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Mikala Rollins and Jewell Jackson of Willailla look at two of the puppies that were up for adoption on Tuesday at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter. Shelter volunteer Chris Trump, right, helped Director David Carpenter adopt out 35 dogs on Tuesday alone.

Mt. Vernon man arrested for calls made

By: Sara Coguer
A Mt. Vernon man was arrested last Saturday for making threatening calls to a Somerset hospital.

Todd Croucher, 46, of Mt. Vernon, was arrested at his residence by State Trooper Chris Ison after State Police Post 11 in London was contacted by the Kentucky State Police Headquarters in reference to bomb threats being made to the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

During Ison's investigation, he learned that the threatening calls, which began late night on Friday, January 28th, were coming from a phone

number which belonged to Croucher.

Croucher was arrested and charged with one count of Terroristic Threatening, 2nd degree, two counts of Terroristic Threatening, 3rd degree and five counts of tampering with physical evidence.

Croucher is lodged in the Pulaski County Detention Center under a \$10,000 cash/property bond and will appear in court on Wednesday, February 9th.

Trooper Ison was assisted in the investigation by Trooper Coby Smith and State Police Sergeant Lafe Owens.

Misunderstanding leads to outcry at local animal shelter

By: Sara Coguer

A misunderstanding, during a phone call to the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter Monday morning, galvanized animal lovers from all over to practically storm the shelter and adopt 53 of its occupants by Tuesday afternoon.

Several reports early

Monday morning that the shelter was going to put down all of its 55 occupants because they were getting ready to remodel was not quite right.

According to County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis, shelter director David Carpenter told a caller from Frankfort that the shelter was going to

have to put many dogs down due to overcrowding. The fact that the shelter was being remodeled was also mentioned by Carpenter, but the remodeling is to help with the overcrowding, not the cause of the dogs being put down, Carloftis said.

The person from Frankfort then sent sev-

eral emails, including to news agencies in Lexington, that the euthanasia was taking place Tuesday morning.

Carloftis, who was unaware of the date for the euthanasia, only heard about the uproar late Monday afternoon and

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Kiwanis Club hosts candidate David Williams

By: Sara Coguer
The Kiwanis Club held their monthly meeting last Thursday afternoon at Rock Fire Steakhouse, and Kentucky Senator David Williams was the featured speaker.

Williams is running for the Republican nomination for governor, along with Agriculture Commissioner Ritchie Farmer, his running mate for Lt. Governor.

After Kiwanis President Billy Reynolds finished with club business, Senator Williams spoke for about 45 minutes on various activities that the senate hopes to accomplish during this legislative session, including taking a look at Kentucky's tax structure,

in an effort to make it more "job friendly."

He also stated that his ideas for getting new jobs to Kentucky included looking at infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) and making sure they are in

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USFS logging plan draws criticism at group meeting

A plan by the U.S. Forest Service, known as the Crooked Creek Vegetation Management Project, to commercially log, and spray herbicides in areas, on 365 acres of the Daniel Boone National Forest on the hills above Climax Spring and other national forest lands about 1.5 miles west of the Great Saltpetre Cave, has drawn opposition from several local residents. That opposition, particularly to the part that involves the spraying of herbicides, was voiced at a meeting of over 30 opponents on Monday night at the Appalachian-Science in the Public Interest (ASPI) office in Mt. Vernon.

The meeting was moderated by Jim Scheff of Kentucky Heartwood, a non-profit conservation group, who told the crowd that the forest service had prepared their scoping document and "it does not match up with what is found on the ground." Scheff said the forest service was using a model from the 60s, which does not apply to the forest at present, to

justify the cutting and that the herbicide would be used to kill undesirable tree species in the clean cut areas such as maple, black gum, etc.

That was the major

concern for those gathered -- the fear that the herbicide would leach into ground water poisoning springs and wells in the area. And, the danger to endangered bats in the

many underground caves in the area.

Scheff also pointed out that although the herbicide has a half life in

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Spoonamore sentenced to 12 years imprisonment

Eddy F. Montgomery, Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski Counties, announced that on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, a Rockcastle County man was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment on firearms charges.

According to Asst. Commonwealth Attorney, Jeremy A. Bartley, who handled the prosecution, Joe Michael Spoonamore, 36, originally pled guilty in January to first degree possession of controlled substances in front of Judge

Jeffrey T. Burdette.

While awaiting sen-

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Clerk at Rite Aid helps stop shoplifter

By: Sara Coguer
A would-be shoplifter at Rite Aid was stopped by a brave clerk and then arrested.

Erica Stewart, 29, of Brodhead, was arrested Sunday around 1:30 p.m. after observant clerk

Bethany French caught Stewart shoplifting several items from the store.

French followed Stewart from the store into the parking lot while calling 911 and told

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Blood Drive at MVES

Attention parents of students at Mt. Vernon Elementary and community members. The Kentucky Blood Center is having a blood drive Monday, February 7 from 2:30-7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Mt. Vernon Elementary.

If your child is a student at MVES, they will receive a special gift be-

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Education Commissioner in county Monday morning

By: Sara Coguer
In an effort to visit each school district in the state, Kentucky's Education Commissioner Terry Holliday spent Monday morning visiting schools in Rockcastle County.

Commissioner Holliday went to the middle school first, taking a tour of the building and speaking with teachers along the way. According to middle school principal Jason Coguer,

Holliday was pleased with what he saw happening in the classrooms during his tour. "Our teachers work very hard every day to ensure a positive learning environment for our students," Coguer said. "To have the Commissioner see this in action is a benefit to our school and a boost to our moral."

Holliday and Superin-

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Over 30 people attended Monday night's meeting at the ASPI office in Mt. Vernon, concerning the U.S. Forest Service plans to log in eastern Rockcastle County in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The meeting was held by Kentucky Heartwoods, a volunteer conservation organization.



Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday, right, is shown above with Rockcastle Superintendent Larry Hammond and RCHS Principal Jennifer Mattingly as he toured the high school on Monday. Holliday also visited RCMS and the Vocational School. Photo courtesy of Justin Poynter.

The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



The Proud Tradition of the Freemasons and Their Place in Rockcastle's History, Part I

From my earliest childhood days, I can recall hearing about "the Masons". It seemed all the men folk in my family were a part of this fraternal order, even producing two 32nd degree Masons, my uncles.

As the years passed, it seemed this was a dying organization, as I didn't hear of it so much. The Mason kinfolk in my family slowly died, and younger generations didn't seem to show any interest in taking their place.

However, I've been hearing of the Masons more often, with recent documentaries and specials on TV. These shows really go into what is believed to be the beginning of the order, always eluding to the secrecy of it, and that they have a "big secret" to hide. Then, when all is said and done, these "experts" don't know any more than they did after lengthy discussion about the organization, or their alleged "big secret".

Some of the men folk in my family got their first experience with the Freemasons right here in Rockcastle County in the late 1890s to early 1900s. At that time, from what I can gather, Freemasonry was at a peak. There were at least two or three lodges here in the county. In the next column or so in the Roots series, I hope to uncover some of the history of the Freemasons here in the county, as to when and where they met, some of the early founders, and the benefits that they have contributed to the area.

According to theory, there are two time periods of Masonry: before 1717, and after. Before 1717 is mostly legend or theory. In 1717,

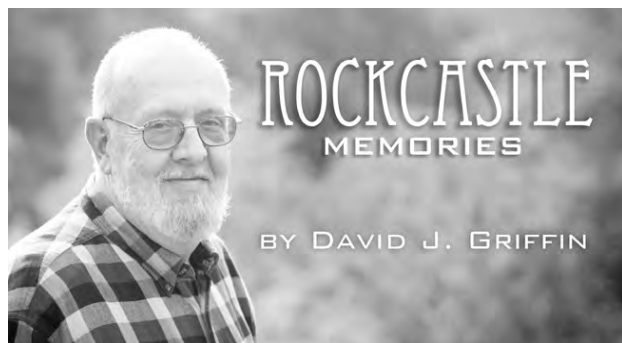
there was a Grand Lodge formed in London, England, which spread worldwide and is well-documented. In 1733, the first lodge in America, St. John's Lodge, was established in Boston. The organization is exclusively for men, but prior to 1733, a few women joined, namely Elizabeth Aldworth.

For years, the Masons have met with opposition, especially in the Christian community, claiming they were involved with "evil powers" of the occult. However, the Masons have made several charitable efforts in nursing care for the sick, educational grants, medical assistance, Masonic child identification programs (CHIP), research labs, and most notably, the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children.

During the Holocaust, between 80,000 and 200,000 Freemasons were killed in the concentration camps and were identified by an inverted red triangle. It seemed the Nazis were fearful the Masons would aid the Jews in rebuilding King Solomon's temple. The Freemasons often wore a forget-me-not as a secret sign of membership. After World War II, in 1948, Masons often wore a forget-me-not as a symbol of remembrance for all those fraternal brothers who suffered and died in the Holocaust.

The Freemasons have given us many great men: several signers of the Declaration of Independence, several presidents, kings, and numerous world leaders, composers, artists, astronauts, entertainers and actors of every venue, authors, Supreme Court judges, athletes, corporation heads, and politicians of every rank. Although our local Masons may not have achieved notable greatness as some noted here, they nonetheless have benefited this community and left their legacy. In the days ahead, I hope to explore their history.

Remember that I'm looking for good stories about the county, people and the events in their lives. I may be contacted at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net.



Woodlands - a central part of my life

As a child I never knew any place to live other than nuzzled up to the forest. Not only was the small farm where I grew up surrounded by woods, our yard had a selection of different deciduous trees. It always seemed just right to me.

The place where my mother (Bee) and my grandparents (Pop and Mommie Katie) had built their homes contained several varieties of hardwoods, including oak, poplar, locust, persimmon, wild cherry, hickory and maples. Surrounding the yard were dense stands of trees. It was in those woods that Pop taught me the variety of uses for the types of timber growing there.

On many occasions, Pop took me with him to locate straight hickory saplings in order to secure the makings for chair bottoms. I can remember us dragging those small trees back to his tool shed. He used a large sharp knife to make his splits. Usually, he skinned the bark from the saplings and then soaked the splints in water to make them pliable. It was wonderful watching him weaving those hickory strips so close together and so amazingly tight around the chair bottom frame. (Our family still has a small stool that Pop carefully bottomed which is very dear to me.)

Weaving chair bottoms took a special talent to get them just right, so Mommie Katie walked to the shed on occasion to see if Pop's work was to her satisfaction. Of course, it always was. I have no idea why she felt so duty-bound to supervise the procedure!

Pop also used hickory to make fires when the family was making lye soap and or when killing hogs each fall. He explained to me that hickory produces extreme amounts of heat, burns the longest, and makes the best coals. It was the ashes from these fires that were used in the actual soap-making process.

Mommie Katie also cherished living in those woods. I remember her carrying her sharpest butcher knife into the woods in search of small, wild-cherry trees. She skinned their bark for making her "wild cherry" cough medicine. She always took a strip from one tree and then moved to the next one so her supply would not be extinguished. I swear I can smell that concoction cooking in her kitchen right now.

On one section of our small farm, near the back property line, were large stands of locust trees. Pop used the straightest of these saplings to make his fence posts. He taught me that lo-

cust was very strong, did not rot when exposed to moisture, and was resistant to termites. Occasionally, I was permitted to accompany him to that area to assist in cutting posts. I remember one day when he and I used a crosscut, two-man saw to make several fence posts for his chicken lot. The work was hard, but I was glad he asked me to assist him. I recall never having realized how many muscles are involved in using a two-man saw.

Of course, our woods were also used for gathering kindling to start fires in our kitchen cooking stove and in our only heat source - our Warm Morning stove. Pop was determined to have enough kindling on hand. A large box was kept in the chicken house; a smaller box was always filled to the brim behind the kitchen stove.

One of my chores was to keep that small box in the kitchen filled. Pop and I split small sections of wood into the right size for starting fires. He did not particularly care which type of wood was used for that purpose except that it was to be dry and at least somewhat seasoned. Since he was the master fire starter in the family, he usually selected softer woods for that purpose. On cold mornings, the sounds and smells of a newly started fire are so comforting. That aroma permeated our entire home - and you always knew that by the time you had to crawl out of bed, the house would be warm and toasty.

Sometimes Pop would have a stack of "slabs" delivered to his back yard. Those rough-cut slices of

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Points East

By Ike Adams



The amusement of the day is cattle.

I love few things more than watching calves and steers meandering in the pastures and going about the business of eating grass and fattening up to be steak and hamburger. But we humans have to eat something and beef is pretty good if it's cooked right. (I like mine rare. A rib eye steak is done enough for me if it is not wiggling or saying moooooo.)

Yesterday the temperature got up to 47 here in the valley. To the best of my knowledge, this was the first time that we have been above the normal high since well before Thanksgiving. We are having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave as Walter Matthau sang so cheerfully in Grumpy Old Men and which I've been humming just under my breath all day.

My neighbor's herd of Angus and Herford steers, who have long been camped under some trees on the farthest edge of the back 40 waiting for delivery of big round bales of timothy and alfalfa, decided to venture forth and graze upon dead chicory stalks and on the orchard grass and fescue that stubbornly refuse to concede to snow and bitter

cold.

There are between 25 and 30 head in the herd, all in the 500 pound range and they look amazingly healthy given the weather we've had this winter. Sunday was the first time I'd seen them up close and personal in many weeks. They wandered about, right up to the fence that separates my back yard from the pasture and they paid me no more mind than they would a field mouse or the devil starlings that follow them about waiting to chow down on the next bowel movement.

Needless to say that when the starlings have had their fill, they fly in droves over my place and redeposit the cow poop on our rooftops and automobiles. They do this just to taunt me because they know I hate them. Or perhaps they are in cahoots with some car wash owners where business has been slow.

But I could not bring myself to be much perturbed by the flying rats because there is something very pleasant about watching cattle graze and standing so close by that I can hear them contentedly munching and swishing their tails to drive away imaginary flies. It was a

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Obituaries



Eva Ann McFerron

Eva Ann Norton McFerron, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born August 29, 1933 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Rosevelt and Rhoda McKinney Norton. She was a member of the Swiss Colony Holiness Church.

Survivors are: five step sons, Roger (Joann) McFerron of Cincinnati, OH, Ronnie (Dianne) McFerron of Berea, Frankie (Tanya) McFerron of Lexington, Mark (Leslie) McFerron of Louisville, and Paul (Pennie) McFerron of Somerset; one step daughter, Charlene (Gary) Pennington of Mt. Vernon; 17 step grandchildren; 10 step great grandchildren; and a very special friend and caretaker, Rathel Lee Collins.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Roman McFerron; and two brothers, Glen and Bernard Norton.

Services were held Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. George Poynter. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Bill Reynolds, Rick Neal, Justin Daniels, Buddy Mullins, Dustin McFerron, Matt McFerron and Jason McFerron.

Sue Beth Cox

Sue Beth Holman Cox, 91, of Brodhead, died Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She entered this life on May 9, 1919 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Lina Pearl Coffey Holman, both of whom preceded her in death. She was a graduate of Brodhead High School and was united in marriage on July 3, 1942 to Casper Clarence Cox and to this union came a son to richly bless their home. She was a homemaker and spent her days loving and caring for her family. She was a life-long member of the Brodhead Baptist Church and will be remembered for her love of quilting and flowers.

She will be lovingly remembered by: her grandchildren, Paula Kay (Eddie) Smith of Frankfort and Paul Ray (Elizabeth) Cox, Jr. of Butler; four great grandchil-

dren, Michael Smith, Bethanie Smith, Haleigh Cox and Zachary Cox; her daughter-in-law, Ruth Ann Cox of Frankfort; and several beloved nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by: her husband, Casper Clarence Cox; a son, Paul Ray Cox; five brothers, Harrison Holman, Craig Holman, Carroll Holman, Thomas Holman and John Holman; and three sisters, Lauviece Monk, Ruth Holman, and Elizabeth Holman.

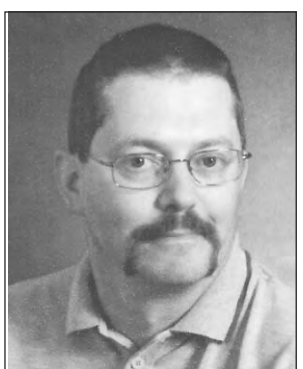
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Luther Allen and Bro. Mark Whicker officiating. Interment followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Cecil Hampton, Buddy Hawkins, Michael Smith, Donnie Cox and Mark and John Dyehouse.

Honorary casketbearers were: Ernestine Hampton, Gladys Roberts, Ted Roberts, Clara Faye Hawkins and Luther and Bonnie Rose.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Sue Cox may be made to the Brodhead Baptist Church, P.O. Box 142, Brodhead, Kentucky 40409.

Condolences can be sent at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Gary Houston

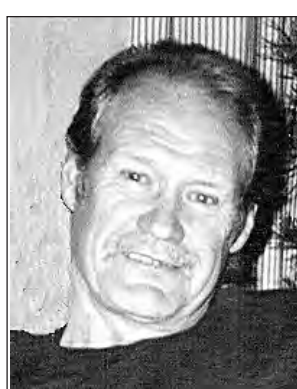
Gary Edward Houston, 52 of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 29, 2011 at his home. He was born in Berea, on February 8, 1958 the son of Carl Edward and Geneva Saylor Houston. He was a long-time employee of Parker Seal Co. and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. He was a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and was a huge fan of baseball, football, and basketball. He spent his last day watching a game on TV.

He is survived by: his wife, Tina Himes Houston; and his parents, Carl and Geneva Houston of Mt. Vernon.

Memorial services will be conducted (today) Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon by Bros. Eddie Nation and Aaron Kennedy and Mr. John McQueary.

Arrangements are by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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



Cecil Abney

Cecil Abney, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born March 6, 1941 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Lester and Dorothy Abney. He was a stone mason, a farmer, and enjoyed hunting fishing, story telling, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Sybil Day Abney of Mt. Vernon; one son, Alan Abney of Lexington; one stepson, Bill Ramsey of Mt. Vernon; three stepdaughters, Jennifer Malan of Whitesburg, Linda Horn of Lexington, and Carol Ervin of Harrodsburg; three brothers, Jack Abney of Colby WI, Kenneth Abney of Brodhead, and Glen Abney of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Mrs. Gail DeLeon of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Jessica and Stephen Abney; and one step granddaughter, Racheal Sexton. He was preceded in death by one brother, Virgil Abney.

Funeral services will be held (today) Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Darren Cupp and Josh Chasteen officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: David Cooper, Randal Day, Nathan DeLeon, Justin Loudermilk, Bill Weaver, and Wayne McClure.

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

Walter Arnold

Walter Ernest "Ernie" Arnold of Pleasant Plain, OH, died Thursday, January 27, 2011. He was the Beloved husband of Joetta M. (Lunsford) Arnold. He was born November 23, 1931 in Everett, KY to the late James B. and Bertha (Mink) Arnold. He was a veteran of the US Army and served in the Korean War Conflict.

He was a loving father to Brad (Chris) Arnold and the late Cheryl Jean Arnold and Marcia Moore. Proud grandfather of Mandy and Cheri Beth Moore, Andy Hyne, Jesse and Brandon Arnold. A caring great-grandfather of four. He was also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents

and his two daughters, he was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Services were held Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at Mt. Zion Church of Christ with Bro. Thad Eubank officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery with Military Honors By the Caswell Saufley American Legion Post # 18 of Stanford.

McKnight Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



James Anglin

James "Jim Bob" Anglin, 86, of Richmond and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 27, 1924 the son of Richard and Ida Mae Cain Anglin. He was a retired construction worker and was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by: two brothers, John Anglin of Berea and Mose (Phyllis) Anglin of Hamilton, OH; and one sister, Polly (Emerson) Voge of West Alexandria, OH. Also surviving are: his dear friends and caretakers, Priscilla and Dustin Hall of Richmond; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Cecil Burns. Burial was in the Phillips Cemetery at Three Links.

Pallbearers were: Tom

Anglin, James Lewis, Larry Lunsford, James McCall, Michael Rodgers, and Will Rodgers.

Honorary pallbearers were: Larry Anglin, Dustin Hall, and Jim Lunsford.

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



Wanda Kidd

Wanda Kidd, 67, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Lincoln County, on May 13, 1943 the daughter of Jenie Owens Hodge and Lodonia Kidd. She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist Faith.

She is survived by: five sons, Danny Kidd of Indiana, and Richard Caudill, Jeremy Caldwell, Gary Caldwell, and Jason Caldwell, all of Mt. Vernon;

four daughters, Donna (Joe) Cummins, Vickie (Dallas) Doan, and Angela (Tim) Gentry, all of Mt. Vernon, and Lynn (Chris) Boisichel of Festus, MO; one brother, Howard Hodge of Crothersville, IN; and three sisters, Lorene Denny of Waynesburg, Laverne Reed of Crothersville, IN, and Mary Middleton of Crab Orchard. Also surviving are: 17 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; and a special friend, Donna Cromer of Mt. Vernon.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Jerry Caldwell; three daughters, Patricia, Michelle, and Connie; one son, Michael Caudill; four brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 2, 2011 at the Calloway Holiness Church by Bro. Vernon Doan. Burial was in the Friendship Cemetery in Lincoln County.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Benson Coleman, Robert Hodge, Anthony Middleton, Chris Middleton, Joshua Middleton and Steve Middleton.

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Distance Earning Telework Forum planned for Mt. Vernon

Have you ever wanted the ultimate work-life balance, a rewarding career working from the comfort of your own home, or wished you could utilize your education and work experience to its fullest potential?

The Eastern Kentucky Distance Earning Initiative will sponsor a Telework Forum in the third-floor technology room of the Rockcastle County Courthouse, located 205 East Main Street, at 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 15. This free event will highlight a new and innovative job creation plan in Eastern Kentucky. Participants can learn about the thousands of telework career opportunities and receive information on the Distance Earning initiatives skills inventory, which it plans to roll out in the coming months to target large scale telework job creation across the region.

Sponsored by a consortium of Kentucky Community and Technical College

(KCTCS) member schools, businesses and the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP), the Eastern Kentucky Distance Earning Initiative is an aggressive economic development strategy that aims to bring sustainable wage jobs that can be performed at home or from a business incubator.

"Work is no longer a place you go, it's something you do," said Joshua Ball, who coordinates the program for KCTCS. "This program is not about job creation, it is about creating opportunities for Eastern Kentuckians to work for progressive and innovative companies that are leading the charge to compete in the global marketplace."

There are currently thousands of jobs available in a variety of different fields like: data entry, clerical, medical transcription and coding, IT support, computer programming, sales, tutoring and teaching, and a variety of management.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 8 million people worked from home in 2005. Companies like IBM, Dell, American Express and Lockheed Martin have employees who telework.

"Even during a time were jobs are scarce, IBM has over 2,000 telework opportunities available," Ball added. "This strategy helps eliminate some of our region's greatest barriers when it comes to job creation: geography and infrastructure."

Interested individuals will receive free resume and interview coaching. Additionally, they will receive twice-a-week telework job postings emails from the program.

"It's critical that we do

everything we can to link our talented workforce to the many telework jobs that are available," Ball said. "We know that there are a lot of people looking for work, and a large number of talented workers who are underemployed."

The Eastern Kentucky Distance Earning Initiative will roll out phase 2 of its plan in the coming months: a proactive blitz to use a skills inventory taken from forums held across the region to form partnerships with national companies to develop a pipeline to our workforce.

Companies across the globe are seeing the vast benefits to telework. Studies suggest that employees who work from home are more productive and tend to miss work less. It also has massive benefits to the environment. According to the Telework Exchange, if white-collar Americans would telework just one day a week, they would avoid driving 134 billion miles, eliminate 120 tons of pollutants from the air and save nearly \$162 billion.

For more information about the program, contact Ball at (606) 487-3205 or 800-246-7521, ext. 73205.

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America holds more captive than any other country..

Dear Editor,

In America, citizens are held captive more than any other country. A child born in America is more likely to spend part of his life locked up than anywhere else.

Pharisees among us will say this is a good thing. Conservatives among us will say it is just too bad we have so many criminals. But their conclusion must be, if we justly lock up more than any other country then US citizens must be the most evil people on earth. If the US is the world's evil empire then we need to go invite Iran's muslim caliphate to come take us over so we can become better.

But the conservative premise is wrong. The sons and daughters we lock up

never see a trial, never face their individual accusers, never see the evidence against them. They are simply given a confession to sign or else. Or else a zealous prosecutor will indict their spouse, their parents, their children. Or else charges will be stacked to the sky. Unless you are very wealthy you have no choice but to sign the confession and join the masses behind bars.

This month Kentucky's blue ribbon panel on corrections (including prosecutors) said we are locking up people who should be free. God says, "I the Lord have called thee to bring out the prisoners from the prison." Now is the time for us to do the right thing and bring them out.

Bob Coffey
Scaffold Cane

Grassland Reserve Program now accepting applications

Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kentucky is accepting applications for the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). Although GRP applications are continually accepted, the application ranking cut-off date for 2011 is March 31. Applications received after March 31, 2011 will be deferred until the next ranking cycle.

The Grassland Reserve Program is a voluntary program offering landowners and operators the opportunity to protect grazing uses and related conservation values by conserving and restoring grassland resources.

The focus of GRP in Kentucky will emphasize preservation of native and naturalized grasslands and protection of grazing operations with excellent land management practices. Those easement offers that enhance or establish native grasses, will receive ranking preference for easements while rental offers that exhibit proper grazing use will receive ranking preference for rentals.

The compensation portion of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 for GRP authorizes easement compensation based on the fair market

value of the land, as determined by an appraisal or an area-wide market analysis or survey, which takes into account the grassland value, and is limited to a geographic cap or the landowner offer. GRP rental contracts provide selected landowners and operators to receive annual payments to maintain or restore grassland functions and values for the length of the contract.

All participants in GRP are required to implement a grazing management plan which will be developed in conjunction with NRCS.

Eligible land for GRP includes grasslands for which grazing or haying is the predominant use, or land that has been historically dominated by grassland, forbs, or shrub land. Restoration for land enrolled in GRP has a maximum cost share rate of 50%. Additional program information is provided on the NRCS Kentucky Web page: <http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>. Scroll down to Grassland Reserve Program.

Interested landowners and operators should contact Randall Templeman, District Conservationist, at phone number 606-256-2525 Ext. 3.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

very peaceful experience and I do so hope that it is a harbinger of spring.

As I watched the cattle, a pair of eastern blue birds flitted around the premises to check out the half dozen or so boxes that I've purchased from 4-H kids over the years and mounted on fence posts all around. However they seemed much more interested in an old locust fence post that seems to have a more inviting knot hole than anything the kids have yet contrived.

Surely, I am thinking to myself, happy cattle and industrious blue birds must be signs that warm weather will soon be with us. Heaven know that I am way more than ready for it.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

wood - usually made of pine - were used for securing the farm animals in their pens. His pig lot was made secure by nailing these planks on the lot posts to keep the hogs in a contained area. Boars were separated from the rest of the swine in order to keep down the fighting.

My wife and I live on the ridge-top of a mountain in a small A-frame house. We, too, have a wonderful forest beside our home. I am constantly drawn to that area to walk with my dog and to watch for wildlife. When there, I am reminded of being in the woods with Pop. I suppose my love of nature and of woodlands is directly related to spending time in the same environment with him.

I know that I could never again be satisfied living in the environment of a town or city. And I am unceasingly thankful to have my own little portion of woods in which to take long walks, allowing nature to soak in and warm memories to return.

(You can reach me at mtman@mis.net I appreciate your suggestions and comments.)

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The Rockcastle County Conservation District is accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1 and extending through February 28, 2011.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created in 1994 by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their

agriculture water quality plans, which are required under state law. Any person engaged in agricultural or silvicultural operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices. The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The best management practices, approved through the State Cost Share Program, help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's

streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater supplies. Among the eighteen practices eligible under the State Cost Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Please contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices. In the first twelve years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 21,465 applications seeking \$214 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years,

7,725 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$82.5 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in June or July of 2011 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by the Rockcastle County Conservation District Office located in the USDA Service Center at 2019 New Brodhead Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: 256-2525 Ext. 3.

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Mt. Vernon Mayor completes Academy

After attending City Officials Orientation in December, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant recently completed the Kentucky League of Cities City Officials Academy in Lexington.

The course included topics such as the framework and forms of city

government; city finance; identifying risks for cities; open meetings and open records laws; ordinances, orders and resolutions; meeting protocol; personnel law; environmental compliance; municipal taxes, finance and investment; local government ethics law; etc.

Mayor Bryant said that, "this was a very comprehensive and intensive training." He further stated that, "the KLC staff and other presenters with expertise in various fields from around the state made the academy really worthwhile." One other matter that Bryant noted is that "this training will prove to be very practical in doing the city's business."

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Benefit Singing

There will be a Benefit Singing at Sand Springs Baptist Church on Sat., Feb. 5th at 7 p.m. for Dennis Doan. All singers are invited. **Revival services** will be held at the church beginning Wednesday, Jan. 26th with services held at 7 o'clock each night. Evangelist will be Brian Powell. Bob Bradley, pastor, and congregation welcome everyone to these events.

Benefit Singing

There will be a Benefit Singing at Maretburg Baptist Church on February 12th from 6 to 8 p.m. Special singers will be Country Charlie Napier, Larry Settles and Samuel Bullock and other special singers are Melissa Singleton, Jill Stevens, Harold Harper and Bobby and Shawna Barnett. Proceeds will go toward the funeral expenses of Charlie Ray Hayes.

Everyone come and join us in Christian fellowship and good gospel music.

Chili, Soup & Sandwich Supper

Calloway Holiness Church will have a chili, soup and sandwich supper, with desserts and drinks at the Livingston Fire Station on Friday, Feb. 11th, starting at 6 p.m. \$5 a plate. The Doan family will be singing. All proceeds go toward the church's building fund.

Benefit Singing

Calloway Holiness Church will hold a benefit singing on February 4th at 7 p.m. at the church. Special singers will be Soldiers for the Cross. Proceeds will go toward the church's building fund.

Pastor Elie Doan and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Revival

Bro. Jim Suits will be the guest speaker at a revival at Livingston Pentecostal Church Wednesday, February 2nd through Sunday, February 6th at 7 p.m. each evening. Pastor James M. Miller and congregation invite everyone to join us for this time of revival.

For more information, call 256-1709.

Passing the Torch

Grace Fellowship Church invites you to attend an upcoming three day conference - Feb. 11-13. The conference is entitled Passing the Torch and special guest speakers will be Dr. T.L. Lowery on Fri., Feb. 11th at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 13th at 10:30 a.m.; Tommy Combs on Sat., Feb. 12th at 10 a.m. and Eddie James on Sat., Feb. 12th at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 845 S. Main St. in Carnaby Square, London. For more info, call 606-864-4635 or visit their website www.graceforyou.com.

Let the Bible Speak

Tune into "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

An encouraging word:

Confident of Better Things

By Howard Coop



It's that time of the year once more. In its annual journey northward, the sun has reached the mid point between the winter solstice, the beginning of winter, and the vernal equinox, the beginning of spring. The gray and gloomy days of winter have become noticeably longer, and the average daily temperature has begun to creep upward every so slowly. To our amazement, winter is half over.

In a folksy and humorous sort of way, we mark that special occasion with Ground Hog Day, named for the little brown marmot that is a native of much of the North American continent.

Folklore tells us that, on this special day, the little hibernating marmot, sometimes called a woodchuck, will awake from its long winter nap and, emerging from the comfort of its den, come out to take a cautious look at the conditions around the opening of its cozy den. What the sleepy little ground hog sees will forecast, in a somewhat re-

liable sort of way for some, the weather for the next six weeks. If the little ground hog sees its shadow while looking over the situation, it will hurriedly return to the comfort of its den and go back to sleep for another six weeks while the raging winter weather continues. On the other hand, the little ground hog will remain outside the den confident of pleasant weather for the next forty-two days if it does not see its shadow.

While this bit of folklore may lack meteorological accuracy, it points toward something far more important. There is an indomitable spirit within the human heart that refuses to be crushed by surrounding circumstances. Although the cold north wind may howl around the corner of the house, and the drifting snow may swirl across the lawn, we know for sure that spring, with warm sunshine and pleasant days, is ahead. With eager anticipation, we await the coming of those pleasant days confident of better things.

In Loving Memory

In Memory of James Richard Thomas

Once there was a little rose vine that grew around Heaven's gates. Finally, it found a little crack to grow into. It grew and grew. And, one day, in January, there was the most beautiful red rose on it Our Heavenly Father said, "Welcome home, Richard. We have been waiting for you."

We would like to thank everyone who prayed for Richard, sent cards, called and sent food. He enjoyed the calls and reading the cards, while he was still with us. We want to thank the Hospice nurses, Nancy Isaacs, Home Health workers, his friends and co-workers at the Blue Grass Army Depot for all that each of them did. Thank you to Lakes Funeral Home and staff for their kindness shown to all of us Over 500 people came to pay their respects to Richard in very cold weather. A special thanks to Rev. Ed Hubbard and White Lick Baptist Church members for feeding all the family and friends of James Richard

Thomas. And, let us not forget all the cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends that kept in touch and sent special messages on Face Book.

The Family of James Richard Thomas
We all love him dearly and will miss him *very much*

Card of Thanks

Earl Baker

The family of Earl Baker would like to say a special thank you to Bro. Jim Miller, Bro. Jasper Carpenter and the congregation of Livingston Pentecostal Church. We will not forget the kindness and hospitality they showed us. We would also like to say thank you to Marvin and Judy Owens and their staff. And, we would like to thank all our family, friends and neighbors for their love and support.



We would like to wish our big brother Dalton a happy sixth birthday February 3rd. We love you very much. Shown is Dalton holding his brother Colson. Brothers Ashton and Jaden are also shown. They are the sons of AJ and Stephanie Hensley. *Love you boys - Mom, Dad, Mommy, Paw, Granny and Paps.*



Marcus Alan Shepherd celebrated his first birthday January 30th at his home in Fort Stewart, Georgia with his parents, Spec. E4 Zachary and Tabitha White Shepherd and big brother, James Michael. Grandparents are Cindy and Anthony Hansel of Willailla, Manual Shepherd of Lexington, Patricia and Robyn Isaacs of Somerset and the late Lani White from Missouri. Great grandparents are Leon and Judy Rowe of Mt. Vernon.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CREAM OF COCONUT CAKE

1 box yellow cake mix
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 can cream of coconut
1 container Cool Whip®
Bake cake according to package directions in a 9 x 13 pan. When cake is done, remove from oven and poke holes (with the tines of a fork, or chop stick or handle of a wooden spoon) over entire cake. Mix the condensed milk and cream of coconut together in a bowl. Gently spoon over cake and allow the sauce to soak in. Refrigerate until cold. Spread with Cool Whip® to serve.

NOTE: Cream of coconut is a thick, very sweet mixture of coconut, water, and sugar. It is used to flavor mixed drinks and can be found on the drink-mixer aisle in your local supermarket. I have also found it in the baking section near the evaporated milk or the flaked coconut.

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

The pineapple upside cake was a perfect ending to the perfect meal, in my opinion. 1 box Jiffy® one-layer yellow cake mix
6 tablespoons butter

1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 small cake pineapple slices
Preheat oven to 350°. In an 8 or 9-inch iron skillet, melt butter. Sprinkle brown sugar over top. Place pineapple rings around skillet, cutting to fit. Pour cake mix, prepared according to directions on box, gently over pineapples. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until top springs back when touched. Let stand 5 minutes; turn out onto a large plate.

BETTER THAN SEX CAKE

1 white or yellow cake mix with pudding
1 large can crushed pineapple
1 cup sugar
1 box (3 ounce) instant vanilla pudding
1 tub (6 ounce) Cool Whip®
Prepare and bake the cake according to package directions in a 9 x 13 pan. When baked, remove from oven and poke holes in cake. Use a fork, wooden spoon handle or chop stick. Boil the undrained pineapple with the sugar for 3 minutes. Pour over cake. Let cool. Prepare the pudding and spread over pineapple. Cover all this with the Cool Whip®. Refrigerate.

Local school teacher publishes second book

PublishAmerica is proud to present Alex in Paradise by Pamela Turner Anderson of Berea, Kentucky.

When nine-year-old Alex was on his way to visit his dad, he was overjoyed. He had waited a long time for this visit; in fact, the calendar in his apartment was full of red slash marks as he counted down the days for this visit. However, while aboard the plane, bizarre things begin to occur. Sophia, his nanny, begins acting stranger than ever. The glaring white light at the exit door was unexpected. Becoming overwhelmed with fear, Alex hears the voice of a friend and a comforter, which helps calm the fear as the destination changes as Alex finds himself in God's Paradise. While in Paradise he witnesses many new and glorious sights and also runs into some old familiar faces. Everything is wonderful! And Alex is truly happy.

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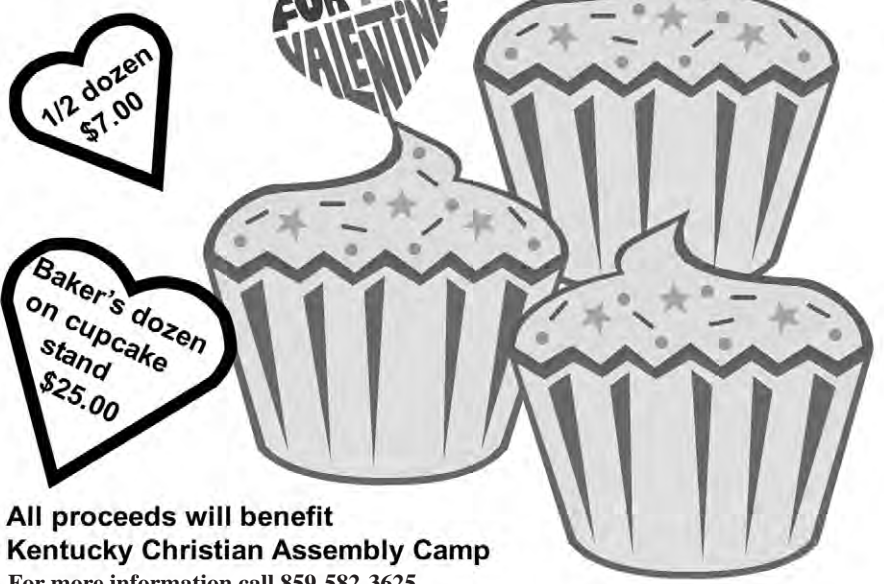
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520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Rasor, Pastor
606-256-3722
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor
website: www.fbcmkv.org
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net
Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: AWANA and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Live Broadcast WRVK 1460AM
Sundays at 11 a.m.
Broadcast on New Wave Cable Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sunday at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.
First Christian Church
West Main St. Mt. Vernon
606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Flat Gap Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
James Poynter, Pastor
606-256-3969
Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky. • 859-925-4048
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Thursday Night Visiting 7 p.m.
Contact: Doris Brown
606-256-0188
burtonpromos@prodigy.net

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Youth/Children Classes 7 p.m.
www.freedombc.com
email:
pastor@freedombc.com
Pastor: David Sargent
606-256-2968
God's Church of Zion
35 McFerron St.
Mt. Vernon, KY
Wed. Night 7 p.m.
Sunday School 2 p.m.
Sunday Worship 3 p.m.
Pastor: Fred Hecker

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. & Wed. Evening 7 p.m.
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd.
Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Livingston Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Adult & Youth Classes Available
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study & Meeting 7 p.m.
Bro. Steve McKinney, Pastor
606-758-4097
email: stevemc64@alltel.net

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Walter Ballinger, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709
Macedonia Baptist
Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Bro. Wayne Henson, Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Maple Grove Baptist
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Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Mareburg Baptist Church
2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
www.mareburgbaptist.org
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

McNew Chapel Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
Mt. Vernon Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317
Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene
40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wallace Thornton, Sr., Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.
Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Bro. David Carpenter, Pastor

Northside Baptist Church
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Hispanic Services 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.
New Wave Cable (KET2 ch. 3)
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Ottawa Baptist Church
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training/Youth Mission Groups 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Youth Choir 6 p.m.
Children's & Youth Bible Study 6:45 p.m. • Service 7 p.m.
Jim Craig, Pastor • 758-8453
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
515 Williams St
(across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Fr. Frank Brawner, Pastor
Sister Joyce Moeller,
Pastoral Associate
Philadelphia United Baptist
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-256-9724

Pine Hill Holiness Church
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Allen Hensley, Pastor
453-4801
www.pinehillholinesschurch.com
email: pinehillhc@aol.com
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.
WRVK (1460 AM) Broadcast
Noon Sundays

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
PO Box 1495
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Contact: Jackie Burdine
606-453-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Run Missionary
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care
Bro. Gary Bowling, Pastor
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Poplar Grove Baptist
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Dan McKibben, Minister
758-8524 or 758-9316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
email:
dan.mckibben@juno.com
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

Rose Hill Church
Pastor: Bobby Barnett
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Roundstone Baptist Church
Rick Reynolds, Pastor
606-758-8095
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Sand Springs Baptist
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right
Bob Bradley, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Scaffold Cane Baptist
Chris Cobb, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Union Chapel Pentecostal
1505 Union Chapel Rd.
Brodhead, Ky.
Ralph Reynolds, Minister
606-355-2638
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Wildie Christian Church
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie
606-256-4494
Kenton Parkey, Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.

Call changes to Church Directory to 256-2244

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Lady Rockets beat district rival PC; beat Madison Central

By: Sara Coguer

The 11th and 12th regions will meet up in the first round of the girls state tournament and, after hearing that they were a contender to "Dance in Diddle" during last Friday's drawing over WKYT-TV, Madison Central probably rode into Rockcastle anticipating the matchup with the odds-on favorite 12th region champs the Rockcastle Lady Rockets.

However, it didn't take the Lady Rockets long to dispel any hopes the Lady Indians might have had as they dispatched them with ease 60-43.

Senior Sara Hammond led her team with her usual double-double, scoring 21 points and pulling down 6 rebounds. Even scoring from eight other Lady Rockets

also helped seal the deal for the 21-1 Lady Rockets who have yet to lose to an in state team this season.

Rockcastle was ahead 14-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back, leading the Lady Indians 35-17 at the half. The second half was pretty even for the two teams with Rockcastle taking the third quarter by two points and losing the fourth by three for the final 60-43 victory.

Also scoring for the Lady Rockets were: Shanlee Burton, 11; Angie Lawrence 8; Kristin Abney 6; Michaela Hunter 5; Sydney Arvin 4; Kadi Cobb and Alexis Chasteen, 2 each and Katie Cowan, 1.

Rockcastle vs. Pulaski

The Lady Rockets visited the upcoming site of the dis-

trict and regional tournaments when they traveled to Pulaski County last Friday. The highlight for the Lady Rockets had to be a chance to play on the floor where they need to be near perfect in order to reach the Sweet 16, and a side benefit was the 75-43 win over the Lady Maroons.

Rockcastle took their 19-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and added to it, ending the first half up by 21, 35-14. Although the Lady Maroons scored double dig-

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Senior Angie Lawrence is shown receiving her ball for joining the 1000 point club. Angie reached this milestone during the Wayne County game on January 18, 2011. Angie is shown with her head coach Chrysti Noble.

