote at their normal location (where you usually vote) on

(See "Caucus" on A5)

Development Board discusses many issues

The Rockcastle County Development Board held their regular meeting last Wednesday with Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop in attendance.

The group discussed the shower house planned at Lake Linville and Bryant told the board he expects to see the facility completed in about a year.

In other action, Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum introduced the concept of a "wedding team" consisting of local florists, caterers, musicians and photographers to offer various packages to couples wishing to marry at the refurbished Mullins Building in Livingston.

The board plans to create a brochure to promote building rental and the wedding team.

Tatum also informed the board that she has secured a Brownfield Grant for testing on the Dr. Parsons Building on Main Street in Mount Vernon. An assessment was

done and now phase two will begin to test for hazardous material, according to the board. Upon completion of phase two, a clean up grant may be requested by the board.

Another plan to test and remodel the remaining

(See "Board" on A5)

Yard Sale season is about here

By: Mike French

Tis the season...to sell your stuff.

Once again, yard sale season has come to Kentucky and local residents are expected to join the thousands of Kentuckians selling their used items to anyone interested.

Several cities have put in place fees that vendors must pay for the right to hold a yard sale on their property, along with restrictions on sign placement, clean-up and parking.

However, Mount Vernon

(See "Sale" on A5)

Annual Kiwanis Auction planned

The 21st Annual Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club Radio Auction will be held Friday, March 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The annual event will be broadcast live on WRVK 1460 AM from the Technology Center on the third floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

Items for sale will include show tickets, sports memorabilia, oil changes, housewares, clothing and apparel, gift certificates, gym membership, healthcare products, restaurant certificates, lawn and garden, salon products, swim membership, Longaberger, home decor, tanning packages, photo sessions and more.

Also RTEC has donated a minivan to be auctioned off.

To place a bid on any item for sale, call (606) 256-0009 during the auction.

Confidential informants are big help to police

By: Mike French

Hollywood crime shows often demonstrate the use of confidential informants to make a drug bust or complete an investigation. However, it's not only big cities which use such measures to fight crime.

A part of the success of local law enforcement officers is due to the use of confidential informants, according to local officials.

"It's a necessary evil we have to use to benefit the community," said Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds. "I don't know of any policing agency that does not use informants from time to time."

According to Reynolds and Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters, informants are used even in the smallest of towns.

"They can be very helpful, usually on drug cases as long as we understand their motives," said Peters. "You have to keep in mind the kind of people you are trying to work with here and keep them under close supervision."

Peters said he uses two "handlers" for each informant so that there will be two different deputies who can corroborate their stories.

Usually, according to Peters, informants are those

who had been busted on a drug charge and agree to inform on other drug dealers in exchange for a lighter

sentence for themselves.

"You have to keep an eye on their motives. If you aren't careful, you can get an

informant who is just trying to get rid of his competition," said Peters.

According to Peters,

once a drug dealer has been busted, if he feels the person can provide enough valuable

(See "Informant" on A5)

New bills to help deter drug use

By Jared Carpenter

State Senator

As the Senate eagerly

awaits a budget proposal from the House of Representatives, we are busy pass-

ing bills both out of committee and out of the Senate to send to our House colleagues during the eighth week of the 2016 Kentucky General Assembly.

Several meaningful bills passed the Senate this week and will now move on for consideration in the House of Representatives. Senate Bill (SB) 43 was one of the most prominent bills we passed. It creates death benefits for Emergency Medical Service personnel killed in the line of duty. This bill was introduced in honor of John Mackey, a paramedic from Jessamine County who was killed in the line of duty last year.

We passed a similar bill in SB 195, which would create death benefits for family members of firefighters

who died from cancer pre-

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SB 115 will help local law enforcement

Senate Bill 115 is among several that passed the Senate this week and is headed to the Kentucky House for approval. The Bill essentially removes a previous Bill that had reduced penalties for first time heroin arrest in 2011 to a Class "D" Felony.

If it passes the Kentucky House, the first-time arrest for any amount of heroin will once again be a Class "C" Felony.

According to local law enforcement officials, the bill will serve two-fold in helping the local drug problem.

First, knowing the crime carries such a heavy penalty is expected to deter some from

becoming involved with the activity. Secondly,

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Warning: Do not read

Warning labels are sometimes pretty ridiculous.

I have heard many people say America needs to be more educated to create a better, more intelligent nation. I may have found a way to accomplish that. Do away with warning labels.

I have recently come across some that struck me as rather amazing and if there is a group of people who really need these warnings, then I think we have found the problem.

Not only do some of the warning labels demonstrate the product user may be a few fries short of a Happy Meal, some of the people writing the actual label may be just as intellectually challenged.

I saw a label on a chainsaw that read, "Do not hold chainsaw by the chain." I would say that whomever tried that, didn't wind up with much firewood that winter.

We have to take a test to have a driver's license, but don't have to take a test to be a parent. Perhaps that explains the label I saw on a commercial, industrial sized washer at a laundrymat that read, "do not put children in this washer."

And then we have the wanna-be handyman who buys tools to try to keep from paying a mechanic or carpenter. A set of screwdrivers I saw recently had a label that seemed pretty clear to me. "Do not insert screwdrivers into your body." Can you imagine the guy that got home with his new screwdrivers, then read the warning label and said, "Well darn!"

I can picture the guy at the Lowe's counter saying, "I want my money back on these screwdrivers. Where do you keep the body inserting screw drivers?"

The warning, "Do not eat" is suddenly on products of all kinds. I see it mostly on those little baggies that come with computer prod-

ucts. But more and more I am seeing that warning on things like flash drives, earrings and shoe laces. There must be some hungry people out there.

We bought an oven not long ago that was covered in warnings. I understood the need for most of them (Although I was indeed aware that the burners would get hot) but the warning that informed me that I should not dry my dog inside the oven seemed a little over the top.

Speaking of dogs, I once bought some worm medicine for a puppy I had with an interesting label on the bottle. "Use caution when operating a motor vehicle." Not sure I understand that one unless someone thought I was going to freebase my dog's worm medicine.

Then there are those warnings that I don't understand at all. One warning on an airplane reads, "If you can't read this warning, inform a flight attendant."

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ramblings....

by perlina m. anderkin

I realized Tuesday morning that we are in our 50th year in Mt. Vernon as owners of *The Mt. Vernon Signal*.

We came here from Versailles in January of 1966, with much trepidation, on my part.

My husband, Jim, was a native of Rockcastle County, having been born and raised in the Scaffold Cane area but had been gone since joining the Air Force in 1948. We met in Versailles where he was working at *The Woodford Sun*, the local newspaper there.

We married in 1960 and already had Rick and Jamie when we moved here, with Jane due in June of 1966.

The trepidation on my part came from leaving my family and my job at Sylvania where I had been for several years and embarking upon the totally unknown. But it had always been Jim's dream to own a weekly newspaper and since his brother, Elmo, was ready to leave the business it was his chance to do what he always wanted to do.

The first six months, it would have taken me about

a half hour to pack up everyone and move back home but, that opportunity never presented itself and this has been home for many years now. I have often wondered what would have happened if we had stayed in Versailles. Jim had a good job at the *Sun*, we had already bought a home there and my mother wouldn't have spent several years being really mad at me for taking her grandbabies to "the mountains."

She was so mad at me, in fact, that dad had to make the trip alone for the first couple of times to see us after we moved. But, he did and we managed to get back to Versailles as often as possible so she finally got over her mad.

I really didn't have too much time to miss Versailles since running a weekly newspaper calls for a great deal of time - it's certainly not a nine to five job. And, of course, there was

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**ROCKCASTLE
MEMORIES**

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

"Beau"

For as long as I can remember, I have been a dog lover. My earliest recollection of a dog was my family's Spitz, named Frisky. He was extremely bright and would help me and my brother (Al) when we completed our chores in the afternoons after Al came home from school. At that time, I was too young for school and stayed at home with my mother (Bee) and Frisky.

I remember once when Al and I were carrying kindling into our mother's kitchen. As we entered the house, Bee noticed that Frisky was also carrying a single stick in his mouth as he attempted to do his part.

After Al left home for Georgetown College, Frisky continued to impress our family members. Once, he

brought home a brand-new man's shoe. We never did discover where that shoe actually came from; it remained a mystery. He also once approached me with a wagging tail and a wet, one-dollar bill in his mouth. He simply came up and dropped the money on the ground in front of me and looked as if he had done something wonderful. He was really amazing in his attempts to please our family. In his later years, he contracted rabies and had to be put down. I cried for days!

Over the years, I have had several dogs, but none like Frisky until Kathy and I moved to Furnace Mountain in Powell County in 1991. In 1993, we acquired our first of three Shelties, and his name was Jesse Lin.

Many of Jesse's habits and intelligence reminded me of Frisky. I think he was the smartest dog I ever met. He and I wore out several tennis balls playing fetch. His speed and dexterity were almost uncanny. He would chase that ball until he was ready to drop in his tracks.

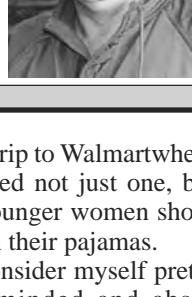
Jesse always slept at the foot of our queen sized bed. Sometimes in the middle of the night, you could feel him lying next to your leg for comfort. He loved us completely with all the love he could muster. He lived to be 14 years old. When we had to put him down, Kathy and I both cried for days.

Several nights ago, Kathy and I were watching a re-run of the old *Tonight Show*, starring Johnny Carson. This particular episode aired in 1981. Johnny's main guest that evening was the famous actor Jimmy Stewart. On that show, Stewart read a

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Points East

By Ike Adams



A year or so ago, I forgot exactly where it happened, I overheard two women discussing their shopping habits when one of them remarked that she much preferred Big Lots because, "you don't have to dress up to go to Big Lots like you do if you shop at Walmart".

Now I'm thinking that I may have already gotten a column out of that kernel of shopping fashion savvy, but it's a slow news day that has been preceded by a more-than-mundane week wherein the only thing that elicited a guffaw from me

was a trip to Walmart where I noticed not just one, but two younger women shopping in their pajamas.

I consider myself pretty open-minded and absolutely nothing a teenager chooses to wear in public is apt to surprise me, but these women were at least in their thirties or early forties and I found their attire to be a tad off-putting.

I still see teenage boys from time to time with their pants buckled below their butt cheeks, showing off their underwear and I recall a time back in the 90s when teen girls went through a fashion phase of wearing boy's boxer shorts underwear as outerwear but I write that off as part of the normal reaction to the angst of being a teenager. Most of them grow out of it.

I will also admit that, from time to time, I am guilty of running to the mail box in my PJs. Joe Brown, much to my chagrin, has even caught in my long johns a time or two. However, I always look up and down the road and turn my better ear (I don't have a good one) in both directions

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

Rockcastle County High School would like to take a few moments to thank the following businesses and people that either donated or spent their time helping with the organization and or running of the 2016 47th District Basketball Tournament:

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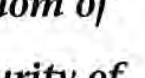
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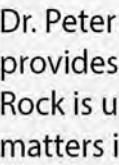
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"Memories"

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poem that he himself had written about his golden retriever named Beau. Beau's story reminded us about our relationship with our beloved Jesse. Time and space will not allow me to recite the entire poem, but here are the stanzas that touched me so because they reminded me of our Jesse Lin.

*He never came to me when I would call
Unless I had a tennis ball,
Or he felt like it,
But mostly he didn't come at all.
We are early-to-bedders at our house –
I guess I'm the first to retire.
And as I'd leave the room he'd look at me*

*And get up from his place by the fire.
He knew where the tennis balls were upstairs,
And I'd give him one for a while.
He would push it under the bed with his nose
And I'd fetch it out with a smile.
And there were nights when I'd feel him
Climb upon our bed and lie between us,
And I pat his head.
And there are nights when I think
I feel that stare
And I reach out my hand to stroke his hair;
But he's not there.
Oh, how I wish that wasn't so,
I'll always love a dog named Beau.*

When Jimmy Stewart finished reading his poem, Johnny Carson and Ed

McMahon were both wiping away the tears. I looked at Kathy, and we both were trying to hold back from really sobbing. All of us were so moved by Stewart's passionate delivery. It is impossible for me to think of that wonderful poem without getting sentimental about my Jesse Lin. He will always be loved.

Only a dog lover can truly understand the depth of emotion between a dog and his master. It is an unconditional love, and it runs both ways. My, what a blessing the good Lord gave us when he made dogs!

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road – Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

"Points East"

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to see if I can hear a vehicle approaching in the distance before running the mail box gauntlet.

I do not do it to be seen and, in fact, I try hard not to be seen even though I am not horribly embarrassed when I do get caught. Which is to say that I am not ashamed to go out in public for fear of encountering someone who had caught me in my pajamas or long johns. Loretta might be embarrassed because of me, but she usually gets over it pretty quickly. And both of us have been guilty of an-

swering the door in our sleepwear and even having a cup of coffee with morning visitors, still decked out in our pjs, with someone who showed up at the house before we were properly dressed. At least two sister-in-law have seen in my long johns and none of us died of embarrassment.

But shopping in your pajamas and acting like you're well dressed? Maybe I am becoming an over-sensitive prude in my old age because it simply does not feel right and, in fact, makes me feel just a smidgen uncomfortable. On the other hand it

is no more embarrassing than seeing an old man on the beach with no behind and no musculature to speak of and belly fat from where abs might once have been flopped down over the front of his black, tight Speedos. Some of us simply can't pull that off anymore which is not to suggest that I ever could.

Nor do I mean to suggest that everything that is in fashion ought to be. If I were a high school principal and one of my female students showed up for classes in one of those see-through dresses these young

girls wear on shows like The Voice and American Idol, I'd loan her a raincoat and send her home to put on something decent. A lot of this latest trend in women's fashion seems to be a game of Am I wearing underwear? Some of the kids competing on the talent contests apparently aren't, or at least there's not much of it if they are.

In the meantime wearing pajamas to do your grocery shopping does little to support the notion that you need to dress up better when you shop at Walmart than you do when you go to Big Lots.

"Ramblings"

(Continued from A-2)

the advent of several children after we arrived. After Jane's birth in '66, she was followed by Paige in '68, Sara in '71, Travis in '80 and Allison in '85.

So you can imagine how busy we always were between following several children around to their various activities and still trying to put out the paper.

Looking back, I am glad we made the decision we did. I just get aggravated at times that old age has arrived. I am not well suited to leisure time so I have decided that as long as I can drag myself to the *Signal*, I will. To be honest, it's for only about four-five hours a day at most but I like to still think I can contribute.

I have decided that to lower the stress in my life I will stay off Twitter and watch as little news as possible. As for the Republican debates, forget it. I refereed too many fights among children when mine were young to be able to sit back and watch grown children exchange personal insults and avoid detailing their policies for running our country.

I am sick at heart to think that our general election may be between a New York liberal with a "yuge" ego, posing as a conservative, and an elitist politician who, in my opinion, should be wearing a striped jumpsuit and peering out from behind bars.

So, like all sensible people, I have decided to quit fretting about that over which I have no real control. I will vote my preference and "the Devil take the hindmost" as my mother often said.

But, as I have often said, for the past almost eight years, don't blame me when, after four years under the presidency of either one of them, our country bears little or no resemblance to the "land of the free."

"Letters"

(Cont. from A2)

Those which visited us were very complimentary of our school and our community. This would not have been possible without each and every one of those listed above.

Thanks,
Barry Noble
Assistant Principal/
Athletic Director
Rockcastle County High
School

Vote in the March 5th Republican Presidential Caucus...

Dear Editor,

The League of Women Voters works to engage citizens in the democratic process and wants to alert Kentucky Republicans about the Saturday, March 5 Republican Presidential Caucus. The caucus is a new and unfamiliar process for Kentucky and we want to be

sure citizens understand this will be THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY for Republicans to cast their ballot for Republican Presidential candidates.

Kentucky voters must have been registered as Republicans by December 31, 2015, to be eligible to vote in the caucus, Saturday, March 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time. Voting locations differ from usual polling places, so check the Republican Party web site for the location in your county. (rpk.org/caucus/)

The only candidates on the Caucus ballot will be those running for president for the Republican nominee. Primary elections for all other candidates will be held Tuesday, May 17.

Be sure your voice counts! Vote in the March 5 Caucus.

Terry Naydan and

Nita Smith
Co-Presidents
Kentucky League of
Women Voters

Looking for genealogy info...

Dear Editor,

I am hoping to get in

touch with any members of the Maddox family. I am seeking genealogy information.

Please contact me at: pmpurdy36@icloud.com or phone 513-576-0907.

Any information would be appreciated.

Patricia Purdy
Ohio

"Aces"

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Another one I saw recently read, "If you can't read this warning, do not use this product." Uhmmmmm...

Then there are those warnings that would decrease the population without them. Our hair dryer has a label telling us not to blow dry our hair while in

the shower. Thanks for that.

All in all, this politically correct, lawsuit fearing, cover-my-butt society has gone overboard trying to protect themselves from ignorance.

What good is a warning label anyway? People still don't obey them. After all, you read this headline and still read the column didn't you!

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Mon., Mar. 7th: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Tic Tac Pre-School, Lisa's Little People. **Tues., March 8th:** Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax. **Wed., March 9th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Sand Hill, Livingston, Lamero and Pine Hill.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet

The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held at the Brodhead Elementary gym on Sat., April 2nd at 6 p.m. This year honor classes are: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Ladonna's Catering of London will be provided the meal. \$20 per person and reservations should be made by March 20th. Send checks, made payable to Brodhead Alumni, to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Republican Presidential Caucus

On Saturday, March 5th, Kentucky Republicans will vote on their nominee for President. Rockcastle Republicans will vote at the Rockcastle County Middle School between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call Republican Chair Doris Cromer at 606-308-9704 for assistance.

RCHS Class of 2006 Reunion

Time has flown by and plans are being made for our class reunion. Volunteers are needed to get the planning started. If you're interested in being involved with the committee, please make plans to attend our first committee meeting at Rockcastle County Middle School on Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

MVFD Fundraiser

The Mt. Vernon Fire Department is holding a fundraiser. For a donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a free 8x10 color portrait (a \$30 value). Pictures will be taken at the MVFD in the near future. All funds collected will be used for operation of the fire department. Volunteers for the department will be going door-to-door soliciting these donations and will have identification.

PVFD Bean Supper Fundraiser

The Pongo Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Bean Supper Fundraiser on Saturday, March 5th from 5 to 8 p.m. Featured entertainment will be the Level Green Bluegrass Band. Menu: beans and corn bread, fried taters, fish cakes homemade desserts and all the trimmings! All you can eat. Come on out and have supper with us. Everyone welcome. Adults \$7

KPR Meeting Set for March 8th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, March 8th at the Golden Corral Restaurant (next to Wal-Mart) in London. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting following. Guest speaker will be Larry Totton, legislative liaison for KPR. He will lead a discussion on current legislation before the general assembly which could affect the Kentucky Retirement Systems. Any retiree (and their spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-877-0079.

Free Community Lunch

To show their appreciation for community leaders, Freedom Baptist Church will have a Free Community Lunch on Thursday, March 10th from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. There will also be prizes and giveaways! Please RSVP to 606-256-2922.

Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans

American Legion Post 71 would like to contact Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to: PO Box 1467, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by no later than March 18, 2016 or send info to info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814.

Free Bikes for Perfect Attendance

Clifford Collins Backhoe will be presenting a bicycle to a boy and a girl from RCMS with perfect attendance for the spring semester. The presentation will be made twice a year in the fall and spring semesters. For more information, contact Marcus Reppert, RCMS Principal at 256-5118.

Hot Rod Sign-ups Begin

Hot Rod Sign-ups for 3,4 and 5 year olds will be held the first and second week ends of April at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child. Adult shirts will be available for \$13 (extra dollar per x) at the sign-up. The shirts this year will carry a picture of the late Anthony Reams' car. Hot Rod coaches teach the basics of the game but the main objective is to have fun. The season begins the last Saturday in April. There will be a picnic the second week end of July to end the season.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take."

Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Obituaries



Dealie Barnett

Dealie Barnett, 92, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 22, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth South Hospital in Edgewood. She was born March 24, 1923 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Ballard and Sallie McGuire Owens. She was a retired grocery merchant, enjoyed gardening, quilting, shopping, reading her bible, mowing grass, raising chickens, and was a member of the Roundstone Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one daughter, Geneva (Chuck) Long of Dry Ridge; one sister, Shirley (Ralph) Carpenter of Mt. Vernon; one grandchild, Scott (Tammy) Long; and two great grandchildren, Trinity Faith, and Joshua Zavier. A large and loving family, and community of loving friends also survives. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Barnett.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Fairview Baptist Church with Bro. Vaughn Raso officiating. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Scott and Tammy Long, Trinity and Joshua Long, Trevor Barnett, Conner Barnett, Eddie and Jan Barnett, Bodie Barnett, Nikki Roy, Lily Wood, Greg Carpenter, Anthony Carpenter, Jim and Jeanett Drew, Wayne Wilson, and Jeanette Wilson.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Leonard Barton

Leonard Barton, 88, of Orlando, died Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Thompson Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 4, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Jack Stallsworth. Burial will follow in Briarfield Cemetery.

Friends may call between 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Beatrice Moon

Beatrice Moon of Brendham, TX and formerly of Jackson County, died Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Brendham, TX. She was a housewife, and the daughter of the late Bob and Josie Pheltner Brewer.

Survivors are: her husband, Roger Moon of Brendham, TX; two brothers, James Brewer of Corbin and Scott (Marlene) Brewer of Richmond, IN; three sisters, Patty Brewer of Mt. Vernon, Mae Lee (Benny) of Santa Fe, TX, and Janie Powell of Indianapolis, IN; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: one brother, Bud Brewer; one sister, Vicie Scott; and one nephew, Roger Rector.

Memorial services for Mrs. Beatrice Moon will be conducted Saturday March 5, 2016 in Brendham, TX.



Lorene Kirby

Lorene Kirby, 89, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 28, 2016 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. She was born at Pine Hill in Rockcastle County, on May 26, 1926, the daughter of Harmon and Rebecca Mink Jones. She was a retired trayer for Parker Seal Corporation. She loved quilting and enjoyed her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by: three sons, Jerry (Bonnie) Kirby of Richmond, Benny Kirby of Mt. Vernon, and Dennis (Peggy) Kirby of London; a daughter, Phyllis Kirby of Berea; a sister, Betty Ramsey of Richmond; three grandchildren, Jennifer Kirby of Mt. Vernon, Nathan Kirby of London, and Brooke (Tim) Austin of Richmond; and a step great grandchild, Victoria Austin of Richmond. Also surviving are two nephews, Don Ramsey and Donnie Ray McClure, and a niece, Devonda Flannery.

In addition to her parents, Harmon and Rebecca Jones, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Kirby, and a sister, Margie McClure.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 2, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ova Baker. Burial followed in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Roger Smith, Don Ramsey, Donnie Ray McClure, Franky McClure, Nathan Kirby and Mack Renner.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary



Barbara Jean Hughes

Barbara Jean Hughes, 66, of Orlando, died Friday, February 26, 2016 at her home. She was born in Lexington, on June 15, 1949, the daughter of Wallace and Anna Frances Hornbeck Combs. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Harold Hughes, Sr.; three sons, Phillip Hughes of Orlando, Harold Hughes, Jr. of Northwood, NH, and Christopher Hughes of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Terry Combs, Gary Combs, and Jimmy Combs; and two sisters, Anne Marie Stokely and Penny Gay. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Eric Hughes, Derick Hughes, Phillip Hughes, Jr., Jeremy Collier, Hannah Hughes, Emily Hughes, Caleb Hughes, and Ryan Hughes and two great grandchildren, Carson Hughes and Zoey Hughes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Wally Combs and Eddie Combs and a sister, Marsha Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Evergreen Memory Gardens in Lexington.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary



Jeffrey Wayne Smith

Jeffrey Wayne Smith, 56, of Brodhead, died Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington. He was born October 19, 1959, a son of the late Earl Smith and Edna Pauline Bradley Smith. He worked at Hitachi for 29 years as a forklift operator. He enjoyed yard work, gardening and was of the Baptist faith. On November 1, 1983, he married Donna Gayle Delaney.

He is survived by: his wife, Donna; his step-son, Jason Lee Lear of Brodhead; step-grandson, Jase Lear; brothers, Eugene (Betty) Smith of Cincinnati, OH, Donnie (Roxanne) Smith of Louisville and Roger (Cassie) Smith of Corydon, IN; and sisters, Barbara (Daryl) McFerron of Mt. Vernon, Linda Fisher of Cincinnati, OH, Carolyn Damrell of Berea and Lisa Reams of Mt. Vernon. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Larry Smith and Harold Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Don King, Randy Ash, Dave Durrett, Brian Smith, Roger Linville and Kenny Bratcher.

Family requests donations in Mr. Smith's memory be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at:

www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Jeffrey Clay Martin

Jeffrey Clay Martin, 53, of Three Links, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 26, 2016 at Baptist Health in Richmond.

He was born in Berea, to Darlene Davis Martin and the late Gene Martin. He was employed by Enersys Corp. and loved farming and cattle. He was a member of Three Links Christian Church. His love for the Lord and his family was the most important things in his life.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Judy Martin; his mother, Darlene Martin; his sons Justin Clay (Becca) Martin and Joshua Adam Clay Martin; one daughter, Jeanette (Jeff) Bowles; five siblings, Ann (Russell) Barron, Marita (Dallas) McGuire, Jerry (Debra) Martin, Ruth (Dennis) Venable, David (Shawnda) Martin; two grandchildren, Easton Clay and Anna Beth Grace Martin; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Three Links Christian Church with Bro. Grant Martin and Bro. James Ballinger officiating. Burial was in the Phillips Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Justin Martin, Josh Martin, Jerry Martin, David Martin, Matt Martin and Dawson Martin.

Honorary bearers were: Grant Martin, James Ballinger and Mike Lopez.

Condolences may be left for the family at

www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Jean Albright

Jean Albright, 74, of Brodhead, widow of Everett, mother of Tim and Larry Albright, and Teresa Lawrence and Shonna Westerfield, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Visitation will be held (today) Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 6-9 p.m. with funeral services conducted Friday, March 4, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

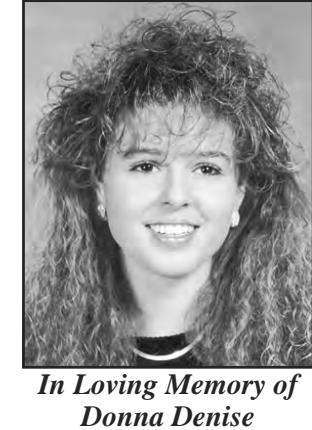
Betsy Jones Ramsey

Betsy Jones Ramsey, 80, of Middleburg, Florida passed away Thursday, February 18, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

She was the daughter of the late George and Margie Jones of Brodhead.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Nicky, Ronnie, Tracy and Jay. She also leaves three grandchildren and three great grandchildren, her sisters, Barbara (Ray) Carnert, Kathryn Bishop and Janie Crews and her brothers, Don (Carolyn) Jones, Billy (Marietta) Jones, Frankie and Jiminy Jones.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward Jones and Delbert Jones and brothers-in-law, Billy Bishop and Jerry Crews.



*In Loving Memory of
Donna Denise
Harper McCool
12/14/71 - 3/2/14*

Almighty God in Heaven,
I beg of you today,
Give me courage and strength
To continue to pray.

The burdens are heavy,

And I am so weary,

It's hard to smile and

Act like I'm so merry.

Always so heartbroken,

But looking to You above

I miss my lovely daughter,

Her beautiful smile and love.

Please continue to give me

strength

To encourage her son,

To teach to love,

To be there for each battle he's

won.

I could never thank You enough

for all You are,

To love us, keep us safe

To know we are in your care.

I know You have a plan,

And you will intervene

To help us Lord

With love more than we've

seen.

We are thankful

We have a God of Love.

I pray that soon, I will be home

above

To live with you, Almighty

God,

Forever and always.

So keep me praying with

Harper the rest of my days.

Donna, you are never out of my

mind, day or night.

Within my heart, I know Lord

It's Your Will, You're always

right.

Love From Mom

(Written by Bernice Beasley)

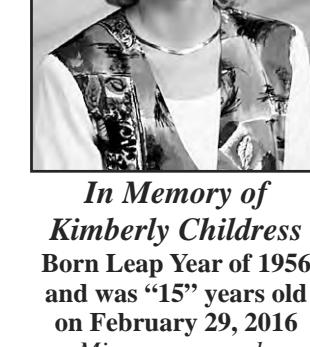
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Bids Wanted by McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Board is now accepting bids for the 2016 upkeep and mowing season. All bids must be sealed and mailed to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and must be received by April 6, 2016. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Briarfield Cemetery

Briarfield Cemetery is accepting donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery and mail to Tim Robinson, Briarfield Cemetery, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando or see Dean Carpenter or Tim Robinson. All donations greatly appreciated.



*In Memory of
Kimberly Childress
Born Leap Year of 1956
and was "15" years old
on February 29, 2016*

Miss you so much,

Love, Jessie

**New Date:
March 15**

Be a Queen of Hearts

Please join us for a heart health event focused on making you a queen for the night. This FREE event features guest speakers, a free gift, massages, door prizes, educational booths, a heart-healthy meal, and more!

Tuesday, March 15
Rockcastle Middle School • 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jana Bray at 606.256.7880 or j.bray@rhcc.org by Friday, March 11.



Dr. Adrian Messerli
UK Gill Heart Institute
Cardiologist

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"Informant"

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information to cause the arrest of several other "bigger dealers" or help to bust a "drug ring," then he asks permission from the court to lower or drop the charges against the informant in exchange for the information.

"It's a double-edged

sword sometimes having to make deals with criminals, but sometimes you have to weigh the good you can do for the community against just keeping this one person locked away," Peters said.

Reynolds agreed that there are some who do not agree with using confiden-

tial informants. "It can leave a bad taste in your mouth working with people like that. But we have to consider the overall good for the community."

Peters said the local sheriff's department typically uses three to four informants per year. "It can be

very dangerous for the snitch," he said. "If a drug dealer finds out they are about to get busted because this guy is helping us, he's not going to be very forgiving."

Peters said occasionally informants are a huge benefit to law enforcement.

come as confidential informants may be used at any time.

One of the benefits, according to one official who asked to remain nameless, "the next time a drug dealer hands off a baggie of meth, he may have no idea who he's talking to."

"Board"

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areas of the Livingston School will have to be presented and approved by the Rockcastle Fiscal Court, according to Judge Bishop.

The board has also requested an ARC Grant for the painting of a mural and creating vignettes in the proposed Livingston School Museum.

Members of the board announced that there will be eight riders from the Daniel Boone Society following the Boone Trace Trail on May 25. According to Tanya Cook, board member, the riders will be camping out for two nights and will take part in a Livingston History Day before advancing down the trail. The riders will be dressed in pioneer style clothing.

The board also discussed coming up with a fund raiser to purchase playground equipment for the new Livingston Park area. A Jackson County RECC Roundup Grant has been submitted to cover some of

Frankfort Update...

**By Jonathon Shell
State Representative**

This week in Frankfort, I worked along with other House Republicans to promote something we all value, transparency in government. Our caucus attempted to bring the first House reading on Senate Bill 45. This bill requires public disclosure of retirement benefits from any public retirement system for all current and past legislators, myself included.

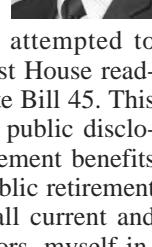
SB 45 passed the Senate earlier this session by a margin of 38-0. Unfortunately, the bill has not had the same success in the House. However, it is important for Kentuckians to have the ability to know what their elected officials are doing in Frankfort, and that includes the public pensions they will be collecting. Public pension transparency remains a priority of mine, and I will work to see positive action on this important issue.

Also concerning pensions, last Monday I attended a press conference with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce aimed at highlighting the seriousness of the state's \$36 billion pension crisis. Many years of failed leadership has led to this crisis, and tough decisions must be made in Frankfort to right the ship for our teachers and other public employees. A new website was launched to help provide the public accurate information on the state's pension crisis: www.kypensioncrisis.com.

Tuesday was a discouraging day in Frankfort with Planned Parenthood holding a pro-abortion rally in the Capitol. Following their event, Democratic Leadership in the House allowed a prayer that was incredibly partisan and supportive of abortion. This was not a prayer offered to the God that I pray to, and I know this does not reflect the values of the people in Rockcastle County.

The Senate passed the first House Bill of the 2016 Regular Session this week. House Bill 175, a peace officer bill, passed unanimously and will now head to the Governor for signature. It will be only the second piece of legislation signed into law by the Governor so far this session.

Wednesday was my committee day as both



the cost.

Members of the board also discussed the Redbud Ride which is coming through Livingston on Saturday, April 23. Citizens are encouraged to help welcome the estimated 500-800 bike riders as they visit the area.

The first planning session for this event is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Momma's Treats Restaurant in Livingston.

The board, along with Vitalize Mount Vernon, are beginning to plan a city-wide spring clean up for Mount Vernon. Anyone interested in participating in the event should contact Lynn Tatum at 308-4646.

At the closing of the meeting, Bishop informed the board that approximately 200 new jobs are coming to Mount Vernon via Oxford Government Consulting. Bishop told the board that the company is now taking applications at oxfordgc.com or by calling (240)392-4192X6.

Banking and Insurance and Local Government met. The highlight of Banking and Insurance this week was passing HB 408, which requires insurance companies to make a "good faith effort" to locate beneficiaries of life insurance policies. This issue has been in the news some lately, and the bill was in response to Governor Bevin's decision not to pursue legal action in a related case.

The budget process seems to go on forever, perhaps too long for many. But the work of our subcommittees, which has been ongoing for several weeks now, is a reminder that the process is working as it should.

The Executive Branch budget is typically not voted on by the House budget committee until after the first week of March, as was the case during the 2012 and 2014 sessions. That is expected to be the case again this session. The budget subcommittees are expected to meet up to that point and possibly beyond.

Education is always at the top of our list for funding in a budget session, however this year is particularly challenging because of the more than \$30 billion pension liability Kentucky faces. K-12 education comprises around 44 percent of all state General Fund spending, with post-secondary education claiming a share of around 14 percent. The next largest share of General Fund spending goes to health care—or, specifically, state Medicaid—which claims around 13 percent of General Fund appropriations.

On a more personal note, last week we marked National Future Farmers of America Week. As a proud former member of FFA, this is something that is near and dear to my heart. FFA was extremely important in helping me develop many skills and gave me many opportunities and relationships that I wouldn't have had otherwise.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues facing our Commonwealth during the 2016 Regular Session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via email at jonathan.shell@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov.

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change the license renewal date for grain storage businesses and for grain dealers from August 1 to July 1 of each year in addition to revising penalties relating to grain storage violations. Another passed agriculture-related bill is SB 191 which would reorganize the State Fair Board to 17 members. Senate Bill 191 also mandates the State Fair Board meet at least 10 times per year. It would require the State Fair Board to hold an annual fair on the state fairgrounds and operate the Kentucky State Fair and World's Championship Horse Show and the National Farm Machinery

Show.

The last day to introduce new Senate bills is March 3. We hope to move all bills originating in the Senate over the next two weeks and will start considering House bills after that.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

"Caucus"

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Tuesday, May, 17th for US Senate, US House and Kentucky House candidates.

All voters will also still vote on Tuesday, November 8th in the General Election for all races at your usual location.

The purpose of the caucus Saturday is only so that Rockcastle Countians can help decide the Republican candidate that will be running for office in November.

One of the benefits of the caucus, according to organizers, is that Kentucky voters will help establish frontrunners in the campaign making the state important to the nominating process.

Officials say a sign of success is the fact that Donald Trump, Marcio Rubio and Ben Carson have all brought their campaign to Kentucky this week in an effort to gain votes.

"Sale"

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has no yard sale restrictions and anyone may hold their own yard sale anytime.

The fifth annual US 25 Yard Sale is scheduled for June 2-4 and the highway in Rockcastle County is expected to be lined with vendors.

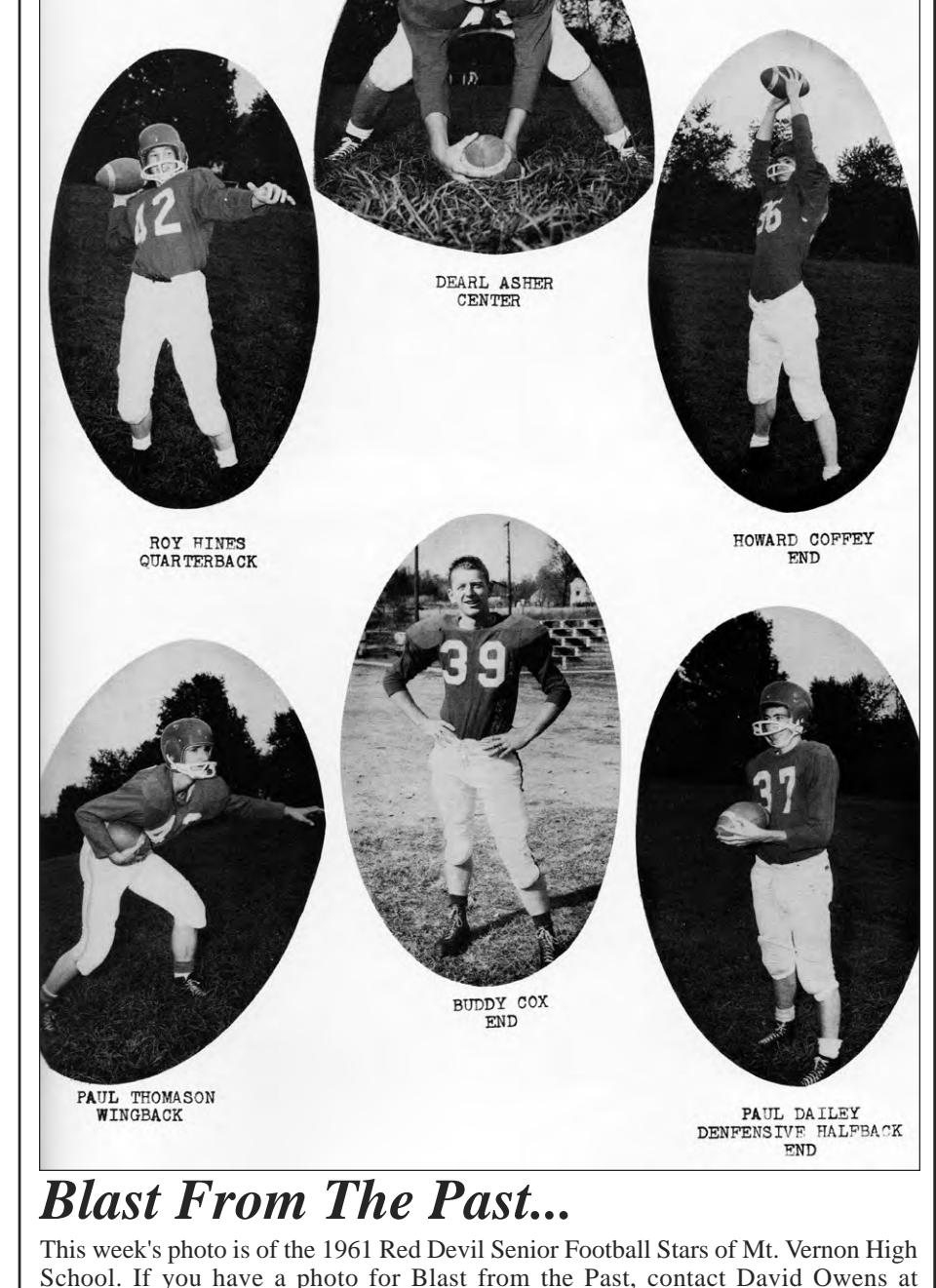
The US 25 yard sale is the fourth largest in the country and stretches over 500 miles, including Rockcastle County.

Local vendors interested in participating in the event are urged to call (606) 256-9814 and in Livingston call (606) 453-2061.

There is also a Facebook page centered on the event if you search US25YARDSALE.

*Little League
sign ups
are underway
now for all
ages 4-12.
Call 308-4761*

*for
registration
form.*



Blast From The Past...

This week's photo is of the 1961 Red Devil Senior Football Stars of Mt. Vernon High School. If you have a photo for Blast from the Past, contact David Owens at scoopewens24@yahoo.com or 606-3860187.

Attention

Rockcastle Republicans

*What you need to
know about voting*

THIS SATURDAY:

All Republicans registered by 12/31/15, bring your photo ID to Rockcastle Middle School between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to vote in the Republican race for PRESIDENT. Vote and leave.

Tuesday, May 17th:

Go to your normal precinct (where you always vote) to vote in primaries for US Senate, US House & KY House.

Tuesday, November 8th:

Go to your normal precinct to vote in the General Election for ALL races (Example: Republican nominee vs. Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders).

For questions, contact Doris Cromer, Chairwoman of the Rockcastle Republican Party.

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SPORTS

Lady Rockets lose to Maroons by one

The Lady Rockets dropped a heartbreaker to the Lady Maroons from Pulaski County last Wednesday night by one point 66-65.

The Rockets had battled from behind the entire game, trailing 13-9 at the first quarter stop, 36-29 at the half and 52-40 at the end of the third quarter.

They got down by 17 midway through the third quarter and were down 59-46 with five minutes to go in the game when the Rockets took fire, outscoring the

Maroons 17 to 9 to cut the lead to two at 65-63.

With nine seconds to go in the game, a Lady Maroon stepped to the free throw line and sank one of two for a three point lead. The Rockets rebounded the ball and Mahala Saylor went the distance, passing up the three point attempt, to get a lay-in just before the buzzer sounded. Saylor was apparently hoping for a foul but the whistle didn't blow and the Lady Rockets had fallen

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Eighth grader Kenzie Himes came off the bench to lead the Lady Rockets with 15 points in their loss to Pulaski in the finals of the 47th District Tournament.

In Region 12 Opener Lady Titans defeat Lady Rockets 68-47

The 6th ranked in the state Lady Titans of Mercer County handily defeated the Lady Rockets in the opening game of the 12th Region Tournament at Lincoln County Tuesday night, 68-47.

The Lady Rockets got down 17-1 in the first quarter but battled back to within four at the half, 40-36.

However, in the second half, the Lady Titans took control, outscoring the Lady Rockets 28 to 11 for the final 68-47.

Juniors Hope Kelley and Mahala Saylor were the only two Lady Rockets in double figures with Kelley taking high point honors with 15 to Saylor's 11. Other Lady Rockets scoring were Ashley McKinney with 6, Emmie Barker got 4, Jayna Albright hit the only three point basket for her team, Maddy Bullen got 2 and Kenzie Himes 1.



Junior Mahala Saylor directs the offense for the Lady Rockets during the 47th District Tournament championship game last week. The Lady Rockets lost to Pulaski County 66-65. Saylor had 14 points in the contest.

Rockets lose to Casey in district finals 72-59

Although the Rockets had lost to the Casey County Rebels by two at RCHS, in their first meeting of the season, and won at Casey in their second matchup, last Wednesday night it was a different story as the Rockets fell to the Rebels, 72-59 in the 47th District championship game.

The Rockets took a hard blow early in the game when their big center, junior Lucas Gentry, picked up his sec-

ond foul with 3:56 remaining in the first quarter, limiting his action thereafter.

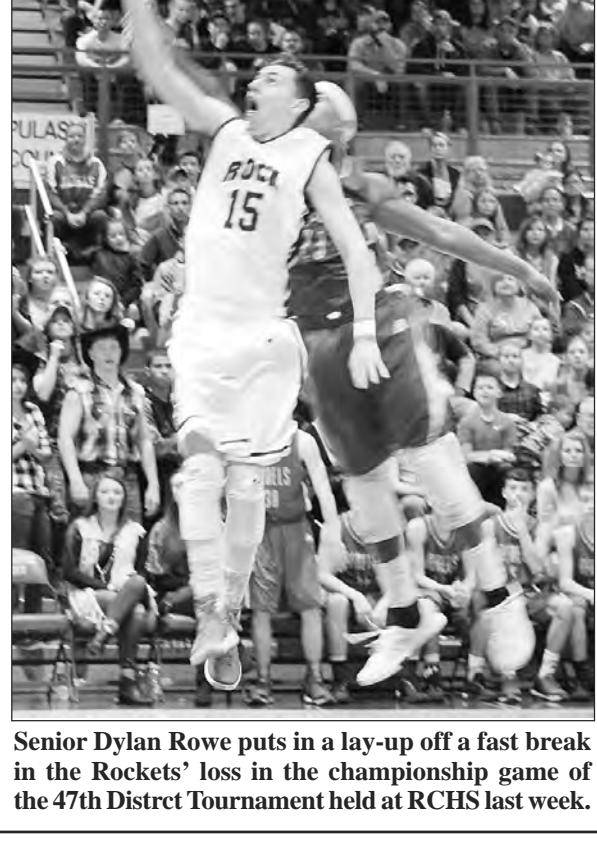
The Rockets were down 15-9 at the end of the first quarter, 34-29 at the half but had fought back to within two at the third quarter stop 50-48.

Casey got the first basket of the fourth quarter but Carson Noble then got a three point basket to pull his

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Junior John Cornelius puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' 72-59 loss to Casey County in the championship game of the 47th District Tournament held at RCHS last week. Cornelius scored 12 points for the Rockets.



Senior Dylan Rowe puts in a lay-up off a fast break in the Rockets' loss in the championship game of the 47th District Tournament held at RCHS last week.



Senior Zach Loudermilk applies defensive pressure during the Rockets' loss to Casey County in the championship game of the 47th District Tournament held at RCHS last week.



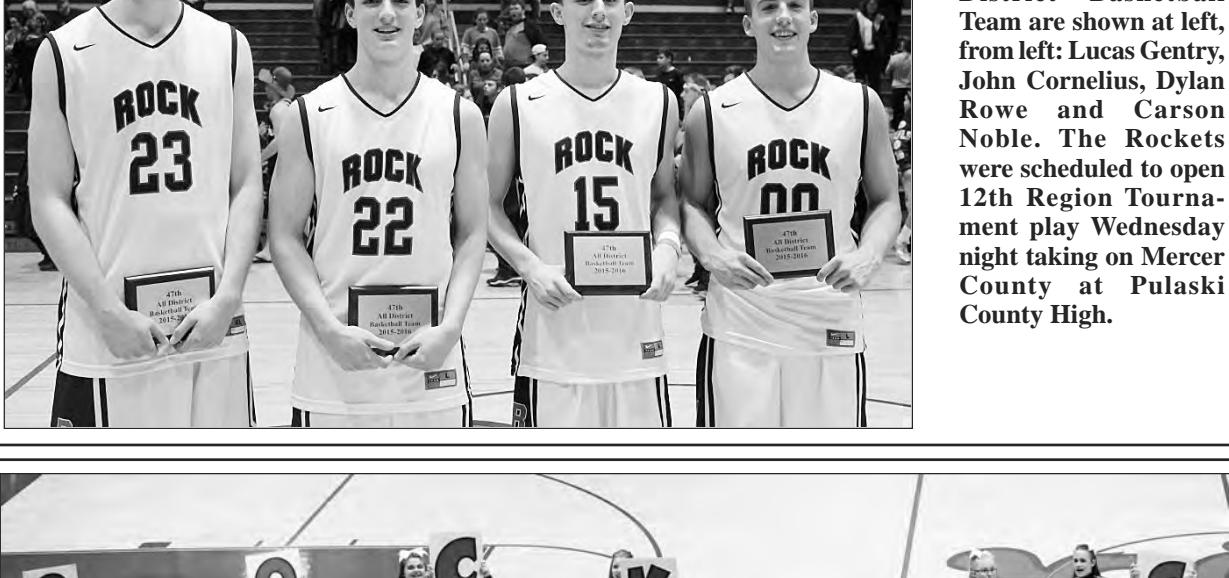
Members of the Lady Rockets named to the 47th All District Basketball Team were, from left: Ashley McKinney, Mahala Saylor and Hope Kelley.



Junior Hope Kelley goes for two of her team high 15 points in the Lady Rockets first round loss to Mercer County Tuesday night in the 12th Region Tournament held at Lincoln County. The Lady Rockets ended their season with a 16-14 record.



Junior Mahala Saylor directs the offense for the Lady Rockets during the 47th District Tournament championship game last week. The Lady Rockets lost to Pulaski County 66-65. Saylor had 14 points in the contest.



Members of the Rockets named to the 47th All District Basketball Team are shown at left, from left: Lucas Gentry, John Cornelius, Dylan Rowe and Carson Noble. The Rockets were scheduled to open 12th Region Tournament play Wednesday night taking on Mercer County at Pulaski County High.



Rocket cheerleaders led the Rocket Rowdies in a cheer during a timeout of the Rockets loss to Casey County in the 47th District Tournament championship game held last week at RCHS. Photo by Jamie Cornelius.



Senior Morgan Renner works her way to the goal in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski in the finals of the 47th District Tournament last week. Renner scored 13 points for the Lady Rockets.

Morgan finishes fourth in Men's Bowhunter for UC

The University of the Cumberlands (UC) Archery Team had a great start to their indoor season on Saturday, shooting in the Inaugural Collegiate Indoor State Tournament in Ashland. Along with UC, there were five other schools represented; Union College, Midway University, Kentucky Christian University, Campbellsville University, and Eastern Kentucky University.

Head Coach Kris Streck commented, "I'm very happy with the outcome of the State Tournament. We had several that hit PR's and that is what you want to see at a tournament. Now, we will go back to work for the next two weeks to gear up for Indoor Regionals/Nationals."

The UC Archers will be competing in the USIAC Indoor Nationals on March 4th-6th in Ashland, Kentucky.

"Rockets"

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"Lady Rockets"

(Cont. from A6)

to Pulaski County for the third time this season.

One of the problems for the Rockets was that starting center Ashley McKinney picked up her second foul at the 6:56 mark of the first quarter and saw limited action thereafter, although senior Morgan Renner was the only Lady Rocket to foul out with 1:22 left to go in the game.

However, eighth grader McKenzie Himes came off the bench to replace McKinney and was the leading scorer for her team with 15 points.

The Rockets turned the ball over 19 times in the game to the Lady Maroons 14 and hit 17 of 23 free throws to Pulaski's 15 of 22.

Other Rockets scoring were: Saylor with 14; Renner 13; Hope Kelley got 12; Jayna Albright 5 and Emme Barker, Maddy Bullen and Emily Adams, 2 each.



Mt. Vernon Elementary 5th grader Silas Durham was selected to represent the state of Kentucky at the Mid-States All Star Swim Meet in Indianapolis, IN this past January. Silas competed against swimmers representing 5 other states in the 1650 yard freestyle event. Not only a great swimmer, Silas represents his class as a MVES student council member and has made the Principal's List consistently at MVES. Silas is the son of Conley and Jennifer Durham and proud big brother of Piper Durham of Brodhead.



7th grader Laurel Yates concluded her historical year for the RCHS swim team by competing at the KHSAA state championship this past weekend. Laurel improved upon her seed placement of 38 to finish 33 out of 40 competitors in preliminaries. She was one of the youngest competitors there and one of only three seventh graders competing in the 100 freestyle. Laurel recorded her fastest time of the year at 56.84. She is the school record holder in the 100 freestyle.

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Second Section

Drug epidemic destroying youth at alarming rate

Submitted by
Nancy Mullins

The political candidates, the pundits, and the press have for months focused obsessively on issues like the imminent physical threat Isis poses to U.S. citizens from possible future Syrian immigrants (and other emotionally-spiked, hot-button topics).

So fixed on Trump's continuous outrageous behavior and immature antics, the media has failed to bring to our attention that his rhetoric has no substance, no real plan.

(One would have thought that the Republican Party, after 8 years of hating Obama, would have had time enough to organize and put forth a more viable candidate.)

For instance, I have yet to hear concern or remedy for one of the most serious national problem, the drug epidemic which is killing and destroying lives at an alarming rate, especially of American youths.

Maybe when the citizenry are led to worry obsessively about a possible threat from outside, they will forget or ignore the shocking numbers of people being destroyed from what is happening to our society from within.

The numbers of disengaged, unemployed urban youth are shocking. The numbers of drug-related deaths and crimes are staggering. The numbers of children abandoned by parents are shameful. The numbers of failing inner city schools are soaring.

Why aren't these problems and issues being addressed?

Most of the candidates seem not to know they exist. Only one or two have made brief mention of these.

The press, who (instead of assessing the needs of the country and being them to the forefront of the political discussions), play one candidate against the other and ask the same tired questions and get the same (related or unrelated) answers at debate after debate. And when the debates turn unruly and childish, news "rehashers" excitedly tell us the "energy" blew the roof off.

I would like to hear some serious, new, intelligent, innovative ideas as how to address the important issues, if indeed they have thought about anything beyond what to say to get elected. And I am not talking about a plan to pump money into a failed so-called "war on drugs".

This isn't just a problem in a few areas of the country that affects a few people. The candidates and the press have to be aware of this. It's one of the most serious problems facing us as a nation.

When each major city in the country has literally hundreds of thousands of young people labeled "disengaged" or "disconnected", according to a recent KET documentary, leaders at all levels had better pay attention because such a burgeoning population spells disaster for the future of a nation whose wannabe leaders are engaging in outrageous public name-calling, bullying, and degrading, disrespectful behavior. While some of the candidates' antics are so ridiculous as to be thought funny, it is actually a scary time.

Isis is, of course, a

threat. We all know that, and the country had better be wary, but we had better also be wary of the threat from within.

The statistics are alarming.

* The number of disconnected or disengaged youth between the ages of 18-24 in New York City alone (according to Rootcause.org) is at least 316,000. Across the nation in the 25 most populated cities, nearly 6 million or approximately 1 in 7 fall into this category which applies to those unemployed, not in school, and with or without a high school diploma. The city with the highest rate of disconnected youths is San Bernardino (18.8%), followed by Detroit and Charlotte.