Rockets fall short to PC; lose to Raiders

By: Sara Coguer

The Rockcastle County Rockets, who have struggled this season with a young squad, gave the Pulaski County Maroons all they wanted last Friday night before falling short of the win, 74-65.

The Maroons, who are 6-0 in the district and 20-3 on the season, beat the Rockets in their first go around at Rock Arena 80-42, but it was a different story at Pulaski Co. with the Rockets rebounding from a 19-9 deficit at the end of the first quarter to end the half only down four, 38-32.

Rockcastle outscored the Maroons 19-18 in the third quarter to make it, 54-51. But the, Maroons pulled it out in the end, defeating the Rockets 74-65.

Three Rockets scored double digits in the game, including Josh McKinney

with 10; Ben Allen with 14; and Travis Carpenter with 20.

Other Rockets scoring included Zach Poynter and Ashton Arvin, 2 each; Jaden Brock, 3; Cody Noe, 9 and John Curtis Wilson, 6.

Rockcastle vs. McCreary

The Rockets traveled to McCreary County Tuesday night, only to come home with another loss, 77-51.

The Raiders outscored the Rockets 16-12 in the first, and went into halftime with a ten point, 33-23, lead. The Raiders never looked back as they increased their lead during the third 57-34 and then eventually rolled to the 77-51 win.

Scoring for the Rockets were: Josh McKinney, 21; Travis Carpenter, 8; Ashton Arvin, 12; Jaden Brock, 2; Cody Noe, 4; Tyler Smith, 3 and Zach Poynter, 1.



Angie Lawrence goes for a layup against a Madison Central defender in Monday night's action.



Senior Sara Hammond puts in two after an offensive rebound in Monday night's win against 11th region power Madison Central.

Eighth Grade Night

Eighth Grade Night was celebrated at the Rockcastle Middle School Monday night and eighth grade cheerleaders and boys basketball players were recognized, along with their escorts.



Kayla Cromer is the daughter of Doug Cromer and Leslie Burdette of Mt. Vernon. She was escorted by her mother and sister Abby.



Kendra Dees, left is the daughter of Julie Bowling of Brodhead, and Mikayla Cass, right, is the daughter of Collin Cass of Brodhead. Both girls were escorted by Julie Bowling.



Cheyenne Morgan is the daughter of Eddie Morgan of Brodhead and the late Regina Morgan. She was escorted by her grandmothers Linda Proctor and Joann Smith.



Cheyenne Gilliam is the daughter of Tony and Jennifer Gilliam of Lamero. She was escorted by her parents.



Tabatha Cromer, the daughter of Edwin Cromer of Mt. Vernon and Teresa Isaacs of Orlando, was escorted by her parents.



Tiffany Horn is the granddaughter of Joe Horn of Mt. Vernon and the late Reba Horn. She was escorted by her uncle Larry Hammond.



Kelci Holcomb shown with her parents, Steve and Kim Holcomb of Brodhead.



Devon McGuire is shown with his parents, Damon and Sonya McGuire of Mt. Vernon.



Taylor Cameron, the son of Jeff and Brenda Cameron of Brodhead, was escorted by his parents.



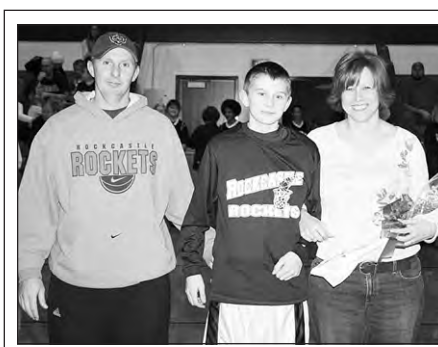
Douglas Nicely was escorted by his parents, Juan and Amy Nicely of Mt. Vernon.



Dakota Hasty, the son of Zandell and Connie Hasty of Mt. Vernon, was escorted by his parents.



Ethan Mattingly, the son of Ken and Jennifer Mattingly of Mt. Vernon, was escorted by his parents.



Carter Blanton is the son of Benny Blanton of Brodhead and Danielle Denny, also of Brodhead. He was escorted by his parents.



Jordan McGuire was escorted by his mom, Stacy McGuire of Brodhead.



Jacob McKinney, the son of Johnny and Jenene McKinney of Mt. Vernon, was escorted by his parents.



Blake Mullins is the grandson of Ronnie and Glenna Spoonamore of Mt. Vernon. He was escorted by his grandparents.



Isaiah Adams is the son of Krisinda Adams of Mt. Vernon. He was escorted by his mother and Johnathon Smith.



Sam Pensol was escorted by his parents, David and Kelly Pensol of Mt. Vernon.

Lady Rockets

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its in both the third and fourth quarters, they were still outscored by the Lady Rockets in each for the 75-43 win.

Three Rockcastle players were in double digits for the game including Sara Hammond and Angie Lawrence, each with 17, and Michaela Hunter, who came off the bench to contribute eleven points.

Others scoring for the Lady Rockets: Ella McQueary 7; Alexis Chasteen 6; Shanlee Burton 5 and Kristen Abney, 4, Sydney Arvin, and Katie Cowan, 4 each.

The Lady Rockets will play at North Laurel this Friday night with the JV game beginning at 6 p.m.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 10-CI-00219

Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC Plaintiff
V.
Countrywide Homes, Inc. Et. Al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 10, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 70/100 (\$277.70) 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, February 18, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Lying to the northwest of the new road leading from Clear Creek to U.S. Highway 421, and beginning at a fence on the north edge of the new road, corner to Dewey Thomas; thence with the fence and Thomas Line, to line of Jimmy Coins; thence with Coins' line and the fence to the corner of Berea College; thence south with the line of Berea College to the right of way of the new road; thence with the right of way of said road to the point of beginning, and containing thirty-five (35) acres more or less.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property conveyed to Johnny T. Dees and Peggy A. Dees, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 14, 1995 and recorded in Deed Book 157, page 299, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property (3/4 of an acre ±) conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Carolyn Isaacs, husband and wife, by Deed dated January 28, 1998 and recorded in Deed Book 133, page 192, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property (2.22 acres) conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Isaacs, spouses, by Deed dated July 18, 2000 and recorded in Deed Book 180, page 443, Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: The property being conveyed herein is subject to a right of easement granted by James L. Dees to the Kentucky Department of Highways and/or Rockcastle County Fiscal Court by right of Easement for School Bus Turn Around dated December 17, 1986 and recorded in Deed Book 130, page 57, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

THERE IS EXCEPTED THEREFROM, the following property conveyed to Lloyd Dees and Donna Dees, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 24, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 221, Page 375, in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

Situated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle and being a part of the property as conveyed to Country Homes, Inc. by Deed Book 215, Page 66 and Deed Book 215, Page 70 as recorded in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning, for REFERENCE, at an iron pin set in an intersection of the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road and Blue Jay Loop and being a common corner to the properties as conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Isaacs by Deed Book 180, Page 442 and Deed Book 133, Page 192;

Thence with the northerly right-of-way of Blue Jay Loop, N 65° 51'13" E a distance of 305.06 feet to an iron pin found with cap labeled #2463;

Thence S 09° 05'41" W a distance of 14.74 feet to the centerline of Blue Jay Loop;

Thence with the centerline said Blue Jay Loop, N 54° 56'06" E a distance of 109.98 feet to the TRUE POINT of BEGINNING of Tract herein to be described;

Thence with the centerline said Blue Jay Loop and crossing through aforesaid Country Homes, Inc. the following four (4) new courses: N 54° 56'06" E a distance of 53.98 feet to an iron pin set; N 23° 52'41" E a distance 186.55 feet to an iron pin set; S 74° 55'16" E a distance of 124.12 feet to an iron pin set; S 09° 20'00" W a distance of 321.11 feet to an iron pin set in the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road; Thence with the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road, S 68° 16'21" W a distance of 41.71 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence crossing through said Country Homes, Inc. N 42° 22'24" W a distance of 220.65 feet to the Point of Beginning, passing an iron pin set at 208.60 feet and containing 1.131 acres by survey, subject to all legal highways and rights-of-ways whether of record or not. All iron pins set are 1/2" by 18" rebar with orange plastic caps labeled "HUPP #3623". All measurements are based upon an actual field survey made by Covenant Surveying, LLC on the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 2007. All bearings are based on an easterly line of the property as conveyed to aforesaid Don Dees as being S 39° 45'00" E by Deed Book 183, Page 505.

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 twenty-five percent (25%) 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.
- Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2010 local, county and state property taxes.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of 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.
- The successful bidder shall at bidder's own expense carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full with a loss payable clause to the Rockcastle Master Commissioner.
- The 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

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 09-CI-00221

Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff
V.

**Ronnie W. Pennington,
Sherry R. Pennington,
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., American General
Financial Services, Inc. and
United States of America** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 12, 2010 and order entered on January 14, 2011 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 77/100 (\$109,054.77) 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, February 18, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

5190 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419
Lot Number 6- Located on the South side of Copper Creek Road, to wit:

Beginning on a steel pin set in the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, also a corner of a 30 foot right of way; thence with the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, North 74° 16'47" East, 88.05 feet to a stake; thence with the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, North 58° 24'30" East, 38.99 feet to a steel pin, a corner of Lot 7; thence with the property line of Lot 7, South 22° 33'01" East, 205.30 feet to a steel pin; thence South 64° 08'18" West, 152.35 feet to a steel pin, a corner of a 30 foot right of way; thence North 15° 43'13" West, 220 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.665 acres, more or less.

The parties acknowledged that the Grantors have retained a 30 foot easement adjacent the western line of the above described real property. The parties further acknowledge that Grantees shall have the right to use said easement provided Grantees bear 1/2 cost of the developing said easement and 1/2 of the cost of maintaining said easement.

Being the same property conveyed to Ronnie W. Pennington, et ux. by deed dated February 7, 2007 of record in Deed Book 214, Page 421 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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 twenty percent (20%) 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.
- Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court



Kyle Denny was escorted by his parents, Jerry and Janet Denny of Mt. Vernon.



Layne Jasper is the son of Ashley Jasper and Alicia Adams of Brodhead. He was escorted by his parents.



Steven Rector, the son of Randall and Sammie Rector of Mt. Vernon, was escorted by his parents.



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Lauryn Carpenter is Brodhead Elementary Schools Spelling Bee winner.

Working Together Works

Fifth grade student, Lauryn Carpenter, from Mrs. Melissa Neeley's classroom is Brodhead Elementary Schools spelling bee winner! Lauryn will represent BES at the county spelling bee on Wednesday, February 16...Congratulations Lauryn!

Things you need to know:
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Thursday, February 17-School Based Decision Making Council Meeting (SBDM) at 5:00 & Parent Teacher Group (PTG) at 6:00

Mark your calendar- Parent/Teacher conferences have been scheduled for Thursday, March 3.

Minds in the Middle

Our spelling bees are underway at RCMS. The winner of each team spelling bee will compete on Friday in the school wide spelling bee. That winner will then compete at the district spelling bee on February 16th.

The Shooting Stars would like to congratulate Matthew Newcomb on winning their team spelling bee. Matthew defeated tough competition in the other three homeroom winners, Faith Saylor, Kaleigh Noel, and Laney Poynter. The Voyagers would also like to congratulate their team winner, Megan Cromer.

The Student Council has proclaimed this Friday as "Favorite Team Day." Students can show who they are supporting in the Super Bowl or just show their continued support for the Rockets, Wildcats, or whatever team they rally behind. Students can wear favorite team shirts and hats.

Any parents who wish to have access to the Parent Portal feature on our student

database may come by the office during school hours for a brief training. Parents are given a password to gain access to such information as their child's grades, attendance, and behavior referrals. If you would like the training, but cannot come during the school day, please call Ms. Cromer to set up a time.

RCMS was pleased to have Kentucky's Commissioner of Education visit us on Monday. Commissioner Terry Holiday visited the classrooms and was able to see firsthand the awesome learning taking place by our students.

After several Fridays of being snowed out, the RCMS Academic Team will be sponsoring an after school dance this Friday. Students must have parental and team permission in order to attend and should be picked up at 5:00. Students may not call home for permission and may not wait

after school for a parent to bring money and a note.

Speaking of the Academic Team, they are currently preparing for regional competition. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at regions: Zeb Davis and Austin Brown in Math, Erika Howard in Science, James Clay Ballinger and Brooke Morris in Language Arts, Tanner Collins in Arts and Humanities, Caleb Ballinger in Social Studies, Madison Hammons, Will Martin, Presley Cromer, Tanner Collins, and Brooke Morris in Future Problem Solving, and Erin Thompson in Written Composition. The team also was awarded the Kathrine Hume Sportsmanship award. This award is voted on by the competing students. We are very proud of the entire team and wish them luck at regions.

Congratulations to the following members of the RCMS 7th and 8th grade Band who were selected by audition for the 2011 Dis-

trict 11 Middle School Honors Band. RCMS is extra proud of Shelby Ponder, Aaron Peavley, Shanoah Shelton, and Shelby Brown.

Extended School Services are now available to students on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:45.

Dean's List

Rockcastle County High School and Transylvania University junior Holly Brown has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall term.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average during the term.

Brown, a psychology major, is the daughter of Michael and Patricia Brown of Brodhead.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Reading Marathon at RCMS

RCMS has teamed up with the Rockcastle Health Community in an effort to increase the overall health of students and improve learning at the same time.

Rocket Marathon Readers is a six-week reading and physical activity program for all Rockcastle County Middle School students. The program promotes at least thirty minutes of reading and thirty minutes of physical activity at least four times a week.

Participants will have a six-week activity log to record the physical activity and reading accomplished. The students need the support of their family in keeping on track with the program. Parents and staff are needed to help students monitor their activities. Staff members will also be participating in the program. Reading material

must be selected by the student and cannot relate to school assignments. Exercise must be some type of physical activity outside of their normal day, such as rapid walking, jogging, bicycling, or basketball, and cannot be related to video game sports.

Students who complete the activities four days out of the week will be entered in a random drawing for some awesome prizes. Prizes will include gift cards, the latest book titles, iPod shuffles, and Kindle e-readers. Parents who made a New Year's resolution to be healthier, now have a great opportunity to be on track with that and to help their child do the same.

The goal is to promote a routine of exercising and reading each day. The staff and students appreciate staff from the Cumberland Valley

Health Department for coming to RCMS on Monday to help students calculate their Body Mass Index. Thanks also to the RCMS PTSA for helping to support this event.

Three WKU students honored

Three Western Kentucky University students received honors for the fall semester, as announced last week.

Lauren Graham, of Mt. Vernon, received President's List award for the fall semester by obtaining a 3.8-4.0 gpa.

Tanner Perkins, of Brodhead, received Dean's List award for the fall semester by obtaining a 3.4-3.79 gpa.

Yancee P. Burchett, of Brodhead, also received President's List award for the fall semester by obtaining a 3.8-4.0 gpa.

2nd Grading Period

RCMS Honor Roll

Enterprisers - Makayla Abney, Jayna Albright, Sarah Alcorn, Caleb Ballinger, Emme Barker, Jaiden Barnes, Victoria Barron, Zachary Bengé, Dakota Bishop, Anna Buckley, Madelyn Bullen, Thomas Burdette, Gideon Coffey, Caroline Coguer, John Cornelius, William Daugherty, Morgan Didelot, Tiffany Fain, Maggie Franklin, Lucas Gentry, Katelyn Hensley, Hannah Howard, Alex Jaramillo, Austin Jasper, Logan Jett, Lucas Jones, Arie-Anna Lawson, Ryan Martin, Dakota Messinger, Carson Noble, Emily Payne, Cassie Poynter, Allison Renner, Jarod Robinson, Travis Ross, Mikaela Sadler, Mahala Saylor, Dylan Spoonamore, Logan Taylor, Erin Thompson, Courtney Vanhook.

Voyagers - Allie Alexander, Hannah Allen, Chelsea Barnett, Michaela Barron, Marina Blevins, Abby Bray, Dana Bullock, Sierra Carpenter, Carley Childress, Logan Coffey, Dominique Cope, Olivia Copenhaver, Cameron Coy, Kierra Cromer, Megan Cromer, Presley Cromer, Brian Damrell, Heaven Davidson, Robert Davis, Kristen Day, Skyler Dillingham, Zachary Ellison, Sydney Ely, Candace Evans, Jonathan Gray, Melissa Hager, Shelby Ham, Madison Hammons, Zachary Harding, Kristina Hayes, Samantha Hicks, Ray Howard, Brandi Innis, Dalton Killen, Tiffany King, Juliann Kirby, Brianna Lay, Chayse McClure, Ashley McKinney, Jennifer Mercer, Sierra Mercer, Ileana Miller, Tina Miller, Austin Mills, Christian Mink, Tara Mink, Shelby Newcomb, Tabitha Newcomb, Morgan Oliver, Anna Petrey, Zachary Pheanis, Jonah Pillion, Sarah Poynter, Cory Ratliff, Ciera Robbins, Samantha Robbins, Devon M. Robinson, Dylon Robinson,

Christie Samples, Austin Saylor, Zachary Sowder, Courtney Spires, Madison Stewart, Ayden Strunk, Rodney Thacker, Garrett Tompkins, Christy Tyree, D.J. Vanwinkle, Adrienne Walker, Andy Walker, Jerri Williams, Frankie Woodall, Jaran Woods.

Adventurers - Rebecca Abrams, Katie Adams, Tristan Begley, Brooklyn Bishop, Stephen Blevins, Austin Brown, Leah Bustle, Zacharie Casteel, Alissa Chasteen, Amber Chesnut, Emily Childress, Michael Collett, Tanner Collins, Rachel Davis, Zebediah Davis, Jacob Durham, Makala Gardiner, John Matthew Harris, Erika Howard, Micheala Hurt, Allie Johnson, Alexis King, Austin Lamb, Brittany Long, Zachary Loudermilk, Samarah Lovins, Justice Masters, Nikkita McGuire, Sabastien McGuire, Morgan McGuire-Renner, Adam McKinney, William Logan Merritt, Brittany Miller, Curtis Miller, Chelsea Overbey, Hannabeth Owens, Aaron Pevley, Victoria Phillips, Robert Prickett, Amber Rice, Andrew Sizemore, Jordan Sizemore, Madison Stewart, Roy Scott Winstead.

Shooting Stars - Heather Allen, Brandon Baker, Garrett Baldwin, James Clay Ballinger, Amelia Berryman, Kamryn Brinegar, Jacob Bullock, Callie Carpenter, Sarah Beth Clark, Amber Collins, Shelby Convery, Ginger Cornelius, Calan Cromer, Ray Delaney, Erik Durham, Scarlett Eaton, Marti Fields, Kristen Forrester, David Gabbard, Katherine Gerson, Joshua Goforth, Hailey Harper, Dana Hatfield, Devon Hayes, Zachary Hilton, Ryan Kirby, Justin Lamb, Ricki Jean Lay, Glenna Lear, Zachary McGuire, Ashley McKinney, Tabitha Miller, Matthew Newcomb,

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Eagles' Nest Parent Group

Benefit Singing, Silent Auction, Cake and Pie Auction, and Winter Festival

Where: Roundstone Elementary School
When: Saturday, February 5, 2011

Singing Line Up:
 2:00 p.m. Calvary Heirs (Gospel)
 3:00 p.m. Wilderness Trail (Bluegrass)
 4:00 p.m. Medley Boys Rockin' Country

Refreshments to be sold include: hot dogs, chili dogs, pizza, nachos and cheese, chips, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, 7-Up, Mt. Dew, and Water.

Times: Refreshments Served: 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (cafeteria)
Benefit Singing: 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (cafeteria)
Winter Festival: 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (gym)
Silent Auction: 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (library)
Cake and Pie Auction: Silent from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., then high bid on each cake or pie will go public for live bidding beginning at 5:00 p.m. (cafeteria)

Why: Money is needed for the purchase of playground equipment for the final phase of our new Primary Playground.

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Meeting Location - Rockcastle County Board Of Education
(Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center) / 245 Richmond Street

AGENDA

Regular Meeting
February 08, 2011
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:

3. COMMUNICATION:

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4:
- D. Approve request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence to be extended through the end of school year for Angela K. Payne in compliance with Board Policy 03.12322
- E. Approve School Activity Fund Raiser request
- F. Approve School Trip Forms

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- A. Review/Approve BG - 4 For the Roundstone Roof Project (BG #10 - 280) Pending KDE approval
- B. Review/Approve 2011 Waste Tire Market Development Crumb Rubber Grant Application

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

- A. Review Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- C. Review 2010-2011 Physical Activity and Nutrition Report Card
- D. Review KSBA "Kids First in Frankfort" Advocacy Conference and Lobbying Day February 23 - 24
- E. Other:

7. ADJOURNMENT:

“Logging”

(Cont. from front)

the soil of 90 days, in Rockcastle County, the subsoil is primarily karst which would enable the herbicide to work through to ground water “quickly.” Karst is defined as irregular limestone where erosion has produced sinkholes, fissures, underground streams and caverns.

Scheff said the forest service would argue that the trace amount of herbicide leaching into ground water would be within safety standards but, as one of those present retorted, “they’re not drinking my water.”

According to a letter, from Chris Smith of Kentucky Heartwood, sent to the 144 local residents who wrote to the forest service complaining that the project “would be destructive to both the quality of life of local residents and to local ecosystems,” since the initial comment period ended, Kentucky Heartwood has documented forest conditions that contradict claims made by the forest service. “We’ve found healthy, dynamic forests - some as old as 150 years and developing old-growth characteristics - that stand in stark contrast to the legacy of old clear cuts that remain from the last time the Forest Service logged these hills barely two years ago.”

An information letter, about the meeting, also pointed out that the “forest service already clear-cut significant portions of the area 20 years ago and barely half of the national forest in the project area is more than 70 years in age - in a forest where trees can live to be several hundred years old. The area has numerous springs, several species of orchids and is just beginning to reach maturity. The forest service insists that the combined 646 acres of commercial and precommercial thinning is necessary to alleviate overstocking. However they propose cutting nearly all trees on 93 acres - recreating the very same conditions they say they must manage to ‘fix.’”

Scheff said the next step in the process is to wait for an alternative development proposal then there will be a 30 day notice and public comment taken. There may be a public meeting after that but, that is at the forest service’s discretion, Scheff said. A Release of Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice (by the Forest Supervisor) would be next, followed by a 45 day period to file an administrative appeal outlining why the project is flawed and, if the appeal is turned down, then the last option would be litigation.

Besides the endangered Indiana Bats in the area, Scheff also pointed

out that since all water in the area drains into Roundstone Creek which is home to an endangered mussel species. And, since Climax Spring Water is a public water supply, there should be protection from the project under the Clean water Act.

Scheff said he, personally, would like to see the forest service’s plan changed to: not cutting mature stands of trees, planting pine in old clear cut areas, no use of herbicides, hand cutting to thin old clear cut areas and establishing some trails in the area.

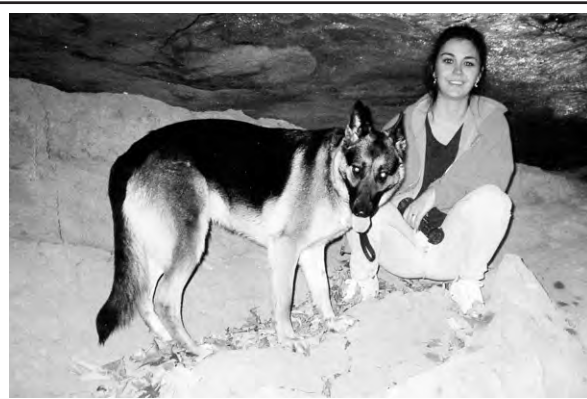
“Honor Roll”

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Kaleigh Noel, Adrianna Pena, Destiny Pickering, Tanner Pillion, Laney Poynter, Sierra Rader, Austin, Ramsey, John David Reddington, Rebekah Renner, Faith Saylor, Kayla Shafer, Alex Spragens, Billy Taylor, Brad Taylor, Christian Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Jacklynn Thacker, Micah Topf.

Challengers - Cassidy Adkins, Callie Asher, Addison Atkin, Ashley Baggett, Kristin Baker, Mary Bishop, Avery Bradshaw, Shelby Brown, Samantha Bustle, Rachel Cain, Tate Clements, Samuel Coffey, Alaina Coguer, Alyssa Cox, Brooklyn Cromer, Vanessa Cromer, Kendra Dees, Sharly Dees, Laticia Delaney, Abigail Eaton, Allison Estes, Ashley Fletcher, Paige Green, Sean Hacker, Dakota Hasty, Layne Jasper, Dakota Johnson, Kyle Marlow, Eliza Mason, Caymen McClure, Danielle McNew, Cheyenne Morgan, Ashley Newland, Douglas Nicely, Samuel Pensol, Chris Philbeck, Lyndsey Reed, Shanoah Shelton, Samantha Skinner, Hannah Sowder, Levi Sparks, Joshua Spurlock, Alex Turner, Marcus Wilson, Shelby Woodall.

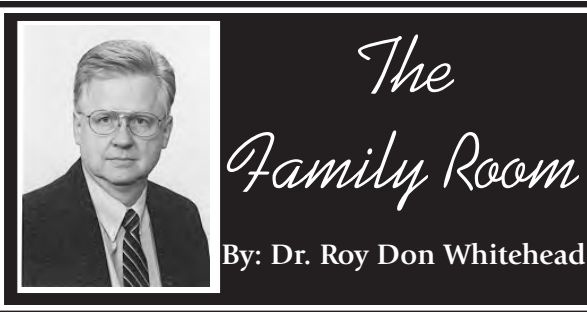
Comets - Chris Abney, Deanna Alexander, Chance Ansardi, Rachel Blair, Taylor Cameron, Mikayla Cass, Jeremiah Caudill, Abby Chasteen, Tanika Chasteen, Tyler Creech, Kira Deatherage, Kyle Denny, Amelia Eversole, Chelsea Fleming, Cheyenne Gilliam, Jessica Harris, Zach Hayes, Hannah Hillard, Megan Houk, Joseph Hunt, Brooke Isaacs, John Kemper, Steven Lamb, Abby Mahaffey, Will Martin, Ethan Mattingly, Michael McCauley, Jordan McGuire, Mikey McGuire, Brianna Mink, Lona Morgan, Josh Neeley, Rakhi Patel, J.J. Payne, Emily Ponder, Shelby Ponder, Anna Poynter, Hannah Prewitt, Dana Robbins, Faye Saylor, Marcus Scalf, Hannah Shelton, Victoria Smith, Alexis Stewart, Casey Suffridge, Tabitha Tompkins, Casey Walker, Tyler Washburn, Amberlee Woodall..



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Love Always Your Friend, “Sam I Am” Samantha Shafer



By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

On September 15, 2010, all 15 of Kentucky’s domestic violence shelters participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. Here are some of the statistics from Kentucky:

*1,114 victims were served in one day;

*689 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs;

*425 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy and children’s support groups;

*248 hotline calls were answered, more than 10 every hour; (Hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning and resources. The local crisis line number is 800-755-5348.)

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, child care, and legal representation. Shelters were unable to meet 94 requests for help on that day, 43 of which were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing. Shelters were unable to help because of not enough funding, not enough staff, no available beds or not enough specialized services.

All 15 of the programs reported a higher demand for services. As communities experience job loss and decreased community resources, 67% of the programs reported a decrease in funding.

On that day in the United States:

*3 men committed suicide, one after murdering his wife, another after a failed attempt to kill his girlfriend, and the third during a police standoff while holding his partner hostage.

*3 women were murdered by their intimate partners.

*36 babies were born to mothers living in domestic violence shelters.

*391 survivors working with local domestic violence programs started new jobs.

Here are some of the quotes that came from shelters across the nation on that day:

“We had three women in shelter who obtained their very first jobs on the survey day!”

“We provided legal advocacy and emergency shelter to a victim who had attempted to commit suicide because she believed that suicide was the only way she could end the abuse.”

“A survivor sent us a letter to thank us for saving her life. She said that if it wasn’t for us, she, and possibly her children,

would be dead now.”

“A woman was denied a permanent protection order by the courts. Afterward, the abuser sent her a letter, telling her how he was going to kill her and her children and recounted all of the abuse he had perpetrated upon her and her children. She continues to live in fear that he’ll murder her, the children, and then himself.”

“A woman came in so badly beaten by her boyfriend that both of her eyes were swollen shut and she was covered with bruises. We helped her get emergency medical treatment, assisted her in filing for a Temporary Protective Order, which was granted, and referred her to an attorney to represent her at the final hearing with no cost to her.”

(Call Family Life Abuse Center if you are a victim of Intimate Partner Violence. The number is 800-755-5348.)

Eagles’ Nest Parent Group Festival is this Saturday

The Eagles’ Next Parent Group at Roundstone Elementary is hard at work bringing together their Winter Festival planned for Saturday, February 5th. Proceeds from the festival, being held in conjunction with their annual Benefit Singing, Silent Auction and Cake and Pie Auction, will go toward completion of the new school playground.

Individuals, families, businesses, church, and other organization, are needed to sponsor games and prizes, as well as work their booth/game at the Winter Festival. There are two ways anyone can help. The first is for you to sign up for a specific game and buy/order the necessary supplies needed for children to play the game and to donate money to help buy prizes. For example, if you chose to sponsor the Duck Pond, you would need to buy a plastic or inflatable pool, ducks and donate money to help buy prizes. The second way would be to donate a specific dollar amount, of \$50 or more, and you will be assigned a game and supplies needed for the game will be purchased and the rest of the money put toward the purchase of prizes. Either way, sponsors will need to have two people to work your booth/game. This would be a great activity for youth groups, clubs and community service hours for high school students. Any extra game/prize donation money will be used as a donation to the playground fund.

Admission to the games will be with an

armband costing \$6 for the first child and \$3 for each additional sibling, purchased in advance, or \$8 at the door for the first child and \$4 for each additional sibling. The armband allows children to play unlimited games to earn tickets for prizes or to go to booths to make crafts, get their faces painted, balloon animals, etc. All children or persons who play a game would win at least one ticket for participating and more for success at the game. The tickets are then saved and traded in at the prize booth for the prize or prizes of the child’s choice, based on the number of tickets won. Each child will be given a bag at the door with his/her name on it in which to keep the tickets.

By having community members and organizations sponsor games and prizes, all proceeds from armband sales will go to the playground fund. Sponsors will have the opportunity to pass out appropriate information about your church, organization or business and a poster at your booth will relate the name of the game and sponsors name. This would be positive advertising for your organization while helping the children at Roundstone Elementary.

Please read the volunteer sheet in this week’s *Signal* and sign up to help. We have lots of jobs that need to be filled with volunteers.

For more information/questions, contact Cynthia Wolfe Rogers or Tonya Parrett Clark at the school 606-256-2235.

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Kentucky Senator and Republican gubernatorial candidate David Williams spoke to the Kiwanis Club at their regular monthly meeting last Thursday. In the above photo, Williams, left is shown with Kiwanis member Glenda Smith and his statewide campaign manager General Donald Storm. In the photo to the left, Williams is shown accepting a certificate of appreciation from Kiwanis Club President Billy Reynolds, who is also the Rockcastle County Attorney. Williams spoke to a large crowd for about 45 minutes about this year's legislative session and a few of his plans if elected governor.

“Blood Drive”
(Cont. from front)

cause you donated, and the homeroom with the most parents participating will win a pizza or movie party.

Blood donors must be 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and meet additional requirements. Sixteen year old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found on the Kentucky Blood Center's website: www.kybloodcenter.org

The KBC relies on volunteers to collect 400 units of blood per day to meet area patients' needs.

“Shoplifter”
(Cont. from front)

Stewart to stop because she had called the police.

Stewart threw the items she had shoplifted into her car and denied shoplifting, but French told her she had seen her do it and the police were on their way.

Mt. Vernon Police Officer Jeff Harness arrived on the scene and arrested Stewart, charging her with theft by unlawful taking under \$500, a misdemeanor.

Stewart was lodged overnight in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and pled guilty to the charges on Monday in court. She was released after posting 10% of her \$2000 bond.

“Williams”
(Cont. from front)

the best shape possible, making our educational system a top priority (which he mentioned the senate is currently working on through last year's SB-1), and the fiscal situation of the state.

He stated, “No one is going to look at Kentucky if we are fiscally debt ridden.” His options would include updating the state's pension plan so that it can meet the obligations of the present retirees without being a burden to the taxpayers.

“Commish”
(Cont. from front)

tendent Larry Hammond, who was acting as host to the commissioner, then proceeded to the high school where he also toured and spoke with staff before his final stop at the newly constructed vocational school.

“Shelter”
(Cont. from front)

immediately contacted Carpenter for an explanation. After Carpenter explained the situation and misunderstanding, Carloftis ordered that no dogs be put down until further notice.

Dogs are routinely put down in all animal shelters because of overcrowding. There are no kill shelters scattered across Kentucky, but those shelters will not

take just any dog - only ones they know they will be able to adopt out and are mostly operated by private groups.

According to Carloftis, 18 dogs were adopted by close of business Monday and another 35 on Tuesday. Of course, the kennel is still receiving animals and several are available for adoption.

Carloftis said Wednesday that he was receiving ideas from across the country for better “marketing” of the animals in the shelter. He said he would, at a later date, present a plan to the court for putting the information on more sites such as Facebook.

The remodeling at the shelter is being paid for by a \$12,000 state grant and involves rebuilding the inside kennels, putting a cover on an outside area adjacent to the kennel and building a sidewalk next to that outside area so the dogs can be viewed more easily.

The county spends over \$65,000 a year on the shelter from the general fund. That includes salaries for the dog warden, shelter director, truck expenses, utilities and veterinarian charges.

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“Spoonamore”
(Cont. from front)

tencing, Spoonamore, along with Donald Jones, was charged with three counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and five counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Bartley filed to revoke Spoonamore's bond and moved to up the sentence to five years imprisonment on the drug charges. Judge David A. Tapp granted the commonwealth's motion.

In Judge Tapp's division of the Rocket Docket, Spoonamore then entered a plea of guilty to all eight firearms charges. Bartley recommended a 7 year sentence on those charges and that those be served in addition to the five years for the drug charges. Tapp accepted the defendant's guilty plea and proceeded directly to sentencing. He then imposed the twelve years recommended by the Commonwealth. He noted that by the very nature of the charges Spoonamore had been convicted of prior felonies and remanded Spoonamore to the Department of Correction where he will serve his sentence in whatever prison they deem appropriate.

A hearing was then held to determine whether Jones had violated his bond restrictions. Testifying for the commonwealth, Deputy Sheriff Shannon Franklin testified regarding the firearms and burglary charges lodged against Jones while on bond. Judge Tapp made a finding that Jones had indeed violated his bond and found that the commonwealth would be entitled

to recommend a harsher penalty at Jones' sentencing hearing in front of Judge Burdette on February 11, 2011. Jones is being held, without bond on the drug charges, until his sentencing and will answer to the new firearms charges in a separate hearing.

Following court on Wednesday, Bartley noted, “There is a misconception that Rocket Docket pleas equal probation or some light sentence, but here is one of many examples of a harsh sentence being set, while at the same time saving the county some money. In this case, a man with multiple prior convictions will pay a harsh penalty, but the county won't bear the

costs of holding him for several months until the case makes its way through the system.”

Commonwealth Attorney Eddy F. Montgomery expressed his appreciation to the fiscal court for implementing Rocket Docket, to Judges Burdette, Tapp, Woods, and Lawless for their time in handling Rocket Docket cases, and to the sheriff's department for their diligence in working the case.

Montgomery remarked, “This is a clear example of our tenet in Rocket Docket to first do justice and ensure the public's safety. To be able to do so in an economical manner is icing on the cake.”

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Chase Home Finance LLC vs. Robert Miller, et al, \$39,975.43 plus claimed due.

Citizens Bank vs. Gerald D. Mink, et al, \$41,688.01 plus claimed due.

Peoples Bank and Trust Co. vs. Troy Harris, \$4,121.80 plus claimed due.

Danielle Carlson Denny vs. Franklin Denny, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Cumberland Valley National Bank vs. Phillip R. Carpenter, \$112,023.72 plus claimed due. CI-00017

Not the one

The James Michael Brown, listed as a defendant in a Circuit Civil Suit in last week's paper, is not the Mike Brown, owner of Brothead Tobacco and Tanning.

District Civil Suits

World Finance Corp. vs. Ronnie Bullock, \$2,381.44 plus claimed due.

Pattie A. Clay Hospital vs. Kathryn Taylor, \$1,075 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital vs. Delina Bowles, \$1,178.66 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital vs. Melvin C. Gibbons, \$891.55 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Scott D. Durham, \$2,238.90 plus claimed due. C-00022

Deeds Recorded

Clarence E. and Dorothy H. Brock, property north of Wildie, to Lori Jean Chasteen. No tax.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. property in Rockcastle County, to Anthony and Nell W. Cromer. Tax \$22.

Brittany McFadden and Douglas Delaney, property in Rockcastle County, to Linda and Roger Dykes. Tax \$12.

District Court

Jan. 24, 2011

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Kelby T. Johnson: fines/fees due (\$994.25), converted to 16 days in jail; theft by deception (three counts), \$20 fine plus costs each count and 20 days/probated on condition plus restitution.

Ryan B. Kinney: theft by deception (three counts), \$20 fine and 20 days, pro-

bated 24 months on condition plus restitution/convective.

Wesley H. Mullins: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs; assault, costs plus 180 days/serve 20/balance probated 24 months on condition.

Dennis J. Williams: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 2 months operator license suspension, 7 days and ADE authorized.

Billy E Bales: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension, ADE authorized.

Dana T. Ball: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Mark A. Barrett: fines/fees due (\$413), bw issued for fta/9 days in jail or payment in full.

Ronnie W. Belt: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs.

Jackie M. Bullock: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; no operators license in possession, \$25 fine and costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Keith E. Carpenter: fines/fees due (\$178 and \$180.65), 7 days in jail for contempt or payment in full/restitution converted to civil judgment.

Jessica M. Delarosa:

fines/fees due (\$508), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.

Jeff Ellison: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and six other charges, bw issued, license suspended for fta.

Speeding: Benjamin F. Jones, Jr, \$46 fine and costs; Johnny V. Jones, paid \$30 fine and \$133 costs; Mair Stnoh, \$38 fine and costs, STS authorized/fine suspended; Callie A. Garner, Joshua A. Lewis, Lucille J. Stephenson, paid; Kelly J. Miracle, license suspended for fta; Jonathan G. Zabala, \$32 fine and costs;

Robert E. Rogers II: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine and costs.

Curtis Northern: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Angie Medley: contempt of court, 60 days.

Niklaus J. Taulbee: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Dennis L. St. Clair: speeding and improper passing, license suspended for fta.

Jason S. Vanwinkle: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375

service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Joie T. Brown: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Joey A. Kelley: fines/fees due (\$533 and 238), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Melyssa Lanciault: fines/fees due (\$868), bw issued for fta/18 days in jail or payment in full.

Samuel Allen Martin: fines/fees due (\$143), 3 days in jail or payment in full.

Jerry E. Morris, Jr: terroristic threatening, \$100 fine/suspended, and costs on condition.

Regina M. Mullins: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.

William H. Renner: fines/fees due (\$887), 19 days in jail or payment in full.

Edward L. Rice: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs.

William E. Rogers: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operators license suspension/ADE authorized.

Rickey W. Shoryer: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, \$100 fine and costs.

Gilbert G. Smith: fines/fees due (\$413), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Michelle Smith: fines/fees due (\$413), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Medina G. Stamper: fines/fees due (\$733), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

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Rockcastle County Clerk's Office

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PUBLIC NOTICE CUMBERLANDS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FUNDING: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I - Youth

ACTION: The Cumberland Workforce Investment Board (Cumberland WIB) is soliciting proposals for youth workforce development services to be provided to Cumberland Workforce Investment Area youth 16-21 years of age. The Cumberland WIB will accept proposals that incorporate summer youth employment opportunities into a full menu of youth services and activities. Under WIA, summer youth opportunities cannot be offered as a stand-alone program but must be integrated into a comprehensive array of year-round youth activities. There will be two (2) proposals, one for in-school youth and one for out-of-school youth. Please specify if request is for an in-school, out-of-school or both. Approximate funding levels are in-school youth \$682,500, out-of-school youth \$481,000 to serve the thirteen (13) counties of the Cumberland Workforce Investment Area.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is April 1, 2011, by 4:00 CT. All applications received after this date will be considered as funding becomes available.

ACTIVITIES: 1) Tutoring, study skill training, and instruction leading to secondary school completion, including dropout prevention strategies; 2) Alternative secondary school offerings; 3) Summer employment opportunities directly linked to academic and occupational learning; 4) Paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing, as provided in 20 CFR Part 664.460 and 20 CFR Part 664.470. 5) Occupational skill training; 6) Leadership development opportunities, which may include such activities as positive social behavior and soft skills, decision making, team work, and other activities, as provided in 20 CFR 664.420 and 20 CFR Part 664.430. 7) Supportive services; 8) Adult mentoring for a duration of at least twelve (12) months, that may occur both during and after program participation; 9) Follow up services; 10) Comprehensive guidance and counseling, including drug and alcohol abuse counseling, as well as referrals to counseling, as appropriate to the needs of the individual youth. [WIA Part 129(c)(2) and 20 CFR Part 664.410]; 11) Outreach/recruitment/eligibility/determination; 12) Assessment; and 13) Case management/intensive job placement.

APPLICANTS: Agencies or individuals interested in obtaining an application shall submit an inquiry by fax or mail to: Darryl McGaha, Lake Cumberland Area Development District, P.O. Box 1570, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642; (Fax: 270-866-2044). For further information call 270-866-4200. **The RFP and proposal forms will also be made available after February 1, 2011 on the LCADD web site at <http://www.lcadd.org> and at the reception desk in the LCADD/WIA Department, 2384 Lakeway Drive, Russell Springs, Kentucky.**

Four seniors attend WKU Honors Band

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe

Despite another dumping from Old Man winter, and yet another snow day, Mr. Greg Daugherty and four intrepid seniors made it to Bowling Green for the Western Kentucky University Honors Band weekend. This event went off as scheduled on January 24th, 25th and 26th. Several over 300 students from across the Eastern U.S. attended this weekend's program.

Thursday night was spent auditioning for chair placement and that was followed by a small rehearsal. The students were divided into three bands. Senior Mallory Harper was placed in Mr. Richard Saucedo's Band and Seniors Matt Fields, Ethan Miller and Sarah Morgan performed in Mr. David Starnes' Band. Mr. Richard Saucedo is a well-known composer and arranger. (He happens to be the arranger of the Marching Rockets 2010 show "Wicked" as well as many other works the RCHS Band has performed in the past.) Friday was filled with

rehearsals followed by eating which was followed by more rehearsals and more eating. Saturday morning was rehearsals and then eating and then the concert.

Matt Fields said, "It was really good and I enjoyed the food." Mallory Harper thought, "It was really fun. I met a lot of new people and that was great." Ethan Miller remarked, "It was amazing. Everyone was extremely friendly, the event was well organized and the directors were absolutely amazing. We ate everywhere under the sun." According to Sarah Morgan "It was the best experience I've had in my high school years. I really enjoyed working with Mr. Starnes and the WKU Honor Band Program."