* According to the 2015 DEA National Drug Threat Assessment, the leading cause of death nationwide was drug overdose. Deaths from drug overdose was up 7% to a total of 47,000 superseding deaths from all types of motor transportation.

This statistic does not include drug abuse related deaths such as heart failure, stroke, accidents, etc.

(According to Dale Kirby, who works closely with the many-faceted drug prevention program called Unite in Pulaski County, "There will never be an accurate record of all the deaths, crime, and devastation caused by the abuse of narcotics. The only person who really has

tried to make a difference in the drug problem in this area is Hal Rogers.")

* Approximately half of the deaths from overdose was caused by heroin and prescription pain killers.

* Death from prescription pain killers was twice that of homicides.

* The number of opioids prescriptions has quadrupled during the period from 1999 to 2013.

* The use of opioids during pregnancy can result in drug withdrawal syndrome in newborns called Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) which causes lengthy and costly hospital stays. According to a new study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an estimated 21,732 babies are born with this syndrome in the U.S. In 2012, a 5-fold increase since 2000.

The main message put forth by Hitler was that he was going to "make Germany great again", and more recently Putin's message has been that he is going to "make Russia great again." So when I hear Donald Trump say repeatedly that he's going to "make America great again", I feel a chill up my spine. I think "we the people in order to form a more perfect union and prepare for the common defense" need to start paying attention to the decay from within while keeping a keen eye on threats from outside.

In Rockcastle County PRIDE awards \$1,000 for environmental education

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE announced today that a total of \$1,000 was awarded to Mt. Vernon Elementary School and Eastern Rockcastle Water Association for hands-on environmental education projects during the 2015/16 school year.

The funding was awarded through the PRIDE Environmental Education Grant Program. It was made possible by a grant to PRIDE from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky (TMMK). Overall, PRIDE awarded \$32,253 to schools that applied for the grant program across 42 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. The grants can be used for a variety of educational activities that help students appreciate and care for the environment and to serve their community.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School was awarded \$500 to buy supplies for its environmental education program. Students use the greenhouse and outdoor classroom to conduct science experiments, and they operate a school-wide recycling program.

They will conduct an energy study with compact fluorescent lightbulbs purchased through the grant. The Eastern Rockcastle Water Association will use its \$500 grant to inform its customers how to use water efficiently, for the good of the environment and for lower water rates. With its monthly bills, it will mail a one-page information sheet and reminder list about how to use less water at home.

"I want to congratulate the grant recipients and thank the educators who are leading these projects,"

Since 1997, PRIDE has awarded 1,533 grants that impacted 745,575 students across the region. Schools have used PRIDE funds for a wide variety of activities, such as starting recycling programs and building outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wetlands and greenhouses.

Promoting environmental education is one the key missions of PRIDE, a non-profit organization. The other two missions are cleaning up the region's waterways and removing solid waste problems. Founded in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late General James E. Bickford,

PRIDE works alongside citizens, teachers and elected officials to improve the region's environment and quality of life.

For a complete list of grant recipients, please visit www.kypride.org.



Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce President Steve McKinney, center, presented Eugene and Steve Taylor, of EST Tool & Die, with the Small Business Member of the Year award during the annual Farmers/Businessman Banquet held Tuesday night at the middle school.



Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club member James Miller, left, presents Kathryn Pope with the Distinguished Community Service Individual award during the Farmers/Businessman Banquet held Tuesday night.



Tom Mills, at right, was the 2015 inductee of the Rockcastle County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Presenting the award to Mr. Mills and his wife Cloye is Conservation District Board Chairman Tommy Harold Mink.

Gift to local police



Kenny Robinson, Branch Manager of Peoples Bank in Mount Vernon is shown giving a check for \$500 to Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter. Robinson said his bank is pleased to support the local department and the bank is proud of our local police force. Carter said the funds will be used to purchase needed equipment and he appreciates the support of Peoples Bank.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Billy R. Barron, et al v. Daniel Baker, complaint.

Deloris Jean Burns v. Gary Lee Burns, Sr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

KFBMIC v. Freddie Dale Noe, complaint.

Pinnacle Bank v. Kimberly Oglesby, \$13,075.08 plus claimed due.

Pinnacle Bank v. Melissa Jarvis, \$16,021.09 plus claimed due.

Lisa Marie Duncan v. Jason Dewayne Duncan, petition for dissolution of marriage.

William Joseph Miller v. Cassandra Deanne Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00048

District Civil Suits

Jim or Ruth Lunsford v. Jennifer Owens, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Funding LLC v. Matthew Carpenter, \$1,286.03 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC v. Kenneth Coffey, \$1,251.22 plus claimed due.

Springleaf Financial Services of America v. Jeremy Calder, \$3,680.37 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care v. Mitzi Ashley, \$530.60 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Jason Robinson, \$756.52 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Sean Smith, \$609.61 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC v. Kristina Blevins, \$6565.22 plus claimed due.

First Financial Credit, Inc. v. Sarah Logue, et al, \$3,784.18 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Betsy Shafer, \$1,536.45 plus claimed due.

Fort Logan Hospital v. Jeffrey Carpenter, \$715.69 plus claimed due. C-00029

Free booklet helps students, parents plan for college

Kentuckians planning for higher education will find "The College Circuit," a booklet published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), to be a useful resource.

It can be used by students ranging in age from middle school to adults. Parents and counselors can also use it to help their students plan and pay for college.

The booklet includes information about careers, college preparation, state and federal financial aid, tips for parents, online resources and a template for setting up a personal college plan.

Students and families will also find detailed information about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program. The

District Court

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Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Nicholas M. Cundiff: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and reckless driving, 5 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived (each count).

Steven Pitman: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 5 days in jail/to serve/costs waived (each count).

Nakota Clifford: disorderly conduct (two counts), assault, criminal mischief, fleeing or evading police, terroristic threatening, false statements and concealment of facts prohibited, menacing, resisting arrest, public intoxication, obstructing governmental operations, domestic violence and abuse, court notice issued for failure to appear (fta).

James Cotton: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, theft by unlawful taking, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.

Shawn P. Davidson: failure to wear seat belts, improper/no windshield, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Stevie W. Denney: alcohol intoxication (two counts), \$50 fine/converted to 20 hours community service work/each count.

Amie L. Hale: theft by failure to make required disposition of PRP, bw issued for fta.

Johnnie W. Hurt: criminal mischief and violation of conditions of release, 60 days/to serve/each count/costs waived.

Kathleen J. Phillips: speeding, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

James C. Robbins: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to produce insurance card, possession controlled substance (two counts), fail-

ure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Robert Russell: public intoxication controlled substance, \$50 plus costs.

William R. Sandlin: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

Jacob D. Stewart: receiving stolen property, 90 days in jail/to serve concurrent w/ state sentence; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Eddie G. Vanwinkle: fleeing or evading police, sentencing order entered.

William G. Williams: fleeing or evading police, sentencing order entered.

Speeding: Theodore R. Barker, Collin D. Cass, Tabitha L. Clark, Britney M. Thompson, license suspended for fta; Joseph A. Hatton, Anthony R. Powell, Kila A. Cable, Christopher C. Cunningham, action slip; Manuel A. Ugalde, court notice sent;

Ima Cotton: failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Dakota Scott Baldwin: possession of synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

Nakota S. Clifford: menacing and public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Evelyn Clines: no tail lamps, \$25 fine plus costs.

Corey A. Coots: one headlight, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta.

Elliott J. Dooley: failure to wear seatbelts and 8 other charges, bw issued for fta.

Yadira G. Herrera: alcohol intoxication in a public place, bw issued for fta.

Jonathan Earl Houk: public intoxication, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Pochoteco N Martinez: operating motor vehicle un-

der influence of alcohol/drugs, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, improper registration plate, no operators/moped license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.

Oscar L. Emerick III: failure to wear seat belts, action slip.

Luis A. Gonzalez, Jr.: failure to wear seat belts, Part 391 of Fed Safety Regs - Qualification of Drivers, license suspended for fta.

Charles Marlow: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Amber A. Medley: speeding and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, action slip.

Terry L. Shelton: Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, \$12.50 fine.

Gary Smith: traffic, all others, license suspended for fta.

Kelvin D. Sullivan: traffic, all others, license suspended for fta.

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ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

DATE: February 9, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Citizens, Joseph and Linda Harris, as owners of Valley High Farms, LLC, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of Cane Branch Rd.

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of Cane Branch Rd, and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

Beginning at the property line of Joseph and Linda Harris, as owners of Valley High Farms, LLC and continuing to the end of the current county maintenance, which is a distance of 0.452 miles.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of Cane Branch Rd. proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING:

March 8th, 2016

TIME:

1 pm

LOCATION:

Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway Affected, and published two (2) times in the *Mt. Vernon Signal*.

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The 5210 Fair at Roundstone Elementary School was held Thursday, February 25th. While parents were meeting with teachers the students were participating in a 5210 Fair. 5210 Healthy Numbers for Kentucky Families is a campaign to help families strive for optimal health by eating 5 fruits and/or vegetables a day, by watching 2 hours of less of tv or other screen time, by participating in 1 hour of active play each day and by drinking 0 sugary drinks.

At the 5210 Fair students learned that there is the equivalent of 19 1/2 sugar cubes in a 20 ounce Mt. Dew. They learned how fruits and vegetables provide colorful phytochemicals that build our immune systems. There were a variety of activities provided to getting their hearts beating and their faces smiling.

A big thank you for all who made the 5210 a great success: Southern AHEC, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, WellCare, Rockcastle County Health Department, and EKU Nursing Students. Below, Sherry Spragens shares a "Rethink your Drink" display with Roundstone students.



Minds in the Middle

Spring picture orders are due on Friday.

8th graders need to turn in their last \$10 deposit for the 8th grade trip by Friday. We thank all of the 8th grade parents who sent in food items for the dance on Friday. \$950 was raised!

Congratulations to our recent kind kids of the week: Tori Dotson,

Melanie Vanwinkle, Demarcus Robinson, Seth Sizemore, Reina Lykins, Carson White, Jonah Eaton and Mallory Morgan.

Congratulations to 7th grade Special Education Teacher Mrs. Kim Holcomb on receiving a 2016 Campbellsville Excel-

lence in Teaching Award.

The winner in our latest Box Tops race is the Voyagers team with 3,029 box tops collected. In second place was the Enterprisers with 1,900 and in third place was the Comets with 1,480 followed closely by the Shooting Stars with 1,318. Thanks for collecting!

Congratulations to Miss Reynolds' 7th grade Adventurers homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Coming in second place was Mrs. Stewart's 6th grade Voyagers and in third place was Mrs. Sadler's 7th grade Shooting Stars. Don't forget that

all students who are present every day from February 1st to the end of school will be in a drawing for a new bicycle.

Thanks to Clifford Collins Backhoe Service for donating one girl bike and one boy bike. It's just one more reason to be at school each day!

Time is running out to order your yearbook. The cost is \$35. Additional forms are available in the office if needed.

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Scholarships help high school students take dual credit classes

Kentucky high school juniors and seniors have until May 15 to apply for a scholarship to help pay for dual credit classes taken at a Kentucky college or university.

The Mary Jo Young Scholarship, named for a former member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), provides assistance with tuition and textbook expenses for up to two classes each semester. Scholarships can only be used in the fall and spring semesters.

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The application is available on www.kheaa.com. Students must apply through their www.kheaa.com account.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based

grants and other programs to help students pay for college.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information



After sharing about the importance of the Youth Services Center to our school, RCMS 8th grader Kylee Fain was awarded the opportunity to serve as a legislative page in Frankfort on Tuesday. Kylee spent the day with Representative Jonathan Shell getting a firsthand look at how our state government works. Thanks Kylee for representing our school in such a positive way!

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group is free and open to anyone facing cancer – patients, family members, and friends. The support group offers the opportunity to learn more about cancer and how to cope with the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings.

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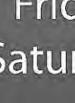
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Local FFA holds Greenhand Ceremony



Pictured at the Greenhand Ceremony are front from left: Daya McGuire, Tiffany McGuire, Hope Holbrook, Hannah Denny, Autumn Davidson, Kensie Sheffield, Hallie Hines, Sydney Hines, Jahaizza Lodewkys, Destiny Isaacs, Nikki Renner, Bailee Stamper and Heather Miller. Back row from left: John Bishop, Josh Martin, John Cromer, Cole Ballinger, Jarrett Burke, Dalton Durham, Seth Gabbard, Sebastian Poynter, Elisha Blanton, Josh Mason, Connor Robinson, Rant Saylor and Isaac Sexton.

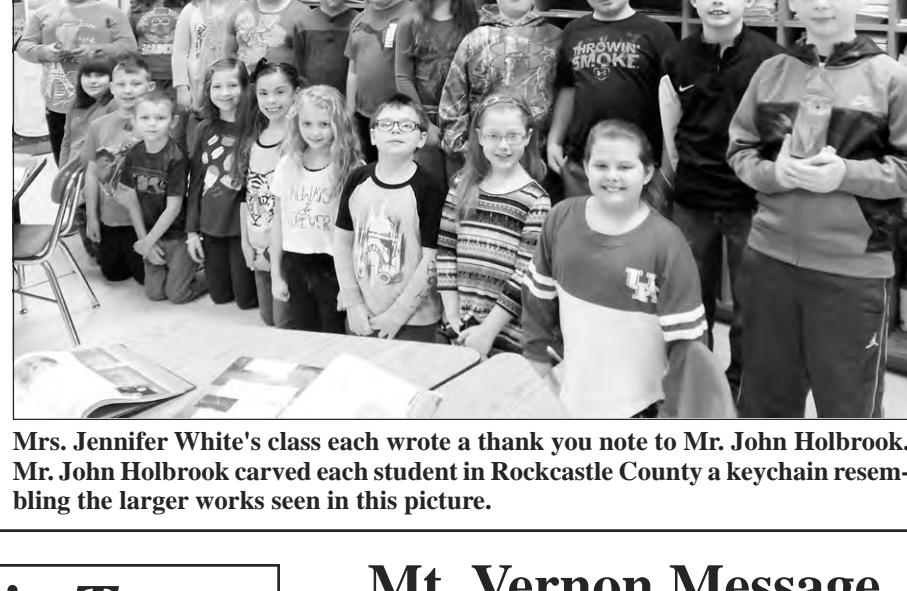
Submitted by Reporter Sierra Sturgill

On November 9, 2015, our local FFA Chapter held their fall Greenhand Ceremony. We would like to thank Debbie Johnson for providing the refreshments. We would also like to thank our guest speaker, Lewis Mink, who is a former Rockcastle County FFA Member and officer and is now employed at Locust Trace.

The Greenhand Degree Recipients are as follows: Austin Allen, Jeremiah Allen, Cole Ballinger, Jasmine Barron, John Bishop, Elisha Blanton, Janie Bowman, Kevin Burdette, Jameson Burdine, Jarrett Burke, John Cromer, Autumn Davidson, Hannah Denny, Dalton Durham, Seth Gabbard, Allison Green, Javan Hasty, Katelynn Hensley, Hallie Hines, Sydney Hines, Hope Holbrook, Zachary Hopkins, Shaylin Howerton, Destiny Isaacs, Kelsey Jefferson, Rebekah Kersey, Logan Kidwell, Jahaizza Lodewkys, Jonmark Loudermilk, Joshua Martin, John Mason, Daya McGuire, Tiffany McGuire, Emma Miller, Heather Miller, Jordan Nicely, Sebastian Poynter, Nikki Renner, Johnathan Reynolds, Connor Robinson, Hunter Sargent, Rant Saylor, Isaac Sexton, Kensie Sheffield, Bailee Stamper, James VanWinkle, Larry VanWinkle, Elijah Vaughn, and Woodrow Williams.



Ms. Kami's MVES class at Pizza Hut.



Mrs. Jennifer White's class each wrote a thank you note to Mr. John Holbrook. Mr. John Holbrook carved each student in Rockcastle County a keychain resembling the larger works seen in this picture.

Brodhead Elementary Academic Team places first in District Governor's Cup



Congratulations are in order for Brodhead Elementary Academic Team, as they placed 1st in the District Governor's Cup competition on Saturday, February 27th. The District tournament was hosted at Brodhead Elementary, and there was lots of support shown for our team. This is the second year in a row that Brodhead Academic Team has won the championship. Students competed in the areas of Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Arts and Humanities, Composition, and Quick Recall. (See below for individual student results.) We are very proud of the team and wish them luck as they move on to compete in the Regional Governor's Cup hosted at Waco Elementary on Saturday, March 12th.

Individual student results: Composition - Kaitlyn Burgin-1st place, Ella Bussell-2nd place, Callie Creech-3rd place; Arts and Humanities - Madalyn White-1st place, Makinlee Goff-2nd place, Kaitlyn Burgin-3rd place; Language Arts - Callie Creech-2nd place, Isabella Whitaker-5th place; Social Studies - Samuel Burdine-1st place, Leah Taulbee-2nd place, Savanna Santo-3rd place; Science - Samuel Burdine-1st place, Hunter Day-2nd place; Math - Hunter Day-1st place, Ella Bussell-2nd place, Jacob Mills-5th place.

Pictured front from left are: Makinlee Goff, Callie Creech, Samuel Burdine, Madalyn White, Isabella Whitaker and Ella Bussell. Back row from left: Ezekiel Graves, Hunter Day, Jacob Mills, Leah Taulbee, Savanna Santo, Kaitlyn Burgin and Mrs. Breanna Adams (coach).

Free hair cuts



Rockcastle Middle School would like to thank Ms. Jennifer Hardin, local hair stylist for providing free haircuts to Middle School students. Our students were very appreciative for the time she took out of her busy schedule to come and give them a new look! Thank you Ms. Jennifer!

Kiwanis Club Radio Auction

**Friday,
March 4**

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**Saturday,
March 5**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Archery practice is each Monday from 3:15 until 4:55. Brownies (2nd & 3rd Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.

Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.

Mrs. Jennifer White's class each wrote a thank you note to Mr. John Holbrook. Mr. John Holbrook was kind enough to carve EACH STUDENT IN ROCKCASTLE COUNTY a keychain.

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*An encouraging word:***Around the Bend**

By Howard Coop



It was a beautiful Sunday morning. Birds were singing, the sky was cloudless and blue, and the warm sun bathed the green hills. Spring, with all its beauty, was in the air.

As I drove down a familiar highway, I felt somewhat like the little girl in Robert Browning's poem Pippa Passes who, tripping along on a beautiful morning in the spring, sang joyfully, "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world," and everything did seem right that morning.

After crossing a creek, I continued up a hill. As I approached the top of the hill, the road seemed to disappear from my vision; looking ahead I could not see it. But I slowed a bit, went around a sharp curve, and as I turned over the hill, the road came back into view. At that moment, I thought of a poem, one of the more popular poems of Helen Steiner Rice, The End of the Road Is But a Bend in the Road. Then, after

driving a few miles, I reached my destination, and the day was pleasant.

On more than one occasion, I have been there, and so have many others. And it was not a pleasant experience. Everything seemed to be going so well. In words of Browning's poem, "The world was dew-peared." Then, something unexpected and totally devastating happened. It was like the bottom had dropped out of life, and there seemed to be nothing but darkness ahead. It looked like the end of the road had appeared, for the way ahead could not be seen.

But, we discover, it was not the end. It was only a bend in the road of life, for life went on. As Mrs. Rice wrote, "...together we stand at life's crossroads and view what we think is the end, but God has a bigger vision and He tells us it's ONLY A BEND..." Around the bend, "the road goes on and is smoother..."

Great Impressions: Prints by Kentucky Artisans opens Mar. 5

A new gallery exhibit "Great Impressions: Prints by Kentucky Artisans" opens March 5 at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, showcasing the work of 20 Kentucky printmakers.

Printmaking is one of the oldest forms of illustration and this exhibit includes works made with an array of printmaking techniques selected by each artist to translate their individual expression and style. Printmaking methods can be quick and immediate or methodical and complex. These 20 artists have created images that tell stories and narratives, illustrate realism and nature, show humor, clarify points of view and show graphic abstraction.

Woodcuts and wood engravings by Paul S. Muth and John Andrew Dixon show the range of details possible in black and white – from simple outlined chairs printed on fabric to an intricate portrait of sea otters.

Prints made from metal and copper plates using etching and intaglio processes offer the printmaker the ability to create delicate lines and rich areas of black or color. Anna Marie Pavlik's intaglio work "Tatanka: Tall Grass Prairie" portrays a buffalo and the complexities of the community of plants and animals that live on the Great Plains.

Nicole Hand uses three copper plates printed in four colors to convey a rich and abstract image.

"I was considering the ritual of death, the tented grave and the ties that hold a family together," said Hand, "and I chose the etching process for its rich and wonderful line quality."

Printmakers in this show are both illustrators and story tellers. The detailed wood engraving of the insect "Arilus Cristatus Epoch" by Joanne Price gives a precise illustration of this beneficial insect. Sara Turner has created "Our Secret Place," a five-color screen print illustrating a fanciful childhood hideaway, while Charlsa Hensley has created "Bayfield," an intaglio print that tells her family history with historical documents of a catastrophic flood.

In turn, Debby Stratford has created "Dancing in the Blue Water" to relay and celebrate both her admiration of water and her wistful desire to overcome a fear of it. David Mohallatee's travels in-

spired his work "Ecuador Journey I" which includes renderings of ancient figures.

Several artists have used multiple layered techniques to create a range of color and texture as in Marta Dorton's "Communicado" and Elizabeth Foley's "Mandala." The freshness of color is seen in the one-of-a-kind monotypes by Ellen Glasgow and Mark Needham.

Whimsy is also present in Todd Herzberg's "Theo," a portrait of his parent's dog and in the simple wind-blown collagraph "Clothes on the Line" by Louie Northern.

A meet-the-artist reception for this exhibit will be held on Sunday, March 13, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Artists in this exhibit include: John Andrew Dixon, Danville; Marta Dorton, Lexington; Jeff Enge, Berea; Elizabeth Foley, Lexington; Ellen Glasgow, Frankfort; Nicole Hand, Almo; Kayla Harned, Berea; Charlsa Hensley, Berea; Todd Herzberg, Lexington; David Mohallatee, Richmond; Paul S. Muth, Danville; Mark Needham, Louisville; Mary Nehring, Versailles; Louie Northern, Mt. Vernon; Anna Marie Pavlik, Frankfort; Joanne Price, Bagdad; Debby Stratford, Louisville; Sara Turner, Lexington; Cathy Vigor, Lexington; and Stephen Wiggins, Lexington.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. The exhibit, "Kentucky Clay: A Continuing Tradition" is on display in the lobby through June 30, 2016. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov or the center's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

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Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing! Child care and transportation provided. Call 606-256-5577.

Fellowship Meeting

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church Fellowship will be Monday, March 7th at 7 p.m. Bro. Chris McGuire will be the speaker this month.

Brother and Sister Ollie King and congregation invite all.

Benefit Auction

Higher Praise Ministries will hold a Benefit Auction on March 5th, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Rockcastle County High School cafeteria.

The auction will be preceded by a BBQ dinner at 5 p.m., \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door.

See their ad elsewhere in this week's Signal for a list of auction items.

Proceeds will go directly to the church's building fund for their planned new church home, located just off Highway 461.

Gospel Singing

Lighthouse Baptist Church will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, March 12 beginning at 6 p.m. New Harvest from Tennessee will be the featured singers.

The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.

Revival

Revival Services will be held at Sunrise Baptist Church March 13-16 at 7 o'clock each evening. Evangelist will be Bro. William Brown and there will be special singing each evening.

Everyone welcome.

For more information, call 606-425-0708.

Cornerstones at Wildie Christian

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Philadelphia Baptist Church News

Sunday services 10 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m. at Philadelphia United Baptist Church.

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Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for

any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x51

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

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Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 11 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Sam Dye, 2800 Bowling Ridge Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409, has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Laura Dye, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sam Dye on or before August 22, 2016 at 11 a.m. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that Mark Freeman, 5908 Deerfield Rd., Milford, Ohio 45150, has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Agnes Parnell, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mark Freeman or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or

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Estate of Carol Berniece McHargue, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Blaine McHargue or to Hon. Bobby Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 24, 2016 at 11 a.m. 9x3

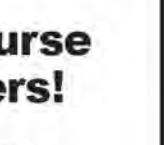
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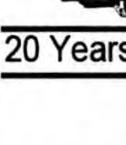
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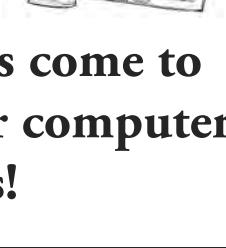
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LG&E and KU warn customers of scammers

It should come as no surprise that scammers are getting more and more sophisticated, but a new scam targeting Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities customers is taking things to the next level. This latest scheme uses a recording of the utilities' automated phone system to make the scam sound more authentic. LG&E and KU never calls customers requesting phone payments.

In an effort to help thwart off potential perpetrators, LG&E and KU are reminding customers of tips to help avoid getting swindled and to guard against scams that could be associated with our company.

Several utility fraud schemes have swept the nation in recent years targeting both residential and business customers alike.

One involves a caller who claims to be a utility employee and asks for immediate bill payment by credit card or prepaid money card. If the targeted customer does not cooperate, the caller threatens to disconnect the person's electric or natural gas service. In another, customers receive emails, from what appears to be their utility provider, stating a past due amount and directing them to click a link. In recent days, a caller leaves a message directing the customer to a fake number that's been set up to sound like the LG&E and KU automated phone system and provides a billing and payment menu option. Even the Caller ID, in some cases, has been altered to reflect the call is coming from an LG&E and KU number when it is not.

LG&E and KU offer the following SAFE advice to residential and business customers:

- Secure your personal information: LG&E and KU will never call and ask for credit or debit card numbers or other personal

information. Nor do the utilities ask their customers to go to a specific retail outlet to purchase pre-paid cards to make a utility bill payment.

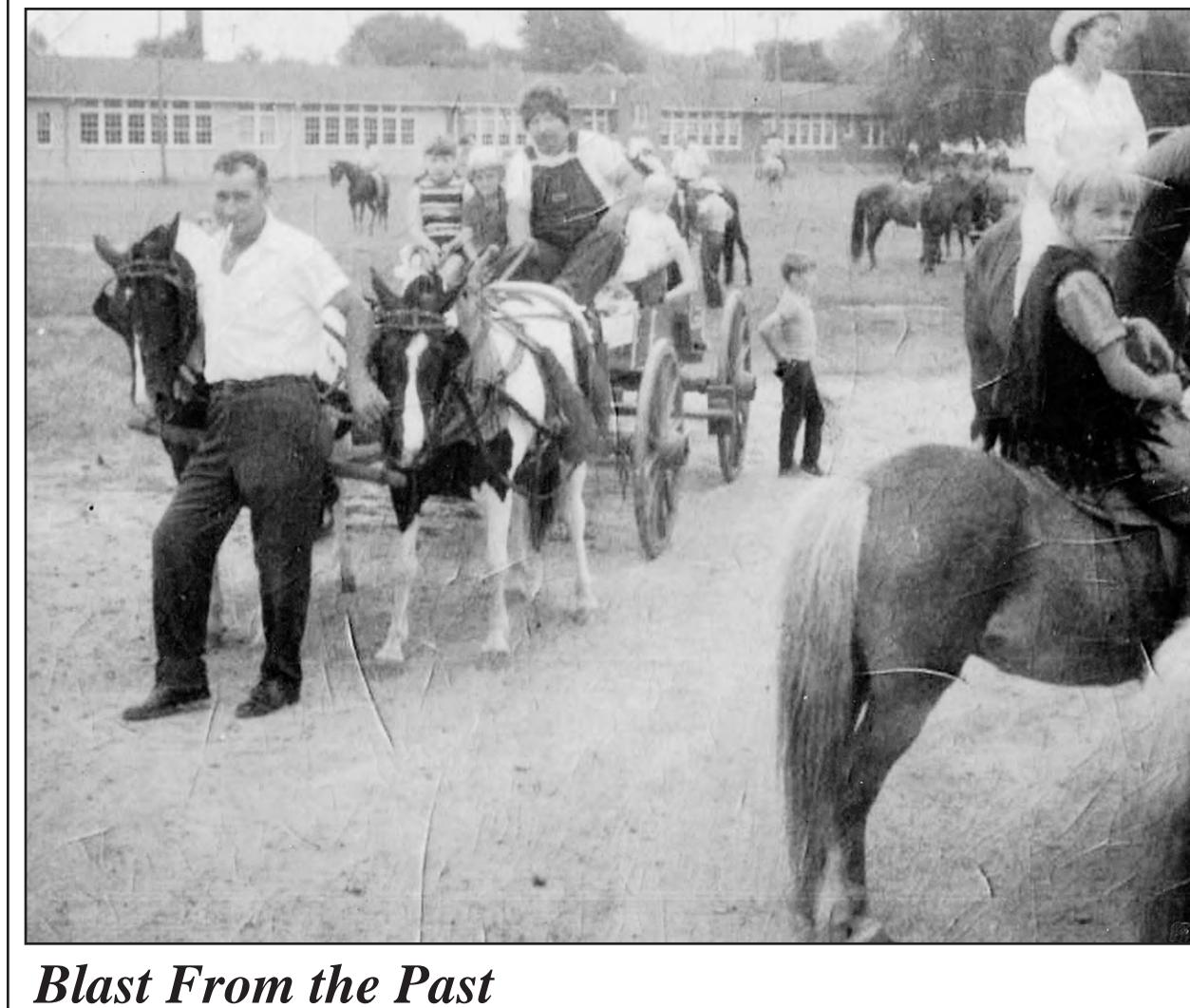
- Always remember you have bill payment options: LG&E and KU offer customers a variety of official payment options. A complete list can be found here.

- First check with LG&E and KU: Customers who receive a suspicious phone call, voicemail, email or letter should contact LG&E and KU directly using the company's official contact channels. The utilities will always verify official communications. LG&E customers should call 502-589-1444 (outside Louisville at 1-800-331-7370); KU customers should call 1-800-981-0600.

- Elect to receive billing notifications through MyAccount: Customers can choose how and when they would like to receive timely reminders about their monthly bills by signing up for billing notifications.

While there are many reasons the utilities may visit a customer's home or business, including to read the meter, respond to a report of an outage or to inspect equipment, in-person contact at a customer's home or business never involves collecting payment for a monthly bill.

LG&E and KU encourage customers to always obtain positive identification in the event someone appears at their door stating they are there on any company's behalf. LG&E and KU employees and contractors carry authentic company ID badges which show the companies' logos. An employee ID card always has the employee's name and color photograph on the front as well. If a customer is ever in doubt, they should call the official contact numbers above for verification.



Blast From the Past

Willard Nicely of Brodhead submitted this photo from Dairy Day in June of 1970. Mr. Nicely said the ponies in the photo were bought in 1964 from Jack Noe of Mt. Vernon and were named after Jack's wife and Jesse Bradley's wife, Ada and Nellie. Mr. Nicely's brother is standing in front holding the ponies and Junior Nicely, the man driving the wagon is "Candy Man." His mother, Mammy Nicely and sister, Dora James are riding in the wagon, along with several of his nieces, nephews and friends. The lady on the horse is Bonnie Hysinger and the little boy in front is her son, Richard Hysinger.

Free booklet helps students, parents plan for college

Kentuckians planning for higher education will find "The College Circuit," a booklet published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), to be a useful resource.

It can be used by students ranging in age from middle school to adults. Parents and counselors can also use it to help their students plan and pay for college. The booklet includes information about careers, college preparation, state and federal financial aid, tips for parents, online re-

sources and a template for setting up a personal college plan.

Students and families will also find detailed information about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program. The booklet shows the steps involved in applying for federal student aid and provides guidance on borrowing student loans.

To request copies, email publications@kheaa.com or use the order form on www.kheaa.com. KHEAA is the state

agency that administers KEES, need-based grants and other programs to help students pay for college.

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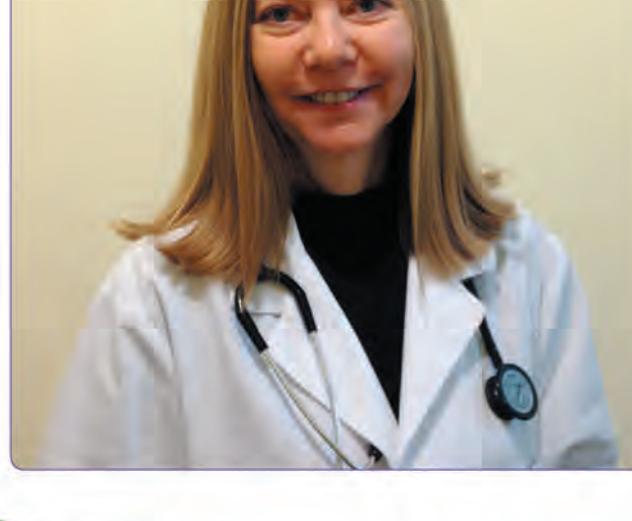
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Dr. Rebecca Hammond has returned to her native Rockcastle County to practice medicine. "I am coming home to care for people I know and grew up with," said Dr. Hammond.

Joining the physician team at Rockcastle Family Wellness, Dr. Hammond takes a holistic approach to patients and medicine. "There are many things that affect health and I try to empower the patient to maintain and improve their own well-being."

A board certified physician since 1996, she chose to specialize in family practice because she wanted to be able to care for all ages. The 1977 Rockcastle County High School graduate earned both her bachelors of science degree in nursing and medical degree from the University of Kentucky, before completing her residency at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, GA in 1996.

Dr. Hammond is excited about this next phase of her medical career and the opportunity to care for those in the county. "I have been a physician for over 20 years now, and I have learned that patients can make a tremendous improvement in their own health with the knowledge and help we can give them. I want to share with them what I have learned so they can become their own best healer."



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Robert Connell, 48, of Mount Vernon was flown to the U.K. Medical Center with non life threatening injuries after crashing a Redi Mix Concrete truck Tuesday on Big Cave Road in Orlando. John Dyehouse, Brodhead Fire Chief, said this was a complicated extraction with many tools having to be used to rescue Connell. The truck left the roadway and went over an embankment with the drum of the truck falling further down the hill. On the scene were members of the Brodhead Fire Department, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Rockcastle EMS, Rockcastle EMA, Air Methods, Rockcastle Sheriff's Office, the Kentucky State Police and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined.

Trump wins Rockcastle and Kentucky

Kentucky Caucus labeled success

By: Mike French

Nearly 18% of Rockcastle County registered Republican voters showed up at the Republican Caucus Saturday and nearly 45% of those voted for Donald Trump. Statewide, Trump took the victory as well but with only 35.92% of the vote.

According to Doris Cromer, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Republican Party, there were 1,652 votes in the county of 9,278 registered Republicans.

Results for the Rockcastle Caucus are:

Donald Trump	743
Ted Cruz	481
Marco Rubio	235
John Kasich	164
Ben Carson	16

There were 26 delegates up for grabs in Kentucky and Trump took 17 while Cruz took 15, Rubio and Kasich each took seven.

The next election is Tuesday, May 17. Even if you voted in the caucus, you may still vote on May 17 for other offices.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 8.

Rockcastle County Caucus results

Donald Trump	743
Ted Cruz	481
Marco Rubio	235
John Kasich	164
Ben Carson	16
Uncommitted	7
Jeb Bush	2
Rand Paul	2
Chris Christie	1
Mike Huckabee	1

Allen gives court \$103K in excess fees

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen had a nice surprise for the Rockcastle Fiscal Court Tuesday when she presented them with a check for \$103,615 for excess fees for 2015. The amount estimated by Allen in her 2015 budget for excess fees had been just over \$40,000.

When asked what the difference was by County Treasurer Joe Clontz, Allen put it succinctly, "We were up on income and down on ex-

penses." Allen went on to say that she had two clerk positions that were not filled for several months that contributed to the increase in excess fees.

The court also heard a report from Lynn Tatum, Director of the Rockcastle Development Board, who said that she was working with Livingston Mayor Jason Medley to develop Livingston's assets into income-producing assets.

Tatum said that plans were afoot to promote Livingston as a wedding destination and a bridal show, including presentations by local musicians, catering, florists, photogra-

phers, was planned for March 23rd to provide information as to what is available.

Tatum said that a three-day bachelor party had already been booked for May with nine participants who planned to take full advantage of what is offered such as canoeing, fishing, caving, etc.

Tatum also asked for permission to apply for a Brownfield Grant, Phases I and II. Phase one of the grant would be a visual survey of the Livingston School building to establish the need for testing for hazardous materials. If indicated (See "Court" on A5)

150 new jobs coming to county at SourceHOV

By: Mike French

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced 150 new jobs at SourceHOV in Mount Vernon, according to Kentucky State Representative Jonathan Shell. The new jobs are part of an effort to digitize veteran's medical records.

During a budget hearing for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Congressman Hal Rogers questioned VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald about efforts to improve management, reduce waiting lists for veterans seeking medical treatment and enhance prescription opioid abuse prevention efforts.

A release from Sen. Harold Rogers' office said the senator applauded the VA for ramping up efforts to digitize VA medical

records. In an effort to speed up the digitization process, the VA recently announced the new 150 jobs in Mount Vernon.

In an unexpected turn of events, Rogers said that he received reports that waiting lists have increased by 50% in one year's time after Congress appropriated \$15 billion to "reduce the wait lists" last year.

Shell agreed that this will provide good opportunities for residents of Rockcastle County. "I will continue doing everything I can to bring economic opportunity to the people of Rockcastle County," said Shell.

Shell said the new jobs coming to Mount Vernon will focus on making the claims process more efficient to ensure veterans' access to rightfully-

earned benefits.

The 150 new jobs are expected to have an impact on the local economy and according to Lori Jones, H&R Director at SourceHOV, hiring of the new employees is already underway.

(See "Court" on A5)

High-speed Internet coming to county

Kentucky ranks last in nation in internet speed

By: Mike French

Most people have heard the remark, "what are the three keys to a successful business? Location, location and location." However, this may not be the case anymore, according to Larry Combs, Director of Technology and Business Ser-

vices at the Center for Rural Development.

"In this age of technology, the first question a new business needs to know is, 'do you have high speed internet and data in your area?'" Combs said.

Thanks to the Kentucky Wired project, Rockcastle

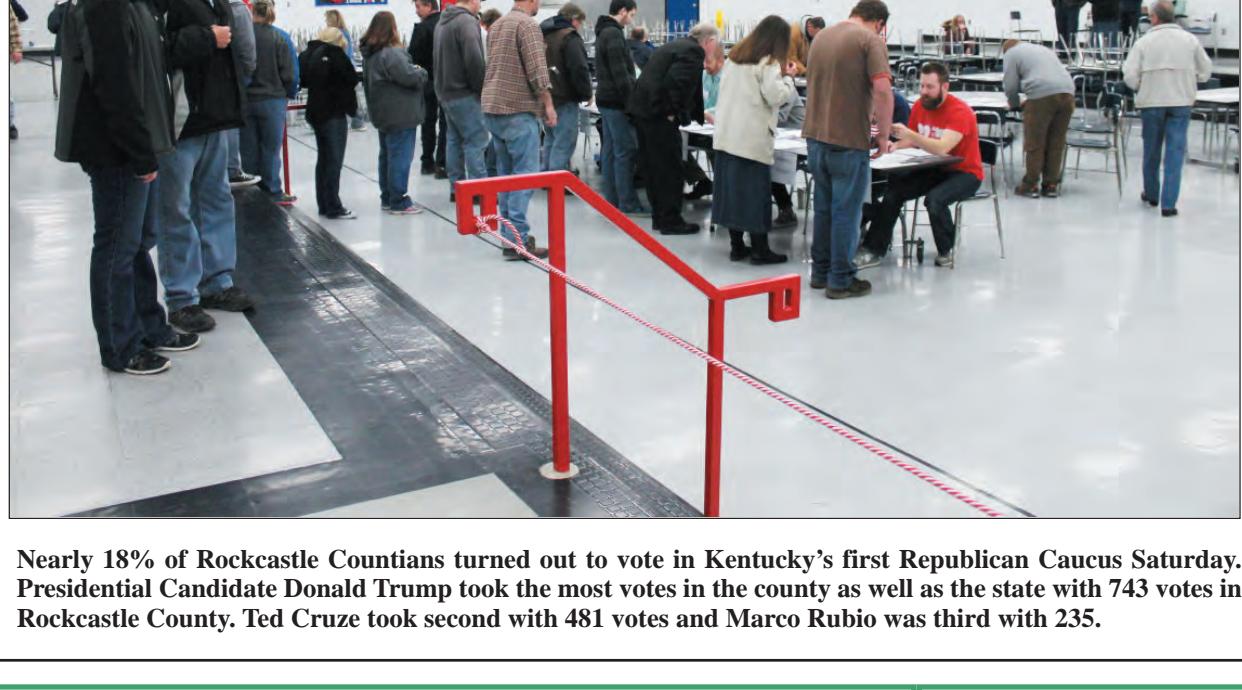
County will have the same, or better, data transfer speeds as the largest cities in the country sometime next year.

Kentucky Wired, also known as the "Kentucky I-Way," has begun a project bringing fiber optic cables, with 288 strands that can

carry the fastest data transfer in the country, directly through Rockcastle County.

According to Combs, Kentucky is currently ranked in last place as the state with the slowest average internet speed in

(See "Speed" on A7)



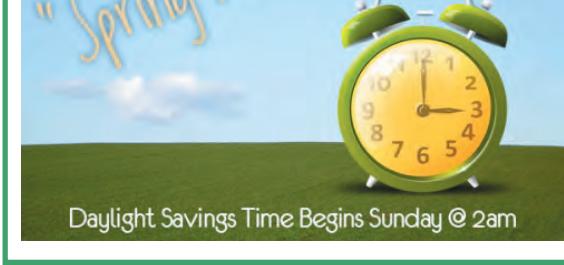
Nearly 18% of Rockcastle Countians turned out to vote in Kentucky's first Republican Caucus Saturday. Presidential Candidate Donald Trump took the most votes in the county as well as the state with 743 votes in Rockcastle County. Ted Cruz took second with 481 votes and Marco Rubio was third with 235.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Sitting in a 1971 Chevelle, cruising the back roads, I had a bench seat and a headlight dimmer switch on the floor. I had an 8-track tape player with Elvis bursting my Pioneer speakers.

In the glove box, beside the ash tray and cigarette lighter, I had four more 8-track tapes. The Eagles greatest hits, Bob Seger, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, and my band at the time, Train 45. (We sold our 8-track recordings for \$3.)

This car didn't have seat belts but that was before making seat belt buckles was a billion dollar industry that donated to election campaigns.

Back home, I was proud of my Cannon AE-1, 35mm camera. I enjoyed photography so much that I built a dark room in our basement and could develop and print black and white photos. Because of my interest, I studied photography and dark-room technology extensively.

I got good enough at it that I could get something out of film, that the big photo labs would have returned as "ruined" film. If I ever considered myself an expert at anything, it was darkroom work. I could perform "miracles" with those chemicals and knew the stuff the books didn't mention and only experience could teach.

I also owned a Commodore 64 home computer and began to learn "Q-Basic" programming. By no means my specialty but I could create a program and play black jack with the computer.

So those are some of the ways that I was getting ahead of the curve in life. Even in my early 20s I knew I needed to be good at some things so that as I aged, I could be proficient at something.

Well, talk about a wasted youth!

There is nothing about a car today that is the same as they were back then except the gas is on the right.

As far as 8-track tapes, when cassettes first came out, all my 8-tracks were useless. I couldn't even find players for 8-track anymore.

So I bought all new stuff in cassette. A few years later, out comes the CDs and my cassettes were useless.

Not to mention that I still had a couple hundred of my band's 8-track tapes that I could no longer sell because no one could play them anymore. They became useless.

Then, along came digital photography. Suddenly there was no need for film of any kind. Hence, a darkroom to develop and manipulate film was not needed. A basement full of chemicals, print paper, and enlargers were suddenly obsolete.

Years of self training, useless.

Then came a huge step in computer technology. The Commodore 64 company developed a way to store programs one had written onto a cassette tape (As long as it was less than 64K in size.)

That way, once I wrote a program, instead of losing it all when I turned the computer off at night, I could store that program on tape and then reload it later without having to rewrite the entire thing.

I thought that was a great idea. Unfortunately, so did IBM.

Suddenly there were home computers everywhere that stored everything you typed and used a completely different programming language. Nothing I had learned in college or my self-training was worth a plug nickel. Suddenly Commodore 64s were discontinued.

You guessed it, years of training, useless.

As I look back over my...X number of years, I can think of many things I have learned and studied

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Points East

By Ike Adams



According to an internet post I just read, from The Old Farmer's Almanac, 2016 will mark the earliest spring of any of our lives.

Before you get your hopes up, we are only talking about it being a day or so early, or even a few hours, depending on where you live, and only because of the way leap years are calculated. Officially, on your calendar, the first day of spring will be March 20. It's usually the 21st. But the almanac claims that the vernal equinox, one of only 2 days each year when the day is equally divided between daylight and darkness, will actually take place on March 18 or 19.

It's too complicated to explain in the space your newspaper allots my drivel, but you can look it up yourself at: <http://www.almanac.com/blog/astronomy/astronomy/earliest-spring-our-lives>. It's actually pretty interesting reading.

In the meantime, it is March in Kentucky and you can be reasonably sure that, if you don't like the weather right now, wait a few hours and it will change and keep changing until you finally get something you can enjoy for at least a few minutes.

I recall one year, in mid-March back in the 1990's, when we had a genuine blizzard in Garrard County with snow drifts several feet deep, completely covering the fence rows on one side of highway 52 and grass poking up on the other side. As I recall, we experienced, at least locally, both the warmest and coldest days of winter in March of that year.

On the other hand, it has felt like March, to me, ever since Thanksgiving.

As most of you know, if you regularly read this column, I contend with Parkinson's disease. I don't say I "battle" it, beyond taking medication three times daily, because that would imply putting up a fight and expending a lot of effort trying to fix something that can't be fixed. It simply is what it is and there it is and there's not a thing I can do about, so why waste effort?

Mr. Parkinson affects different people in very different ways that are often peculiar to our own situations.

We Parkinson's patients all put up with a bunch of common physical and mental limitations caused by our brains' inability to produce sufficient dopamine but the way we react to any given

situation is oftentimes radically different from other people who have contend with the same disease.

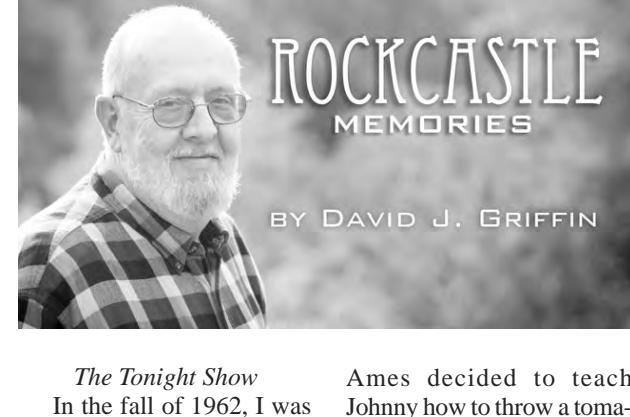
I do not, for example, know of any other Parkinson's patient who is as aggravated by frequent changes in barometric/atmospheric pressure as yours truly.

Matters not if it is high or low, I can get adjusted to a change in pressure within a matter of hours and function relatively normal. But it seems to me that, except for a scant few consecutive days, the barometric pressure has not stayed steady for more than a few hours at a time since late last fall and it usually starts changing well before I've had time to get used to it.

Changing temperatures, sunny or overcast conditions or falling weather (rain, snow, etc.) have no noticeable effect on my ability to function if they are not accompanied by rapid rises or falls in pressure.

I can't usually tell which way it's going unless I already know where it is. But I can darn sure tell you if it's moving because I get splitting headaches, lose equilibrium/balance and muscle control. My left arm and hand, which function at less than 50% in the best of circumstances, go completely out of control and I don't even try to negotiate the stairs or porch steps unless I have a sturdy rail for my right hand or someone to lean on.

So come on spring and hurry up about it too. And while you are at it, please let this March weather that began over 100 days ago finally come to an end.



ROCKCASTLE
MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

The Tonight Show

In the fall of 1962, I was a freshman at the University of Kentucky. At the time, I had several new friends, and we watched a lot of late-night television in the basement of our dorm.

One of the new shows that several of us found to be almost addictive was The Tonight Show, starring Johnny Carson. Johnny's wit and intellect made him the perfect host for the college crowd. Also, his guest list was appropriate for those of us who caught his show on a regular basis.

One of my best friends at the time was Steve Stacey, who was also my first college roommate. Steve and I got into the habit of watching Johnny whenever we did not have a late night social arrangement. If we were available, we would gather up some liquid refreshment and some snacks in order to enjoy the TV show without interruption. I can vividly remember the experience of "rolling on the floor" at some of Johnny's antics, particularly those involving the "Mighty Carson Art Players." Several other dorm residents frequently joined us for our favorite television show.

The Tonight Show began its long run on NBC television on October 1, 1962 and ran until May 22, 1992. For thirty years, Johnny entertained late-night America on a regular basis. For many of those 30 years, I was a fixture in front of a television set somewhere. I became one of his best fans. Some of the shows have become all-time favorites of the regular viewing audience.

One of the funniest segments was the night that Ed One of my favorite segments was the night that Dean Martin arrived on the set unannounced. Johnny was taken completely off-guard. Dean walked onto the set with, as usual, a drink in one hand and a cigarette in the other. Johnny tasted a sample of Dean's drink and declared, "I hope you don't have to cough, you will set off the sprinkler system!" Dean became a regular guest on Johnny's show.

Presently, the re-runs of

The Tonight Show are airing on local television in Lexington. Because Kathy and I are both retired, we have become regular fans of Johnny and his shenanigans all over again. We watch him nearly every night. It is a great way to end our day, overcome with laughter. We sometimes laugh until we are crying.

Isn't television wonderful? I am enjoying Johnny Carson again just like I did as a freshman in college in 1962. It's great to have him back to entertain us once again.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOP Struggling...

Dear Editor,

Watching these past months as my beloved GOP struggles to choose a standard bearer reminds me of a "truer-than-most" tale my Dad told of two snakes in the woods trying to eat one

another. One was doing quite well, never realizing that he had gotten hold of the wrong tail and swallowed himself - until he got to the eyes. Oops!

Thanks for the space.
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Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

The passage of bills that would help children with disabilities, preserve rights of victims in criminal cases, and fight for the rights of the unborn highlighted another busy week in the Senate. Last Thursday marked day 40 of our 60-day legislative session in Frankfort, and we are still anxiously awaiting a budget bill from our colleagues in the House.

A couple of my bills saw movement. My Senate Bill (SB) 192 would make it a requirement for all public high school students to pass a basic civics test. The exam would be made up of 100 questions drawn from the test administered by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. There



would be no cost to school districts as the exam, along with study materials, are available online through the Joe Foss Foundation. The Senate Education Committee passed the bill on Thursday.

The Senate passed my SB 188 by a vote of 38-0. This bill is an oil and gas modernization bill that establishes requirements for permitting and regulation of test wells.

Last week we passed another pro-life bill, Senate Bill (SB) 152. The bill requires a woman to get an ultrasound prior to obtaining an abortion. We also passed legislation that would reorganize the structure of the Kentucky State Fair Board in order to maximize state efficiency, and a similar bill, SB 200, which would reorganize the Kentucky Horse Park Commission to create better financial planning and accountability within the Commission while also offering better representation of those

who most use the park.

Here is a look at some other significant bills that passed the Senate this week:

- Senate Bill 179, known as the "ABLE Act," would allow parents of disabled children the opportunity to establish a bank account for their child's disability-related expenses without fear of losing eligibility for federal benefits.

- Senate Bill 175, also known as "Marsy's Law," would ensure that victims of crime have the same co-equal rights as the accused and convicted.

- Senate Bill 37 would give prosecutors the option to charge a minor younger than 18 giving or receiving a digital nude picture of himself, herself, or another minor with strong but smaller penalties than a felony.

- Senate Bill 168, relating to municipal audits, would keep local governments accountable and provide in-

creased transparency for their financial actions.

- Senate Bill 106, well-known as the "Charlie Brown Bill," passed the Senate and protects religious freedoms in school productions.

- Senate Bill 173 would encourage free enterprise by not giving government a leg up on local business when making purchases.

- Senate Bill 141 would encourage better local representation on municipal utilities boards.

- Senate Bill 188 is a continuation of efforts to modernize Kentucky oil and gas regulations. It would make test wells subject to current oil and gas permitting, reporting, and construction standards.

March 3 was the last day to file bills in the Senate. We will begin hearing House bills in our Senate committees in the coming weeks. As we enter the homestretch of the 2016 Session, some tough decisions will need to be made, along with some compromises.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

action in a related case.

The budget process seems to go on forever, perhaps too long for many. But the work of our subcommittees, which has been ongoing for several weeks now, is a reminder that the process is working as it should.

The Executive Branch budget is typically not voted on by the House budget committee until after the first week of March, as was the case during the 2012 and 2014 sessions. That is expected to be the case again this session. The budget subcommittees are expected to meet up to that point and possibly beyond.

Education is always at the top of our list for funding in a budget session, however this year is particularly challenging because of the more than \$30 billion pension liability Kentucky faces. K-12 education comprises around 44 percent of all state General Fund spending, with post-secondary education claiming a share of around 14 percent. The next largest share of General Fund spending goes to health care—or, specifically, state Medicaid—which claims around 13 percent of General Fund appropriations.

On a more personal note, last week we marked National Future Farmers of America Week. As a proud former member of FFA, this is something that is near and dear to my heart. FFA was extremely important in helping me develop many skills and gave me many opportunities and relationships that I wouldn't have had otherwise.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues facing our Commonwealth during the 2016 Regular Session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via email at jonathan.shell@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature at www.lrc.ky.gov.

I had to learn by placing a Pepsi can on an album to slow down the music so I could try to figure out how someone played a note.

But with all the social media, a nine year-old kid can play things that it took me 15 years to learn.

I could go on and on about how we used to use wax to paste up newspapers and had to use a knife to cut headlines onto a page as opposed to these days when you just hit "send."

One simply has to accept the changing world and realize that many (if not most) of the things that you are learning to do right now, will be completely useless in 20 years.

The problem is, we never know which things will be obsolete in 2036 so we can't stop learning.

But it does make one wonder, what did my grandfather learn and take pride in that no one even knows exists anymore?

And what are our kids learning now that they will never use?

Here's to trying to keep up and to hoping that at least a few of the important things never change.

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Bus Drills - Early Dismissal

Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills on Thursday, March 17th. Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal. **No school on Friday, March 18th - CKEA.**

Brodhead Alumni Banquet

The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held at the Brodhead Elementary gym on Sat., April 2nd at 6 p.m. This year honor classes are: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Ladonna's Catering of London will be provided the meal. \$20 per person and reservations should be made by March 20th. Send checks, made payable to Brodhead Alumni, to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

US 25 Yard Sale

June 2, 3 and 4, 2016. 5th Annual US 25 Yard Sale. Woodfin, NC and Rocky Top, TN to Richwood, KY. The nation's 4th longest yard sale event. 859-779-3005 or <https://www.facebook.com/US 25 YARD SALE>.

RCHS Class of 2006 Reunion

Time has flown by and plans are being made for our class reunion. Volunteers are needed to get the planning started. If you are interested in being involved with the committee, please make plans to attend our first committee meeting at Rockcastle County Middle School on Thursday, March 10th (today) at 5 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

MVFD Fundraiser

The Mt. Vernon Fire Department is holding a fundraiser. For a donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a free 8x10 color portrait (a \$30 value). Pictures will be taken at the MVFD in the near future. All funds collected will be used for operation of the fire department. Volunteers for the department will be going door-to-door soliciting these donations and will have identification.

Free Community Lunch

To show their appreciation for community leaders, First Baptist Church will have a Free Community Lunch on Thursday, March 10th from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. There will also be prizes and giveaways! Please RSVP to 606-256-2922.

Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans

American Legion Post 71 would like to contact Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to: PO Box 1467, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by no later than March 18, 2016 or send info to info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814.

Hot Rod Sign-ups Begin

Hot Rod Sign-ups for 3,4 and 5 year olds will be held the first and second weekends of April at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child. Adult shirts will be available for \$13 (extra dollar per x) at the sign-up. The shirts this year will carry a picture of the late Anthony Reams' car. Hot Rod coaches teach the basics of the game but the main objective is to have fun. The season begins the last Saturday in April. There will be a picnic the second week end of July to end the season.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take." Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Obituaries



Lana Jean Albright

Lana Jean Albright, 74, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Diversicare of Claiborne in New Tazwell, TN. She was born December 22, 1941 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Elmer Raymond and Martha Marie Carter Owens. She was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church, Brodhead Auxiliary, Brodhead Homemakers, NOAH Club and WMU. She found great joy in fishing, camping, embroidery, clogging and spending time with her family. She had previously been the Cafeteria Manager of the Rockcastle High School and an Avon representative.

On November 5th, 1960, she married Moses Everett Albright, who preceded her in death in 2005, after 45 years of marriage. From that union came four children, Teresa, Larry, Tim and Shonna.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Teresa Ann (Frank) Lawrence, Larry Everett (Betty) Albright and Timothy Ray (Anita) Albright, all of Brodhead, and Shonna Jean (Ricky) Westerfield of Livingston; grandchildren, Jamie Shafer, Rebecca Lawrence, Shannon Isaacs, Matt Wilder, Sandy Alexander, Brady, Jacklyn, Dustin, Timothy Keith and Justin Albright; great grandchildren, Jackie and Joanie Alexander, Keaton and Jenna Shafer, Lane and Eli Wilder, and Ella Albright; sister, Mary Ann (Garner) Brown of Brodhead; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

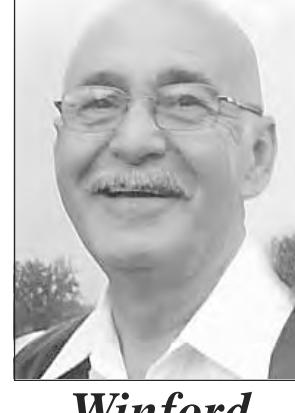
Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: brothers, Kenneth, Harvey Paul, and infant Herman Ray Owens; and sisters, Marie Burton, Juanita Simpson and Janet Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Toby Mullins and Bro. Don Jones officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Jean Albright's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

Casketbearers were: Robert G. Brown, Jr., Chris Albright, Justin S. Albright, Dustin Albright, Chris Childress, Scott Harper and Daryl Shafer.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Winford Cummins

Winford Cummins, 64, born January 3, 1952 in Crab Orchard, died Thursday, March 3, 2016 in Knoxville, TN. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. He was also an active member of the community throughout his life, participating over the years as a Special Olympics Coach, President of the Pulaski Beagle Club, showed racking horses for several years, and was a member, teacher, and caller of the Somerset Square Dancing Club and the Fort Logan Pioneers Square Dancing Club. Additionally, he was an avid Bible scholar, and Sunday School Teacher and loved sharing his knowledge of God's word.

He was a professional barber for over 45 years, and was currently working at Brian's Barber Shop and Hair Design in Somerset.

He is survived by: his daughter, Amanda Prentice, son-in-law, Dave Prentice, and granddaughter, Kailyn Prentice of Lexington; son, Ryan Godbey, and his wife, Sarah Todd Godbey, of Somerset; mother, Flossie Cummins of Crab Orchard; brother, Charles Lee (Jelean) Cummins of Winchester; sisters, Freida French, and her husband Dallas Harold, of Simpsonville and Marlene Cummins Falconberry, of Eubank; and girlfriend, Rita Haynes, of Russell Springs.

He is also survived by: several nieces and nephews, Randall (Betty) Brown; Tammy (Wayne) Taylor; Angela French; Brittany Brown and children Tate, Jayden, and Zariya; Ashley Falconberry Lovett and husband Kyle and daughter Kiley; Tiffany French; Alisha Falconberry and boyfriend Alan; Olivia Brown; and Matthew Brown.

He was preceded in death by: his father, E. J. Cummins; sister, Treva Cummins Brown; and brother, Dearl Cummins.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be pleased with donations being made in his name to the American Heart Association.

Pallbearers were: Brian Dalton, Brandon Colyer, Butch and Darrell Kirby, Debbie Cummins, Michael Smith, and Robert and Larry Reynolds.

Honorary pallbearers were: Ryan Godbey, Dave Prentice, Gary Reynolds, Harold French, Matthew Brown and Tate Johnson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 6, 2016 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mike Winters officiating. Burial was in Bethel Church of Christ Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

William Melcher

The wife of William (Bill) Melcher would like to thank everyone who helped with his funeral. Thanks to those who brought food and the ladies who cooked at Brodhead Baptist Church, for the flowers, cards, gifts and prayers.

A special thanks to Marvin and Judy Owens, Dwayne for the songs, the medical staff at Rockcastle Hospital, doctors, Lifeline and Hospice who helped take care of my husband. Thanks also to Bro. Don Jones and Bro. Wayne Harding.

*Lena Marie Melcher
Alvin and Donna Pigg*



**Richard L.
(Rick)
Combs**

Richard L. (Rick) Combs, 57, of Brindle Ridge, died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at his home following a long illness. He was born in Madison County on March 3, 1959, the son of Robert (Bobby) and Jean Wilson Combs. He was a self-employed mechanic and he and his wife Kathy were owners of Ricks Excavating and Ricks Towing and Truck Repair. He was also a member of Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, loved to fish and loved old classic cars.

He is survived by: his wife of nine years, Kathy Parsons Combs; four sons, Rodney (Amy) Combs and Eric (Briget) Barnes, both of Berea, Adam (Sarah) Parsons of Mt. Vernon and Blake Saylor of London; three daughters, Tabitha (Phillip) Combs of Georgetown, Hilary Combs of Berea and Traci Parsons of Mt. Vernon; three stepchildren, Becky (Randy) Bullock, Clinton (Sherry) Parsons, and Cathy (Larry) Kaluzny; his mother, Jean Combs of Berea; and two sisters, Lesa (Larry) Combs of Berea and Kim (Steve) Kellerman of Richmond. Also surviving are: three grandchildren, Summer Barnes, Eric Barnes, and Jayden Combs; special grandchildren, Madeline Paige Parsons and Dillon Parsons; step grandchildren, Will and Deanna Parsons, Sherry and Chris Whitt, and Allen Druin; and step great grandchildren, Cierra and Camryn Druin, Bryan and Nykalya Whitt, and Christian and James Parsons.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents and one brother, Bruce Combs.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church by Bro. Jerry Owens. Burial followed in Saylor Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Eric Haycraft, Mike Williams, Blake Saylor, Ricky Healy, Clinton Parsons and William Parsons.

Honorary pallbearers were: Adam Parsons, Chris Whitt, Robert Gregory, Chester Powell, Billy Anglin, Randy Anglin, Randy Bullock, Bubby Parsons, Joey Croucher, Clarence "Floppy" Blevins and Larry Kaluzny.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

*Please visit
www.DowellMartin.com to view
online obituary.*

Dillie Marie Elliott

Dillie Marie Elliott, 87, mother of June (Ronnie) Smith, Imogene Renner, Connie (Rob) Barnes and Donna Cameron/Hines, died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility.

Visitation will be Friday, March 11, from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial will follow in the Phelps Cemetery.

*Condolences to the family may be made at
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com*



**Kyle Edward
(Rick)
Combs**

Kyle Edward Bowman, 32, of Mt. Vernon, died suddenly Sunday, March 6, 2016. He was born March 26, 1983 and was a self-employed mechanic. He attended Berea College and Eastern Kentucky University, loved sports, and was a very avid and loyal fan of the Green Bay Packers and Notre Dame Fighting Irish. He had lived in Rockcastle and Madison Counties most of his life and faithfully attended Church on the Rock.

Survivors include: his mother, Carol Vaughn (Lynn) Abrams; his father, Edward "Mickey" Bowman; fiancée, Nikki Slone; four children, Emaleigh Jayde Bowman, Brody Asher Robin Bowman, Raiden Slone and Bella Slone; two siblings, Bryan Douglas Phillips and Kelley Lynne (John) Wendel; as well as a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one sister, Tracy Leigh Phillips.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Repert Funeral Home. Acceptance of friends at 12 noon.

Graveside committal service with burial of cremains at 3 p.m., Sunday March 20 at Davis-Witt Cemetery at Scaffold Cane in Rockcastle County.

Repert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.



**Brandi
Sexton**

Brandi Sexton, 36, of Lancaster, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 29, 2016 at her home. She was born December 10, 1979 in Richmond. She was the daughter of Bill Sexton and Peggy Taylor of Mt. Vernon. She was a Physical Therapist Assistant, enjoyed music, reading, and spending time with family and friends, and member of the Clear Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one sister, Ellen Ambrose; one sister-in-law, Roxie Ambrose; one brother-in-law, David Coffey; as well as, numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, relatives and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by seven siblings, Bessie Bargo, Carlouse Ambrose, Eva Ambrose, Thuresie Ambrose, Mary Coffey, William Ambrose, and Wayne Ambrose.

Survivors, besides her parents are: her husband, Robert Lee Lear, Jr. of Brodhead; three sons, Keegan Riddle of Brodhead, and Kooper Sexton-Lear, and Knox Sexton-Lear, both of Lancaster; one daughter, Kenley Wilson of Opelika, AL; and two sisters, Lacy Jones of Mt. Vernon, and Christy Cook of Brodhead.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Long and Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial was in the Clark Cemetery.

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**Donald
Ambrose**

Donald Ambrose, 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, March 6, 2016 at UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was a life-long resident of the Scaffold Cane section of Rockcastle County, born July 6, 1944, son of the late James Robert and Less Croucher Ambrose, a farmer, property owner and attended Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one sister, Ellen Ambrose; one sister-in-law, Roxie Ambrose; one brother-in-law, David Coffey; as well as, numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, relatives and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by seven siblings, Bessie Bargo, Carlouse Ambrose, Eva Ambrose, Thuresie Ambrose, Mary Coffey, William Ambrose, and Wayne Ambrose.

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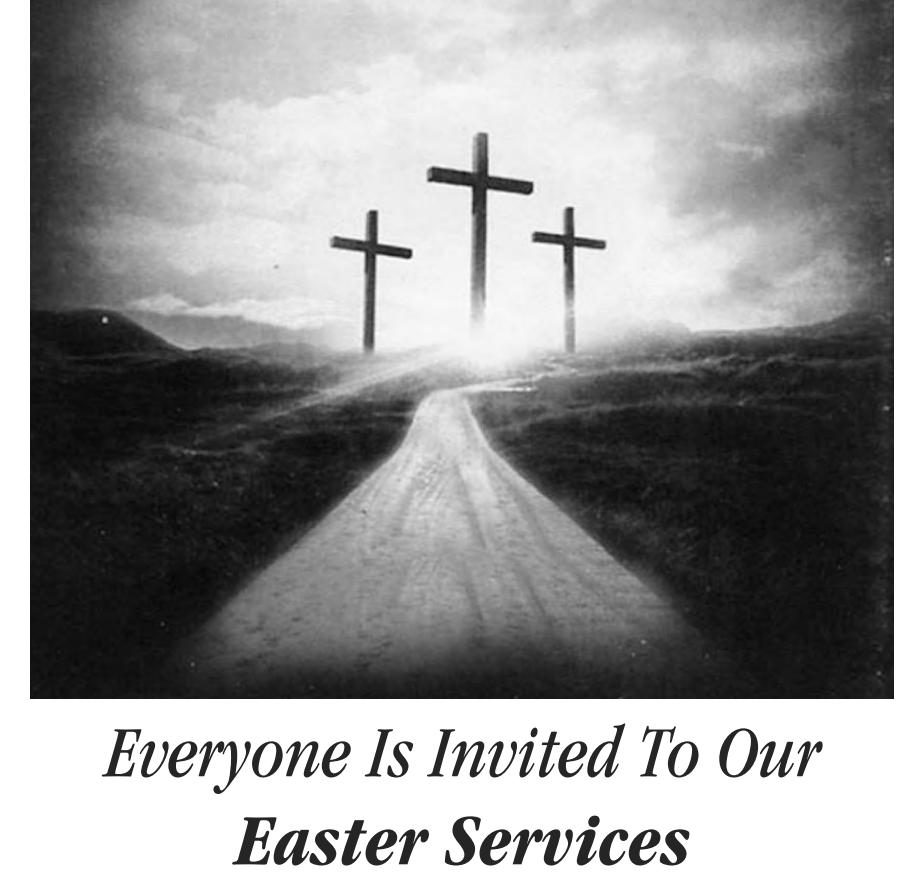
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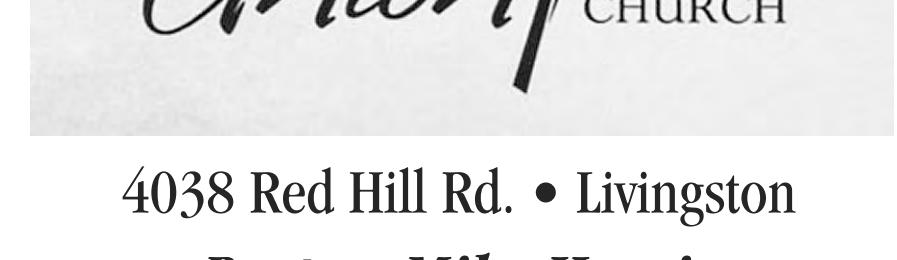
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Cemetery Notices

Bids Wanted by McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Board is now accepting bids for the 2016 upkeep and mowing season. All bids must be sealed and mailed to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and must be received by April 6, 2016. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Briarfield Cemetery

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Honor Flight Program

Veterans have opportunity to visit memorials in Washington, DC

There is no greater honor than to be of service to the individuals who built our nation after a world war and to those who are responsible for sustaining and maintaining our freedoms and the way of life we so cherish. The Honor Flight Program is one way of saying "Thank you, and Welcome home!" Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter flies veterans to Washington D.C. for a one-day all expenses paid trip to visit the memorials that have been built to honor their service and sacrifices.

In 2016, Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter will fly two missions to Washington-August 27th and October 1st flown out of Lexington Bluegrass Airport. Each hero will have a guardian (taken from the term guardian angel) accompany them on the flight. The trip can run 12 hours from wheels up to welcome home; and that guardian will be with their hero for every minute. If the hero needs a bottle of water, wants a picture taken, or simply wants to remember their military experiences: the guardian will be there for them. Veterans and their Guardians will depart Lexington Bluegrass Airport for Reagan Int'l Airport and arrive back in Lexington the same day. They visit the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Air Force Memorial, and the Arlington National Cemetery. The public is invited and encouraged to welcome home HFK flights as they return from Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter is now taking applications for the flights out of Lexington, KY for Veterans, Guardian and Volunteers. Applications can be found on line at their website: www.honorflightbluegrass.org or by contacting George Campbell (888) 432-2965 or george@honorflightky.org.

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cated, the second phase would provide for the actual testing for asbestos, chemical vapors, lead paint, etc. all at no cost to the county.

The testing is necessary, Tatum said, to protect volunteers working on the building.

The grant would be awarded through the Cumberland Valley Area Development District from the Kentucky Waste Program.

The director also said that a grant would be applied for in the future to remodel the third floor of the former school building, probably into a bed and breakfast for visitors. Tatum also said that plans for two rooms on the second floor of the building include an area for 5 to 12 year-olds and a room for teenagers, as a learning centers including computers. There is already a Space2Create room for younger children in the building.

Tatum also discussed with the court the Dr. John Parsons building on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. The building has been offered to the City of Mt. Vernon but she said that the first step would be to determine if the building can be preserved and, if not, a grant would be applied for to demolish the structure.

Fiscal Court Secretary Patricia Martin gave the court an update on their costs/reimbursements from the Livingston Sidewalk Project.

Martin told the court that she had been informed that the reimbursement to the county from the state would be \$63,780. This would put the county's out-of-pocket expense for the project, paid on behalf of the city, to around \$50,000.

Major Eric Brock of the Rockcastle Detention Center asked the court to approve an Intermediate Weapons Policy involving the use of a taser to subdue a physically violent prisoner.

The court approved the request.

County Coroner Marvin Owens was before the court to ask that Jeff Smithern be sworn-in as Deputy Coroner, replacing Bud Cox. County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop did the honors.

The court also approved a request by Pongo Fire Department, allowing them access to state surplus property.

The court did not take any action on a lease agreement with CSX Railroad for property at Boone's Gap in northern Rockcastle County. There are plans by the DAR to use the property as a park, commemorating part of Daniel Boone's trail through Kentucky.

However, Judge Bishop said that terms of the lease were not to his liking, since it held the county liable for any damage or erosion and the property would have to be surveyed at the county's, and Madison County's, cost plus a lease fee.

Brodhead Fire Chief John Dyehouse was before the court to ask for help with expenses of the fire department. Dyehouse said the city was currently paying out over \$2,000 a month for electricity, phone and insurance. This amount includes \$1,400 a month for insurance which is high because it covers replacement cost of fire department vehicles, Dyehouse said.

The chief noted that five of the rural fire departments in the county currently are reimbursed at 90% of their utility costs.

Magistrate Bill McKinney pointed out that the court cannot reimburse a city-owned fire department, including paying insurance on a building owned by the city.

However, the court reallocated a \$1,000 monthly contribution they had made for "security" to the city, which had not been used, into a program support contribution which the city can use at their discretion beginning this month.

The court also addressed personal time for county employees which is currently set at 80 hours a year with no carryover.

Judge Bishop told the court that he felt that at least a portion of the hours should be available to the employees to be carried over. Martin told the court that she would like them to clarify employees using overtime as comp time so she would have documentation for auditors.

The court did not take any action on either matter until more research could be done as to how comp time would be allocated in relation to overtime hours.

As a final action, the court transferred \$50,000 to the detention center from the general fund.

Judge Bishop told the court that a called meeting will be held before the next regular meeting to discuss jail finances.

The court approved the request.

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Rockets lose to Mercer in first round of region

The Rockcastle Rockets closed out their 2015-16 season with an opening round 61-49 loss in the 12th Regional Tournament to the Mercer County Titans, who were ranked 8th in the state.

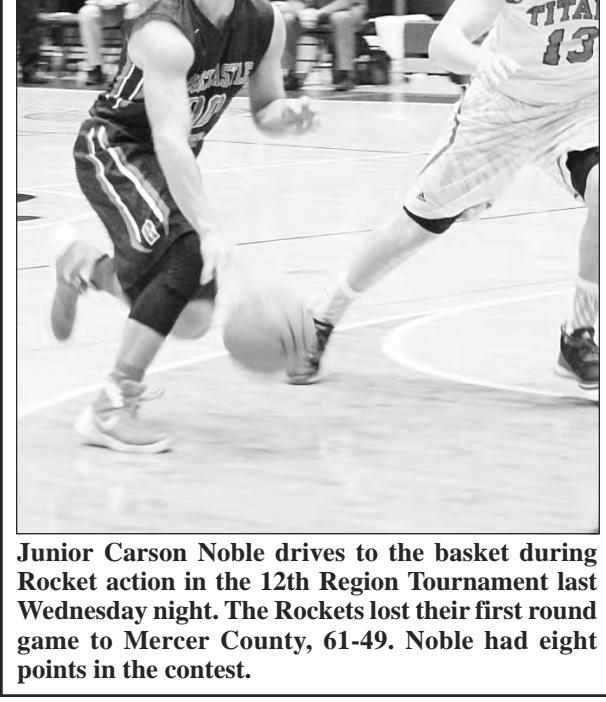
The Rockets, a much smaller team than the Titans, battled valiantly. They got down 20-13 in the first quarter and were down by ten at the half, 32-22. However, in the third quarter, the Rockets came out on fire, hitting three three point baskets to begin the third and Carson Noble added another to tie the score at 42 all with 1:25 left in the third. Mercer scored the last basket of the period and it was 44-42 at the third quarter stop.

However, in the fourth, the Rockets went cold and Mercer didn't. It wasn't until the 3:51 mark of the fourth that the Rockets got their first basket of the quarter, a three by Dylan Rowe his third of the game, to make it 49-45. Mercer then outscored the Rockets 10-0 to seal the win.

The Rockets put in nine three point baskets in the game to Mercer's two, with Rowe scoring all of his nine points from three point land. John Cornelius accounted for three more, Noble got one and Lucas Gentry contributed two.

Gentry led in scoring for his team with 17; Cornelius got 11; Rowe 9; Noble 8 and Thomas Burdette 4.

The Rockets finished the season with a 19-13 record and head coach Benny Blanton receiving the 12th Region Coach of the Year Award.



Junior Carson Noble drives to the basket during Rocket action in the 12th Region Tournament last Wednesday night. The Rockets lost their first round game to Mercer County, 61-49. Noble had eight points in the contest.



Junior Hope Kelley was named to the 12th Regional All-Tournament Team for the Lady Rockets. The girls lost in the first round to Mercer County last week. The Lady Rockets finished the season with a 16-14 record.

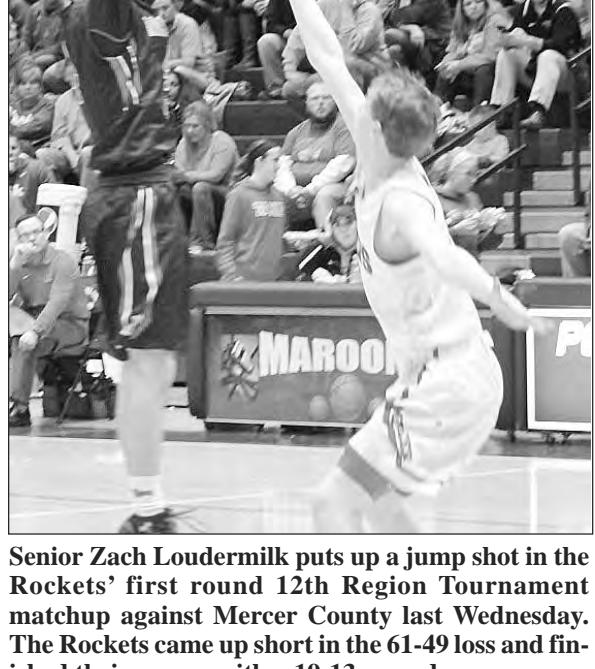
Rocket Baseball begins 2016 campaign this Thursday at South Laurel at 5:30.

Rocket Softball opens their season Saturday at home at 11:00 a.m. against Mercer in the Rockin' Round Robin at Rockcastle.

Also play at 4:45 against South Laurel



Junior Lucas Gentry goes for two of his team leading 17 points in the Rockets' first round 12th Region Tournament matchup against Mercer County last Wednesday. The Rockets fell to the Titans 61-49. Gentry was named to the 12th Regional All-Tournament Team.



Senior Zach Loudermilk puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' first round 12th Region Tournament matchup against Mercer County last Wednesday. The Rockets came up short in the 61-49 loss and finished their season with a 19-13 record.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors New fishing regulations

It is no longer getting dark at dinner time. We are beginning to have days cresting the 50 degree mark. It is enough to make you want to go fishing.

Before you cast a line, however, you need to know about the new fishing regulations that go into effect March 1.

The round goby is an aggressive, non-native fish released accidentally into the St. Clair River from ballast water transfers among cargo ships in the early 1990s. Native to the Black Sea and Caspian Sea regions in Eurasia, the invasive baitfish is now found throughout the Great Lakes system and in the Illinois River. The round goby can negatively impact the reproduction of native fish such as the smallmouth bass.

These fish may not be possessed or released in Kentucky.

Kentucky is restoring the native, river-run walleye to its former range through stocking efforts. To protect these fish, an 18- to 26-inch protective slot limit and a two fish daily creel limit will go into effect on several river systems

throughout Kentucky. All walleye caught from 18 to 26 inches in length from these waters must be immediately released.

"We are trying to give greater protection to the breeding-sized native walleye in the population," said Dave Drees, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "These walleye are about 5 years old before they are sexually mature. We've found a 5-year-old walleye is a little over 20 inches long."

These walleye previously fell under the statewide regulations of a six fish daily creel limit with a 15-inch minimum size limit.

The following waters fall under this new walleye regulation: the upper Barren River and tributaries, the Barren River from Barren River Lake downstream to Lock and Dam 1 and tributaries, the upper Levisa Fork and tributaries, the Cumberland River upstream of Cumberland Falls and tributaries, the Kentucky River upstream of Lock and

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Pride Fall Cleanup very successful

**By James Renner,
Rockcastle County
Solid Waste Coordinator**

I would like to take this opportunity (very late as usual) to thank all of the groups and individuals that participated in the 2015 Rockcastle County Roadside Pride Fall Cleanup. Once again, we had a very successful Fall Cleanup!

There were a total of 84 volunteers that worked a total of 199.75 hours to clean up 220 bags of trash, and 58 tires over a span of 25.9 miles along different stretches of roadsides. These numbers do not include the totals from the Cities of Brodhead, Livingston and Mt. Vernon.

Congratulations on an outstanding Fall Cleanup!!!

The following groups and individuals participated:

Concerned Citizens of Pongo: Logan Cromer, Nathan Munguia, Erika Munguia, Jonathan Munguia, Victoria Munguia, Regina Munguia, Jalon Stewart, Alex Swafford, Carolyn Swafford, Frank James, Edna Renner, and Zoey Holland; Brindle Ridge Baptist Church: Ron Roberts, Mike Sowder, Judy Sowder, Kim Ramsey, Willy Ramsey, Austin Ramsey, Marcia Coffey, and Jan Roberts; Freedom Baptist Church: Doug Singleton, Gary Bullock, Angie Bullock, CS McKinney,

Photos were not available for all groups.

Special thanks to the Rockcastle County Work Release Supervisors: Freddie Cromer and Josie Adams and their respective crews.

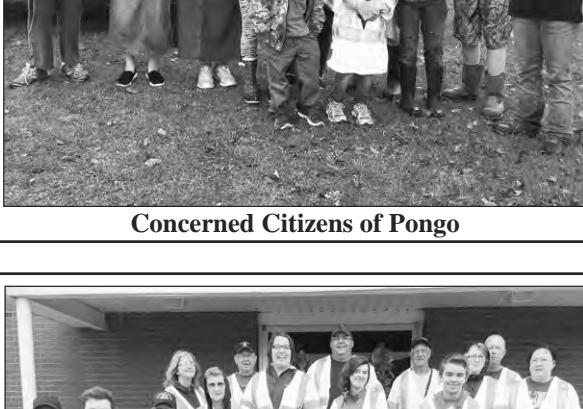
I apologize in advance for any misspellings or omissions.



All-American Club and NAMI



Brindle Ridge Baptist Church



Concerned Citizens of Pongo



Freedom Baptist Church



Pongo Volunteer Fire Department



The RCMS girls' softball team will open their season this Thursday night when they host Northern Pulaski at 5:30. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Kaleigh Richards, Emma Hackworth, Candice Mahaffey, Haley Thacker, Madison Yates, Reagan Chasteen, Laney Bryant, Sarah Powell and Allison Coffey. Back row from left: Jordyn Harper, Darby Smith, Selicity Broadbuddus, Casey Coleman, Ashlyn Brock, Jaylon Ponder and Sadie Howard. Not pictured: Madison McIntosh, Natalie Kirby and Terayn Powell. The Rockets are coached by Ainsley Bussell, Donna Coffey and Tim McIntosh.

"Speed"

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America. But this new cable, he said, will bring Kentucky into the top few locations in the world with the fastest internet speed available.

"As of now, villages in Afghanistan have faster internet than Kentucky," said Combs. "This will provide a quantum leap in the world of communication that will take Kentucky from dead last, to very near the top."

Corey Craig, of the Rockcastle County Indus-

trial Development Authority, said receiving this new fiber optic cable is an important step forward. "This is huge. Having this in our area will be as essential as having lights in our homes," said Craig. "If there is any doubt, look at cities like Bristol, Virginia who got fiber optics. It completely changed the entire economy of the community. And it can do the same here."

As an example of how fast this new fiber optic cable can transfer data,

Combs said an HD movie that now takes six hours to download, could be downloaded in 25 seconds.

"We are interested in each home and each family having access to this kind of world communication. But our main concern right now is business benefits. It's great that someone can do a six-hour download in 25 seconds, but look at the bigger picture," said Combs.

"How quick will we be able to download an MRI from a patient in pain? How quickly can public safety

and police gather information? How long does it take for government services?"

"Not to mention that if I were a large company looking to open a new business, I wouldn't even consider Kentucky right now. If my employees have to wait 4 hours to download training videos or schematics, I'm going somewhere with high speed optics," he said.

According to Combs, industry standards and national goals are to have 88-90 percent of people in a community using the inter-

net. He said that 55% usage is considered extremely low. "Rockcastle County is currently at 34%. That's a lot of people who are not shopping on line, not researching, not communicating. Partly because internet is too expensive to access in these areas," he said.

Combs said this new cable is expected to provide internet in even the hard to reach areas and drive down costs through competition.

"Having a town without fiber optics is like building an industrial park without

running electricity to it. No one is going to be interested in locating there," he said.

According to Combs, Kentucky Wired is an open access network, meaning local public or private internet service providers such as cable and phone companies, can tap into the system and run broadband to businesses and homes.

Kentucky Wired is not an internet service provider (ISP) and will not bring fiber optics to individual homes or private businesses. But it will instead provide a local hub for ISPs to bring the high speed cable into homes and businesses, Combs said.

According to Combs, Rockcastle County will have to create connection points that are convenient for ISPs to tap into and to promote business for future growth, but courthouses across the state will have access to the fiber optic cable at no cost, he said.

The new cable will be built in four separate loops and is already underway. But the loop that includes Rockcastle County is the second of the four loops. Since the entire project is slated to be finished in 2018, Rockcastle County is expected to have access well before then.

According to Combs, the initial funding for the project comes from the Kentucky General Assembly which created \$30 million, Congressman Hal Rogers assisted with \$23.5 million in federal funds and there are private sector investments of \$271 million.

Craig said that county officials need to address ways to utilize this cable immediately. "This is by no means too early to begin working on the best ways to take advantage of this gift that is coming to our county. This can be a major economic factor in our community and we need to approach it with smart, aggressive plans."

"School"

(Continued from front)

CEO of the local UNITE Clubs.

Varney said Rockcastle County students and clubs are exceptional. "I work nine counties and I can honestly say, young people in Rockcastle County are unlike any other counties. You all are doing something right. They are respectful, genuine and honest kids. Your kids have hope and you should be very proud of that," said Varney.

The board members entered closed session to review the contract renewal for Superintendent David Pensol. After the closed session, the board unanimously voted to renew Pensol's contract for another four years at a salary of \$122,188.

"We have a great appreciation for Mr. Pensol. Your desire to teach every individual child is important and

your work here is appreciated," said Angela Mink Co-Chairman of the board.

Pensol said he feels he and the board have worked very well together.

"We have a mutual respect and appreciation for each other and I am honored to be a part of this school board. We have accomplished a lot together and we have a lot more to accomplish," said Pensol.

Mink went on to say that Pensol's contract is unlike other superintendent contracts. "I would say there are no contracts like yours. It is so cut and dried and simple. There are no hidden costs or travel expenses or cell phones. It's just to the point and that is a huge benefit to our school system," Mink said.

In other action, the board agreed to sell four school buses in a different manner than previous years. "I think the buses are worth much more than we are getting for them when we sell our old buses," said Pensol.

The board agreed to sell the four buses this year through the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) who sells buses at auction. "We believe the buses will bring more money this way," said Pensol.

The board also heard the

bid amount for improvements at the Rockcastle County Adult Education Center of \$358,000 from McKnight and Associates of London. The N3D Group, Rockcastle's consulting engineering firm, recommended accepting the bid pending KDE approvals.

The board also discussed the Capitol Outlay program that has \$228,463 remaining that the school system may use for certain projects.

Jason Coguer, Finance Officer for the board, said if the money is not used, the grant would not be available next year. "It's a use it or

lose it scenario," he said.

Plans for the funds include document cameras, projectors, desktop computers, auditorium upgrades at RCHS and laptops district wide.

The board also began discussion on the 2016-17 school calendar and are working on specifics of the calendar.

In personnel action, the board approved the hiring of new employees.

Rebecca Smith was employed as the new RCMS head girls' basketball coach, Tim McIntosh, RCMS assistant girls' softball coach, Ja-

son Brock, RCMS Assistant softball coach, Jearl Evans, RCMS Custodian, Kathryn Mattingly, Hannah Ponder and Lori Hendrickson as substitute teachers, Wanda Bussell as a substitute cook/baker, and volunteers Abbey Eaton as RCMS assistant volleyball coach, Johnny Hopkins as RCMS assistant boys' baseball coach and Burt King, RCMS assistant girls' basketball coach.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street.

"RCIDA"

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HVAC unit placed at SourceHOV.

Board member Corey Craig said the costs were not reflected in the budget but that the board has been holding back monies from the SourceHOV's lease payment to cover the cost of the unit for several months.

Craig also informed members of the board that the plan to get sewer and water to the new Optometry Center (Smith property) has been completed and the plan includes room for future growth in the area as well.

Members also discussed the selling of hay on county property to bidders. Craig said until now, the county has taken bids yearly for the hay but it had been suggested that the bids change to three-year contracts.

"This would give the winning bidder a chance to fertilize the ground and have better, more productive hay in the time of their lease," said Craig.

Craig also suggested the new three-year contract should add some changes that will not limit the county's right to sell property that has been leased out for hay cutting and that reimbursement issues be addressed.

Craig said though reimbursement can be given to someone who had leased the ground for hay if that property sells, the leasee would have to fertilize at his own risk.

The board then entered closed session.

The next meeting of the RCIDA will be Monday, April 4.

"Fishing"

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Dam 14 including the Middle Fork, South Fork and the North Fork from Carr Creek Lake downstream and all tributaries.

The regulation on native walleye also extends to Barren River, Fishtrap, Martins Fork and Wood Creek lakes.

Dewey Lake, a 1,100-acre impoundment in Floyd County, began receiving stockings of muskellunge in 2014. To protect these stocked fish and create a trophy muskellunge fishery, there will be a 36-inch minimum size on muskie in the lake.

The flathead catfish harvest restrictions are now removed on 175-acre A.J. Jolly Lake in Campbell County. The prohibition on the possession of shad on 784-acre Cedar Creek Lake in Lincoln County is also removed starting March 1.

The first day of March is not only the start date of these new fishing regulations; it is the beginning of the new license year. Anyone fishing in Kentucky after this date must have a new fishing license.

"We receive no general fund tax dollars," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Our funding relies on license sales and the federal matching monies. Kentucky anglers fund the fisheries division."

The \$20 annual resident Kentucky fishing license pays for many benefits enjoyed by anglers, such as the more than 5.5 million fish stocked annually in waters across the state produced by the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery near Morehead and Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery near Frankfort.

These stockings fill the popular Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes with bluegill, catfish and trout.

"Several of our popular fisheries such as hybrid striped bass, walleye and striped bass wouldn't exist without stocking," Ross said.

License sales power the scientific management of fish populations in Kentucky, place fish habitat in lakes and maintain the smaller state-owned lakes.

These funds help biodiversity. The restoration of the native walleye into the previously mentioned river systems is an example as well as the recent restorations of lake sturgeon and alligator gar.

You may purchase your Kentucky fishing license in person at tackle stores, in the sporting goods section of major department stores and at county clerk offices across Kentucky. You may also buy a fishing license 24 hours a day by calling 1-877-598-2401 or online at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fwky.gov.



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Second Section

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Tori Dotson named High School Meet MVP**RCHS and RCMS girls win Indoor Track State Championships**

Rockcastle's girls' indoor track teams had an outstanding competition this past Saturday at the KTCCA Indoor Track State Championships held at Mason County. RCMS competed at 9:00 am with RCHS competing at 3:15 pm. From warm-up to the last event of the day, both meets lasted a total of 12 hours with very little time in between. Our girls' teams were certainly up to the challenge, coming away with two more team indoor state titles.

RCMS got the day underway with competition in the 55-meter dash. 8th grader Autumn Courtney led the way for RCMS with an incredible 3rd place finish overall and a new all-time personal best of 8.05 seconds. 6th grader Allie Martin placed 9th with an all-time personal best of 8.24. 8th grader Grace Gardiner placed 12th with an all-time personal best of 8.37. Several other RCMS competitors also ran personal bests including: 6th grader Gracie Spoonamore (8.56), 7th grader Aliyah Lopez (8.95), 6th grader Sydney Carrera (8.95), 7th grader Elisabeth Owens (9.12), 6th grader Jailey Martin (9.25), 6th grader Candace Mahaffey (9.33), 6th grader Melanie Vanwinkle (9.61), and 7th grader Delani Reynolds (10.56). RCMS had several come very close to their personal best times including: 8th grader Brianna Owens (8.97), 6th grader Savannah Thacker (9.06), 7th grader Hannah Davis (9.09), 7th grader Jasmine Ashcraft (9.28), and 6th grader Reina Lykins (9.41).

In the long jump competition, RCMS was limited to only two competitors. Autumn Courtney and Grace Gardiner performed exceptionally well in the event. Autumn won the indoor state title, leaping an incredible season's best of 15'2" to seal the win. Grace had an awesome jump of 13'6.75" and placed 4th overall.

Next for RCMS came the 1600-meter run. 8th grader Tori Dotson dominated the field, easily winning the indoor state title in the event with an awesome time of 5:42.00. 7th grader Erin Hindman finished with a great new all-time personal best of 6:36.83. 6th grader Kylie Martin ran well and finished with a great time of 6:55.20.

In the 400-meter dash, Allie Martin led the way with an amazing 5th place finish overall in an all-time personal best of 1:10.17. Gracie Spoonamore also ran

an exceptional race, placing 7th overall in 1:11.46, an all-time personal best. Grace Gardiner ran a great race as well, placing 10th overall with an impressive time of 1:12.2, just missing her personal best in the event. Several other RCMS girls had outstanding all-time personal best performances in the 400 including: Savannah Thacker (1:14.30), Sydney Carrera (1:14.34), Reina Lykins (1:16.27), Brianna Owens (1:16.84), Elisabeth Owens (1:17.56), Jailey Martin (1:18.07), Candace Mahaffey (1:28.10), Melanie Vanwinkle (1:31.69), Delani Reynolds (1:35.84). Aliyah Lopez ran a season's best time (1:16.23) and Hannah Davis came very close to her personal best (1:21.31).

In the 800-meter run, Tori won her second state title of the morning with an unbelievable performance. She blazed her way through six laps, finishing with the win in an all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record time of 2:29.40, eclipsing the previous mark set in 2003 at the Mason-Dixon Games on a much larger track. Her exceptional time was also a facility record for Mason County as well as an all-time middle school personal best and new RCMS indoor record. Jasmine ran an incredible time, placing 9th overall with a new all-time personal best of 2:51.57. Erin also ran an awesome all-time personal best in the 800-meter run (3:01.78), and Kylie followed with an exceptional race of her own and an all-time personal best (3:03.98).

RCMS excelled in the shot put competition as well. 7th grader Valerie Kendrick unleashed a monster throw on her final attempt and finished as state runner-up with an awesome new all-time personal best of 30'7.75". She missed the state title by only 7". 7th grader Jessalyn Burton also had an awesome performance, launching the 6-pound shot put 27'1.75" and earning 4th place overall. She missed her all-time personal best by less than an inch. 6th grader Natalie Tolle continues to show tremendous improvement. She threw a very impressive 18'3" and finished 12th overall. Her throw was an improvement of 1' over her previous personal best mark.

In the final event of the morning, the RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team won the state title in the event in a very exciting race. The team of Autumn, Gracie,

Allie, and Tori had an historic performance, not only winning the event but also breaking the all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record in the process. Their amazing time of 4:39.37 broke the mark established by RCMS in 2013.

The relay team win secured the state title for RCMS and was their 9th overall team indoor state title. They defeated a tough Campbell Middle School team by a score of 73-55. North Oldham Middle was 3rd with 42 points and St. Edward finished 4th with 41 points.

The end of the middle school meet came very

close to the start of the high school competition. RCMS had several athletes that participate in both. With little rest in between, they were definitely up to the challenge.

RCHS got the meet off to a great start with an awesome performance in the 4 x 800-meter relay, one of their signature events. The team of Tori Dotson, freshman Kensie Sheffield, junior Taylor Bullock, and junior Sierra Mercer dominated the competition, easily winning the state title in the event with a new RCHS indoor record time of 10:44.18.

Next up came the 55-

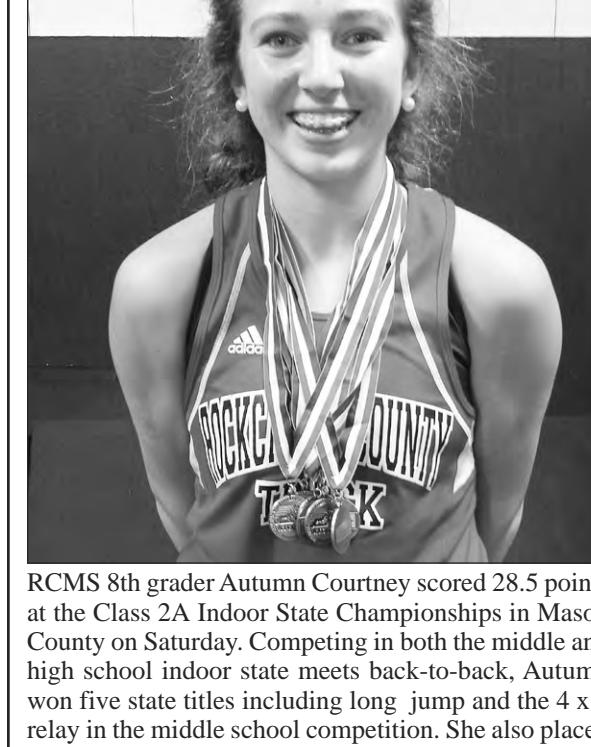
meter hurdles. 8th grader Autumn Courtney led the way for RCHS with a 3rd place finish overall in an amazing new all-time personal best of 9.97 seconds. Junior Jennifer Mercer placed 5th overall with an awesome new season's best time of 10.33.

In the triple jump competition, Autumn had an incredible series of jumps. She won the indoor state title with an awesome all-time indoor personal best jump of 32'4.75". 8th grader Grace Gardiner com-

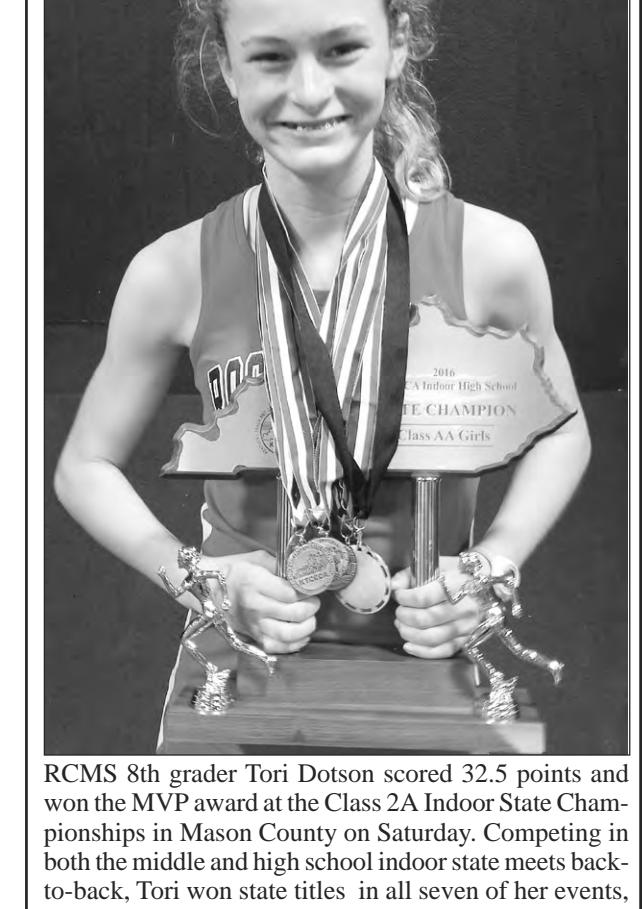
peted in her first-ever triple jump competition after only a couple of practices in the event. She placed 5th overall with a great jump of 27'1.5". After several jumps close to 30' in practice, Grace will continue to improve in the event and should do very well as the season progresses.

Back on the track, RCHS competed in the 55-meter dash. Jennifer led the way with a great race and an 11th place finish overall, tying

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RCMS 8th grader Autumn Courtney scored 28.5 points at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships in Mason County on Saturday. Competing in both the middle and high school indoor state meets back-to-back, Autumn won five state titles including long jump and the 4 x 4 relay in the middle school competition. She also placed 3rd in the 55-meter dash with a personal best. For the high school team, she won long jump state with the best jump in all three state classes. She also won state titles in triple jump and the 4 x 4 relay, while placing 3rd in the 55-meter hurdles with a personal best. She also set a new all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record in the 4 x 400-meter relay (4:39.37).



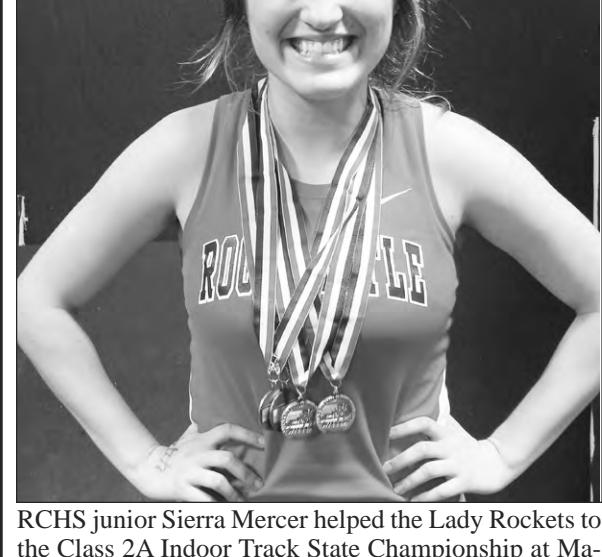
RCMS 8th grader Tori Dotson scored 32.5 points and won the MVP award at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships in Mason County on Saturday. Competing in both the middle and high school indoor state meets back-to-back, Tori won state titles in all seven of her events, including the middle school 1600, 800, and 4 x 4 relay, as well as high school wins in the 4 x 8 relay, 1600, 800, and 3000-meter runs. She also set a new all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record in the 800-meter run (2:29.4) and the 4 x 400-meter relay (4:39.37).



The RCHS girls' track team won the Class 2A Indoor State Track & Field Championship at Mason County on Saturday, winning by 23 points. This was the team's ninth indoor state championship title overall and fifth in a row. Team members are front from left: Jasmine Ashcraft, Jennifer Mercer, Taylor Bullock, Sierra Mercer and Tori Dotson. Back row from left: Jessalyn Burton, Valerie Kendrick, Samantha Douglas, Nikki McGuire, Autumn Courtney, Kensie Sheffield, Erin Hindman and Grace Gardiner.



The RCMS girls' indoor track team won the KTCCA Middle School Indoor State Track & Field Championship on Saturday, winning by 18 points. This was the team's 9th indoor state championship title and 2nd straight. Team members are front from left: Candace Mahaffey, Elisabeth Owens, Sydney Carrera, Gracie Spoonamore, Kylie Martin, Melanie Vanwinkle and Savannah Thacker. Back row from left: Jasmine Ashcraft, Aliyah Lopez, Valerie Kendrick, Jailey Martin, Erin Hindman, Grace Gardiner, Autumn Courtney, Tori Dotson, Brianna Owens, Allie Martin, Natalie Tolle, Delani Reynolds and Jessalyn Burton. Not pictured: Reina Lykins and Hannah Davis.



RCHS junior Sierra Mercer helped the Lady Rockets to the Class 2A Indoor Track State Championship at Mason County on Saturday, scoring an impressive 23 total points. Sierra ran anchor leg on the state title winning 4 x 800-meter relay team that broke the all-time RCHS record in the event. In the 400-meter dash, Sierra won the indoor state title (1:03.6). She competed in the 800-meter run immediately after and finished as state runner-up (2:41.3), only 35 hundredths of a second away from the state title. She capped off her incredible afternoon with an awesome lead leg of the girls' state champion 4 x 400-meter relay team.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Tara Lorena Smith v. Joseph Craig Smith, joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Deborah Phillips v. Jason Price, child support enforcement.

Janet Harrison v. Wayne Harrison, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tanya Cole v. Russell Cole, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. David Waymire, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Shawna Waymire, complaint for child support and medical support.

Citizens Bank v. Amy Holtkamp, et al., \$96,474.55 plus claimed due.

Joseph Kenneth Irvine v. Josey Carolyn Irvine, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Midwest Carpenter and Millwright FCU v. Danny Smith, \$5,232.65 plus claimed due.

Karen Denise Brummett v. Jeremy Terry, motion for temporary custody and child support.

Derek Lawson v. Tina Prince, motion for temporary custody. CI-00061

District Civil Suits

Citizens Bank v. Mike Fields, \$1,288.18 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Crystal Helton, \$3,303.32 plus claimed due. C-00031

Deeds Recorded

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property on Conway Road, to Felicia Smith. No tax

William D. L. Mink and Barbara Jo Collins, property on waters of Buffalo Creek, to Timothy Wayne and Tammy Sue Renner. Tax \$40

Leonard and Demie Hammond, property in Happy Acres Subdv., to Timothy Blake McKinney. Tax \$17

Elizabeth R. and Anthony Smis, property in Brodhead to Danny C. and Christian Hurley. Tax \$95

Howard W. and Gale Lash, property on Copper Creek Road, to William C. Alexander. Tax \$45

Jones David and Valerie Lyn Hiatt and Jones Conn and Ramona Sue Hiatt, property in Rockcastle County, to Jones Conn and Ramona S. Hiatt. No tax

Michael and Linda Michelle Mason, property in Rockcastle County, to Emily Cromer. Tax \$2.50

Ballard Hensley and Ethel Hensley, property in Rockcastle County, to Clinton Hensley. Tax \$2.50

Wesley Paul and Mary Elizabeth Midden, property on Breezy Hollow Lane, to Gregory Merrell Chandler. Tax \$38

Jerry E. and Anna Mae Morris, property on Gauley Branch, to Raymond and Lela Griffin. Tax \$50

Tonya Brock, property on Frank Thacker Road, to Jane Saylor. No tax

Roy and Pamela Martin, property on W. Main St., to L.C. and Ruby Mink. Tax \$55

Helen M. Abney, property on waters of Renfro Creek, to Brenda E. Bullock. No tax

Helen M. Abney, property in Rockcastle County, to April D. Abney. No tax

Richard Dale Cromer, Exec., property in Hwy. 70 Subdv., to Mariah Eva Michelle Rogers. No tax

Leonard and Demie Hammond, property in Happy Acres Subdv., to Farmer and Resch Developments LLC. Tax \$79

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property on Stephens Road, to Billy Anderson. No tax

Marriage Licenses

Amber Nicole Slone, 28, daycare teacher, to Kyle Edward Bowman, 32, Mt. Vernon, vinyl upholstery repair. 2/23/16

Trine From, 43, Brodhead, laborer to Larry Smith, 66, Brodhead, retired. 2/26/16

Heather N. Dunn, 31, Brodhead, unemployed to James Robert Lindsey III, 24, Brodhead, cook. 2/29/16

District Court

Feb. 2-March 2, 2016

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Nadia A. El-Ezz: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

David Denny: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine and costs.

Derrick J. French: fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Roger French: fines/fees due (\$363), bw issued for fta/8 days in jail or full payment.