At the concert on Saturday afternoon each band presented different music. Mallory Harper, with Mr. Saucedo's Band played "Skydance" by Richard Saucedo, "First Suite in E Flat" by Holst, "Lincolnshire Posy" Percy Grainger, "Circus Days" by

Karl King, and "Forever Holding Close the Memories" by Saucedo. Mallory's favorite was "Skydance" by Richard Saucedo.

Matt Fields, Ethan Miller and Sarah Morgan with Mr. Starnes' Band played "Crystal Moon" by Larry Clark, "Sonatina for Band" by Frank Erickson, "Clouds That Sail in Heaven" by Todd Stalter, "With Each (Comes a Promise of a New Day)" by Richard Saucedo, and "Synergies" by Robert Sheldon. Ethan's favorite piece was "Crystal Moon" by Larry Clark. "It is a fast, energetic piece. It had a fun trumpet part."

Both Matt and Sarah were really moved by "With Each Sunset (Comes a Promise of a New Day)" by Richard Saucedo. "It was my favorite piece because of the story behind it," said Matt. Sarah then related the story behind the music. "The story is of a man from Georgia, an electrician. He travels to the Mideast in search of a job, which he found. Sometime later, he and two other electricians, on their way home, are captured by al-Qaeda and executed. He was the last to be killed. David Starnes knew him and his daughter personally and commissioned Mr. Saucedo to compose the work. It was first played for the ceremony dedicating a memorial garden in Georgia. Everyone became connected with the piece and its story. Everyone was able to relate to the poignancy of the story and the music."

A great time was had by all and Matt Fields summed it up best, "I would definitely recommend this experience."

Coming Events

February 24th-26th – EKV Honors Band

February 27th- Central Kentucky Concert Band presents "Roy G. Biv" featuring Dr. Richard Cryder, trombone Soloist, Transylvania University, 3:00 p.m. This event is free to the public.

February TBA – Winterguard competitions will begin.

March 22nd -24th – KMEA Concert Band Festival

April 16th – Car Show Band Notes

Fundraising is a necessary part of any band program to help offset the high costs and provide opportunities for all students who wish to be involved in the music programs here in Rockcastle.

Monday, February 7th and Monday, March 7th – Pizza Hut Nights! Start planning now to eat out. Whether dining in or carrying out, mention the band and you can know that you helped them out.



Four seniors made it to Bowling Green for the Western Kentucky University Honors Band this past weekend. Pictured are: Band Director, Greg Daugherty; Ethan Miller; Matt Fields; Mallory Harper and Sara Morgan.

12th Annual Diabetes Day in Frankfort

The Kentucky Diabetes Network (KDN) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) are sponsoring the 12th annual Diabetes Day at the Capitol on February 10, 2011 from 8 am until 3 pm EST in the Capitol Annex building in Frankfort, Ky. (behind the State Capitol building) and are inviting concerned citizens to attend.

This annual event is held to educate Kentucky's decision makers about diabetes – especially how common, serious, and costly it is in the Commonwealth.

COMMON: The KY Diabetes Fact Sheet (September, 2010) noted that the prevalence rate for diabetes in KY is 4th highest in the nation at 11.4%. This means approximately 366,000 adult Kentuckians are estimated to be diagnosed with diabetes. In addition, 8% of Kentucky adults who reported being screened for diabetes, were

diagnosed with pre-diabetes (226,000).

SERIOUS: Diabetes often leads to complications such as heart attack, stroke, lower extremity amputation, kidney failure and blindness. The KY Diabetes Fact Sheet (September, 2010), noted that in 2007, there were 119,533 diabetes related hospitalizations in KY, accounting for 17.9% of all hospitalizations.

COSTLY: According to the American Diabetes Association, the total cost of diabetes for people in Kentucky in 2006 was estimated at over 2 billion dollars (\$2,043,000,000). (This es-

timate includes excess medical costs of \$1,340,000,000 attributed to diabetes, and lost productivity valued at \$702,500,000).

Kentuckians with, at risk for, or an interest in diabetes are invited to attend Diabetes Day at the Capitol on February 10, 2011. You will be asked to set up a visit with your legislator. To register go

www.kentuckydiabetes.net. For more information please contact, Nancy Walker at nancy.walker@grdhd.org or 270-686-7747 extension 3019.

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Posted

Posted: No trespassing on James Smith, Jr. property on McHargue Branch Road.

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No Hunting or trespassing on the property of James Barron, located on Barron Road at Blue Springs. 8x3p

No Hunting or trespassing on the property of Ricky Barron, located in Blue Springs on Barron Road. 8x4p

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 to anyone. Violators prosecuted. (12/29/11)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 7/6/11

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on any and all properties of Gary and Cheryl Sears, located in Rockcastle and Pulaski Counties. Not responsible for accidents or injuries that may occur. 9x1

Posted: The farm of Judy and Bradley Asher, located at 418 Doc Adams Rd. no hunting or fishing. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x1

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

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Notice is hereby given that Linda Derosssett, 9002 Long Pickett Court, Huntersville, NC 28078 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Patricia Mahaffey on the 10th day January, 2011. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Linda Derosssett or to Hon. William D. Gregory, 240 E. Main St., P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 11, 2011 at 11

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Notice is hereby given that Retha Bussell, 106 Hibiscus Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Mary K. Denny on the 19th day of January, 2011. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Retha Bussell or to Hon. John D. Ford, 45 East Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 20, 2011 at 11 a.m. 8x3

Notice is given that Ricky and Doris Smith, 297 McHargue Branch Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has filed a Periodic Settlement of their accounts as co-guardians of Jamason Ray Keith Smith, a minor. A hearing on said settlement will be held February 14, 2011 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 8x2

Notice is given that Ricky and Doris Smith, 297 McHargue Branch Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has filed a Periodic Settlement of their accounts as co-guardians of Anna Brooklyn Marie Smith, a minor. A hearing on said settlement will be held February 14, 2011 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before this date. 8x2

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If you worked full-time or part-time during 2010, and you had low to moderate income, you may qualify for the Earned Income Credit (EIC). You may also receive the Child Tax Credit (CTC) if you had children living with you for at least half of the

year. If you qualify you owe less in taxes and you may get cash back. Also, some people who don't owe taxes can get the Earned Income Credit. However, to get these credits, you must file a tax return.

The Earned Income Credit could put as much as \$3,050 into the pockets of a family with one child, or send as much as \$5036 to a family with two children, or up to \$457 for a worker with no children. This year workers raising three or more children in their home in 2010 can get an EIC of up to \$5,666. While the amount varies with your circumstances, the IRS estimates that 20-25 percent of eligible taxpayers fail to claim the credit. The extra dollars that taxpayers can

get through EIC can make their lives a little easier. Some individuals and families may qualify for the first time because of unemployment or other changes in their financial, marital or parental status during the past year.

Some examples of workers who can qualify for the EIC include: workers who have one child in their home and had income of less than \$35,535 (or \$40,545 for married workers); workers raising two children with income of less than \$40,363 (or \$45,373 for married workers); or workers with no children who earned less than \$13,460 (or \$18,470 for married workers). Workers who were raising three or more children in their home in 2010 and had income of less than \$43,352 (or \$48,362 for married workers) could get an EIC of up to \$5,666. Workers within these categories should check to see if they qualify. Workers with investment income exceeding \$3,100 in 2010 may not claim EIC.

Most paid tax preparers will automatically file the EIC documents for clients who qualify. But individuals who prepare their own taxes sometimes lose out on the EIC, because they do not include the needed forms with their tax returns. Free help is available to determine eligibility or to file a claim at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. VITA volunteers are trained according to IRS guidelines to fill out basic tax forms including those needed to claim the earned income credit and the child tax credit. VITA sites may be located in community action agencies, churches, libraries, public assistance offices, shopping malls, community colleges, and other public places. They may not be available in all communities. For more information about VITA site locations near you call the IRS at 1-800-906-9887.



Rockcastle Kiwanis Club welcomed Stephen Estes, President and CEO of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center along with Arielle Reese, Community Relations Director to their meeting last week. Thank you Steve and Arielle for sharing some of the happenings and the W.O.W. moments that continue to take place at our local hospital. In the photo from left are: Billy Reynolds, Estes, Reese and Glenda Smith.

NFPA reminders for firesafe winter

Peak season for home fires not over

Half of all U.S. home heating fires occur in December, January and February. That's according to the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment report, which shows that heating equipment is a leading cause of winter fires. In fact, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 66,100 reported home structure fires in 2008, causing 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are working together to remind everyone that home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season. For more information about the organizations' joint safety campaign, "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires," and a complete list of winter safety tips, visit <http://www.nfpa.org/winter>.

"Winter fires are highly preventable," says Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "Every tragic news story about a devastating winter fire is a reminder that simple precautions can prevent deadly consequences."

Audio available: USFA Acting Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines and NFPA's Sharon Gamache explain how to stay safe when it is

cold outside. Winter Safety Podcasts (Episode 6: Winter Storms.)

Space heaters resulted in far more fires and fire fatalities than central heating devices. Between 2004 and 2008, fixed (stationary) and portable space heaters (excluding fireplaces, chimneys, and chimney connectors, but including wood stoves) annually accounted for, on average, one-third of reported U.S. home heating fires and four out of five associated civilian deaths.

Meanwhile, an estimated 15,200 reported creosote fires – 23 percent of all home heating fires – annually resulted in an average of four civilian deaths, 17 civilian injuries, and \$33 million in direct property damage. Creosote is a sticky, oily, combustible substance created when wood does not burn completely. It rises into the chimney as a liquid and deposits on the chimney wall.

One in four heating equipment fires started due to a failure to clean equipment. Other causes include placing a heat source too close to combustibles, and unclassified mechanical failures or malfunctions. Roughly half of all home heating fire deaths resulted from fires started by heating equipment that was too close to something that could burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, or a mattress or bedding.

In addition to heating fires being a concern in the coming months, NFPA would like to remind the public that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires all year round. This time of year, whether you are feasting on Super Bowl Sunday or simply cooking to warm up on a bitter cold day, it is important to stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires.

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Project Graduation Meeting

The next Project Graduation meeting will be held Thursday, February 3rd at the high school cafeteria.

Foster/Adoptive Parent Meeting

Are you interested in becoming a Foster or Adoptive Parent? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will hold an informational meeting on Tues., Feb. 15th at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County DCBS office. For more information, contact Brandy Baldwin at 606-287-7114.

Financial Aid Workshop

There will be a Financial Aid workshop at RCHS on Thursday, February 3rd at 16 p.m. in the auditorium. Following the workshop, there will be a Project Graduation meeting. All senior parents/guardians are encouraged to attend both of these events.

Valentines Day Ball - Movie

A semi-formal Valentines Day Ball, for individuals with special needs of all ability levels and ages, on Fri., Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. There will be a live DJ, dancing, snacks and the celebration of Valentine's Day. Also, the movie "Happy Feet" will be the family friendly flick at the Russel Acton Folk Center on Sat., Feb. 12th. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free. Limited to 150 people. Call 986-9402 for more information on these events.

Ballroom Dancing for Adults

A six week class of Ballroom Dancing for Adults will begin February 4th from 7 to 8 p.m. and continue through March 11 at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. For adults 18 and above. Call 859-986-9402 for more information.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Rock Fire Grill. Everyone welcome.

VFW News

VFW Post 5988 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for members and their guests. The monthly meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. Bingo is held at the post every Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government, CCFFG, has their monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rockcastle Courthouse, 3rd floor, please use rear entrance. There will be no meeting for December. The next meeting will be January 18th and will be an election meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building. Monthly society meetings are held the 4th Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building in Mt. Vernon.

RCIDA Meetings

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month at noon on the third floor of the courthouse.

NA Women's Meeting

The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting, non-smoking.

Women's Narcotics Meeting

There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

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Bible Talk

In our study this month we want to talk about the three rules, or philosophies of life, as illustrated in the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-35.

Iron Rule - In verse 30 we read, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." The thieves spoken of here, were living by the Iron Rule. Do unto others before they do it unto you. Or, might makes right, the survival of the fittest. What yours is mine, and I'm going to take it. Sadly, we still have people like that in the world today. The criminal element live and die by the Iron Rule of living. When we take advantage and run rough shod over people, we are living by this philosophy of life and it is not a good choice.

Silver Rule - In verses 31-32 "And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side." The priest and the Levite lived by the Silver Rule of life. Do not do to others what you would not have them do unto you. What's mine is mine and I'll keep it. They did not kick the man that was down, but they didn't help him either. Most people will fit into this category in general, minding their own business and they don't go around hurting or harming others. This is good, but it lacks the positive help that others need to be given from time to time. A self-centered spirit is in this mind set, thinking of "me, myself and I."

Golden Rule - In verses 33-34 we read, "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him." This Samaritan lived by the Golden Rule of Life. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It's the mind set; what's mine is yours, and I'll share it. This rule includes the negative side that I will not hurt or harm you, but also the positive side of what we ought to do to help in times of need. He stepped up to help the man beat up and left half dead. He went out of his way to help and assist in his time of need. Which rule of life do you live by? It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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The 51st Annual Farmers - Business Banquet was held Monday night at the Rockcastle County Middle School. After a meal provided by the First Baptist Church Mission Team, the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, the Rockcastle County Soil Conservation District and the Rockcastle County Kiwanis each presented their community awards for 2010. In the above photo, Randall Templeman, District Conservationist, presents Mark and Kenneth Dyehouse of Dyehouse Cattle Farms with the 2010 Master Conservationist Award. At left, University of Kentucky Offensive Lineman and Rockcastle native Brad Durham was the guest speaker at the banquet. Durham was originally slated to introduce UK Football Coach Joker Phillips, who was unable to attend. Durham spoke about his own accomplishments and the importance of good leadership.

Proctor family finds hope at National Institute for Health

Reprinted from the February 3, 2011 New York Times *Medical Detectives Find Their First New Disease* By GINA KOLATA

Louise Bengé's medical problems started when she was 25. Walking became excruciating. Her calves got hard as rocks, and every step was agony. Her hands started hurting too. And the condition, whatever it was,

Skywarn Spotter Training

The Rockcastle County Emergency Management office will be hosting a Skywarn Spotter Training seminar.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m., at the Rockcastle County High School Auditorium.

For more information about this event, you can call the Rockcastle County Emergency Management office at 256-8436.

only got worse over the next two decades.

Ms. Bengé's family doctor in Mount Vernon, Ky., was at a loss, as were a vascular specialist, a hand specialist and a kidney specialist. Her two sisters and two brothers had the problem too, but no doctor could figure out why.

It was clear from X-rays why Ms. Bengé could barely walk: The blood vessels in her legs, feet and hands were accumulating calcium deposits like the scale that sometimes forms inside water pipes. The deposits had grown so thick that blood could hardly squeeze through. But calcium was only in those blood vessels of her legs and hands; her heart's vessels were spared, so she was not in immediate danger of dying.

A doctor prescribed weekly infusions of a drug, sodium thiosulfate, Ms. Bengé said, thinking it might bind to the calcium so her body could flush it out. But the drug did not work — it only made her vomit.

Finally, Ms. Bengé's family doctor sent her medi-

cal history to a detective agency of sorts, the Undiagnosed Diseases Program at the National Institutes of Health. Set up in the spring of 2008, the program relies on teams of specialists who use the most advanced tools of medicine and genomics to try to figure out the causes of diseases that have baffled doctors.

The idea was that understanding rare diseases can give insights into more common ones, said Dr. William A. Gahl, director of the program.

And, he said, there was another reason. "Patients who have rare diseases are often abandoned by the medical community," Dr. Gahl said. "We don't know how to treat if we don't have a diagnosis. The way our society treats abandoned individuals is a measure of our society. It speaks to how our society treats the poorest among us."

With Ms. Bengé and her siblings, the researchers have their first newly discovered disease. It is caused, they report on Thursday in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, by a mutation

in a gene that prevents calcium from depositing in blood vessels.

Now that they know the cause of the disease, the researchers have ideas for how to treat it. And the discovery also has implications for more common diseases, like heart disease and osteoporosis, in which calcium is deposited inappropriately.

The unraveling of Ms.

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Distance Earning Forum

The Eastern Kentucky Distance Earning Initiative will sponsor a Telework Forum at the 3rd floor technology room at the Rockcastle County Courthouse on Tuesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m.

If you have every wanted the ultimate work experience from the comfort of your home, make plans to attend this informative event.

Court agenda includes new voting machines, road program

County Clerk Danetta Allen met with the Fiscal Court, at their regular meeting Tuesday, to get approval for new voting machines for the county.

The machines will be paid for by a state grant of \$63,000.

Allen told the court that ES&S Election Services out of Omaha, Nebraska had submitted a quote for 20 new machines, two back-up machines, four "Rack and Roll," data storage machines for the voting machines and 14 Seiko printers, to print off information from the voting machines, for a total of \$64,160 plus \$1,160 shipping.

However, Allen told the court that she felt the county only needed to purchase 14 of the touch screen machines, the two back up, three rack and roll machines and 16 printers for a total of \$50,140 plus shipping. Allen said their would be around \$10,000 left from

the grant but "I don't think we need 20 machines and we shouldn't waste money if we don't need them."

The old push button machines will no longer be used and each precinct will have two I votronic touch screen machines plus Allen will have two back-up machines.

The court agreed with Allen's recommendation and approved the purchase of the machines.

William Lucas with the State Transportation Cabinet was before the court to present the Rural Secondary Road Plan for the county for 2011. Lucas told the court there was \$1,132,173 set aside for the plan for Rockcastle county. Of this amount, \$589,700 would be used for routine maintenance of the 151 miles of state road in the county, \$197 thousand would be put into the flex account for

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Task force formed to study recreational opportunities in county

A year ago, County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis asked Aaron Anderkin to look at the possibility of expanding recreational opportunities for Rockcastle County.

Carloftis formed a task force, naming Sam Hamilton and Regina Crawford as co-chairs, and the committee first met last spring at Quail Community Park. From that, and many subsequent meetings at the courthouse, the task force

decided to look at a large, multi-purpose, multi-seasonal use park for both recreation and improved health. Carloftis then charged the task force to look for possible building sites for such a park that would serve the greatest number of Rockcastle's citizens with easiest access.

During this time, the committee applied for and received (in the name of the

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Compromise bill on pseudoephedrine introduced in House

Rep. David Floyd, R-Bardstown (50th District) today filed House Bill 376, which if passed would make products containing pseudoephedrine a Legend drug, available through the determination of a pharmacist, or by a prescription from a medical practitioner. By making it a Legend drug, it would not be classified as a controlled substance. In filing the bill, Rep. Floyd believes this proposal represents a compromise in the on-going debate about pseudoephedrine and the fight against the manufacture of methamphetamine in Kentucky.

"While many of us are

sympathetic to those who have been adversely affected by the meth trade in Kentucky, I don't believe making pseudoephedrine only available via a doctor's prescription will curtail the meth problem in our commonwealth," said Rep. Floyd. "By placing more responsibility on pharmacists who already have a monitoring system for pseudoephedrine sales, we can gain better control on those who are purchasing the product to make meth while not punishing those who need pseudoephedrine for legitimate health purposes."

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Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Larry Hammond has been Superintendent in Rockcastle for 16 years.

Larry Hammond named Superintendent of the Year

Rockcastle County schools believe success happens one student at a time, a theme exemplified by Superintendent Larry Hammond, who makes it a point to communicate one-on-one not only with students, but with staff and school board members, as well as community members and business people.

His communication skills and his leadership in the areas of finance, effective educational programs and community relations were cited as reasons

Hammond being named recipient of the 2011 F.L. Dupree Award for Outstanding Superintendent. The award, announced last Friday during the Kentucky School Boards Association's annual conference, is presented annually by the family of the late F.L. Dupree Sr., a Lexington businessman and a lifelong supporter of Kentucky's public schools.

It recognizes exceptional leadership in educational programs, finance, and student, staff and com-

munity relations. Honorees are chosen by a panel of past recipients.

"Begin with the end in mind," is one of Hammond's favorite quotes, and he has used that outlook during the past 16 years to guide the Rockcastle School District from assessment scores in the mid-50s (on the old KIRIS exam) to a 2009 district transition index score of 97.

The improvement in academic achievement, and Hammond's involvement in

many areas of the community, have been a boon to the area's economic interests, said Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce President Arielle Reese.

"As chamber members, it is our job to ensure that our county and cities run and operate smoothly — and that tax dollars are spent in a cost-effective manner," she wrote in a letter of recommendation.

"We must work to

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Ramblings . . .

A New Generation

by:

Sara Coguer, Editor



You can say this is a pot-pourri of thoughts this week.

My children just do not understand my excitement. As I am sitting here multitasking, I am watching UK whip up on Tennessee (can you give me a hallelujah), looking at all of the Facebook status updates (and trust me, some people update you way too much), writing my column and checking my email. As I was checking my email, I had one from Jackson Energy saying my new bill was available for viewing.

Last month, even though it was so cold outside, our electric bill was only \$265 and change. Now I don't know about you, but that just about excites me as much as anything these days. Jason and I were high fiving each other and despite my children's claims of frostbite, we survived. Really, I learned that a thermostat set on 65ish -- plus covers as you are sitting around -- works.

So, I was really anxious to see if our efforts this month were going to garner the same results, and well, our bill was \$266 and change! YAY!!!!!! I mentioned to Alaina and Jason that I was going to check it and see how we did and Alaina commented, "well, as I have cold air blowing on my feet, I'm sure you did wonderful." See, no understanding.

It is really cool to see my nephew Sean (my sister Jane's oldest son) on TV during the UK games. He plays in the UK band and that is usually what we see him doing, but tonight it was in a crowd shot. Oh to be in college again having fun. Do you think that is a commentary on life, Sean, age 18, living it up at UK games and his aunt, age 39, living it up over a cheap electric bill?

I truly enjoyed the Farmers-Business Banquet held Monday night. I was a little put out that UK Football Coach Joker Phillips stood us up, but I was much impressed with his impromptu replacement, UK offensive lineman and Rockcastle

graduate Brad Durham.

Brad was originally only scheduled to introduce Phillips. Kudos to Brad, as he did a wonderful job filling in for his coach. He is a very well spoken young man with a bright future. I want to also thank the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the *Signal* as small business of the year. Mom absolutely deserves the honor and I know eyes are smiling down on us.

As I sit here and watch Kentucky still up by 10 with 10:37 to go, looking at Bruce Pearl reminds me of my favorite line of Sandra Bullock's from *The Blind Side* when she tells Big Mike that if he chooses Tennessee she will go to every game and root for him, but she would not be caught dead wearing that gaudy orange. Haha, can you give me another hallelujah?

Is it spring yet? I never thought I would be tired of snow, but I am tired of snow.

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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



The Proud Tradition of the Freemasons and Their Place in Rockcastle's History, Part II

Last week, the Roots series took a look at the history and tradition of the fraternal brotherhood known as the Freemasons on a national and world perspective. The Freemasons have been here in Rockcastle County for decades. I couldn't find anyone who knew exactly when a local group came into existence, but I'm almost certain the Masons have been here for over a hundred years.

According to a local Masonic source, the county had three lodges at one time. The Mount Vernon Lodge, Ashland number 460, was located above the Hiatt's Five & Ten for many years. Livingston had a lodge as

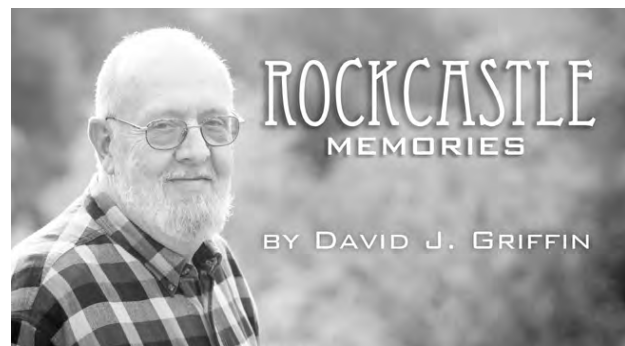
well, located above what is known as the Stallworth Building. It was the Dave Jackson Lodge, (possibly lodge number 566). As time passed, the lodges combined with the Brodhead Lodge, which is currently thriving. The Masons only allow males to be a part of their organization, although there is an organization known as the Eastern Star for females. I've been told you must have a father, husband, or brother in the Masons to be a part of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star had at least one lodge here in the county at one time, however, I'm not certain if it still exists or not.

To be a lodge member, you must pay your dues, as required by many other groups. These local dues go to support a home for elderly Masons and their wives at Shelbyville, Kentucky.

All Masons have what is known as a degree. The first and second degree Masons are in the initiation process. A third degree Mason is one who attends regular lodge meetings. This continues until the thirty-second degree, who are the Shriners. There is a thirty-third degree that is reserved for presidents and other dignitaries.

Membership is usually by invitation. The Masonic order is based on Christian principles.

Remember that I'm looking for good stories about the county, people and the events in their lives. I may be contacted at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net.



Cruisin' the streets of Mt. Vernon

It's 1960 and the summer streets of Mt. Vernon are filled with a wide assortment of customized automobiles. Add the sounds of AM radios blaring the hits of the Top 40 radio stations, and you have the necessary ingredients to make the icing that tops the cake of that adrenaline rush.

Guys were driving their 'souped up' cars with the windows rolled down, their cigarettes hidden in the rolled-up sleeves of their t-shirts, girl friends sitting close by their side, WAKY or WLS playing on the radio, and -- as far as we were concerned -- all was well with the world.

The above scenario was an everyday event in the lives of teenagers living in the early 60's. In our spare time, we couched up \$2.00 for gasoline, picked up our friends, and began our nightly travels with high

hopes for fun and adventure.

The hit songs of that year were quite memorable. I had just gotten my drivers license and was hauling my friends around almost every evening. The songs that were playing on my car radio that I distinctly remember were: Only The Lonely by Roy Orbison, Let's Go -- Let's Go -- Let's Go by Hank Ballard, Save The Last Dance For Me by the Drifters, The Twist by Chubby Checker, He Will Break Your Heart by Jerry Butler, It's Now Or Never by Elvis Presley, I'm Sorry by Brenda Lee, When Will I Be Loved by the Everly Brothers, Georgia On My Mind by Ray Charles and Doggin' Around by Jackie Wilson.

We had a specific circle route that we used almost every night. We began our course by making a U-turn at Helton's Five and Dime (more recently Hiatt's) and slowly made our way up Main Street, then turning down Richmond Avenue toward Renfro Valley. Paul Daily lived on the edge of town just before you get to where McDonald's is now, and there was a vacant lot across the road from Daily Street where we made another U-turn and started our way back to the Courthouse. Over and over we made the circle while checking out the cars and looking to connect with our friends.

As we drove, we waved and blew our horns to those who too were looking for their pals. I can see several of those particular cars and drivers even now. Here comes Penny Nunneley in his Studebaker; there goes Jimmy Fain in his "snazzy" black 57 Chevrolet; Jim Cox is tooling around in his light

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Points East

By Ike Adams



This piece will be unrevealing to those of you who pay close attention to the prevention of colon cancer. Sooner or later (sooner is probably better) your family doctor is going to recommend that you have a colonoscopy and the older you get, the more adamant the doc is gonna be that you get the big part of your gut checked out.

I did it one time in the mid-seventies because it was a requirement of my health insurance at the time. Two days later I was swearing that death was a viable alternative.

But that was then and I would like to tell you a little about now because it is so radically different.

I would mention my family doctor but he is so good that he is not taking on new patients. So lets just call him Dr. John (which is actually his real name but you can't find it in the phone book with just that notation.)

But, to make a long story short, Dr. John discovered some stuff that deeply concerned him, going on inside my belly. So I reluctantly submitted to a colonoscopy and endoscopy of my abdominal interior. I figured that everybody has to die sometime and this was as good a time as any. I had

lived through the first one of these and survived but I am an old man now.

And, so, I went to see Dr. Delbert Fritz, a surgeon there in Richmond and he queried about this and that the way that doctors do and told me that I ought to quit smoking, the way that doctors do, and then he scheduled me for the dreaded procedures at the "Same Day Surgery" clinic at Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond last Thursday.

Prior to the invasion of my gut, I had to go on a starvation diet for about 40 hours. Liquids only. Water and Gatorade and apple juice. Jello. And lots of it as in all I could hold down. Laxatives and evil tasting magnesium citrate, the latter of which I intend to use this spring to clean out the mowers and tillers I use in my lawn and garden. An enema. And then, for the last eight hours before the procedures, I could have nothing. Suffice to say that I have had a hint of what starvation is all about. Suffice, also to say, that I know what it is like to sit on the toilet and read for 36 hours. I should say thank you, Lisa Scottoline, for keeping my mind off everything else

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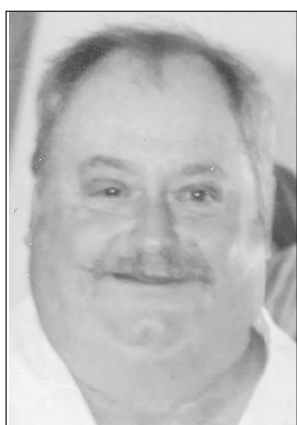
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Obituaries



Robert Dale Burke

Robert Dale Burke, 51, of Brodhead, died Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He entered this life on November 18, 1959 in Berea, the son of Verna Lee Cromer Burke and the late Robert William Burke. He was united in marriage to Mary Etta Spoonamore Burke on June 4, 1989 and they shared 21 wonderful years together. He was a self-employed roofer, was of the Church of God faith and enjoyed fishing, camping and cooking out.

He will be lovingly remembered by: his wife, Mary Etta Spoonamore Burke of Brodhead; four children, Robert William (Jennifer) Burke, Joshua Dale (Jennifer) Burke, Joseph "Shane" Burke and Jessica Dawn (James) Carpenter, all of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Aubrey Anna Burke, Makayla Paige Burke, Joseph Dylan Burke, Jamie Dawn Carpenter and Chloe Grace Burke; his mother, Verna Lee Cromer Burke of Brodhead; one brother, Roger (Irene) Burke of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Janice Vanzant of Mt. Vernon, Iva Reno of Maryville, TN and Kathleen (David) Cope of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his father he is preceded in death by: two brothers, Jimmie Burke and Billie Gene Burke; and one sister, Joyce Lee Everett

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday February 10th, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial will follow

in the Burke Family Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Johnny Cromer, Shannon York, Kelly Whitaker, Jeff Marlow, Mike Phelps and Bobby Evans.

Condolences to the family can be sent to his online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Abigail Haddix

Abigail Leann Haddix, infant daughter of Billy Haddix and Jamie Leann Rowe, was stillborn January 5, 2011 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by: a half-sister, Evie; her paternal grandparents, Howard and Denise Haddix of Mt. Vernon; her maternal grandparents, James and Shelia Rowe of Brodhead; her great grandparents, Irene Graves of Mt. Vernon, Rev. Albert and Eva Griffin of Mt. Vernon, and Bill and Cricket Haddix of Mt. Sterling; and her great great grandfather, Charles Machal. Also surviving are: a special aunt, Michelle Rowe (Tom Phelps) and cousin, Isaiah Phelps of Brodhead; a special uncle, Eli Haddix of Mt. Vernon; and many great aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. All will greatly miss her, their little angel.

She was preceded in death by: great grandparents, Dempsey and Lillie Brummett, and Lewis Rowe; and a step-great grandfather, Bobby Graves.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the West Brodhead Church of God by Rev. Albert Griffin. Music was by Roger Rowe. Burial was in the Negro Creek Cemetery.

The family of Abigail Leann would like to thank all for the flowers and prayers. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and the family of Abigail.

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

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Terry Shafer

Terry Curtis Shafer, 64, of Brodhead, died Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He entered this life September 28, 1946 in Brodhead, the son of Charlie and Molly Joseph Shafer, both whom preceded him in death. He was united in marriage to Dianna Shearer Shafer. He was a carpenter and a construction worker. He will be remembered for his love of poker, the lottery and automobiles.

He will be lovingly remembered by: his children, Terry Shane (Robin) Shafer of Brodhead, Eric Travis (Beth) Shafer of Junction City; four brothers, Roy (Ruth) Shafer of Lancaster, Jimmy Shafer of Brodhead, Eddie (Joyce) Shafer of Gum Sulphur, and Kenneth Shafer of Brodhead; two sisters, Betty Singleton and Emma Crank, both of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Alexandria, Tiffany, Christopher and Nathan; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents he is preceded in death by four brothers, Junior, Bobby, Donald and Johnny Shafer.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 6th, 2011 the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Interment was in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Chad Shafer, Darrell Shafer, Mark Singleton, Chris Chavez, Mike Huntsberger and Gene Pendency.

Honorary casketbearers were: Harold Smith, Tommy Shearer and Danny Ackley.

Condolences can be sent at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Mary Morris

Mary Kathryn Morris, 80, daughter of the late Alonzo and Lovely Mae Morris, died Sunday Feb. 6, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was a Dresser Industries retiree and a member of the Berea Baptist Church.

Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at the Johnetta Cemetery in Rockcastle County with Rev. Jack Martin officiating.

Lakes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online register book at www.lakesfuneralhome.com.

Orville Reynolds

Orville Dean Reynolds, 67, of Eubank, died Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at his home. He was born October 9, 1943 in Rockcastle County, to the late Oscar B. Reynolds and Mildred Catherine Cummins Reynolds. He was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Denney Reynolds whom he married on February 2, 2007. Also surviving include: four sons, Danny Clayton Reynolds and companion Diane Brinson of Somerset, Kelly Allen Reynolds of Somerset, Shawn Reynolds of Somerset, Shane Reynolds of Somerset; two brothers, Shelby (Kathy) Reynolds of Mt. Vernon and David Reynolds of Somerset; four sisters, Nina (Allen) Stallins, Margie Hutchens of Eubank, Linda (Bobby) Price of Somerset and Kathy Nantz of Union; two grandchildren, Kathryn and Kody Reynolds and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents,

he was preceded in death by brothers Danny, Bobby Lee and Oscar Reynolds and one sister, Faye Fidner.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 11th at 11 a.m. at Liberty Baptist Church with Bros. Zandall Hasty and Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial will follow in the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, February 10th at Liberty Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be Josh, Steve and Tim Reynolds, Rodney Brown, Joe Lovins, Steve Hawkins and Steve Gentry.

McKnight Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In Loving Memories

In Memory of James Richard Thomas

Once there was a little rose vine that grew around Heaven's gates. Finally, it found a little crack to grow into. It grew and grew. And, one day, in January, there was the most beautiful red rose on it Our Heavenly Father said, "Welcome home, Richard. We have been waiting for you."

We would like to thank everyone who prayed for Richard, sent cards, called and sent food. He enjoyed the calls and reading the cards, while he was still with us. We want to thank the Hospice nurses, Nancy Isaacs, Home Health workers, his friends and co-workers at the Blue Grass Army Depot for all that each of them did. Thank you to Lakes Funeral Home and staff for their kindness shown to all of us. Over 500 people came to pay their respects to Richard in very cold weather. A special thanks to Rev. Ed Hubbard and White Lick Baptist Church members for feeding all the family and friends of James Richard Thomas. And, let us not for-

get all the cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends that kept in touch and sent special messages on Facebook.

The Family of James Richard Thomas
We all love him dearly and will miss him *very much*



In Memory of Shane Boswell

When all is left are tears and pain,
And your world is full of rains,
When your heart's broke,
And all the world is full of smoke,
From your precious bridges burning,
After all the lies and finally learning,
That when you have failed the test,
And when your friends and friendships are laid to rest,
When you look deep dark inside your heart and mind,
When who you are now is who you want to leave behind,
Look to your right and to your left,
Look not to the front or behind but to who's left,
When you are at your lowest point,
Look not at those who tell you what you want,
But those who are straight-forward and speak their mind,
Don't trust those who are fake and only outwardly kind,
But those who go out of their way to keep you from being hurt,
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“Ramblings”

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I think the church in Lexington that made national news by putting on their marquee “Whoever is praying for snow, please stop” has it absolutely right. I am so glad the groundhog did not see his shadow.

Don’t forget the people you love most on Monday, we wouldn’t want the economy to backslide because you forgot Valentine’s Day.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

while I devoured “Look Again”.

And so, Loretta took my wasted-away carcass to the hospital and we arrived at 6:30 AM last Thursday. I am used to sitting in waiting rooms and reading back issues of Time magazine for at least an hour before anything happens when I go to the doctor. Not so at Pattie A. Clay. By 6:35, Brenda Bramer, RN had ushered me into a room and instructed me to undress down to my socks and how to put on a hospital gown. By 6:40 I was flat on my back, wrapped in a warm blanket on a comfortable hospital

cot with an IV in my wrist dripping sodium chloride into my bloodstream. I had a device that allowed me to watch television with one button and call nurse Brenda with the red button in case I panicked.

But then they let Loretta come in and sit beside and all was well as we watched the goings on in Cairo and were glad that we were in the safety of a hospital. I was not really naked because I still had my socks on in case we had to run. Finally, an hour later, Nurse Brenda came in with a hypodermic and announced that now I was to get the good stuff. She explained that it was a mild sedative that would take my worries away as she inserted it into the IV. About five minutes later, I announced to Loretta that if I was a single man, I’d be proposing to Nurse Brenda.

Next thing I knew, three people from the surgery room were wheeling me into just that. I vaguely recall talking to the nurses about how to buy stuff on ebay and that’s it. The next thing I remember was waking up back in the room where it all began and Nurse Brenda was assuring me that I was just fine as if I didn’t already know it.

I managed to get out of the backwards gown and get

my clothes back on. And they let Loretta back in the room as I slowly came back to reality with nothing but grilled chicken on my mind. I was in Lo’s car before 11:00 AM and, I thought to myself, I’d just had the best two hours sleep I’d had in weeks.

Thank you, Dr. Fritz, for being the consummate and caring surgeon that you are. And thank you staff and nurses, especially Nurse Brenda Bramer, for the friendly and way-beyond excellent care and attention I received at Pattie A. Clay Hospital. You guys are health care at its finest!

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

green 49 Ford with the front seat out and him sitting in a regular chair; Nancy Helton is riding in her brother John Dale’s 56 Dodge; Bud Cox is looking cool in his 58 Bonneville convertible; and there goes Jerry Hansel in his 54 Mercury with that customized grill, and of course Red Sweeney is sporting his 50 Mercury that was lowered almost to the ground. There were plenty of others who also made their nightly runs through Mt. Vernon.

Just as a side note – it was Nancy who developed a habit of spending the night in her car with several other MVHS cheerleaders. Sometimes they parked on the high school football field and took a snooze.

As the clock started to strike the hour of 10 pm, many of the cars began migrating to favorite parking spots. The most famous was the water reservoir on the old road to Brodhead. I can distinctly remember turning into that little gravel road only to see a half dozen other cars already taking up the best spots. Sometimes we simply got out of our cars, “turned up the music” and danced in the gravel.

Another favorite parking location was the old road on the way to Renfro Valley. There were a few fairly well-hidden places to pull your car off the road so you and your friends could listen to the best rock and roll songs of the day and watch the “submarine races.”

There was another spot that only a few of us used—the loading dock behind the Post Office on Main Street. The neatest thing about that location was its closeness to town. You could leave the Dinner Bell Restaurant and be parked in less than five minutes. Almost no one ever interrupted you because not many teens even knew about this special place.

I will never forget pulling into that distinctive location one evening while listening to Dick Biondi. A little later, when I was starting to back my 58 Chevy into the lot behind, I was surprised to see that the entire automobile was covered with snow. (I had been a little too occupied to notice!)

Most of the time when we had dates, we headed to the Valley Drive-In Theatre in Renfro Valley or to the Vernon Theatre on Main

Street. In 1960 I was dating Barbara Sue Mullins, and I remember us going to the drive-in to see Alfred Hitchcock’s Psycho. We were enjoying a large box of popcorn and a couple of Cokes when Norman Bates opened the shower curtain and began to stab Janet Leigh. We both screamed, and she threw popcorn all over my freshly washed 58 Chevy. (That was the scariest movie I had seen up to that time.)

Barbara Sue was embarrassed, but she did spend the rest of the night sitting close to my side. When I decided to go back to the snack bar, she absolutely insisted on going with me. I guess it was my first lesson that scary movies could bring a gal physically a lot closer to you – a lesson worth noting for a young man.

Every time I reminisce about the good times of the 60’s, I end up with a smile

on my face. As Marty Cox recently reminded me, “We were so fortunate to be alive then. We had so much fun just being together and having good old clean fun.” Some of those friendships have lasted for more than 50 years, and our times together remain etched into our minds.

As Hank Ballard would say, Let’s Go, Let’s Go, Let’s Go back to 1960! If we can’t manage to turn back time, we can still re-live the era in our minds and hearts.

(You can reach me at mtmnm@ms.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 – Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

Our Readers Write

Need help with picture...

Dear Editor,

I am trying to locate the owner of a picture of Rebecca Jane Brewer-Minks and her daughter, Celia Ann Mink. Someone gave me a copy of a copy and is in fairly bad shape. This person forgot who she got the copy of this old picture from, there I am trying

to locate it in hopes of getting a cleaner photo. I have been researching my Minks, Mink, Meeks or Mynx, Cromer’s, Smith’s and etc. If anyone knows who has this photo in their possession please contact me. My phone number is 606-758-8659 or my cell 859-582-3625. I would be so grateful.

Thanks,
Debra J. Brown

Sponsored by Rockcastle Regional Hospital Women’s health event planned

Rockcastle Regional Hospital is sponsoring an event for women in recognition of American Heart Month. Heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States.

The 3rd annual Women’s Heart Health Expo called “Go Red at the Red Barn” is an event aimed to educate women on the dangers of heart disease. The free event will feature a heart healthy meal, education and fun.

All women are invited to attend the event on Monday, February 28 at the Renfro Valley Red Barn. Entertainment will be provided during the meal by bluegrass band “The Mountain Connection” beginning at 5:30 p.m. Attendees must register by February 21 by calling 256-7880.

Women will also have the opportunity to participate in health screenings and visit educational booths. Keynote speaker, Dr. Rick McClure, is a Cardiologist with the UK Gill Heart Institute. McClure completed his degree, residency and


fellowship at the UK Chandler Medical Center. He travels to Rockcastle for outreach clinics weekly.

Amber Philpott, award winning news anchor with WKYT-TV in Lexington, will address the women at 7:30 p.m. There will be door prizes and gifts for those women in attendance. Women can network with others and even hear a personal experience from a local woman.

Event coordinator and Community Relations Director Arielle Reese says this event provides a unique opportunity for women to focus on critical areas of their health. “Women often forget about taking care themselves, while their attention is focused on taking care of the family,” said Reese. “We invite all women to join us at the Red Barn and recognize American Heart Month.”

For more information or to sign up, contact Reese at 256-7880 or visit www.rockcastlehospital.org.

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CHURCH NEWS

Benefit Singing

There will be a benefit singing for Brother Andy Miller to help with medical expenses at McNew Chapel Baptist Church at Cove Branch off Hwy. 1004 on Saturday, February 19th at 7 p.m. Pastor Jerry Ballinger and congregation invites everyone to attend. Special singers will be announced at a later date.

Benefit Singing

There will be a Benefit Singing at Maretburg Baptist Church on February 12th from 6 to 8 p.m. Special singers will be Country Charlie Napier, Larry Settles and Samuel Bullock and other special singers are Melissa Singleton, Jill Stevens, Harold Harper and Bobby and Shawna Barnett. Proceeds will go toward the funeral expenses of Charlie Ray Hayes.

Everyone come and join us in Christian fellowship and good gospel music.