Billy G. Gadd: fines/fees due (\$303), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or full payment.

Steven T. Haling: possession controlled substance, public intoxication controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta; fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Anthony Henson: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Alice M. Hill: fines/fees due (\$238), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua T. Hill: no/expired registration plates l-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Bennett Ellis Hines: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment plus restitution.

Dustin R. Hines: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Joseph S. Holsing: fines/fees due (\$271), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment plus restitution.

Jonathan E. Houk: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

Pochoteco N. Martinez: failure to wear seat belts, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Robert Lee McClure: fines/fees due (\$643), contempt/13 days in jail or full payment.

Brenda S. Meadows: convicted felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.

James Miller: fines/fees due (\$574), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or full payment.

Amanda M. Newcomb: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, li-

cense to be in possession, license suspended for fta.

Terry W. Newcomb: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Kendra L. Owens: no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt, reg. & title requirements veh. not oper. on hwy., failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, no operators/moped license, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Burford R. Pearson: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Brent A. Powell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.

Troy H. Reed: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

Speeding: Tonya G. Slone, Latasha N. Woods, paid; Steven M. Dearing, \$40 fine plus costs; Jordan D. Justice, Gregory Jackson Mosley, license suspended for fta.

Kathleen Marie Jarrell: hindering prosecution or apprehension, bw issued for fta.

Danny R. Sowder: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment.

Jacob D. Stewart: fines/fees due (\$243), converted to 5 days in jail/to serve.

Brendon Swanigan: fines/fees due (\$424.25), bw issued for fta.

Frankie W. Wilburn: reckless driving, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, order entered.

Dennis William: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine and costs.

James E. Winchester: improper equipment, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/re-voked operators license, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, bw issued for fta.

Roy K. Cope: criminal trespassing, \$100 and costs/fine suspended on condition.

Jonathan Earl Houk: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 360 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Kevin J. Mink: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Paula A. Cope: balance of fine imposed (\$450) due to non-compliance.

Matthew S. Gadd: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, operating on suspended/re-voked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, obstructed vision and/or windshield, bw issued for fta.N

Nathan Gadd: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, fleeing or evading police, criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Ashley Jasper: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Kenneth R. Lewis: fines/fees due (\$1455.41), bw issued for fta.

Brandy Scott: obstructed vision and/or windshield, no operators/moped license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Jody W. Taylor: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, tampering with physical evidence, probation violation (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Everett F. Wilson: assault, 360 days in jail/pro-

bated 24 months on condition.

Amy M. Bingham: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$100 fine and costs.

Jennifer Carr: serving warrant for other police agency, theft by deception, license suspended for fta.

Billy T. Hines: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, 120 days/to serve/costs merged.

Kenneth P. Kelley: no/ expired registration plates, \$25 fine; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/\$400 suspended on condition plus costs.

William B. Bailey: possession of synthetic drugs, trafficking synthetic drugs, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued.

Nicole M. Cooper: giving officer false name or address, bw issued for fta.

Elliott J. Dooley: rear license not illuminated, license to be in possession, no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/re-voked operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued.

Clyde E. Hasty: criminal mischief, criminal trespass, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

John Halen Kemper: assault, bw issued for fta.

Michael H. Martina: fines/fees due (\$733), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or full payment.

Jordan D. McGuire: tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of synthetic drugs, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, bw issued.

Jacob M. Mink: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Robert F. Northern, Jr.: operating on suspended/re-voked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, bw issued for fta.

Roy E. Perry: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Samantha A. Pittman: possession of synthetic drugs, 30 days/to serve plus costs; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 90 days/to serve/concurrent/costs waived.

Michael Santo: assault, bw issued for fta.

William D. Smith: no/expired registration plates l-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, license

suspended for fta/bw issued.

Kathy L. Todd: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating vehicle w/ expired operators license, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Jason K. Vanzant: making false statement to obtain increase of benefit over \$100, bw issued for fta.

Adam J. Walker: driving DUI suspended license, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition; driving MV while license suspended for DUI, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition plus merged costs.

Lauren A. Wilson: pos-

session of controlled substance, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 security fee, 30 days operator license suspended/ADE authorized.

Melissa M. Young: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Brandon L. Courtney: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Rockcastle County PRIDE Spring Clean-Up

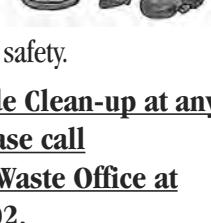
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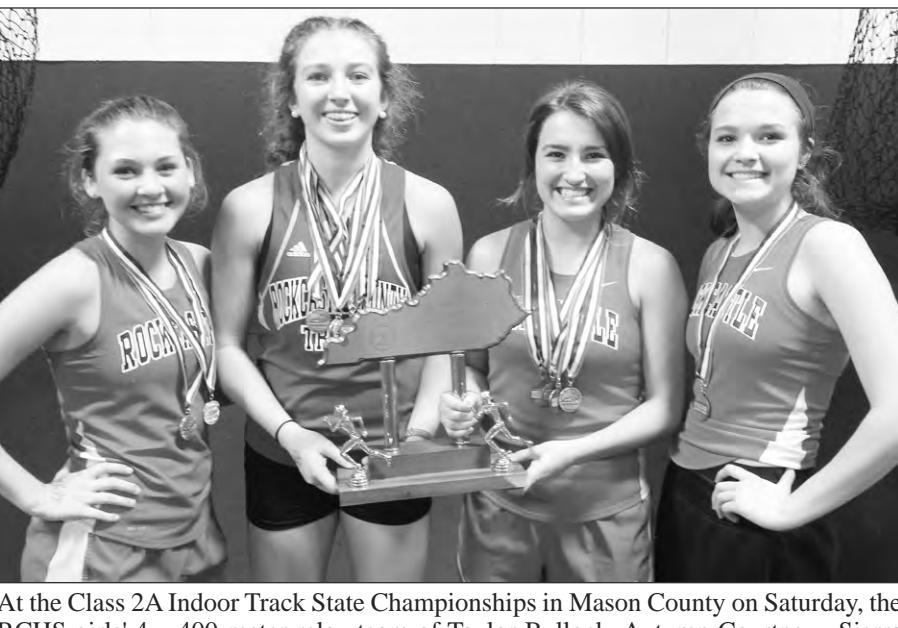
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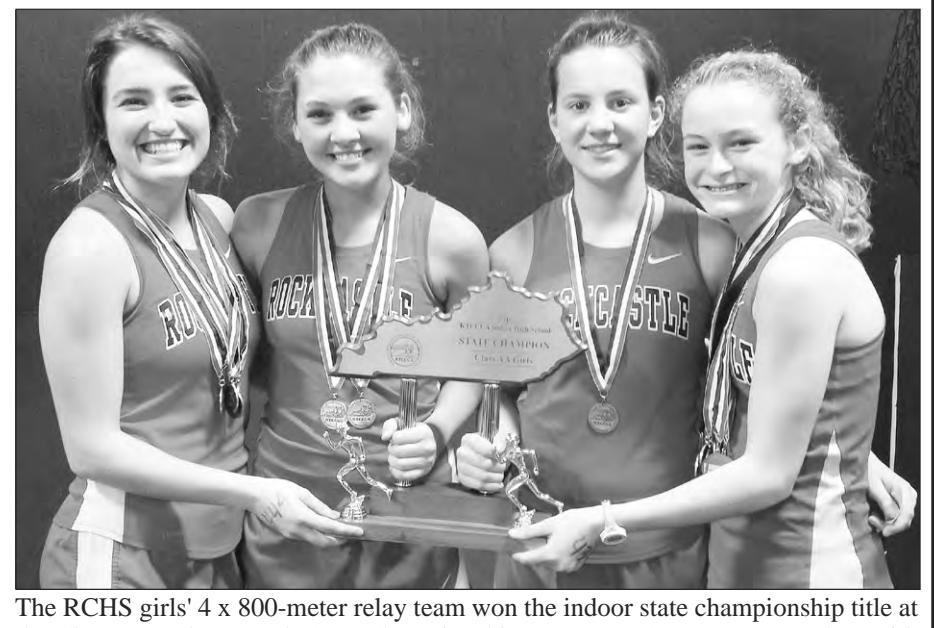
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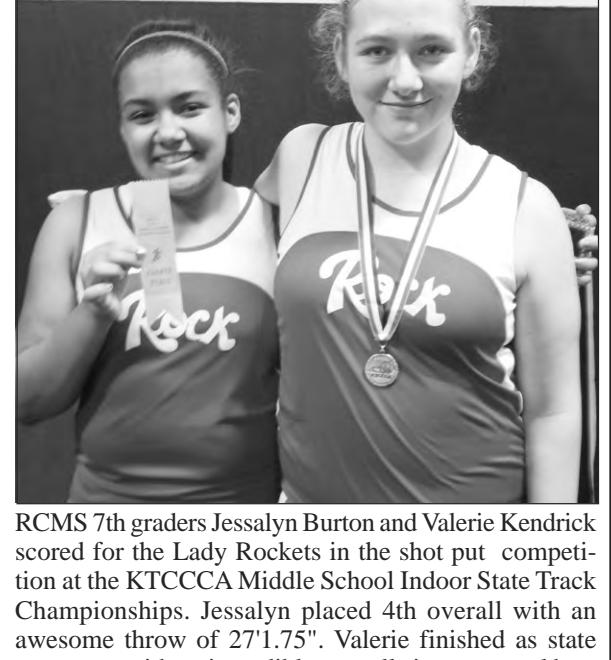
At the Class 2A Indoor Track State Championships in Mason County on Saturday, the RCHS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team of Taylor Bullock, Autumn Courtney, Sierra Mercer, and Jennifer Mercer won the indoor state title in the event with an awesome time of 4:32.89, their best at Mason County this season. The relay win secured the team state title for the Lady Rockets.



The RCHS girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team won the indoor state championship title at the Class 2A Indoor Track State Championships at Mason County on Saturday with an awesome performance. The team of Sierra Mercer, Taylor Bullock, Kensie Sheffield, and Tori Dotson established a new all-time RCHS record with an incredible time of 10:44.18.



The girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team sealed the team state title for RCMS with a record-setting performance at the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor Track State Championships. The team of Tori Dotson, Allie Martin, Gracie Spoonamore, and Autumn Courtney won with a new all-time Kentucky indoor middle school state record of 4:39.37 to break the mark also set by RCMS in 2013. Team members are from left: Tori Dotson, Allie Martin, Gracie Spoonamore and Autumn Courtney.



RCMS 7th graders Jessalyn Burton and Valerie Kendrick scored for the Lady Rockets in the shot put competition at the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor State Track Championships. Jessalyn placed 4th overall with an awesome throw of 27'1.75". Valerie finished as state runner-up with an incredible new all-time personal best throw of 30'7.75".

State Champs

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her season's best time of 8.06 seconds. Grace placed 20th overall with a great race as well, equaling her time of 8.37 seconds from the middle school state meet. Senior Nikki McGuire also ran extremely well, finishing in 8.78 seconds. 7th grader Jasmine Ashcraft ran an all-time personal best in the event, finishing with an exceptional time of 9.08 seconds.

In the 1600-meter run, Tori led the field once again with another impressive performance. Since she had already won three events in the middle school state meet, she decided to conserve energy as much as possible in her high school events. She easily won her second indoor state title of the meet with an awesome time of 5:52.83. Kensie Sheffield came through for RCHS with an incredible performance. She finished 4th overall with an exceptional season's best time of 6:19.04. She wasn't far off her all-time indoor personal best. 7th grader Erin Hindman earned an award for her 8th place finish with a great time of 6:53.39.

In the long jump competition, Autumn picked up where she left off in the middle school meet. She had another great series of jumps and won her second indoor state title of the high school meet with an awesome season's best jump of 15'5". Jennifer also jumped well and finished 9th overall with a leap of 13'2".

One of the most exciting races of the afternoon came in the 400-meter dash. Sierra trailed early on against a very fast field of competitors. Coming into the final stretch, she outkicked the lead girl from Ashland Blazer, winning the indoor state title with an awesome time of 1:03.6 on a very tight 133.3 meter track. Taylor had an awesome race of her own, finishing 12th overall with a great time of 1:09.72, nearly a season's best. After closing the gap with their awesome performance in the 400, RCHS found themselves 10 points behind Mason County in the team standings.

In the 800-meter run, Sierra had the daunting task of back-to-back events since it comes directly after the 400. Along with her,

Tori was looking at her 6th event of the day which becomes difficult not only for the challenge of the event, but the time span that her events covered. With this being one of Rockcastle's most important events from a scoring standpoint, both girls faced the challenge head on. Tori led from wire-to-wire and won yet another indoor state title in the event with an awesome time of 2:40.95. Sierra fought hard and came from behind to finish as state runner-up at the very end of the race. Her exceptional time of 2:41.30 was very close to Tori's and between two and five hundredths of a second ahead of her two closest competitors. Their performance in the 800 put RCHS back in the lead for good.

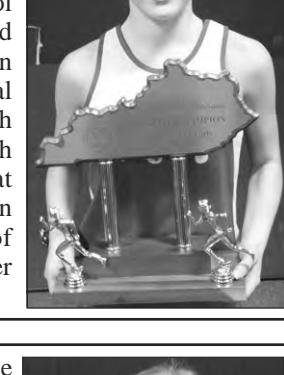
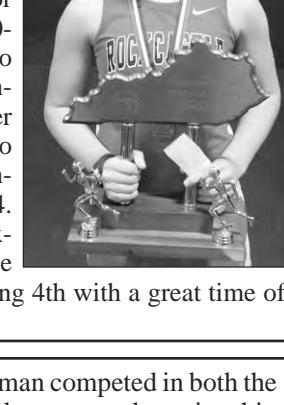
In the shot put competition, freshman Samantha Dougla came through with a career best performance. She threw an incredible all-time personal best of 28'4.5" and placed 5th overall, gaining 4 very important points for RCHS. 7th grader Valerie Kendrick finished 11th in her first-ever varsity competition with an exceptional throw of 24'3". 7th grader Jessalyn Burton also competed in her first-ever varsity competition, placing 13th with a great throw of 21'11.75". Nikki McGuire was not far behind, placing 14th overall with a great throw of 21'11.5", close to her all-time personal best. Back on the track, Tori and Kensie competed in their final distance event of the day, the 3000-meter run. Both girls came through with great performances. Despite just having finished the 800 and the 3000-meter run coming right after, Tori led from start to finish. Amazingly, she remained perfect winning her 7th state title of the day with an awesome time of 12:29.21. Kensie placed 4th overall with an incredible race and a great time of 13:12.31.

RCMS 7th grader Erin Hindman competed in both the middle and high school indoor state championship meets with great performances in both. In the middle school competition, Erin ran an awesome all-time personal best of 6:36.83 in the 1600-meter run. She followed that with a great 1600-meter time of 6:53.39 in the high school competition which earned her an award for placing 8th overall.

7th grader Jasmine Ashcraft had some great performances for both RCMS and RCHS at the indoor state track championships. In the middle school competition, Jasmine placed 9th overall in the 800-meter run with a new all-time personal best of 2:51.57. She placed 7th in the 800-meter run in the high school division with a great time of 2:56.73. She also ran an all-time personal best of 9.08 seconds in the 55-meter dash.

RCMS 8th grader Grace Gardiner came through with great performances for both RCMS and RCHS at the indoor State Track Championships. For RCMS, she placed 4th in long jump (13'6.75"). She also ran an all-time personal best of 8.37 seconds in the 55-meter dash placing 12th and finished 10th in the 400 (1:12.2). For RCHS, she scored in her first-ever triple jump competition, placing 5th overall with a great jump of 27'1.5". In the high school 55-meter dash, she placed 20th, tying her personal best time of 8.37 seconds.

Special thanks to the athletes, parents, grandparents, our bus driver Ms. Diane Stephens, teachers, administrators, custodians and other faculty members, as well as anyone else that has supported us along the way. Both RCMS and RCHS now set their sights on outdoor state titles. RCMS will look to defend their outdoor state championship title from last year and RCHS will seek to improve upon their 4th place finish at outdoor state from last season.



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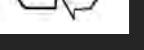
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Mt. Vernon Message

School News

After-School enrichment begins Monday, March 14 from 3:15 until 4:30.

Brownies (2nd & 3rd Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.

Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.

MVES Student Council meets on Thursday, March 10 at 2:00.

There will be no school on Friday, March 18. Have a nice long weekend!

Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 31. Please watch for details.

MVES 5th Grader, Carson King was selected to spend the afternoon on Tuesday, March 1st in Frankfort with State Senator Jared Carpenter. Special thanks to MVES Family Resource Center Director, Mrs. Regina Hull-Brown and FRYSC who sponsored the Annual Page for a Day Program. Carson was able to meet many senators, see how the government works and he even had

the opportunity to meet former KY Governor, Julian Carroll. Thanks Carson for representing MVES and Rockcastle County Schools we are very proud of your accomplishment!

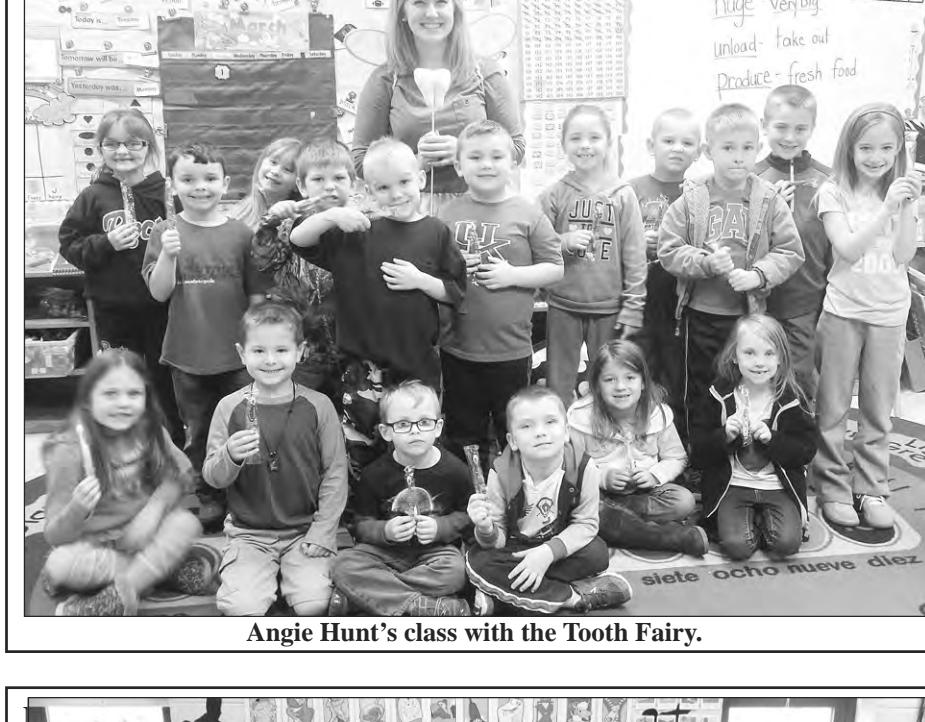
Mrs. Angie Hunt's class has been learning about dental health. The

Tooth Fairy visited the students to share information about good dental hygiene.

As part of Read Across America Week, MVES celebrated with Dr. Seuss stories. Many community members came in to read Dr. Seuss books to our children.



Mrs. Martha Cox came in to read "Circus Family Dog" to Mrs. Jamie Cornelius' reading groups.



Angie Hunt's class with the Tooth Fairy.



Judge Katie Wood was the Guest Reader for Mrs. Price's class at MVES.

Hunt named to President's List

The academic honors' president's list for the fall 2015 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's vice president for academic affairs.

Local student, Casey Brooke Hunt, a senior, from Mt. Vernon, has been named to Campbellsville University's President's List for fall 2015.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours. The fall 2015 academic honors' list includes a total of 629 students, with 244 named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average, and 385 named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA.

Parker named to Dean's List

The academic honors' dean's list for the fall 2015 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's vice president for academic affairs.

Local student, Cali Marie Parker, a junior, from Brodhead, has been named to Campbellsville University's Dean's List for fall 2015.

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Pam Chaliff read to Mrs. Davis' class at MVES.

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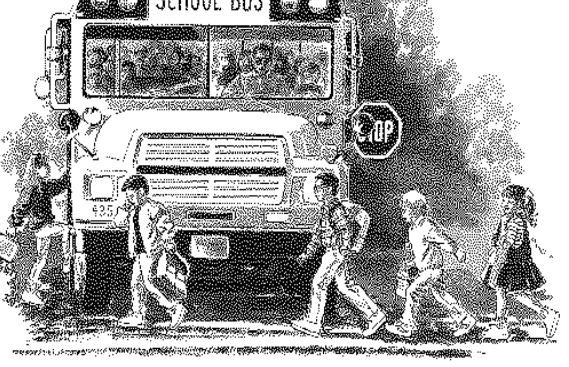
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Bus Drills Early Dismissal

The Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting Emergency Bus Evacuation drills on Thursday, March 17, 2016. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal.

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Tuesday, March 15

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FFA Week celebrated Feb. 20-27

Submitted by

Reporter Sierra Sturgill
February 20 - 27 was National FFA Week. To kick off FFA week, the chapter had their annual Chili Supper & Auction. We had several people in attendance and we were able to auction off many items.

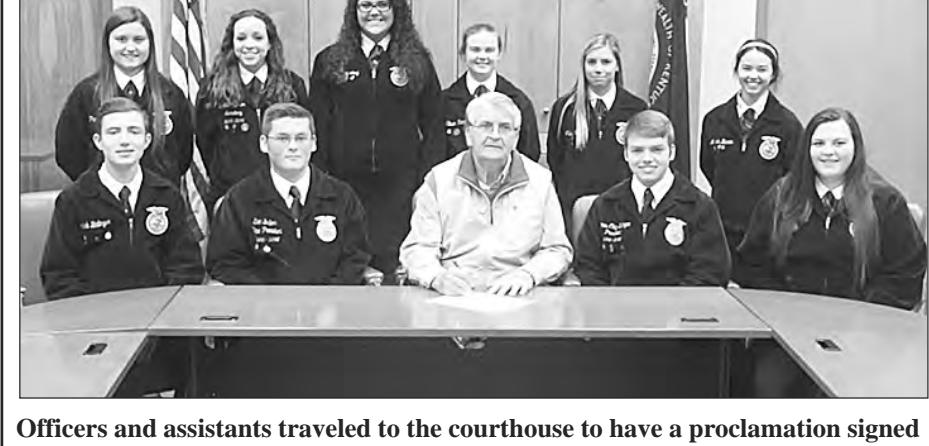
Several officers and assistants traveled to Rockcastle County Courthouse on February 22nd to have a proclamation signed by

Judge Executive Doug Bishop declaring FFA Week for the county. Along with having a proclamation signed, that week several members of the chapter went on WRVK and asked FFA related questions. People called in their answers and won pizza from the local Pizza Hut.

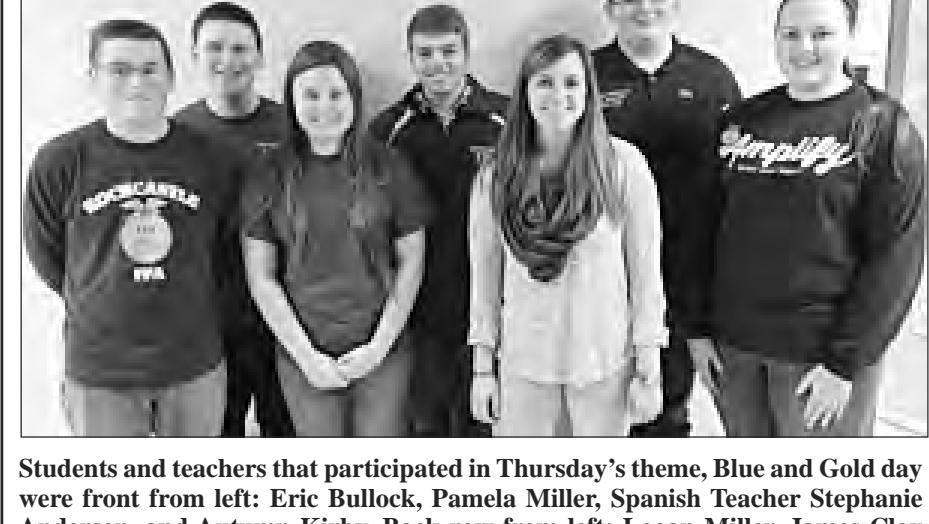
Students at Rockcastle County High School also participated in FFA Week by dressing appropriately

for the theme days. Monday's theme was 'Merica Mondee. Tuesday's theme was Twin Tuesday. Wednesday's theme was Ag Career Day. Thursday's theme was Blue and Gold Day. Friday's theme was Camo.

On Tuesday, 6 officers went to Boyle County High School to participate in a workshop put on by Abrah Myer, who is the National FFA Central Region Vice President.



Officers and assistants traveled to the courthouse to have a proclamation signed by Judge Executive Doug Bishop. Pictured front row from left are: Caleb Ballinger, Eric Bullock, James Clay Ballinger, and Autumn Kirby. Back row from left: Pamela Miller, Allie Johnson, Brittany Long, Allie Renner, Callie Powell, and Michaela Barron.



Students and teachers that participated in Thursday's theme, Blue and Gold day were front from left: Eric Bullock, Pamela Miller, Spanish Teacher Stephanie Anderson, and Autumn Kirby. Back row from left: Logan Miller, James Clay Ballinger, and Joshua Andrew McKinney.



Pictured are from left: Rockcastle County graduate and Boyle County Ag Teacher Matt Whitaker, FFA State Executive Secretary Matt Chalif, Vice President Eric Bullock, President James Clay Ballinger, National FFA Central Region Vice President Abrah Myer, Reporter Sierra Sturgill, Secretary Allie Johnson, Sentinel David Gabbard, Chaplain Trevor Sweet, and State Vice President James Kash

4-H Variety Show provides participants with opportunities to learn and grow

The Rockcastle County 4-H Variety Show is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Registration deadline is Monday, April 4th.

Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the rules and guidelines.

Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. A 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided up into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by Janu-

ary 1, 2016, will be in the senior division.

There must 5 participants or more for a Club Act. Club acts have a time limit of 8 minutes.

Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act. Other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act.

Variety Show participants may only represent one club and must participate within their own grade and home room.

There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act, club or specialty.

Please use good judgment on dance routines.

An act exceeding the time limit should be permitted to finish but cannot be awarded Champion.

Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted.

Dramatic readings can be entered as a variety show act.

All acts must use the same P.A. system. No act will be allowed to provide their own system.

Leaders must take care of their own music. (Have CD set at starting point.)

Each school will sit together until time for their acts. Club leaders are responsible for keeping their group together and quiet. Parents should be recruited to help as chaperones.

Admission will not be charged.

Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403.

Registration information will include:

1.) Name of Act

2.) Type of music that will be used (CD, piano, etc)

3.) Number in the Act

4.) Names of participants if it is a Specialty Act

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4-H Sewing Project participants at Brodhead Elementary School were front from left: Haley Robinson, Alivia Kirby, Molly Irwin, Robin Renner, Kilee Carpenter and Leah Taulbee. Second row: Bailey Terry, Hope Kidwell, Brooklyn Carter, Chelsi Laswell, Makinlee Goff, Natalie Prewitt and Kyra Gibson. Third row: Aaliyah Woodall, John T. Kelley, Ezekiel Graves, Joe Wade, Callie Benge, Gracelyn Robinson and Dawson Farrow. Back row: Kaitlin Burgin, Kaylee Chadwell, Jaelynn Messer, Erica Pigg from Rockcastle County Middle School, John Farrow, Lee Denney and Ernest Bryant.



RCHS band members selected for Honors Band

Congratulations to members of the RCHS band who were selected by audition for the 2016 Western Kentucky University High School Honors Band. Band students spent two days of intensive rehearsals with some of the top conductors in the field including Mr. Bob Elliot, Kentucky Director of Bands at Ryle High School, Dr. Jeffery Phillips, Conductor and Trombone Professor of Belmont University and Dr. Sarah McKoin, Director of Bands at Texas Tech University.

The students were also treated to a Prism Concert given by the students of the Western Kentucky University Music Department, which features every ensemble in the department. The honor bands performed in concert at Van Meter Auditorium on the WKU campus on Saturday March 5th. RCHS members who were

selected are pictured included Samarah Lovins, Logan Anglin, Allison Renner, Ryan Martin, Caitlin

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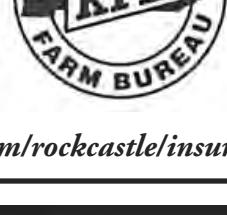
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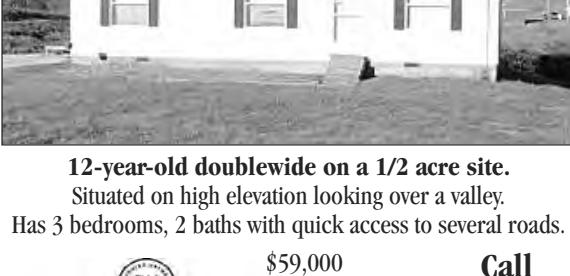
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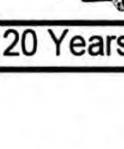
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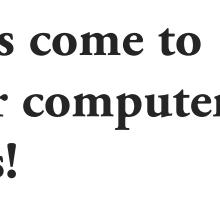
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FAILURE to provide enough notice before discharging or transferring a resident.
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FAILURE to make sure menus meet the resident's nutritional needs and that there is a prepared menu by which nutritious meals have been planned for the resident and followed.
[Cited on 06/03/2015]

FAILURE to prepare food that is nutritional, appetizing, tasty, attractive, well-cooked, and at the right temperature.
[Cited on 11/13/2013 and again on 06/03/2015]

FAILURE to maintain drug records and properly mark/label drugs and other similar products according to accepted professional standards.
[Cited on 11/20/2014]

FAILURE to protect each resident from all abuse, physical punishment, and being separated from others.
[Cited on 06/27/2014]

FAILURE to honor all of the resident's rights as a resident of the nursing home, free of coercion and reprisal, and as a citizen or resident of the United States.
[Cited on 06/27/2014]

FAILURE to hire only people with no legal history of abusing, neglecting or mistreating residents; or report and investigate any acts or reports of abuse, neglect or mistreatment of residents.
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FAILURE to have a program that investigates, controls and keeps infection from spreading.
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FAILURE to develop policies that prevent mistreatment, neglect, or abuse of residents or theft of resident property.
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FAILURE to let the resident refuse treatment or refuse to take part in an experiment and formulate advance directives.
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FAILURE to offer other nutritional food to each resident who will not eat the food served.
[Cited on 11/13/2013]

FAILURE to be administered in an acceptable way that maintains the well-being of each resident.
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FAILURE to keep accurate, complete and organized clinical records on each resident that meet professional standards.
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Mount Vernon firefighter Adam Bales attacked the flames of this apparently abandoned car in the north-bound emergency lane of I-75 Tuesday afternoon just inside the Rockcastle County Line. Fire Chief David Bales said the owner of the car is unknown at this time since the tags were destroyed. Bales said it is suspected the fire started from a broken gas line. The Livingston Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Mayors, Bishop give State of the Cities/County

By: Mike French

The annual Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce State of the Cities/County luncheon was held Tuesday at Community Trust Bank in Mount Vernon. The conference room was filled to standing room as all three local Mayors and the county Judge/Executive spoke to members of the community about their administratiyions.

Introduced by Chamber president Steve McKinney, each speaker addressed their specific areas growth and challenges faced over the past year.

First to speak was Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant who summarized the city's many accomplishments in

2015, including the new wa-
ter storage tanks and addi-
tional trucks for use in the city.

Bryant said every depart-
ment within the city of
Mount Vernon is better
equipped to serve the people
than ever in the history of
the city.

"We have a lot on our
plate and a lot left to accom-
plish but I can report that our
town is quite healthy and
operating in the black," he
said.

Bryant touched on the
improvements at Lake
Linville, the new K-9 units
on the police force, the many
accomplishments of the
Mount Vernon Fire Depart-
ment and grants they have
received, the budget and the
help of City Administrator
Josh Bray who is "floating
the ship right now," along
with the work of Vitalize
Mount Vernon Director
Lynn Tatum and others.

"All of our accomplish-
ments are thanks to the co-
operative efforts of those
around me who serve this
community with passion.
This is a great community to
serve and I am proud to be
your mayor," he said.

The next speaker was
Brodhead Mayor Walter
Cash who said the city is
doing well. "Well, I'm
please to announce that we
are still above water in Brod-
head."

(See "Jury" on A7)

(See "State" on A7)

Local man arrested on drug charges

By: Mike French

According to a report
from the Mount Vernon Police
Department, Donnie Jones, 41, address unknown,
was arrested last Friday after
police attempted to serve a
warrant. The report says
when police found Jones on
Cass Street, he ran into the
woods and was later found
hiding.

Upon ordering Jones to
show his hands, the report
said he refused and resisted
arrest.

Upon searching Jones,
police say they discovered
an expandable baton and a

contact lens case containing
a liquid and pieces of a cigarette
filter that tested positive
for methamphetamine
and a glass meth pipe with a
white chemical residue.

The report said once
Jones was booked in the jail
he was asked if he had any-
thing else on him and Jones
replied "no."

However, once Jones
was searched inside the jail,
the report said officers found
a used hypodermic needle.

Jones was charged with
Fleeing or Evading Police,
first degree, Resisting Ar-

(See "Drugs" on A7)

Moving Wall Memorial coming to Rockcastle County in August

By: Mike French

"All we wanted was for
someone to say 'welcome home'. But it never hap-
pened," said Rockcastle
County American Legion
Post 71 Commander
Tommy Hodges. When
Vietnam vets returned
home, instead of a welcom-
ing ceremony, many were
met with angry mobs who
chastised and spit at them.
The political environ-
ment from 1959 to 1975 had
changed dramatically and

protests against the war became focused on the returning veterans instead of the politicians who kept it going. Veterans were used as scapegoats and blamed for a war they were drafted into.

The Moving Wall is part of a national company which has created half-sized, exact replicas of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. That wall is coming to Rockcastle County on August 22 and will remain behind the

County Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley until August 28.

The Moving wall is made of aluminum and coated to appear exactly like the origi-

nal wall and thanks to efforts from Post 71, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the Rockcastle County Tourism Commission and many

(See "Wall" on A7)

Kiwanis Auction a success



The 21st Annual Kiwanis Club Auction was deemed a huge success after \$7,800 was raised to benefit various projects for children throughout Rockcastle County. Shown above, Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette, second from right, and local attorney Jeremy Rowe were among many volunteers who announced items up for sale over the WRVK radio station as callers purchased items donated by local residents and businesses.

Two local UNITE clubs are honored

By: Mike French

The RCMS and RCHS UNITE Clubs have each received UNITE Club of the Year Awards along with \$750 for outstanding leadership.

Both clubs were recognized during last week's Rockcastle County School Board meeting.

UNITE Coalition Coordinator, Carl Varney, said this is the seventh consecutive year that each local group has won the top honor.

"I work in nine counties and can honestly say that young people in Rockcastle County are unlike kids in other counties," he said. "You all are doing something right. They are

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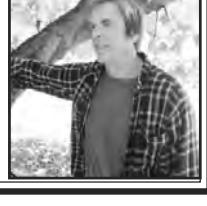
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Aces Over

By Mike French



As a society, we often glaze over uncomfortable things. We nod and change the subject and avoid some conversations all together. There are just some things that are uncomfortable to discuss with loved ones and almost impossible to talk about in front of strangers.

After all, people do judge. We aren't supposed to and even though we are indeed supposed to point out sin to others, we are supposed to do it to help them see it themselves. Not to condemn them or judge them in any way but to help them with a loving heart.

If you have done something wrong or made a mistake or been weak in some way, you don't want to announce it to the world. None of us do. It becomes a little secret that only a few people are aware of.

I have several of those. Little secrets that I believe aren't anyone else's business. If my little secrets got out, some would judge, some would condemn, some would applaud.

However, there is one dirty little secret that I think we as a society need to begin addressing out in the open. Even if it hurts to say it out loud, and we know we will be judged by it, this one subject needs to be out in the open in my humble opinion.

Drug abuse.

When we discover it in our families, parents keep it quiet so as not to damage the reputation of their child. And who can blame them for that? No one. A parent's number one job is to protect their child.

So once it is discovered by a relative or a friend, we hide it. Sweep it under the rug and smile at the neighbors on the outside while aching on the inside.

This is what I would do as well. I don't think I could bring myself to announce it to the world if one of my kids had a drug problem. But I am beginning to think I would be wrong to keep it hidden.

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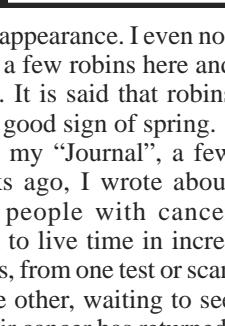
T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook

A Fresh New Start

Dear Journal,

I was in our yard the other day, and I noticed the grass was beginning to "green" and flowers were poking their heads through the soil. I noticed tulips, daffodils, and jonquils making



their appearance. I even noticed a few robins here and there. It is said that robins are a good sign of spring.

In my "Journal", a few weeks ago, I wrote about how people with cancer seem to live time in increments, from one test or scan to the other, waiting to see if their cancer has returned. Last week, I went for scans and appointments to see if the brain tumor had returned or if the cervical/uterine cancer had returned. All of the tests were all clear with no signs of a tumor anywhere, thankfully. As I've said before, "To God be the glory". So, now it's back to living in the next increment.

The next increment will be during the spring and summer. I'm really thankful that this period of time is during the beautiful warm

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I can't recall the last time I enjoyed an impromptu visit more than the one I had with Jimmy and Georgie Caudill last Friday.

Long time readers of the column may recall that, over the years, my childhood friend, the late Truman Caudill often made it into the paper when I was sitting around with sweet home, Blair Branch waxing nostalgic on my mind. Jimmy and Georgie are Truman's boys.

They may take exception to being called "boys" because, if my math is correct, they are both on the north side of 40. And Georgie usually goes by George these days. He was "Georgie" growing up because both boys pretty much lived there on Blair Branch with their grandparents, George and Lydia Caudill.

I hadn't seen either one of them in nearly 20 years but we have, more or less, stayed in touch and kept up with one another via email, facebook and infrequent telephone calls. And that's a shame, really, because Jimmy lives in southern Lincoln County less than 30 miles from my place. Georgie, on the other hand, lives wherever he is at the moment which can usually be narrowed down to somewhere east of the Mississippi River.

Georgie, like his father, is a long haul truck jockey

who spends most of his time on the road. Jimmy, like his dad, is musically inclined and skinny as a fence rail while Georgie is built like a pro wrestler. I'm assuming Georgie's physical features come from his mother's side of the family because he certainly didn't get them from Truman.

Anyway, the boys and I spent most of the day hanging out on the front porch sipping coffee and soft drinks and trying to see who could tell the tallest tale. I've never met anyone who could get ahead of Truman Caudill in that department but his boys could, and probably did give him a run for his money. Suffice to say that I'm not in their league. And their visit was like getting a double dose of Truman.

I managed to get a few laughs when I regaled them with tales about their father who once got a new Schwinn Racer bicycle for Christmas. Truman rode the sleek but too-flimsy-for-Blair Branch bike off the mountain and down the

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ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

March Madness is approaching

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am that "March Madness" is back! Ever since 1959 when I was the manager of the Mt. Vernon High School (MVHS) Red Devil basketball team, I have been hooked on high school and college "hoops." After I got my driver's license, I don't think I missed a single MVHS basketball game, whether it was at home or away. If it was an away game, my '58 Chevy was filled with students wanting to see the game as much as I did.

When I entered the University of Kentucky in 1962, the students could attend all home "Wildcat" games, and I thought I was the luckiest guy on campus. My friends and I never missed a home game.

In those days, players like "Cotton" Nash, Charles "Chili" Ishmael (from Mt. Sterling), Ted Deeken, Terry Mobley, Tom Harper (from Winchester), Scotty Baesler, John Adams, and

others were in the news as starters or players who got playing time under the Baron, Adolph Rupp. Of course, much of the attention was bestowed on Nash because he was named All SEC and All American. As a freshman, I was among their greatest fans. It was so cool to be able to attend every home game.

Over the years after my college graduation, I became friends with three of the 1962 UK basketball team members (Nash – Ishmael – Harper). Because I was the head baseball coach at George Rogers Clark (Clark County) in the 1980's, we played many of those games, and we had ample time to discuss our college experiences. He is also a friend of Dutch Ishmael, who owns Dutch's Ford and Dutch's Chevrolet in Mt. Sterling. Dutch and I have been friends for many years, and I occasionally run into Cotton while visiting or patronizing Dutch and his "team" at the dealership. Dutch played football for UK and was very successful.

When I was teaching and coaching at George Rogers Clark in Winchester, I also became acquainted with Tom Harper, who played high school basketball for Clark County. Tom attended many GRC games and often visited with the coaching staff.

In 1968, I accepted a teaching position at Mt. Sterling High School (MSHS) and became Chili's assistant football coach. I had served as an assistant under head football Coach Vince Hancock while teaching at Campbellsville High School. Chili and I became close friends while teaching and coaching together at MSHS. He was one of the most talented high school coaches at that time. He took several teams to the state playoffs while at MSHS. The year that I loved most was 1969, when we took the Mt. Sterling Trojan football team to the state playoffs and then defeated Bardstown High School on UK's Stoll Field on Thanksgiving Day in order to win the Class "A" State Championship. That year will always remain my favorite teaching/coaching experience.

Even today, many of the 1969 Trojan team members

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, March 6th, I went to the Elementary School and unfortunately when I started to climb the steps leading up to the gym, I lost my balance and fell sideways to the left causing me to smash my head into the concrete step. The force of the fall, caused me to flip over on my back, leaving me on the pavement.

I would like to thank the gentlemen who came to my aid and helped me. I am sorry I did not get their names but I want to personally thank not only them, but the three nurses who came to my aid after I entered the gym.

The only name I can remember is Rachel Wallen. Upon arriving in the ER, Dr. Hamilton and the hospital staff gave me excellent care, and I want to thank all of them too. As well I want to thank White House Clinic

and the Eye Doctors for my follow up care.

I am from the big city of Cincinnati, having lived there for over 20 years. Everything was hustle, bustle, and you hardly knew anyone other than your immediate neighbor or classmates and friends at church. When I had an accident at the age of 30, I came to live with my brother and his family, until I was able to go back to work. They worked with me two years, helping me to get on my feet and start living again!

I must say that I was very upset to be living out in the country (Brodhead) and I was shocked there was cows, in our back yard!

(They scare the living daylight out of me!) But a change came over me, when I was able to start driving, and I loved going to

Mount Vernon, and though I did not know a lot

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"Aces"

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richest most Christian family on earth is not immune.

Maybe if we were more open about it as a society and could say "Yes, neighbor, I know we were in church Sunday and I know I coach kids' sports, and I know I wear a suit and tie, but my son has a drug prob-

lem. It's in this neighborhood too. Please watch your children and protect them," people could be more aware of the issue. Instead of believing drugs could never come to their family or their neighborhood, maybe if they were made aware that it is right next door, they could be more observant and prepared.

And now the rub. There is an unfortunate stigma attached to any family who has a loved one with a drug addiction. No one in society would look down at them if someone in their family had the flu. Yet if there is an addiction problem, they must be thugs.

It's a false narrative and it has caused us to hide it

and keep others from being aware of how drugs are saturating our society.

Being a hypocrite on the matter, I can't blame anyone more than myself. I, too, would probably hide it because of the stigma involved that I would not want placed on my family. But somehow, we need to find a way past that stigma. We need to

find a way to accept the total saturation of the evil known as drugs.

One thing I know for certain, if you have no one in your family and no friends touched by drug abuse, you have no idea how blessed you are. Drugs are in places that people would never imagine and it has been estimated that 92% of American families have in some

way been touched by drug abuse.

If you have never known anyone with a drug problem, you are in a massive minority group.

Here's hoping we learn to talk about it more openly and stop blaming and judging and condemning.

That's the drug war we need to fight. The one in ourselves. The quiet one.

"Points East"

(Continued from A-2)

holler nearly 2 miles to school every morning. Very little, if any pedaling was required because the elevation getting to school was down hill all the way except for a couple of places where the road went through the creek.

In other words, Truman had a practically effortless, other than keeping his balance, ride to school every morning. He would whiz right by us lesser mortals as we trudged through dust or mud, depending on the weather. Then, when school was out for the day, Truman would have the rest of us practically fighting over the privilege of pushing that bi-

cycle back up the holler. Tom Sawyer didn't have a thing on Truman Caudill.

The boys shared numerous tales about their grandfather and my dad who were very close, if not absolutely, best friends to each other.

They told of Dad taking George to town one spring to buy a new, 8hp front-tine roto-tiller. Dad, who had always plowed the Caudills' garden with a horse or mule, was without a draft animal at the time and George had convinced him that a new tiller was just the thing, plus you didn't have to feed and

water it twice a day.

Having plowed their garden with our horse a few times myself, I can attest the fact that it was mostly hard clay and that you had to really, really want a garden very badly to cultivate that particular plat of soil.

If you know anything about front tin tillers, you also know that an 8 horsepower one is as big as they get and that the bigger they get, the harder they are to handle.

According to Truman's boys, neither of the men were having any success

with the big tiller which was lurching forward as well as left and right into the path of least resistance while Dad and George were yelling, Gee! Haw! and Whoa! while calling the mindless steel beast many choice names that are unfit for publication in family newspapers.

I laughed so hard that I forgot to ask if they actually got the garden tilled. I do know that Georgie is a faithful reader of this column, so come back over soon boys and tell me the rest of the story.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

are friends of mine and of Chili. We talk often and keep up with the major happenings in our lives.

Chili and I have been friends since 1968, and I consider him to be one of the most talented coaches I have ever known. He was one of those guys who did not take all of the credit, but allowed the other coaches and players to also revel in the limelight of the coaching/playing experience. It is so much fun to discuss those games and players with Chili. I will always be thankful that I was allowed to be part of that exciting experience.

Now that I am retired, "Chili" Ishmael and his brother, Dutch, remain best friends of mine.

Can you understand how being a basketball fan has shaped my life over the past sixty plus years? Basketball and football have held important places in my life's

experiences. Since 1959, I have loved being a fan of high school and college sports. Little did I realize in 1962 that several of my lifelong friends would be intro-

duced to me when I was a freshman at UK.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your suggestions and comments.)

"Letters"

(Cont. from A2)

of people, the fact that when I went to town, many people would wave at me.

That hardly ever happened in Cincinnati.

I must say that is when I fell in love with Rockcastle County. I love the people here and as my nephew, Kevin Roberts always says, "that living in Ottawa" is like living in a little piece of Heaven. I agree! We have wonderful neighbors and it makes me so happy to be a part of this community.

And though I had never met the people who helped me when I fell, they went out of their way to make sure I was alright.

I would never leave Rockcastle to move somewhere else. God placed me just right where He wanted me to be. And I am so happy He did!

Thank You,
Willa Jo Roberts

Bethanie home for brief break...

Dear Editor,
Our daughter Bethanie wants all her friends to

know that she is at home for a brief break. As most of you know, she had brain surgery in January.

The type is osteosarcoma, it won't grow but the doctor thinks it will spread. She just finished a month of radiation treatments at Markey Cancer Center in Lexington. We came home after her last one on Wednesday.

She will have a port inserted on March 28, then will begin the first of 30 chemo treatments for 10 weeks, she will be admitted for these and will have two each week but will stay an extra day or two for observation. So, for any of you who want to call or visit Bethanie, I am giving our number and I am sure you know where we live. Thanks to all who respond to this. God bless.

Thank you,
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Bus Drills - Early Dismissal

Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills on Thursday, March 17th. Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal. **No school on Friday, March 18th - CKEA.**

Brodhead Alumni Banquet

The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held at the Brodhead Elementary gym on Sat., April 2nd at 6 p.m. This year honor classes are: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Ladonna's Catering of London will be provided the meal. \$20 per person and reservations should be made by March 20th. Send checks, made payable to Brodhead Alumni, to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

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No Permit Testing

According to Circuit Clerk Eliza York, there will be no permit testing on March 25th, due to the holiday.

MVFD Fundraiser

The Mt. Vernon Fire Department is holding a fundraiser. For a donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a free 8x10 color portrait (a \$30 value). Pictures will be taken at the MVFD in the near future. All funds collected will be used for operation of the fire department. Volunteers for the department will be going door-to-door soliciting these donations and will have identification.

Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans

American Legion Post 71 would like to contact Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to: PO Box 1467, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by no later than March 18, 2016 or send info to info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814.

Hot Rod Sign-ups Begin

Hot Rod Sign-ups for 3,4 and 5 year olds will be held the first and second weekends of April at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child. Adult shirts will be available for \$13 (extra dollar per x) at the sign-up. The shirts this year will carry a picture of the late Anthony Reams' car. Hot Rod coaches teach the basics of the game but the main objective is to have fun. The season begins the last Saturday in April. There will be a picnic the second week end of July to end the season.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take."

Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Obituaries



Dillie Marie Elliott

Dillie Marie Elliott, 87, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility. She was born January 18, 1929 in Covington, a daughter of the late Eddie Lewis Kirby and Martha Ellen Cromer Kirby. She was a member of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ and found great joy in fishing, gardening, camping, quilting and spending time with her family. She loved people as was evident in her working in food service for many years. On June 5, 1948 she was united in marriage to Charles Elliott and from that union came four daughters, June, Imogene, Connie and Donna.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, June (Ron) Smith of Brodhead, Imogene Renner of Mt. Vernon, Connie (Rob) Barnes of Oregonia, OH and Donna Cameron/Hines of Mt. Vernon; her sister, Jean Mink of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Kym Dargavell, Kelly Ray, Stacey Brewer, Ruby Coleman, Greg W. Renner, Scott Renner, Rebecca Renner Durham, Lorie Barnes, Kyle Barnes and Crystal Clark; 18 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: the father of her children, Charles Elliott; a brother, Ernest Kirby; sisters, Bonnie Renner and Christine Pensol; and longtime friend, Ed Salyer.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Dale McNew and Ova Baker officiating. Burial was in the Phelps Cemetery. Special music by Dillie's son-in-law, Jim Dargavell, and her nephew, Keith Mink and his wife Paula.

Casketbearers were: Stacey Brewer, Justin and Jordan Dargavell, Greg and Scott Renner, and Kyle Barnes.

Honorary bearers were: Ron Smith, Rob Barnes and her granddaughters.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Phillip Gene Lark, Jr.

Phillip Gene Lark, Jr., 50, died Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in Fayette County. He was born September 26, 1965 in Rockcastle County, a son of Brenda Cameron Hulker and the late Phillip Gene Lark, Sr. He was a factory worker and of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed collecting knives and watching old movies.

Besides his mother, he is survived by: his children, Joshua Cromer and Casey Bradley; his grandchild, Adeline Renee Wallace; brothers, Jason Edwin (Josette) Kirk of Lafayette, IN, Jonathan Kevin (Lisa) Kirk of Corbin, Mark (Christy) Hulker of Michigan and Richard Dewayne (Kimberly) Hulker of Michigan; sisters, Ginnie (Robert) Deborde of Mt. Vernon, Teddie Day of Waynesburg, Annastasia Rowland of Mt. Vernon, and Ann Margaret (Doug) Musgrove of Charleston, WV; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors also survive.

He was preceded in death by his step-father, Richard E. Hulker.

Survivors include two



Mary Agnes Bullock

Mary Agnes Norton Bullock, 93, of Ladoga, IN, died at The Gathering Together Hospice in Plainfield, IN on Sunday March 6, 2016 surrounded by her family. She was born in Rockcastle County to Willis Mitchell and Cleary Sowder Norton on October 6, 1922. She attended the Norton School in Kentucky and was a homemaker and a partner with her husband Alonzo Bullock, in their farm in southern Montgomery County. She married Alonzo on June 29, 1940 in London. He preceeded her in death on January 23, 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma J. (Bob) Young and Sharon K. (Joe) Morrison, both of Ladoga, IN. She is also survived by: six grandchildren, Debbie (Bryan) Monts, Randy Young, Darla (Josh) Tribby, Aimee (Rob) Webster, Michael Morrison and Mandy (Chris) Crum; 10 great grandchildren Ty, Mary Ann, Taylor, Dylan, Colby, Sam, Blake, Kyler, Tanner, and Shae; two step great grandchildren, Brandon and Brody; two siblings, Arvel Norton of Roachdale, IN and Winnie Bullock of Mt Vernon. She was preceded in death by her husband and three siblings, Lois Witt, Shelby and William Norton.

Survivors include two

Funeral services were held Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. BJ Bradley and Bro. Jon. Burdette officiating. Burial will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Servies & Morgan Funeral Home at 203 N. Washington St., Ladoga, IN. Pastor Mike Whitacre officiated and burial was in Roachdale Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Gathering Together, at 147 N. Center St., Plainfield, IN 46168.

Please visit www.serviesmorgan.com to leave online condolence.

Card of Thanks Brandi Sexton

The family of Brandi Sexton wishes to thank those who expressed sympathy in any way. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards, messages, those who attended visitation and/or the funeral, sent food, those who came to serve food at the Climax Fire Department, the Climax Fire Department for allowing us to use the fire house, those who sent flowers, wind chimes, throws, figurines, etc., the pall bearers, Jason Medley for the songs, Bro. Chad Burdette, Bro. Billy Long, Denisha Johnson for being Brandi's true friend to the end, and Cox Funeral Home.

God Bless All.

Family of Brandi Sexton

Cemetery Notices Bids Wanted by

McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Board is now accepting bids for the 2016 upkeep and mowing season. All bids must be sealed and mailed to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and must be received by April 6, 2016. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Briarfield Cemetery

Briarfield Cemetery is accepting donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery and mail to Tim Robinson, Briarfield Cemetery, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, KY 40460 or see Dean Carpenter or Tim Robinson. All donations greatly appreciated.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Wanda McKinney

Wanda McKinney, 74, of Sand Springs, died Friday, March 11, 2016 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on April 30, 1941 the daughter of Ernest and Edna Marler Poynter. She was a homemaker and a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband of 56 years, Casper "Cap" McKinney; six sons, Jeff (Sheila) McKinney, Terry (Gloria) McKinney, and Michael (Anastasia) McKinney, all of Mt. Vernon, Gary McKinney of Eddyville, Jack (Becky) McKinney of Brodhead, and Jon (Toni) McKinney of Somerset; eight daughters, Vicki (Granville) Graves, Cathy (Chad) Payne, Marsha Harris, Christy (Chuck) Smith, Polly (Porter) Smith, and Angie Taylor, all of Mt. Vernon, Debby (Robbie) Mitchell of Crab Orchard, and Tammy (Junior) Roark of Stanford; a brother, Larry Poynter of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Alma Pittman of Somerset.

Also surviving are 42 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Elijah McKinney and a brother, Lester Poynter.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at Sand Springs Baptist Church by Bro. Eugene Gentry. Burial followed in McKinney Family Cemetery on Deborde Road.

Pallbearers were: Robert Couch, Robert Payne, Marty Harris, Dennis Taylor, Matt McKinney and Granville Graves, Jr.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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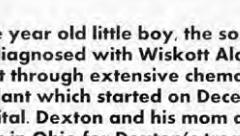
DAR state officer special guest at meeting

KSDAR State Registrar, Myra Evans was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR. Her presentation was on four Kentucky nurses who were held prisoners of war by the Japanese during World War II. Nurses Earleen Allen (Bardswell), Sallie Phillips Durrett (Louisville), Mary Jo Oberst, (Owensboro) and Edith Shacklette (Cedarflat) were part of what would be called the Angels of Bataan (also known as the "Angels of Bataan and Corregidor" and "The Battling Belles of Bataan"). They were the members of the United States Army Nurse Corps and the United States Navy Nurse Corps who were stationed in the Philippines at the outset of the Pacific War and served during the Battle of the Philippines (1941-42). When Bataan and Corregidor fell, 81 nurses were captured and imprisoned in and around Manila. They continued to serve as a nursing unit throughout their status as prisoners of war for 33 months. After years of hardship, they were finally liberated in February 1945. Pictured above: KSDAR State Registrar, Myra Evans and Rockcastle Regent, Debbie Brown.



Fundraiser for

TEAM DEXTON



Gospel Singing, Silent and Live Auction.

50/50 Raffle, Free Food and Drink

Dexton is a one year old little boy, the son of Paul and Denise May. He was diagnosed with Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome back in July. He went through extensive chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant which started on December 1st at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Dexton and his mom and dad are currently having to stay in Ohio for Dexton's treatments. Family and friends are hoping to help raise money for medical and living expenses. So, please come out and help someone from the local community.

Where: Climax Volunteer Fire Department

When: March 19th at 5:00pm

Music By: Friends of Faith
Hill Family
Trymyer Family
Timberline Road

Are you ready to quit smoking?

Rockcastle Regional Hospital will be hosting a quit smoking class called Cooper Clayton. The class and all nicotine are FREE. All costs are covered by Rockcastle Regional Hospital and a grant funded by the Rockcastle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP).

To register, please call Morgan Bray at (606) 256-7704 or come to class at Rockcastle Regional Hospital on **Tuesday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m.** Must be 18 or older to attend. All tobacco and E-Cigarette users are welcome to attend.

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Patsy Woodall

Patsy Woodall, 64 of Brodhead, died Sunday, March 13, 2016 at UK Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Rockcastle County on March 20, 1954, the daughter of John and Isabelle McGuire Singleton.

She is survived by: her companion of 14 years, William Hayes of Richmond; one brother, Donnie (Mary) Singleton of Mt. Vernon; and one sister, Reva Masters of Richmond. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Woodall and two sons, James Stidham and Larry Stidham.

The family chose cremation.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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**Free Bible Courses**

Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

Special Service

Bridge of Christ on 100 High St. in Mt. Vernon will meet Sunday, March 20th at 6 p.m. with Bro. Jay West, Bro. Enoch and Bro. Burton. Preaching and special singing. Everyone welcome.

Revival

Revival at Brush Creek Holiness Church March 20th through 25th with Bro. Billy Conn. The Sunday night service begins at 6 p.m. Week night services



Happy birthday to Hunter Thomas Isaacs who turned 9 years old on February 22nd.

Hunter celebrated with a Star Wars party and would like to thank everyone for the nice gifts.

We love you Hunter!

Daddy, Brayden

&

Karleigh

&

Papaw and Mamaw

begin at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Lonnie McGuire and congregation welcome all to come.

First Christian**Upcoming Events****Spring Renewal**

First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will hold their Spring Renewal April 10th - 13th. Sunday morning at 11:00, Sunday night at 6:00 and Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Ed Berry, preaching minister at Henry Christian Church in Eminence, Ky. will be the guest speaker. There will also be a number of folks bringing special music. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of it with us.

Good Friday Service

First Christian Church will be hosting a Good Friday event on March 25th at 7:00. All are welcome to come and join in this remembrance time of our Lord's death to save us. For answers to questions or for a ride, please call 256-2876.

Easter Services

First Christian Church will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, March 27th at 11:00. We want to invite you to come and be a part of this time of joy and praise.

Cornerstones at Wildie Christian

The Cornerstones, finalists for the prestigious Singing News Fan Awards and owner of seven national Top 40 Chart songs, will be singing at Wildie Christian church March 20th at 6 p.m.

You are invited to join The Cornerstones in a time of worship, celebration and praise of the One who deserves it all...Jesus!

Camp Wildcat needs volunteers

Each year Civil War battlefields across the United States seek volunteers to help clean up and fix up their battlefields prior to the onrush of the summer tourism season.

On April 2, 2016, people will come together to participate in the 20th annual Park Day. Camp Wildcat near the Laurel County-Rockcastle County line is one of those sites.

Needs at Camp Wildcat include picking up trash, cleaning the restrooms, spreading lime and fertilizer on the grass around the main parking lot and scattering wood chips along a short trail and more.

Refreshments will be provided free of charge and each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt and each boy scout will receive a book on the Battle of Wildcat Mountain and a free t-shirt.

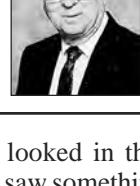
At approximately noon, there will be a guest historical speaker, M. C. Edwards, vice president and Historian for the Camp Wildcat Preservation Foundation. He will speak on Colonel Theophilus Garrard and the Battle of Camp Wildcat.

So, on Saturday, April 2, come on out to Wildcat mountain. Help with some easy work and learn some history about our area and have a lot of fun.

From I-75 take exit 49 and follow the signs.

*An encouraging word:***A Homemade System of Values**

By Howard Coop



Memories often take me back to the old house on the north side of Hegira Road in the southeast corner of Cumberland County where I spent my childhood and youth.

As I approached that old house, I stepped on to the front porch, and to my right, there was a swing painted green. Homemade by my father, it was designed so well that he made and sold several of them to neighbors. To my left, a matching bench built to seat two sat in front of the window. It, too, was painted green and homemade by my father.

Then, inside the house, the floors were clean. They were swept regularly with a homemade broom made by my father. During the dark days of the Great Depression, he raised broomcorn and made brooms, some to use in the house and others to sell to neighbors.

The shirt I wore was homemade by my mother, and the gloves I had in my pocket were knitted by her from cotton grown in a patch near the house. Ev-

erywhere I looked in that old house, I saw something that was homemade. The dictionary defines homemade as "made...at home; hence, plain; simple." That aptly describes a number of things in the old house I knew.

But there was something more that was homemade in that old house. One of my first memories is vivid; a loving mother reminded me that, under all conditions, I was to say "please" and "thank you" whenever I wanted something or was given something. And good parents taught me what, they thought, was right and wrong; therefore before I started school, I was given a homemade system of moral values to guide me through life.

The mind of a child is impressionable, and the first persons to make an impression on that mind are parents. What they give the child in those early years is most important, for it becomes a homemade system of moral values that guides that child through life.

**CHAD'S HOPE**

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March 20th

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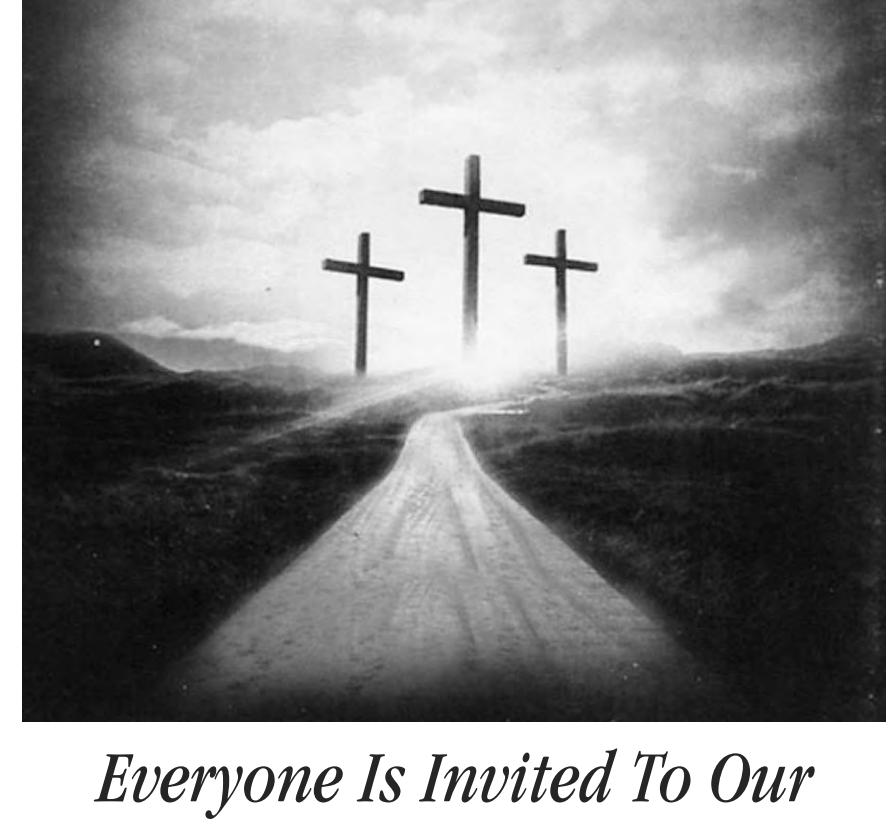
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Sunday, March 27th

After 11:00 a.m. services, Easter Egg Hunt and dinner provided



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Pastor: Mike Hargis

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Sunday School • 10:00 a.m. * Sunday Morning • 11:00 a.m.

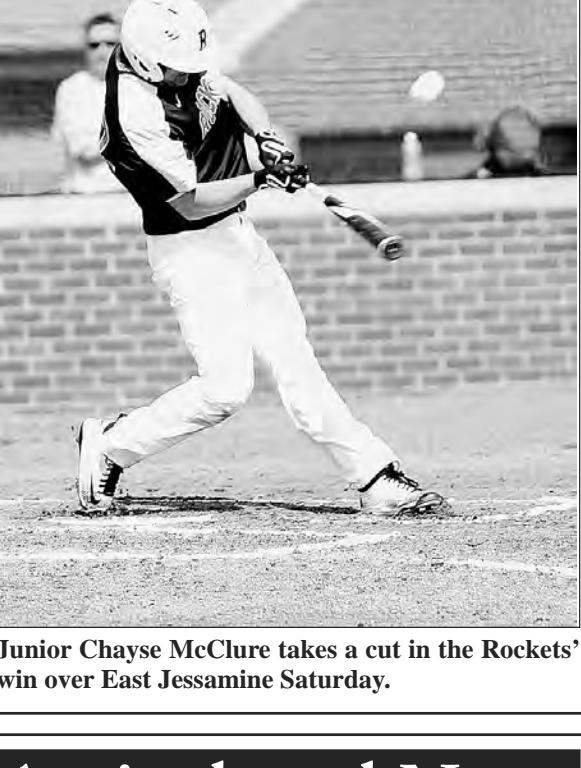
Sunday Evening • 6:00 p.m. * Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Speaker will be Evangelist Brandon Stevens

Everyone is invited to attend!



Junior second baseman John Cornelius gets a put-out at first base during the Rockets 3-0 win over East Jessamine last Saturday. The Rockets travel to Southwestern Pulaski Thursday for a 5:30 game and play home Friday against Boyle County. Game time is 5:30. They travel Saturday to Henry Clay. The Rockets will host Knox Central next Monday and Corbin next Tuesday.



Junior Chayse McClure takes a cut in the Rockets' win over East Jessamine Saturday.



Senior Alex Spragens is shown accepting his award for making the 12th Region All-Academic Team during regional finals last week at Pulaski County.



Junior Lucas Gentry is shown accepting his 12th Region All-Tournament Team trophy during the 12th Region finals last week at Pulaski County. The Rockets lost to Mercer County in first round action.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Enrollment Period for 2016 USDA Safety Net Coverage Ends Aug. 1

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that producers who chose coverage from the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can visit FSA county offices through Aug. 1, 2016, to sign contracts to enroll in coverage for 2016.

Although the choice between ARC and PLC is completed and remains in effect through 2018, producers must still enroll their farm by signing a contract each year to receive coverage.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll. If a farm is not enrolled during the 2016 enrollment period, producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program.

The two programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office.

To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien

Be 10 years to 20 years of age

Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements

Be unable to get a loan from other sources

Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above

Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: April 6, 2016 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

Office Closure Schedule

The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates for observance of a Federal Holiday: May 30, 2016-Memorial Day.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct =2.625%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct=3.750%

Limited Resource Loans=5.000%

Farm Storage Loans-7 yr. =1.625%, 10 yr. =1.875%, 12 yr. =2.000%

Commodity Loans=1.500%

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited basis apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Rockcastle Archery news

Last Thursday, RCHS archers competed with RCMS, MVES and Lincoln County Middle at a NASP Virtual State Tournament. RCHS Senior Erika Howard exceeded all RCHS individual best scores for the year with a 289. Erika hit the bullseye an awesome 21 times. Also doing well for the Rockets were B.J. Wynn with her season best of 275, Jacob Collins with 273 and Jackson Cromer with 271. Contributing to the team score of 3134 last Thursday were Dustin Gentry, Ethan Thompson, Rachel Chadwell, Alexis Baker, Sam Brickley, Alyssa Bustle, Joseph Cowan, and freshman Kim Wheat who had her season high score with 248.

This past Saturday the team competed in their first ever KHSAA Region 8 Tournament at Pulaski County High School. Despite shooting without seniors Erika Howard and Rachel Chadwell and junior Alyssa Bustle, the team

was able to put together a good effort with a team score of 3130. On Saturday, the team was led by sophomore Jackson Cromer. Jackson scored his best ever score with a 281 and 14 bullseyes. Jackson was 16th out of 103 boys in the regional tournament. It was another good shooting day for senior B.J. Wynn. B.J. finished with 272 and 12 bulleyes. Ethan Thompson had a good day as well with a score of 268 and hit the bullseye 11 times. As always Jacob Collins contributed to the team score. Jacob scored 267 on Saturday. Finishing out the top 12 to add to the team score was Rebekah Lake, Dustin Gentry, Joseph Cowan, Tristan Begley, Ben Tyler, Sam Brickley, and Sasha Schenk.

Rocket Softball plays host to Danville Thursday night at 6:00 p.m.



Junior Lucas Jones was the winning pitcher in the Rockets 3-0 season opening win over East Jessamine last Saturday. Junior Chayse McClure picked up the save for the Rockets. Photos by Jamie Cornelius.

Rocket Storage

will be selling contents of the following storage units on Saturday, March 26th

Crawford St. • 8:00 a.m.

Unit #s 6, 31, 34, 62

Richmond St. • 8:15 a.m.

Unit #s 66, 67

Williams St. • 8:30 a.m.

Unit #14

West Main St. • 8:45 a.m.

Unit #28

Old Highway 150 • 8:45 a.m.

Unit #s 11, 12, 17, 41

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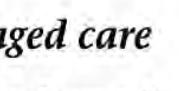
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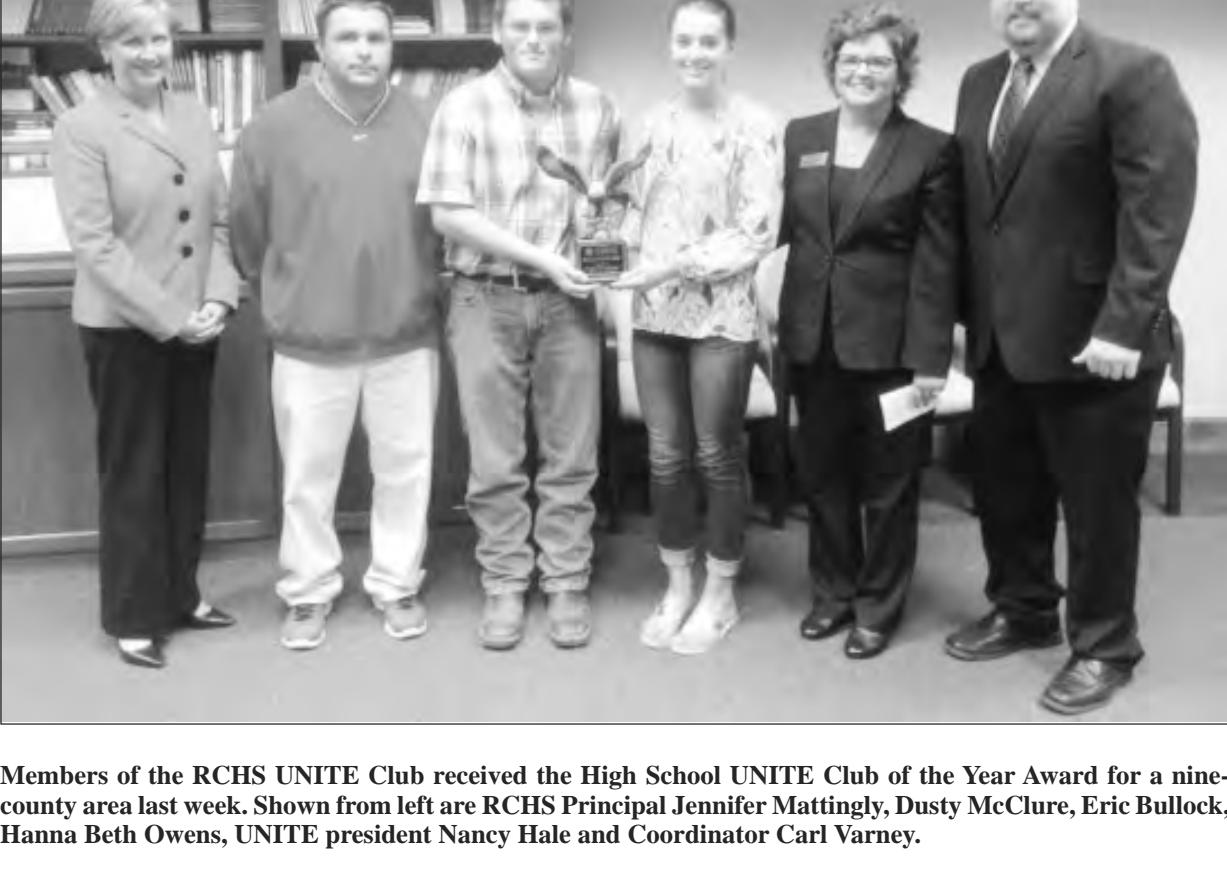
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Members of the Rockcastle County Middle School UNITE Club were presented with the UNITE Club of the year Award last week. Shown from left are RCMS Principal Marcus Reppert, Savanna Sweet, Autumn Courtney, Ashley Brock, Morgan Johnson, Lesha Cromer, Kim Hunter, UNITE president Nancy Hale, and Coordinator Carl Varney.



Members of the RCHS UNITE Club received the High School UNITE Club of the Year Award for a nine-county area last week. Shown from left are RCHS Principal Jennifer Mattingly, Dusty McClure, Eric Bullock, Hanna Beth Owens, UNITE president Nancy Hale and Coordinator Carl Varney.

State

(Continued from front)

Cash mentioned the new sewer project underway in Brodhead and commended the Brodhead Fire Department for their outstanding work through this year's winter storms.

He also said that he only

discovered recently that \$12,000 is available to the

City of Brodhead each year,

from the fiscal court's general fund, as program support for city projects. "This

is going to be a big help to

our budget," he said.

Cash also thanked Community Trust Bank for do-

nating property to the City

of Brodhead.

The third speaker was

Livingston Mayor Jason

Medley who cited many

projects in the city over the

past year.

"We have a good rela-

tionship with the other may-

ors and the fiscal court and

working together has made

a difference in our commu-

nity," said Medley.

Medley mentioned

Livingston's designation as

a Kentucky Proud Town,

the depot renovations and

the many new businesses

that have started in

Livingston over the past

year.

"I am a firm believer in

positive energy. Get the

negative out and let the

positive show through," he

said.

Medley also talked about

the recently completed side-

walk project and told the

crowd that he has now

found a cable company will-

ing to bring cable into

Livingston.

One of the biggest ac-

complishments of the town,

according to Medley, is its

fight against drugs. "I had

someone call me recently

and say to me, 'man, you

just can't buy dope in

Livingston anymore.' Now

that is something we are

proud of," Medley said.

In fact, Medley men-

tioned the "Celebrate Re-

covery" program held every

Friday night at the old

school building.

The mayor also dis-

cussed some grants the city

is attempting to obtain and a much needed sewer project he expects to begin.

"Did you know that wa- ter treatment does get bac- teria and other things out of the water before it is pumped into the river, but that it does not remove drugs or birth control pills?" Medley asked the crowd.

He said the current wa- ter treatment plant is able to treat 40,000 gallons of wa- ter per day but that after a rain, it is treating nearly 200,000 gallons. "We are treating rainwater because of our sewer system. And we are letting this water into the river. We have fish on birth control in our river," he joked.

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When people can't pass a drug test or are unwilling to work or can make more by staying home than getting a job, things need to change," said Bishop. "We have to quit pandering and giving

handouts to those who won't work. We have to change our mindset."

Bishop also touched on several successful projects within the county in the past year, s including the county's help with projects in Livingston and Brod-

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The Judge/Executive also commented on the wid- ening of I-75. "This is a project we have been fight- ing for a long time and we finally have people in office who are going to move that project ahead," he said.

Bishop closed his state-

ments with advice for ev- eryone.

"God has given us the best system on this side of Heaven in this country. This nation is a blessing to us all and sometimes we aren't grateful enough for it. I think our Father in Heaven

wants to hear us give thanks instead of complaints and we need to be our brother's keeper," said Bishop. "If we care for one another, we will have a great country and a great county. We just have to own a grateful heart and we can do it."

she is pleased to be involved with the event. "We are so proud to be a part of this. It's a really big deal and means so much to so many," she said.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court donated \$2,500 for the deposit to begin the process of getting the Moving Wall here. "Now, we just have to raise the rest of the funds needed," said Hodges.

The Moving Wall, con- taining 58,267 names of fallen soldiers in Vietnam, includes six names from Rockcastle County

Hodges said he knows this event will impact many people. "It's all for the honor and respect of fallen soldiers and veterans. People will have the chance to express their compassion and caring for those who never received a hero's wel-

come. There will be no ven- dors or other outside dis- tractions. This is not a party. It's a very serious event," he said.

Any individual, organiza- tion or business interested in helping with the event by

donating materials or time, should contact the Tourism Commission at (606) 256-9814. Anyone interested in

donating money should

make a check out to the

American Legion Post 71 and mail to: American Le- gion Post 71, P.O. Box 68, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

"Vietnam veterans are finally getting the respect they deserve and we encourage everyone to come by and pay their respects while the moving wall is in our town," said Hodges.

And to every vet, wel-

come home.

Jury

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\$50,000 cash/property.

Matthew D. McClure, 33, of Plantation Avenue in Livingston, was indicted on five counts of Wanton Endangerment and one count of Fleeing or Evading Police. Bond was set at \$150,000 cash.

Chad E Mahaffey, 39, of mount Vernon, Anita M. Adams, 37, of E. Main Street, Mount Vernon and Devin L. Adams, 21, of E. Main Street in Mount Vernon were each indicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth), first degree, first offense.

Kenneth P. Kelly, 34, of W. Main Street in Mount Vernon, was indicted on one count of Flagrant Non-Support. Bond was set at \$4,000 cash.

UNITE

(Continued from front)

respectful, genuine and honest kids. Your kids have hope and you should be very proud of that."

The award is based on achievements in the UNITE program including drug awareness pro- grams.

At RCMS, there are 133 student members of the UNITE Club and Varney said the club has many on-going drug awareness and prevention programs and sponsors a strong drug prevention speaker/ singer for a school wide assembly.

Varney also said the RCMS members participated in the annual "Wipe Out Drugs" toilet paper drive during the UNITE Bowl football game which benefits several treatment facilities.

"In addition, these kids continued community projects such as 'Pennies for Patients' at the local hospital, conducted a food drive for the local mis- sion, and raised funds for the food pantry through the 'Hunger Walks,'" he said.

Varney also said the group created public service announcements for "Pinwheels for Prevention" and organized a variety of Red Ribbon Week activities.

The RCHS UNITE Club also has many suc- cessful programs. In fact, Varney said the local club has received national attention. "Many of the club's successful programs were showcased to national leaders, first through students invited to participate in a roundtable discussion with Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli and Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers and second, when the school hosted Botticelli, Rogers and Corporation for National and Community Service CEO Wendy Spencer to show- case UNITE's 'On The Move' drug prevention initiative," he said.

The club participated in a number of community outreach/mentoring activities, including a trip to Mount Vernon Elementary School, to discuss the dangers of drug abuse, and holding a Red Bal- loon Memorial launch and annual "Wipe Out Drugs" toilet paper drive for treatment facilities.

The club members also discuss drug-related is- sues on local radio stations and teach elementary school students good decision-making skills.

"The club members give anti-bullying tips, pro- mote honesty and courtesy through their 'Rocket Readers' program and hosted six speakers for school assemblies," said Varney.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent David Pensol said the clubs are a help in many ways.

"It's not only the schools that benefit from these clubs. The entire community is effected. We are very proud of our UNITE Club members and Nancy Hale is doing an amazing job as President and CEO of our clubs," said Pensol.

Amanda Goff, 34, of Straight Lane in Brodhead was indicted on one count

of Flagrant Non-Support. Bond was set at \$4,000 cash.

Drugs

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rest, Public Intoxication, Carrying a Concealed Weapon and was later charged with Possession of a Controlled Sub- stance and Drug Paraphernalia and Promoting Contraband, first degree.

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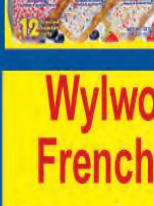
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Second Section

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Former Livingston star Paul Sturgill inducted into 12th Region Hall of Fame

Former Livingston basketball star Paul Sturgill was inducted into the 12th Region Hall of Fame during a halftime ceremony at Pulaski County last week during regional finals.

Sturgill, who played for the Livingston Blue Devils from 1955-59, had an amazing high school career that resulted in many awards and records.

Sturgill scored an amazing 3,047 points which ranks him second all-time in 12th region history. His high game total of 67 points also ranks second in region all-time. Both are county records up to this point.

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Paul "Woo" Sturgill

At Somerset Community College Avery Bradshaw to perform at upcoming Arnow Conference

By Dan Fishback,
SCC student

Take a walk across the campus of Somerset Community College and you may encounter Avery Bradshaw. Odds are, however, that you will pass the unassuming nineteen-year-old student without taking notice.

If you were to find yourself in Renfro Valley's Old Barn Theater on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening, though, Bradshaw's presence would be difficult to ignore. The college freshman is a featured performer, specializing in the banjo, at the entertainment center in Mount Vernon.

Bradshaw began taking banjo lessons at age nine and has been honing his craft on stage since he was fourteen.

"The banjo is my niche," he says. "I took lessons for about a year and the rest I've picked up along the way."

Bradshaw will be performing at SCC on April 1, as lunchtime entertainment at the Arnow Conference on Appalachian Literature and Culture. The conference, which honors celebrated novelist Harriette Simpson Arnow, brings together writers, scholars, academ-

ics, and others interested in literature and the arts for presentations, readings, and writing workshops.

This year's conference will feature Robert Gipe, author of *Trampoline: An Illustrated Novel*; Arnow scholar Martha Billips; former Kentucky Poet Lau-

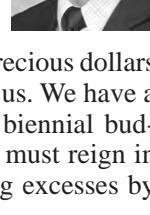
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Second Amendment issues

\$20 Billion biennial Kentucky budget

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative

It is crunch time for us to get the budget moving. The Kentucky State Constitution requires us to pass a balanced budget and we owe it to you, the hardworking taxpayer, to get this done, and to do it in a way that respects the precious dollars you send to us. We have a \$20 billion biennial budget, and we must reign in our spending excesses by



prioritizing what is most important, just like you must do in your own home. We must work towards a budget that responsibly and sustainably addresses the unfunded liabilities in our pension systems. House Leadership just released their budget on Tuesday of this week. Governor Bevin released his budget proposal at the end of January, after only being in office a little over a month. However, the actual budget must start in the House, and House Leadership chose to hold off public debate until this week. That leaves us a limited amount of time to pass it and get it to the Senate. Regardless of this short time table, I will work hard to make sure our state gets a fiscally responsible budget.

Last week I welcomed Amy Yates, Jennifer White, and some of their fellow social workers to the Capitol. We met with the Governor's office on several issues including their budget. Our social workers are some of the finest and hardworking people in the state, which is why I was ecstatic to see Governor Bevin include pay raises for them in his budget proposal. I also was excited to have the Rockcastle County High School Teenage Republicans in town. It was fun getting to

spend time with such a bright group of young people. They attended committee meetings with me, visited my office, visited the floor during session, and we also got to take a picture with the Governor.

In my Banking and Insurance Committee, we passed several noncontroversial bills, including one relating to insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders. My Local Government Committee followed a similar pattern, including passing a bill relating to the distribution of federal low-income housing tax credits.

In an issue that is a priority to supporters of the Second Amendment across the Commonwealth, House Bill 314

overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives. This bill allows off-duty and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms at any location where on-duty officers can. Putting more firearms in the hands of good guys is the easiest way to stop a bad guy with a firearm. Every House Republican was honored to support this bill, and we eagerly await action from the Senate on this legislation.

Washington, DC is known for gridlock and bickering. However, I was thrilled to see the US Senate pass the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. The bill attempts to tackle the prescription opioid and heroin epidemic and tackles sub-

stance abuse on multiple fronts. The federal bill would enhance prevention, education, treatment and recovery programs, and aid to law enforcement. While there is no magic wand, this bill has the potential to be a big help in our community's battle against drugs.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues facing our Commonwealth during the 2016 Regular Session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via email at jonathan.shell@lrc.ky.gov.

You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation by clicking www.lrc.ky.gov.

Bevin selfie



Rockcastle County High School Teenage Republicans take a selfie with Governor Matt Bevin, State Representative Johnathon Shell and State Senator Jarod Carpenter.

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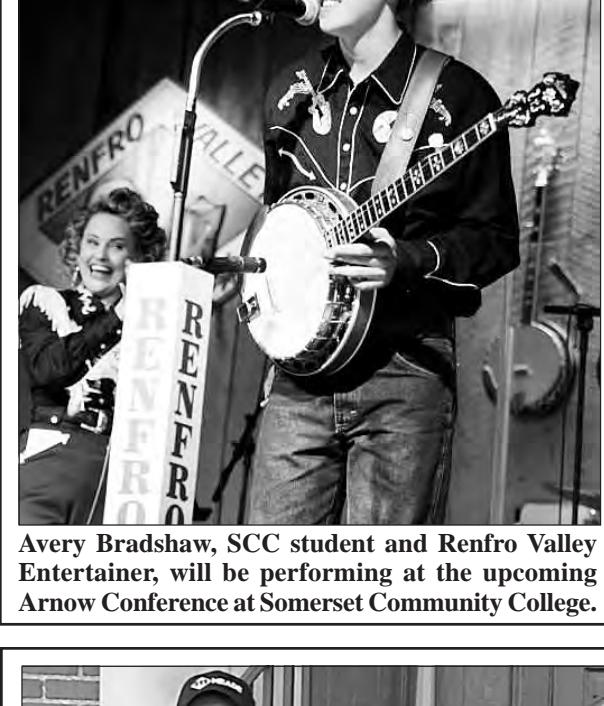
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Avery Bradshaw, SCC student and Renfro Valley Entertainer, will be performing at the upcoming Arnow Conference at Somerset Community College.



The City of Livingston received a \$2,400.00 Donation from the Owens family to be used on the Livingston school revitalization project. Mayor Jason Medley said "we were speechless and humbled by this family's generosity and support of what we're trying to do in our Little town. We will be honoring the late Ms. Lorene Owens with a plaque that will be hung in the Livingston school." Pictured from left are Commissioner Bryan Mahafey, Mayor Medley, Commissioner Katha Carpenter, Commissioner Charlene Newcomb and Fred McClure presenting the check.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Barbara Ann Young v. Faron Dale Young, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Russell Collins v. Metal Buildings Corp., et al, complaint.

Ashley Renee Taylor v. David Allen Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Martha Byrd Adams v. Ricky Joe Adams, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

US Bank v. Patricia Durham, et al, \$60,854.18 plus claimed due.

Jamie Shafer v. Daryl Shafer, verified petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00067

District Court

March 7, 2016

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Carter L. Bowling: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs;

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 14-CI-00189**

**JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association**

Plaintiff

V.

**Travis Wynn, Samantha Wynn and
Commonwealth of Kentucky Finance
and Administration Cabinet** **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on April 16, 2015 and order to reschedule sale entered on February 12, 2016 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 57/100 (\$116,968.57) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
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on Friday, March 25, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being described as follows:

2770 Chestnut Grove Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

PVA Map #020-00-011

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

- The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

- The purchaser shall pay the 2016 local, county, and state property taxes.

- Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

- In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

- This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, or covenants of record, or otherwise and shall be sold "AS IS."

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition/plus one cost and restitution.

Christopher W Berry: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.

Krystopher G. Garrison: license to be in possession, license suspended for fta.

Amie L. Hale: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance; failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Larry Bullock: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine plus costs/\$375 service fee, 12 months operator license suspension and seven days in jail plus restitution.

Amanda L. Byrd: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, disregarding stop sign, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Mitchell D. Clontz: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

Donald K. French: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Janet and Kenneth Adams and Larry Taylor, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donna McCoy. No tax.

Cherrie D. Wilson and Jimmie D. Tudor, real property located on Freedom School Rd., to Vanderbilt Mortgage Co. No tax.

Ashley L. Jasper: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Jacob E. Jasper: no brake lights, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Dana M. Middleton: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

James A. and Mary Bullock, real property located on Albright St., to Jeffrey E. and Cynthia Fain King.

Gary T. and Darla Moore, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Wesley and Miranda Maria McGargue. Tax 23.00

Ronnie D. and Virginia McKinney, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Billy Thomas Parker, Jr. and Dreema Cheryl Parker. Tax 20.00

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1 stick butter

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Alan and Diana G. Stewart, real property located on Old U.S. 25, to Joshua and Wendy Davidson. No tax.

Phyllis Lee Stevens, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Daniel L. and Elizabeth Stevens. No tax.

The Raymond C. Hicks and Beverly A. Hicks Revocable Management Trust, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James C. and Darnell G. Lawson. Tax 81.00

James F. Carraway, real

property located in Rockcastle County, to Terry Hughes and Quean Hughes. Tax 80.50.

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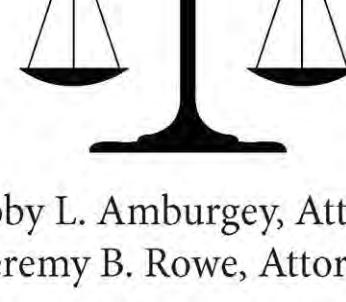
Melinda Lindsey Renner, 27, Brodhead, SRNA, to Jacob Ryan Clouse, 25, Brodhead, correction officer. 3/8/16

Margaret Theresa McCollum, 53, Crab Orchard, Brodhead Nursing Home, to Franklin June McClure, 60, Crab Orchard. 3/10/16

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Daughter Theresa, wife Freda and granddaughter Emily are shown holding a plaque inducting Paul Sturgill into the 12th Region Hall of Fame last week during a 12th Region game.

Arnow

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create Gurney Norman, author of Divine Right's Trip and Kinfolks; and Bobbi Buchanan, whose poetry collection Listen: Essays on Living the Good Life was published by Ginkgo Leaf Press in 2013. The conference will also include musician and storyteller Jonathan New.

Bradshaw is excited to be performing for Arnow Conference attendees.

"I love that I have the opportunity to share my music at the conference," he said. "I am looking forward to entertaining you all."

In addition to the banjo, he is also proficient on acoustic and pedal steel guitars, as well as bass, mandolin and harmonica.

As part of the show, Bradshaw mixes comedy with his playing. In fact, on the Renfro Valley website, he is listed as a "Banjo/Comedian."

"My entertainer side is just to act goofy and down-to-earth with the crowd," he said. "I try to make it entertaining, to keep the audience's attention. I feel like that's my service to the world, to maybe make somebody happy with what I do."

The 14th annual Arnow Conference will be held on Friday, April 1 at SCC. It will begin in the Harold Rogers Student Commons on the Somerset North Campus, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a light breakfast and lunch.

For more information, visit www.somerset.kctcs.edu/arnowconference.



Students compete in 13th Region SkillsUSA competitions...

On March 9th, 31 SkillsUSA members from the Rockcastle Area Technology Center travelled to Bell County ATC for the 13th Region SkillsUSA competitions. These highly motivated students competed in various hard and soft skill competitions. Once again, Rockcastle County students excelled in performance. Numerous medals were earned as reward for hard work and dedication to our student organization.

Students placed as follows: Automotive Technology Level One - Robert Davis 2nd and Rodney Thacker 3rd; Residential Electricity - Logan Coffey 1st; Industrial Motor Control - Kayla Shafer 1st; Welding Technology Level Two - Curtis Miller 1st and Joshua Greenwell 3rd; Welding Sculpture - Isaiah Scarborough 1st, Dana Bullock 2nd and Dana Hatfield 3rd; Poster Design - Rebekah Renner 1st; Talent (Single) - Chris Taylor 3rd; Talent (Group) - 1st place Austin Spoonamore, Isaiah Scarborough, and Callie Carpenter; Cake Decorating - Hannah Allen 1st; Job Demo "A" - Curtis Miller 1st and Sabastien McGuire 2nd; Job Demo "Open" - David Gabbard 1st, Keith Carpenter 2nd and Jacob McGuire 3rd; Action Skills - Devon Hayes 1st; Job Interview - Shelby Convery 1st and Johnathan Sowder 2nd; Prepared Speech - William Taylor 1st.

Instructors Ken Fannin, Jeff Draper, and Sherman Cook are very proud of every member for their achievements, as well as, their professionalism displayed the entire day. We would also like to thank bus driver Jack Alexander for driving us there and back safely. All 1st place winners will have the opportunity to compete at State SkillsUSA competitions next month in Louisville.

Bus Drills Early Dismissal

The Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting Emergency Bus Evacuation drills on Thursday, March 17, 2016. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal.

NO SCHOOL
on Friday, March 18th - CKEA



Sturgill

(Continued from B1)

Sturgill shot 91% for his career from the free throw line and was named MVP in several tournaments. He was also an all-state member his junior year and was a Courier-Journal Five Star Player.

Sturgill was recruited by many colleges including Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, Wake Forest and a host of others.

Paul signed with EKU and led the team in scoring his freshman year. Paul had 25 points against highly ranked Tennessee that year and followed that up with another outstanding game against them again in Knoxville.

Sturgill's coach at EKU called Paul one of the finest shooters he had ever seen as well as a tremendous all-around player.

Sturgill Stats

	Points	Rebounds	Assists
9th	19.2	9.3	6
10th	26.7	11.2	6
11th	28.6	16.4	8
12th	29.1	16.6	7



David Coffey - 606-308-2798 • Kevin Rader - 606-308-2648

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Rockcastle County

PRIDE Spring Clean-Up

April is Spring Cleanup Month in Rockcastle County!

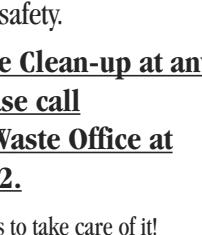
Volunteer during the month of April, 2016

There will be a free gift for each volunteer (while supplies last) and cleanup supplies will be provided

Rockcastle County Solid Waste

Office will provide trash

pick-up and disposal, safety



vests and signs for safety.

If you can help with Roadside Clean-up at any time in April, please call

Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at

606-256-1902.

It's our community and it's up to us to take care of it!

You can make a difference, one piece of trash at a time and one cleanup at a time!



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Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

FFA members compete in Regional Paperwork Day

Submitted by Reporter
Sierra Sturgill

On March 9th, several members of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter traveled to Laurel County to the Center of Innovation for Regional Paperwork Day.

Rockcastle had two teams that competed in two different contests and both teams were able to win 1st place. James Clay Ballinger was one of the two people selected from the Kentucky River Region to represent in state officer elections in the summer. Eric Bullock was elected as the Kentucky River Region President for the 2016-2017 year.

The local Junior Varsity Parliamentary Procedure Team was able to place 1st in the region. The team includes President Sydney Hines, Vice President Hope Holbrook, Secretary Autumn Davidson, Treasurer Hannah Denny, Reporter Elisha Blanton, and Sentinel

Cole Ballinger. There were four members. The members include Jarrett Burke, Daya McGuire, Tiffany McGuire, and Heather Miller. Shaylin Howerton was the alternate member. The junior varsity team will advance on to compete at State Convention in June.

The Nursery/Landscape team also competed and was able to place 1st in the region. Team members include Paul Holbrook, Ryan Kirby, and Andrew Joshua McKinney. Ryan Kirby was regional 1st high individual. Paul Holbrook and Andrew Joshua McKinney tied for regional 2nd high individual. The nursery/landscape team will go on to compete at State Fair in August.

We are all proud of the members that competed on the teams and are excited to see them compete in the near future. We wish them all luck!



James Clay Ballinger is a state officer candidate.



Eric Bullock, the Kentucky River Region President for the 2016-2017 year.



The local Junior Varsity Parliamentary Procedure Team was able to place 1st in the region. Pictured front from left: Heather Miller, Daya McGuire, Autumn Davidson, Shaylin Howerton, Hope Holbrook, and Hannah Denny. Back row from left: Cole Ballinger, Elisha Blanton, Jarrett Burke, Tiffany McGuire, and Sydney Hines.



The Nursery/Landscape Team members from left are Andrew Joshua McKinney, Paul Holbrook, and Ryan Kirby.

ATTENTION ROCKCASTLE COUNTY VIETNAM AND VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

The American Legion Post 71 would like to contact you concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to:

PO Box 1467 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456,
info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814
by no later than March 18, 2016.

Grandparent Support Group

Are you raising a grandchild in your home? If so, you are invited to attend our support group meetings. The group will meet every month and share experiences.

Guest Speaker:
Somerset Mental Health Counselors

Rockcastle County Extension Office
1050 West Main Street – Mt. Vernon

Meeting Date:

Thursday March 17, 2016

12:00 PM

If you plan to attend, contact Angie Payne at 256-5684 or Jessie M. Whiffey at 256-4018.

This free service is provided by the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers of Rockcastle County.

More Information:

Angie Payne - 256-5484

Jessie M. Whiffey - 256-4818

Or the Family Resource/Youth Service Center at your child's school



James Clay Ballinger is a state officer candidate.



BES Academic Team competes in 24th Regional Governor's Cup

Brodhead Elementary Academic Team traveled to Farristown Middle School on Saturday, March 12th to compete in the 24th Regional Governor's Cup Competition. Students competed in the areas of Quick Recall, and written assessment. Our students were very successful and their hard work paid off in the end. BES students received 4th place overall in the Quick Recall tournament and won the Hume Sportsmanship award. Individual award winning students in the written assessment competition were; Samuel Burdine (5th place Science), Madalyn White (2nd place Arts and Humanities), Kaitlyn Burgin (5th place Arts and Humanities), and Callie Creech (2nd place Written Composition). We are very proud of our students' success.

Students pictured are front from left: Callie Creech and Madalyn White. Back row from left: Samuel Burdine, Jacob Mills, Kaitlyn Burgin, Hunter Day, Savanna Santo and Makinlee Goff. Not pictured: Ella Bussell, and Leah Taulbee.

Child care providers eligible for scholarship

Kentucky's child care providers and those who train child care providers may be eligible for the Early Childhood Development Scholarship to further their college education.

The application deadline for summer classes is April 15. The deadline for fall classes is July 15.

The scholarships are available to those who work at least 20 hours per week in a participating early childhood facility. Kentuckians employed as a preschool associate teacher in a state-funded preschool program are also eligible.

Recipients must be working toward an associate's or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or other approved credential. Depending on funding, the scholarship will pay up to \$1,800 for tuition each year. Students may not take more than nine hours of classes per semester.

The scholarship is ad-

ministered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), the agency that administers state aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

To apply, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and an Early Childhood Development Scholarship application. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.gov. The scholarship application is available at www.kheaa.com.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

After-School enrichment begins Monday, March 14 from 3:15 until 4:30.

Brownies (2nd & 3rd Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.

Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.

There will be no school on Friday, March 18. Have a nice long weekend!

Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 31. Please watch for details.

"Commonwealth Chronicles" in the gym at 1:00 for 3rd and 5th Grade.

March 22 is the last day of our 3rd grading period.

ATTENTION:

The following is an invitation to bid on the harvesting of the hay from the property belonging to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) located on Hwy. 2549 known as Rockcastle County Business Park South for the years 2016-2018. The subject property is approximately 70 acres. The contract will be awarded to the highest per acre bidder (based on 70 acres). The contract for the hay is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The hay must be cut a minimum of 2 times-once in the Spring and once in the Fall each year
2. Once the hay is cut it must be moved from the field within 2 weeks (weather permitting)
3. Any area that cannot be mowed for hay, must be bush hogged a minimum of 2 times-once in the spring and once in the Fall
4. No member or direct family member of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority or the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is eligible to bid on the contract
5. In the event the RCIDA sells a portion of the property to an industrial prospect in the middle of the contract, the person awarded the contract would be refunded monies on a pro-rata basis. Example: the person awarded the contract bids \$1 per acre and has paid the RCIDA \$70 and hasn't cut the hay yet. The RCIDA sells 10 acres, the person awarded the contract would be refunded \$10 or if the hay had been cut once the person would be refunded half of the pro rata amount or in the case of this example \$5.
6. All expenses incurred by the successful bidder on the property, i.e. fertilizer, etc., are done so at the successful bidders own risk. None of these expenses will be reimbursed by the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority under any circumstances.
7. The successful bidder will be required to pay the contract amount in full by May 1st of each year during the 3 year term.
8. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted.
9. All bid sheets should be sealed in an envelope and returned to Attention: HAY BID--Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority at the Rockcastle County Judge Executive's office on the second floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse by 11:00 a.m. Monday April 4, 2016. Bid sheets should be returned in person.
10. The bids will be opened at approximately 12:00 p.m. Monday April 4, 2016. The successful bidder will be notified via contact information provided below.
11. In the event that the successful bidder becomes in default of one of the above mentioned terms and conditions at any time during the term of this contract, the contract will be taken from that person and awarded to the next highest bidder.
12. The bid should be made for one year and then that amount will be required by May 1st each of the 3 years of the term.

I _____, agree to all of the terms and conditions

(Print name)

listed above and I bid and agree to pay \$ _____ per acre for the 70 acres of hay.

Signature

Date

Phone Number

Address

**This bid sheet must be completed and returned by 11:00 a.m. April 4, 2016. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted. The RCIDA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to choose the bid that is most advantageous to the RCIDA.

RCMS Academic Team places 2nd at Regional

The Rockcastle County Middle School Academic Team qualified for the Governor's Cup State Finals with their second place finish at the Regional Tournament held at Foley Middle School on Saturday, February 13th. The Quick Recall team placed second, and, for only the third time in team history, will represent Rockcastle County at the State Tournament which will be

held at the Galt House in Louisville on March 19th, 20th and 21st. In advancing to State, the team will join the other top forty-seven schools in the state and have the opportunity to compete for the Governor's Cup, the most prestigious academic award in the state, which will be awarded by Governor, Matt Bevin on Monday, March 21st.

Individual students who advanced in written assessment to the State Finals include: Ellie Robinson, a sixth grader who placed in Arts and Humanities;

Brexton Cromer, an eighth grader who placed in Social Studies; and Aden Amburgey who placed in

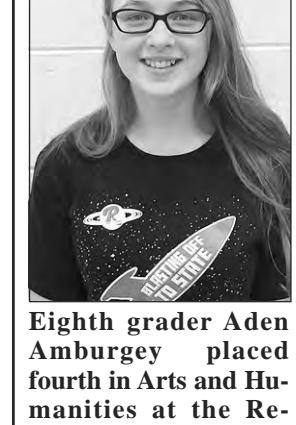
Arts and Humanities. Additionally, eighth grader Jonathan Cain placed in Science and became the first

student in school history to advance to the State Finals in that subject and eighth grader Drew Bullock

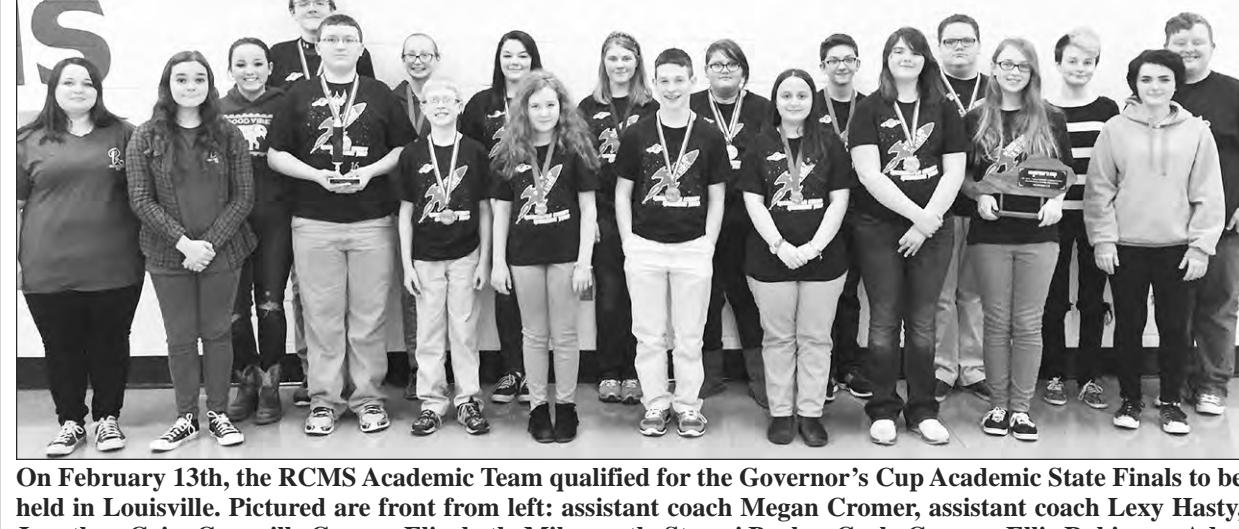
placed first in Social Studies with the third highest score in the state on the Region exam.



Eight grader Jonathan Cain made school history by becoming the first ever student from RCMS to advance to the State Finals in Science. Cain placed third in Science at the Regional Tournament and will represent RCMS in his subject at the Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville.



Eighth grader Aden Amburgey placed fourth in Arts and Humanities at the Regional Tournament and will represent RCMS in her subject at the Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville.



On February 13th, the RCMS Academic Team qualified for the Governor's Cup Academic State Finals to be held in Louisville. Pictured are front from left: assistant coach Megan Cromer, assistant coach Lexy Hasty, Jonathan Cain, Granville Graves, Elizabeth Mikeworth, Stormi Begley, Carly Cromer, Ellie Robinson, Aden Amburgey and assistant coach Sydney Hughes. Back row from left: assistant coach Shyanne Thomas, Drew Bullock, Ella Vance, Brooklyn Young, Audrey Childress, Kristen Taylor, Luke Peavie, Brexton Cromer, assistant coach Katie Vance and assistant coach Cameron Brown.



Eighth grader Drew Bullock placed first in Social Studies at the Regional Tournament with the third highest score in the entire state and will represent RCMS in his subject at the Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville.



Ellie Robinson is only the second sixth grader in school history to advance to the State Finals. She placed fourth in Arts and Humanities at the Regional Tournament and will represent RCMS in her subject at the Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville.



Eighth grader Brexton Cromer placed second in Social Studies at the Regional Tournament and will represent RCMS in his subject at the Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville.



Eighth grader Kristen Taylor placed fourth in Language Arts at the Regional Tournament and will represent RCMS in his subject at the Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 12-CI-00085

**U.S. Bank National Associations
a/k/a U.S. Bank, NA** Plaintiff

V.

**James E. Denham, Amy Denham,
Bank One NA n/k/a JP Morgan
Chase Bank and County of
Rockcastle, Kentucky** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 26, 2016 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 86/100 (\$108,228.86) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 25, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being described as follows:

3029 Lambert Road, Berea, Rockcastle County, KY 40403

PVA Map #028-00-013.01

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

3. The purchaser shall pay the 2016 local, county, and state property taxes.

4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

8. This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, or covenants of record, or otherwise and shall be sold "AS IS."

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 15-CI-00137

**Vanderbilt Mortgage and
Finance, Inc.** Plaintiff

V.