Chili, Soup & Sandwich Supper

Calloway Holiness Church will have a chili, soup and sandwich supper, with desserts and drinks at the Livingston Fire Station on Friday, Feb. 11th, starting at 6 p.m. \$5 a plate. The Doan family will be singing. All proceeds go toward the church's building fund.

Benefit Singing

for Jeffrey Barnes
A benefit singing for Jeffrey Barnes, who has been diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, at the Lighthouse Baptist Church on Gabbardtown Road in Berea, Saturday, February 12th at 6 p.m. Singers will be Gift of Grace, Hall Family, Southern Faith Walkers, Roy & Kay Hines and Singers, The Doan Family. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Roy and Kay Himes at 859-986-4806.

Passing the Torch

Grace Fellowship Church invites you to attend an upcoming three day conference - Feb. 11-13. The conference is entitled Passing the Torch and special guest speakers will be Dr. T.L. Lowery on Fri., Feb. 11th at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 13th at 10:30 a.m.; Tommy Combs on Sat., Feb. 12th at 10 a.m. and Eddie James on Sat., Feb. 12th at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 845 S. Main St. in Carnaby Square, London. For more info, call 606-864-4635 or visit their website www.graceforyou.com.

Let the Bible Speak

Tune into "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

Mamaw's Kitchen

Regina Poynter Hoskins

FIGHTING-OVER-THE-CORNERS

RED VELVET CAKE
This was a favorite of Cousin Timmy's as well as mine. If I happened to be there at the same time that he was, we would fight over the corners as they had the most frosting, hence the name. This is the cake and frosting recipe Mamaw always used.

1/2 cup Crisco® shortening
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 ounce red food coloring
1 ounce water
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons cocoa
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon vinegar

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 9 x 13 baking pan. Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, food coloring, water, and vanilla. Sift together cocoa, salt, and flour. Add flour to egg mixture alternately with buttermilk. Beat all these ingredients 10 minutes. Dissolve soda in vinegar and FOLD into batter. (Do not beat after folding in soda and vinegar.) Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched. Cool

completely before frosting.

FROSTING
1/4 cup flour
1 cup milk
Pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup Crisco® shortening
1 stick room margarine, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
7 ounces coconut
Cook flour and milk until thick; add a pinch of salt and set aside to cool. In separate bowl, mix sugar, shortening, and margarine. Cream until fluffy; add flour mixture and vanilla. Beat at high speed until spreading consistency. Spread over cooled cake. Sprinkle with coconut.

WHITE CHOCOLATE FROSTING

This recipe is not in my cookbook, but after trying it a couple of weeks ago, I decided it will be in next one. 1 cup white chocolate chips 1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened 1 tub (12 ounce) Cool Whip®, thawed 7 ounces coconut, optional Melt chocolate chips over very low heat or in microwave. Set aside to cool. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in cooled white chocolate; fold in Cool Whip®. Spread over cooled cake. If desired, sprinkle with coconut.



Lacey Michelle Hayes celebrated her second birthday at her papaw Jr.'s house with a Barbie party. She was surprised with a Basset Hound puppy named "Bo" from Mommy and Daddy. We would like to thank everyone who attended and for the gifts and cards she received.

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Fundraiser being held for Scott Brock

A benefit fundraiser for Scott Brock of Berea who has been diagnosed with terminal neuroendocrine cancer, and has known for less than a year.

Scott just turned 40 on January 30th, and is married to Sheila (Patrick) Brock, the daughter of Bill and Verna Patrick of Fairview.

As he awaits his SS disability, we need to come together and help them meet their many financial obligations and medical needs.

The benefit will be held Friday, February 25th from 7-11 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., at the Russell Acton Folk Center in Berea.

Entertainment for the event will be Kristi Miller and Yogi Brown, Will (Teen King) Reynolds doing his Elvis performance, and last but not least, Josh Logan.

Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up and \$5 for ages 6-11. Children 4 and under are free.

There will also be a do-

nation box to give extra money privately, only if you are able to do so. We understand that times are hard for everyone, and appreciate your kindness.

Snacks and refreshments will be sold during the duration of the shows for \$1 or less per item.

All proceeds will go to Scott and Sheila Brock. Please join us for this great cause!

Cards of Thanks

Earl Baker

The family of Earl Baker would like to say a special thank you to Bro. Jim Miller, Bro. Jasper Carpenter and the congregation of Livingston Pentecostal Church. We will not forget the kindness and hospitality they showed us. We would also like to say thank you to Marvin and Judy Owens and their staff. And, we would like to thank all our family, friends and neighbors for their love and support.

Mossie Noe Sowder

The family of Mossie Noe Sowder would like to thank Mary A. Harper for four years of helping to care for her, she was always ready to help in any way she could and was very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank Dr. Arvin for his kindness, Hospice for their understanding, compassion and help, especially her aide who was so careful and thorough.

The Cox Funeral Home and Buddy Cox for his personal care. Freedom Baptist Church for their very special service and for all their prayers, visits and thoughtfulness.

Everyone who helped care for her, especially Betty, all of the donations of the Gideon Memorial Bibles, sent flowers, food and cars. Last but not least, to all of those who showed their support by being there.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS & EXCESS FEES CALENDAR YEAR 2010

RECEIPTS:

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| LICENSES, TRANSFERS, TITLES | \$498,240.70 |
| USAGE TAX | 448,408.03 |
| AD VALOREM TAX & LIEN FEES | 853,695.55 |
| MARRIAGE LICENSES | 5,892.50 |
| OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES | 220.55 |
| DEED TRANSFER TAX | 18,720.70 |
| DELINQUENT TAXES | 216,832.28 |
| DEEDS, EASEMENTS, POWER OF ATTORNEYS, ETC. | 41,259.00 |
| MORTGAGES, CHATTEL MORTGAGES | 43,251.00 |
| COPIES | 1,416.75 |
| REFUNDS | 1,138.11 |
| FROM STATE | 9,816.04 |
| REVENUE SUPPLEMENT FROM STATE | 61,844.81 |
| FROM COUNTY | 4,862.02 |
| POSTAGE | 582.63 |
| CANDIDATE FILINGS | 2,060.00 |
| INTEREST | 325.84 |
| PAYMENT ON COLD CHECKS | 3,830.45 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 1,916.08 |
| AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS | 348.00 |
| OVER/UNDER | - 332.56 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$2,214,328.48 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| LICENSES & TRANSFERS | 347,107.40 |
| USAGE TAX | 436,109.39 |
| AD VALOREM- PROPERTY TAX | 354,233.94 |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND | 14,784.00 |
| DELINQUENT TAX | 29,397.08 |
| LEGAL PROCESS | 13,014.40 |
| PAYMENTS TO FISCAL COURT | |
| AD VALOREM- PROPERTY TAX | \$54,505.70 |
| DELINQUENT TAX | 16,717.93 |
| DEED TRANSFER TAX | 17,708.66 |
| OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE | 185.76 |
| RETIREMENT | 15,000.00 |
| TOTAL TO FISCAL COURT | \$104,118.05 |
| AD VALOREM TO OTHER DISTRICTS | 400,423.33 |
| DELINQUENT TAX | 100,326.51 |
| SALARIES & OPERATING EXPENSES | 285,317.81 |
| PAYMENT TO SHERIFF | 17,797.27 |
| PAYMENT TO COUNTY ATTORNEY | 29,221.01 |

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| PRINTING, BINDING, EQUIPMENT RENTAL, SUPPLIES | 24,972.57 |
| CONVENTIONS & MILEAGE, CLERK'S BOND | 5,085.59 |
| POSTAGE | 4,055.74 |
| REFUNDS | 5,126.15 |
| COLD CHECKS | 4,767.68 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$2,175,857.92 |

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$2,214,328.48
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The Little Team that Could!

1965 Livingston Blue Devils were 46th District Champions

By: David W. Owens

In 1965, America was finally overcoming and binding the wounds of an assassinated president. The unemployment rate was at 5.2%, half what it is now. The minimum wage was \$1.00, a gallon of gasoline cost .31 cents, a first class stamp .05 cents. The world was abuzz after Kentuckian Cassius Clay knocked out Sonny Liston. The favorite movie of 1965 was *The Sound of Music*, and the favorite television show was *Bonanza*, but the favorite show in Livingston was Coach Preston Parrett's Blue Devil Basketeers.

Livingston being too small to have a football or baseball team was known as a basketball town. With a graduating class of 42 students, Livingston was the smallest school in the 46th District. In Livingston, basketball players were treated like heroes. Opposing fans were amazed by the size and enthusiasm of the Blue Devils cheering section. Amos Owens, Jr., a Livingston alumnus and former player who was a regular at the Livingston games stated, "Every student who ever attended Livingston knows how important the game of basketball was to our school." Paul Sturgill, Red Bryant, and Bobby McNutt, those names were magic in the little river town.

When the 1964-65 season began, Coach Parrett had several concerns and rightfully so. He had lost to graduation four starters and the sixth man off, arguably his best team, the 1963-1964 District Runners-Up. That team went 25-8 and were ranked number one in the district and number three in the region before tournament play. According to the 1964-65, 46th district preseason Litkenhous rankings, it was to be the "Year of the Tiger." The defending District Champion Hustonville Tigers were ranked number one and Coach Billy Riddle's Brodhead Tigers, led by high scoring forward Marshall Norton, were ranked second. While Parrett's club ranked in the middle of the pack.

Those rankings proved prophetic as Hustonville finished the regular season ranked number one and Riddle's Tigers second in the 46th district with a 21-9 record. Parrett's Blue Devils finished in the middle of the pack with a 16-14 mark. In the regular season the Tigers and Blue Devils matched up twice with both teams winning on their home floor.

The 1964-65 season was a rebuilding season for Coach Parrett. Having lost his core of talent from the previous season, Parrett had only one returning starter, Billy "Red" Bryant to hang his hat on. As the tournament season approached, there was hope for Parrett's Blue Devils. Having only two seniors Bryant and

Ronnie Taylor, the Blue Devils were a work in progress. Parrett, like a master poker player, played the cards he had drawn. Up from the previous season B-Team were rugged rebounders, center Billy Wyatt and forward Vernon Sams, with playmaker Delbert Owens along with fellow juniors Gary Mink, and Lonnie Vanzant. Added to the mix was versatile Danny Hinton, who had transferred from Pineville High School. Joining the cast were sophomores, Bert Newcomb, Bobby and Larry Childress, and Jerry Poynter.

The Blue Devils took it on the chin during the early portion of their schedule as Parrett was shuffling lineups and offenses as the Devils struggled to find an identity. As the season progressed, the Devils were rapidly improving and Parrett even changed his coaching philosophy somewhat. Always employing an offense that encouraged scoring balance, he chose to use the philosophy of, "Never look a gift horse in the mouth," and designed the offense around the hot hand of Billy "Red" Bryant. Bryant carried the scoring load, averaging 27 points per game. While Wyatt and Sams cleaned the boards, plus the added guard play of Newcomb and Owens, the Blue Devils went on a roll



This photo was taken after the Livingston Blue Devils captured the 46th District Tournament in 1965. The pretty gals in the front row made the tournament a complete Livingston sweep when they received the Spirit Stick as the top cheerleading squad. They are pictured, from left: Pat Robinson, Silva Holcomb, Linda Bales, Carcille Carloftis, Martha Leach and Sue Bales. The team, back row, from left: Danny Hinton, Phil Childress, Billy Wyatt, Joe Bowman, Jimmy Fordyce, team manager, Delbert Owens, Ronnie Taylor, Jerry Poynter, Billy "Red" Bryant, Lonnie Vanzant, Coach Preston Parrett, Bert Newcomb, Vernon Sams, Gary Mink, Assistant Coach Kenneth Cornelius.

and were peaking at tournament time.

When the tournament began, the 46th district was made up of nine members. Listed here in the order they were ranked at the end of regular season; Hustonville, Brodhead, Crab Orchard, Memorial, Livingston, McKinney, Liberty, Casey

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In the above photo, seniors Ronnie Taylor, left and Billy Bryant are shown accepting the 46th District Trophy on behalf of the LHS Blue Devils team.

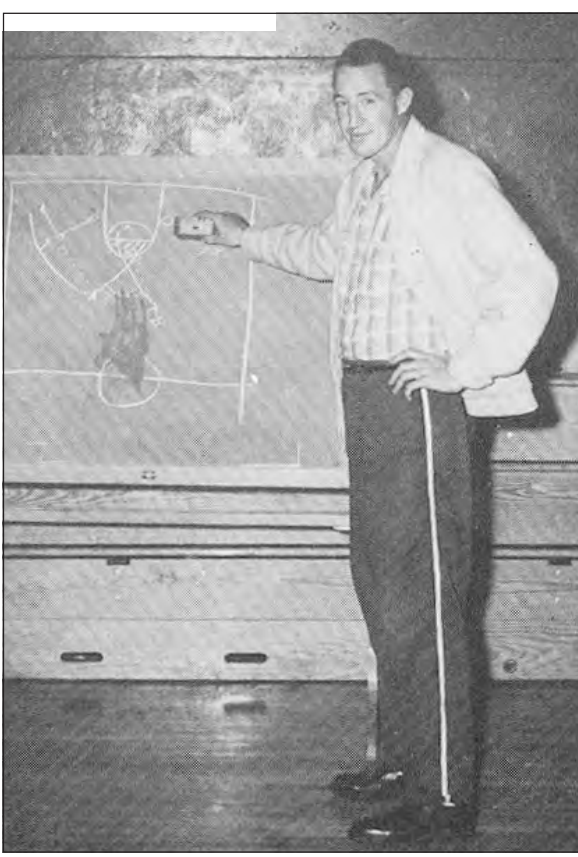
46th District All Tournament Team



Billy "Red" Bryant



Vernon Sams

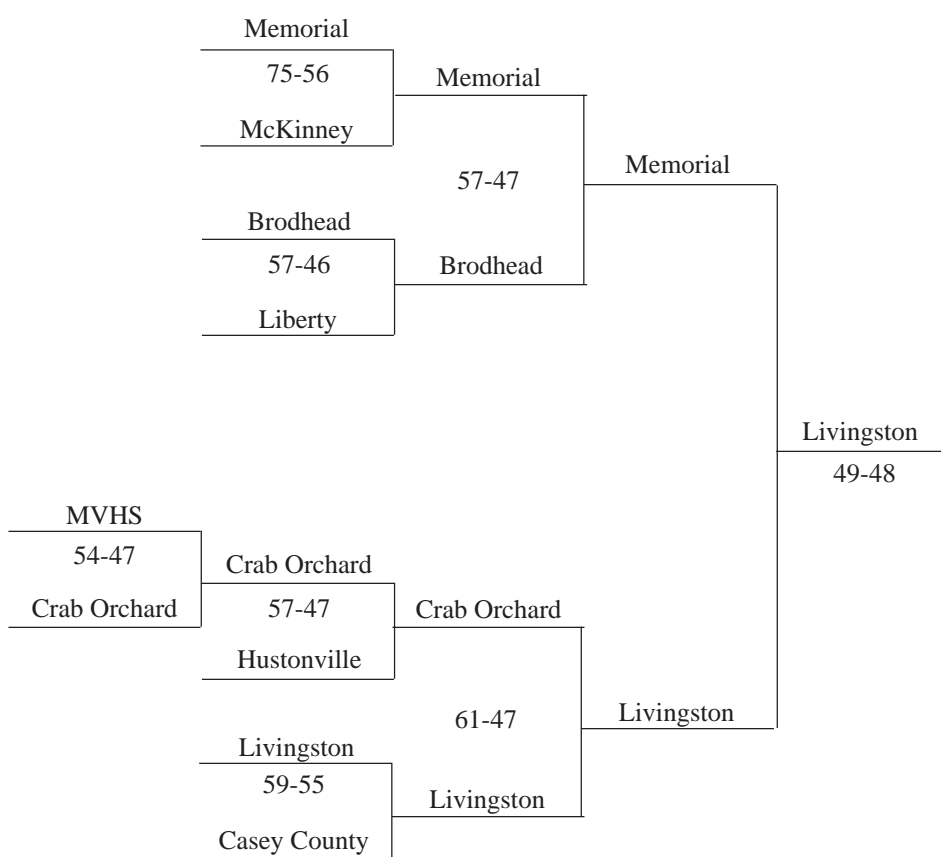


Coach Preston Parrett



This photograph was taken just after Billy Wyatt hit the front end of a one and one free throw, and Memorial got the rebound off the second toss and called time out. Notice the scoreboard shows three seconds left with LHS up one.

1965 46th District Tournament



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“Blue Devils”

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County, and Mt. Vernon.

Red Bryant put his hand into the ball bag, and took hence a basketball, and slung it, and smote the Memorial Tiger. I Samuel 17:49 L.H.S. Version

The 1965, 46th District tournament began on February 29th. The tournament host was Memorial High School at Waynesburg in Lincoln County. The Blue Devils had drawn a bye in the first round and met the Casey County Rebels in a second round game, which the Blue Devils prevailed 59-55. The Blue Devils then met the Crab Orchard Cubs in the semi-finals, who had beaten the tournament favorite Hustonville Tigers by a ten point spread 57-47. The Blue Devils were an overwhelming underdog in the match up against the Cubs. In convincing fashion, the Blue Devils put away the Cubs by a 61-47 score, a 14 point margin. This sent them to the finals where the Blue Devils were pitted against the home standing Memorial Tigers. Memorial's Tigers had beaten Brodhead's Tigers in the semi-finals 57-47. Memorial had previously topped McKinney 75-56 in the second round. In an incredible gut wrenching see-saw affair the Blue Devils turned back Memorial 49-48. The following is the original Mt. Vernon Signal, March 11, 1965 report written by Sports Editor, Lyle Underwood.

Livingston Wins District Title!

Behind the sharpshooting of Billy “Red” Bryant, Livingston High School rolled to its first District Tournament Championship Saturday night at Memorial High School. As fans from Rockcastle stood on their feet in the last minute screaming, “Hold that ball!” the Blue Devils held it like champions to edge Memorial 49-48.

It was a sweet victory for coach Preston Parrett, who had tried unsuccessfully for the past ten years to “Bring home the bacon” for Livingston. Coach Parrett had been cast in the runner-up role on two other occasions in 1959 and 1964* only to lose to Memorial. It was also sugar in his coffee to know he had made the championship game after losing six players out of the first seven from last year’s runner-up team. But Saturday night for an hour all was forgotten except to win and win the Blue Devils did!

(Author’s note: in 1964 Livingston lost to Hustonville 65-64 in the championship game. The Blue Devils were ahead 64-63 in that game with 26 seconds left but put up a shot instead of running out the clock. The shot failed to hit the mark allowing Hustonville to rebound the ball and win on a buzzer beater.)

Believed by the sports experts to have only an outside chance to get to the title game with a 16 win and 14 loss record, it was Billy

Bryant who decided to upset the arm chair strategists. The marvelous redhead scored an amazing 84 points in the three tournament games. His 43 points against Crab Orchard was high for a single game and his total points high for all other district play in Kentucky. It was his second highest game total in his career having scored 45 against Eubank three weeks ago.

Against Memorial, Bryant led the way with 25 points. It was a nip-and-tuck battle the entire game, with only a few points separating both teams. At the end of the first quarter the score was 13-13. At the half the scoreboard showed Memorial up 28-22. At the end of the third quarter it was again Memorial 39-37. In the fourth quarter the Blue Devils fought back to take a lead but with one minute, 50 seconds showing on the clock, Memorial tied the score at 48-48. Livingston then took procession and began to hold the ball and work for a final shot.

With three seconds showing on the clock, an over-anxious player fouled Billy Wyatt, and Wyatt hurried to the foul line for one and one. He hit the first and missed the second, but it was enough. A desperation pass down the floor by Memorial failed to connect and the whistle sounded with Livingston the new champs 49-48.

Players and fans swarmed, screaming onto the floor and hoisted Coach Parrett to their shoulders for a ride around the floor. But in the excitement, the fans did not forget that Vernon Sams, played three great games for Livingston. He was also named to the tournament team. Blue Devils players, who contributed a lion’s share to the victory were; Sams with 11 points, Wyatt with 7, Taylor and Owens with 2 each, and Newcomb and Vanzant with 1.

When the tournament team was named, Bryant who was named captain and Sams were from the Blue Devils. Others from Rockcastle were George Cloud of Mt. Vernon and Marshall Norton* from Brodhead. Three Memorial players, Denny Hogue, Lonnie Moore, and Jody McGuffey. Rounding out the team was; Billy Masterson of McKinney, Danny Williams of Liberty, Larry Todd and Jimmy Calloway of Crab Orchard, and Billy Hill of Hustonville.

(Author’s note: Marshall Norton looking back at that season stated. “We had a pretty good team and were favored by a lot of people to win that thing but, we didn’t get it done. Livingston had a pretty good team and I remember Bryant, he was quick and hard to guard.”)

It was a loud and joyful bus ride home back to Livingston that momentous night. One of the cheerleaders, Carcille Carloftis, recalled, “We just couldn’t believe it was true, it was sheer joy.” The streets of

Livingston were lined with cheering people when the Victory Train, made up of the team bus and two pep buses, followed by cars driven by parents and fans came rambling into town with horns blasting. Coach Parrett had team bus driver Dip Fordyce, make two passes through town, turning around at the Trolley Inn on the south end of town and Livingston Motor Company on the north end of town.

The players and cheerleaders were met with a standing ovation as they unloaded the team bus. A victory blowout followed at Bingham’s Café (the old Livingston bank and present Lil’s Place building), where players, cheerleaders, parents, and fans had gathered to celebrate. The place was packed, wall to wall, and you could hardly draw air. All of a sudden the cheerleaders led the entire crowd in the school song: “Oh, when those L.H.S. boys fall line, Were going to win this game and that’s a sign, For the dear old school we love so well, We’re going to yell and yell and yell and yell and Yell. And when our team rolls up another score, we’ll circle in and then we’ll fight some more, We’re going to cheer, cheer, cheer, Vice Sir rolly, Yes by golly, Vice so roll rah rah, YEA BIG BLUE, YEA BIG GOLD, YEA BIG TEAM, LETS GO GO GO!!!”

Following that, when things finally calmed down, Coach Parrett was asked to say a few words. Now, Coach Parrett was not one to heap a lot of praise on his players. Coach preferred to tell you what you did wrong instead of what you did right. Coach was always coaching, but this night was special and so were his words, “This is the tightest bunch of rascals that I’ve ever seen. They get eyeball to eyeball and toenail to toenail with their opponents and when a shot is taken they get in there and knock heads. They have brought the bacon home to Livingston. They are my kind of people-rough, tough, and ready!” Holding aloft the trophy, “The District Champs...Livingston Blue Devils!” The place went wild!!!

Remembering Coach Preston Parrett

Putting this article and an earlier piece on Paul Sturgill together; it became very much evident that the former Livingston players and community deeply appreciated and loved their beloved late coach. There is an old military saying, Once a marine always a marine. All of Coach’s old players state that saying was true of Coach. One former player stated, “He couldn’t coach us to be taller or faster, but he could coach us to be in top physical condition, to run as fast as we could the entire game.” Amos Owens, Jr, played on an earlier Blue Devil team, recalled, “Coach Parrett was pretty good with the Xs and Os, but we won a lot of games by being in better shape than other teams.” Danny Hinton stated, “He was a strict taskmaster but he also had a great sense of humor.” “Coach called everyone by a nickname; I remember he called me Loretta after a girl I was dating then.”

Coach also had unique ways to teach a point. Owens related, “We had a player that liked to dribble the ball, too much for Coach’s liking. Coach called time out, and while the rest of the team huddled, he had the guilty player to go out to the foul line and dribble the ball during the entire time out; Coach got his point across. Another former player, Coy Kirby recalled that one particular night, Coach Parrett felt they weren’t putting forth their best effort and made them run killers during half time. Kirby stated, “We didn’t loaf again.”

Ex-Blue Devil Ralph Allen remembered, “One night at Annville in a game we should have won, we really stunk up the place, I

mean one of those nights we couldn’t do anything right and got embarrassed. When we got dressed and got on the bus, we figured we were really going to get a chewing. Coach just got on the bus, standing on the steps, and gave us this most disgusted and disappointed look and said, “You sorry bunch, I don’t even want to ride with you.” He got off the bus and found some other way home. That said more than any chewing would have done. We learned our lesson and didn’t overlook anyone again.”

Cheerleader Sue Bales remembered, “One time we were really beating a team bad and Coach Parrett had put the second team in. We had scored 90 some points and we started cheering. We want a 100. Coach Parrett came over and told us in so many words to stop it. He taught sportsmanship, win or lose to respect our opponents.”

Dr. Jerry Poynter, who was a sophomore on that 1965 team, who now has a dental practice in London, stated, “He (Coach Parrett) was a patient of mine up until the day he died. I believe I respected him more than anyone I knew. He was so much more than just a coach. I guess he wore out two cars driving players home and picking them up for games. He would buy clothes and food out of his own pocket to help students. He was just a really, really good man.”

Paul Ponder, who played on the 1959 L.H.S. District Runner-Up team, “One of the things I remember about Coach Parrett was how he looked after his players. My senior year he asked me if I was going to the prom. I told him no because my parents didn’t have the money to get me a suit. A couple days later he called me to his office there in the gym. He just said here and handed me a new suit coat, dress shirt and tie. I never will forget that. For Livingston, Coach Parrett was our coach, teacher, counselor,

and friend. We shall never forget him.”

The following is a piece that Coach Parrett published in the Livingston School newspaper following the District Championship. Keep in mind this was written by a former marine during the turbulent time of the Vietnam War. Some would say the following words demonstrate that Coach Parrott is still coaching.

A Salute to the Champs- In this day of draft dodgers, draft card burners, peace marchers, and mommies’ boys, it is very heartening to see a group of young men, who are willing to sacrifice their time, to work hard, to build their physical strength and develop skills to be a champion.

In my job as physical education teacher and coach, I have observed a steady decline in physical toughness among both girls and boys. It is the day of the crier, the whiner, the quitter, and the loafer. It is high time that we as parents must allow our youngsters the freedom to climb a tree, walk a fence, wade the creek, stomp a mudhole, teach the art of work and deal out discipline with a firm hand.

It is time for parents and teachers to teach patriotism, love of country, respect for law, respect for authority, the valve of freedom and our American way of life. It is the time to teach our youngsters to stand on their own legs and have a firmer

backbone. It is the time to make our youngsters do their homework and up their grades. It is the time to make adults, not babies.

Yes, Champs, it is heartening to see a group of young men with pride, loyalty, spirit determination, willingness to sacrifice and the guts and desire to win. Congratulations on a job well done!

The Mt. Vernon Signal also published a letter of congratulations that week.

Congratulations LHS- We offer our sincere congratulations to the Livingston High School Blue Devils who defied the experts and won the 46th District Basketball Tournament at Memorial High School Saturday Night. It was the first Rockcastle team to win the championship since Mt. Vernon in 1956.

Especially we do congratulate coaches Preston Parrett and Kenneth Cornelius. Last year they lost six players out of the first seven and had to start from scratch with only the hope for a fair ball club. But with determination, and a dead-eye like Billy “Red” Bryant, the coaches were able to put together the district champions.

The win is only the more miraculous since it was a Rockcastle team winning a tournament at Memorial’s gym, they seldom do. Once again, we congratulate the team and coaches for a job truly well done!

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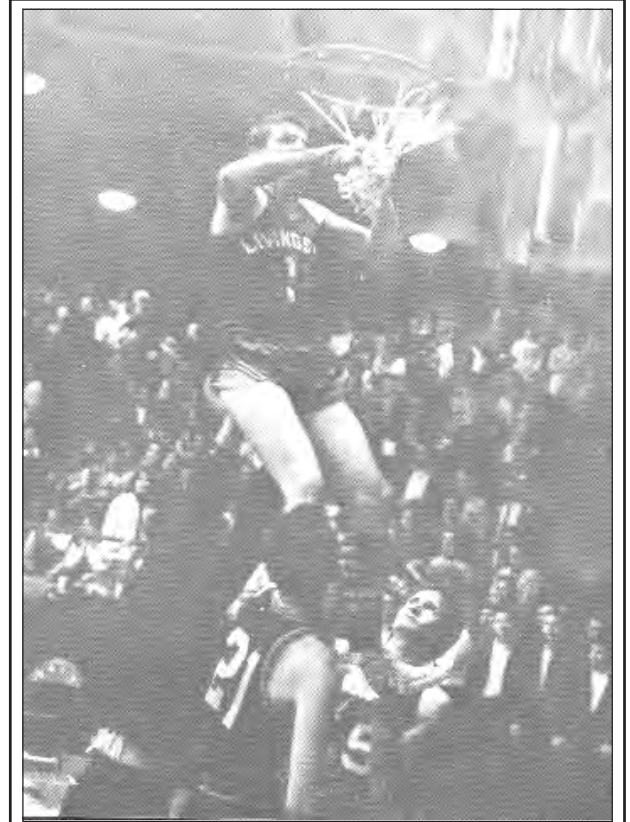
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The Spoils of Victory
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Lady Rockets cruise to 71-50 win over Station

There was much hype surrounding the Rockcastle-Bryan Station game on Tuesday night as two of the top teams in the state of Kentucky would square off at RockArena. However, the hype was misplaced as the Lady Rockets, ranked #2 in the state, ambushed the #17 team, Lady Defenders 71-50.

In attendance was Uni-

versity of Louisville women's head coach, Jeff Walz, who had to like watching the all around game of his incoming freshman and Miss Basketball candidate Sara Hammond. The senior center came out on fire knocking down her first seven of eight field goals, including two threes on her way to a 27 point performance.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to an 18-9 lead after the first quarter to set the tone for the rest of the night. Coach Noble's squad would put up 30 in the second quarter as senior guard Angie Lawrence exploded for 14 of her 20 points in the quarter to help build a 25 point 47-22 lead at the half.

Rockcastle would cruise through the second half to notch their 23rd win of the season against one loss and remain undefeated against state competition. For the Lady Rockets it would be their 14th straight double digit margin win.

Other Lady Rockets scoring were: Shanlee Burton, 8; Sydney Arvin and Michaela Hunter, 5 each; Kristin Abney, 3; Sara Adams, 2 and Kadi Cobb 1.

The Lady Rockets will go on the road to take on Southwestern Friday night and then travel to John Hardin High School Saturday to take on the #7 team in the state in Elizabethtown. Rockcastle will be back at home for Senior Night next Monday against McCreary Central.

Rockcastle vs. North Laurel

Overcoming a very slow first quarter and much of the second, the Lady Rockets went on the road last Friday night to face a very

determined North Laurel team, and came away with another victory, 78-45.

Although the Rockets were never behind in the scoring column, North Laurel kept pace with the Lady Rockets through much of the first quarter, ending the quarter down only five, 14-9.

Poor shooting by Rockcastle and hot shooting by the Jaguars helped North Laurel bring the deficit down to one, 20-19, with 2:10 left in the first half before Angie Lawrence took control of matters. Lawrence scored nine points and had two steals in the last 1:56 of the half giving the Lady Rockets the momentum going into the locker room up 31-22.

Although North Laurel struck first in the second half, cutting the Lady Rockets lead to seven, that would be the closest they would get due to the fact that Rockcastle got their own act together and were too much for the Jaguars to handle.

Rockcastle went on an 11-0 run after North Laurel's opening half score and ended the third up 18, 52-34.

A big three by both Kristin Abney and Michaela Hunter at the beginning of the fourth helped spur the Lady Rockets, along with scoring by six others, to a final 78-45 victory.

Sara Hammond led all scorers with 20, while Angie Lawrence added 18 to the total. Other scoring for Rockcastle: Sydney Arvin, 11; Michaela Hunter, 9; Kristin Abney, 7; Shanlee Burton, 5; and two each for Kadi Cobb, Sara Adams, Alexis Chasteen, and Katie Cowan.

RCHS Girls and Cheerleaders Senior Night will be held Monday, February 14th



Senior Sydney Arvin guards a North Laurel player during last Friday's action.

Rockets try to snap four game losing streak Monday; Carpenter drops 32 on Leslie

Rockcastle County and Southwestern were both trying to snap four game losing streaks when the Rockets hosted the Warriors on Senior Night Tuesday. But, the Rockets watched a double digit lead evaporate as Southwestern rallied to get the road win 70-57.

Even though it was Senior night it would be a sophomore who would lead the way in the first half for

the Rockets. Sophomore forward Ben Allen scored seven of his 12 points in the second quarter to help fuel a Rocket 11 point lead at 28-17 with 4:24 left in the second.

However, the Warriors went on a 13-4 run to close out the second quarter and the Rockets found themselves up by only two at the break 32-30. Southwestern, who never led in the first

half, took advantage of offensive rebounding and second chance points to out score the Rockets 21-14 in the third quarter and were up 51-46 heading to the fourth. Southwestern opened the final frame with a 12-3 run to cruise to the 70-57 victory.

Seniors Travis Carpenter and Josh McKinney played their final game in Rock Arena. Carpenter led the scoring for Rockcastle with 16 and McKinney added seven. Coach Blanton had nothing but praise for his two seniors, "I wish that we could have gotten the win for these guys but it didn't happen but we still have a lot of basketball left. They mean a lot to our program, they have represented us well both on and off the court. Their leadership will be very valuable as we head toward the district tournaments."

Freshman guard Corey McPhetridge came off the bench to contribute 11 points, junior forward Cody Noe added 9 and sophomore guard Ashton Arvin added 2.

The loss dropped Rockcastle's record to 6-17

Rockcastle vs. Leslie
Rockcastle got 32 points out of senior guard Travis Carpenter but it wasn't enough as the Rockets lost to Leslie County 75-61 last Friday night in Rock Arena. It had been 54 days since Rockcastle and Leslie County met up in Hyden, where the Eagles came out on top in that one as well, clawing out a 55-52 win at home.

Leslie County jumped out to a 10-3 lead to begin the opening quarter of play but the Rockets closed the gap to three at the end of the first quarter 14-11. The lead swelled to 11 for the Eagles with 2:04 left until the half-time break, and ended up with a 35-23 lead going into the locker room.

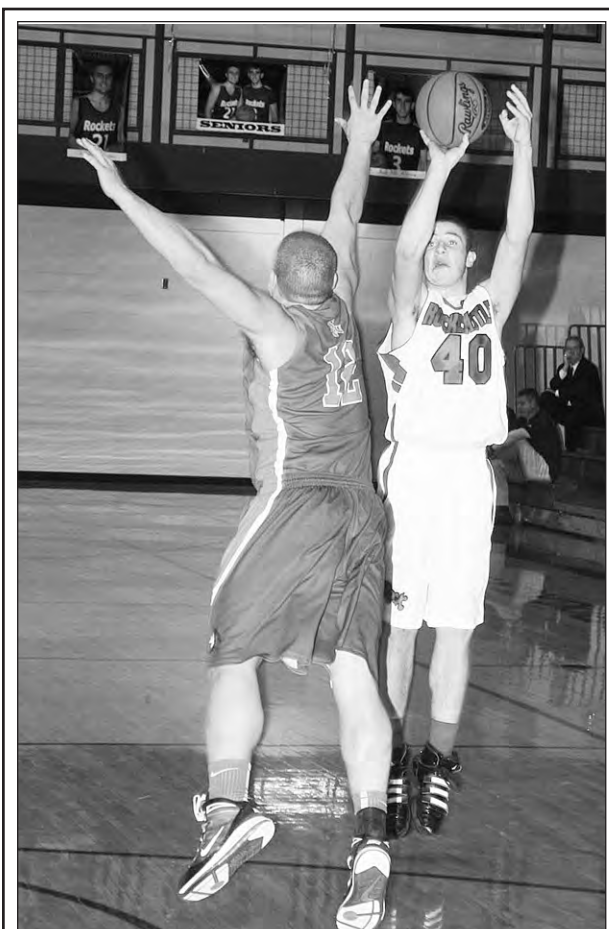
The Rockets made it interesting in the third, narrowing the margin to five at 41-36 midway through the quarter behind Carpenter's 11 points. Leslie County out scored Rockcastle 26-18 in the 4th to pull away for the victory.

Scoring for the Rockets: Josh McKinney 8, Ben

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Senior Travis Carpenter looks to score in Tuesday night's 70-57 loss against the Southwestern Warriors. Photo by Kevin Canterbury



Sophomore Ben Allen goes for a three against the visiting Southwestern Warriors in Tuesday night's loss. Photo by Kevin Canterbury



Michaela Hunter goes for two of her nine points against the North Laurel Jaguars last Friday night.

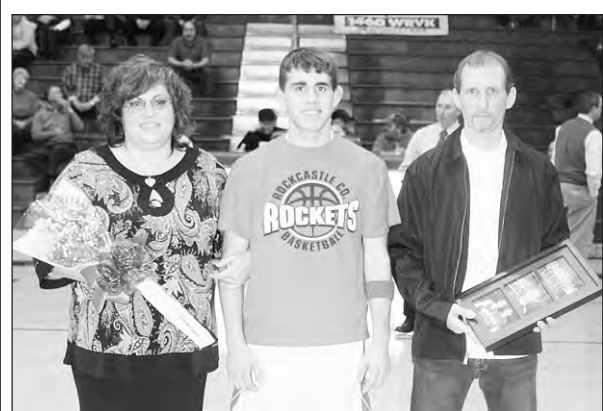
Freshman Girls Linescores

Record 2-13

| | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|----|
| RCHS | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 20 |
| Casey | 16 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 37 |
| Kayla Reynolds, 2; Rebekah Ponder, 2; Brianna Hansel, 2; Brianna Burdette, 1; Alaina Coguer, 7; Abby Chasteen, 3; Morgan Renner, 3. | | | | | |
| RCHS | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Somerset | 8 | 8 | 15 | 3 | 34 |
| Hannah Sowder, 4; Tanika Chasteen, 2; Amelia Eversole, 2. | | | | | |
| RCHS | 15 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 37 |
| Pulaski | 4 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 14 |
| Kayla Reynolds, 2; Hanna Sowder, 4; Jackie White, 4; Brianna Hansel, 6; Amelia Eversole, 7; Alaina Coguer, 4; Abby Chasteen, 6; Katie Adams, | | | | | |

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| 1; Morgan Renner, 1; Mahala Saylor, 2. | | | | | |
| RCHS (8) | 3 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 32 |
| Deming | 5 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 31 |
| Alaina Coguer, 8; Abby Chasteen, 3; Tanika Chasteen, 1; Amelia Eversole, 7; Mahala Saylor, 4. | | | | | |
| RCHS (8) | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 34 |
| St. Romald | 6 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 31 |
| Alaina Coguer, 10; Abby Chasteen, 8; Tanika Chasteen, 3; Amelia Eversole, 6; Mahala Saylor, 2; Ashley McKinney, 4; Morgan Renner, 1. | | | | | |
| RCHS | 5 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 24 |
| Mad. Ctrl. | 8 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 25 |
| Alaina Coguer, 1; Hannah Sowder, 3; Amelia Eversole, 8; | | | | | |

(Cont. to A9)



The Rockcastle County Rockets honored their two seniors Monday night. In the above photo is Josh McKinney with his parents, Johnny and Janene McKinney of Mt. Vernon. Photo by Kevin Canterbury



Senior Travis Carpenter was escorted by his parents, Lisa and Dwayne Carpenter. Photo by Kevin Canterbury



Senior Angie Lawrence is shown receiving her ball for joining the 1000 point club. Angie reached this milestone during the Wayne County game on January 18, 2011. Angie is shown with her head coach Chrysti Noble.



A Tribute to Our Senior Lady Rockets

By: Rebekah Arvin

It is so hard to believe that this is the final basketball season for six senior girls. Kristin Abney, Sydney Arvin, Shanlee Burton, Sara Hammond, Angie Lawrence and Ella McQueary will walk out on the floor of "Rock Arena" for their last time February 14, 2011. These six girls didn't just start making memories in their freshman year of high school. Their journey started in elementary school and what a journey it has been.

All six girls played Little Rockets basketball starting in the second grade, progressing to Junior Pro and then AAU. Five of the six girls, Kristin Abney, Sydney Arvin, Sara Hammond, Angie Lawrence and Ella McQueary played AAU together in the fifth grade for Coach Darla Reams and Coach Melissa Singleton. They won the 10 and Under State title and went to Orlando, Florida, to play in the National Championship Tournament.

Shanlee Burton would join this group in middle school where the girls record for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade was 71 wins with only 3 losses. Sara Hammond played varsity ball beginning her seventh grade year and Angie Lawrence would join her a year later as an eighth grader.

Even though the girls went through a period of separation, they continued their friendship off the court. As juniors, four of the six girls would start varsity, with the other two contributing quite often from the bench. That year proved to be prosperous for the Lady Rockets as they went all the way to the semi-finals of the state tournament in Bowling Green.

Now all six of the girls are in their senior year and finally back together as one. They not only have grown closer on the court, but off the court as well. They have a true bond that will never be broken. All six girls not only excel on the court, but have maintained a 3.7 or better gpa and participated in other extra-curricular activities. All exercise outstanding sportsmanship and respect to other players, coaches and each other.

All six of these girls will excel after high school. Sara Hammond has already signed with the University of Louisville, and Angie Lawrence is actively being pursued by colleges. The other four are committed to going to college. All six have a mind of their own, but all share a common dream. They have one challenge yet to conquer, state champs!

Although each of them realize they have to take one game at a time, they can't help but hunger for the chance. All six understand that it will take more than just the six of them, it will take a team effort. Even if these girls don't become state champs, they are truly champions. They have not only made their parents extremely proud, but their school and community. What a journey it has been. Good luck to our Lady Rockets!

Lady Rockets Senior Night is Monday, February 14th



The Rockcastle County Rocket Cheerleaders performed an intricate pyramid for the crowd at Monday night's game against the Southwestern Warriors. Photo by Kevin Canterbury

JV Girls Linescores

Record 11-2

RCHS 9 7 10 12 4 42
Casey Co. 6 4 9 19 7 45
 Sarah Adams, 1; Michaela Hunter, 4; Katie Cowan, 11; Alexis Chasteen, 16; Kadi Cobb, 10.
RCHS 20 9 11 14 54
Scott Co. 11 12 10 6 42
 Sarah Adams, 5; Michaela Hunter, 20; Kadi Cobb, 4; Katie Cowan, 15; Emily Miller, 2; Hannah Sowder, 2.
RCHS 13 10 9 4 36
Somerset 8 0 4 13 26
 Sarah Adams, 3; Michaela Hunter, 6; Alexis Chasteen, 8; Kadi Cobb, 9; Katie Cowan, 1; Emily Miller, 8; Hannah Sowder, 1.
RCHS 9 10 17 17 53
Pulaski 14 11 17 15 57
 Sarah Adams, 7; Michaela Hunter, 12; Alexis Chasteen, 14; Kadi Cobb, 10; Katie Cowan, 5; Emily Miller, 3; Alaina Coguer, 2.
RCHS 8 14 13 6 41
Central 9 2 9 18 38
 Sarah Adams, 12; Michaela Hunter, 6; Alexis Chasteen, 6; Kadi Cobb, 3; Katie Cowan, 10; Holly Ham, 4.
RCHS 12 10 4 7 33
Clay Co. 3 13 8 9 31
 Sarah Adams, 6; Michaela Hunter, 6; Alexis Chasteen, 8; Kadi Cobb, 6; Katie Cowan, 5; Hannah Sowder, 2.
RCHS 16 14 4 10 44
Breathitt 5 1 8 2 16
 Sarah Adams, 7; Michaela Hunter, 14; Alexis Chasteen, 12; Kadi Cobb, 4; Katie Cowan, 6; Emily Miller, 2.
RCHS 16 15 9 4 48
Berea 3 4 7 11 25
 Sarah Adams, 10; Michaela Hunter, 11; Alexis Chasteen, 8; Kadi Cobb, 4; Katie Cowan, 1; Emily Miller, 2; Brianna Hansel, 1; Kayla Reynolds, 2; Alaina Coguer, 2; Holly Ham, 5.

RCHS 11 8 6 6 31
Mercer 4 2 2 6 14
 Michaela Hunter, 11; Alexis Chasteen, 8; Katie Cowan, 4; Kayla Reynolds, 4; Holly Ham, 4.
RCHS 8 14 11 5 12 53
Casey 11 11 7 12 6 50
 Sarah Adams, 2; Michaela Hunter, 15; Alexis Chasteen, 16; Katie Cowan, 8; Emily Miller, 9.
RCHS 16 4 15 7 43
Somerset 5 11 8 6 29
 Sara Adams, 11; Michaela Hunter, 9; Alexis Chasteen, 3; Kadi Cobb, 8; Katie Cowan, 10; Holly Ham, 1.
RCHS 8 22 14 11 55
Central 10 7 10 5 32
 Sara Adams, 4; Michaela Hunter, 14; Alexis Chasteen, 20; Kadi Cobb, 2; Katie Cowan, 10; Emily Miller, 4; Holly Ham, 1.
RCHS 17 9 21 6 52
N. Laurel 4 7 2 0 13
 Michael Hunter, 5; Alexis Chasteen, 21; Kadi Cobb, 5; Katie Cowan, 12; Emily Miller, 2; Jackie White, 2; Kayla Reynolds, 3; Rebecca Ponder, 2; Holly Ham, 2.
RCHS 8 16 18 12 54
N. Laurel 0 4 2 0 6
 Sarah Adams, 3; Michaela Hunter, 7; Alexis Chasteen, 8; Kadi Cobb, 6; Katie Cowan, 6; Emily Miller, 4; Jackie White, 3; Hannah Sowder, 2; Brianna Hansel, 3; Alaina Coguer, 2; Holly Ham, 6; Amelia Eversole, 2.
"Freshmen"
 (Cont. from A8)
RCHS 0 5 2 5 12
So. West. 16 9 3 9 37
 Jackie White, 2; Amelia Eversole, 3; Alaina Coguer, 3; Abby Chasteen, 2; Rebecca Ponder, 2.

RCHS 5 8 7 4 24
Somerset 12 11 3 12 38
 Jackie White, 2; Kayla Reynolds, 4; Hannah Sowder, 1; Brianna Hansel, 2; Amelia Eversole, 2; Alaina Coguer, 3; Abby Chasteen, 6; Ashley Newland, 2; Ashley McKinney, 2.
RCHS 0 7 4 1 12
Wayne 2 12 14 3 30
 Hannah Sowder, 2; Kayla Reynolds, 1; Jackie White, 2; Brianna Hansel, 2; Abby Chasteen, 2; Mahala Saylor, 3.
RCHS 3 10 4 9 26
Casey 5 6 14 9 34
 Hannah Sowder, 4; Kayla Reynolds, 3; Jackie White, 8; Brianna Hansel, 3; Amelia Eversole, 3; Alaina Coguer, 2; Mahala Saylor, 3.
RCHS 6 2 4 8 20
Somerset 3 1 12 12 28
 Hannah Sowder, 3; Jackie White, 2; Amelia Eversole, 2; Alaina Coguer, 8; Abby Chasteen, 3; Brooke Reid, 2.
RCHS 7 2 7 8 24
N. Laurel 8 8 2 9 27
 Hannah Sowder, 2; Kayla Reynolds, 1; Jackie White, 5; Alaina Coguer, 12; Brianna Hansel, 2; Ashley Newland, 1; Morgan Renner, 1.
RCHS 7 5 3 8 23
Corbin 5 6 5 15 31
 Kayla Reynolds, 6; Amelia Eversole, 6; Alaina Coguer, 6; Rebecca Ponder, 1; Brianna Hansel, 3; Ashley Newland, 1.
RCHS 7 4 2 7 21
Bell Co. 17 9 8 8 43
 Hannah Sowder, 4; Kayla Reynolds, 4; Amelia Eversole, 2; Brianna Hansel, 10.
"Rockets"
 (Cont. from A8)
 Allen, Ashton Arvin, Cody Noe and Jaden Brock, 4 each. Corey McPhetridge 3 and Bryson Amyx 2
 Rockcastle dropped their record to 6-16 on the season as Leslie improved to 9-7.



RCCHS students wearing their "morphsuits" and enjoying the Rock vs. Southwestern game. Photo by Kevin Canterbury

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“Court”

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emergency road repairs across the state leaving \$346 thousand for road improvements in the county.

Lucas said the state had chosen resurfacing of 4.330 miles of KY 2614 from its intersection with KY 1955 and extending easterly 4.330 to junction of Cook Road.

The court was told that the state would accept other recommendations from the county but that final approval would be made in Frankfort. The court approved the program with the state’s recommendation for the road to be improved.

Robert Lawson, director of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, made a presentation to the court about the KMHF’s upcoming induction ceremony, scheduled for April 7th.

Lawson said the event was almost sold out and asked the court to support the KMHF with a \$10,000 donation which would include two tables for the court to the upcoming event plus contribute towards the changeover planned and new promotional videos.

Lawson also told the court that the KMHF had been the successful bidder to house the Renfro Valley Post Office and the tentative date set for the changeover is March 1st. Lawson said the KMHF will be paid \$10,000 for the first year’s contract and, depending on the amount of business the Contained Postal Unit (CPU) des, the contract price will be reevaluated after the first year and then every two years thereafter.

Lawson said the post office will be open 10 to 6 Monday through Saturday and 9 to 3 on Sunday and will be a full service post office, except for issuing passports. The post office boxes now at the Renfro Post office will be moved and installed on a rotating rack at the KMHF with 60 boxes available. Over 40 are already rented, Lawson said.

The director told the court that the addition of the postal facility at the KMHF might require another employee, or two, to be hired. However, Magistrate Bill McKinney questioned if the \$10,000 being paid to the KMHF would pay the salary of even one employee. Lawson countered that with the addition of the post office, foot traffic into the KMHF would be increased, hopefully driving up revenues.

The court did not take any action on Lawson’s request for the \$10,000 donation.

The court did approve a Memorandum of Agreement for a \$10,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the Brushy Fork Institute to compile a feasibility study for a recreational facility center in the county.

Carloftis told the court that there were federal grants available for recreational facilities but that none could be acquired without the feasibility study.

Not much opposition was voiced by the magistrates but Carloftis had to make the motion, McKinney seconded it and it was approved without any dissenting votes.

Georgia Blanton was before the court to ask their help in establishing at least a path to the Jimmy Reynolds Cemetery off Hummel Road. Ms. Blanton told the court that when the railroad was built in the area, it cut off access to the cemetery, probably in the late 20s.

Carloftis told Ms. Blanton that it was “not going to be easy” since not only would easements have to be acquired from private landowners but also from the railroad, who were not very open to granting easements.

Blanton was told to contact the PVA office to determine private landowner/s leading to the cemetery.

RCIDA chairman Corey Craig presented the court with a check for \$64,006, representing the last of the proceeds from a \$420,000 EDA grant for the industrial park. Craig said the entire project should be wrapped up within the next month.

The court also tabled action on a resolution offered by the state to give maintenance and ownership of certain roadway segments affected by reconstruction of US 150 to the county.

The request involves 38 segments, including a lot of off ramps and connector roads caused by the new US 150, of short distance. However, some segments are longer, one for 2.14 miles from the junction with Old US 150 Tie #12 and extending southeast to the junction with Frontage Road #1 and one of 1.545 miles from the junction with constructed Tie #4 near the Lincoln-Rockcastle county line extending southeast to Tie #6. Carloftis and the magistrates were hesitant because taking these segments into the county road system will affect distribution of the county road aid money the county receives from the state and some, Carloftis said, are in conflict with the county’s ordinance governing the acceptance of roads into the county road aid maintenance program.

The magistrates were given information of the segments requested for inclusion and the matter will be brought up at a later date.

The court also approved payment of 90% of utilities, for the September to December, 2010 period, to three volunteer fire departments. The payments were to: Western VFD, \$1,940.27; Pongo VFD, \$1,653.17 and Livingston VFD, \$1,525.43. Brindle Ridge VFD has not submitted a claim for their utilities for that period.

The court also approved a \$500 donation to the American Red Cross. The court received a report that during fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, in Rockcastle county, the ARC provided free emergency assistance to 14 families affected by disaster at a total cost of \$6,705 and in the current fiscal year, has provided free emergency assistance to 9 families affected by disaster at a total cost of \$2,624, delivered two emergency messages between families and their loved ones serving in our armed forces and certified 95 residents in life saving skills.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz presented the court with all financial information through December of 2010 and an indepth story will appear in next week’s Signal.

“Proctors”

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Benge’s mystery disease began the week of May 11, 2009, when Ms. Benge, who is 56, and her sister Paula Allen, who is 51, arrived at the tall red-brick clinical center on the campus of the National Institutes of Health.

The Office of Undiagnosed Diseases had been hearing from thousands of patients, Dr. Gahl said, 1,700 of whom sent their medical records. “Many had been to Hopkins, the Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic, and some had been to all three and been there more than once,” he said.

Dr. Gahl and his colleagues were looking for people with unusual symptoms or unusual clues to what might be wrong. For example, they are now investigating a mystery disease in a young girl with uncontrollable muscle contractions that make it hard for her to talk, walk and use her hands; one that gave a young boy symptoms that look like Parkinson’s disease; and one that gives a middle-aged woman shards of keratin, a hair protein, coming out of her hair follicles.



The Proctor siblings, who are all affected to some degree by this newly discovered disease, are pictured above from left: Doug, Elizabeth, Derrell, Louise and Paula.

Ms. Benge and her sister had symptoms like no one had ever seen before. X-rays and M.R.I. images of their legs, hands and feet showed blood vessels so clogged with calcium that blood could get through only by squeezing into tiny vessels that had sprouted to circumvent the blockages. And those tiny vessels just were not able to supply enough blood.

Because there were five affected siblings, the researchers decided to take a genetic approach, using techniques not available at most major medical centers. The parents were fine, and that indicated the disease might be caused by a recessive gene — each parent would have one copy of the mutated gene and one copy of the intact gene, and each child with the disease would have two copies of the mutated gene, one inherited from each parent.

That led the investigators to a stretch of DNA with 92 genes. From there, the researchers zoomed in on the gene that was the culprit. A mutation had stopped it from functioning.

Cells use the gene to make extracellular adenosine, a common compound that, in this case, was needed to suppress calcification. No one had known about this metabolic pathway, said Dr. Manfred Boehm, a vascular biologist at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

The discovery is very important, said Dr. Dwight Towler, a bone endocrinologist at Washington University in St. Louis who was not part of the study, because it can help researchers understand signals for calcification in different parts of the body.

“You notice they don’t have problems everywhere,” he said of Ms. Benge and her siblings. That is because bone calcification and blood vessel formation are exquisitely coordinated, and different parts of the body use similar, yet subtly distinct, mechanisms.

The disease also fits in with a growing understanding of the close relationship between blood vessel cells and bone cells. Researchers say it could lead to new insights into heart disease, in which calcium deposits in coronary arteries, and heart valve disease, in which calcium can deposit in heart valves. Sometimes, said Dr. Towler, actual bone, with marrow, forms in valves.

It also could help illuminate the relationship between osteoporosis, in which bone is lost, and heart disease. In osteoporosis, as people lose bone, calcium often accumulates in arteries. It is as if the calcium that is not being deposited in bones is going into blood vessels instead.

“I think it has to do with the fact that the cells that make up our blood vessels are of the same origin as the cells that make up bone,” said Dr. Gahl, who is also clinical director of the National Human Genome Research Institute.

The researchers have now identified nine people from three families who have the newly discovered disease: Ms. Benge’s family, a patient in San Francisco and a family in Italy. Now they are working on treatments. The simplest might be to give a bisphosphonate, an osteoporosis drug. With the gene mutation and decreased levels of adenosine,

patients end up with high levels of an enzyme, alkaline phosphatase, needed to make calcium deposits. Bisphosphonates bring down levels of that enzyme.

The investigators are putting together plans to test bisphosphonates and submitting them to ethics boards for approval.

“We hope to know in three or four months whether we can go forward,” Dr. Gahl said.

A personal note from the Proctor family

Thank you, Dr. Saylor. The Proctor family, Bobby, Clara, Louise, Derrell, Doug, Paula and Elizabeth would like to publicly say a huge thank you to Dr. Karen Saylor for sending us to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland for evaluation of our health problems. The people up there are so interested in their work and are very nice to all of us. We give God and Dr. Saylor all the credit for the hope of help we desperately need. We also thank Dr. Saylor and her staff for so many other things she has helped us with.

“Hammond”

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gether to effectively utilize and expand these resources to enhance economic opportunities for all Rockcastle Countians. Mr. Hammond has provided input to these endeavors by serving on many community advisory boards while providing leadership and countless hours volunteering to help give back to the community ...”

Hammond also has been a good neighbor, allowing a local company that was being forced from its premises to temporarily move into a vacant school property until a \$6 million construction and expansion project by the county government was completed. County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis wrote that 94 people could have lost their jobs.

“Knowing that many of his students’ parents worked for this company ... Larry stepped up to help the county government and the community retain those jobs that were scheduled to move out of the county,” he said.

Since taking the reins in 1995, Hammond has focused on facility construction, including new buildings and upgrading existing ones and the continual improvement of Rockcastle County schools’ technology. The opening of a new 60,000 square foot area technology center in 2008 is one of the district’s most recent accomplishments in this area.

Student and staff relations also are important to Hammond. He is a frequent visitor to the schools, attending student activities, talking with them in the hallway and eating lunch with them in the cafeteria. For staff members, Hammond participates in all professional development and instructional planning sessions.

“Every decision that Mr. Hammond makes truly has the best interest of our students as his first priority. He has always been very supportive of our improvement efforts at Mt. Vernon Elementary School,” said Leon Davidson, MVES Principal.

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- Using data and high-quality research to inform decision making.

- A new approach to professional development that includes a coherent and district organized set of strategies to improve instructions.

- Strengthening partnerships with families and community for the purpose of creating a safe and supportive learning environment.

Mr. Hammond has worked at all levels of the school system, beginning his career as a teacher at Livingston Elementary School before moving to Rockcastle High School. Mr. Hammond left the high school to become the district’s Transportation Director and then Director of Pupil Personnel before taking the reins as Superintendent.

“Bill”

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Rep. Floyd’s bill, which he crafted after speaking with pharmacists in his hometown, would require pharmacists to ask a series of questions to those seeking to purchase a pseudoephedrine related product. That information would be placed in an electronic tracking system, both to detect anyone who may be ‘pharmacy-hopping’ to pur-

chase the drug. It would also hold pharmacists responsible as the front line in combating its use in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

“One of my local pharmacists, Leon Claywell, already uses a question-screening system to determine whether a customer is buying a pseudoephedrine based medicine for legitimate purposes,” added Rep. Floyd. “If he thinks they are buying it for something other than its intended use, Mr. Claywell will refuse to sell it to them.”

Under the proposed bill, any pharmacist who willing sells pseudoephedrine for non-therapeutic purposes would be subject to penalties set by the State Board of Pharmacy. House Bill 376 was introduced during today’s session of the Kentucky House of Representatives. Click here to watch Rep. Floyd talk about why he decided to file HB 376.

“Task Force”

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county’s fiscal court) a \$10,000 grant for a feasibility study, which is a requirement for future project funding. According to Crawford, “The goal is to build a facility that will be used by the whole community, from youth to senior citizens, in order to improve the quality of life for Rockcastle County residents.”

With a large list of proposed uses, including ball fields, an indoor recreation facility, a public pool, a walking and bike trail, just to name a few of the proposals of the committee, the complex would become a tremendous asset for the county. Carloftis said that he had recently read a national report on health and wellness showing one eastern Kentucky county to have the highest rate of obesity among public school students in the entire nation. “This is something that we, in Rockcastle, do not want as our national recognition.”

Carloftis said, “the mere fact that a task force is looking at the possibility of such a complex is a big step. Without the occupational tax that was implemented a few years ago, we would not even be able to seriously discuss the concept.”

Any proposals of the task force will have to be brought before the fiscal court’s magistrates for their consideration. “Until the fiscal court discusses these weighty issues, after a formal presentation by the task force, no real action can be taken,” Carloftis added.

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156 Scenic View Lane
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Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhob@yahoo.com

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
Kids for Christ
Children's Ministry:
Bro. Jarrod Amyx
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
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Coy Cromer, Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.
606-308-2794
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Bride of Christ Church
High St. Mt. Vernon
Sunday Services 7 p.m.
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. &
6 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
Jon Burdette, Assoc.
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
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
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Special Service 1st Sunday or
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Lonnie Reese McGuire,
Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249
(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-274-5197 • 606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Marvin (Buddy) Rose, Pastor
Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Contact Jerry Jones 453-3791

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Pastor: Mark Eaton
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning and
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Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at 7
p.m.
2nd Sunday of each mo. at 10
a.m.

Darrin Sloan, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bro. Jim Ritchey, Pastor
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Sunday School Director
Ronald Sears • 606-256-5709
606-256-2829

Cornerstone Fellowship
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Terry Fletcher, Pastor
606-256-1645
**Crossroads
Assembly of God**
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Steven Vanhook, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Dixie Park Cornerstone
700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky.
859-623-8292 • 859-985-
2484
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6
p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Gene Smith, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
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Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Rasor, Pastor
606-256-3722
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S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-
2922
Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor
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Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m.,
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606-256-2876
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
James Poynter, Pastor
606-256-3969

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504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky. • 859-925-4048
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Thursday Night Visiting 7 p.m.
Contact: Doris Brown
606-256-0188
burtonpromos@prodigy.net

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Meeting & Youth/Children
Classes 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 3 p.m.
Pastor: Fred Hecker

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Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. & Wed. Evening 7 p.m.
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God**
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Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer
7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study
7 p.m.

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Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Available
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study & Meeting
7 p.m.
Bro. Steve McKinney, Pastor
606-758-4097
email: stevemc64@alltel.net

**Livingston Christian
Church**
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Walter Ballinger, Minister
**Livingston Pentecostal
Holiness Church**
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709

Macedonia Baptist
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Mount Vernon, Ky.
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Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**Mareburg Baptist
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2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/
Sunday Youth Missions
6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
www.mareburgbaptist.org
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

McNew Chapel Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
Mt. Vernon Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

**Mt. Vernon Church of
the Nazarene**
40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wallace Thornton, Sr., Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.
Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Bro. David Carpenter, Pastor

Northside Baptist Church
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Hispanic Services 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship
Training/Youth Mission
Groups 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Youth Choir 6 p.m.
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ottawabaptist@windstream.net

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Holy Days 5 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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606-256-9724

**Pine Hill Holiness
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5216 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Allen Hensley, Pastor
453-4801
www.pinehillholinesschurch.com
email: pinehillhc@aol.com
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
7 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship
7:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Worship
7:30 p.m.
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Noon Sundays

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Baptist Church**
PO Box 1495
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Contact: Jackie Burdine
606-453-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30
p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
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Brodhead
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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email:
dan.mckibben@juno.com
www.WhatSaiTheScriptures.com

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
**Roundstone Baptist
Church**
Rick Reynolds, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Sand Springs Baptist
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exactly 5 miles, church on right
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Scaffold Cane Baptist
Chris Cobb, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Brodhead, Ky.
Ralph Reynolds, Minister
606-355-2638
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Wildie Christian Church
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie
606-256-4494
Kenton Parkey, Minister
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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
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The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created in 1994 by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and techni-

cal assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agriculture water quality plans, which are required under state law. Any person engaged in agricultural or silvicultural operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices. The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants

where pollution problems have been identified. The best management practices, approved through the State Cost Share Program, help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater supplies. Among the eighteen practices eligible under the State Cost Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Please contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices. In the first twelve years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 21,465 applications seeking \$214 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 7,725 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$82.5 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in June or July of 2011 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by the Rockcastle County Conservation District Office located in the USDA Service Center at 2019 New Brodhead Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: 256-2525 Ext. 3.

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Farmers/Business Banquet held Monday night at Middle School



Martha Cox presented Perlina Anderkin, Publisher of the *Mount Vernon Signal*, with the James H. Cox Small Business of the Year award presented by the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Anderkin and her late husband, Jim, have owned the *Signal* since 1966.



Rockcastle Jailer and Kiwanis Member James Miller presented Bentley Cromer with the Kiwanis' Everett C. Brown Outstanding Contribution to the Community award.



Arielle Reese presented Mike Blount, Mt. Vernon Market President of Community Trust Bank, with the Large Business of the Year award.



Kiwanis member Robert Lawson presented James and Teresa Smith of D&S Computers with the Kiwanis' Business Person of the Year award.



Arielle Reese presented the RCHS Y-Club members Starla Bond and Bethany Clontz with the Chamber's Member of the Year award.



Kiwanis President Billy Reynolds, left, presented Don and Sue Long with the Kiwanis' Retired Business Persons of the Year award,



Arielle Reese, President of the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, presented Devona Couch with the Chamber's 2010 Ambassador of the Year award.



UK Senior Offensive Lineman Brad Durham signed an autograph for Savannah Sweet after the Farmers/Business Banquet on Monday night. Durham came to introduce UK Football Coach Joker Phillips who was a no-show. Durham spoke to the sell out crowd instead, and signed several autographs and posed for pictures afterwards.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Herbert L. Dunagan vs. Irene H. Dunagan, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Capital One Bank vs. Sheila M. Rowe, \$4,508.32 plus claimed due.
 Emily M. Cheeks vs. Ricky E. Cheeks, Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage.
 LNVN Funding LLC vs. Deloris J. Rash, \$8,618.95 plus claimed due.
 Mary Lou Bullock vs. Terri Kidd, et al, complaint.
 Margaret Harris vs. Sally F. Watts, complaint.
 Margaret Harris vs. Sally F. Watt, complaint.
 Flagstaff Bank vs. James Copenhaver III, et al, \$157,663.95 plus claimed due.

CMI / BURDETTE TAX SERVICE
 480 W. Main, Mt. Vernon
 606-256-3224 or 9150
 Gail Burdette, owner
 burdettetax.com

Louis Hamilton, et al vs. Billy J. Mitchell, et al, complaint.

Angela Merritt vs. Darrel Thurman, et al, complaint. CI-00027

Notice

Phillip Carpenter asked us to print the following statement: "Let it be known that I, Phillip Carpenter, pay my debts and do not owe Cumberland Valley National Bank any money whatsoever and I am not in default of payment to anyone."

District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank vs. Sheila M. Neal, \$739.73 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Melissa Arnold, \$788.30 plus claimed due.

ILH Inc. vs. John Lambert, \$350 plus claimed due.

American General Finance, Inc. vs. Lloyd Hayes, \$801.33 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Christina Sell, \$691.31 plus claimed due.

Deeds Recorded

Byron M. and Peggy Owens, and others, property in Rockcastle County to Falling Rock, LLC. No tax.

Robert C. and Diana Sue Johnson, property in Rockcastle County, to Robert D. Banks, Sr. Tax \$48.

Sheila and Jeremy McManus and Regina Hodge, property on Calloway Hollow Road, to Joann Hammonds. Tax \$14.50.

Michael Kirby and Stephanie Holland, property in Rockcastle County, to Mandy Harris. Tax \$20.

Marriage Licenses

Stephanie Ann Patterson, 37, Harrodsburg, Corning, Inc., to James Brandon Cloyd, 34, Harrodsburg, unemployed. 2/2/11.

District Court

Jan. 31, 2011 to Feb. 3, 2011

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
 Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Ashley N. French: theft by unlawful taking, costs plus 90 days/probated 24 months on condition/including restitution.

Wesley H. Mullins: assault, costs plus 180 days to serve 12/balance probated 24 months on condition.

Erica Renee Stewart: theft by unlawful taking, \$250 fine plus costs and restitution.

Crystal G. Alcorn: reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Julia I. Bailey: fines/fees due (\$263), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Jerry D. Barron: theft by deception, costs plus 20

days/probated 24 months on condition, including restitution.

Jason T. Castenir: speeding and no/expired registration plates, license suspended for fta.

Ronald R. Dickson Jr: fines/fees due (\$145), bw issued for fta/2 days in jail or payment in full.

Thomas R. Emerson: fines/fees due (\$80), bw issued for fta/2 days in jail or payment in full.

Mendoza Gonzalez: fines/fees due (\$213), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Speeding: Tanna R. Justus, paid \$28 fine plus \$133 court costs; Tyrone E. Stallard, Tyneria S. Rowe, license suspended for failure to appear; David S. Nisbet, paid \$30 fine and \$133 court costs;

Alvaro S. Bustamante: reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

James M. Clark: public intoxication and advertise drug paraphernalia, summons issued.

Cheryl A. Clifford: fines/fees due (\$163 and \$405.73), bw issued for fta.

Ernest R. Cromer: fines/fees due (\$733 and \$350), bw issued for fta/24 days in jail or payment in full.

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

Rodney L. Elam: fines/fees due (\$738), 14 days in jail or payment in full.

Brian J. Wilcoxson: fines/fees due (\$93), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Tracy L. Laswell: failure to wear seat belts, paid \$25 fine.

James C. Miller: failure of non owner to maintain req. insurance and probation violation, bw issued for fta.

Jeffrey L. Mullins: fines/fees due (\$258), 6 days in jail or payment.

Christopher Ryan Ramsey: disorderly conduct, \$100 fine and costs.

Billy R. Sams: possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, \$200 fine and costs.

William Sandlin: operating motor vehicle under in-

fluence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$275 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Thomas B. Saylor: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$25 fine and costs.

Sabrina M. Smith: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Steven D. Frederick: fines/fees due (\$163), convert to 5 days in jail/concurrent.

Troy E. Haight: fines/fees due (\$126), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Stephanie Marie Hines: fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Robert Hopkins: fines/fees due (\$133, \$303 and \$238), converted to 68 hours community service wor (csw).

Timothy L. Hubbard: reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Darlene N. Joseph: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Marvin E. Kirby: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Darwin D. McGuire: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Priscilla A. Miller: fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Garner P. Mink: fines/fees due (\$1,018), bw issued for fta/120 days in jail or payment in full.

Everett D., Morgan III: fines/fees due (\$538), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Brent A. Powell: fines/fees due (\$213), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

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

Joshua R. Spoonamore: fines/fees due (\$753), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Sara D. Spoonamore: fines/fees due (\$123), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Megan R. Stewart: fines/fees due (\$179), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Leroy Miller, Jr: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Londa L. Martin: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$100 fine and costs.



Sugar, Spice & Everything Postponed
 Little Girls Dress Up Day
 February 12, 2011

Rockcastle County High School
 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
 4-12 years
 Cost: \$30.00

Photo sessions with the following:

- Dress up in prom dresses
- Hair styling
- Nails polished and makeup

For more information or for a special group rate contact Becky McNabb at (606) 256-4816 or email becky.mcnebb@rockcastle.kyschools.us

SPONSORED BY THE RCHS CHEERLEADERS

3rd Annual Rockcastle County Relay for Life BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 18-19, 2011
 RCMS Gym
 Cost \$175

Space limited to first 10 teams

Event is free to the public.
 Concessions will be available.
 We invite everyone to come join us and cheer on your team!

For more information or to register a team, call Jessica Evans at 256-7748.

Team Registration Form

Team Name: _____ Color: _____

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Team Member Information:

| Name | Shirt Size (S-XL) | Number |
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| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Registration Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2011.
 Cost: \$175 • Make checks payable to Rockcastle Regional
 Mail to: Attn: Jessica Evans, P.O. Box 1310, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

All proceeds benefit RELAY FOR LIFE.

• Attention Taxpayers •

If you have built a new house, garage, barn, etc., purchased or sold a mobile home or made any changes in your existing property since last year, it is especially important that you notify us. Also, if you own property and did not receive your tax bill, check with the Sheriff's Office of PVA Office to see if we have the correct address.

• Attention Senior Citizens •

The Homestead Exemption for 2011 will be \$34,000. If you own and occupy your home and will be 65 years of age any time during the year, you must file an application with the P.V.A. in order to be eligible for this exemption. If you are already receiving the Homestead Exemption, \$34,000 will be automatically deducted from your 2011 assessment, and it will not be necessary for you to fill out an additional application.

• Attention Disabled Persons •

The Homestead Exemption also applies to anyone who is totally disabled. In order to qualify for this, you must receive 100% disability payments for the entire calendar year and must reapply each year.

The PVA office is located on the third floor of the courthouse and is open from 8:00 - 4:00, Monday - Friday.

Margaret Offutt

Property Valuation Administrator

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Late winter crappie fishing is upon us

With the winds seemingly coming straight from the North Pole and most of the country crushed under the weight of a monster blizzard with a side order of ice, thinking about crappie fishing seems silly. Those intrepid enough to find the right conditions can catch crappie in the near future, even after the lashing nature's given Kentucky this winter.

"I know a guy who is catching crappie right now in a spot in Little River of Lake Barkley that is just a little warmer than the rest of the lake," said Ryan Oster, federal aid coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "He's throwing jigs and catching both white and black crappie."

The majority of crappie in Lake Barkley or Kentucky Lake lie hunkered down in fairly deep water at this time, skulking along the main lake ledges until the water warms. Anglers often struggle to find those isolated patches of warm water holding crappie in February.

"Things may start on Lake Barkley sooner than Kentucky Lake," Oster, who formerly served as assistant western fishery district biologist, said. "It is a shallower lake and warms up just a little earlier. A warm rain will bring those crappie up shallower on both lakes."

Black crappie move to the bank earlier than white crappie after warm rains or during a late winter warming trend. It is difficult to imagine a warming trend with the winter we've had, but one will come sometime in late February or early March.

"The black crappie will move to the banks as early as February with the right conditions and the white crappie will follow a little later," Oster said. "Cast the banks with a 1/16-ounce feather or tube jigs in white, chartreuse or lime green. You want a slow fall for your jigs at that time of year."

Although Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley hold national reputations for crappie fishing, rivers may hold the key to the best late winter crappie fishing in the state. The Ohio River and the Kentucky River both should produce surprisingly good crappie fishing in the next few weeks.

"The Ohio River is looking pretty good for crappie," said Jeff Crosby, central fishery district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "A good warm rain will pull the crappie into the embayments and tributaries."

Anglers should target brushy areas in the embayments and backwaters on the Ohio River with live minnows for late winter crappie. White or chartreuse 2- to 3-inch curly-tailed grubs rigged on 1/8-ounce leadheads also work well. Use a light wire hook that will bend enough to free your grub from the brush if it gets hung. Bend the hook back after retrieval and make another cast. If the river's current pulls the grub off the brush, switch to a 1/4-ounce leadhead.

The waters of the Kentucky River bring good late winter crappie fishing from Irvine all the way downstream to Carrollton. The river is on a tremendous upswing for crappie with good numbers of fish in the 9- to 12-inch range with much larger fish present. White crappie dominate the population in the Kentucky River with sporadic numbers of black crappie in the mix.

"Starting in late February and the beginning of March, the longer days will start to warm the water," Crosby explained. "When we get a warmer rain, it will pull crappie into the mouths of the tributaries on the Kentucky River. Those tributaries that have brush are all the better."

Just like the Ohio River, white or chartreuse grubs rigged on a 1/8-ounce leadhead worked in the brush and laydown trees produce Kentucky River crappie. A live minnow wiggling under a bobber drifted beside the brush should get crushed if the area holds any fish.

A tributary mouth that is slightly warmer than the main river makes for the best fishing. A tributary discharging water that is as cold or colder than the main river channel won't hold crappie. Keep searching until you find warmer water when late winter crappie fishing on the Kentucky River.

Rocky banks holding broken tree branches or laydown trees also hold crappie in late February or March, especially on sunny days. Rocks serve as heat sinks as the rays of the sun transmit warmth to them. This warms the water around the rocks and the crappie will congregate near any woody cover in these areas. You may also pick off a Kentucky spotted or smallmouth bass on rocky outside bends of the Kentucky River.

Also, keep in mind that your fishing license expires Feb. 28. Don't forget to get your new fishing license before you head out on the

water. Although it doesn't seem possible right now, the weather will break in a few weeks. A warm rain or a few days of sunshine are all that

is needed for the crappie to start biting.

Author Lee McClellan is an award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Annual FFA Auction & Chili Supper Feb. 17th

The annual FFA alumni auction/chili supper will be held February 17th, at 5:30 in the cafeteria at RCHS. \$5.00 all you can eat chili, sandwich, dessert and drink. Tickets may be purchased in advance from FFA students or at the door that evening. The auction will begin at

6:30 after the supper. Included in the auction will be two UK basketball tickets. Come join us for a night of fun and fellowship while helping our FFA students. The proceeds go 100% toward helping our students with camp, conventions, scholarships, etc.

News deadline is noon Tuesday

mvsignal@windstream.net

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 09-CI-00221**

Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff

V.

**Ronnie W. Pennington,
Sherry R. Pennington,
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., American General
Financial Services, Inc. and
United States of America Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 12, 2010 and order entered on January 14, 2011 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 77/100 (\$109,054.77) 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, February 18, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

5190 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419
Lot Number 6- Located on the South side of Copper Creek Road, to wit:
Beginning on a steel pin set in the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, also a corner of a 30 foot right of way; thence with the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, North 74° 16' 47" East, 88.05 feet to a stake; thence with the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, North 58° 24' 30" East, 38.99 feet to a steel pin, a corner of Lot 7; thence with the property line of Lot 7, South 22° 33' 01" East, 205.30 feet to a steel pin; thence South 64° 08' 18" West, 152.35 feet to a steel pin, a corner of a 30 foot right of way; thence North 15° 43' 13" West, 220 feet to the point of beginning.
Containing 0.665 acres, more or less.
The parties acknowledged that the Grantors have retained a 30 foot easement adjacent the western line of the above described real property. The parties further acknowledge that Grantees shall have the right to use said easement provided Grantees bear 1/2 cost of the developing said easement and 1/2 of the cost of maintaining said easement.

Being the same property conveyed to Ronnie W. Pennington, et ux. by deed dated February 7, 2007 of record in Deed Book 214, Page 421 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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 twenty percent (20%) 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.
- Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2010 local, county and state property taxes.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of 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.
- The successful bidder shall at bidder's own expense carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full with a loss payable clause to the Rockcastle Master Commissioner.
- The 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. 10-CI-00219**

Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC Plaintiff

V.

Countrywide Homes, Inc. Et. Al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 10, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 70/100 (\$277.70) 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, February 18, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Lying to the northwest of the new road leading from Clear Creek to U.S. Highway 421, and beginning at a fence on the north edge of the new road, corner to Dewey Thomas; thence with the fence and Thomas Line, to line of Jimmy Coins; thence with Coins' line and the fence to the corner of Berea College; thence south with the line of Berea College to the right of way of the new road; thence with the right of way of said road to the point of beginning, and containing thirty-five (35) acres more or less.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property conveyed to Johnny T. Dees and Peggy A. Dees, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 14, 1995 and recorded in Deed Book 157, page 299, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property (3/4 of an acre ±) conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Carolyn Isaacs, husband and wife, by Deed dated January 28, 1998 and recorded in Deed Book 133, page 192, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property (2.22 acres) conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Isaacs, spouses, by Deed dated July 18, 2000 and recorded in Deed Book 180, page 443, Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: The property being conveyed herein is subject to a right of easement granted by James L. Dees to the Kentucky Department of Highways and/or Rockcastle County Fiscal Court by right of Easement for School Bus Turn Around dated December 17, 1986 and recorded in Deed Book 130, page 57, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

THERE IS EXCEPTED THEREFROM, the following property conveyed to Lloyd Dees and Donna Dees, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 24, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 221, Page 375, in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

Situated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle and being a part of the property as conveyed to Country Homes, Inc. by Deed Book 215, Page 66 and Deed Book 215, Page 70 as recorded in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk and being more particularly bounded and described as follows;

Beginning, for REFERENCE, at an iron pin set in an intersection of the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road and Blue Jay Loop and being a common corner to the properties as conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Isaacs by Deed Book 180, Page 442 and Deed Book 133, Page 192;

Thence with the northerly right-of-way of Blue Jay Loop, N 65° 51' 13" E a distance of 305.06 feet to an iron pin found with cap labeled #2463;

Thence S 09° 05' 41" W a distance of 14.74 feet to the centerline of Blue Jay Loop;

Thence with the centerline said Blue Jay Loop, N 54° 56' 06" E a distance of 109.98 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of Tract herein to be described;

Thence with the centerline said Blue Jay Loop and crossing through aforesaid Country Homes, Inc. the following four (4) new courses: N 54° 56' 06" E a distance of 53.98 feet to an iron pin set; N 23° 52' 41" E a distance 186.55 feet to an iron pin set; S 74° 55' 16" E a distance of 124.12 feet to an iron pin set; S 09° 20' 00" W a distance of 321.11 feet to an iron pin set in the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road; Thence with the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road, S 68° 16' 21" W a distance of 41.71 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence crossing through said Country Homes, Inc. N 42° 22' 24" W a distance of 220.65 feet to the Point of Beginning, passing an iron pin set at 208.60 feet and containing 1.131 acres by survey, subject to all legal highways and rights-of-ways whether of record or not. All iron pins set are 1/2" by 18" rebar with orange plastic caps labeled "HUPP #3623". All measurements are based upon an actual field survey made by Covenant Surveying, LLC on the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 2007. All bearings are based on an easterly line of the property as conveyed to aforesaid Don Dees as being S 39° 45' 00" E by Deed Book 183, Page 505.

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 twenty-five percent (25%) 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.
- Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2011 local, county and state property taxes.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of 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.
- The 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**

Dates for CRP general signup announced

John W. McCauley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, today announced Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has set general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to begin on March 14, 2011, and continue through April 15, 2011. During the signup period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general signup at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

"Over the past 25 years, CRP's benefits have grown thanks to many unexpected, but welcomed improvements to our natural resources — cleaner water, improved air quality, better habitat for wildlife, viewing opportunities of that wildlife and of course, a huge reduction in soil erosion," said McCauley. "Today's announcement will help this administration continue its strong conservation legacy."

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall may

make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this signup are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2011.

To help ensure that interested farmers and ranchers are aware of the signup period, USDA has signed partnership agreements with several conservation and wildlife organizations that will all play an active role in USDA's 2011 CRP outreach efforts.

FSA, which administers the CRP, will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that shows the environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land. For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

Legislative Update...

**By Danny Ford,
State Representative**
State of the
Commonwealth Address
Sets Tone for 2011 Session
and Beyond

It's back to work in Frankfort for the second half of the 2011 legislative session and I am hopeful this session will be one of progress as we spend the next several weeks discussing bill proposals and passing legislation.

Our return began with the State of the Commonwealth address, which often sets the tone for the remainder of the session. It was encouraging that Governor Beshear asked we focus on working in a spirit of bipartisanship. As I have traveled around my district, I constantly hear we need to put our people above politics and solutions above spin. It is a statement that has been heard in the hallways of Frankfort.

It was also encouraging that the Governor address called upon our leaders in Washington to stop the growing restrictions on one of Kentucky's most important industries: coal. We remain one of the top producers of coal in the nation, which in the past has allowed us to keep electricity rates low. While I support responsible mining, the bevy of regulations placed on our coal industry has led to higher power bills, lost

jobs and has negatively impacted our economy.

The Governor also requested during his address that we reopen Kentucky's Medicaid budget. According to the Governor's Office, our Commonwealth is facing a shortfall in 2011, and wants to move \$166.5 million from 2012 to cover the shortfall. Because of a downturn in our economy combined with a growing population of citizens 65 and older, it is essential that we explore ways to continue providing Medicaid services to those who needed.

We also began hearing bills in various committees this week. The House Judiciary Committee gave its full vote of confidence to legislation aimed at ending the use of a harmful synthetic drug. House Bill 121 would ban the possession, trafficking, or manufacturing of synthetic methamphetamine. Mimicking the effects of the actual drug, the synthetic form can easily be obtained at local retailers and can cause paranoia along with serious physical impairments.

Following testimony from the First Lady of Kentucky and lengthy deliberation, the House Education Committee voted to send House Bill 225 to the full chamber. Commonly known as the graduation bill, this legislation aims to increase retention and the graduation rate of Kentucky's high schools. A phase-in system would be

instituted for raising the age at which students are allowed to drop out of school. The age would be adjusted from 16 to 17 by July 1, 2015 and from 17 to 18 by July 1, 2016. Other provisions direct the establishment of alternative educa-

tion programs and recognize the importance of career and technical education. Supporters of House Bill 225 assert that postponing the age-increase date will allow schools and students time to adjust to and plan around the new re-

quirements, while opponents view the bill as an unfunded mandate.

As the session goes along we'll keep you updated on key bills during the session, including proposals from our agenda entitled "A New Day, A New Direction for Kentucky."

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns for the upcoming session. I can be reached at home or through the toll-free message line in Frank-

fort at 1-800-372-7181. A taped message containing information on legislative committee meeting schedules is available by calling 1-800-633-9650, and information on the status of each bill is available by calling 1-866-840-2835. If you have Internet access, I can be reached at danny.ford@lrc.ky.gov, or you may keep track of legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov.

Frankfort Report...

**By Jared Carpenter,
State Senator**

The General Assembly returned to Frankfort this week after the January recess to continue our thirty-day session. Protecting the lives of the unborn and saving tax-payer dollars were two themes that emerged.

On Tuesday, we gathered in the House chamber to listen to the Governor give his State of the Commonwealth address. Unfortunately, many considered his perspective somewhat unrealistic. The Governor talked about the many "prospective" jobs he's created. The reality is that unemployment has nearly doubled since he came to office. That is why the State Senate passed several employer-friendly bills during our first week in January. For instance, we need a new comprehensive tax system that levels the playing field and lets both families and businesses know what to expect, something that Senate Bill 1 encourages. Furthermore, the Governor talked about "filling" the Medicaid shortfall by moving "prospective" savings from efficiencies from the second year of the budget to the first year in order to balance the books. The numbers would be easier to take into account if he hadn't also promised \$125 million in savings which have yet to materialize. A Senate committee will be rigorously looking over these numbers.

On a separate matter, the Senate proposed to the House that we shorten the legislative session by 6 days which would save about \$400,000. After the Special Session last year, many of you complained, and rightfully so, about the expense of the extra session. I agreed, especially in light of the fact that the Governor proposed and the General Assembly passed essentially the same budget that the Senate passed during the regular session. It is my hope that the members of the House will agree to the change in calendar.

Finally, the Right of Life

Rally took place on Thursday. I attended the rally and the determination and prayers of the people gathered were truly inspirational because they, like me, believe that no child is illegitimate. Senate Bill 9 is this session's designated bill to update Kentucky's informed consent statute by ensuring a face-to-face meeting occurs between a woman considering an abortion and her doctor - as opposed to a one-size-fits-all recorded message. It also requires doctors to share the results of the routine ultrasounds of the unborn baby with the mother.