**Wilma Johnson; Roy Johnson (in rem);
unknown spouse of Wilma
Johnson (in rem); Sarah A. Ingram a/k/a
Sarah Ingram (in rem); unknown spouse
of Sarah A. Ingram a/k/a Sarah
Ingram (in rem); County of
Rockcastle, Kentucky** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 29, 2016, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS AND 94/100 (\$66,883.94) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 25, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

136 Oregon Lane, Brodhead, Rockcastle County, KY 40409

PVA Map #008NE-03-022&23

Said property is improved with a 2008 Clayton manufactured home, VIN CH0003283KYAB

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. The purchaser shall pay the 2016 local, county, and state property taxes.

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8. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

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**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**



Selected for District Honor Band...
Congratulations to members of the RCMS 8th Grade Band who were selected by audition to perform with the 2016 KMEA District 11 Middle School Honor Bands. These students spent two days of intense rehearsals with the top students from 15 Middle Schools across the region which culminated in a concert performance at Danville High School on March the 4th. Students had the opportunity to work with conductors Lawrence Banks, Director of Bands at Lexington Catholic High School and Dr. Matthew Conaway, Assistant Professor of Bands at Purdue University. RCMS 8th Graders selected include Lizzie Dixon, Aden Amburgey, Nora Pulliam, Daniel Mason, and J.J. Clouse.

Financial Aid Tip of the Month

Students should take FAFSA verification process seriously

The federal government requires many students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to verify the information on the FAFSA.

Used to apply for most federal and many state student aid programs, the FAFSA asks detailed questions about the income and resources of students. Parents are required to provide their information as well if their children are dependent students. Students are considered dependent if they are undergraduate students under 24 years old, not married, have no dependents of their own, are not veterans or were not orphans or wards of the court until age 19.

The college or, in some cases, an agency working with the college will contact students to let them know if their data is being verified.

Students and parents need to take that process seriously, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Students chosen for verification cannot receive their financial aid until they have completed the process. As soon as they are contacted, they should provide any information that is required. Putting it off will only lead to frustration if the process isn't finished when classes are ready to start.

If students have decided not to attend a college that asked them for verification, they should let the college know so it will stop requesting information.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798,

Classifieds

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Deadline for Classifieds
is 10 a.m. TUESDAY

For Rent

Trailer. Deposit required. No pets. \$350 month/\$350 deposit. 859-358-3560. 11xntf

Duplex For Rent in Brodhead: All appliances furnished. Call Patty at 758-9666. 42xntf

Rent To Own: house and trailer, both in Brodhead. 758-4729. 4xntf

Trailers and house in Brodhead. No pets. 758-8922. ntf

Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications: For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510. 36tfn

For Rent

Maple St. Storage of Brodhead

256-2884 or 606-308-2491

Property For Sale

Making Waves! Lake lot at the city boat dock. The Perfect investment for residence or dreaming Fishing Camp. Call today 859-779-4527. 10x2p

OPEN HOUSE: April 3rd, 2 to 4 p.m. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large 2 car attached garage, full basement, 2 heat pumps, new roof, w/d, mature shade trees, .5+ acre. Lincoln County Schools. 44 Ought To Be Lane, Brodhead. \$115,000. Call/text: 606-308-4030. 11x4p

3BR House in Brodhead. \$35,000. **2BR Trailer,** \$25,000. 606-758-4729. 1xntf

2BR Home with garage. Just north of Mt. Vernon on eight acres +/- Ready to move into. Serious inquiries only. Shown by appointment only. 606-308-3669 or 606-308-1689. 9xntf

2BR/2BA 1450 sq. ft. Selling for \$89,900. Rick Szaks, Broker. 859-255-7777. Lincoln Real Estate, Inc. rickszaks@aol.com 18xntf

Posted

Posted: ABSL Properties, located at 370 Hiatt Lane in Wildie. No hunting, fishing, four wheelers or ATVs. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Novin and Glenna Stanton at 9298 Lake Cumberland Road (461). Violators will be prosecuted. 9x3

No Trespassing on the properties owned by Levi and Chastity Northern (especially properties off HWY 1912). 8x4p

No Trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road. 6x5

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x51

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. (1/21/16)

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

Miscellaneous For Sale

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

Pure Orange Blossom and Clover Honey. \$16.00 quart. Phone 606-256-9454. 11x4p

Earn extra cash by helping others. Garments of Praise Consignment Sale, April 7th - 9th at Church on the Rock, Berea. Sellers register now at www.garmentsofpraise.us or call 859-986-1899 for more information.

Motor Vehicles For Sale

2006 Suzuki Boulevard C50T, \$2,995. 606-386-1470. 11x3p

Pet Supplies

Use Happy Jack Kennel Dip II as area spray for stable flies, fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. Do NOT use on cats! Dyehouse Farm Supply (355-2301) kennelvax.com 11x4

Classified Deadline is Noon Tuesday

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Mary Alice Hunt, 1625 Hwy. 1326, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Mary Kathalene Hunt, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mary Alice Hunt or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, PO Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 11x3

Notice is hereby given that

Sam Dye, 2800 Bowling Ridge Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409, has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Laura Dye, deceased.

Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sam Dye on or before September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 10x3

Notice is hereby given that

Calvin Jasper Carpenter, PO Box 103, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Curtis Joseph Carpenter, PO Box 58, Livingston, Ky. 40445 have been appointed Eo-Executors of the estate of Cloyd Jasper Carpenter, deceased.

Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Calvin Jasper Carpenter and/or Curtis Joseph Carpenter or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 1328, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 11x3

Notice is hereby given that

Elaine Merrick, 200 Jacksboro St., Somerset, KY 42501 & David Brown, 6975 Quail Road, Brodhead, KY 40409, has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Hubert J. Brown, deceased.

Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Elaine Merrick & David Brown or Hon. Jerry J. Cox, PO Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 11x3

Notice is hereby given that

Blaine McMurray, 1239 Blue Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the

Estate of Carol Berniece McMurray, deceased.

Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Blaine McMurray or to Hon. Bobby Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118,

11x3

Help Wanted

Seeking to hire part-time laborer to assist our water operator. Mail resume to PO

Box 540, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. 10x2

Local business hiring.

Send resume to: PO Box 901, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

11x1

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Drug Tip Hotline

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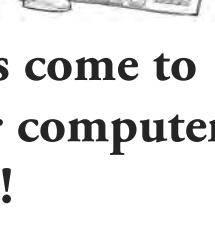
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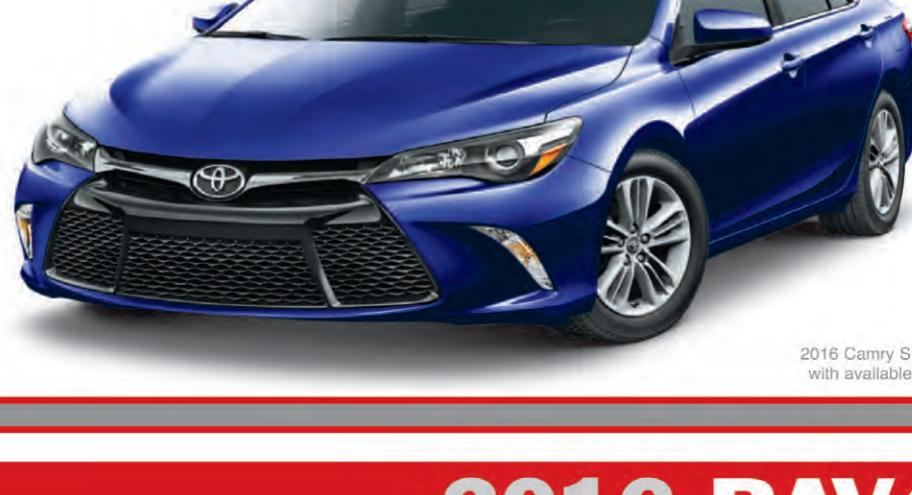
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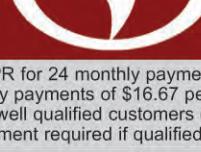
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Over 300 local residents attended the first Whitetail Unlimited Banquet held last week at RCMS. The national organization holds 650 such banquets across the country to promote whitetail conservation but this is the first such event in Rockcastle County. About 40 guns were auctioned or raffled to raise funds which will be split between the organization's conservation efforts and the RCMS Archery Team.



Travis Turner (AKA T-Bone) is the national spokesman for Whitetail Unlimited and was the guest speaker at the local event.

Over 300 attend Whitetail Unlimited Banquet at RCMS

By: Mike French

Over 300 local residents attended the First Annual Whitetail Unlimited Banquet last week at Rockcastle County Middle School.

The banquet was part of a national campaign by the Whitetail Unlimited program which has promoted conservation across the country since 1982.

Scotty Hines, Chairman

of the local chapter of Whitetail Unlimited organized the event through Travis Turner who is the national spokesman for the group as well as the television star of Bone Collector and Realtree Road Trips.

Turner and Hines, along with others, organized the event for Rockcastle County

(See "Whitetail" on A7)

Fiscal Court discusses 2016-17 Jail budget

By: Mike French

In a special called Fiscal Court meeting Friday afternoon, members of the court discussed several issues.

The court established May 14th as this year's trash pick-up day which is expected to cost the county around \$10,000.

Two meth busts made in Rockcastle County

By: Mike French

Local police made two meth-related arrests last week, according to police reports.

Thomas Bullen, 31, of Poosey Ridge Road in Richmond, was arrested March 19th on Flat Gap Road in Rockcastle County after Kentucky State Trooper Chris Pruitt and Rockcastle

(See "Meth" on A7)

I-75 project moves to Senate

On Tuesday, the Kentucky House passed a Budget Proposal which includes funding for expansion of a heavily traveled portion of

The court also agreed to allow the local hospital to borrow funds from the bank that are available to the county at a special low interest rate. According to County treasurer Joseph Clontz, \$10 million is available at a lower interest rate for the county to borrow

should the need arise.

Clontz said the hospital would like to borrow \$9 million for upcoming expansions.

County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop said he is in favor of helping the hospital expand, but he has some questions.

"We are extremely blessed to have a hospital this size in our county and it's our pleasure to help however we can. The jobs alone they provide is a huge asset to our county," he said.

"At the same time, we

need to leave enough available for the county to expand SourceHOV and other projects that may come up."

Since Clontz said the hospital may only need to borrow a portion of the money this year and the rest next year, the Fiscal Court agreed to allow the hospital to use the money.

In other action the court members agreed to pay bills that were due.

There was much discussion about the preliminary jail budget submitted by County Jailer Carlos McClure.

Though McClure had cut

nearly \$50,000 in expenses

from the detention center's

yearly budget, unexpected

shortfalls in income in-

creased the county's jail ex-

penses by nearly \$100,000, according to the budget.

Total jail appropriations

are expected to be

\$1,335,561 through state

funding and other income.

However, this year there

was no income to the jail for

several weeks due to a fire

which closed the facility in

December of 2015 for sev-

eral weeks. Also less state

inmates have been returned

to the facility since the dam-

age was repaired.

Also, according to

McClure, the number of lo-

cal inmates has increased

which reduces the number

(See "Jail" on A7)

Local author has novel published

By: Mike French

Carrie Mullins, of Mount Vernon, has had her novel, *night garden*, published by the Old Cove Press in Lexington.

Mullins has had several short stories published but this is her first full novel.

Mullins, the daughter of Roland and Nancy Mullins of Mount Vernon, is a licensed attorney and is currently working as an office manager at Rockcastle Pediatrics.

She was born in Rockcastle County and, except for spending 13 years of her life in Lexington, she has lived locally.

She has been writing in some form all her life but began taking it seriously about ten years ago.

Mullins said inspiration for *night garden* came from what she sees around her everyday. "I see all the drug issues facing our county and I am just trying to figure it out," she

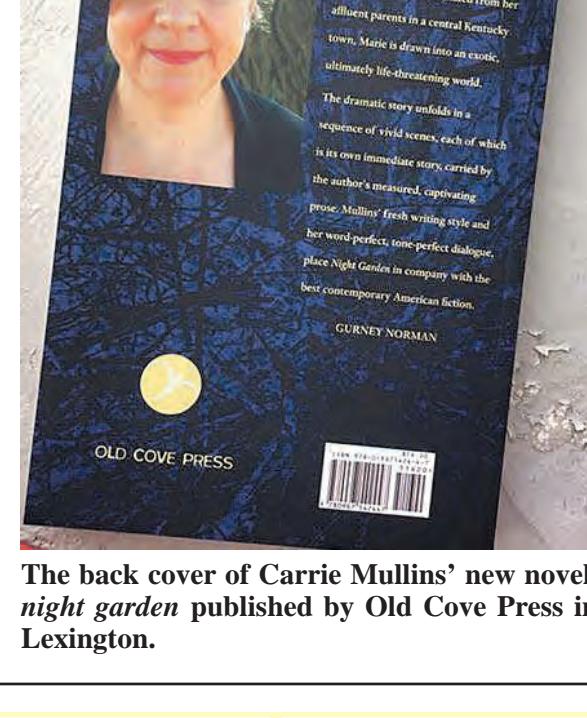
said.

The book, describes the journey of a 17 year-old girl, from youthful innocence to dark levels of human experience.

night garden is currently on sale at the office of

Mullins' husband, Attorney Bobby Amburgy on Main

(See "Novel" on A7)



The back cover of Carrie Mullins' new novel, *night garden* published by Old Cove Press in Lexington.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Old people. I guess that's not politically correct. I should say elderly people or perhaps youth-challenged. But, for the sake of this column, I'll just call them old people.

I discovered at a very young age that old people seem to center their life around food and staying calm.

I never visited an aunt or grandparent without leaving their house stuffed. It didn't matter to them if I was hungry or not. If you are in their house, you are going to eat something. That's just the law.

As a youngin, we used to visit my Aunt Opal on occasion. I looked forward to going there because it was a fun place to run and hunt and fish and play in the barn. But I knew that before I left, I would be stuffed full of food whether I wanted it or not.

Once my dad and I decided to go hunting at Aunt Opal's house and we didn't tell her about it. We just showed up at 5 a.m.

Sure enough, Opal caught us when we pulled in the driveway and yelled "You going hunting? Well get in here and eat before you go."

Her kitchen table was covered in fresh, hot food. Country ham, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, fried eggs, boiled eggs, oats and boxes of cereal and a jug of milk.

It's five o'clock in the stupid morning. How does she have all that food cooked? What if we hadn't decided to go hunting?

Would she have just thrown it all out? How many mornings did she do all that cooking and no one shows up?

Both of my grandmothers were the same way. If you were at their house, you were either eating, getting ready to eat or just finished eating.

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ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

50's Cereal

Puffs, flakes, pops, bran, krispies ... they were all available in various boxes of cereal in the early 1950s. We could choose between Kellogg's, General Mills, Post, Quaker, and many other brands of our favorite cereals. Although there were many offerings in the cereal line, of course it was nothing like today's choices in a supermarket.

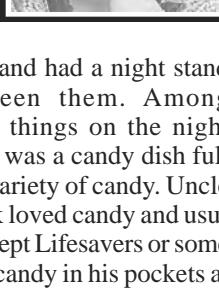
Tom's office was the largest of the 4 and the 2x4s framing its "walls" were still exposed inside it. He was wearing jeans, sneakers and a white dress shirt with the sleeves rolled up. I was dressed in a three piece suit but Tom did apologize for the fact that the air conditioning was not working.

I was there to interview for a position at what would become Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (KHIC) which is, today, one of the most, if not absolutely the very most, successful economic development com-

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook

**The Notorious Jelly Bean**

Dear Journal,

It all started about a month ago when Stanley's cousin, Diana, offered us some jelly beans when we were visiting with her. She, her sister Cathy and husband, David, have all moved here from California. I had almost forgotten how good jelly beans could be. I ate about a dozen of these brightly colored bits of fruity goodness and I was addicted. I think it is the variety of the luscious flavors in each bag. I like the new flavors like popcorn, root beer, watermelon, etc., too. The only flavor I really don't care for is coffee.

Instead, I'm sitting here perfectly aware of the impossibility of paying proper homage, in the space allocated to my column, to a man who has been my boss, mentor, close friend, confidant, hero and big brother for the last 42 years minus about 5 months. In fact, I doubt very seriously that I could do Tom the justice he so commendably deserves in a thousand page book.

I remember, as though it happened yesterday, the hot July evening in 1974 when I first met Tom Miller at a small, street-level,

beds and had a night stand between them. Among other things on the night stand was a candy dish full of a variety of candy. Uncle Frank loved candy and usually kept Lifesavers or some hard candy in his pockets at any given time.

In his bedside candy dish he always kept a little licorice candy. It was one of his favorites. Many people don't like licorice and I wasn't a big fan of it when I was a child. It's an acquired taste, I guess. However, over the years I've grown to enjoy it. Uncle Frank was a little pudgy and Aunt Dorothy always accused him of eating candy in his sleep.

On the way home from visiting with Diana, I had Stanley stop at the store and get us some Gimbal's jelly beans. Every day since, I've had to have a few jelly beans and am on the second bag. Me being diabetic, though, I'll have to go to

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more pricey Variety Packs.

I loved being able to choose a different brand of cereal for several days and then do it all over again. I always gave Mommie Katie the Shredded Wheat. She didn't really like this choice but did think it was good for her digestion. I suppose my favorites were the Frosted Flakes and the Raisin Bran.

Let me remind you that, unlike many families today, we all ate breakfast at the same time.

My grandfather (Pop) ate the same things every morning. He did not drink coffee, so he started his morning ritual with a small glass of prune juice and a large glass of whole milk. He was then served a large bowl of oats. Finally, he had two poached eggs combined with bacon, sausage, or ham, and then toast and jelly. The only thing that ever varied was the meat. He certainly was a creature of habit.

Usually Bee and Mommie Katie joined Pop and had their share of eggs and meat. Bee made me eat some scrambled eggs after I finished my bowl of cereal. She always made sure that I had what she considered to be a balanced meal when I ate at home. I suppose she knew that I would eat "junk" when I was away from home. Like most mothers, she wanted to make sure that we had the necessary nutrients for our growth and development.

When I spent the night with my grandparents, Mommie Katie would allow me to have one of the Variety Packs for a midnight snack while I was watching television in her living room. She was the best grandmother ever.

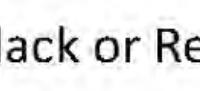
While recently reading a 1953 magazine, I ran across an ad for Kellogg's Variety Packs. The ad showed a small girl holding a Variety Pack and saying, "This little miss can't miss - with Kellogg's. A fresh favorite every time - ten personal portions!"

Sure, now we are older, and yes, some of our favorite brands are no longer available. But I remember well the small joy of being able to pull a toy from the

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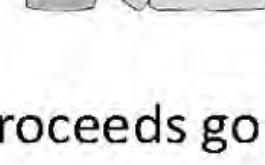


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"Points East"

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panies that had their humble beginnings in President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.

We had planned for the interview to last 30 minutes or so. Tom had stayed in the office until 5:30 while I drove 80 miles, most of them well over the speed limit, from Whitesburg to London.

I sat beside his desk in an old steel folding chair and we talked until one of us

noticed that it was getting dark outside. He glanced at his watch, muttered something unprintable, and told me he had a very pregnant wife at home who probably wasn't very happy with him right then.

That was the first of many, many times that Tom Miller and I talked well past lengths of time at night of which both our wives were not real happy. Actually I can't speak for Julie but I

can tell you for sure that my first wife put me in the dog house on numerous occasions because Tom and I had spent the evening hours with Linda Ronstadt, Emmy Lou Harris and Willie Nelson well past her bedtime.

"Aces"

(Continued from A-2)

My generation handles things a lot differently. If someone comes to my house these days, they better have stopped and gotten something to eat on the way. In fact, they should call and maybe bring me something to eat too.

If I have a visitor, I'll offer them a Pepsi or a cup of coffee, but my hog meat is staying in my freezer. If someone says "I'm hungry" I just say "me too." And if they won't shut up about it I will eventually ask them if they want to order a pizza.

As I said, going in, there's no appropriate way to describe Tom Miller in one little essay. KHIC is only one of numerous non-profit organizations that owe their very existence to Tom Miller. Berea-based Mountain Association for

Community Economic Development (MACED) is another that would not have been formed without Tom's initiative. Similar companies in Africa owe their existence to him.

But the bottom line is that a super special man I

loved, and always will, like a big brother, passed over to the other side last Saturday morning and I miss him far too much to put into words. As far as I'm concerned this old world is not nearly as good as it was before last Saturday.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

cereal box. And wasn't it nice when the word sugar wasn't taboo? Even the American cereal culture has changed drastically.

Now that I am retired, I rarely eat cereal for breakfast, except for maybe a bowl of oats. Rather, I eat cereal at 1:00 am for a late-night snack while watching television with my wife. We sit up quite late most nights and then sleep until around noon. There are some things about this retirement stage that are great!

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

"T.J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

Jelly Belly sugar-free variety. I think I've become addicted.

Just about the time I was admitting my addiction, Nancy Reagan died and her

funeral was on TV. The commentator was commenting on the various facts

Also, when I left Aunt Opal's house at the end of the visit, she would stop me and fill my arms up with stuff. Just stuff. Things she didn't need anymore and "maybe you can use it" kind of stuff. Extra dishes, a pair of old shoes, some rope or whatever she had that she didn't plan to use.

She'd always say "Well I'd rather someone get some use out of it than for me to have to dust it off."

When people leave my house, I'm tempted to check their pockets to make sure

they didn't take an ink pen or something. This is all MY stuff.

Yes, attitude is a lot different between my generation and old people. Unfortunately, I am quickly becoming one of those old people. But my generation of old people sure do look at things differently than the old, old people did.

My Bluegrass/Gospel band plays a lot at churches and thank goodness, most of them have a lot of old people. So our band eats and

eats and eats at most of our shows. In fact we do more eating than playing.

As I get closer to being an old, old person, I'm waiting for my attitude to change. A need to stuff everyone around me with food should be kicking in about now if it's just an "old person thing."

At least this is how I know I still have some youth left in me. I have no desire to stuff all my neighbors and relatives with my food.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., March 28th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Tues., March 29th:** Green Hill, Fairview, Lambert Rd. and Brindle Ridge.

Health Department Closed

The Rockcastle Co. Health Department will be closed on Friday, March 25th.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet

The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held at the Brodhead Elementary gym on Sat., April 2nd at 6 p.m. This year honor classes are: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Ladonna's Catering of London will be providing the meal. \$20 per person and reservations should be made by March 20th. Send checks, made payable to Brodhead Alumni, to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

US 25 Yard Sale

June 2, 3 and 4, 2016. 5th Annual US 25 Yard Sale. Woodfin, NC and Rocky Top, TN to Richwood, KY. The nation's 4th longest yard sale event. 859-779-3005 or <https://www.facebook.com/US 25 YARD SALE>.

No Permit Testing

According to Circuit Clerk Eliza York, there will be no permit testing on March 25th, due to the holiday.

Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans

American Legion Post 71 would like to contact Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to: PO Box 1467, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by no later than March 18, 2016 or send info to info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814.

Hot Rod Sign-ups Begin

Hot Rod Sign-ups for 3,4 and 5 year olds will be held the first and second weekends of April at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child. Adult shirts will be available for \$13 (extra dollar per x) at the sign-up. The shirts this year will carry a picture of the late Anthony Reams' car. Hot Rod coaches teach the basics of the game but the main objective is to have fun. The season begins the last Saturday in April. There will be a picnic the second week end of July to end the season.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take."

Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

ZITI CASSEROLE
1 box (16 ounce) ziti pasta.
1 pound smoked sausage/
kielbasa
1 can (14 ounce) tomatoes

w/green chilies (may use plain tomatoes)
1 pound shredded cheese (cheddar, Mexican, jack and cheddar)

Cook pasta al dente. Cut sausage into bite-sized slices and sauté in a heavy saucepan. When sausage is slightly browned, add tomatoes and stir. Add in the pasta, and mix together slightly. Pour mixture into a casserole dish sprayed with cooking spray. To this mixture, stir in 1/2 the cheese, and then top the casserole with rest of cheese. Bake in 350° oven for approximately 30 minutes or until mixture is bubbly and cheese on top has melted.

SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE
Mum loved this. She asked Judy to fix it for her often.

8 ounces spaghetti
1/2 cup milk
1 egg, beaten
1 pound sausage

1 onion, chopped
1/2 cup chopped green pepper

16 ounces spaghetti sauce
4 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded

4 ounces Monterey jack cheese, shredded
Cook spaghetti until almost done. Drain. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place spaghetti in greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Mix milk and beaten egg. Pour over spaghetti. Preheat oven to

425°. Brown sausage with onion and green pepper. Drain. Add spaghetti sauce. Pour over top of spaghetti, milk and egg. Top with cheddar cheese and Monterey jack. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes. Let set 1 hour before eating.

MACARONI SALAD

If you don't have macaroni, try this with any pasta you have on hand. For a tangier taste, try dill pickle juice instead of sweet pickle juice.

1 pound macaroni, cooked according to package directions and drained

1 large onion, chopped
3 hard boiled eggs, chopped
1 cup sweet pickles, chopped

2 tablespoons sweet pickle juice
1 cup Miracle Whip® or mayonnaise

Cool cooked macaroni slightly. In large bowl combine macaroni with the onion, egg, and pickles. In smaller bowl combine Miracle Whip® and pickle juice. Pour over macaroni mixture. Stir gently. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Serves about 18, but can be halved if desired.

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Obituaries

Mattie E. Jennings

Mattie E. Jennings, 101, of Richmond, IN, died Saturday, March 19, 2016, at her home. Born April 18, 1914, in Rockcastle County, to William and Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Gadd Allen. She lived in Richmond since 1941. She worked at Atlas Underwear Company for seven years and Bartel's Overalls for 10 years. She was a dedicated member of the Pentecostal faith. She enjoyed gardening and making quilts.

Survivors include: her daughters, Christine Golson of Richmond, IN, Marzell Shores of Texas, and Vergie (Dale) Markley and Gladys Arvin, both of Richmond, IN; 11 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; sister, Esther Fullerlove of Kentucky; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, Arthur Jennings who died in 1996;

parents; son, Amos (Josephine) Jennings; sisters, Polly Owens and Reatha Johnson; and brother, George Allen.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2016, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond, IN.

Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2016, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home. Burial will be in Goshen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Hand-In-

Hand Adult Day Care, 2727

East Main Street, Rich-

mond, IN 47374.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com

Card of Thanks

Wanda McKinney

The family of Wanda McKinney would like to thank everyone for all that they did for us during the passing of Wanda. Thank you for all the phone calls,

messages, visits, flowers,

gifts, food, and most of all

the prayers during this difficult time. Words can never express what every thing

has meant to us.

May God Bless You All.

The McKinney Family

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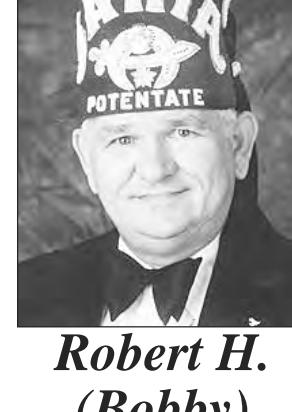
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Mary Jane Barrett Gadd

Mary Jane Barrett Gadd, 98, died Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She entered into this life November 8, 1917 in Zoe, Lee County, the daughter of the late William and Candis Ann Lawson Barrett. She worked as a Seamstress at the Cowden MFG Company for over 30 years in Stanford, volunteered at the Mt. Vernon Public Library, was an avid bird watcher, and participant at the Mt. Vernon Senior Citizens where she volunteered in serving meals to the seniors. She was of the Holiness faith and loved watching her favorite religious TV Program, WLJC in Beattyville. But most of all she will be remembered for the love she had for her family and friends.

In 1965, the Gentry family moved to Orlando, FL where they opened and grew a chain of auto parts stores. Bobby became a member of the Orlando Masonic Lodge No. 69, York Rite and Scottish Rite. He joined and became very active with the Bahia Shriners and the Bahia Flying Fez. For several years, he flew children to and from the Shrine Hospitals in Cincinnati, Ohio and Greenville, SC. Charter member of the Bahia Mustangs plus other clubs, units and T.S.O and the Order of the Jesters. Bobby continued his time with the Shrine, serving as Potentate in 1992.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her two daughters, Betty Steele (Stephen) Jones of St. Augustine, FL and Ima Jean (Kenneth) Taylor of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren, Tracy Mink of Mt. Vernon, Heather Jones Burnett of Orange Park, FL, Heidi Jones of New York City, Deskin Jones of Downers Grove, IL, and Marvin Vance of Richmond, IN; seven great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; a special friend, Darlena Allen; and a host of nieces, nephews' friends and neighbors.

Services were held at Wednesday, March 9 at Bahia Shrine Temple, Orlando.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for children c/o Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL 32810 407-660-8811.

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Frankfort Update...

By Jonathon Shell

State Representative

The focal point of the 2016 Legislative Session is the budget and last week it got moving in the legislative process when it passed out of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

I joined other House Republicans in presenting a budget proposal for the biennium. The budget we presented addresses our pension liability while living within the fiscally responsible framework that was presented in Governor Bevin's proposal. Our budget proposal restores funding to many programs very important to Kentucky (education, coal severance, local jails, public protection, and veteran's services, to name a few) without increasing debt. The Governor has said time and time again that he will not sign any budget which contains borrowing, and I support that stance. It's simply not a responsible solution for our children.

The pension plan I joined other House Republicans in presenting, fully funds the ARC (actuarially required contribution) for our teachers and state workers, without adding any new debt, giving both KRS and KTRS the long term stability they need. Our proposals prove we can address the pension crisis, short and long term, and live within our means.

Despite our budget and pension plans, House Democrat Leadership



chose to pass a different proposal. The \$21 billion budget plan in House Bill 303, retains the budget stabilization cuts of 4.5 percent this fiscal year and 9 percent over the next biennium for most state agencies as proposed by Governor Matt Bevin. The plan does not include the "Kentucky Permanent Fund" proposed by the Governor to fund pensions in the future. That fund would have received a transfer of \$500 million over the biennium from the health insurance trust fund as proposed by Governor Bevin. It also included a provision that would fund Planned Parenthood. The budget passed on a strict party line vote.

Last Tuesday was National Agriculture Day. Farmers across the country were formally recognized for many contributions including providing safe and affordable food to all Americans. Agriculture's contributions to society are plentiful, and I know that the contributions of the many farmers in Rockcastle County do not go unrecognized.

Also last week, I had the opportunity to visit with the Leadership Rockcastle. The group spent the day at the Capitol. I appreciated getting the chance to talk about my work in the legislature to help bring economic opportunity to Rockcastle. It was fun showing them my office and taking them on the House Floor. I know this group is an asset to the county.

Both my Local Government and the Banking

and Insurance Committees met last week. We passed a slew of noncontroversial bills. One was Senate Bill 43, which gives widows of EMS officers who died on the line death benefits.

Three House bills that made it the Governor for his signature are:

- HB 204, which would allow graduation from a nonaccredited or noncertified school meeting basic standards set by the Department of Education, a GED, or graduation from the external diploma program to cover the high school graduation requirement for law enforcement personnel.

- HB 175, signed by the Governor on March 7, which provides updated references to federal agencies regarding federal peace officers who are

granted concurrent state authority.

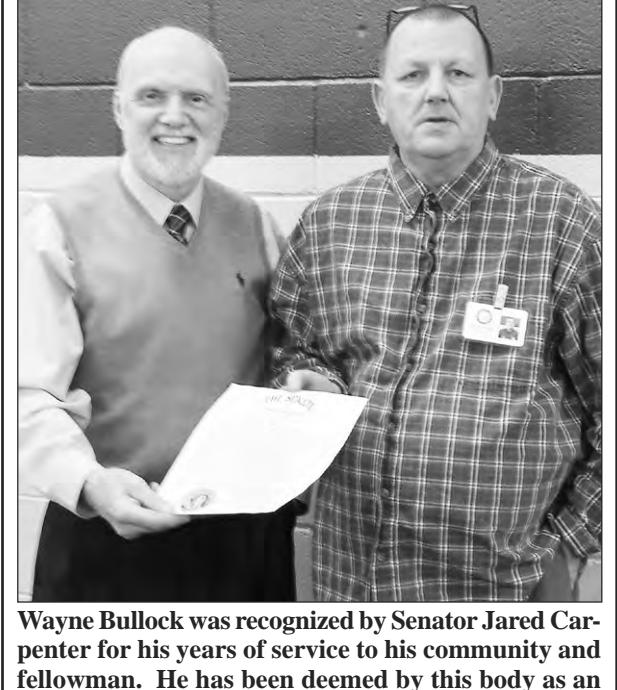
- HB 237, signed by the Governor on March 14, which clarifies local property tax exemptions for data centers.

The next five legislative days will be spent working on required legislation, like the budget, and passing other bills that lawmakers want to get to the Governor. March 28th and 29th are marked on the legislative calendar as "concurrence" days, which means they are intended only for floor passage of bills from the opposite chamber—the House would only consider Senate bills, and vice versa. The Governor's veto recess is scheduled to follow for 10 days, excluding Sundays, beginning on March 30, with the final two days of ses-

sion currently scheduled for April 11th and 12th.

Call me through the toll-free message line in

Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at jonathan.shell@lrc.ky.gov if you have any questions.



Wayne Bullock was recognized by Senator Jared Carpenter for his years of service to his community and fellowman. He has been deemed by this body as an "Outstanding Citizen of the Commonwealth". Pictured here with Mayor Mike Bryant at the March City Council Meeting. Congratulations Councilman Bullock on behalf of the Mt. Vernon City Council.

Pre-register for KSP Bass Tournament on April 6th

Anglers interested in participating in the 2016 Trooper Jason Vankook Memorial Bass Tournament can register in person on Wednesday, April 06, 2016 at the Lake Cumberland Outdoors Pro Bass Shop, located at 2234 HWY 90 in Bronston, KY. Kentucky State Police Trooper Lloyd Cochran will be at the store from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to facilitate registration and answer any questions about the event.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Burnside Island State Park boat ramp. Entry fee is \$100.00 per boat (two people per boat) with a five fish limit. Payout will be determined by number of entries. All proceeds go to support Trooper Island Camp.

Trooper Island is a free summer camp for underprivileged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations. No public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 12-CI-00085

**U.S. Bank National Associations
a/k/a U.S. Bank, NA** Plaintiff

V.

**James E. Denham, Amy Denham,
Bank One NA n/k/a JP Morgan
Chase Bank and County of
Rockcastle, Kentucky** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 26, 2016 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 86/100 (\$108,228.86) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 25, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being described as follows:

3029 Lambert Road, Berea, Rockcastle County, KY 40403

PVA Map #028-00-013.01

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

3. The purchaser shall pay the 2016 local, county, and state property taxes.

4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

8. This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, or covenants of record, or otherwise and shall be sold "AS IS."

John D. Ford

Master Commissioner

Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 14-CI-00189

**JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association** Plaintiff

V.

**Travis Wynn, Samantha Wynn and
Commonwealth of Kentucky Finance
and Administration Cabinet** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on April 16, 2015 and order to reschedule sale entered on February 12, 2016 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 57/100 (\$116,968.57) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 25, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being described as follows:

2770 Chestnut Grove Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

PVA Map #020-00-011

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

3. The purchaser shall pay the 2016 local, county, and state property taxes.

4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

8. This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, or covenants of record, or otherwise and shall be sold "AS IS."

John D. Ford

Master Commissioner

Rockcastle Circuit Court

Vanderbilt Mortgage and

Finance, Inc. Plaintiff

V.

**Wilma Johnson; Roy Johnson (in rem);
unknown spouse of Wilma
Johnson (in rem); Sarah A. Ingram a/k/a
Sarah Ingram (in rem); unknown spouse
of Sarah A. Ingram a/k/a Sarah
Ingram (in rem); County of
Rockcastle, Kentucky** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 29, 2016, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS AND 94/100 (\$66,883.94) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 25, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

136 Oregon Lane, Brodhead, Rockcastle County, KY 40409

PVA Map #008NE-03-022&23

Said property is improved with a 2008 Clayton manufactured home, VIN CH0003283KYAB

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

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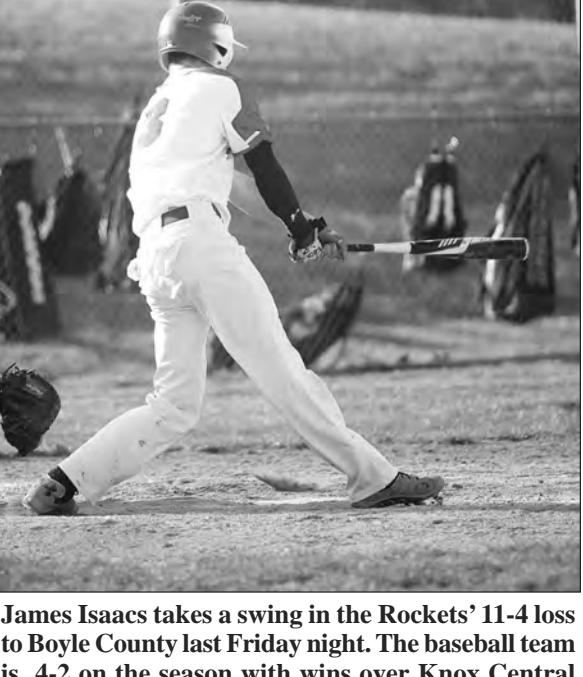
9. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

John D. Ford

Master Commissioner

Rockcastle Circuit Court

SPORTS



James Isaacs takes a swing in the Rockets' 11-4 loss to Boyle County last Friday night. The baseball team is 4-2 on the season with wins over Knox Central and Corbin this past week.



Bailey Chasteen smacked a two-run homerun in the Rockets' 10-0 win over Danville last Thursday night in their season opener.



Isaiah Mercer makes a nice running catch in Rocket action against Boyle County last Friday night. The Rockets will host Clay County Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. The team travels to Mercer County Saturday for games against Mercer and Meade County. Next Monday they travel to North Laurel and Tuesday face Estill County on the road.



Kristin Holcomb pitched a 10-0 shut-out against the Danville Admirals last Thursday night in the Rockets' season opener. The Rockets are 3-3 on the young season with wins over Taylor County and John Hardin as well as Danville. The Rockets' next four games are on the road. They play two games Saturday in the Lady Raider Triangle at Ryle and travel to Southwestern next Monday night and to Madison Southern next Tuesday night. Game time Tuesday is set for 5:30.



Brent Lovell took to the mound for the Rockets in only their second loss of the season last Friday night against Boyle County. The Rockets are 4-2 early in the season. (Baseball photos by Jamie Cornelius).



Juniors Juliann Kirby and Mahala Saylor were recognized before the Rockets' home opener last Thursday night. Kirby and Saylor both received all-state honors for the 2015 season. Kirby was named to the Class 2A Second Team All-State and Saylor was named All-State Honorable Mention by the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association.

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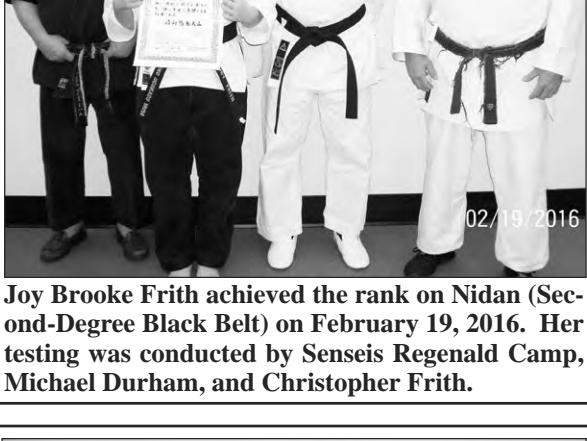
Jacob Dale Cook tested for his Black Belt on February 20, and was awarded the rank of Shodan (First Degree Black Belt) by Sensei Christopher M. Frith. Also pictured are Sensei Joy Frith and Instructor Joseph Frith.



Sherman Dale Cook tested for his Black Belt on February 20, 2016 and was awarded the rank of Shodan (First Degree Black Belt) by Sensei Christopher M. Frith. Also pictured are Sensei Joy Frith and Instructor Joseph Frith.



On February 19th & 20th, 2016 Rockcastle Regional Wellness Center's Karate with Chris held Black Belt Examinations and Rankings. Chief Instructor, Christopher M. Frith achieved the rank of Godan (5th Degree Black Belt) in Shotokan Karate after 30 years of martial arts training. Shown awarding Chris with his certificate of rank are Senseis Reginald Camp and Michael Durham-founders of Shinko Ugokasu Yama Karate Club. Sensei Frith teaches karate classes at Rockcastle Regional Hospital's Wellness Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. For more information on classes please visit rockcastleregional.org/wellnesscenter or call 256-9298. Your first month of classes is ALWAYS FREE.



Joy Brooke Frith achieved the rank on Nidan (Second-Degree Black Belt) on February 19, 2016. Her testing was conducted by Senseis Regenald Camp, Michael Durham, and Christopher Frith.



Joseph Michael Frith (age 13) achieved the rank of Sho-dan (First-Degree Black Belt) on February 19, 2016 after 8 years of diligent and consistent training in the art of Shotokan Karate. He tested under his father, Sensei Christopher Frith (5th degree black belt-Shotokan Karate and 1st degree black belt Aki-Ju-Kan-Do (30 years martial arts experience). Also present for testing were Sensei Regenald Camp 6th degree black belt-Shotokan Karate and 2nd degree black belt Shaolin Karate (44 years martial arts experience) and Sensei Michael Durham 5th degree black belt-Shotokan Karate, 3rd degree black belt Shito-Ryu Karate, and 1st degree Black Belt Shaolin Karate (46 years martial arts experience). Congratulations Joseph.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You...

Dear Editor,
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club would like to thank everyone who donated, bid, purchased items or volunteered in any way to make our 21st Annual Kiwanis Radio Auction a huge success.

Proceeds were just over \$7,800 making this one of our best years ever! The money raised will be spent to enrich the lives of Rockcastle County's youth.

Sincerely,
Rockcastle Kiwanis Club

Thanks Magistrate McGuire...

Dear Editor,
I would like to thank Magistrate Mike McGuire and his work crew for all

their work recently on our road. Not only for their work but for their promptness, his direct attention on the issues concerning the maintenance and improvement of our road, and most of all for appearing to be a man of his word.

In today's world it means a lot when you find folks who hold themselves to an code of ethics, ESPECIALLY those who hold political positions. That code being that a man is no better than his word, and I have found him to be just that, a man of his word.

Looking forward to his years of service, and thank Judge Bishop as well for allowing the much needed, and past due work to be done here.

Thank you all.
Sincerely, Barbara Collins



Magistrate Mike McGuire and crew take a short break while doing much needed work in the Piney Branch area.

"Meth"

(Continued from front)

pected meth.
The report says Bullen gave permission to search the vehicle where officers found a hypodermic needle and that Bullens stated the needle and the meth were

According to the report, Bullens stated that he had used meth on that day. Officers say about two grams of meth was recovered.

Bullens was charged

with possession of a controlled substance first degree, first offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to wear a seat belt.

Bullen's bond was set at \$7,500 third party unsecured and his preliminary hearing is set for March 30.

In another incident, Jonathan Houk, 36, of Purr Rigsby Road in Brodhead was observed walking out of the Brodhead Town Hall when Trooper Flynn noticed Houk's eyes were glassy and bloodshot and that he had sluggish speech.

The report says police administered the HGN test and Houk admitted that he had smoked marijuana that day and had used meth the previous night.

Houk was charged with Public Intoxication on a controlled substance.

Houk pled guilty and was fined \$268 and received five days in jail.

"Whitetail"

(Continued from front)

when Hines discovered that the RCMS Archery Team needed funds.

According to Turner, about 40 guns were auctioned and raffled off at the banquet. "We host about 650 banquets across the nation and we are the world's largest whitetail conservation group. These events are good for the entire community and we were well received by the good people of Rockcastle County," he said.

In fact, the event was so successful that the organization is already planning next year's event for Rockcastle County.

Hines said that over \$43,000 was raised at the event. Once organizers determine how much of that is profit, the national organization will get half of that and the other half goes to the local chapter who then

gives that money to the local middle school.

"This was our first year to hold the banquet in this county but it went very well and everyone had such a great time. We are looking forward to the next one," said Hines.

Hines said he would like to thank the sponsors of this year's event. "Without them this wouldn't be possible," he said.

"Jail"

(Continued from front)

of beds available for state inmates. The jail receives funding for all state inmates but relatively little funds for local inmates.

McClure said there are now over 50 local inmates and only 46 state inmates in the facility. He also said he is not getting the state inmates back that he expected after the fire. "They are really slow about getting us inmates and that hurts our income," he said.

Magistrate Billy McKinney said there are about 100 local people who rotate in and out of the jail all year. "That's about 20 beds we are losing in state inmates because these same people keep getting arrested," said McKinney.

The preliminary budget seeks \$606,075 from the fiscal court from the general fund which is nearly \$100,000 more than last year's budget required of the county.

Members of the court decided to study the budget line by line and discuss it at the next fiscal court meeting.

"Audit"

(Continued from front)

Bryant expressed concern over the city's liability in the event someone was injured in the parking lot. Bryant suggested the approval be granted only on the condition that the users place barriers that keep traffic from driving through the parking lot during the yard sales.

"There are kids running around that parking lot and I've seen cars whipping through there. We don't want anyone getting hurt," she said.

The council agreed to add the restriction.

The council also heard from local citizens who attended the meeting.

James Barnett, John Barnett, Chris McCoy and John Burdette each asked the city to provide city wa-

ter to the homes on East Fork.

According to City Administrator Josh Bray, providing water to that area was approved and budgeted in 2009. "The city had drawn the plans and they were approved in Frankfort and everything was ready to go. But for some reason when they installed service in that area, they just stopped be-

"I-75"

(Continued from front)

"I have been working with Senator Carpenter and Governor Bevin to ensure this very important section of I-75 is expanded to six lanes," said Rep. Shell, who represents Rockcastle County in the State House.

"This was a very important part of the funding measure passed Tuesday and I appreciate the Kentucky House of Representatives joining us in supporting the widening of I-75 in Rockcastle County. It will have a very positive impact on the community," Shell added.

"When I first took office, one of the first things Rep. Shell and Sen. Carpenter discussed with me was the widening of I-75 to six lanes in Rockcastle County. This project is a vital part of our investment in Kentucky's infrastructure across the state, and I look forward to working with them to get this project completed," said Governor Matt Bevin regarding the project.

The Transportation Budget proposal, which would include \$6 billion in state and federal funds to address transportation issues across the state, specifically proposes widening I-75 in Rockcastle County to six lanes, which would be three in each direction. Currently, there are two lanes in each direction.

The legislation funding the project now moves on to consideration in the State Senate.

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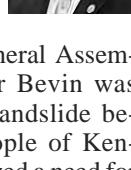
Blast From the Past...

The week's photo is of the old Stephen Langford House. This was an early tavern along the Wilderness Road and the township of Mt. Vernon grew up around it and its water source Spout Springs. It was located across from the courthouse where the current sheriff department parking lot is located. If you have a photo for Blast From the Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-386-0187.

Kentucky budget passes House, heads to Senate

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

After over two months of anticipation and debate, the Senate finally received the state budget bill from the House midway through the 11th week of the 2016 Kentucky General Assembly. Governor Bevin was elected in a landslide because the people of Kentucky recognized a need for financial change and fiscal responsibility. We think the upcoming budget will reflect those needs for the betterment of the Commonwealth.



As expected, many changes were made to Governor Bevin's budget by the House. Now that we have received their budget, we will comb through the fine details and make our own changes. Once we have our version of the budget completed, we must work with the House to compromise on a solution that we will ultimately send to the Governor to be signed into law.

One of our main concerns in the proposed House budget is the use of funds that are only for one-time expenses for items that are recurring, causing a structural imbalance. The use of these funds may solve our short-term problems, but it

does not address our \$35 billion long-term pension liability. We cannot continue down the path of spending more money than we have. However, the Senate does plan to address the pension crisis in our version of the budget in a responsible manner that will provide for generations to come.

In the midst of receiving and reviewing the budget, the Senate also passed a number of bills this week:

- Senate Bill (SB) 66 would offer confidentiality to peer reviews done by doctors.

- SB 198 would amend KRS statute so neither a

franchisee nor an employee of a franchisee will be considered an employee of the franchisor.

- SB 205 addresses false advertisements about nursing homes that often encourage unwarranted lawsuits.

- SB 242 would allow a retailer or its agent to offer recommendations, consistent with the label, for over-the-counter animal health products it sells. This commonsense legislation protects the retailers who provide so many goods to our farms across the state.

- SB 260 would clarify procedure for confirmation of appointments made by the Governor.

- HB 160 would require the Department for Public Health to establish guidelines for safe disposal of hypodermic syringes, needles, and sharps. An amendment to the bill also

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Pictured from left are City Commissioner Bryan Mahaffey, Mayor Jason Medley, City Commissioner Katha Carpenter, City Commissioner Charlene Newcomb, and Fred McClure presenting the check. Commissioner LeRoy Lamb was not present for the photo.

Livingston receives donation

The City of Livingston received a \$2,400 donation from the Owens family to be used towards the Livingston School Revitalization project, according to officials.

"We are speechless and humbled by this family's generosity and support of what we are trying to do in our little town. We will be honoring the late Ms. Lorene Owens McClure with a plaque that will be hung in the Livingston School," said Livingston Mayor Jason Medley.

A letter from the family was delivered to Medley and the city commissioners and reads as follows:

The reason we did this donation was in honor of our mother, Lorene Owens McClure who was class Valedictorian in 1954. She passed away March 17, 2010 and we try to keep her memory alive with our children and grandchildren as best we

can. We wish the amount could have been more but maybe we will make this an annual thing. It would be my wish that this will inspire others to donate in memory of their loved ones also. Our dad, who presented the check, is Fred McClure. Those that donated are his three children along with their spouses, Barry McClure (Janet), Cheryl McClure (Arnold), and Beverlee McGuire (Roger), grandchildren Mickey McClure, Dusty McClure, Tiffany McClure, Chris McHargue, Cherie Walker, Amber Watts, and Brandon Falin.

The pennies were lovingly donated by her great grandchildren, Chayse McClure, Addison and Maddox McClure, Chance and Mia Walker, Owen, Bella, Carson, and Braxton Falin, and Khamya Watts.

Thank you so much for the tour and for all of the hard work you do.

Extended to April 8th

Deadline for seniors to apply for "I Am UNITE" scholarship

Operation UNITE has extended the deadline for seniors to apply for "I Am UNITE" scholarships to Friday, April 8.

"The initial deadline was March 31, but with the number of school closings due to weather and sickness we wanted to make sure students had an opportunity to submit an application," explained Debbie L. Trusty, UNITE's Education and Treatment Director.

Application forms are available on the UNITE website at operationunite.org.

Created by the UNITE Foundation, these "I Am UNITE" scholarships provide high school seniors \$1,500 to be used for post-secondary education expenses. Funding for these scholarships come from proceeds of the annual National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, hosted by Operation UNITE in Atlanta, Ga.

Preference is given to se-

niors that have been a member of their school's UNITE Club or have attended Camp UNITE as either a youth team leader or camper. If an applicant has not had the opportunity to be involved in UNITE programming, consideration is given to seniors who have provided strong community volunteer service.

Eligible applicants must live within UNITE's 32-county service region.

In the past three years the UNITE Foundation has awarded 66 scholarships.

Additional information is available on the UNITE website. Interested applicants may also contact Shawna Ping at 606-677-6179 or by email to sping@centertech.com or Debbie Trusty at 606-889-0422 or by email to dtrusty@centertech.com.

For more information about Operation UNITE visit their website at www.operationunite.org



Qualifies for World Championship

Conner Ford, son of John and Angie Ford, recently finished third in the U.S. Kids Golf Association South Regional Championship held at Jekyll Island, GA. Conner competes in the 6-year-old division and shot a 33 and 35 for a 4 under par 68 in the 2 day event. As a result he has qualified for the World Championship in August at Pinehurst, NC. The World Championship is a 3 day event where he will compete against the best golfers from 51 countries. Pictured are Conner and his dad, John.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

to Jose Perez. Tax \$130.00. Renner & Sons, Inc., real property located in Rockcastle County, to Daniel and Debra Renner. No tax.

Circuit Civil Suits

Fereidoon Hosseinzadeh v. Deona Grandberry, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Nathan Scott Allen v. Melissa Leann Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

21st Mortgage Corp. v. Steven Greenwell, et al., \$74,375.94 claimed due.

Mary Jo Rodefer Stewart v. Joshua Lee Stewart, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Citizens Bank v. Carl Bullock, et al., \$20,699.89 claimed due. CI-72

Marriage Licenses

Makayla B. Bush, 18, Mt. Vernon, student, to Joshua Brian Staton, 23, Mt. Vernon, AISIN.

Angela Amburgey, 41, Mt. Vernon, factory, to Franza Caldwell, 37, Mt. Vernon, factory.

Kierston Brianne Willis, 26, Brodhead, Taco Bell, to Lukas Dustin Emerson, 29, Brodhead, Eagle Hardwood. 3-11-16

District Court

March 7, 2016

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Alicia R. New: speeding, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain

req. insurance, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.

Kathleen Phillips: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine, \$450 suspended on condition plus costs.

Donald K. Sanders: fines/fees due (\$343) bw issued for fta/9 days in jail or full payment.

Jacob Singleton: failure to wear seatbelts, inadequate silencer (muffler), improper equipment, license suspended for fta.

Tamatha L. Stewart: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition/plus costs.

Tiney J. Weaver: failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Speeding: Michael A. Cross: speeding, license suspended for fta; Isreal Beaufort: speeding, license suspended for fta; Machelle D. Vershawn: speeding, license suspended for fta;

Matthew M. Robbins: Speeding, careless driving, bw issued; Christopher Dale Stevens: speeding, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta;

Robert Gilbert, paid; Amanda L. O'Neal, license suspended for fta; Andrew P. Purvis, \$42 fine plus costs;

Catherine B. Stephens, license suspended for fta; Susan M. Vanwinkle, license suspended for fta; Phillip H. Wright, license suspended for fta.

Jessie D. Roberts: failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for fta.

March 9, 2016

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Arthur Ansel Bailey:

possession of synthetic drugs-Class B, 9 days plus costs.

Kathy N. Baker: possession of synthetic drugs-Class B misdemeanor, 9 days plus costs; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 9 days plus costs.

Jacob E. Bussell: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition/plus costs.

Jeffery L. Callahan: operating motor vehicle under/influence of alcohol/drugs, 1st off., \$200 fine plus costs/\$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension, ADE authorized.

Alexis Chasteen: fleeing or evading police, bw issued; criminal mischief, four counts, probation violation, two counts, tbut or disp all others, four counts, bw issued.

Timothy M. Clines: no expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, one headlight, obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Trans., bw issued for fta.

Jack Patrick Dourron: reckless driving, speeding, driving too fast for traffic conditions, driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Joshua C. Emerson: operating on suspended/revoke operators license, \$110 fine/plus costs, converted to five days credit time served; failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine converted to one day credit time served.

Gerson G. Erazo: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine/plus costs; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, \$500 fine/suspended 12 months.

Tony L. Hicks: speeding, \$48 fine; operating on suspended/revoke operators license, \$100 fine/plus costs.

Christopher Jones: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days; possession controlled substance, 3rd degree, drug unspecified, 90 days to serve concurrent; alcohol intoxication in a public place/1st & 2nd, 5 days to serve concurrent, plus costs.

Jason K. Kates: alcohol intoxication in a public place/1st & 2nd, \$100 fine/plus costs; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition no violations of law.

Jonathan G. Lewis: speeding, operating on suspended/revoke operators license, failure to wear seatbelts, possessing license when privileges are revoked, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Michael D. Richmond: operating motor vehicle un-

der/influence alcohol/drugs, 3rd offense, 1st degree possession of controlled substance/drug unspecified, 1st offense, possession controlled substance, 3rd degree, drug unspecified, controlled substance prescription not in original container 1st, bw issued.

Jeffery S. Rose: fines/fees due (\$733), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or full payment.

Wendell G. Russell: hindering prosecution or apprehension-2nd degree, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition/plus costs.

Gordon W. Sowder: theft by deception, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Jeremy R. Calder, license suspended for fta; Phillip A. Shaw, license suspended for fta.

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Deeds Recorded

Duane G. Lewis, Jr. and Berry L. Lewis, real property located in Chestnut Ridge, to Duane G. Lewis, Jr. and Betty L. Lewis. No tax.

Everett Owens, Sr. and Everett Owens, Jr., real property located in City of Brodhead, to Patty Bachman. Tax \$103.00.

Cumberland Real Estate Investments, LLC, real property located in Lear Crest Subdivision, to Jeff and Anissa Cromer. Tax \$5.50.

Carl David and Leighann Alexander, real property located on Copper Creek Rd.,

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Dodgeball Tournament

April 9, 2016

Rockcastle County Middle School

Details:

- Double elimination tournament
- Games begin @ 1:00 p.m.
- Co-ed teams welcome
- Teams: 6 members each
- Entry Fee: \$50 per team
- Trophies for winning team
- General admission \$1 (Kids 3 and under are free)
- Concessions available

Please register by Friday, March 25.

For more information call
Morgan Bray at 256-7704

m.bray@rhcrc.org

**Proceeds benefit
RELAY FOR LIFE**

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

After-School enrichment begins Monday, March 14 from 3:15 until 4:30.

Brownies (2nd & 3rd Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.

Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.

There will be no school on Friday, March 18. Have a nice long weekend!

Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 31 from 3:30 until 6:00. Please watch for details.

Spring Book Fair begins Monday, March 28. A detailed schedule of events will be sent home with your child.

On Wednesday, March 16, Shannon Franklin, Tony Bullock, and "Hunter"- who is a Deputized bloodhound, came to visit Mrs. Burton's and Ms. Stacy's class. Shannon was our guest reader for Dr. Seuss week and offered to bring Hunter to school to show the class what he does for our community. Hunter is an asset to the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department, as well as other surrounding counties. He helps locate people who are lost or missing.

On March 16th, Hunter, the friendly Bloodhound, came to visit Mount Vernon Elementary 2nd Graders. We interviewed Mrs. Charon Burton's class and here's what they had to say about their special visitor. One second grader told us the dog was "cute, big, healthy, with a floppy tongue and ears, and was slobbery". These interested

2nd graders learned that the bloodhound can sniff people out better than humans can. The 2nd grade students also said that they played a game of hide and seek with the bloodhound. Mr. John McQueary hid behind a bush and Hunter the bloodhound had to try to find him. Guess what... Hunter found him! Hunter's special visit was a memory these 2nd grader will likely not forget--this special bloodhound inspired Mrs. Charon's 2nd grade class! --written by 5th grade reporters: Carson King, Maddie Ellis, Mackenzie Lopez

Mount Vernon Elementary 2nd grade had a special



Ms. Sherri Spragens from the Rockcastle County Regional Hospital with Ms. Burton's class at MVES. Ms. Sherri talked about the human body. She shared information about the heart, bladder, kidney, and brain, and lungs.

guest, Ms. Sherri Spragens from the Rockcastle County Regional Hospital. Ms. Sherri talked about the human body. She shared information about the heart, bladder, kidney, and brain, and lungs. Their favorite part was when she explained the parts of the human body and watching the skeleton dance. They also watched informative videos. She inspired these kids to stay healthy in life. Mrs. Charon's class enjoyed Ms. Sherri Spragens' visit and learning lots about their body and keeping healthy! -- written by 5th grade reporters: Carson King, Maddie Ellis, Mackenzie Lopez



Hunter the bloodhound and handler Deputy Sheriff Tony Bullock with Ms. Burton's class at MVES.



Hunter the bloodhound and handler Deputy Sheriff Tony Bullock with Ms. Gentry's class at MVES.

Budget

(Continued from B1)

states that needle exchanges across the state must stick with a one-for-one exchange, which we believe will further advance our fight against the current drug epidemic.

- SB 180 would protect the religious freedoms of business owners.
- SB 206 provides that cities may employ retired police officers upon the fulfillment of certain criteria.

- SB 227 would increase the amount of basic training hours for peace officers.
- SB 244 would amend Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly or an agency or committee it creates to review, approve, or disapprove any administrative regulation of the executive branch during or between regular sessions of the General Assembly and ultimately put those on the ballot for voter approval.

• HB 148 would permit licensed child-care centers and certified family child-care homes to have an epinephrine auto-injector for emergency use. An amendment to HB 148 would increase the age limit in the definition of a newborn infant to 30 days in order to allow parents to abandon a child at a designated safe place.

- SB 63 would expedite processing of untested rape kits.
- SB 253 would create a charter school pilot project in Jefferson County and Fayette County in order to help address the achievement gap for children receiving free or reduced lunches.
- SB 224 would update mine safety education and training requirements.
- SB 202 would allow lawsuits involving the Commonwealth or its agencies to be heard in court outside of Franklin County.
- SB 269 would allow people who have a hair braiding business to be exempt from a cosmetologist licensing process not related to their trade.

The days are getting longer and there is still much work to be done, but I feel confident in the Senate's ability to negotiate a budget bill that Kentuckians can be proud of. I also appreciate Governor Bevin's initial budget proposal which laid the groundwork for a smarter, more responsible Kentucky.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

ATTENTION:

The following is an invitation to bid on the harvesting of the hay from the property belonging to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) located on Hwy. 2549 known as Rockcastle County Business Park South for the years 2016-2018. The subject property is approximately 70 acres. **The contract will be awarded to the highest per acre bidder (based on 70 acres). The contract for the hay is subject to the following terms and conditions:**

1. The hay must be cut a minimum of 2 times-once in the Spring and once in the Fall each year
2. Once the hay is cut it must be moved from the field within 2 weeks (weather permitting)
3. Any area that cannot be mowed for hay, must be bush hogged a minimum of 2 times-once in the spring and once in the Fall
4. No member or direct family member of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority or the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is eligible to bid on the contract
5. In the event the RCIDA sells a portion of the property to an industrial prospect in the middle of the contract, the person awarded the contract would be refunded monies on a pro-rata basis. Example: the person awarded the contract bids \$1 per acre and has paid the RCIDA \$70 and hasn't cut the hay yet. The RCIDA sells 10 acres, the person awarded the contract would be refunded \$10 or if the hay had been cut once the person would be refunded half of the pro rata amount or in the case of this example \$5.
6. All expenses incurred by the successful bidder on the property, i.e. fertilizer, etc., are done so at the successful bidders own risk. None of these expenses will be reimbursed by the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority under any circumstances.
7. The successful bidder will be required to pay the contract amount in full by May 1st of each year during the 3 year term.
8. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted.
9. All bid sheets should be sealed in an envelope and returned to Attention: HAY BID--Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority at the Rockcastle County Judge Executive's office on the second floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse by 11:00 a.m. Monday April 4, 2016. Bid sheets should be returned in person.
10. The bids will be opened at approximately 12:00 p.m. Monday April 4, 2016. The successful bidder will be notified via contact information provided below.
11. In the event that the successful bidder becomes in default of one of the above mentioned terms and conditions at any time during the term of this contract, the contract will be taken from that person and awarded to the next highest bidder.
12. The bid should be made for one year and then that amount will be required by May 1st each of the 3 years of the term.

I _____, agree to all of the terms and conditions

(Print name)

listed above and I bid and agree to pay \$ _____ per acre for the 70 acres of hay.

Signature _____

Date _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

**This bid sheet must be completed and returned by 11:00 a.m. April 4, 2016. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted. The RCIDA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to choose the bid that is most advantageous to the RCIDA.

Parent Teacher conferences will be this Thursday from 3-6:00. Come by and see firsthand what is happening in your child's classes. Let them know your support them. The 8th graders will be selling hot dogs with chili, chips and drinks. Feed your family and help fund our 8th grade trip. Report cards will be available during this time as well. Students will begin a new Encore class on March 28th.

8th graders should have brought home permission forms to visit RCHS. The time of transition is almost here and we want all of them to be able to visit the high school on Monday. Please return the forms as soon as possible.

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on March 24th in the Media Center. Stop by during Parent Teacher conferences and check out the newest books for teens.

Congratulations to our recent kind kids of the week: Vashaun Alexander, David Fish, Connor Price, Jasmine Woodall, Stormi Begley, Aidan Cain, Zach Taylor, Cameron Bullock, Andrew Hurt, Noah

Minds in the Middle

Forrester and Logan Bullock.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stewart's 6th grade Voyagers homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Coming in second place was Mr. Gentry's 8th grade Challengers and in third place was Mr. McNabb's 8th grade Comets. Don't forget that all students who are present every day from February 1st to the end of school will be in a drawing for a new bicycle. Thanks to Clifford Collins Backhoe Service for donating one girl bike and one boy bike. It's just one more reason to be at school each day!

Time is running out to order your yearbook. The cost is \$35. Additional forms are available in the office if needed.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Hat Day. RCMS donated \$150 each to March of Dimes and to the Wounded Warrior Program.

Thanks to Autumn Courtney, Ashlyn Brock, Savanna Sweet, and Morgan Johnson for meeting with the school board this month. The officers rep-

'Surviving College' booklets can help freshmen, adults

Please include your mailing address.

Online versions of both are available on www.kheaa.com.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

The 36-page booklet includes sections about:

- Majors and class schedules.
- Staying healthy and safe on campus.
- Learning styles and study tips.
- Campus life.
- Financial basics.

KHEAA also provides "Surviving College for Adults," geared toward nontraditional students. To order a free copy, e-mail publications@kheaa.com.

**Celebrate Recovery**

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Tuesday night, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-Centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m., music at 6:45 p.m., followed by a Celebrate Recovery lesson or an amazing testimony of a transformed life! At 8 p.m., you can join a small group discussion. All sessions are designed to provide the strength to overcome hurts, habits and

hang-ups. Large group at 7 p.m.

Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing! Child care and transportation provided. Call 606-256-5577.

Night of Gospel Music

A night of gospel music with Greater Vision will be held at Bible Baptist Church on April 3rd at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Church is located at 100 Higher Ground Ln, Mt. Vernon. For more information visit biblebaptist.org or call 606-256-5913 or 859-302-3269.

A NIGHT OF GOSPEL MUSIC WITH GREATER VISION



APRIL 3 @ Bible
BAPTIST CHURCH

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A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

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**Benefit Singing/
Spaghetti Dinner**

A benefit singing and spaghetti dinner has been planned for April 9th at 6 p.m. at the Livingston Fire Department to help with funeral expenses for Callie Slusher. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and drink for \$7. Desserts will be offered for an additional charge. Singing provided by Tim Cameron and friends. Hope to see everyone there.

Singing

Dixie Park Cornerstone Church, 700 N. Powell Ave., Berea, is having a singing featuring Michael Combs on Saturday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. Love offering will be taken. Everyone invited to come and worship with us.

Special Singing

The Kentucky Mountain Trio will be singing at the Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church on Fairground Hill on Friday, April 1st at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Special Easter Service

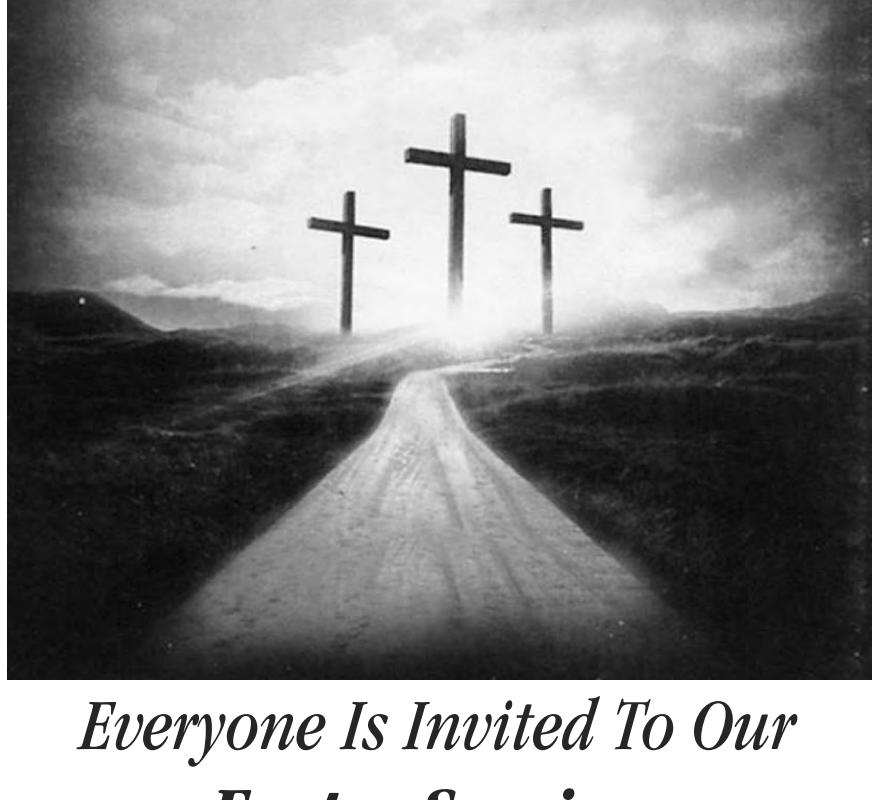
Flat Rock Baptist Church will be having a special Easter service Sunday morning, March 27th. Easter Egg Hunt following the morning service. Pastor Bro. Jack Stallsworth and the church invite everyone to come to this special day of service.

**First Christian
Church****Upcoming Events****Spring Renewal**

First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will hold their



"Father and Son" music ministries from Miamisburg, OH, will be singing at The Depot in Livingston this Friday night, March 25, at 7 p.m.



Everyone Is Invited To Our Easter Services

Sunday, March 27th

After 11:00 a.m. services, Easter Egg Hunt and dinner provided

Spring Renewal April 10th - 13th. Sunday morning at 11:00, Sunday night at 6:00 and Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Ed Berry, preaching minister at Henry Christian Church in Eminence, Ky. will be the guest speaker. There will also be a number of folks bringing special music. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of it with us.

Good Friday Service

First Christian Church will be hosting a Good Friday event on March 25th at 7:00. All are welcome to come and join in this remembrance time of our Lord's death to save us. For answers to questions or for a ride, please call 256-2876.

Easter Services

First Christian Church will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, March 27th at 11:00. We want to invite you to come and be a part of this time of joy and praise.

Mt. Vernon**Church of God****Upcoming Events****Good Friday Service**

Mt. Vernon Church of God will have a special Good Friday Service on Friday, March 25th at 7 p.m. Will have a communion service and old-time foot washing.

Sunrise Service

Mt. Vernon Church of God will hold a Sunrise Service Sunday, March 27th at

6:30 a.m.. Breakfast will follow. Regular services: Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship Services at 11:00 a.m.

Special Singing

Mt. Vernon Church of God will have a special singing April 3rd at 6:00

p.m. with Bro. Russell Murphy and Girls.

Revival

The church will also be in revival Monday, April 4th - Wednesday, April 6th at 7 p.m. with Bro. Murphy. Everyone invited.

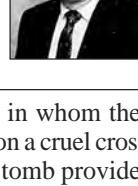


Community Worship welcomes our new Pastor and his family, James and Misty Harris. Bro. James and Sis Misty and the congregation of Community Worship invites you to join us this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for Easter service. Easter Egg hunt for the children after services.

An encouraging word:

Recognizing A Living Presence

By Howard Coop



On a dismal Friday, their leader, the one in whom they had placed complete trust, had been crucified on a cruel cross, and his body had been placed in a borrowed tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathea. All dreams were shattered, and all aspirations had vanished. There was nothing to look forward to with hope. It was all over---finished.

Then, Sunday came. As the first day of the week began to dawn in Jerusalem, it wasn't a pleasant task, but there was one thing to do, and it had to be done. So, "just after sunrise," three women---Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome---walked through the dark and lonely streets of the old city toward the tomb of Joseph in which the body of Jesus had been placed. Carrying the traditional "spices so that they might anoint Jesus' body" for final burial, they pondered the question as they walked "who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" That was too much for them, but they plodded onward. Some things just have to be done.

When those women arrived at the tomb, they were utterly amazed by what they found. The guards, placed there by order of Pilate to secure the tomb, were "like dead men," the large stone that sealed it was rolled away, and the tomb was empty. "They did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." Then, "two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them." They said to the frightened women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" That was like salt rubbed in an open wound, and those women thought, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Then, Mary heard a voice saying, "Mary." At once, she knew. And hope was restored, and life was changed.

Easter is more than celebrating an empty tomb; it is recognizing a living presence that can change everything!

Welcome to a

Gospel Meeting

Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge

2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

**March
24th-27th**

**Thurs. thru Sat. Services at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**

**Speaker will be
Evangelist**

Brandon Stevens

**Everyone is invited
to attend!**

4038 Red Hill Rd. • Livingston

Pastor: Mike Hargis

Service Times:

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m. * Sunday Morning • 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening • 6:00 p.m. * Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.



Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer

156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhop@ymail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle

231 US 25 South
Berea, KY

Tuesday Night 7 p.m.

Sunday Night 6 p.m.

Pastor: Eugene Webb

Bible Baptist Church

100 Higher Ground (off US 25)

Mount Vernon, Ky.

Church Phone 606-256-5913

e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship/Children's

Church 11 a.m.

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Video services Tues., Thurs., &

Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Channel 3 - New Wave

Cable Channel 5 in Berea and

Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays

Pastor: Don Stayton:

Associate Pastor/Youth:

Bro. Jeremy Ellis

Secretary: Jo Roberts

Music Director: Dan Dull

Blue Springs

Church of Christ

7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on

Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)

Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Preaching Brethren

Gary Reppert, Doug Hawkins

Marcus Reppert

Contact Info:

Marcus Reppert

104 Byrd Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.

606-308-2794

marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Bride of Christ Church

100 High St. Mt. Vernon

Sundays 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

606-416-7136

606-379-6335

Brodhead Baptist Church

Corner of Silver & Maple St.

Brodhead, Ky. 40409

606-758-8316

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. &

7 p.m.

(Nursery Provided)

Sunday Youth Bible Study

5 p.m.

Wednesday Adult & Youth

Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.

Children's Programs:

RAs & GAs

Mission Friends and

Creative Ministry

Ralph Baker, Pastor

Brodhead Christian

Church

237 W. Main St. Brodhead

606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Tracy Valentine, Preacher

606-758-8662

Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God

Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead

758-8216

Sundays 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

Howard Saylor

Pharmacist

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

Brush Creek

Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 7 p.m.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Lonnie R. McGuire,

Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church

Located 15 miles south of

Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249

(Sand Springs Rd.)

606-256-4988

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Tim Owens, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church

76 Caloway Branch Rd.

(Off US 25) • Calloway

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

George Renner, Pastor

606-224-4641

Central Baptist Church

86 Maintenance Rd.

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

606-256-2988

centralbaptistky.org

Pastor: Mark Eaton

Home of "Central Baptist

Christian Academy"

K-12 Private School

"Central Time" Radio

Broadcast

WRVK 1460AM

Monday -Friday 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning and

Children's Church 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study,

Prayer Meeting and "Patch

the Pirate Club" 7 p.m.

Transportation and Nursery

provided for all services

Mark Eaton, Pastor

Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge

2 miles south of Mt. Vernon

Turn left off US Hwy 25

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Ova Baker

Bro. Dale McNew

Bro. Philip Scott

Church of Christ on Fairground Hill

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Different speaker each

Sunday

Climax Christian Church

Hwy. 1912

308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Terry Thornton, Minister

Climax Holiness Church

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Thursday Nights 7 p.m.

3rd Sat. of every month at

7 p.m.

Community Worship

Church of God

758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard

Worship Service

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

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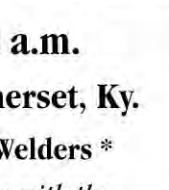
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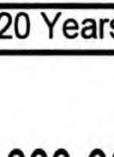
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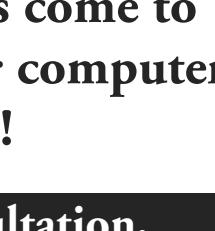
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Police are still searching for the man who broke into the Brodhead Pharmacy on Main Street in Brodhead Sunday night. Surveillance video inside the business caught the burglar (shown at left) as he broke down inside doors in an attempt to reach the drugs in the back of the pharmacy. The man finally reached the drugs and took pills worth several thousand dollars according to David Collins, owner of the pharmacy. The thief gained entry by breaking the front glass of the store. Police believe this man was working with an unidentified female who drove the get-away car, a blue Pontiac. If you recognize this man, please contact the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

— Brodhead Pharmacy robbed Police searching for burglars after pharmacy robbery

By: Mike French

Rockcastle County sheriff's deputies are searching for a man and woman believed to be involved in a break-in at Brodhead Pharmacy, on Main Street in Brodhead Sunday morning around 3:45.

Owner, David Collins said his security system recorded the entire burglary but the suspect was wearing a mask over their face.

The video shows the bur-

glar breaking through the front window of the store with an iron spud bar. The burglar then attempted to break through the door where pharmaceuticals are kept. However, once through that door, the burglar discovered steel bars blocking the way.

After attempting to break through the steel bars unsuccessfully, the burglar then broke through an office door

(See "Robbery" on A8)

20 grams of meth off the city streets

By: Mike French

Twenty grams of methamphetamine and several other drugs are now off the streets of Mount Vernon, thanks to the efforts of Deputy Sheriff Brandon McIntosh. "It's a constant fight but we can say that I got about twenty grams (of

meth) off of our city streets in less than a week," said McIntosh.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office has been focusing on removing drugs from local streets and two arrests this weekend have helped, McIntosh said.

(See "Meth" on A8)

**Community Action Meeting to focus
on solution to growing drug problem**

Enough is enough:

Every person shocked and concerned about the escalating drug addiction in our area is urged to attend a brainstorming meeting to be held at the Rockcastle Middle School Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar.

The meeting will not focus on the problem itself and the growing access to heroin, as that is a fact well established, but rather efforts will be made to generate ideas for combatting the scourge.

If you have a family member or know someone who has a drug addiction, you already know the devastation and destruc-

tion and the damage it causes.

Enough is enough! Come if you feel like something has to be done. And bring someone with you.

If you are a health care or mental health care worker, school personnel, social worker, employer, law enforcement officer, court official, recovering addict, UNITE member, childcare worker or elected official, your input could be very helpful and you are issued a special invitation to attend.

For more information, contact Octavia Sexton at 308-4203 or 256-9796.

A day in the life of a Rockcastle inmate

By: Mike French

A day in the life of a Rockcastle County Detention Center prisoner is very near the same every day, according to Jailer Carlos McClure.

About the only change is the exact times that a guard

choose to stay in their cell and skip the recreational times in "the yard."

Lunch is brought to each cell between 11:30 and noon each day and prisoners spend the rest of the afternoon in their cell.

Supper is served to the inmates between 4:30 and 5 o'clock evening and then the lights and the phones are turned off

at 11 p.m.

Visitors are allowed and closely monitored.

The typical inmate spends the majority of their

time inside their cell but some, who have been convicted of minor crimes or have not been in any trouble inside the jail, are permitted

(See "Inmate" on A8)

Rand Paul plans visit to county

On Friday, April 1, U.S. Senator Rand Paul will hold a Town Hall event at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, in the third floor Fiscal Court room, in Mount Vernon at 3:15 p.m.

Sen. Paul has been holding town hall events across Kentucky and thousands of Kentuckians have attended to discuss issues facing both the community and the nation.

Staff from the Bowling Green office will be in attendance to help members of the community who may need assistance with federal agencies or issues such as Veterans Administration, Social Security, IRS, passports, U.S. Department of Education, Military records or medals.

The event is open to the public.

Writer Carrie Mullins of Rockcastle County will be holding a book signing event at the Amburgy & Rowe Law Office on Main Street in Mount Vernon

The event will be March 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and

(See "Book" on A8)

Local beekeepers starting crusade to help honey bees

By: Mike French

The loss of the Honey Bee population in America over the past several years is estimated to cost the country over \$4 billion annually, according to national studies.

Blame for the dwindling population ranges from pesticides and fungicides to colder winters and invading species.

This drop in population is also affecting some Rockcastle County beekeepers.

"Studies have shown that 8 out of ten swarms will not survive without our help," said local beekeeper Doug Brock.

Sometimes the reason for the declining population is unknown. "Bees were look-

ing good but would suddenly start dying off," said Brock

So Brock and Faulkner decided to do something about it in Rockcastle.

"We have created a swarm patrol. Our association will be known as 'D. & A. Swarm Chasers' and we are going to help," said Brock.

Still, the new association needs help from everyone. "We need people to join us and become a guardian of the bees. If we work together we can help," said Brock.

Brock and Faulkner

(See "Bees" on A8)



Local bee keepers Doug Brock and Audy Faulkner (not shown) saved this hive of bees by removing them from a cut tree and relocating them to a safe place.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



What if everyone on earth spoke exactly the way they feel? Without regard to what they think the person they are speaking to believes or wants to hear. Just plain, pure honesty.

I think the world would be in chaos.

Though the American divorce rate is a little over 50% right now, if everyone was completely honest, that rate would be 99% if for no other reason than the "Does this dress make my butt look fat?" question.

And that ever-popular "did you notice that girl in the short shorts?" With complete honesty, that right there is a frying pan to the head kind of question.

Then there's that famous question, "Do I look as good as when we first met?" How one answers this question determines whether you will have soup beans and corn bread for supper...or a bologna sandwich. And who wouldn't fib for a bowl of soup beans?

When the cop pulls someone over for speeding and says "have you been drinking sir?" If everyone were perfectly honest, how many more arrests would there be? "Yes occifer, but I'm not as think as you drunk I am!" Jail time!

Go to the next step. "If you are elected, will you truly decrease taxes and cut spending?" The typical politician would have to say "Well, it depends upon whether the guy that gave me \$200,000 for my campaign wants me to or not!"

"Did you delete those emails on purpose because you knew they were classified material and you were breaking the law?"

"Duh! Is the sky blue?"

And how about your friends? What if they were perfectly honest with you?

"Hey Earl, are you involved with my wife?"

"If by 'involved' you mean are we having a secret affair and stealing your money, then of course!"

And then there's family. What if all your family members were perfectly honest. "Mom, why does my brother get better stuff than I get?"

"Because he's not a jerk and never once filled my houseshoes with whipped cream." (This one is hypothetical of course.)

I almost didn't pursue a musical career because of the not-so-honest people around. Yes, I had relatives, parents and friends telling me I was a pretty decent musician and that I should pursue it.

At the same time I knew other musicians who were reallyterrible. And I heard their friends and fam-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas, on a cold and stormy night, of which we only had two or three, Loretta and I heard a cat meowing on the front porch. My first and somewhat panicky thought was that Fancy Pants, our never-once-in-7-years-been-outdoors cat, had, for some reason, decided to see what life is like on the other side of the door.

Then, almost at the same time, Fancy ran over my feet, headed for the stairway as fast as her legs would work, laying paw rubber as she tried to gain traction on the hardwood floor. She used more energy and as many steps to cover a distance of 20 feet as she would have used to run a mile on a less slippery surface but when she got to the stairs, it was "thumpity-thumpity-thumpity" as she disappeared into wherever it is

she hides when anyone or anything other than her immediate family comes on the place.

Fancy is actually a very beautiful Maine Coon but she is not sociable with anyone other than her housemates and goes to great lengths to be unseen when we have company. All of which is another story for another time because this piece is supposed to be about a cat of an entirely different color.

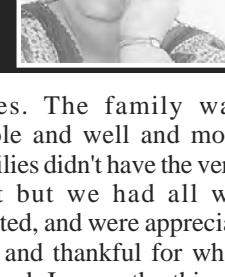
So, I flipped on the porch light and there, huddled up and shivering sat a half grown, multi-colored, half-starved and obviously very hungry cat. We went out on the porch and discovered that it was also starved for human attention and affection when it began, still meowing, rubbing up against our ankles.

We decided it must belong to one of our neighbors and had simply gotten lost in the thunder storm. In retrospect, I should have known that none of our neighbors would allow one of their pets to become so starved that you could count

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Easter Memories

Dear Journal,

As the years pass, people of my age and older, so it seems, seem to live in the past as much as in the present. This is apparent to be more on holidays. We remember the good, good times when our families gathered together around a big table full of special foods reserved for special

times. The family was whole and well and most families didn't have the very best but we had all we wanted, and were appreciative and thankful for what we had. I guess the thing I miss most about those days are the ones that have now gone on ...but they left very precious memories.

I recall the very first Easter I can remember. I was around three or four years old. It was on a Saturday, the day before Easter. It was a pretty spring day and Mom and I were out in the yard passing a ball between us. She didn't want me to think Easter was all about rabbits, eggs, candy, and pretty little girl dresses. She thought it was about time that I learned about a Savior and His resurrection. She explained about Jesus. I had heard of Him at Church. She told about how He died and was brought back to life on the third day, Easter. That's why we cel-

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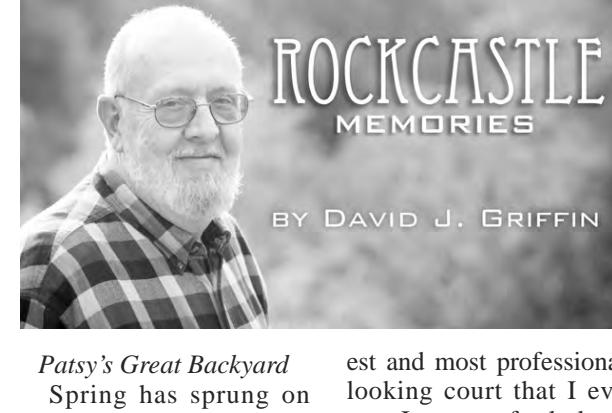
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ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES



BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

Patsy's Great Backyard

Spring has sprung on Furnace Mountain in Powell County. The warm weather calls for outdoor activities, such as yard games and wonderful cookouts. This season takes me back to the time when I was a teenager in Mt. Vernon.

My first cousin Patsy (Cummins) Barnett and I were good friends in high school, and she had the greatest backyard and basement of any of my friends.

At the time, she lived with her family on Newcomb Avenue, close to Rockcastle Hospital.

Patsy and I, along with

many of her friends and of

mine, congregated at her

house to take advantage of

her family's professional

croquet court as well as their

basement pool table. When

Patsy's dad (Jesse Cummins) was not using the

court or the pool table, he

allowed us to play at his

house. "Aunt Jack," Patsy's

mother, welcomed all of us

into her home and made us

feel comfortable.

Uncle Jesse loved cro-

quet, and he created the fin-

est and most professional-

looking court that I ever

saw. It was perfectly level,

covered with sand, and sur-

rounded by railroad cross-

ties. The court was even

lighted for night-time con-

tests. Uncle Jesse usually re-

served the court for his

friends, including: Clarence

Carter, Roy Winstead, Bill

Cox, and others whose

names I cannot recall. When

these gentlemen played, the

game was downright seri-

ous, most likely accompa-

nied by small wagers. Dur-

ing these contests, the teen-

agers could only watch or —

go play pool in the base-

ment.

Since all of these men

worked during the day, their

games were usually held at

night under the lights. Patsy

and her friends played dur-

ing the afternoons, while the

grown-ups were still at

work. When I recently

spoke with Patsy, she re-

minded me that the follow-

ing were regulars at her

house: Charles Bennett

Farris, Jim Cox, Penny

Nunnelley, Jim Barton

Nunnelley, Bud Cox, and

me. The croquet games we

played were so much fun

because of the professional

court. When the men ar-

rived to use the croquet

court, the teenagers often

simply moved to the base-

ment in order to play pool.

Cokes and great snacks

were always provided.

Patsy's house was a great

place to gather for teenage

fun.

Uncle Jesse loved the

game of croquet so much

that he also made his own

mallets. With great care, he

designed and created a set

of mallets out of cherry

wood, which were as pro-

fessional looking, if not

more so, than any I ever

saw.

He also had one of those

large "rollers" in order to

keep the croquet court per-

fectly level. In addition, he

kept a container of lime that

he spread on the court to

keep the weeds at bay. It is

hard to explain how ex-

pertly the court was main-

tained. Chairs were even

placed around the court in

order for spectators to watch

the games.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks to Perry and Amy Mink...

Dear Editor,

On March 15th, I was driving home to Michigan from visiting a friend in Georgia when I had car problems on I-75 near Mt. Vernon, Ky. My precious three-year-old Papillion, Rudy, escaped from my car and was killed on the highway.

While waiting for the AAA tow truck, my Georgia friend put me in touch with Perry's Autobody and Towing Services. It was af-

ter 8 p.m. by the time my car

Obituaries



Mable Burdette

Mable Johnson Reppert Burdette, 89, of Renfro Valley, died Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Berea. She was born in Wilmore on September 21, 1926, the daughter of George Washington and Jessie Belle Johnson. She was a member of the Buckeye Christian Church and was a retired business owner, having owned and operated local gift/antique shops for over 65 years. She loved to paint, quilt, cook, and work in her flower and vegetable garden, and was an avid reader and writer. As she often demonstrated, she loved "taking care of everyone".

She is survived by: her children, Larry Bennett Reppert of Lexington, Gary Marcus (Genieve) Reppert of Mt. Vernon, Dolores Albright (Jim) Morris of Mt. Vernon, Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris and husband Rodger Clay of Homasassa, FL, and Kathryn Reppert (Darrell) Ensor of Danville; two sisters, Evelyn Johnson Griffin Keller of Marshall, MI and Linda Johnson McKinney of Manchester, TN; her grandchildren, Rebecca Albright Toy, Jessica Albright Leith, Michael Stephen Albright, Emily Farrah Reppert Craig, Marcus Aaron Reppert, Tanah Ensor McGuffey, Charles Benjamin Reppert, Aimee Morris Tackett, Zachary Morris, and Kimberly Morris Button; and her great grandchildren, Lauren Avery Toy, Cooper Albright Leith, Ansley Toy, Madeline Toy, Walker Carson Craig, Wyatt Kincaid Craig, Wrett Isaac Craig, Landon Marcus Reppert, Nicholas Zade Reppert, Alivia Gail Reppert, Gage McGuffey, Piper McGuffey, Skyler Morris, Tate Button, Garrett Button, and Marissa Button. Also surviving are her stepchildren, Rudy (Carol) Burdette of Brodhead, Kay (Luke) Mullins of Berea, and Jeffery K. (Treena) Burdette of Mt. Vernon.

She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Marcus Eugene Reppert; her second husband, Dr. Rudolph Burdette; a son, Charles Alfred Reppert; a granddaughter, Amanda Nicole Reppert; three brothers, Lester Mullins, Ray Jr. Johnson, and James E. Johnson; and a sister, Barbara Davenport.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Dr. Mike Bryant and Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Michael Albright, Corey Craig, Darrell Ensor, Tim Leath, Charles Benjamin Reppert, and Marcus Reppert. Honorary pallbearers were: Roy Mack Allen, Hubert Chasteen, Jr., Dwight Davenport, Leroy Griffin, Paul McNew, Rodger Morris, Herman Smith, and Dale Winstead.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



E. Christeen Cromer

E. Christeen Cromer, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 21, 2016 at UK Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Rockcastle County on September 9, 1940, the daughter of William and Stella Hurley Morris. She was a homemaker, a member of Slate Lick Baptist Church, loved spending time with her family and grandchildren and enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by: one son, James Edwin Cromer of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Gail (Coy) Cromer of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Fay Mink of Mt. Vernon and Aileen Richardson of Chilton, TX; two aunts, Mattie McG Ferron Mink and Lela Mink; one brother-in-law, Eddie B. (Cleta) Cromer; three sisters-in-law, Bernice Mink, Irene Sowder and Wanda Jean Cromer; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Also surviving are: four grandchildren, Melissa and Randy Renner, Teri Renner, David Cromer and Tabatha Cromer; and five great grandchildren, Lara Renner, Elizabeth Renner, Zack Renner, Rayleigh Cromer and Katie Renner, all of Mt. Vernon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Garner Cromer; infant sister, Juanita Mink; and one brother, Arlie Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Barney Owens. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Cromer, Doug Cromer, Julian Cromer, Eric McCracken, Arlis McG Ferron, Randy Renner, and Zachary Renner.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Donald Renner

Donald Lee Renner, 55, of Irvine, formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 21, 2016 at his home. Born in Rockcastle County, he was the son of the late Jessie Renner and Ruth Barnett Renner. He was born December 26, 1960.

He had enjoyed teaching children at 4-H and instructing Conceal Carry Classes. He also loved playing the guitar. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Rev. Jackie Renner.

Survivors include a number of first cousins and close friends.

The family has chosen private services.

Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home of Richmond is in charge of the arrangements.

To view online obituary visit www.cpcfh.com

Nancy J. Couch

Nancy J. Couch, 55, of Orlando, wife of Robert Couch, Jr., died Sunday, March 27, 2016 at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Couch Family Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's *Signal*.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Rosemary Allen

Rosemary Allen, 66, of London, died Monday, March 21, 2016 at St. Joseph Hospital in London. She was born in Mt. Vernon on May 14, 1949, the daughter of William and Stella Hurley Morris. She was a homemaker, a member of Slate Lick Baptist Church, loved spending time with her family and grandchildren and enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by: her husband, Donald Allen of London; two daughters, Donna Sue and Larry Roseberry of Farmersburg, IN and Deborah Ann and Steve Harrison of South Point, OH; and four sisters, Pauline Jones of Annville, Judy Carpenter of Livingston, Linda Robinson of Brodhead, and Gail Vaughn of Annville. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Adam Hughes, Rachael Nelson, Abigail Hughes and Elijah Hughes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Jasper and Henry Morris and one sister, Imogene McQueen.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Trevor Brummett. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Michael Allen, Jimmy Clark, Jr., Adam Hughes, Elijah Hughes, James Stewart, and Jacob Vaughn.

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Elizabeth Woodall

Mrs. Elizabeth Woodall, 96, of Brodhead, died Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility. She was born on April 17, 1919 in Corbin, a daughter of the late Bill and Maggie Vaughn Northern. She attended Brodhead Baptist Church, and found great joy in quilting, flowers, cooking and bingo. In 1937, she was united in marriage to Leonard Woodall, and from that union came fifteen children.

Those left to celebrate her life are her children: Benny Woodall, Donnie (Carolyn) Woodall, Henry (Nadine) Woodall, Jerry (Verva) Woodall, Teddy (Kim) Woodall, Danny Woodall and Brenda Woodall, all of Brodhead, Glynn Rose Lake of Cincinnati, OH, Betty Lou Renner of Mt. Vernon, and Patsy (Wayne) Schumacher of Fairfield, OH; twenty

eight grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces/nephew, friends/neighbors.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five children: Charles "Chunky" Woodall, Leslie Woodall, Jimmy Woodall, Jenny Woodall and Ricky Woodall and a grandchild, Jason Woodall.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 31st from 6-9 p.m. and Friday, April 1st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 1st at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineownsfuneralhome.com

Thelma Lena Owens

Thelma Lena Owens, 96, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Albert Owens, died Monday, March 28, 2016 at Baptist Health Hospital in Corbin.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ by Bros. Ova Baker, Dale McNew, and Phillip Scott. Burial will follow in Lovell Cemetery at Burr.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home after 11 a.m. Thursday day at the church.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's *Signal*.

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"Points East"

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every bone in its body, but we told ourselves that we'd give it a meal, put a pet carrier with a warm blanket out on the porch so it would be out of the weather and that it would probably go home the next day. Now we are convinced that some irresponsible, good-for-nothing, low-life, numbskull drove by and dropped her off in our yard.

A week later Loretta

had called every animal shelter within a 30 mile radius and been adamantly informed that there was no room at the inns. We've boasted about how friendly she is to dozens of people we know to love cats, but nobody wants this one, nor has any animal shelter been willing to take her off our hands. We are still trying to find her a home and I am reasonably sure that, after my discreet examination,

she is, in fact, of the female persuasion.

In the meantime and as you already know if you regularly read this column, we are plagued with varmints that are destroying or lawn. We previously thought the despicable creatures were moles but the unwanted cat who now calls our front porch home has proven in very certain terms that they are voles, just like Mountain Eagle Editor, Ben

Gish told me they were at the onset of the plague, last October.

The cat, which I have taken to calling Cooney because of the rings around her tail, has killed 3 of them and presented us with their carcasses in the last 10 days. I've seen blood on her front paws a couple of other times that did not involve a present which I now believe to be indications of successful vole

hunts even though we did not see the results. At first I thought she might have cut herself, but we could find no sign of wounds.

I actually witnessed Cooney make a kill last Friday afternoon. She was stretched out on the top porchstep sunning herself when all of a sudden she sprang into a stalking crouch and ever hair on her back was sticking straight up.

She literally slithered down the porch steps and out onto the lawn. I quickly glanced around to make sure she was not setting out to attack one of the numerous robins that are normally hopping around the yard during day light hours, but I actually saw no sign of life other than Cooney.

Suddenly she pounced, snarled loudly, and began vigorously shaking the vole

in her mouth. It was dead before it knew what hit it. I thought to myself that Cooney was finally earning her keep for the cheapo, Dollar Store, 10 lb bags of Everpet cat food we've been feeding her. Rest assured that Fancy Pants would never touch the stuff but Cooney loves it.

Still, I don't have \$100.00 and change lying around to have Cooney spayed and we simply do not need another cat.

As far as Loretta is concerned, Fancy Pants is, already, one cat too many. So, if you are looking for a very friendly, proven vole slayer who would, most likely be a top notch mouser given the right circumstances, give Loretta or me a call at

859-925-2105
or email
ikeadams@aol.com.

"Letters"

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that there was something wrong with the engine.

I've no doubt that if I'd known to call Perry initially, he'd have gotten me off that roadside quickly. AAA Dispatch took 3 1/2 hours. Perry could've also rented me a car, or provided transportation to local lodging and fixed my car the next morning. I didn't take advantage of those services only because I had non-refundable lodging reserved in Lexington that night and, since my car was okay to drive, planned to return it to ABRA to fix the botched repair.

It was after 10 p.m. by the time I left Perry's shop. When I asked what I owed for his time and effort, he refused to take any money from me. Who does that?

But what Perry did for me that evening went way beyond dealing with my car.

I arrived at his shop, a traumatized, sobbing old lady in blood-soaked clothes, with my beloved Rudy's lifeless body wrapped in a blanket in the car. Perry was incredibly compassionate, treating me like a cherished friend or family member rather than a stranger. He called his wife, Amy, who came into the shop and did the same. They offered to take care of Rudy for me, taking him to the vet for cremation the next day, or to bury him.

We discussed private cremation, return of Rudy's remains and payment arrangements and I left my

contact information.

After hugs all around, I left broken-hearted but confident that Rudy was in good hands. Perry and Amy were, without a doubt, the most genuinely kind and caring human beings I've ever met. I'll be forever grateful that they were there for me that night.

*Connie Norris
Howell, Michigan*

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

"T.J.'s"

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ebreast Easter, she said.

Well, in all of my three or four years of life's experiences, I'd never heard of such a thing...it must have been a miracle. I knew that by the way she explained it, it was something special. I pondered the idea and wondered about it and how it happened. We went inside and I announced what Mom had told me like it was a new concept that nobody had ever known before.

I remember, also, the egg coloring. Mom would hard-boil about two dozen eggs. She would put cheesecloth in the pot so the eggs wouldn't break. While they boiled, we would mix up the dye. She had some Fiestaware dishes (you know, the ones that each place setting was one color). She had settings of yellow, blue, green, etc., and she put the color tablet in the

Thank you to all who participated in the Mt. Vernon Pedestrian/Bicycle Survey. 163 surveys were returned. I would like to share some of our findings:

Five times as many people reported they did not currently walk as those that did walk. Not enough sidewalks/bike lanes and too many cars on the road were cited as the main hindrances to walking and biking. Locations that participants would like to walk more safely were West Main and

to the Welfare Office and IGA Shopping Center. 83% of the survey takers said they would walk at Lake Linville if a walking path were developed.

I'll continue to update you on the progress Rockcastle Health Community Coalition makes as we strive to make Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County a more walkable and bicycle-friendly community.

*Nancy Keber
Facilitator of Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition*

dinating cup. The color tablets were just a little larger than an aspirin. Then, about a tablespoon of vinegar was added to the cup. I liked to watch it bubble and fizz together with the dye tablet. Then, the hot water was added. I didn't think those eggs would ever hard boil, but when they were ready, the fun began.

The coloring took place on an antique Hoosier cabinet counter that I still have. What fun it was! There used to be transferable decals to put on the colored eggs when they were dry. We

usually put a cross on the yellow eggs and violets on the purple ones. The eggs were so pretty, it seemed a shame to break them to eat, but they were just right for hiding.

One year, when I was about seven or eight, my Grandma Norton gave me a nice white Bible. I still have it, too. I carried it to church, all dressed up in those pretty little frilly dresses that little girls used to wear, with white anklets, scratchy slips, and slick-bottom, too-tight white or black shoes, depending on the season.

"Aces"

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ily give them that "You should move to Nashville. You are awesome" speech.

So, how was I to believe my friends. In fact some of the same ones who told me I was pretty good, told that other guy he was great and I knew better. So, why should I believe them?

Though there are times that honesty is indeed the best policy, it's the art of choosing those times that is difficult to understand.

I guess the world would be a wild place filled with disappointed people who are all divorced if fibs didn't exist.

We just have to try to find a happy medium in there somewhere and always tell the truth...unless it would hurt someone.

I guess the old saying is true for married couples. "The truth shall set you free!"

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

Patsy was a couple of years older than I, but we were great friends during our high school days and spent a lot of time together. When she enrolled at the University of Kentucky, we stayed in touch. On several occasions, I drove her back to Lexington after she and her college friends had come home on the weekends for a visit to Mt. Vernon. I also recall that it was Patsy who gifted me with my very first UK sweatshirt. I wore that shirt until it was completely worn to shreds. Because of her influence, and my friendship with Penny Nunnelley, I too attended UK after my graduation from Mt. Vernon High School in the fall of 1962.

I always felt special when I spent time at Uncle Jesse and Aunt Jack's home. I suppose it had a lot to do with the fact that we were family, but they also made all of Patsy's friends feel welcome. Her home was just a fun place to gather, and the games were also special. I don't think I ever told them how much I loved visiting their home, but I have a feeling that they already knew how I felt.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your suggestions and comments.)

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Rockcastle Democratic Party Convention

The Rockcastle County Democratic Party will hold precinct conventions April 2nd at the Limestone Grille sunroom starting at 10 a.m. All registered Democrats in Rockcastle County are welcome to participate. This is a vitally important first step in our four year reorganization. The next step occurs on April 16th when the executive committee is elected. Entering into this process will help us understand how our party in Kentucky is organized. This is your chance to enter into the process and make a difference.

US 25 Yard Sale

June 2, 3 and 4, 2016. 5th Annual US 25 Yard Sale. Woodfin, NC and Rocky Top, TN to Richwood, KY. The nation's 4th longest yard sale event. 859-779-3005 or <https://www.facebook.com/US 25 YARD SALE>.

No Permit Testing

According to Circuit Clerk Eliza York, there will be no permit testing on March 25th, due to the holiday.

Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans

American Legion Post 71 would like to contact Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to: PO Box 1467, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by no later than March 18, 2016 or send info to info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814.

Hot Rod Sign-ups Begin

Hot Rod Sign-ups for 3,4 and 5 year olds will be held the first and second weekends of April at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child. Adult shirts will be available for \$13 (extra dollar per x) at the sign-up. The shirts this year will carry a picture of the late Anthony Reams' car. Hot Rod coaches teach the basics of the game but the main objective is to have fun. The season begins the last Saturday in April. There will be a picnic the second week end of July to end the season.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take."

Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.**Celebrate Recovery**

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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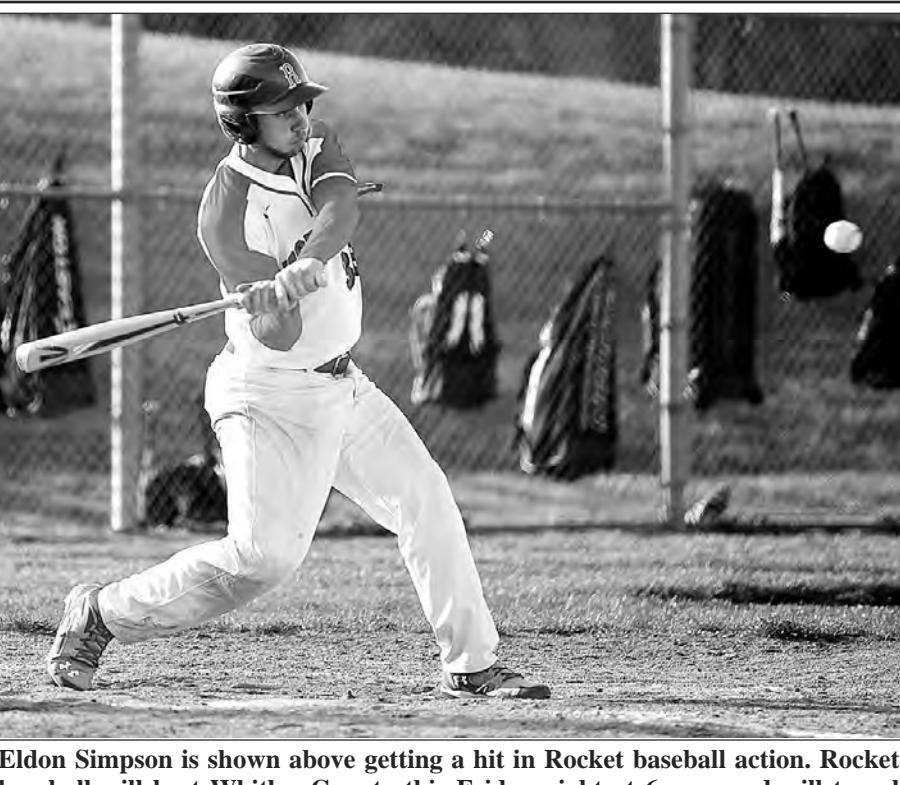
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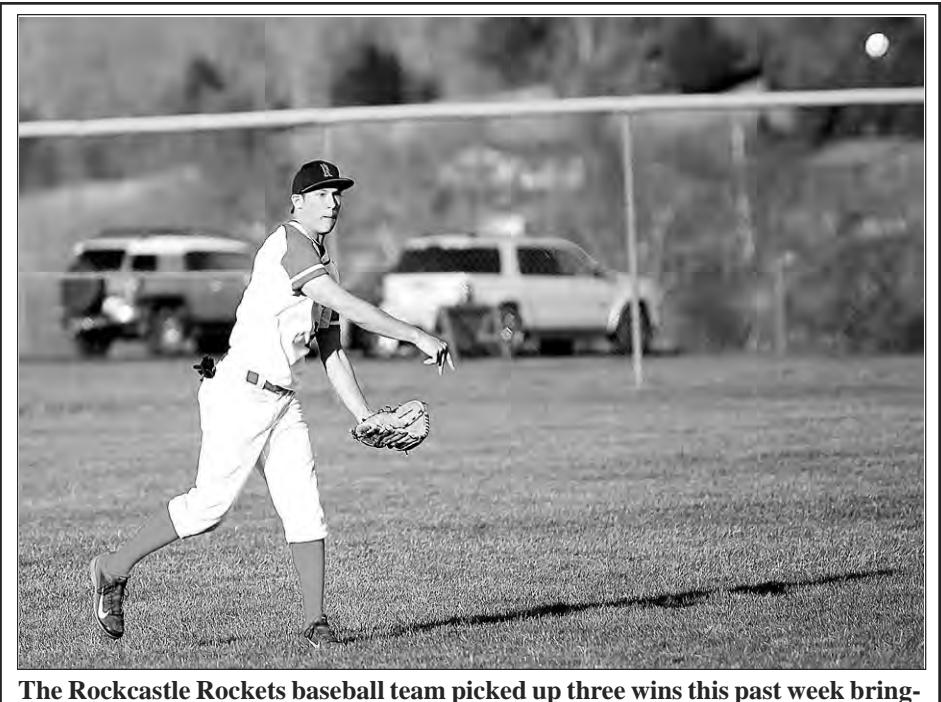
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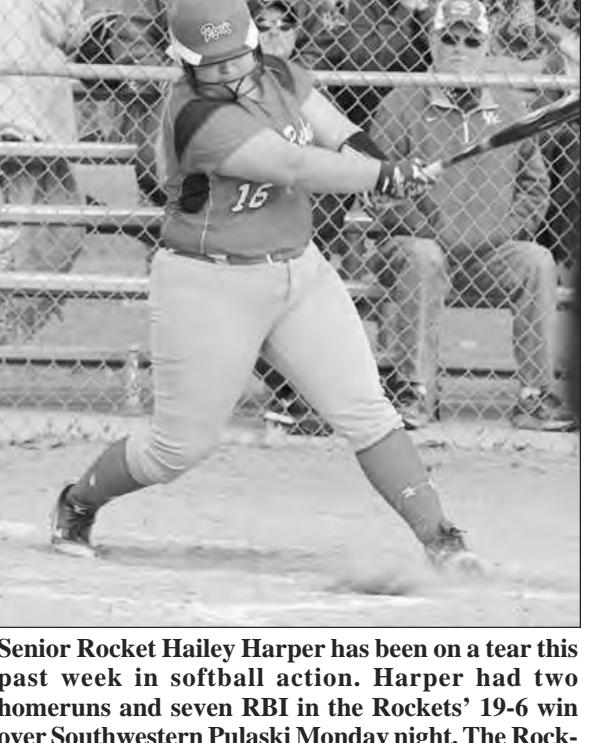
BIG ON COMMITMENT™



Eldon Simpson is shown above getting a hit in Rocket baseball action. Rocket baseball will host Whitley County this Friday night at 6 p.m. and will travel Saturday to Knox Central for a 2 p.m. matchup.