Several important education bills will be considered next week as well as other legislation. There is more than enough time to make your opinion heard by leaving a message toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or TTY 1-800-896-0305. You can also keep up with legislative meetings via the Internet at www.lrc.state.ky.us.

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Adult Education Center provides "WorkKeys" system for job placement

The Rockcastle Adult Education Center is a WorkKeys Solutions Provider (WSP). The Center uses the WorkKeys system for job analysis, assessment, and training. As a WSP, it offers job seekers three WorkKeys assessments: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information and Locating Information. Upon successful completion of the three components, clients are awarded a National Career Readiness Certificate.

Test-takers who score at least a level 3 on each of the three assessments are eligible to receive a National Career Readiness Certificate. Those who score below a level 3 can take remedial courses through the

Center to help them master the workplace skills as defined by WorkKeys. The test is developed by ACT which is a not-for-profit organization committed to education and workplace success. ACT is best known for the ACT® test, an entrance exam colleges trust. ACT is equally committed to the National Career Readiness Certificate to solve America's workplace challenges. All of ACT's assessments undergo rigorous development to achieve acceptable levels of reliability and validity.

"We are encouraging local businesses and community leaders to use the WorkKeys system, a free service offered at the Center, to be sure that the right

people are placed in the right jobs for their skill levels, and we offer it at no cost to the individual or employer" said Jenny Sweet, Director of Adult Education for Rockcastle County Schools. The National Career Readiness Certificate is a portable, evidence-based credential that measures essential workplace skills and is a reliable predictor of workplace success.

Benefits to businesses and organizations that use the NCRC

Screening—Employers interview only applicants who have the skills required for the job.

Hiring and promotion—A National Career Readiness Certificate can be used as a "plus" factor to help

make selection and promotion decisions.

Targeting employee training and development—Employers can target their training budgets for job-specific skills rather than basic skills.

The Rockcastle Adult Education Center under its first year of program oversight by the Rockcastle County School District reached a Proficient Level of Distinction as awarded by the Kentucky Adult Education Office in Frankfort; and received \$2,700 in reward monies. The Center's goal is to serve over 326 individuals in Rockcastle County with services such as GED preparation, tutoring for college level courses, computer literacy courses, workplace and job readiness classes, National Career Readiness Certificate and IMPACT – Improving My Performance and College Transition. The Center has recently been relocated. The new location is next to Rockcastle County Middle School at the former Harry Sparks Vocational School. The Center is open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.. For more information contact: Anthony Coffey, Kelli Loudermilk or Marisa Albright at 256.0218 or visit web address www.rockcastleadulthoodeducation.com.



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Project Graduation Meeting

Parents of Seniors are encouraged to attend the next Project Graduation meeting Thursday, Feb. 24th at 6:30 at the high school cafeteria.

Foster/Adoptive Parent Meeting

Are you interested in becoming a Foster or Adoptive Parent? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will hold an informational meeting on Tues., Feb. 15th at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County DCBS office. For more information, contact Brandy Baldwin at 606-287-7114.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

An Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14th at 7 p.m. at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center located at 7190 Main Street, Brodhead. Guest speaker Bill Bruner will be attending. Refreshments will be offered. If inclement weather occurs, please call ahead.

Valentines Day Ball - Movie

A semi-formal Valentines Day Ball, for individuals with special needs of all ability levels and ages, on Fri., Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. There will be a live DJ, dancing, snacks and the celebration of Valentine's Day. Also, the movie "Happy Feet" will be the family friendly flick at the Russel Acton Folk Center on Sat., Feb. 12th. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free. Limited to 150 people. Call 986-9402 for more information on these events.

Spay and Neuter Clinic

Critters without Litters will be having a low-cost spay and neuter clinic February 18th. Call Denise at 256-0724.

Hunter Education Course

Hunter Education course will be Thursday and Friday, February 24th and 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, February 26th from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. For more information call Rockcastle Extension Service at 256-2403. Must be 9 years of age to take course.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Rock Fire Grill. Everyone welcome.

VFW News

VFW Post 5988 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for members and their guests. The monthly meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. Bingo is held at the post every Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

CCFFG Meeting

Next meeting of the Concerned Citizens for Fair Government, CCFFG, will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 17th in the Rockcastle Courthouse, 3rd floor, please use rear entrance. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building. Monthly society meetings are held the 4th Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building in Mt. Vernon.

RCIDA Meetings

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month at noon on the third floor of the courthouse.

NA Women's Meeting

The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting, non-smoking.

Women's Narcotics Meeting

There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

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Rockcastle Lady Rockets senior Sara Hammond was named to the prestigious McDonald's All-American team last week. The McDonald's All-American game will be played March 30th in Chicago. Hammond is also the leading candidate for Kentucky's Miss Basketball.

First girl in Kentucky

Hammond honored as a McDonald's All-American

By: Sara Coguer

Rockcastle County native and University of Louisville recruit Sara Hammond has earned the most prestigious award given to a high school player -- being named a McDonald's All American.

The announcement came on ESPN last Thursday. Hammond was chosen as one of twenty four high school girls to be named to the McDonald's All-American team from across the country.

Hammond, who is also the leading candidate for Miss Kentucky Basketball, will play for the East team when they take the court on March 30 at the United Center in Chicago.

The girls All-American game has been played since 2002, and Hammond is the first girl from Kentucky to be named to the high school all-star basketball team.

Coach Chrysti Noble heard the big news a couple of weeks ago, when she received a letter confirming Sara's place on the team. When Coach Noble told Hammond the news, she was understandably stunned. "I just had to stop for a few seconds and think in my head, 'Is this for real, is this true?'" said Hammond.

She went on to say how excited she was and that she was honored to represent Kentucky in such a national event. "To be an All-Ameri-

can from Kentucky is such a privilege."

Hammond is ranked the 12th best player in the nation by ESPN's Hoopgurlz.com, and will be Louisville Coach Jeff

Walz's first All-American.

Averaging 15.5 points and 12.2 rebounds per game, Sara is both a threat in the post position, as well

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Lambert Road condemnation lawsuit filed

Over a year after attempts were first made to obtain easements to widen Lambert Road in northern Rockcastle County, a condemnation suit to obtain right-of-way through eight pieces of property has been filed.

The suit, filed in circuit court last week by County Attorney Billy Reynolds on

behalf of the county, names seven individuals, one living trust and three financial institutions, who have an interest in some of the property, as defendants.

According to Kathy Robinson, from Reynolds' office, three commissioners have been named to value

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Spoonamore receives 10 year sentence

A Brodhead man was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on Wednesday, February 9th during Rocket Docket hearings.

Mark Spoonamore, 40, pled guilty to second and third degree burglary charges, according to Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy A. Bartley, who handled the prosecution.

The charges stemmed from an investigation by the

Sheriff's Department that determined that Spoonamore had broken into a shed in late January and into a home earlier this month. A television was stolen from the residence.

Spoonamore entered his guilty pleas in the expedited Rocket Docket proceedings, bypassing both the preliminary proceedings in District

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Wreck claims woman's life

A single car accident claimed the life of a Eubank woman early Monday morning.

According to state police, Dessie S. Smith, 67, of Eubank, was traveling southbound on White Rock Road (Old Hwy. 461) when her vehicle left the right shoulder of the roadway and struck an embankment. Her 1998 Toyota Corolla became airborne and then came to rest on its wheels against a residence along

the road. Smith was not wearing a seatbelt and was transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 7 a.m.

State Trooper Jason Vanhook, who is in charge of the investigation, stated that no alcohol or drug involvement is suspected.

Vanhook was assisted at the scene by the Mt. Vernon Rescue Squad and the Rockcastle County EMS.

County's finances look to be in good shape thru December

Rockcastle County Treasurer Joe Clontz presented the fiscal court with a summary of their income and

expenditures through December, 2010 - one-half of their fiscal year - at Tuesday's regular meeting

of the court.

According to the summary, total receipts through December, for all nine accounts of the county was \$4,609,903.95. Claims paid during the six month period was \$3,945,819.85, claims owed but not paid totaled \$188,597.33. Checks outstanding on the accounts totaled \$92,005.94 leaving a

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Crawford steps down as RCIDA executive director

By: Sara Coguer

The offer to become U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell's Field Representative for the 6th District was too enticing for RCIDA Executive Director Regina Crawford to refuse.

Crawford, who has been in her present position for six months, will be leaving effective Friday, Feb. 25th to take her her duties

with the Senator on March 1st.

Being a field representative is not a new situation for Crawford, who worked for U.S. Representative Jim Bunning in that capacity before his retirement.

His retirement, and the vacancy left by RCIDA executive director Aaron

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Distance Earning Forum a success

By: Sara Coguer

Over 30 people attended the Distance Earning Forum held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse Tuesday night.

Josh L. Ball, Distance Earning Business Specialist, spoke to the crowd about the future of distance earn-

ing, or being able to work from your home.

Participants who attended last night will have a rare opportunity to get their foot in the door early if they take the initiative to pursue this avenue of work,

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Dog attacks young boy

By: Sara Coguer

A four year old boy was attacked by a neighbor's

German Shepherd last Thursday in the Brush Creek area.

Malachi Anthony Hayes, son of William Hayes and Krystal Hayes, was playing in his grandparents' yard on Dogwood Lane, with his sister and cousins, when the German Shepherd attacked him.

The German Shepherd ripped Malachi's coat off and bit him on his back, ear and the back of his head before an older cousin, Elijah Didelot, 12, was able to beat the dog off with a rake.

The dog is now chained up on his owner's property under a mandatory ten day

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Malachi Hayes



Joshua L. Ball of the Distance Earning Initiative through Hazard Community College spoke with over 30 people Tuesday night at the Rockcastle Courthouse. Ball was presenting information to residents who are interested in teleworking from home.



The above 1998 Toyota Corolla, driven by Dessie S. Smith, of Eubank, was totaled early Monday morning when Ms. Smith left the shoulder on White Rock Road. Ms. Smith later died of her injuries at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Ramblings . . .

A New Generation

by:

Sara Coguer, Editor



Hats off to Lady Rocket Sara Hammond, I am so proud of her I could spit. You know, she was named after me (well, Roxanne, her mom, mentioned to me one time how much she liked the name Sara and she does spell it the same way . . .) but regardless, I think the honor of being named the first girl from Kentucky to the McDonald's All American team is fantastic.

I was deeply offended, if not surprised, by the Herald Leader's article on the announcement, which they buried on page 5 of the sports section last Friday. Although they did mention Sara's name in the head, as they should have, they didn't have the decency to even put her picture with the story. Do they not have email up there in Lexington? I would have gladly sent them an action photo of Sara to use. Instead, they used a picture of a player from Indiana (which is not in Kentucky), who is a UK recruit. I bet if she weren't from "the mountains," the head, the story and the photo would have been placed much more prominently.

Of course, we all know Rockcastle County's geographical location is southern Kentucky, and only the eastern edge of the county is in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, but whatever. It amuses me to no end though, when I see a cameraman from WYMT show up at one of our sporting events. The poor thing had to drive to Mt. Vernon all the way from Hazard. Have you driven to Hazard lately? I can get to Lexington and back twice by the time the poor soul arrives here to cover our "mountain" sports.

Oh well, no rest for the downtrodden, but we know the jewel we have sitting right here in our little corner of the world, ready and waiting to be polished and shined and brought out for her debut. Thankfully, there are a lot of good people going about the business of promoting our county, trying to bring jobs here so our kids won't have to leave.

trying to dispel the notions of backwardness that have plagued our community for decades, and trying to bring about a prosperous way of life for us all. I just wish others would leave them alone and let them go about their business.

And so it begins. The weather is nice, finally, and I absolutely must start exercising. I put it off as long as I could, citing the bad weather, but I no longer have that excuse. I have done pretty well on my other resolutions, especially the one about drinking one Diet Pepsi a day. I have gotten use to less caffeine in my body, but I'm thinking I'll need more once I actually start exercising, so it's just a big Catch-22.

I really love water spiked with lemon, and I got this bright idea to buy the lemon packets that you find at restaurants. Well, you wouldn't believe the process that was. After Jason found out the

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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



A Little of Rockcastle Goes a Long Way

Much to my surprise, I've learned that Rockcastle County has been a major supplier of rock to the local road systems that have been built in the last thirty to forty years. It has also fulfilled the needs of power companies in states to the south, as well. At one time, in years past, the mining of rock was a major industry here in the county, and one quarry is still in existence.

A quarry within the city limits of Mount Vernon has been in existence since 1908, according to Mike Hansel of Hanson Aggregates, and the quarry site has been through several different owners. The quarry employs about twenty or more people at present, and is currently owned by Heidelberg

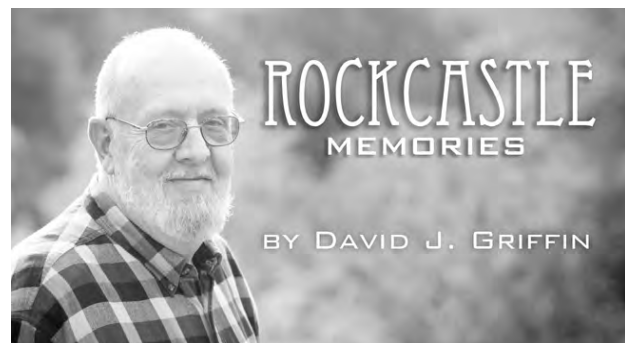
Cement Company of Heidelberg, Germany. They bought it approximately five years ago, although the name has remained the same. "Beazer" was the name of a housebuilder in Bath, England, who owned the quarry for a time. In recent years, it has been known as the Kentucky Stone Company as well as the present, Hanson. Hanson also owns several quarries, as well as pipeline factories.

At one time, in the early 1900s and in the years to follow, stone was a major export of Rockcastle County. Tons of stone were transported out of the county on the L&N Railroad. At that time, there was a large stone mining operation at Mullins Station. It closed at about 1975.

About halfway up Burr Hill is an old abandoned quarry. It is what was the Sparks operation. They supplied rock for the paving of several miles of I-75 in the area and for the Daniel Boone Parkway, beginning at London and proceeding through Eastern Kentucky. These projects were in the late 1960s and the early 1970s. Mike Hansel remembers, in 1967, when I-75 had reached south to Wildie, there was an on and off ramp there.

Other than the road system, the Hanson quarry supplied rock for the needs of power plants as far away as Atlanta, Georgia, those in

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Where is that old-fashioned school spirit?

While recently watching a local, hotly-contested, high school basketball game, I could not help but notice the number of empty seats in the gymnasium. Such a sight always takes me back, because I never experienced such a thing when I was growing up. At Mt Vernon High School, and for that matter all around us, the physical and emotional support for one's school was extremely elevated. We had what we called school spirit! Almost every student was present for all home games and most away games as well.

Before each game, we gathered in the gymnasium to "pump up" the teams by hosting a pep rally. I only learned of late that there are young students today who do not even know what a pep rally is. I find this unimaginable.

Pep rallies were regular, routine events in my day. Most any competition that was between our high school and another was preceded by a pep rally. The noise level was beyond amazing. I recall that, during my junior year, those cheerleaders who lead us were: Nancy Helton, Carla Baker, Sharon Owens, Martha Sowder, Jewell Anderkin, and Dorcas Woodall. For some reason, these particular cheerleaders personified the role of "spirit leaders" at MVHS in my mind.

At the beginning and at the end of each pep rally, the cheerleaders led the student body in our MVHS Fight Song. (My personal thanks to Marty Cox for helping me with the lyrics to this "golden oldie.")

When ole MVHS falls in line
Were gonna win this game
another time

And for old MVHS we love
so well

Were gonna yell and yell
and yell and yell and yell!!

And when the team rolls up
another score

We will circle in and then
will yell some more

We're gonna roll ole
Brodhead on the floor

Out the door
Fight-Fight-Fight

To clarify the use of Brodhead High School in the fight song, it should be noted that when I entered school at MVHS, there were three schools in Rockcastle County. Brodhead, Mt. Vernon, and Livingston each had their own schools, and the rivalries were extreme. The games that were played among these three high schools were the most important regular-season

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I believe, very strongly, that the best thing the University of Kentucky gives to Kentuckians from Paducah to Pike County has little to do with basketball and football teams and how they fare upon on the grass there on football playing field or the hardwood courts where basketballs are dribbled and passed about Where women practice volleyball on the hallowed floors of Memorial Coliseum. Where athletics induce us to measure accomplishment by the population in terms of athletic ability.

I am, instead, a huge fan of the UK Extension Service. I believe that most counties, if not all, have a place where farmers can go to get professional advice, where homemakers can get sound advice on ways to make the kitchen and household better places to live and where your questions are considered and answered with a high degree of accuracy.

Over the years, I have relied on Extension Personnel to help build community support for any number of endeavors that included down-town renovation to building industrial sites. If I

commenced mentioning them by name, it would be a Who's Who of UK Heroes who don't get mentioned often in the press. Your county agents and their support staff are easily the best kept secret in your county. All you have to do is use them. Talk about best kept secrets.

So last Saturday, Ralph King and I went to a seminar on growing giant pumpkins and giant watermelons that was put on by the Madison County Office of the UK Extension Service. Arranged by Amanda Spears who is my favorite horticulturist in the whole wide world, the seminar drew more than a hundred participants and they had to move it out to a church on the North end of the county.

One old fellow who was going to brag about his watermelons allowed that he was going to stretch the truth on the weight and size of his melons. And then the Extension Service had moved the Seminar to a church.

Thank you, Amanda Spears!

Thank you UK everywhere. You make it nice to be Kentucky.

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Obituaries



Connie Smith

Connie Ann Neeley Smith, 66, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, February 11, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She entered into this life on March 2, 1944 in Lexington, the daughter of Nancy Christine Prewitt Fain and Jack Dempsey Neeley, both of whom preceded her in death. She was a lumber sales clerk with Perry Lumber and Wick's Lumber. She was of the Christian faith and will be remembered for her love of birds, reading, photography and wildlife.

She will be lovingly remembered by: her son, Ronald Dean Smith, Jr. and Lillie Clay of Lexington; one grandson, Dean Norton "Bugs" Smith of Lexington; her companion of 30 years, Walter Aubrey of Crab Orchard; one brother, Jack Dempsey (Dorothy) Neeley Jr. of Lexington; one sister, Robin Kelsey (James) Jones of Beattyville; her special Aunt Gracie of Winchester; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her infant daughter, Susan Christine Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 13, 2011 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Interment was in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: David Aubrey, Walter Aubrey, Jr., Andrew Nelson, Jack Foster, Jr., Jerry Foster, Herbert Shanks, and James Jones. Honorary casketbearers were: Dr. Kevin Rowe, Larry Klug, Jack Foster, Sr., Danny Baker, U.K. Markey Cancer Center, Matt Preston, Hospice of Richmond, Jason and Jack Neeley, and Robin and James Jones Children.

Condolences can be sent online www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Clea Southard

Miss Clea Southard, 97 of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday February 12, 2011 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born on April 23, 1913 in Pulaski County the daughter of the late Charlie Leonard and Geno Fields Southard. She had been a school teacher in Rockcastle County for 38 years, a Kentucky Colonel, she received the Community and Family award at the nursing home, and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors are: one nephew, Jesse Frederick of Hazard; three nieces, Carol Hamm of Mt. Vernon, Nancy Parkerson of Brodhead, and Mary K. Insko of Lexington; and three cousins and several great nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Buford Parkerson and Dale McNew officiating. Burial was in Hansel Cemetery.

Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Dessie Smith

Dessie Smith, 67, of Brodhead and formerly of Louisville, died Monday, February 14, 2011 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, February 17 at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Smith Cemetery.

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

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



Melvin Winkler

Melvin Winkler, 74, of Okeechobee, FL, and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, February 7, 2011 at the Hamrick Home Hospice. He was born in Mt. Vernon, on November 3, 1936 the son of Ambrose and Grace Barnett Winkler. He was a US Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He enjoyed fishing and golf.

He is survived by: his wife of 53 years, Loretta Winkler; two sons, Ronnie (Sandy) Winkler of Concord, NC and Jimmy (Suzanne) Winkler of Mobile, AL; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jimmy Miller. Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Phillip R. Allen, Shane Brock, Carl Cawood, Travis Harris, Jesse Strunk, Aaron Winkler, Cleo Winkler, Hannah Winkler and Ricky Winkler.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Caleb Winkler and Jacob Winkler.

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Paul Blanton
Keeper of Cemetery

Nancy Miller

Nancy Miller, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday February 13, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born on May 26, 1947 in Roanoke, VA, the daughter of the late Harrel and Ida Sweeney Lawrence. She was a quality technician at the Toyota Parts Factory and was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors are: her husband, Zeke Miller of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Pamela of Christiansburg, VA, Rachael of Somerset, and Wendy of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Ann Lee of Lorane, OH; and three

grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 pm. (today) Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randy McPherson officiat-

ing. The family has chosen cremation to follow the services.

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

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Our Readers Write

Road Department doing an excellent job...

Dear Editor,

My congratulations to our county's road department for their great job on removing snow from the county roads last week.

I informed the magistrates that I had initiated a new system for snow removal, and it did, indeed, work well. I was extremely pleased with the way the road department crew handled the new system.

I also know that major snowfalls in the future will make the work time much longer, but the system does work. My thanks to the magistrates for allowing my office to make the necessary equipment improvements and purchases possible, and for working with me on this and other projects and problems the county has faced.

Respectfully,
Buzz Carloftis

County Judge-Executive

Hammonds have brought honor to county...

Dear Editor,

I am sure that others join me in the spirit of thanks and congratulations to two recent outstanding and much-deserved recognitions, that of Larry Hammond and Sara Hammond.

Mr. Larry Hammond was recently named the 2011 Outstanding School Superintendent from Kentucky, and Sara is a member of the McDonald All American girls' basketball team, the first ever for a player from Kentucky.

Thanks to both of you for your hard work and dedication. I am so glad it has not gone unnoticed. No doubt both of these humble persons would say that they have had a lot of cooperation and support over the years from teachers, coaches, family and friends. So thanks and congratulations to all these people too. Even though I was not part of this support group, I can't help feeling pride too -- just to know these two achievers and to be from their same place.

Nancy Mullins

Critics not commenting on county's progress...

Dear Editor,

When the Fiscal Court recently made a payment of \$782,000 on the \$2.5 million loan for the new industrial park, the silence from my critics was deafening.

During this past year's elections, one of the major concerns of my opponents was that I had placed the County into an unbearable debt.

In fact, that's all I heard. To my harshest critics, it evidently didn't matter that the debt was incurred to save jobs that were definitely go-

ing to leave Rockcastle County, and that our community now has land that can be used for future jobs.

From my critics, I heard only one refrain: a debt. Well, to my critics' chagrin, it appears that we, on the fiscal court and our industrial authority board, actually knew what we were doing.

We have now received \$420,000 (EDA funds) and \$782,000 (Transportation funds) that were returned to the County for debt payment. Contrary to my critics regarding this progressive-thinking project, the debt is not what it initially appeared. We knew what we were doing.

We, on the fiscal court and our industrial authority board, will continue our work to make our county attractive for future employers. That's what other counties have been doing for decades. It is very unfortunate that some people in our county still want no progress and fight it at every turn.

Respectfully,
Buzz Carloftis

County Judge-Executive

Thank You

Dear Editor,

The Mt. Vernon ADT and the children's program would like to sincerely thank each and everyone who donated money or items for the 2010 Christmas Season. It was a great success also for those who sponsored the children and bought their gifts.

Donors were: Community Trust Bank, Citizens Bank, Rtec, Mt. Vernon Drug, Main Street Pharmacy, Young's Pharmacy, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, Cox Funeral Home, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Attorney Jerry Cox, Attorney Jerome Fish, Cash Express, Davis and Powell Funeral Home, Berea Walmart, London Walmart.

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Hopefully, we have not left anyone off the list but if we have, please call 606-256-2129 and you will be added. Again, thank you and may God richly bless you and yours.

Lyla Powell, ADT Acting Instructor and Trainer
Helen Doan, ADT Trainer
Mary Newcomb, ADT Trainer
Tonya Stall, ADT Trainer
Sheryl Luczak, ADT Case Manager
Alicia Gilreath, Tabitha Harris, Steve Bolton and Devon Bussell, Childrens' Programs

"Ramblings"

(Cont. from A2)

ordering information and was told we could order one day and pick up the next, we called GFS in Lexington on a Friday and of course, they didn't have pickup on Saturday. It would be the next Monday. We told them that was fine, and about Wednesday of the next week I asked my brother-in law Rick to pick it up for me.

Well, first off, he went to GNC instead and they had no clue what he was talking about (men...). When he figured out it was GFS, he went there and they had no record of our order. So he ordered it again and went several days later to pick it up, and they gave it to us for free -- for our trouble. His only question to my sister Jamie was why we wanted 500 packets of lemon juice. Well, when I remember to keep it in my purse, it has been a fantastic buy!

Enjoy the beautiful weekend we have in store, because in Kentucky, you can never be sure what plans Mother Nature still has in for us.

"Roots"

(Cont. from A2)

the state of North Carolina, and others. All of this rock was produced here in the county.

According to office manager, Peggy Robbins, who has been with the quarry for thirty-three years, the rock is transported by train to these destinations. About once or twice a week, approximately sixty-seven hundred tons of Rockcastle is hauled away by the railroad system, in as many as sixty railroad cars at a time. This has been the case for at least two years. These cars come through on the tracks located in downtown Mount Vernon, usually at night or on the weekend. Before that, the rock was

primarily transported by truck. She has seen a lot of changes in those thirty-three years, especially in the weighing process. As most everything else, it has been given over to the technology of the computer. Things have gotten easier in the quarry industry, when you consider there are retired employees here in the county who can remember using wheelbarrows on the job.

Our local quarries have supplied the area with many jobs through the years, and boosted the local economy. They have also supplied quite a bit of the country with "a piece of the rock".

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

games of the year. The feeling was that if you could defeat the other two schools, then your season was considered very successful.

As I reflect on my high school days, I am reminded of the MVHS gymnasium. It was like a very large sunken swimming pool surrounded by the halls and classrooms. The gym was completely encircled by these halls. Only a few rows of seats were found on each side of the gym floor. The remaining spectators sat or leaned on guard rails that were on the second floor. I can vividly remember several rows of both students and their parents watching basketball games by looking down into the gym from above.

When I graduated from MVHS, the population of the town was only 1,106 (at least that was what the signs reported). So it was just natural that high school basketball, football, and baseball games were an important form of

recreation for students, parents, and citizens alike.

Large numbers of fans gathered to witness MVHS playing any other school in any sport. These games provided us with a reason to be proud of our school. I suppose the Beach Boys said it best in their hit song, Be True to Your School. The song appeared on the album Little Deuce Coupe.

When some loud braggart tries to put me down
And says his school is great
I tell him right away
"Now what's the matter buddy
Ain't you heard of my school
It's number one in the state..."

So be true to your school now
Just like you would to your girl or guy
Be true to your school now
Let your colors fly
Be true to your school...

The song goes on to describe having a letterman's sweater for athletic achievement. It does an excellent job of describing how we looked at things concerning our school identity in those days.

After I graduated from college and began my career as a chemistry teacher, I was extremely blessed to find myself part of the faculty at two small high schools in Kentucky. My first teaching assignment was at Campbellsville High School. The number of students was similar to MVHS, and so was the amount of "school spirit." The Eagles had a similar rivalry because there were two high schools in the same city. The competition reminded me of the three high schools in Rockcastle County and was just as much fun to be a part of -- even as a young adult.

My second teaching position was at Mt. Sterling High School. Again, the number of students and faculty was very

much like my own home school. Each time I attended any sporting event at Mt. Sterling High School, it felt just as it did back home in Mt. Vernon. As a matter of fact, the Trojans had the most successful following of fans of any place that I have ever witnessed. It seemed like EVERYONE attended every game! In addition, that gym was very much like MVHS because it only seated a limited number of fans. Usually, both sides of the court were filled with home team supporters. The remaining fans crowded into the doorways to witness the games.

It is sort of sad to me that things aren't like that these days. I suppose that both young and old have other things on which they want to spend their time. But they are all missing something so very special.

If an entire community supports local high schools' athletic programs, it provides a different, and may I say better, environment for all of us. Students are more inclined to feel that they are part of a special group -- one that calls upon everyone to do their best in supporting their teams. And the community itself becomes more involved with the schools and with the students. Nothing but good can become of such things. I'd bet you that anyone from the boomer generation will declare that this is true.

So tell me, where can I find that kind of school spirit? Is it only to be found in my memories? If so, it is a shame. It is an investment that I believe reaps very tangible rewards. So maybe we boomers need to show the young people of today how it's done. Do you think it would help if we all started singing "Be true to your school ...?"

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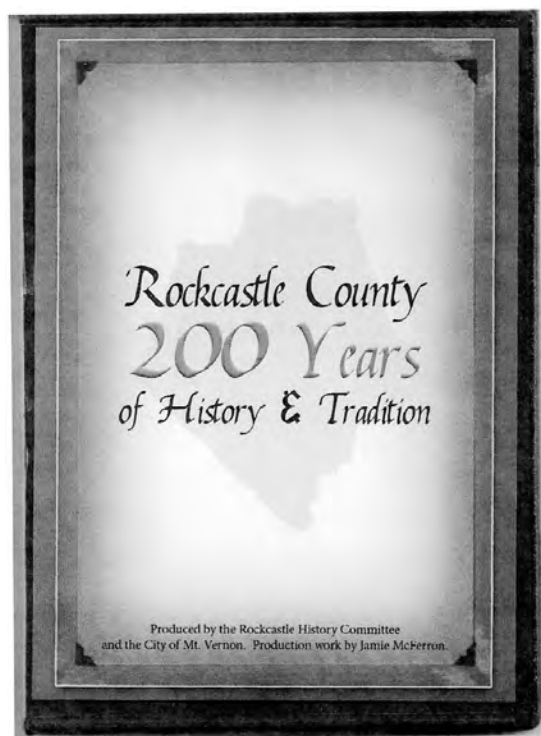
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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Election Results

The December 2010 election for Rockcastle County FSA LAA-1 resulted in Timothy Mink being appointed to the COC. A total of 68 votes were received with Timothy Mink receiving 67 votes and John Newland receiving 1 vote.

The 2011 Rockcastle FSA County Committee will be comprised of John D King, Chairman, Donnie Hurst, Vice Chairman and Timothy Mink, Member.

The COC meets each month with the first Thursday being the scheduled meeting date with the time as 8:00 am in the Rockcastle County FSA Office. The public is invited to attend.

USDA to measure the financial health of American farms

Starting in January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact farmers and ranchers across the nation to conduct the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). This

survey will provide farmers and ranchers with an opportunity to provide accurate, real-world data that will help shape the policies, programs and issues that affect them. ARMS asks a small, but representative, sample of farmers about their operation in order to understand the current financial state of U.S. agriculture. The survey will be conducted between January and April 2011. Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household charac-

teristics. Farm organizations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, other government agencies, members of Congress, and State and local officials use the collective information from ARMS to answer questions and make important decisions concerning the economic viability of American agriculture, the rural economy and other emerging issues. The economic data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual Farm Production Expenditures report on August 2, 2011. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

2011 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Farm Service

Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers of deadlines to apply for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs.

The NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur because of natural disasters.

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops and/or FSA's NAP coverage for non-insurable crops to be eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs.

The final dates to apply for coverage under NAP for 2010 for the following crops are:

March 1, 2011-Hay, pasture

Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes. Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone.

Payments

Rockcastle County FSA has now issued all payable Tobacco Transition Pro-

gram Payments (TTPP) at this time. If you have not received your payment within 2 weeks from the date of this notice please notify our office. For those who receive payments by direct deposit: Remember to review your bank statement before calling our office.

Bank account changes

If your bank account number changes or there is a change in your bank name notify FSA immediately to ensure payments reach your account timely.

This is very important to those receiving FSA payments as payments (TTPP) payments go out in January) can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account or routing numbers.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program sign up ends June 1, 2011

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program-signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program-signup continues Farm Storage Facility Loan Program continues

Maximum Discount Rate for TTPP

Farm Ownership Loans (Direct) continues

Farm Operating Loans

(Direct) continues Limited Resource Loans continues

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

MICHIGAN BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

Will and I introduced this recipe to the family before broccoli was common in the South. The vegetable was served in the dining room at Boone Tavern Hotel in Kentucky where Will and I had both worked while we attended Berea College. Being students at the time, we couldn't afford to eat there.

After Will's graduation from Berea in 1973, we moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan. Because it was always available there, we discovered the wonderful taste of broccoli.

2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen broccoli
OR 2 bunches fresh broccoli
1/2 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip®
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
1 stack Ritz® crackers, crushed
1 stick butter

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook broccoli according to package directions. If using fresh, cut into bite-sized pieces and steam or boil until fork tender. Drain. Add Miracle Whip®, eggs, soup and cheese. Mix thoroughly. Pour into buttered 2-quart casserole dish. Melt butter. Add to crushed crackers; spread evenly over casserole. Bake for 35 minutes. NOTE: I have also used the Mexican Blend of cheese in this casserole with great results.

SF CHICKEN CASSEROLE

This recipe came from a friend who worked with me at the United States Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco in 1988. She was originally from Tennessee, but we didn't know one another until we each moved to California.

4 to 5 pounds chicken breast, cooked

1 can cream of celery soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 package cornbread stuffing mix
1 stick butter or margarine

1 1/2 cups chicken broth
Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 9 x 13 baking dish or spray with a non-stick spray.

Shred chicken or cut into bite-sized pieces. Mix chicken with soups. Pour into prepared dish. Sprinkle with dry stuffing mix. Melt butter in broth and slowly pour over stuffing. Do not mix. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes.



Lacey Michelle Hayes celebrated her second birthday at her papaw J.R.'s house with a Barbie party Sunday, February 6th. She was surprised with a Bassett Hound puppy named "Bo" from Mommy and Daddy. We would like to thank everyone who attended and for the gifts and cards she received.



Rockcastle Kiwanis Club welcomed Heather Scalf to their February 10th meeting held at the Rockfire Steak House. Heather is an Instructor/Job Developer with Somerset L.Y.N.C. Heather works with adults ages 16-21 through our Rockcastle Adult Education Center helping prepare them for our local workforce through Education Training Resource. The Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Rock Fire Steak House. The public is invited. Shown in the photo, from left: Kiwanis member Eliza York, Kiwanis president William Reynolds, Heather Scalf and program committee chairperson Glenda Smith.



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CHURCH NEWS

Benefit Singing
Benefit singing for Alva Robinson February 25th at 7 p.m. at Brush Creek Holiness Church with local singers and singers from the church (McGuire Sisters and others). Everyone welcome.

Benefit Service
Faith Chapel Pentecostal invites all to a benefit service for Bro. Dennis Doan on Sat., Feb. 19th, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!!

Benefit Singing
There will be a benefit singing for Brother Andy Miller to help with medical expenses at McNew Chapel Baptist Church at Cove Branch off Hwy. 1004 on

Saturday, February 19th at 7 p.m. Pastor Jerry Ballinger and congregation invites everyone to attend. Special singers will be announced at a later date.

Singing
There will be a Singing at New Hope First Church of God on Sunday night, February 20th. The service will begin at 6 o'clock and Charlie Napier will be singing. The church is on Hwy. 39, south of Crab Orchard about 6 miles. Donald Lear is pastor. Everyone welcome.

Let the Bible Speak
Tune into "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.



The Rockcastle Co. Kiwanis Club's annual Valentine's Day Gala was held Friday night in Renfro Valley with Robert Lawson as Master of Ceremonies. Betty Frederick welcomed the large group on behalf of the Kiwanis Club. Bro. Bruce Ross, pastor of First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon, gave the blessing of our meal. After a wonderful dinner, music was provided by Keith Bussell and Melissa Singleton. The reigning 2010 King and Queen Bentley and Lela Cromer crowned the new 2011 King and Queen, Larry and Rebekah Hammond, shown above. A wonderful evening of fellowship, food and laughter was enjoyed by everyone. Proceeds from the evening will go to the Rockcastle Boy Scouts for Summer Camp.

Fundraiser being held for Scott Brock

A benefit fundraiser for Scott Brock of Berea who has been diagnosed with terminal neuroendocrine cancer, and has known for less than a year.

Scott just turned 40 on January 30th, and is married to Sheila (Patrick) Brock, the daughter of Bill and Verna Patrick of Fairview.

As he awaits his SS disability, we need to come together and help them meet their many financial obligations and medical needs.

The benefit will be held Friday, February 25th from 7-11 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., at the Russell Acton Folk Center in Berea.

Entertainment for the

event will be Kristi Miller and Yogi Brown, Will (Teen King) Reynolds doing his Elvis performance, and last but not least, Josh Logan.

Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up and \$5 for ages 6-11. Children 4 and under are free.

There will also be a donation box to give extra money privately, only if you are able to do so. We understand that times are hard for everyone, and appreciate your kindness.

Snacks and refreshments will be sold during the duration of the shows for \$1 or less per item. All proceeds will go to Scott and Sheila Brock. Please join us for this great cause!

An encouraging word:

The Soul of the Nation

By Howard Coop



Frequently, soul, a word familiar to almost everyone, is defined as "an entity that is regarded as being the immortal or spiritual part of the person and, though having no physical or material reality, is credited with the functions of thinking and willing, and hence determining all behavior."

Then, there is another less often used but significant definition of soul that is worthy of note. Using this definition, soul may be defined as the "embodiment or personification" of something. William Gladstone, a prominent English statesman of the later part of the nineteenth century, is frequently credited with relying upon this definition

when he said, "The homes of the people are the soul of the nation."

Robert Frost, the noted New England poet of the early part of the twentieth century, wrote in a poem entitled THE DEATH OF THE HIRED MAN, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." But home is more, much more, than that. Beyond the structure, simple or elegant, in which it is housed, the home is the place where caring and loving parents, a good father and a good mother, work side by side to create a favorable atmosphere that enables the children who are dear to them to develop into reliable, dependable, trustworthy, and self-reliant individuals that grow up to be persons who have strong moral character and are willingly to assume responsibility and act accordingly in both ordinary and extraordinary circumstances.

Children who grow up in such homes become a powerful influence for good, and they are a saving and preserving force in human society. They grow up to become involved citizens who are the embodiment or personality of the country in which they live. By the way they live, they determine at all times the course of the nation. Therefore, Gladstone was right. The homes of the nation are, indeed, the soul of the nation.

Hunter Education Course

Attention youth. There will be a Hunter Education course offered February 24th, 25th and 26th at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. The program will begin on Thursday evening the 24th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continue on Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the final test being given in the Friday night session. The course will conclude with range work on Saturday the 26th from 9 a.m. to noon, destination will be announced during class. Participants must attend all three sessions. Call a neighbor or a friend and bring them to these important sessions. Call Extension Office at 606-256-2403 for more information.

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A history of the county entitled "Rockcastle County 200 Years of History and Tradition" is on sale at Mt. Vernon City Hall for \$10. For more information, call 606-256-3437.

Retired Teachers Meeting
Retired teachers' meeting Monday, February 28th at Rock Fire Steak House at 6 p.m.

Class of 1977
RCHS Class of 1977 will hold a meeting to begin planning for their 35th reunion in 2012 on Saturday, March 12 at 4 p.m. at El Cazor Mexican Restaurant. This will be the class's second reunion since graduation and everyone is encouraged to come out and help plan the event.

Cost Share Program for Dead Animal Burial
The Rockcastle County Conservation District is now offering a cost share program for dead animal burial. Please contact the office for more information and guidelines for this program at 256-2525 ext. 3 and speak with Sandy or Zach.

Extension Office Classes
February 21: 10 a.m. Kentucky's Quilt Trail: learn about counties in the state that are participating in the Ky. Barn Quilt Project.

11 a.m. Vintage Look Brooch or Ring (supplies are needed). Call 256-2403 for more information.

Project Graduation Meeting Rescheduled
Parents of Seniors are encouraged to attend the next Project Graduation meeting. The meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24th at 6:30 at the high school cafeteria has been rescheduled to February 22nd.

Foster Parent Orientation
How can you make a difference in a child's future? Come join Benchmark Family Services for foster parent orientation from 5 to 6 p.m. on February 21st. Benchmark Family Services is located at 700 Chestnut St., Berea, Ky. Phone is 859-986-0650. Refreshments provided.

Book Discussion Group
Read a good book lately? Interested in sharing with a discussion group? Call 606-256-2388, leave your name and phone number. If there is enough interest in forming a discussion group, you will be contacted at a later date.

Mt. Vernon City Council Date Change
The City of Mt. Vernon's council meeting for February 21st will be held on February 28th at 7 p.m. due to President's Day. City Hall will also be closed on the 21st for the holiday.

NAMI Meeting
There will be a NAMI meeting Thursday, Feb. 17th at the Comp Care building from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Courthouse Offices Holiday Closing
All courthouse offices, except 911, will be closed Monday, Feb. 21st for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

Cardio Tone Class at Berea
A Cardio Tone class is continuing at the Russell Acton Folk Center in Berea. This class is designed for those at an intermediate fitness level and is held on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Other classes offered are Zumga, yoga, kickboxing or spinning. For ages 14 and up. Space is limited. Call 859-986-9402 for more info..

Hunter Education Course
Hunter Education course will be Thursday and Friday, February 24th and 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, February 26th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. For more information call Rockcastle Extension Service at 256-2403. Must be 9 years of age to take course.

Kiwanis Club Meetings
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Rock Fire Grill. Everyone welcome.

VFW News
VFW Post 5988 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for members and their guests. The monthly meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. Bingo is held at the post every Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

CCFFG Meeting
Next meeting of the Concerned Citizens for Fair Government, CCFFG, will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 17th in the Rockcastle Courthouse, 3rd floor, please use rear entrance. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Historical Society Hours
The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building. Monthly society meetings are held the 4th Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building in Mt. Vernon.

RCIDA Meetings
The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month at noon on the third floor of the courthouse.

NA Women's Meeting
The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting, non-smoking.

Women's Narcotics Meeting
There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

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Robbins creates brooms at KY Artisan Center

On Saturday, Feb. 26, Christopher Robbins of Brodhead will demonstrate broom making from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

At the age of 14, Christopher Robbins began working in the Broom Shop at the Bittersweet Cabins in Renfro Valley, Ky., where he developed a love of broom making. Robbins then had the good fortune of meeting master broom maker Jim Harmon, of Springfield, Ky. who helped Robbins refine his skills and acquire the equipment needed to produce brooms.

Robbins makes all of his brooms either totally by hand or with the assistance of 100+ year-old broom making equipment. He uses a 100-year-old winder that was constructed with wooden pegs to attach the broomcorn to the broom handle. His vice, which is used to tie the brooms, is dated Sept. 10, 1878.

Broomcorn, used to make brooms, is a member of the millet family. This tall plant has little foliage and woody stocks, but looks somewhat like sweet corn. It produces bristles laden with seeds

rather than an ear of seed and these bristles are processed after drying in multiple ways depending on how they will be used in producing brooms, brushes, or floral arrangements.

In 2002, Robbins was juried into the Kentucky Crafted Marketing Program - one of the youngest craftsmen ever to be awarded this honor. He is also a juried member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen and the Sheltoe Artisan Guild. Robbins says, "It feels good to be knowledgeable and able to carry on the art of such an old craft."

In 2010, Robbins was hired by Berea College to head and run the college's Broomcraft Program. The College Student Crafts Program is one of many labor departments and learning environments in which Berea College students work as part of their liberal arts education. Broomcraft has been a part of the Berea College Student Craft Program since 1920 when equipment from a broom factory was given to the college.

Works by Christopher Robbins are regularly found at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 975 Walnut Meadow Road, just off Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea). The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily. Winter Hours in effect from Jan. 4 - March 10, will be 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the café will be open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free. The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov



Christopher Robbins



Love My Library

The Rockcastle County Public Library celebrates "Love my Library" during the month of February. All fines on overdue items are forgiven during this month.

If your child is registered for "Books for Bikes," their reading forms must be returned to the library by 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5th. Extra forms are available at the circulation desk.

The library has federal tax forms and instructions. The state no longer provides the forms. The library can print these forms for a small fee. Library hours are 10-6 Monday thru Friday and 10-4 Saturdays.

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Frankfort Report

Legislative committees were hard at work this week approving many bills that then moved to the Senate floor for consideration by the full body.

The passage of Senate Bill 2 will have the most impact on the types of services state government provides. Kentucky's billions of dollars in unfunded liability in our state employee retirement system puts ever-increasing pressure on your already stretched tax dollars. While the Legislature has funded the state pension system as much as the Governor has requested every budget cycle, the nature of the current system is one that will likely bankrupt the state in the not-so-distant future. SB 2 stabilizes the state employee retirement system and protects the tax-payer



by moving new hires to a 401(k)-style plan for future state employees and legislators. Over the next 10 years, these changes will save local governments over \$1.1 billion. This move is fair to the tax-payer and helps us keep our commitment to both current workers and retirees without affecting teachers.

Senate Bill 41 encourages civic engagement in all citizens. The bill allows Independent voters to vote in either the Democratic or Republican Party primaries. To assure integrity in the process, if you are an Independent, you must be registered no later than December 31st immediately preceding the primary. This is the same date a voter can switch parties; which assures that those voters are committed Independents, and are not doing something to inappropriately influence the primary of a party in bad

faith.

Senate Bill 56 directs high schools to offer non-denominational Bible classes on an elective basis. So much of our cultural, legal, and literary heritage is from the Bible that offering these lessons can only help create well-rounded students.

Diabetes is one of the top diseases Kentuckians battle. With Senate Bill 63, the appropriate state government agencies will work together to identify goals and benchmarks to reduce the incidence of diabetes in Kentucky. This will make the first time a collaborative and comprehensive plan will be developed.

All these bills as well as others we passed will now move to the House of Representatives for their consideration. If you feel strongly about these or other issues, please do not hesitate to call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or TTY 1-800-896-0305. You can also follow legislative meetings via the Internet at website address

www.lrc.state.ky.us.

Note: Senator Jared Carpenter (R-Berea) serves on the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, the Banking and Insurance Committee, the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education, the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee, the Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor Committee, and the Education Committee. He represents the 34th District including Lincoln, Madison, and Rockcastle counties. For a high-resolution .jpeg of Senator Carpenter, please log onto website address www.lrc.state.ky.us/pubinfo/epphoto.htm.

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Beat Southwestern and McCreary

Lady Rockets win battle with E-town

By: Sara Coguer

With the win over the tenth ranked team in the state Saturday, the Lady Rockets have now been victorious over five of the top twenty teams in the state.

The Lady Rockets beat the Elizabethtown Lady Panthers 73-64 in a hard fought battle at John Hardin High School.

Seven Lady Rockets scored in the victory, making it very hard for the Lady Panthers to try and stop only one or two players. Four Rockcastle players were in double figures, with Sara Hammond leading the way with 17 points in the winning effort, followed closely by Angie Lawrence with 16.

"This was a good test of our tournament readiness," said Coach Chrysti Noble. "It is good for us to face some stiff competition going into districts and regionals. We know we have a target on our backs, but we also know we are focused on one goal. One game at a time."

The Lady Rockets won

the first quarter of the game, outscoring the Lady Panthers 23-18, which is often a halftime score. Both teams would add double digits to their score in the second quarter, with the Lady Rockets going into the locker room at halftime up 40-37.

Rockcastle would outscore the Lady Panthers by five in the third, and go on to claim the victory, 73-64.

Other scoring for Rockcastle: Sydney Arvin, 11; Michaela Hunter, 10; Kristin Abney, 8; Shanlee Burton, 7 and Ella McQueary, 4.

Rockcastle vs. Southwestern

Another twelfth district team took aim at the Lady Rockets last Friday night, when Rockcastle visited the Lady Warriors of Southwestern in Pulaski County.

The Rockets were not to be contained however, bringing the 52-39 victory home.

Another big scoring night for Rockcastle's two



Senior Sydney Arvin goes for two from an outlet pass in Monday night's action. Arvin had 8 points on the night.

leading scorers -- Sara Hammond with 21 and Angie Lawrence with 15 -- as well as a lackluster third quarter by the Lady Warriors helped fuel Rockcastle's win.

Rockcastle was up 15-12 at the end of the first quarter, and the Lady Warriors

managed to score even with the Lady Rockets at eight each in the second quarter to go into the locker room down only three to Rockcastle, 23-20.

However, the Lady Rockets outscored South

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Rockets swim team competes at Regionals

Submitted

The Rockcastle swim team recently completed their second season by competing in the KHSAA region 5 meet this past Friday and Saturday. Even with the team growing in size from 3 swimmers the first year to 9 swimmers this year the Rockcastle team is still small compared to the other 23 teams competing in the meet.

The 200 yard Medley relay of Lauren Burton, Kellan Coffey, Holly Cromer, and Cali Parker qualified Friday to swim in the finals on Saturday and finished 14th in the finals. The 200 yard Freestyle relay also qualified for Saturday's final and also finished 14th.

The Freestyle relay swam Friday's preliminary heat over five seconds faster than their seed time and in Saturday's final they dropped another two seconds off of Friday's time. The Freestyle team consisted of Lauren Burton, Rebecca Barron, Kellan Coffey, and Holly Cromer.

The boys 200 yard Medley Relay consisted of

Ashton Arvin, Andrew Burton, Lige Graves, and Jacob "JT" Taylor and they also qualified for Saturday's final by lowering their seed time by nearly four seconds.

In the individual events all four boys either matched or lowered their seed time with basically no practice at all for Ashton Arvin and Andrew Burton. Ashton lowered his time in the 50 free as Andrew matched his time in the 50 free and the 100 breast. While competing in the 50 and 100 free Lige Graves had his personal best in the 50 free. Jacob Taylor had personal best times in the 50 and 100 free by lowering his seed time for the 100 free by more than four seconds.

For the girls Cali Parker was able to improve her time in the 100 free by more than six seconds. Holly Cromer bettered her times in the 100 free by two seconds and in the 100 breast by three and a half seconds. Rebecca Barron also had her best meet of the year by swimming her fastest time in the 50 free and 100 free

(Cont. to A9)

Rockets drop to 6-20 on year after losses to Mercer and Whitley

By: Sara Coguer

The Rockcastle County Rockets are now 6-20 on the year, losing last Friday to Mercer County and Tuesday night to Whitley County.

Despite senior Travis Carpenter's 28 point effort, the Rockets came up short to Mercer County 90-72.

Rockcastle was down 27-21 at the end of the first quarter, and trailed by 13 at the half, 50-37. Rockcastle did manage to outscore the Scotties in the third quarter, 23-20, but would eventually fall 90-72.

Other scoring for Rockcastle: Ashton Arvin and Josh McKinney, 7 each; Jaden Brock, 2; Ben Allen, 14; Bryson Amyx, 6 and Corey McPhetridge, 8.

Rockcastle vs. Whitley

Tuesday night saw more of the same for the young Rockets, as they traveled to Whitley County to only come home with another loss, 73-56.

It was a big night for sophomore Ben Allen who dished in 19 points for the Rockets, but the Colonels took an early 19-6 lead and never looked back.

Rockcastle went into the locker room at halftime down 41-21, and would not regain any momentum in the third, only able to score seven points, before eventually falling 73-56.

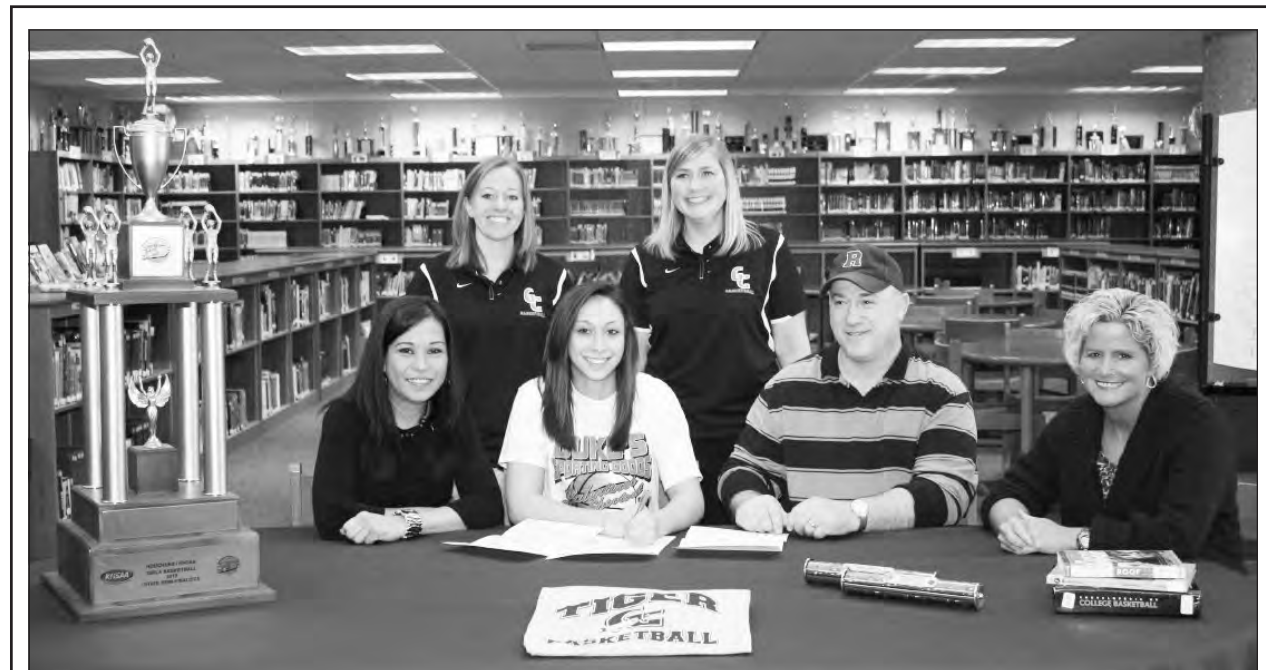
Other scoring for Rockcastle: Ashton Arvin, 8; Travis Carpenter, 10; Josh McKinney and Bryson Amyx, 4 each; Jaden Brock, 2; John Curtis Wilson, 3 and Corey McPhetridge, 6.



Junior Katie Cowan put in her best varsity performance of the year Monday night with 11 points off the bench for the Lady Rockets.



Senior guard Kristin Abney goes for two of her four points in Monday night's 84-22 rout of McCreary Central.



Senior point guard Angie Lawrence signed with Georgetown College Monday afternoon to continue her basketball career there. This season, as a Lady Rocket, Angie averages 14.1 points per game, 5.3 assists per game and 1.3 rebounds per game and is shooting 44.8% from two point range and 40% from three point range. In the above photo, with Angie on signing day was her mother and father, Marcy and Teddy Lawrence, Head Coach Chrysti Noble and back row, Georgetown Student Assistant Heidi Messer and new Georgetown Head Coach Andrea McClosky.



Rockcastle County High School Senior Dylan Thacker, a 6'0, 212 lb. offensive guard/defensive tackle signed Monday after to continue his football career playing for Cambellsville University. Dylan will join his older brother Derek, who signed with Cambellsville last year. Joining Dylan at his signing Monday were his grandparents, Diane and Walter Delaney, his parents, Greg and Angie Thacker and Head Coach Scott Parkey.

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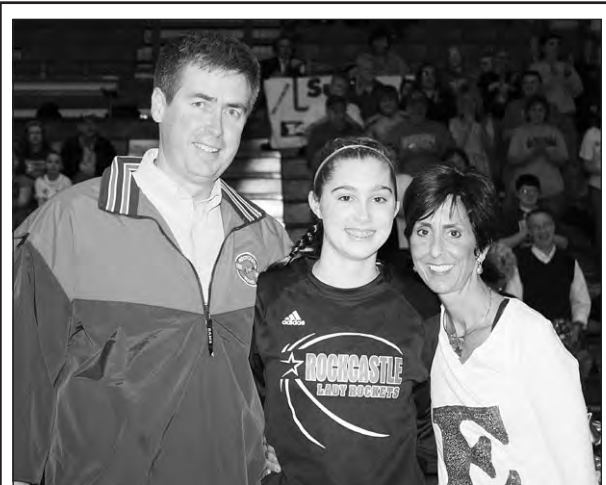
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Lady Rockets and Cheerleaders have Senior Night festivities



The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets honored their seven seniors Monday night before their last home game, which was against the McCreary County Lady Raiders. Above, Kristin Abney was escorted by her parents Johnny Fred and Penny Abney.



Sydney Arvin was escorted by her parents, Tony and Rebekah Arvin.



Shanlee Burton was escorted by her parents, Shannon and Charon Burton.



Sara Hammond was escorted by her parents, Eddie and Roxanne Hammond. Rockets #1 fan David Brock also escorted Sara.



Angie Lawrence shown with her parents, Teddy and Marcy Lawrence.



Ella McQueary was escorted by her parents, John and Sheila McQueary.



Manager Katie Linville was escorted by her parents, Roger and Phyllis Linville.



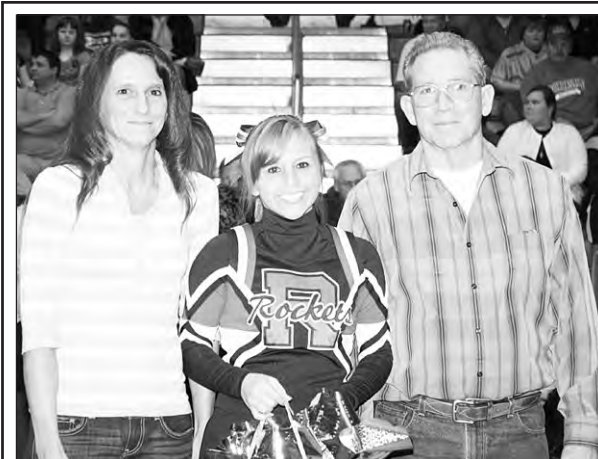
The Rockcastle County Rockets senior cheerleaders were also honored Monday night. Above, Rachel Nicely was escorted by her parents, Rick and Shelia Nicely.



Morgan Hunt was escorted by her parents, Angie and Jeff Hunt.



Allyson Washburn was escorted by her parents Sherry and Lewis Cox.



Beth Guinn was escorted by her parents, Libbie and Leamon Clark.



Alivia Bullock was escorted by her parents, Celena and Ricky Bullock.



Kara Canterbury is the daughter of Ken Canterbury of Washington D.C., and Kitty and Don Reese, who escorted her.

“Lady Rockets” (Cont. from A8)

western 16-7 in the third and 13-12 in the fourth to win 52-39.

Other scoring for Rockcastle: Sydney Arvin, 7; Shanlee Burton, 4; Kristin Abney, 3 and Michaela Hunter, 2.

Rockcastle vs. McCreary

The Lady Rockets senior night brought in a packed house to showcase the six exiting seniors, and it was a rout from the beginning as the Lady Raiders fell heavily to Rockcastle, 84-22.

McCreary Central,

which started a 7th and an 8th grader and who is currently in a rebuilding year, could not do much but watch helplessly as seniors Sara Hammond, Angie Lawrence and Sydney Arvin put on a fun first quarter show.

The show included two alley-oop passes to Hammond for the easy score, three steals from Lawrence and two baskets from Arvin that helped the Lady Rockets to a 20-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The nine that the Lady Raiders were down at the end of the first was as close as they would get, as Shanlee Burton and junior Katie Cowan would get in

on the scoring action, along with Ella McQueary and Hammond during the second quarter to help the Lady Rockets extend their lead to 25 at the half, 40-15.

Rockcastle would add another 21 points to their total in the third quarter, behind some big threes by Lawrence, Cowan and sophomore Sara Adams, while McCreary Central could only muster a basket and two free throws, to end the quarter down 61-19.

The fourth quarter saw the Lady Rockets bench come alive again with scoring help from junior Holly Ham and sophomore Emily Miller, to end the game with an 84-22 Rockcastle win.

Scoring totals for Rockcastle: Angie Lawrence and Sara Hammond, 15 each; Shanlee Burton, 14; Sydney

Arvin, 8; Katie Cowan, 11; Kristin Abney, 6; Ella McQueary and Kadi Cobb, 2 each and Emily Miller and Holly Ham, 4 each.

The Lady Rockets and Rockets will travel to South Laurel Friday night for a doubleheader beginning at 6:00 p.m.

“Swim Team” (Cont. from A8)

by two seconds. Kellan Coffey also saved her best for the last meet by swimming faster in her 50 free and her 100 free by two and a half seconds. Lauren Burton also improved her time on the 50 free in Friday's prelims and qualified for Saturday's final and in the 50 free final on Saturday Lauren finished 12th overall.



The Rockcastle County Rockets swim team competed in the 12th regional championships last weekend. Members of the team are, from left: Ashton Arvin, Assistant Coach Shannon Burton, Cali Parker, Lige Graves, Lauren Burton, Andrew Burton, Kellen Coffey, Jacob Taylor, Holly Cromer, Rebecca Barron and Coach Charon Burton.



Members of the JROTC at the Rockcastle County High School presented colors at Monday night's girls basketball game against McCreary Central. Pictured above, from left: Second Lieutenant Brady McClure, Second Lieutenant Logan Durham, Captain Jacob Houk, and Second Lieutenant Justin Houk.



McDonald's All-American Sara Hammond

“Hammond”

(Cont. from front)

as from the three point arc. She is shooting 57.5% from the field this year.

Sara has had a stellar career with the Lady Rockets, beginning in the 7th grade when she first dressed out for the high school varsity team and played in 13 games that season. She joined the very exclusive 1000 point club during her junior year, on December 1, 2009, during a game against Wayne County.

Behind Hammond, the Lady Rockets basketball team has enjoyed much success, including a state tournament run that ended in the semi-finals last season. The Lady Rockets also went to the state tournament Hammond's freshman year.

“Condemned”

(Cont. from front)

the property to be condemned and, after that process, landowners named in the suit will be served with the suit and with a copy of the commissioners' evaluations. Following that, the landowners will have 20 days to answer the suit or accept the commissioners' evaluations. Commissioners appointed were Tommy Harold Mink, Darrell Whitaker and Gary Mink.

Over 50 landowners on the road have already provided easements to the county.

The road is three miles in length and the county plans to begin widening, ditching and building up the shoulders for about a mile, starting at the back end.

“We need a 40 ft. easement but the road bed itself will only be about 17 feet wide,” County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis said Wednesday. Carloftis added that no buildings will have to be moved and “any fencing that has to be removed will be replaced in as good a shape, if not better, than before.”

Carloftis also pointed out that if the condemnation suit is successful, ownership of the land needed is given over to the county as opposed to ownership being retained by the landowners who provided an easement.

“My office and the magistrates want only one thing, to make Lambert Road much safer for its many residents. It is unfortunate that a few landowners have failed to cooperate with the county. If they had been cooperative, the road work could have been completed over a year ago. Let's remember exactly where the blame for the delay lies -- with the landowners -- not with me, the magistrates, the county attorney or county government,” Carloftis said Wednesday.

“Forum”

(Cont. from front)

Ball said.

“There is a huge disconnect between the public and the resources that are out there,” said Ball. “It is my job to go to companies we all know and hear about on a daily basis and ask them to invest in the incredible human talent of Eastern Kentucky.”

Ball went on to say, “We have to do a better job of giving our children a better opportunity to work and live at home.”

According to an informational brochure distributed at the meeting, “The Distance Earning Initiative

executive Buzz Carloftis told the court that they should consider making a major payment on of \$40,000 in March. The note is set up to mature in 2027.

Of course, several of the loans are paid by other entities, including the courthouse annex which is paid by the Administrative Offices of the Court; three notes for ambulances which are paid by the Rockcastle Ambulance Service; a KIA loan to Western Rockcastle Water Association, paid by the association and, of course, the \$2.7 million loan for the building for SourceCorp which is being paid from rent proceeds.

RCIDA chairman Corey Craig told the court recently that all of the proceeds of the rent payment is being applied to the loan, causing it to be paid off at a faster pace than originally scheduled. Through December over \$300,000 had already been paid on the principal of the note.

Concerning the county's financial condition, Carloftis commented, “The county government is, without argument, in the best financial condition in its 200 year history. For the first time ever, the magistrates and I will be able to provide local government functions that other local governments have done for years. One of the most important functions is to help create an environment attractive for the growth of private businesses and jobs. The new industrial park is a result of our fiscal court's commitment to make local investments for future job growth.”

“Crawford”

(Cont. from front)

Anderkin, made for a smooth transition for Crawford, who was highly qualified for the position. Her experience, in working for Bunning throughout the state, gave her many opportunities to help grow Rockcastle County.

In her short tenure, Crawford oversaw many projects, including a small business expansion, a Distance Earning Forum for those wanting to work from home, and implementing a feasibility study for a health and wellness/recreation facility to improve the quality of life for Rockcastle Countians.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Corey Craig and the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Board, Judge Carloftis, the fiscal court and our local mayors,” Crawford said Tuesday. “We are fortunate to have strong leadership in the county who have the county's best interests at heart. I look forward to working with my successor to create a smooth transition to continue the many projects currently in progress.”

Crawford went on to say, “the offer to represent U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell was unexpected, but it is a high honor that I could not turn down. Although I will be representing him in the 6th District, my door will always be open and I will remain a strong advocate for Rockcastle County, continuing to do everything possible to help the county move forward.”

RCIDA Board Chairman Corey Craig said of Crawford's resignation, “The RCIDA is disappointed that Regina will be leaving. But, we are grateful for the time she was with us and for the good work she did. We wish her much success in her new role as field representative for Senator McConnell and look forward to working with her to improve our region and all of Kentucky.” He went on to add, “The RCIDA will work as quickly as possible to fill the vacancy so we can continue to build on the momentum that we have as we continue to work toward growing and improving the economy of Rockcastle County.”

“Sentenced”

(Cont. from front)

Court and grand jury indictment. These proceedings normally can take up to sixty-plus days. Bartley, recommended a ten year sentence.

Judge Burdette proceeded directly into sentencing, also bypassing the thirty-plus days normally required to finalize sentencing matters. Burdette noted the recommendation of the Commonwealth and informed Spoonamore that “this court has considered all the options by which you could be rehabilitated, but even more so, the court notes your propensity to be a criminal.”

The judge also noted that Spoonamore had been through the system numerous times and that he, according to his prior sentencing reports, had not completed school, a factor that the judge noted “leads to the need to create more jails” and for Spoonamore, made him “less likely to be successful in leading a crime-free life” should he be granted probation.

Judge Burdette decided, based on these factors, there was “no choice but to sentence you to the ten years recommended.”

Following the hearing, Bartley told the *Signal*, “Again, a man who is no stranger to the court system has been handed a lengthy but deserved prison sentence, and because of the joint efforts of all involved, this case was resolved at a minimal cost to the county.”

Commonwealth Attorney Eddy F. Montgomery again expressed his appreciation for the fiscal court, Jailer James Miller, the judges, County Attorney Billy Reynolds and Circuit Clerk Teresa VanZant's office for cooperating in the Rocket Docket process. “I hope this sentence sends a message that we will not tolerate the sanctity of someone's home being violated. The Sheriff's Department did an excellent job in bringing this man to justice and we are pleased, once

again, that this case was not drawn out, which would only add more of a burden on the county taxpayers.”

Spoonamore was remanded to the Department of Corrections, where he will be classified and sent to a state prison.

“Attacked”

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quarantine by the health department and possible further legal action is pending by Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds.

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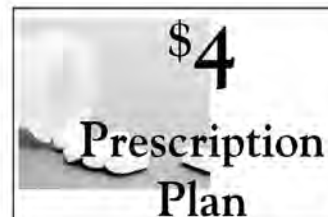
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City of Mt. Vernon, Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ruth Girt, condemnation suit.

Ky. Housing Corp. vs. Michael Brock, et al, \$51,877.15 plus claimed due.

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Phyllis M. Sowder, \$6,171.72 plus claimed due.

Ernest A. Mobley vs. April D. Mobley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kimberly Ann Phillips Sparks Baker vs. James Roy Sparks, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Opal Wilder, et al vs. Melinda Bowles, et al, verified petition for permanent custody.

PYOD LLC vs. Penney Hensley,

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Chase Home Finance LLC vs. Lisa K. Allen et al, \$9,920.48 plus claimed due.

JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Byron Jackson et al, \$17,114.92 plus claimed due.

Marriage Licenses

Misty Dawn Shelton, 30, Lancaster, unemployed by Brian Keith Gibson, 38, Nicholasville, Central Ky. Processing. 2/7/11.

District Civil Suits

KY Collect LLC vs. Richard Gibbs, \$1,036.32 plus claimed due.

Proctor Brock vs. Robert Douglas et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC vs. Tina Juddy, \$2,080.15 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Wayne Hart,

\$1,882.87 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Aaron Collins, \$1,906.25 plus claimed due.

KY Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. vs. J. Bingham, \$2,327.51 plus claimed due.

Deeds Recorded

Bank of America, property on Hwy. 1505 to Shannon L. Osborne and Robert William Perkins. Tax \$27.

Melinda G. Higgins, property on McHargue Branch Road, to Merrill K. Brown. No tax.

Begley Properties LLC, property in Possum Kingdom section, to Boone Forestlands LLC. Tax \$101.50

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Claudetta Ruth Alexander: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Kyle A. Barron: expired temporary plate, and three other charges, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

Speeding: Jennifer D. Dansby, paid \$158 total; Cory G. Mogul, license suspended for fta; Estill W. Norton, paid; Joey W. Bullock, 3 days in jail in lieu of fine/costs; Johna C. Henderlight, \$24 fine plus costs;

Jennifer D. Short: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, \$100 each charge/\$200 plus costs.

Raymond Blankenship III: defective equipment, \$50 plus costs.

Ashley Bussell: public intoxication and possession of marijuana, sentencing orders entered.

Donald Gadd: escape, 90 days/to serve 30/costs waived.

Summer McCowan: terroristic threatening, \$100 fine and costs.

Gregory McGuire: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, possession controlled substance and possession of marijuana, sentencing orders entered.

Medina G. Stamper: no/expired registration lplates l- receipt; operating on suspended/revoked operators license; failure to maintain required insurance; failure to produce insurance

card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, improper display of registration plates (two counts), 15 days in jail/concurrent.

Connie M. Sciberras: careless driving, \$50 fine and costs.

Landon L. Fletcher: improper registration, \$25 fine; instructional permit violations, \$25 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine/suspended on condition.

Benson J. Ingram: No operators/moped license, bench warrant(bw) issued for fta.

James L. Jones;no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no operators license in possession, \$25 fine.

Phillip G. Lark: stalking, terroristic threatening, paid \$193 total.

Paula M. Stewart: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Veronica Bray: public intoxication, 20 days/probated 12 months on condition plus costs.

Jamey D. Fleming: reckless driving, \$50 and costs; no operators license in possession, \$50 fine.

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Attention Senior Citizens

The Homestead Exemption for 2011 will be \$34,000. If you own and occupy your home and will be 65 years of age any time during the year, you must file an application with the P.V.A. in order to be eligible for this exemption. If you are already receiving the Homestead Exemption, \$34,000 will be automatically deducted from your 2011 assessment, and it will not be necessary for you to fill out an additional application.

Attention Disabled Persons

The Homestead Exemption also applies to anyone who is totally disabled. In order to qualify for this, you must receive 100% disability payments for the entire calendar year and must reapply each year.

The PVA office is located on the third floor of the courthouse and is open from 8:00 - 4:00, Monday - Friday.

Margaret Offutt
Property Valuation Administrator

Dates for CRP general signup announced

John W. McCauley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, today announced Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has set general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to begin on March 14, 2011,

and continue through April 15, 2011. During the signup period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general signup at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

"Over the past 25 years,

CRP's benefits have grown thanks to many unexpected, but welcomed improvements to our natural resources — cleaner water, improved air quality, better habitat for wildlife, viewing opportunities of that wildlife and of course, a huge reduction in soil erosion," said McCauley. "Today's announcement will help this administration continue its strong conservation legacy."

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this signup are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2011.

To help ensure that interested farmers and ranchers are aware of the signup period, USDA has signed partnership agreements with sev-

eral conservation and wildlife organizations that will play an active role in USDA's 2011 CRP outreach efforts.

FSA, which administers the CRP, will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that shows the environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land. For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.



The Mt. Vernon Lions Club recognized officers at the Christmas dinner on December 21, 2010. Lion president Mike Debord, above left, was presented a plaque for being an outstanding president of the organization for several years by Lion Bobby Kendrick. Lion Virginia Darst was presented a plaque for being an outstanding secretary of the organization this past year. Lions Tom and Virginia Darst also received the Lion of the Year plaque.



Conservation District Cost Share Program

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1 and extending through February 28, 2011.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created in 1994 by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agriculture water quality plans, which are required under state law. Any person engaged in agricultural or silvicultural operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices. The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The best management practices, approved through the State Cost Share Program, help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and ground-water supplies. Among the

eighteen practices eligible under the State Cost Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Please contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices. In the first twelve years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 21,465 applications seeking \$214 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 7,725 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$82.5 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in June or July of 2011 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by the Rockcastle County Conservation District Office located in the USDA Service Center at 2019 New Brodhead Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: 256-2525 Ext. 3.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 09-CI-00221

Flagstar Bank, FSB **Plaintiff**

V.

**Ronnie W. Pennington,
Sherry R. Pennington,
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., American General
Financial Services, Inc. and
United States of America** **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 12, 2010 and order entered on January 14, 2011 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 77/100 (\$109,054.77) 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, February 18, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

5190 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419
Lot Number 6- Located on the South side of Copper Creek Road, to wit:
Beginning on a steel pin set in the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, also a corner of a 30 foot right of way; thence with the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, North 74° 16'47" East, 88.05 feet to a stake; thence with the South right of way of the Copper Creek Road, North 58° 24'30" East, 38.99 feet to a steel pin, a corner of Lot 7; thence with the property line of Lot 7, South 22° 33'01" East, 205.30 feet to a steel pin; thence South 64° 08'18" West, 152.35 feet to a steel pin, a corner of a 30 foot right of way; thence North 15° 43'13" West, 220 feet to the point of beginning.
Containing 0.665 acres, more or less.
The parties acknowledged that the Grantors have retained a 30 foot easement adjacent the western line of the above described real property. The parties further acknowledge that Grantees shall have the right to use said easement provided Grantees bear 1/2 cost of the developing said easement and 1/2 of the cost of maintaining said easement.

Being the same property conveyed to Ronnie W. Pennington, et ux. by deed dated February 7, 2007 of record in Deed Book 214, Page 421 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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 twenty percent (20%) 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. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2010 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of 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. The successful bidder shall at bidder's own expense carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full with a loss payable clause to the Rockcastle Master Commissioner.
9. The 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. 10-CI-00219

Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC **Plaintiff**

V.

Countrywide Homes, Inc. Et. Al **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 10, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 70/100 (\$277.70) 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, February 18, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Lying to the northwest of the new road leading from Clear Creek to U.S. Highway 421, and beginning at a fence on the north edge of the new road, corner to Dewey Thomas; thence with the fence and Thomas Line, to line of Jimmy Coins; thence with Coins' line and the fence to the corner of Berea College; thence south with the line of Berea College to the right of way of the new road; thence with the right of way of said road to the point of beginning, and containing thirty-five (35) acres more or less.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property conveyed to Johnny T. Dees and Peggy A. Dees, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 14, 1995 and recorded in Deed Book 157, page 299, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property (3/4 of an acre ±) conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Carolyn Isaacs, husband and wife, by Deed dated January 28, 1998 and recorded in Deed Book 133, page 192, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: There is excepted from and not included in this conveyance the property (2.22 acres) conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Isaacs, spouses, by Deed dated July 18, 2000 and recorded in Deed Book 180, page 443, Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

EXCLUDED: The property being conveyed herein is subject to a right of easement granted by James L. Dees to the Kentucky Department of Highways and/or Rockcastle County Fiscal Court by right of Easement for School Bus Turn Around dated December 17, 1986 and recorded in Deed Book 130, page 57, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

THERE IS EXCEPTED THEREFROM, the following property conveyed to Lloyd Dees and Donna Dees, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 24, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 221, Page 375, in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

Situated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle and being a part of the property as conveyed to Country Homes, Inc. by Deed Book 215, Page 66 and Deed Book 215, Page 70 as recorded in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk and being more particularly bounded and described as follows;

Beginning, for REFERENCE, at an iron pin set in an intersection of the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road and Blue Jay Loop and being a common corner to the properties as conveyed to Carl Wayne Isaacs and Wanda Isaacs by Deed Book 180, Page 442 and Deed Book 133, Page 192;

Thence with the northerly right-of-way of Blue Jay Loop, N 65° 51'13" E a distance of 305.06 feet to an iron pin found with cap labeled #2463;

Thence S 09° 05'41" W a distance of 14.74 feet to the centerline of Blue Jay Loop;

Thence with the centerline said Blue Jay Loop, N 54° 56'06" E a distance of 109.98 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of Tract herein to be described;

Thence with the centerline said Blue Jay Loop and crossing through aforesaid Country Homes, Inc. the following four (4) new courses: N 54° 56'06" E a distance of 53.98 feet to an iron pin set; N 23° 52'41" E a distance 186.55 feet to an iron pin set; S 74° 55'16" E a distance of 124.12 feet to an iron pin set; S 09° 20'00" W a distance of 321.11 feet to an iron pin set in the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road; Thence with the northerly right-of-way of Hammonds Fork Road, S 68° 16'21" W a distance of 41.71 feet to an iron pin set;

Thence crossing through said Country Homes, Inc. N 42° 22'24" W a distance of 220.65 feet to the Point of Beginning, passing an iron pin set at 208.60 feet and containing 1.131 acres by survey, subject to all legal highways and rights-of-ways whether of record or not. All iron pins set are 1/2" by 18" rebar with orange plastic caps labeled "HUPP #3623". All measurements are based upon an actual field survey made by Covenant Surveying, LLC on the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 2007. All bearings are based on an easterly line of the property as conveyed to aforesaid Don Dees as being S 39° 45'00" E by Deed Book 183, Page 505.

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 twenty-five percent (25%) 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.
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4. The purchaser shall pay the 2011 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of 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.
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Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on property belonging to James O. and Rita Kirby, located on Hwy. 3274. Violators will be prosecuted. 10x3p

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on property of Dell Ponder on Red Hill and Black Bear lick Lane. Violators will be prosecuted.

No hunting or trespassing on the property of Ricky Barron, located in Blue Springs on Barron Road. 8x4p

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 to anyone. Violators prosecuted. (12/29/11)

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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 hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

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Sydney Carrera, Sean Cash, LeAnn Doan, Natalie Erwin, Valerie Gray, Kaleb Haling, Jetta Lear, Jacob Luczak, Charlie Pearson, Landan Smith, Kaleb Whitaker

Second Grade
Burton
Dylan Allen, Sara Allen, Asa Gerson, Analeise Guinn, Zoey Holland, Thomas Ligon, Aleya Lopez, Madisen Petrey, Dougie Shields, Gabriel Tackett, Addyson Topf Aliyah Lopez, Madisen Petrey.

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Owen Falin, Abby Langford, Hayley Muncy, Kyra Ramsey, Cassidy Shepherd, Christopher Whitehead.

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Kyle Coffey, Brianna Collins, Amy Cornelius, Hannah Davis, Bailee DeBorde, Alyssa Lunsford, Mikahlyn Poynter, Silas Shaffer, Aidan Thompson.

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Nick Anderson, Kaylan Bullock, Dillan Cromer, Jason Karr, Jacob Mason, Noah Parkey, Kennedy Vinson.

Third Grade
K. Asher
Jacob Adams, Bailee Allen, Jacob Adams, Brexton Cromer, Nichole Griffin, Cody Moore, Zackary Sadler, Alex Vanzant.

Barnett
Hannah Abney, Drew Bullock, C J Cameron, Jonas Cox, Paishence Johnson, Holly Miller, Robert Mullins, Alexis Stewart, Hannah Suffridge, Paul Young.

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Rumsey
Aden Amburgey, Tarrylton Dunn, Dustin Hamilton, Andrew Hurt, Reece McGuire, Allie

Phanis, Noah Reams.
White
Ashlyn Brock, Aidan Cain, Wesley Clark, Katherine Coffey, Will Isaacs, Blayne Kelley, Jacob Loudermilk, Braden Parker, Jaylon Ponder, Abby Stephens, Ella White.

Fourth Grade
J. Asher
Principal's List
Cade Burdette, Melanie Mink.

Honor Roll
Savannah Bullock, Zephyr Kennedy, Noah Mink, Katelin Smith, Lindsey Smith, Tyler Wood.

Bowman
Principal's List
Michael Allen, Peyton Bowman, Caroline White.

Honor Roll
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T. Coffey
Principal's List
Levi Allen, Alexis Anderson, Hannah Mullins, Kaitlyn Smith.

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Parkey
Principal's List
Aliah Gerson, Brookelynn Smithern, Jacyrayn Strunk.

Honor Roll
Alisha Denny, Melanie Gadd, Kayla Ginter, Jacob Hansel, Benton Kuntz, Shannon McCormick, Katlyn Williams, Woodrow William.

Fifth Grade
Cameron
Principal's List
Emily Adams, Hunter Rigsby, Sarah Roberts.

Honor Roll
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Smith.
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McQueary
Principal's List
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Honor Roll
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Things you need to know:

Thursday, Feb. 17th School Based Decision Making Council 5 pm

PTG 6 pm Little Ceaser's Pizza Fundraiser order forms and payment are due Friday Feb. 18th, make checks to Brodhead PTG. Delivery day is set for Wed. March 2nd 3-6pm at BES

March 3rd - Parent/Teacher Conference

Book Fair March 3rd - 8th

Spring Pictures March 15th

There were 226 students who had perfect attendance during month of January. Students received a pencil and a free food coupon from Brodhead FRC.

Always send a note on the day your child returns to school from an absence, a doctor's statement or handwritten note is required for the absence to be excused.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Change hunting strategies for late season squirrels

Squirrel hunting during the last month of Kentucky's 106-day fall season is a much different experience than early fall.

In winter, the food that squirrels are looking for is mostly on the ground.

"They create a cache of nuts and seeds," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "They go back to the nuts they have buried or stashed in tree cavities."

In August and September, the leaves are still on the trees. Hickory nuts, acorns, beechnuts and walnuts are just starting to ripen. Squirrels abound in the leafy treetops; the spot and stalk method is the best hunting strategy. Shotguns are ideal for the early season because squirrels are in thick foliage and partially hidden most of the time.

In winter, food is in much shorter supply, so hunters may have to look for remaining food sources to find squirrels.

"By Kentucky standards this has been a cold winter, and snow on the ground makes finding food more difficult for squirrels. There's also a lot of competition for acorns from deer, wild turkey and bear," said Robinson.

With the leaves down, the forest floor is often dry and crunchy. It's not as easy to walk quietly. Squirrels are on the ground more and are quick to pick up movement. A successful late season hunting strategy is to sit tight and wait for squirrels to appear.

Shots tend to be longer, so .22 rifles and small-caliber muzzleloaders are ideal for bagging squirrels in late season.

Hunter harvest of squirrels drops off in the late season in part because there are fewer hunters. The 2009-10 Squirrels Hunter Cooperator Survey indicated hunter effort is greatest toward the beginning of the fall season and declines as the season progresses.

According to the survey, about 4 percent of squirrel hunts were held in January and around 2 percent in February. About half as many squirrels were observed then compared to August and September.

Squirrel season continues through Feb. 28, 2011, with a daily bag limit of six squirrels.

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State offers several student aid programs

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Kentucky's need-based programs include the College Access Program (CAP) Grant and Kentucky Tuition Grant (KTG). CAP grants may be used at all of Kentucky's public and private colleges. KTG awards may be used at Kentucky's private colleges. Students may apply for the CAP and KTG programs by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Perhaps the best known program is the merit-based Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Students attending certified Kentucky high schools earn college scholarships based on their yearly grade point average and their best ACT score. High school students who qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program may also earn additional KEES

money by scoring well on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams. Home school and GED graduates may earn KEES awards based on their ACT score.

Students do not need to apply for a KEES award. If they attend a participating Kentucky college, KHEAA will automatically send the scholarship money to the college after the school reports that the student is attending classes.

KEES, CAP and KTG are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenues.

KHEAA also administers the Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship and Early Childhood Development Scholarship. Students may apply online for these scholarships through Zip Access.

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, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

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Hopkins is new RCIDA Ex. Director

By: Sara Coguer

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority announced Monday that Holly Hopkins has been hired as their Executive Director, replacing Regina Crawford who is leaving to take a position with Senator Mitch McConnell. For the past 11 years Holly has been working with Senator Jim Bunning as a Field Representative.



Holly Hopkins

During her tenure with Bunning, Hopkins supported the functions of the Senator by serving as the liaison between the constituents of 35 Kentucky counties in matters related to all areas of the Federal Govern-

ment.

Hopkins' duties included working with numerous county and city governments, industrial development authorities, area businesses, military institutions, all levels of educational institutions, faith based organi-

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Eight indicted by Grand Jury

By: Sara Coguer

Eight individuals were indicted in Rockcastle County Circuit Court on Friday, February 11th. Counts ranged from burglary to possession of a controlled substance.

Donald L. Jones, 35, of Brodhead, was indicted on twenty two counts stemming from a burglary at the home of Scott Durham.

Jones was indicted on one count of burglary, first degree and two counts of theft by unlawful taking,

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Graves has donated 100 pints of blood

A former Rockcastle resident has provided life-saving blood donations, to the tune of 12 1/2 gallons (100 pints) over the last 27 years at the Ky. Blood Center at Somerset.

Raymond "Ray" Graves, 58, now a resident of Pulaski County, said recently that he gave the blood because he felt it would be good for him and the workers at the Somerset Blood Center were so nice that he just kept going back. Also, Graves said it was a good way for him to keep aware of his blood pressure and heart rate since these are checked each time he donates.

After giving the 100 pints of blood, Graves acceded to a request by the center to become a platelet pheresis donor. Platelet donations are a more efficient way to deliver needed transfusions of platelets -- most often to cancer patients undergoing treatment. A platelet

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Davidson sentenced

By: Sara Coguer

A Brodhead man, who has been no stranger to the wrong side of the law, was sentenced to seven years imprisonment in January.

Shawn Patrick Davidson, 31, of Brodhead, was arrested on December 31, 2010 and charged with fleeing and evading police and a probation violation.