The Rockcastle Rockets baseball team picked up three wins this past week bringing their record to 7-4 on the season. The Rockets beat Russell County 1-0 last Friday night, Mercer County 4-2 on Saturday and Estill County 11-2 Tuesday. They had losses to Meade County and North Laurel. Shown above is outfielder Mikey Tomlinson. (Baseball photos by Jamie Cornelius).



Senior Rocket Hailey Harper has been on a tear this past week in softball action. Harper had two homerooms and seven RBI in the Rockets' 19-6 win over Southwestern Pulaski Monday night. The Rockets will host North Laurel this Thursday night at 6 p.m. The team is also hosting a "Where's the Beach Classic" this weekend. The girls will face Bourbon County Friday night at 5:30 and Rowan County Saturday at 10:00 a.m.



Senior Amber Collins puts down a slap bunt in softball action this past week. The Rockets are 6-4 on the season with wins over Harrison County, 12-2 and Ryle, 8-2, last weekend in the Lady Raider Triangle. The girls lost a close one Monday night to Madison Southern, 3-1. They travel to Garrard County next Monday for a 6 p.m. game and will host Somerset next Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Softball photos by Minnie Kirby).

Forest Service increases watch for illegal taking of slippery elm bark

Over the past several years, the market for medicinal herbs has been on the rise. One of the products in demand is the bark from slippery elm trees (*Ulmus rubra*).

The inner layer of slippery elm bark contains a gel-like substance that is presumed to be a soothing agent for sore throat, gastrointestinal problems, and skin irritations.

"Each year, we have seen a steady increase in the number of slippery elm trees being stripped of their bark," said Forest Botanist David Taylor with the Daniel Boone National Forest.

"For these trees, it's a death sentence. The trees die within a year once their bark has been removed, since the inner layer of the bark provides for the flow of nutrients that sustain the tree."

The taking of slippery elm bark from trees on national forest land is illegal. Under the 36 Code of Federal Regulations, "removing any timber, tree or

other forest product, except as authorized by a special-use authorization, timber sale contract, or Federal law or regulation" is prohibited (36 CFR, Section 261.6h).

"The theft of natural resources from national forest lands can lead to a species' demise," added Taylor.

"As an example, ginseng has been illegally removed from public lands in the eastern United States for decades, causing serious decline and even extirpation of this plant in some forest areas."

Other forest products commonly removed from national forest lands include timber, mosses and lichens, wildflowers and rocks. None of these resources can be taken without a permit.

To help prevent the illegal taking of natural resources on national forest lands, the public is encouraged to report the theft of forest products by calling 859.745.3100.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Farm ponds and small lakes offer excellent fishing

When air temperatures crest the 70-degree mark for the first time in March, anglers swarm reservoirs and state-owned lakes to fish. The warm weather stirs up high expectations, but these anglers often return home frustrated after a fishless day.

These big waters still retain their winter cold and a few days of shirt-sleeve weather doesn't warm them up enough to get largemouth bass, bluegill or catfish active. They still feel the lethargy of winter.

Farm ponds and small lakes less than 10 acres are the perfect antidote for this situation. Their small size and relatively shallow waters warm up quicker in spring than large reservoirs sprawling over thousands of acres or state-owned lakes several hundred acres in size.

The extended warm front forecasted for this week is the ideal situation to catch the biggest largemouth bass of the year. "A lot of those largemouth bass are moving up into shallow water with these warm temperatures," said Jeff Crosby, Central Fisheries District biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "If we get a nice warm rain coming up this week, the water temperatures will jump and it will be 'katy bar the door'. The big gals are moving up right now. It is going to get hot."

Three days or more of air temperatures warmer than 70 degrees bring largemouth bass into water two feet deep or less, especially after March rains color the water. They nudge their noses right up on the bank and hide in shoreline cover, small cuts in the bank or even among clumps of shoreline grass that extend out into the lake.

Largemouth bass use objects such as stumps, rocks, grass clumps or fallen tree tops as reference points in muddy water, much as humans use objects to navigate a dark room.

Parallel the bank with a brown and orange shallow-running, square-billed crankbait and retrieve it as slowly as the lure allows. A 4-inch green pumpkin-colored lizard rigged weightless with a 3/0-worm hook and crawled slowly along the bottom is deadly in this situation.

A 1/8- or 3/16-ounce black jig paired with a black and blue trailer also excels as does a 4-inch boot-tailed grub in the pumpkin pepper color. These lures work well in both murky and clear water.

Banks that fall off quickly into deeper water are best for fishing a parallel retrieve for largemouth, with the dam face being the paramount choice on small lakes.

March rains that cloud the water also pull largemouth into shallow waters in coves on small lakes and the upper end of farm ponds. Any isolated cover on the shallow flats should be probed with the jig and trailer combination, the lizard or the grub. Cast on the bank and gently pull the lure into the water to avoid spooking fish.

Stealth is vitally important to fooling largemouth

bass in water a foot deep. Walk softly, keep low and wear drab colors, even if the water is muddy. Careless anglers who stomp around the shoreline may notice V-shaped wakes heading off toward deeper water formed by largemouth bass spooked from their shallow lairs. These fish won't bite again for hours.

Bluegill anglers can find great sport in early spring on farm ponds or small lakes. Water clarity dictates how and where to fish.

Murky to muddy water means anglers should fish small in-line spinners or 1-inch white or yellow curly tailed grubs near any available cover. Many farm ponds are simply gouged out bowls in the ground and have little to no fish holding cover. Simply cover water with these lures until a bluegill strikes.

In clear water, fish redworms near cover either on the bottom or suspended under a bobber, threaded on a No. 6 Aberdeen hook. Bottom fishing works best on bright days.

The new soft baits designed for panfish that broadcast scent work extremely well fished on the bottom or to tip a 1/32-ounce yellow feather jig fished near cover and suspended under a bobber.

Prolific breeders, keeping and eating bluegill benefits the pond or small lake and provides a tasty, nutritious meal as well.

Channel catfish move toward the shallow flats of the upper end of a farm pond or small coves in the section farthest from the dam in a small lake during a March warm front. Rains that tint the water with runoff draw huge numbers of catfish into these spots, gorging on worms flushed into the pond or lake.

Nightcrawlers threaded onto a 4/0 circle hook and bottom fished in these areas can lead to some of the fastest catfish action of the year. Dead minnows, chicken livers or commercial prepared stink baits all work for channels in small lakes and farm ponds in murky water or clear.

The warm winds of March are here. Forgo the big lake and hit a small lake or farm pond instead. Remember, the new fishing license year began March 1 and you must now purchase a new one before fishing in 2016.

Author Lee McClellan is a nationally award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine.



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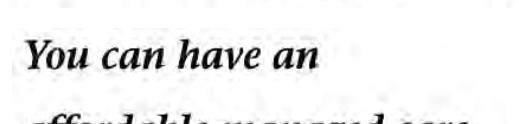
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"Bees"

(Continued from front)

suggests that anyone who sees a swarm of bees, call them immediately. "We are offering this as a free community service. People should call us. We know how to take care of bees and can move them to a safe place where the bees will be happy, happy, happy," said Brock.

In association with the national and state bee keepers associations, similar groups are forming across the country and Brock and Faulkner are doing their part for the local bees.

"Inmate"

(Continued from front)

to participate in the local work-release program. "Most inmates want to participate in that because it's a chance to get outside," said McClure.

The local detention center has 10 cells of differing sizes. Some cells hold up to 20 inmates while the smaller cells hold only two.

Which prisoner is lodged in which cell is determined by illness and whether the prisoner could be a danger to himself or others.

There is also a suicide watch room where a single inmate may be kept and monitored throughout the day.

There are also unscheduled, surprise inspections occasionally of the cells for the protection of the inmates. In fact, McClure sometimes enlists the help of the Mount Vernon Police Department K-9 unit to search each cell for contraband.

While McClure and his

assistants work hard to keep his prisoners safe, he maintains a discipline and regimen during rehabilitation.

"There's a delicate balance here between taking care of our inmates and protecting their safety and providing for real needs while not making it a pleasant place to be," said McClure. "Jail is not supposed to be a motel room with room service. It has to be a place where people do not want to go."

he plans to install steel bars on every window and door.

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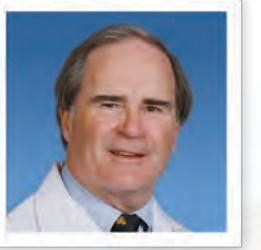
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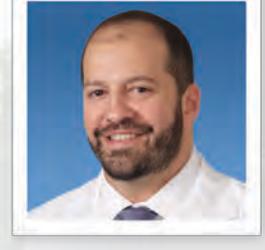
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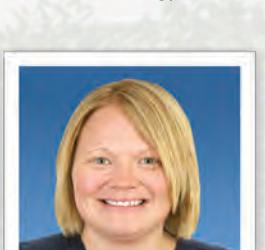
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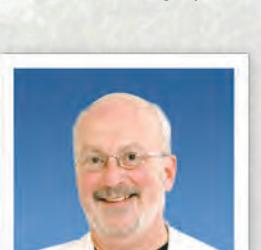
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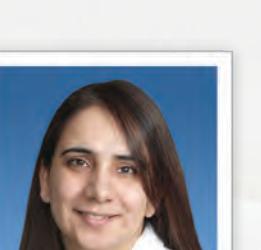
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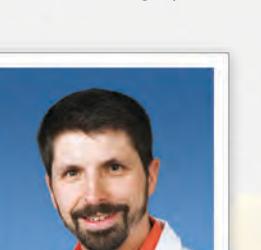
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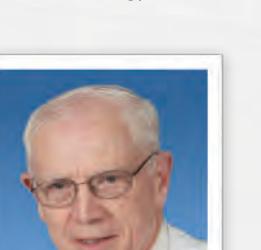
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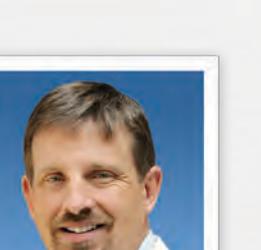
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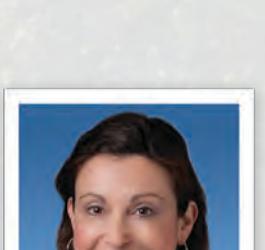
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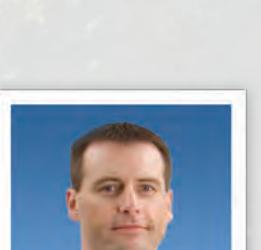
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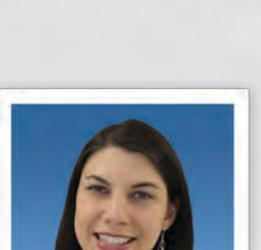
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Livingston Spring Clean-up is success

Two volunteer groups lend a hand

The outdoor activity season is now upon us and Livingston is getting ready to greet people that want to bike, hike, canoe, tube, horseback ride, cave and rock climb. ASPI (Appalachian Science in the Public Interest) our close partner in trail development and instructor about gardening - Grow Appalachia sponsored two groups of volunteers from New York State University of Fredonia. Tish Weaver of ASPI scheduled them to work in Livingston two days.

Lynn Tatum of The Rockcastle County Devel-

opment Board organized materials and tools for several projects in Livingston Trail Town. On March 22nd the first team tackled painting the shelter behind City Hall which will become another outdoor Space2Create in the near future. They also installed a sign post for a new trail "The Boils". The second group spent the day clearing The Boils Trail, pulling weeds at the trailhead, sweeping debris up around the school and gymnasium. Both groups worked to install a new message center at the trailhead which will

display a revised map that shows our new Fish Point trailhead and The Boils trail.

Service learning volunteer organizations like to send their people not only to help communities but also to learn from their service work.

The students were given a tour of the school, gymnasium and future playground area and we explained how we are working to make Livingston a tourist destination. The students were very interested in our Trail Town efforts and pleased to help us ready for the new season.



Students from New York State University of Fredonia.



I-75 widening funding included in HB 304

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative

As we close in on the final week of the 2016 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, myself and my colleagues are working day and night to finish up business and turning our focus on passing a timely and fiscally responsible budget.

The best news to come out of Frankfort in the last few days concerns a part of the transportation bill. I am proud that HB 304 included funding for a project that is critical to Rockcastle County. As you know, I-75 has been a frequent source of trouble, with weather-related accidents (and others) often causing mass traffic issues. I've worked with Governor Bevin, Senator Carpenter, and the House Leadership to secure funding to widen I-75 to include more lanes. This project, upon completion, will better serve the many people in my district who travel on the interstate each and every day.

Making a trip to help me during the last full week of session was Laurel Yates and Jordyn Pennington, two outstanding students who both did a terrific job serving as pages on the House Floor. Laurel Yates' mother, Amy, brought her to the Capitol. Jordyn's great-aunt, Regina Burton, and her grandmother, Jeleta Bradshaw, made the trip with Jordyn.

The budget is at the forefront of the legislative conversation at the moment. In addition to it, we are working hard to get some more good bills through the legislative process, which we hope will ultimately end with the Governor's signa-

ture of approval. There are bills it is also important to stop.

One bill that needs to be passed focuses on two of the most important issues facing the Commonwealth: Our broken pension systems, and transparency in government. Senate Bill 45 would be a good first start to confront both of these issues. This legislation would open up the pensions of legislators to public disclosure, giving taxpayers a look into the sometimes lucrative retirement benefits that members of the General Assembly receive. This bill has already passed the Senate unanimously, with complete bipartisan support, and passed through the House State Government Committee. While multiple members of the majority party cast nay votes on this common sense bill, it was still able to go through with bipartisan support. We are still holding out hope that Democratic Leadership will allow a full vote on this bill, which truly represents the principles of transparency and accountability.

I was pleased to support legislation supporting our teachers and retired teachers. HB 1 pledges a commitment to funding the retirement benefits of our teachers. Knowing how vital teachers are in building our communities and ensuring the best future possible for our children is why I voted for HB 1.

We debated two pieces of legislation that I vehemently oppose: House Bills 5 and 6. Both of these bills would expand Obamacare in Kentucky, a law that has reduced choices on the insurance market and driven up costs for Kentucky families. While they both passed, they stand no chance of passage in the Republican Senate and would also be ve-

toed by Governor Bevin.

One bill that passed the House this week on a bipartisan basis is the so called "DUI lookback" bill. SB 56, which is now headed to the Governor's desk, expands the look-back window for prior drunk driving offenses from five years to 10 years, for sentencing purposes. This bill would put into place additional deterrents to prevent those who drive recklessly from harming our children and families, a principle that rises above partisan politics.

I was very disappointed by the judicial branch budget that passed the House and continues to make its way through the legislative process. Hampering an equal branch of government in such a severe fashion is irresponsible. I opposed the judicial budget and believe reversing the cuts should be a priority in budget negotiations.

The Senate passed an executive branch budget which strongly concurs in many ways with Governor Bevin's proposed budget. While there are some differences, their budget commits to the conservative principles of fiscal responsibility, long-term budgeting, and protecting the most vulnerable among us while still cutting waste and abuse in government. Since there are such serious disagreements among the House and Senate, leadership of both bodies are meeting daily in Conference Committee, in order to hammer out a compromise budget to send on to the Governor.

Let me know your comments and concerns on issues facing our Commonwealth during the 2016 Regular Session at:

1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via email at

Jonathan.Shell@lrc.ky.gov.

Unfunded pension system is priority in Senate Budget

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

Addressing Kentucky's underfunded pension systems was the top priority in the Senate's version of House Bill (HB) 303, the state's two-year budget, which passed the Kentucky Senate on March 23.

One major difference between the Senate's budget and the House's budget they passed last week is structural balance. That means that our budget does not use one-time funds to pay for recurring expenses. We are also dedicating more funding to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS), in addition to more funding for the Kentucky Retirement Systems' (KRS) nonhazardous fund than both the Governor and House combined.

We are dedicated to funding our pension systems, especially to that of KRS, which is dangerously underfunded.

Unlike the House, we are setting aside \$250 million for a permanent fund. Of that permanent fund, \$3 million would

be used to commission an external performance audit of the KTRS while holding the remaining \$247 million to address the pensions upon completion of the audit. In total, 100 percent of the permanent fund will be used to address the pension crisis once the audit, which will be used to identify areas of failure in the system, is completed.

The Senate budget also provides \$372.5 million for the Budget Reserve Trust Fund, which is the highest amount in the Commonwealth's history. This fund provides for unexpected expenses such as natural disasters, SEEK reductions, economic development, and other such events.

One of our main goals in this budget is to cut our state's long-term debt. By moving forward with certain budget reductions and reducing bond use in project payments, we hope we can reduce the strain on our children's financial situation in years to come.

While debating the budget, we also passed a number of bills through the Senate this week:

• Senate Bill (SB) 299 is a proposed constitutional

amendment that would give the Kentucky General Assembly, if approved by Kentucky voters, the ability to set parameters to allow people convicted of certain low-level felonies the right to vote. This amendment would be put on the ballot in November in order to give the citizens of Kentucky the right to decide.

• House Bill (HB) 380 would establish regulations for ziplines, a growing attraction across our state, in order to create universal safety standards for the popular pastime.

• SB 256, relating to military service, would allow for any high school student participating in basic training required by a branch of the United States Armed Forces to be considered present for all purposes for up to ten days.

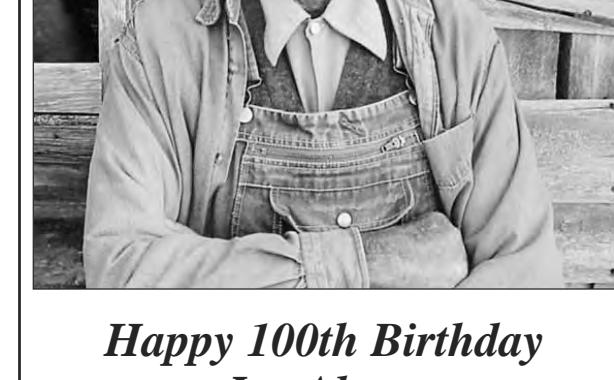
• SB 245, also known as the "real ID" law, would align Kentucky with federal identification laws. This bill would give Kentuckians the option to attain a federally-approved Kentucky driver's license that could be used for domestic air travel; current Kentucky driver's licenses will no longer be a

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Leadership Rockcastle 2016 Class begins program...

This group makes the 13th consecutive Leadership Rockcastle class and the kick-off was a trip to Frankfort to visit with officials and tour the State Capitol. Both representatives, State Senator Jared Carpenter and House Representative Jonathon Shell met the group upon arrival and took time to speak to the members. Later in the day, since they were both in session, Leadership Rockcastle had gallery passes and was recognized by both houses. During lunch they met with Regina Stivers who was recently appointed as Deputy Secretary of KY Tourism Heritage Arts. This year the class includes from left: Lynn Tatum, facilitator; Mary Gregory; Joe Rush; House Representative Jonathon Shell (gave tour of House floor); Rebecca Payne; Hazel Jackson; Chere Swiney; Frank Baker; Adam Stallsworth; Calvin Meece. Not pictured: Carrie Mullins, Sharon Heath and Lyn Femrite.



Happy 100th Birthday

Joe Abney

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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

cated on West Main St., to Matthew and Holly Bryant. Tax \$139.00

Circuit Civil Suits

Gregory Scott Durham v. Amy Lynn Fryer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ally Bank v. Jeffrey T. Gooch, \$19,853.30 plus claimed due.

Lendmark Financial Services LLC v. David Acridge, \$5,684.57 claimed due.

Adam Daugherty v. Desiree Fitzpatrick, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Lacey M. Damrell-Garrison, complaint for child support and medical support.

Citizens Bank v. Lola Harrison Asher, et al, \$16,895.81 plus claimed due. CI-78

World Finance Corporation v. Lisa Mink, \$2,169.72 plus claimed due.

World Finance Corporation v. Antonia Michelle Weaver, \$3,238.76 plus claimed due.

World Finance Corporation v. Shaun Anderson, \$3,576.20 plus claimed due.

Unifund CCR, LLC v. Michael D. Lear, \$2,444.47 claimed due.

Valley View Apartments v. Whitney Whitaker, forcible detainer complaint.

Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Andrew J. Ashton, \$4,283.46 plus claimed due. C-45

Deeds Recorded

Roy and Pamela Martin, real property located on Owens St., to Connie S. Hunt. Tax \$47.50

Waylon and Melissa Mink, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stephen Mink. No tax

Robert L. and Dorothy J. Shepard, real property located on Little Clear Creek Rd., to Charlie and Patricia Tackett. Tax \$19.00

Roger and Rebecca Isaacs, real property located in Sunset Place Subdivision, to Roger and Rebecca Isaacs and William L. and Barbara S. Fain. No tax

Deborah Newland, real property located in Rockcastle County, to John Jay and Carol Ann DeBoard. Tax \$1.00

Glenn and Retha Thompson, real property located

Marriage Licenses

Amanda Lee Martin, 25, Brodhead, unemployed, to Eddie Griffin, Jr., 30, Brodhead, Kentucky Auto.

Tonya Denise Branscum, 46, Brodhead, banker, to Tommy Wayne Adams, 48, Brodhead, framer.

Tammi Diann Petre, 50,

District Court

March 9, 2016

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Nathan Gadd: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 365 days/probated 24

months on condition/no violation; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition/no violation, concurrent; criminal trespassing-3rd degree, \$50 fine/plus costs.

Jacob E. Jasper: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, \$500 fine/suspended \$400 on condition/comply with Future Hope 24 mos./plus costs; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition/no violation.

Christopher S. Jones: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days/concurrent/plus costs.

Gregory Austin Phelps: speeding, \$20 fine/plus costs/converted to 4 days in jail; driving on suspended license, 5 days in jail/concurrent.

Mark E. Bradley: fines/fees due (\$668) bw issued for fta/14 days in jail or full payment.

John Bullock: fines/fees due (\$168) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua D. Benge: fines/fees due (\$143) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Tonya M. Bosley: fines/fees due (\$286) bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Robert G. Brown: fines/fees due (\$183) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

John Houk: fines/fees due (\$173) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Kayla A. Johnson: public intoxication controlled subs, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, promoting contraband-2nd degree, bw issued.

Robert C. Kelley: fines/fees due (\$179) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Robert F. Kidwell: fines/fees due (\$643) con-

for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Ashley Bussell: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Ashley D. Bussell: fines/fees due (\$308) bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or full payment.

Joseph Cameron: fines/fees due (\$138) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Greg S. Damrell: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition/no violation/no contact with city park/concurrent/plus costs.

Angela R. Daugherty: fines/fees due (\$143) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Travis A. Debord: fines/fees due (\$463) bw issued for fta/10 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua L. Dooley: fines/fees due (\$108) bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua L. Fetters: fines/fees due (\$718) bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or full payment.

Christian Florez: fines/fees due (\$193) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Carolyn Jean Foley: no operators/moped license, license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Derrick J. French: fines/fees due (\$168) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Derrick J. French: fines/fees due (\$268) bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Billy R. Gadd: fines/fees due (\$288) bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Jennifer Sue Glovak: operating motor vehicle under/influence of alcohol/drugs, 1st offense, \$200 fine/\$375 service fee/plus costs/license suspended 30 days/ADE.

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vert to 14 days to serve in lieu of fines/costs.

Speeding: Johnny F. Meadows: \$30 fine; no/expired registration receipt, \$25 fine/plus costs; Kelly Dean Whitaker: \$25 fine/plus costs; Kelsi Anne Begunch: fta/license suspended; Gary W. Lewis, fta/license suspended; Donald Richardson, fta/license suspended;

Kevin Joseph Mink: fines/fees due (\$143) bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment.

Matthew E. Partin: speeding, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Vernon L. Wilson: TBUT or Disp Shoplifting, 60 days/probated 24 months on condition/no contact with Family Dollar/plus costs.

Christopher M. Wright: speeding, failure to wear seatbelts, bw issued for fta/1 day in jail or full payment.

Douglas E. Crawford: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Matthew H. Decker: failure to wear seatbelts, part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, fta/license suspended.

Darling A. Murphy: part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, bw issued for fta.

William N. Vanwinkle: failure to wear seatbelts, fta/license suspended.

Amanda M. Stahl: rear license not illuminated,

failure to produce insurance card, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Trans., bw issued for fta.

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CHURCH NEWS

Free Bible Courses

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Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Tuesday night, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-Centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m., music at 6:45 p.m., followed by a Celebrate Recovery lesson or an amazing testimony of a transformed life! At 8 p.m., you can join a small group discussion. All sessions are designed to provide the strength to overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups. Large group at 7 p.m.

Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing! Child care and transportation provided. Call 606-256-5577.

Night of Gospel Music

A night of gospel music with Greater Vision will be held at Bible Baptist Church

on April 3rd at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Church is located at 100 Higher Ground Ln, Mt. Vernon. For more information visit biblebaptist.org or call 606-256-5913 or 859-302-3269.

Benefit Singing/ Spaghetti Dinner

A benefit singing and spaghetti dinner has been planned for April 9th at 6 p.m. at the Livingston Fire Department to help with funeral expenses for Callie Slusher. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and drink for \$7. Desserts will be offered for an additional charge. Singing provided by Tim Cameron and friends. Hope to see everyone there.

Singing

Dixie Park Cornerstone Church, 700 N. Powell Ave., Berea, is having a singing featuring Michael Combs on Saturday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. Love offering will be taken. Everyone invited to come and worship with us.

Special Singing

The Kentucky Mountain Trio will be singing at the Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church on Fairground Hill on Friday, April 1st at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Spring Renewal

First Christian Church in

Mt. Vernon will hold their Spring Renewal April 10th - 13th. Sunday morning at 11:00, Sunday night at 6:00 and Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Ed Berry, preaching minister at Henry Christian Church in Eminence, Ky. will be the guest speaker. There will also be a number of folks bringing special music. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of it with us.

Special Singing

Mt. Vernon Church of God will have a special singing April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. with Bro. Russell Murphy and Girls.

Revival

Mt. Vernon Church of God will be in revival Monday, April 4th - Wednesday, April 6th at 7 p.m. with Bro. Murphy. Everyone invited.

Gospel Singing

Flat Rock Baptist Church will be having a benefit gospel singing Sunday night, April 10th at 7 p.m. for burial expenses for Tammy Sandlin's dad. If you can't make it to the singing, but would like to make a donation, you may give it to any one of our Flat Rock Baptist members. Thanks and God bless.

Singing

The Praise Singers will be at Philadelphia United Baptist Church on April 24th at 10 a.m. The Praise Singers will also be at the Brodhead Nursing Home with the church on May 1st at 10 a.m.

Spring Revival

Berea Tabernacle, 331 Berea Rd. (Old US 25), Berea, will be having a Spring Revival April 8th - 17th with different speaker each night: April 8th, Brian Smith and Dakota from Ohio; April 9th, Don King from Crab Orchard; April 10th, Chris Webb from Bluelick Holiness Church; April 11th, John Morris from Barbourville; April 12th, Randal Adams from Brindle Ridge Holiness Church; April 13th, Bruce Alcorn from Cartersville Holiness Church; April 14th, Ernie Wyatt from Somerset; April 15th, Brian Smith and Dakota from Ohio; April 16th, James Miller from Livingston Holiness Church and April 17th, Ralph Chasteen from Berea Tabernacle.

Services start at 7 p.m. each night with services starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday night.

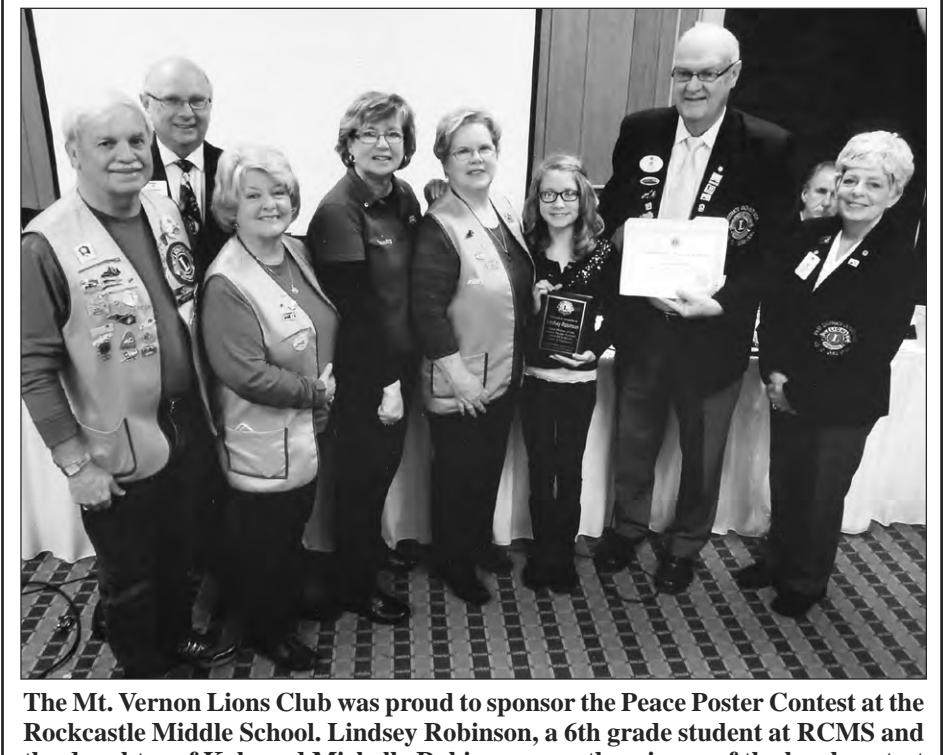
Pastor Eugene Webb and congregation invites everyone to come worship with us.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take." Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.



The Mt. Vernon Lions Club was proud to sponsor the Peace Poster Contest at the Rockcastle Middle School. Lindsey Robinson, a 6th grade student at RCMS and the daughter of Kyle and Michelle Robinson, was the winner of the local contest and her poster entry was also the district and state winner. She accepted her awards at the District Lions Club Cabinet Meeting held at Cumberland Falls State Park on March 19th. Lions Club members in attendance for this presentation were from left: Bob Kendrick, Lions Club International Director Jerome Thompson, Brenda Kendrick, Sandy Dowell, Rose Brown, Lindsey, Lions District Governor Gerald Moss and Lions Past District Governor Jenny West.

Yards to Paradise

Using Rhododendron and Azaleas

March to June, these lovely landscape plants can brighten your yard with glorious blossoms; and since most are evergreen and lovely all year, they can be a good contributor to your piece of paradise in all seasons.

To begin this topic, let's clear up a little confusion. All azaleas are rhododendrons. But not all rhododendrons are azaleas. The family of rhododendron is a varied one, with over 1000 species, mostly in Asia, but several in Europe and North America.

Rhododendron are in the heath family, ericaceae, as are hollies, pieris, heather, enkianthus, laurels, cranberries and blueberries. They generally require good drainage, with acidic and moist soils high in organic matter. Light shade is preferred, foliage of most may be damaged in full sun, and plants do not bloom well and grow leggy in deep shade.

Azaleas and rhododendron lend themselves well to the native, forested look in a landscape. Though a few varieties of azaleas can be sheared like a boxwood,

most perform best when left alone except for removing stray or diseased branches. A few cultivars, such as Gumpo white, will keep a nice tight appearance with little care.

Most are evergreen, but there are deciduous azaleas. In the United States we have several deciduous natives from Georgia to Maine. Some azaleas and rhododendron can be grown anywhere from semi-tropical Florida to Northern Canada.

Some rhododendron are native to high in the Himalayan mountains where they are snow-covered much of the year. The wild ones growing in Kentucky and throughout Appalachia are the ones I grew up loving as a youngster. Today we have many crosses and hybrids from breeders and nurserymen from around the world.

There should be a rhododendron for just about anyone; just pick the right plant for the right climate and spot.

Most rhododendron and azaleas have fine fibrous roots that are shallow and spread no farther than the limbs drip line, and can be transplanted fairly easily.

(Large, mature plants may be more challenging, and those growing in the woods will have tree roots comingled with them, making the digging of grown specimen plants from the wild almost impossible.)

When designing a front yard or foundation planting, use discretion with rhododendrons, and try to color-coordinate them. In a naturalized woodsy planting or in a cottage garden, it would be fine to plant whichever you fancy in a random manner.

The broad-leaved evergreen rhododendrons contribute not just blossoms, but during

dron in their native habitat.

I've planted quite a few of these plants for my landscape customers over the years. Rhododendron and azaleas may be a little more difficult than many plants, but I generally have had good success with them and heartily recommend the homeowner try a few. Especially in a shady nook.

For additional reference material on rhododendrons and their culture, I suggest the interested reader go to rhododendron.org which is the official website of The American Rhododendron Society.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper specializing in watergardens.

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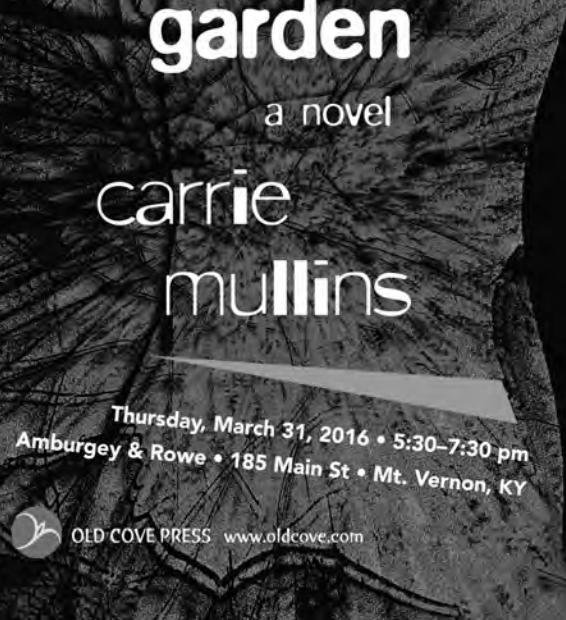
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4-H Sewing Project participants from Roundstone Elementary School. Pictured are front from left: Abby Burdette, Kamryn Hall, Ashleigh Abney, MaKenzie Crain, Morgan Crain and Briely Fowler. Second row from left: Kaliee Collins, Makayla Coffey, Corey Coleman, Katie Denham, Hannah Robinson and Destiny Bullen. Back row from left: Marlana Miller, Haley Sanders, Abby Owens, Brooke Abney, Hayden Bullens, Avery Bullock, and Hayden Philbeck.

Minds in the Middle

Thanks so much to all of the parents who attended Parent Teacher conferences last Thursday!

The Scholastic Book Fair will continue through April 1st in the Media Center.

Congratulations to our recent kind kids of the week: Thomas Ligon, Madison Bryant, Noah Brock, Jaclynn Chadwell, Rachael Reed, Nichole Griffin, Sebastian Tulanko, Tyler Howard, Halee Burdette, J.J. Clouse, Savanna Sweet, Leann Tankersley, Caitlin Long, Kyle Coffey and Camden Mink.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stewart's 6th grade Voyagers homeroom on winning the attendance race for the month of March.

Poynter takes National honors

Anna Poynter competed in the International Public Debate Association, IPDA, National Tournament March 5th - 7th in San Diego, California.

She competed as a first year student on the Junior Varsity team at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg.

Poynter received the honor of National Champion in her division.

The team won the Quality Award-Division 2 and National Debate Champs.

Anna is a 2015 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

TriCounty Conquer 5K

Cumberland River Victims Services will be hosting the 5th annual TriCounty Conquer 5K on Saturday, April 16th, at the Engineer Street Bridge Gazebo in Corbin.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K will begin at 9 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to walk or run to help raise awareness for victims and survivors of sexual assault.

Door prizes to follow the 5K. Registration forms are available on the Cumberland River Victims Services FB page, online at signmeup.com/11135 or by calling 528-5286. Early registration deadline is April 9th.

second week in a row. Coming in second place was Mrs. Little's 6th grade Enterprisers and in third place was Mrs. Hopkins' 7th grade Adventurers. Don't forget that all students who are present every day from February 1st to the end of school will be in a drawing for a new bicycle. Thanks to Clifford Collins Backhoe Service for donating one girl bike and one boy bike.

Any 7th or 8th grader interested in trying out for the RCHS cheerleading squad needs to pick up a tryout packet in the front office. Try-outs are scheduled for April 4th-8th at the high school. All required materials must be turned into Coach Tara at RCHS no later than the first day of clinics. Please let her know if you are unable to attend the clinics.

Time is running out to order your yearbook. The cost is \$35. Additional forms are available in the office if needed.

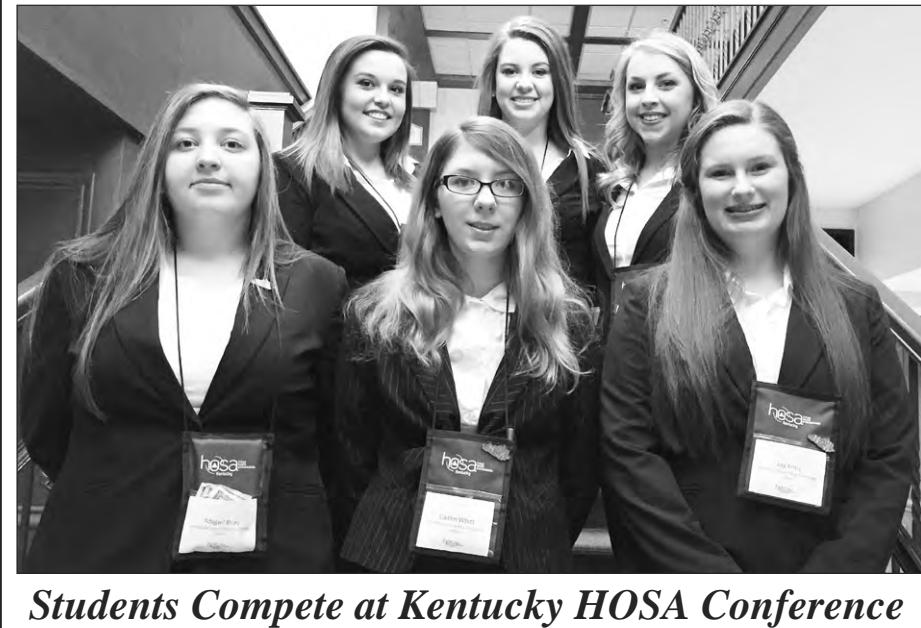
The 4-H Talent Show will be at MVES on April 7th. Students can contact the County Extension office for more information.

Congratulations to the Academic Team for their showing at yesterday's Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville. The Quick Recall team won two tournament matches and made it to third round where they were ranked in the top 16 teams in the state before they lost to Gray Middle School from Northern Kentucky. The following students placed in written assessments making their final ranks some of the highest overall in the state:

Aden Amburgey placed 20th in Arts and Humanities. Kristen Taylor placed 22nd in Language Arts. Drew Bullock placed 12th in Social Studies. Ellie Robinson placed 30th in Arts and Humanities. Jonathan Cain placed 14th in Science. Brexton Cromer placed 20th in Social Studies.

Congratulations to members of the RCMS Band who performed with the RCHS Concert Band at the KMEA District Concert Band Assessment Festival on Tuesday. The band scored an overall rating of proficient as well as earning

a distinguished rating in sight reading. RCMS members who performed include Lizzie Dixon, Allie Pheanis, J.J. Clouse, Katherine Coffey, Andrew Didelot, Shelbie Baker, Chandler Batchelor, and Nora Pulliam.



Students Compete at Kentucky HOSA Conference

On March 17th 6 HOSA members from the Rockcastle Area Technology Center traveled to Louisville Kentucky for the 2016 Kentucky HOSA Conference. These highly motivated students competed in leadership and skill competitions. Senior Caitlyn Whitt competed in nursing assistant, Juniors Jaiden Barnes, Chelsea Barnett, Abby Bray, and Arie-Anna Lawson competed in HOSA bowl and placed 2nd out of 15 teams, and Sophomore Joy Frith competed in research persuasive speaking.

Health Science instructor Rhonda Childress is very proud of these members for their hard work, as well as, their professionalism displayed during the 2 day convention. She would also like to thank Darrell Allen for organizing the transportation for the group. The HOSA Bowl team will have the opportunity to compete at the National HOSA Conference in Nashville Tennessee in June 2016.



RCMS 8th graders participated in Dollars & Sense Day last Tuesday. John Adams and Joan Edgington from Citizens Bank helped Joseph Frith set up a bank account. Ashley Reynolds and Sandy Durham from Community Trust were also available to help students with their banking needs. Thanks to Citizens Bank for providing lunch for the volunteers and to Community Trust for providing breakfast. Jenny Ellis prepared the fabulous lunch.

ATTENTION:

The following is an invitation to bid on the harvesting of the hay from the property belonging to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) located on Hwy. 2549 known as Rockcastle County Business Park South for the years 2016-2018. The subject property is approximately 70 acres. The contract will be awarded to the highest per acre bidder (based on 70 acres). The contract for the hay is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The hay must be cut a minimum of 2 times-once in the Spring and once in the Fall each year
2. Once the hay is cut it must be moved from the field within 2 weeks (weather permitting)
3. Any area that cannot be mowed for hay, must be bush hogged a minimum of 2 times-once in the spring and once in the Fall
4. No member or direct family member of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority or the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is eligible to bid on the contract
5. In the event the RCIDA sells a portion of the property to an industrial prospect in the middle of the contract, the person awarded the contract would be refunded monies on a pro-rata basis. Example: the person awarded the contract bids \$1 per acre and has paid the RCIDA \$70 and hasn't cut the hay yet. The RCIDA sells 10 acres, the person awarded the contract would be refunded \$10 or if the hay had been cut once the person would be refunded half of the pro rata amount or in the case of this example \$5.
6. All expenses incurred by the successful bidder on the property, i.e. fertilizer, etc., are done so at the successful bidders own risk. None of these expenses will be reimbursed by the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority under any circumstances.
7. The successful bidder will be required to pay the contract amount in full by May 1st of each year during the 3 year term.
8. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted.
9. All bid sheets should be sealed in an envelope and returned to Attention: HAY BID--Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority at the Rockcastle County Judge Executive's office on the second floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse by 11:00 a.m. Monday April 4, 2016. Bid sheets should be returned in person.
10. The bids will be opened at approximately 12:00 p.m. Monday April 4, 2016. The successful bidder will be notified via contact information provided below.
11. In the event that the successful bidder becomes in default of one of the above mentioned terms and conditions at any time during the term of this contract, the contract will be taken from that person and awarded to the next highest bidder.
12. The bid should be made for one year and then that amount will be required by May 1st each of the 3 years of the term.

I _____, agree to all of the terms and conditions

(Print name)

listed above and I bid and agree to pay \$ _____ per acre for the 70 acres of hay.

Signature _____

Date _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

**This bid sheet must be completed and returned by 11:00 a.m. April 4, 2016. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted. The RCIDA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to choose the bid that is most advantageous to the RCIDA.

I nominate _____ to serve as a Parent Member of the Rockcastle County High School SBDM Council for the 2016-2017 School Year.

Signed: _____

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2BR/2BA 1450 sq. ft. Selling for \$89,900. Rick Szaks, Broker. 859-255-7777. Lincoln Real Estate, Inc. rickszaks@aol.com 18xntf

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1998 Redman Doublewide 28x56 sitting on .41 acres in Mount Vernon city limits. 3 bedroom and 2 bath. Please call 606-308-9188 for more information. 13x4p

Posted

Posted: ABSL Properties, located at 370 Hiatt Lane in Wildie. No hunting, fishing, four wheelers or ATVs. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x4p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting, fishing or 4-wheeling on Cameron property on Poplar Gap Rd (former Vanzant property). Violators will be prosecuted. 13x6

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on any kind on property of Paul Baker at 65 Maple Grove Rd. 12x2p

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Melvin Smith, 110 Kelsey Dr., Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 12x2

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x51

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tnf

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tnf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

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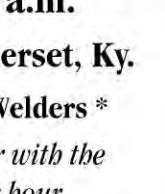
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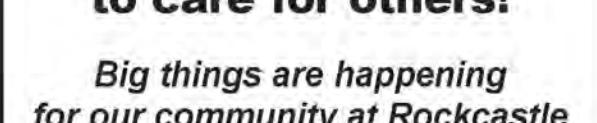
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Notice: If personal property is not moved at 299 Tyree St. in Brodhead within 2 weeks from 3/31, it will be disposed of. 13x1p

Notice is hereby given that Carol Ann Deboard, PO Box 594, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of John Jay Deboard, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Carol Ann Deboard or Hon. Willis G. Coffey, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 26, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 13x3

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Notice is hereby given that William Scott Brown, 402 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25706 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of William J. Brown, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said William Scott Brown on or before September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 11x3

Notice is hereby given that Mandy Lynn Dillon, 2286 Hammonds Fork Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 is appointed Guardian of Joshua A. Cade Dillon, a minor. Any persons having claims against said estate shall

present them, according to law, to the said Mandy Lynn Dillon or to Hon. Adam L. Towe, PO Box 3199, London, KY 40743-3199 on or before September 14, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 11x3

Notice is hereby given that Elaine Merrick, 200 Jacksboro St., Somerset, KY 42501 & David Brown 6975 Quail Road, Brodhead KY 40409, has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Hubert J. Brown deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Elaine Merrick & David Brown or Hon. Jerry J. Cox PO Box 1350, Mt. Vernon KY 40456 on or before September 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 11x3

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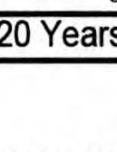
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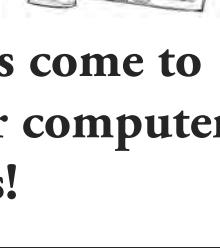
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NACHO CHEESE BALL
2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup salsa
2 tablespoons chopped parsley or cilantro
2 to 3 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons lemon juice
4 cups Mexican Blend shredded cheeses
Extra salsa for serving
Mix all ingredients except extra salsa. Let chill for 3 hours. Roll into a ball or mold into desired shape and place on large serving platter. Pour some salsa around the cheese mixture and serve with tortilla chips.
OR place cheese ball in a premade large taco salad tortilla bowl. Drizzle with salsa. Serve with chips.
OR make into bite size appetizers by placing a teaspoon of cheese mixture on a tortilla. Put a small amount of salsa on each and serve.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL
2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, at room temperature
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
1 teaspoon milk or pineapple juice
1 small can crushed pineapple, well drained
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 cup chopped green onion
Chopped pecans or walnuts
Assorted crackers
Mix all ingredients except nuts and crackers. Divide into two balls. Wrap each

in plastic wrap and place in refrigerator. When ready to serve, roll each ball in the chopped nuts to cover. Serve with assorted crackers.

APRICOT KIELBASA SLICES

This is a good recipe to make ahead for a party. An hour before serving, put into crock pot, turn on high to reheat. Serve in crock pot. 1 pound fully cooked kielbasa or Polish sausage, 1/4 inch slices
1 jar (12 ounces) apricot preserves
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
In a large skillet, brown sausage; drain and set aside. Add the remaining ingredients to skillet; cook over low heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Return sausage to pan; cook for 5 to 6 minutes or until heated through. Serve warm.



Kiwanis Club member Eliza York's guest for the club's March meeting was guest speaker Livingston Chief of Police Travis Richardson. Richardson spoke in regard to a grant the Livingston Police Department received from the USDA to purchase a new police vehicle. The awarded grant is a 75/25 match grant. Currently, the police department is seeking monetary donations to assist in meeting the required additional funds. The new vehicle will assist all of Rockcastle County citizens and visitors during inclement weather events or other situations that may require four wheel drive. If you or your organization would like to donate, contact the City of Livingston at 606-453-2061. Shown with Chief Richardson are, York, left, and Rose Brown, right, Kiwanis Club President.

Mt. Vernon Message

After-School enrichment continues on each Monday from 3:15 until 4:30.

Brownies (2nd & 3rd Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.

Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.

There will be no school on Friday, March 18. Have a nice long weekend!

Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 31 from 3:30 until 6:00. Please watch for details.

Spring Book Fair is this week.

Our MVES 3rd and 5th grades were able to watch "KY Chronicles" an interactive dramatic journey through Kentucky's early history somewhat up to present day. This was made possible through a grant through "Delta Dental Making Smiles Happen® Arts in Education Initiative".

The student in the first picture is Ian Chadwell, playing the part of the "lost explorer" found in Mammoth Cave.

The next picture is Makenzie Lopez, left, and Kylee Fletcher, right. They are shown helping to "keep score" as to why Ky remained a neutral state that did not leave the Union during the Civil War.

"Pensions"

(Cont. from B1)

valid form of ID for airline travel in 2018. The process for our current driver's licenses will remain and obtaining one of the new licenses is completely optional.

• HB 309 would allow the state of Kentucky to use public-private partnerships, also known as P3s, as an alternative funding method for economic development projects. At least 35 other states have already enacted similar legislation, which includes all seven states surrounding Kentucky.

• HB 115 would encourage the diagnosis and treatment of colon cancer across Kentucky.

• HB 59 would help protect victims of violence by making it harder for their abuser to obtain their current address of residence.

• HB 4 would increase the penalties for trafficking synthetic drugs.

• HB 184 would provide an alternative principal selection process for county school districts in a county with a consolidated local government.

After being debated on and finalized between members of the House and the Senate, the budget will be sent to Governor Bevin to be approved - or vetoed. Once Governor Bevin gives final approval during his 10-day veto period, the House and the Senate will have one more opportunity to make final changes.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

Rockcastle County Library

Facts

By: Pam Chaliff

There is currently a Facebook discussion concerning the nice library in Lancaster. I believe this is the Garrard County Public Library. Some of the comments have reflected that Rockcastle County has been left out once again.

We do not have a brand new library with all the bells and whistles that some of the surrounding counties have.

If memory serves me correctly, a few years ago when we asked for signatures on a petition to raise tax rates for the Rockcastle County Public Library we were not able to get enough signatures to increase our tax rate.

The Rockcastle County Public Library is not in debt a few million dollars as some of our neighboring library districts are.

The Rockcastle County Public Library is open 47 hours per week, has bookmobile service, access to e-books via the library web site and access to 50 popular magazines via Zinio through the library web site: www.rockcastlrary.org.

The local public library has nine of the ten fiction titles that appear on the current New York Times best seller list. We also have a collection of some of the classics that are being assigned for reading in advanced placement English classes. We have these titles placed in a "special collection" so that they are easy to find. The library offers inter library loan service for titles that we may not have. The library has access to many other public libraries in the state of Kentucky as well as academic library holdings.

The library has thirteen public access computers and four laptops that can be used in the library. You can access wi-fi at the library via any of your mobile devices. I believe that our library although not the newest is certainly able to compete with local area libraries with the services that we provide!

Just some stats for comparison purposes:

Garrard County Public Library revenues for the 2013-2014 fiscal year: \$612,951.00; Jackson County Public Library revenues for '13-'14 fiscal year: \$418,196.00; Laurel, \$2,797,161.00; Madison, \$2,971,743.00; Pulaski \$2,489,000.00.

Yes, those figures for Laurel, Madison and Pulaski County are over two million! Rockcastle County Public Library's revenues for '13-'14 fiscal year were \$328,454.00.

These figures were taken from the 2013-2014 KDLA statistical report for public libraries.

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The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, plastic grocery store bags, bread bags, and shrink wrap (no other sheet plastics can be accepted), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars, old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Livingston (behind the old school gym)
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations will be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at

606-256-1902.

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Rockcastle County PRIDE Spring Clean-Up

April is Spring Cleanup Month in Rockcastle County!

Volunteer during the month of April, 2016

There will be a free gift for each volunteer (while supplies last) and cleanup supplies will be provided

Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office will provide trash pick-up and disposal, safety

vests and signs for safety.

If you can help with roadside clean-up at any time in April, please call

Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at
606-256-1902.

It's our community and it's up to us to take care of it!

You can make a difference, one piece of trash at a time and one cleanup at a time!