Earlier in the day, a vehicle, belonging to Jackie Payne of Brodhead, was stolen from Rose's in

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Changes they are a comin' . . .

Stoplights were finally put in place on the School Street - Newcomb Avenue project along Richmond Street Monday morning. According to Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, the lights should be functional soon. The lights were part of a state grant received to help facilitate traffic flow from the hospital and Mt. Vernon Elementary, mainly by moving School Street to connect directly across from Newcomb Avenue.

Henderson dental practice a famous Mt. Vernon landmark

With the death of Dr. Joe Henderson in December 2010, an end came for a three-man dental practice that was a famous institution for Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County for 70 years. Thousands of people in a dozen neighboring states, as well as Kentucky, were well-acquainted with the name and the favorable reputation of the Doctors Henderson.

It was not at all unusual for denture patients just north of us to plan their vacation so as to stop by the Henderson office on their way south to have preliminary work done, and then stop in again on the way home for the completed product. The work was excellent and the prices reasonable, so satisfied patients

soon spread the word.

No appointments were made, and the scheduling was "first come, first served." The waiting room was left open at

of his class at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. His office occupied three rooms in the upstairs of the Henderson-Chestnut

electric drill, that some say sounded like a freight train in your head.

His oldest son Jack, (John D. Henderson, Jr.), joined him about 1947-48 after a two year hitch as a dentist in the U.S. Navy. A second son, Joe, entered the partnership in 1954. Joe, who once observed, "You don't work with your father, you work for him," soon excelled in extractions, hence the dreaded handshake! Charles Baker and David Henderson provided excellent office and laboratory assistance. The office gradually became widely known for the outstanding success in denture work, to the point of specialization in that area.

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Remembering Rockcastle

night so that early arrivals could register on the sign-in sheet to be seen as soon as possible. The waiting room was always filled to overflowing by the opening time of 7 a.m.

Dr. John D. Henderson opened his dental practice in Mt. Vernon in 1920 after graduating as president

building on Main Street. Dr. Lee Chestnut's offices were also upstairs. This space is currently occupied by RTEC.

Dr. John began a practice of General Dentistry which he continued for 45 years. The modern equipment of the day included a knee-pump chair lift, and a foot-powered

District Spelling Bee Winners



The District Spelling Bee took place Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at the Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center. The 2011 Spelling Bee winners are, from left: 1st place winner - Jackson Cromer, 5th grade - Roundstone Elementary School; 3rd place winner - Lauryn Carpenter, 5th grade - Brodhead Elementary School; 2nd place winner - Pamela Miller, 5th grade - Mt. Vernon Elementary School; and 4th place winner - Logan Taylor, 3rd place winner - Lauryn Carpenter, 5th grade - Brodhead Elementary School; 6th grade - Rockcastle County Middle School. Congratulations to these students. Jackson Cromer, RES 5th grader, will be participating in the Kentucky Derby Festival State Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 19, 2011 in Louisville.

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Ramblings . . .

by:
Sara Anderkin Coguer,
Editor



I woke up last Wednesday night in a cold sweat when I realized I had failed to put ANYTHING about the upcoming basketball district tournament in last week's paper. I thought about it for a minute, and then I smacked Jason on the arm because I had decided it was his fault.

If you haven't figured it out men, women can pretty much blame everything on you. Seriously though, you may have noticed that I have written all but one of the basketball stories the last couple of weeks. I didn't realize it, but I must be in a contract dispute with my "sports writer." He has begged off writing the basketball stories, citing other important things to do (he acts like he has another, more demanding job), but I think he's holding out for a raise.

I have enjoyed writing the stories, though, and although I know I don't write with the flair and fashion of the other sports writer, I hope I have done them justice.

I know when I look back on my first year, and all of the things I did wrong, having forgotten to mention the basketball district tournament pairings will probably be in the top ten. If you are looking for the regional tournament pairings, thinking I have done it again this week, we won't know those until this coming Sunday when the coaches from each district meet. So you'll just have to find them out on your own (again!).

As I was typing the article about the Henderson dental practice, I can relate to the quote from Dr. Joe about not working with your father, but for him.

I know that is the truth, but it is my mom instead. I know I am quickly approaching 40, but sometimes I still feel about 15, not because of anything mom does, but mostly because of my own insecurities.

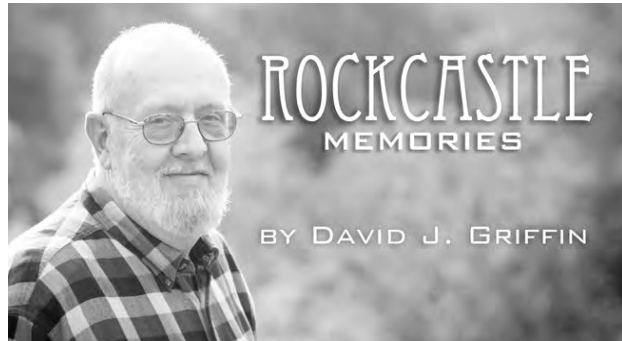
I love nothing better than to take all of the accolades given to me about how well the *Signal* is looking,

but I have to be honest. It really still is mostly mom directing and Paige performing. Paige is a consummate professional (and she takes her job very seriously), and the look of the paper is mostly her doing. She has started letting me make up the front and other pages, under close supervision, and I am forever grateful for the learning experience.

Be on the lookout in future issues for subtle changes that Paige and I are collaborating on, with the final okay from mom, of course. Mom likes to lament that we don't need her anymore, but don't let her fool you, she is still involved, she still writes the checks and she is still the queen bee.

Any important story you see on the front without my byline, she has probably written, although she won't put her name to the story. Paige and I can only be so fortunate to carry on our family legacy with the grace

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"Polk Salad"

While listening to the XM Radio in my automobile, I heard the song "Polk Salad Annie" by Tony Joe White. (Some may also remember it as performed by Elvis.) I have been fond of the lyrics to this song ever since it reached the number 8 spot on the charts in 1969. The lady in the song is referred to as a "mean, spiteful, straight-razor totin' woman." It always reminds me of my grandmother (Mommie Katie) – not because Mommie was mean, spiteful, or carried a straight-razor but because she loved to go to the woods and pick her a "mess" of Polk salad. The words of this catchy song are as follows:

Some of ya'll never been down South too much. I'm gonna tell you a little bit about this So that you'll understand what I'm talking about Down there we have a plant

that grows out in the woods and the fields.

Looks somethin' like a turnip green.

Everybody calls it Polk salad...Polk salad

Used to know a girl that lived down there

And she'd go out in the evenings and pick a mess of it

Carry it home and cook it for supper.

Cause that's about all they had to eat,

But they did alright

Growing up, I accompanied my grandmother into the woods on several occasions when she decided that the family should have a mess of this scrumptious, leafy vegetable. I can still picture her preparing for the venture into the woods.

She had a special way to dress for walking in the woods behind our house in the Pine Grove section of Rockcastle County. She first put on her oldest dress, an apron, and topped off her attire with her straw hat. I suppose those items gave her some protection from the insects and other "varmints" naturally found in the forest.

While walking in the woods, Mommie Katie took the time to explain which of the plants she was collecting and why certain ones had to be picked at a certain time in their growth pattern. I can remember her telling me that the parts of the polkweed are poison during its growth cycle. She said, "We should only pick the young leaves before they turn red." I decided then and there to store that information into my brain since I myself was going to eat some of this "mess of wild

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Points East

By Ike Adams



It only happens once a year and it's always late in February but Cornell University stages a continent-wide bird count and asks folks like you and me to join in. How many robins or cardinals or wrens have you seen today? How many wild turkeys or crows or buzzards and like that? How many phoebes and nuthatches? Do you even watch for eastern bluebirds and orioles?

I do. And I think that I can tell you why. I'm sort of in love with this planet we live on and I believe that diversity is the key to our existence. It is easy enough to say that we should all get along even though we don't. We let religion and politics and economics poison our human minds and we kill each other off with name your newest bomb or gun.

But songbirds seldom quarrel with one another and even when they do the fights rarely result in bloodshed. A lost feather here and there seldom results in death.

Hawks do take down pigeons now and then in much the way that Palestinians and Israelis flit about and the rest of us pay way, way too much attention to such petty quarrels. Don't you ever just want to watch the

weather forecast and wish the talking heads went fishing or used themselves for bait?

Or talked about something positive for a change? Why is it that news ain't news unless it's bad? I'm just asking.

In the meantime, I spent most of the day focused on birds. I drove my truck slowly and saw two big flocks of wild turkeys in fields along the way, several buzzards getting road kill off the road, three blue herons wading Paint Lick Creek, six perfectly white geese resting on a shoal on White Lick, a Coopers Hawk spreading it's wings atop an old dead willow, three red-tailed hawks on fence posts and one was eating a rabbit.

It occurred to me that that I have not had fried rabbit in at least two years. But the hawk was eating it like sushi. I'd rather have mine fried or stewed into hasenpfeffer. And as for sushi, I really like it southern fried.

Noontime had me in the pines at Maywoods Lake. Pine siskins, nuthatches, phoebes, blue jays, cardinals, red headed wood peckers, downy wood

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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



A Look at Ourselves Through the Past, Part I

When we are young, we often ask the question, "Where did I come from?" When we begin to age, many of us begin to wonder from whom have I descended? This question has been the source for one of the latest and most popular fads or crazes to sweep this country, and quite possibly around the world reaching its peak in the last decade. It's the craze of genealogy.

It's become apparent to me that for the past few years people are being obsessed with their past generations. There are genealogical websites, numerous "how-to" books, professional genealogical researchers, and many archives such as the most-

noted records that the Mormon church maintains. People are spending small fortunes to satisfy their yearning to know who they were descended from one, two, or three or more generations ago. Many are surprised to unearth some of the facts they find, so be prepared to accept the information you discover.

Several years ago, back in the 1970s, there was a mini-series and book titled "Roots" by Alex Haley that I believe was the major factor in getting the genealogical interests going. I remember sitting glued to the TV every night for about a week to watch the continuing saga of this African-American family. It made me wonder if anyone in our family owned slaves, and if they

Actually, the records of generations isn't that new. It is really quite old. If you've ever read much in a Bible, you'll find that almost every person noted is described as being the son of someone. In many cases, it gives the complete genealogical record for many generations. Genesis and the Old Testament in general are full of these records. Then, if you will notice, when they died they were "gathered unto their fathers". There we have the beginnings of what we know today as the family cemetery.

Since the days of "Roots" and even before, I and others in my family have done

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Obituaries



Florelle Brown

Florelle Alene Brown, 94, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born on October 18, 1916 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Eugene and Ottye Brown. She was a retired Nurses Aid, enjoyed gardening, crocheting, making jewelry, and was a member of the Quail Homemakers Club, and the First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are: two daughters, Mrs. Charlotte (Preston) Holcomb of Brodhead, and Mrs. Virginia Bradley of Lexington; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Naomi Brown; seven grandchildren, Sheila (Dale) Wilson, Jeff (Lori) Bradley, David (Phyllis) Holcomb, Barbara Teal, Stephen (Kimberly) Holcomb, Kimberly (Anthony) Cappadona, and Charles Lee Brown; 12 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: one son, William "Bill" Burdette Brown; three brothers, Jack, Maurice, and Burdette; and two sisters, Mary Kathryn Jenkins, and Ada Delaughter.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Albert McKinney and Bro. Danny McKibben officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jeff Bradley, Dale Wilson, Steve Holcomb, Chuck Brown, David Holcomb, and Jeffery Bradley.

Negro Creek Cemetery Notice

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Paul Blanton
Keeper of Cemetery



Nina Beryl Cash

Nina Beryl Atkinson Cash, 82, of Brodhead, died Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She entered this life on September 9, 1928 in Livingston, the daughter of Russell Henry and Bessie Brown Chandler Atkinson both of whom preceded her in death. On May 30, 1952 she was married to William Murphy Cash and they enjoyed 58 years together. She was a graduate of Spencerian College of Business in Louisville and was a retired office administrator with the state of California. She was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church and enjoyed needle work, studying family history, collecting rocks and reading.

She will lovingly be remembered by: her children, Lynda Starr "Bebe" Cash and her husband Joe Jaworski of Asheville, NC, and William Prescott (Cristen) Wise of Naples, FL; four grandchildren, William Prescott (Stephanie) Wise II of Norco, CA, Jennifer (Richard) McGrath of Foothill Ranch, CA, Jessica (Joel) Young of Foothill Ranch, CA, and Colin Dowling and fiancé Kari of Costa Mesa, CA; two sisters, Ruby (Marshal) McKinney of Brodhead and Madge Harp of Ohio; seven great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by: her husband, William Murphy Cash; and two brothers, Russell Atkinson Jr. and Benny Atkinson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Interment was in the Albright Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Joe Jaworski, Colin Dowling, Rex Harp, Scotty Wise, Dudley Harp and Mark McKinney.

Honorary bearers & care givers: Barbara Bullock, Brenda Woodall, Annette Miller and Teresa Warren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Nina can be made to the Brodhead Baptist Church or to the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, Kentucky.

Condolences to the family can be sent to her online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com.



Glenn Blackburn

Glenn Blackburn, 73, of Livingston, died Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was born on January 26, 1938 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Lloyd and Gracie Carpenter Blackburn. He was a retired mechanic for Pepsi Cola Company, a graduate of Somerset Vocational Mechanical School, enjoyed fishing, driving trucks, country music, and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Jesus Name.

Survivors are: four daughters, Linda, Aline, Mary Jane, and Nell; two brothers, Dean Blackburn of Berea, and Jackie Blackburn of Livingston; three sisters, Bonnie Kerby of Mt. Vernon, Flonnie Burke of Livingston, and Jo Ann Robbins of Goshen, OH; five grandchildren, Robert Duke Gibson, Tammy Blackburn Camel, Stephanie Nicole Gilbert, Juanita Amanda Gail Jones, and Eliza Leanne Mason; and five great grandchildren, Jaelleigh Shanell Hayes, Brayden Isaacs, one on the way, Karleigh Lanell Isaacs, Michael Patrick Camel, and Jacob Lee Camel.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Juanita Kirby Blackburn; one infant daughter, Patsey Ann; one brother, Johnny Blackburn; and one sister, Lonnie Denny.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Darlisa Holden officiating. Burial was in Kirby Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Robert Gibson, Steven Robbins, Terry Burke, Raymond Blackburn, Toby Lawson, and Larry Kirby. Honorary pallbearers were Tommy Blackburn and James Denny.

Dessie Smith

Dessie Smith, 67, of Brodhead and formerly of Louisville, died Monday, February 14, 2011 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born in Rockcastle County on August 12, 1943 the daughter of John O. V. and Flura Mullins Smith. She was a retired restaurant cook and of the Church of Christ Faith.

She is survived by: one son, Craig Smith of Louisville; one daughter, Renee Smith of Louisville; three brothers, Herman Smith of Loveland, OH, J. P. Smith of Eubank and Dennis Smith of Urbana, IL; two sisters, Rene Childress and Judy Robinson, both of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Brittany, Kirsten and Lindsey; and one great grandchild, Breanna. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by three brothers, Monroe Smith, John Garner Smith and Virgil Smith and one sister, Vivian Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marvin Cromer. Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dennis Lindsey, Mike Mink, Stanley Mullins, Charles Robinson, Jerry Smith, Willard "Smitty" Smith and Darrell Whobrey.

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



Robert L. Miller

Robert L. "Sap" Miller, 81, of Orlando, died Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born in Rockcastle County, on May 20, 1929 the son of John and Mary Gadd Miller. He was a retired farmer, and a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church. He enjoyed farming, mules, whittling and spending time with his family.

He is survived by: his wife of 69 years, Mildred Mullins Miller; five sons, Johnny (Gerald) Miller, Junior (Darlene) Miller, and Doug (Karen) Miller, all of Hamilton, OH and Kenny Miller and Ronnie Miller, both of Orlando; nine grandchildren, Buddy, Rodney, Dougie and Jennifer, Melissa and Clayton, Evelyn and Ernie, John and Laura, and Joey, Cody and Clarissa; five great grandchildren, Jeremiah, Dylan, Hunter, Austin and Nathaniel; and four step great grandchildren, Katelynn, John, Sara and Emma; and a host of family friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 20, 2011 at the Maple Grove Baptist Church by Bro. Jerry Ballinger. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Warren Bullock, Doug Miller, Joey Miller, Rodney Miller, John Ryan and Ernie Warren.

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



Kenith W. Graves

Kenith W. Graves, 54, of New Castle, Indiana, died February 11, 2011 at his residence after a long battle with cancer. He was born May 23, 1956 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of George and Lola Graves.

Mr. Graves was a loving father, brother, son and uncle. He attended Fairfield High School and Ivy Tech College in Muncie, Indiana. He was employed by Norfolk and Southern Railroad and then was self-employed as an electrical heating and plumbing contractor. He also was a mechanic, rebuilt engines and restored a 57 Chevy in his younger years.

He enjoyed all sports but excelled at bowling, receiving a 300 ring and several trophies. He was a member of the Henry County Bowling Association, Henry County Golf League, was a past president of the Sons of the American Legion and a past member of the Moose and Eagles.

Besides his mother, Lola Winchester, survivors are four children, Nick, Megan, Jason and Brandy; two sisters, Kathleen Brockman and Linda Winchester; three nephews; a niece; special friends, Ailene Dempsey and Terry Andrews and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, George B. Graves.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, Feb. 19th at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Ernie Graves officiating. Interment was in the Tom Stevens-Graves Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Georgia Coffey


Georgia Ellen Newcomb Coffey, 80, of Crab Orchard, died Wednesday, February 16th, 2011 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Hospital in Danville. She was the wife of Walter Coffey whom she married on June 3 1967. She was born in Crab Orchard on February 9, 1931. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Stella Mae (Spivey) Newcomb. She was a member of Watts Chapel Baptist Church. She was a former employee of Palm Beach Clothing Company and Stearns & Foster in Ohio. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her family.

Survivors include: her husband, Walter Coffey of Crab Orchard; daughter, Jenny (Lonnie) Brumett of Brodhead; grandchildren, Chris (Sondra) Brumett and Mark Brumett; brothers, Roy E. (Amy) Newcomb of Moreland, Bobby Newcomb of New Palestine, IN, Benny (Diane) Newcomb on Indianapolis, IN, Donnie Newcomb of Indianapolis, IN, and Ronny (Margie) Newcomb of Stanford; sisters, Dorothy Williams of Hamilton, OH, Lois C. Anderson of Danville, Virginia I. (Jim) Kelly of Indianapolis, IN, Justine (Jeff) Frost of Coverdale, IN, and Bessie J. Carter of Indianapolis, IN; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, David and Keith Newcomb; and two sisters, Betty Newcomb and Sherry Phelps.


Services were held Saturday, February 19, 2011 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tim and Jan Fish, Jeff Hasty, Keith, Alan and Aaron Newcomb.



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Resolution #11-02-1

Resolution of the Commission of the Town of Brodhead Accepting the Project Scope and Budget for the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department From HB 410

Whereas, the Brodhead Commission of the Town of Brodhead, Kentucky, accepts the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department's Project Scope and Budget to be turned into the Governor's Office for Local Government for the fiscal year 2010 and 2011.

Whereas, the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department has scoped a project from Coal Severance Line-Item Project, where source funding is HB 410, and project will be scoped and monies granted in a two year process.

Now, Therefore, the Town Commission of the Town of Brodhead does accept the following resolution:

That the Town Commission does acknowledge and accept the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department's project scope and budget to be turned into the Kentucky Department of Local Government for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Adopted and Approved on this February 17, 2011

/s/ Walter Lee Cash, Mayor
/s/ Rebecca Bussell, Town Clerk
Authorization Date: February 17, 2011
Publication Date: February 24, 2011

Our Readers Write

A Letter of Thanks and Hope...

Dear Editor,

I want to thank several people in our community who have given me surprising bursts of hope in the last few months.

First, I want to thank Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant for looking into the Lake Linville study. He proposed a way to save the city tax payers thousands of dollars with a modified study. Thank you Mayor Bryant.

Second, I want to thank Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen for recommending a lesser amount be spent on replacement/backup/new voting machines. Those recommendations will save the county thousands of dollars. Thank you Ms. Allen.

Third, I would like to thank outgoing Executive Director Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, Regina Crawford, for bringing Joshua Ball, of the Distance Earning Initiative, to the Rockcastle County Courthouse. This presentation gave employment hope to me and many of other Rockcastle Countians. Thank you Regina Crawford and Joshua Ball.

Fourth, I would like to thank all the road crews for the excellent job they have done with our roads this winter. It has been nothing short of amazing work.

Thank you!

And last, thank you Sara Coguer, for taking over as Editor of the Mount Vernon Signal. I know it was a difficult decision. I think you are doing a wonderful job. Thank you Ms. Coguer.

*Cathy Longhurst
City Resident
Mount Vernon*

Kudos to the county road department...

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rockcastle County Road Department for the wonderful job they did this winter grading and salting Norton School Branch Road.

A huge thanks to all the workers at the road department. They are out working the roads at night while the rest of us are safe at home. They work long, hard hours out putting their lives in danger. You all do a superb job.

*Marvin and Amy
McKinney*

Thank You Judge Carloftis and road crew...

Dear Editor,

The family of J.T. Gadd would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to County Judge Buzz Carloftis and the road crew for the excellent job of clearing Dicie Cope Road, leading to Chasteen Cemetery.

Thanks from the heart to James Cope and Charlie King for clearing the area from the road to the cemetery. Without their hard work, many may not have been able to go to the grave site.

Again, thanks and God bless each of you.

The Family of J.T. Gadd

Atta-Boy-Buzz...

Good job on doing the things that you are supposed to be doing anyway, Buzz.

Now could you please stop tooting your horn and get back to work -- we have eight and a half million more dollars to pay back, plus interest.

*Respectfully, your fellow
American,
Michael P. McGuire*

"Ramblings"

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and style that mom has. Oh, and on that note, despite rumors that I heard last week that the *Signal* had been sold, trust me when I tell you not while I have a breath left in me.

Have a great week; the skunks are out in force, so spring is in the air. The Coguer family's own personal one "Blossom" came by Monday night to meet and greet with our dogs Bo and Luke and left her calling card all over Bo's back. Oh well, let's just say my breaths between my back door and my van are currently short and not so sweet.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

things." In addition to Polk, Mommie also gathered several other wild plants to add to her "greens." Some of the different varieties she hunted for and actually picked when they were available included: dandelion (only very young plants were selected or they would be bitter), Plantain, winter cress, Kale, mustard, turnip greens, and chickweed. She knew each of these plants and where they were located.

Slowly Mommie's apron became filled with different varieties of wild green plants. When she determined that she had enough to prepare a meal for the family, we casually made our way to her kitchen. This is one of my most precious memories of my grandmother.

I stood on a stool at the kitchen sink and watched as she carefully cut and washed the large bowl full of "greens" that we had just gathered. Her recipe for the dish was one that had been handed down from her own grandmother many years before. She cooked the greens with a ham hock and lots of onions.

It was essential that she also fix a "pone" of oven-baked cornbread to accompany the greens. Of course, the bread was always prepared in one of her big iron skillets. A small bottle of vinegar was placed on the table to be sprinkled on the greens before we consumed them.

Usually, by the time the meal was ready to eat, she had also cooked sliced country ham, boiled potatoes, and fried apples to go along with the greens and cornbread. My grandfather (Pop) loved this meal. He could not get enough of her "salad greens," and he always told Mommie Katie how much he appreciated her efforts in the preparation of the greens. She was the only family member who actually hunted for the greens as well as being the one to cook the meal. Neither Pop nor Bee ever participated in the effort to locate and pick the greens. Apparently, she loved the dish enough that she was willing to go to the trouble of making it available for her family.

I suppose the days of gathering such plants for a meal are long gone. I am not aware of anyone today who could actually select the right plants without picking some that would be dangerous or harmful to the consumer.

In Mommie Katie's day, it was simply ordinary to complete such a chore. It was something she learned from her ancestors who had lived in a much simpler time and place. I am so glad that she took the time to expose her young grandson to that experience that I remember so well today.

Mommie Katie -- as I fear as I'm concerned, she was one of a kind. And no one could have asked for a better grandmother. I still miss her Polk salad and am hoping that she will be available to prepare some for me when I get called home.

*(You can reach me at
mtman@mis.net or you can
drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 -
Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate
your comments and suggestions.)*

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

peckers, yellow crested flickers, purple finches were all nearby. And we quietly visited.

A couple of red winged black birds were chomping down on cat tail buds there on the lake.

A small flock of mallards were nearby. Two canvas back ducks in oh so love were flirting in a cove. A woodcock lit just in front of me and a pleated wood pecker beat hell out of an old dead pine as I was walking out. He/she/it screamed bird obscenities as it flew away.

I came home to at least a dozen robins in the yard and more cardinals on the old stump where I put out food. Sparrows of every sort and design. I recognized fox and amazingly chipping sparrows which are rare this time of year. And chickadees, some of whom I know by name.

The Carolina wrens are here as are the ever present mocking birds and the eastern blue birds have selected a box on one of my fence posts.

It was a great day to commune with birds until right at dark. A thousand or so starlings flew over and pooped all over my truck. I am starting to understand this war business.

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Mon., Feb. 28th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Tues., March 1st:** No service. **Wed., March 2nd:** Green Hill, Fairview and Lambert Road. **Thurs., March 3rd:** Brindle Ridge. **Reading Books for Bikes** forms needs to be to the library by Saturday, March 5th.

County History DVD on Sale

A history of the county entitled "Rockcastle County 200 Years of History and Tradition" is on sale at Mt. Vernon City Hall for \$10. For more information, call 606-256-3437.

DBCAA Board of Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will be having a Board of Directors meeting on March 1st at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Retired Teachers Meeting

Rockcastle County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, February 28th at Rock Fire Steak House at 6 p.m.

Rockcastle Travelers Chicago Trip

Rockcastle Travelers will be going to Chicago on Fri. June 10 - Sunday, June 12th for a fun-filled week end. Visiting Sears Tower, Magnificent Mile, two of the best museums in the country, enjoying a great play at Drury Lane Theatre and dining on delicious food. Come join us! Call Doug or Sue at 256-2012 or 308-3060.

Class of 1977

RCHS Class of 1977 will hold a meeting to begin planning for their 35th reunion in 2012 on Saturday, March 12 at 4 p.m. at El Cazador Mexican Restaurant. This will be the class's second reunion since graduation and everyone is encouraged to come out and help plan the event.

Cost Share Program for Dead Animal Burial

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is now offering a cost share program for dead animal burial. Please contact the office for more information and guidelines for this program at 256-2525 ext. 3 and speak with Sandy or Zach.

Project Graduation Meeting

Parents of Seniors are encouraged to attend the next Project Graduation meeting Thursday, Feb. 24th at 6:30 at the high school cafeteria.

Book Discussion Group

Read a good book lately? Interested in sharing with a discussion group? Call 606-256-2388, leave your name and phone number. If there is enough interest in forming a discussion group, you will be contacted at a later date.

Mt. Vernon City Council Date Change

The City of Mt. Vernon's council meeting for February 21st will be held on February 28th at 7 p.m. due to President's Day. City Hall will also be closed on the 21st for the holiday.

Cardio Tone Class at Berea

A Cardio Tone class is continuing at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. This class is designed for those at an intermediate fitness level and is held on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Other classes offered are Zumga, yoga, kickboxing or spinning. For ages 14 and up. Space is limited. Call 859-986-9402 for more info..

Hunter Education Course

Hunter Education course will be Thursday and Friday, February 24th and 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, February 26th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. For more information call Rockcastle Extension Service at 256-2403. Must be 9 years of age to take course.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Rock Fire Grill. Everyone welcome.

VFW News

VFW Post 5988 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for members and their guests. The monthly meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. Bingo is held at the post every Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Historical Society Hours

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

RCIDA Meetings

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month at noon on the third floor of the courthouse.

NA Women's Meeting

The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting, non-smoking.

Women's Narcotics Meeting

There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

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CCFFG elects new officers for 2011



Glenna Robinson, right, a local artist is shown presenting Tamara Cox, the Coordinator at Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, a set of six quilt blocks she painted and donated to Ashlee's House Homeless Shelter. The patterns are Four Patch Star, Cross, Basket of Posies, Crazy Quilt, Crazy Ties and Darting Bird. The quilt block paintings will be hanging in the DBCAA main office for the public to view. DBCAA is thankful for citizens who donate items and volunteer their time in service to the shelter. It's the love and support of the local community and churches that help to make Ashlee's House a warm and welcoming place for those less fortunate in their time of need. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer your time to the shelter contact Tamara Cox at 606-256-5315.

The grassroots citizens group, Concerned Citizens for Fair Government (CCFFG), recently elected new officers for the coming year.

Michael P. McGuire, a candidate for 5th District Magistrate in last year's primary, was elected chairman. Claretta Hodges, also a candidate in the May, 2010 primary, for County Judge/Executive, was named secretary. Al DeChambeau who, along with his wife, recently moved to the county from New York, was elected treasurer.

CCFFG was originally formed over a concern about the possibility of countywide zoning. It has been led since its organization by Doug Brock, Sr.

The group's long-range agenda includes:
 •Establishing a means of communication among citizens in order to promote greater county participation;

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Newly elected CCFFG officers are, from left: Claretta Hodges, Secretary; Michael P. McGuire, Chairman; and Al DeChambeau, Treasurer.

Family meals - think 5

Family and Consumer Sciences

Hazel Jackson

Rockcastle County Extension Office



The Norman Rockwell painting of the family sitting around the dinner table seems to have been relegated to bygone days. The busier we get, the harder it is to have a family meal.

According to a recent study conducted by Columbia University, some of the benefits are better school success, instilling family values and dealing with weight concerns.

The study also found that teens who had family dinners more than 5 times per week were two times less likely to have smoked cigarettes – and one and a half times less likely to have used alcohol. Young people who reported eating dinner with their family 5 or more times per week were much more likely to report receiving either all A's or mostly A's and B's in school.

It is too easy for children to turn to packaged snacks rather than sit down to a nu-

tritious meal. The high-calorie snacks offer little in nutrition.

Five times a week try to make it a point to gather your family together for meal. It could be breakfast, lunch or dinner. You will be glad you did. Make this a time to get to know each other. Instead of getting the "fine" answer about school, you could get some real information.

Eliminate distractions. Turn off all electronics for this short get together - no cell phones, no answering ringing telephones, no distracting televisions, no texting, no videos. Concentrate on each other.

Other fives to consider are 1,500-2,000 calories a day, 5 fruits and vegetables a day, and 5 foods from the food pyramid for a balanced meal.

Use smaller 7 to 8 inch plates. Save your larger 10 to 12 inch plates for holi-

days and birthdays. Reserve half the plate for vegetables and fruit, a quarter for starches (bread or potatoes), and a quarter for protein.

Number 5 is milk, the best beverage at meal time. This calcium-rich drink is necessary for strong bones and teeth. Limit sugary drinks that are high in calories and low in nutrition.

There's no need to force children to eat everything on their plate because it won't take long to know what your children like the best. You can serve their favorites. Introduce them to new vegetables once in a while so they will have a variety to choose from.

At snack time, a small plate of raw vegetables like carrots, celery, broccoli and cauliflower sitting on the table might encourage your children to grab these as they leave the table rather than the packaged salty snacks.

Not only will you be feeding their bodies (and yours) with nutritious meals, but you will also give them a forum to talk, laugh, joke and voice concerns. You will know what is going on with your children, and you won't even have to ask.

Focusing on family, making time for each other, meeting nutritional needs and getting away from distractions can make life richer and healthier both for your children and you. Use the family meal as a powerful tool that your family can count on.

Your county extension office offers many nutritionally sound recipes and more suggestions for family time together. To contact the Rockcastle County Extension Office call 256-2403.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

JOB OPENING

The Cumberland Valley Area Development District is seeking an entry level applicant to fill the position of Transportation Planner. A Bachelor's Degree is required. Major course work in transportation planning, land use planning or municipal planning is desirable. The Transportation Planner is responsible for facilitating meetings of the Cumberland Valley Regional Transportation Committee and regional coordination of public input into the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's planning process. Other job activities will be part of the overall annual work plan performed by CVADD under the supervision of the Kentucky of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Job applicants demonstrating the skills necessary to facilitate meetings, articulate activities and respond to requests may be given special consideration. Knowledge of GIS mapping and Microsoft Office is a plus. Mail resume with references and cover letter to Cumberland Valley ADD, P.O. Box 1740, London, Ky. 40743 or hand deliver to 342 Old Whitley Road, London, Ky. 40741 by close of business on March 15, 2011. The Cumberland Valley ADD is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Benefit Singing

There will be a benefit singing for Alva Robinson on Fri., Feb. 25th at 7 p.m. at Brush Creek Holiness Church with local singers and singers from the church -- McGuire sisters and others. Everyone welcome.

Gospel Singing

There will be a Gospel Singing at Crossroads Assembly of God in Brodhead on Sun., Feb. 27th beginning at 6 p.m. Come, bring a friend, and join us.

Let the Bible Speak

Tune into "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

Singing

The Praise Singers will be appearing at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church Fri., Feb. 25th beginning at 7 p.m. Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation welcome everyone.

Benefit Singing

There will be a benefit singing for Pastor Marlo Napier on Sat., March 5th beginning at 7 p.m. The Praise Singers will be singing and Pastor Napier will be preaching.

Fundraiser being held for Scott Brock

A benefit fundraiser for Scott Brock of Berea who has been diagnosed with terminal neuroendocrine cancer, and has known for less than a year.

Scott just turned 40 on January 30th, and is married to Sheila (Patrick) Brock, the daughter of Bill and Verna Patrick of Fairview.

As he awaits his SS disability, we need to come together and help them meet their many financial obligations and medical needs.

The benefit will be held Friday, February 25th from 7-11 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., at the Russell Acton Folk Center in Berea.

Entertainment for the

event will be Kristi Miller and Yogi Brown, Will (Teen King) Reynolds doing his Elvis performance, and last but not least, Josh Logan.

Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up and \$5 for ages 6-11. Children 4 and under are free.

There will also be a donation box to give extra money privately, only if you are able to do so. We understand that times are hard for everyone, and appreciate your kindness.

Snacks and refreshments will be sold during the duration of the shows for \$1 or less per item. All proceeds will go to Scott and Sheila Brock. Please join us for this great cause!

Remember Me

*As the blond haired, blue eyed boy I used to be
As the kid who was always up in a tree
Racing through the yard saying "come catch me"
Oh, how I made you smile.*

Remember Me

*As the little brother who
always hung by your
side*

*As the big brother who you
always came to confide
As the son who held your
heart so deep inside*

Oh, how I made you smile.

Remember Me

*As the husband who vowed
to give his all
As the daddy who always
stood so strong and tall*

*As the papaw who picked you up if you were to fall
Oh, how I made you smile.*

Remember Me

*As the sweetest song you've ever heard
Think of me and sing it word for word
Knowing that your heartache hasn't gone unheard
Oh, how I made you smile.*

Remember Me

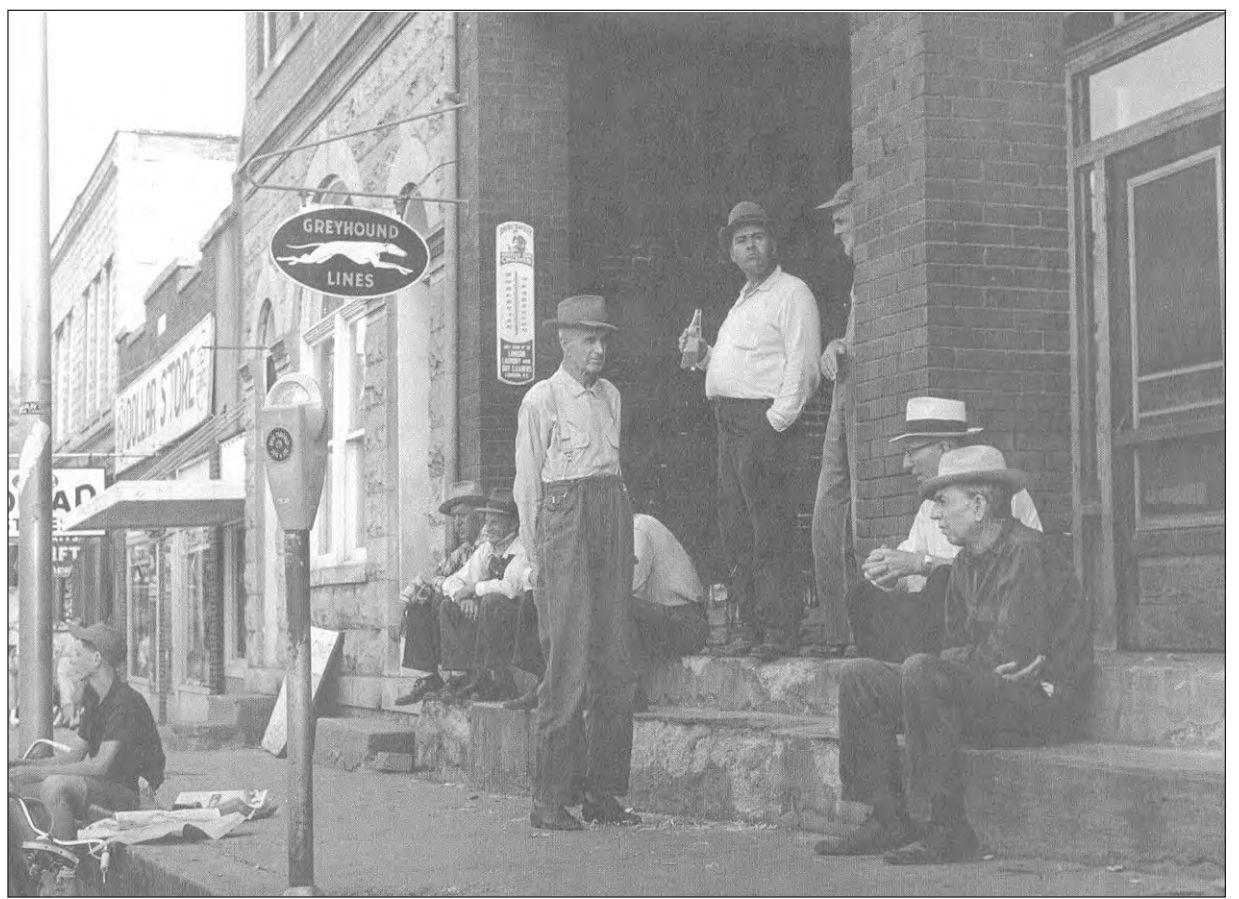
*Each time the wind caresses your face
Look up into Heaven remembering my embrace
Knowing we'll be together again someday
Oh, how I made you smile.*

Remember Me

*When you look into my loved ones eyes
Hold onto our memories deep inside
Knowing there's no such thing as goodbye
Oh, how I made you smile.*

Remember Me.

We can't believe it's been a year since you left our side, but your presence is still felt around us everyday. We just wanted you to know that we carry you within our hearts and you will always, always be loved and remembered. In loving memory of Joseph Rowland August 20, 1965- February 22, 2010.

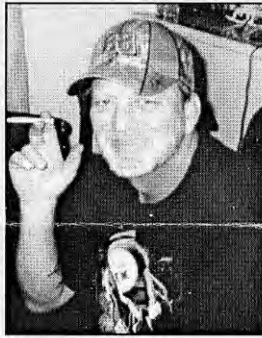


Blast from the Past!

Photograph of the Greyhound Bus Station on Main Street Mt. Vernon, sometime in the 1960s. Can you identify any of these gentlemen? If so or if you have a photo to publish on Blast from the Past contact David Owens at 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.

In Loving Memory of Kevin Bishop

September 1, 1964 - February 8, 2010



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today

While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me I'm right here in your heart.

Sadly Missed by your Mother,
Marjorie Abney & Family



In Loving Memory of Deana Vance (Bam-Bam)

It has been over a year since God took you from us. I guess he had better plans for you. God knows that we sure had our good times when you were still here with us.

Being here without you is an every day battle. There has been so many times in this past year that I have needed your shoulder to cry on. It makes me think back to the sound of your voice saying (Pebbles) you never let anybody get you down. You know that you were more like a sister than a friend.

I'll close for now. I know we will someday be together again. Remember you will always be loved and missed.

Love always -
Jean Jones (Pebbles)

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"CCFFG"

(Cont. from A5)

•Education of citizens about county situations through a newsletter and web page;

•Providing public attention to items unreported by present means, and

•Organizing a membership drive.

Meetings of the group are held the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Roots"

(Cont. from A2)

research and brought many generations to life. Never before have we as a generation, had the access to our past as we do today in this age of information. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to begin fam-

ily research for yourself. It will be a rewarding part of your life, and most importantly, a legacy you can pass on to other generations. I hope to begin pointing you in the right direction with some helpful hints you will find beneficial.

One of the easiest and most accessible avenues for starting a family tree is to interview some of the oldest members of your family. They will remember older generations of your family, their names, maiden names, where they lived, military service, and quite possibly interesting stories about them. Most libraries have archives containing vital information of past local individuals. One of the main pieces of information you will need to know is in what town or at least what state where an individual lived. Old newspapers hold information that will be beneficial. Courthouses in each county have birth, death, and marriage records as well as old deeds and wills. You may run into a dead end when looking into records past the year of 1776. Many of the courthouses were burned in the Civil War in

the 1860s, and the British burned courthouses in the War of 1812 and the Revolutionary War. The way to get around this is to check with local churches in the area that you are researching. They were usually spared in the wars, and they house various baptismal records, births, deaths, and marriage records.

Each state, to the best of my knowledge, has a Bureau of Vital Statistics, or something similar. They have various records, but they usually charge a fee to find the information and send it to you. It is usually free if you care to travel to the state, and do the research yourself. The internet also has genealogical research sites, such as Ancestry.com, which usually charges a fee, as well.

Hopefully, you have been encouraged to do some family research on your own. Next week, the Roots series will discuss genealogical records again.

Remember that I'm looking for good stories about the county, people and the events in their lives. I may be contacted through the Mount Vernon Signal or at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net.

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BEACH BODY BLAST - a higher-intensity, calorie scorching workout that will tighten and tone your body and have you ready for the beach/bikini season. Summer is only a few months away, now's the time to start.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Get Fit: Monday - Thursday 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Monday & Thursday evening from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Beach Body Blast: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Classes begin March 7th

Evening Classes Filling Up • Register now for day classes

Programs require a 10 week commitment and consist of at least 2 workouts/week with a 3rd day for weigh-in, measurements and body fat testing. Individual goals will be set and evaluated periodically.

Space is limited to 12 spots in each class so reservations will be required.

Additional classes may be added depending on demand.

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Darrell and Wanda Ellison celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on February 20th. Happy anniversary Mom and Dad. We love you. Angela, Rodney and Jamie



Leadership Rockcastle Class of 2011 from left: Patricia Martin, Clara Patton, Josh Bray, Carl Swanigan, Steve McKinney, Brandon Reynolds, Julie Adams, Rose Mullins, Ashlee Prewitt, Janetta Begley, Chris Settles, and Jill Medley. Not pictured – Sherry Holbrook.

Leadership Rockcastle begins 2011 sessions

Leadership Rockcastle, sponsored by the Rockcastle County Development Board, began the 2011 program with an opening session held at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset on Saturday, February 19th. The class consists of thirteen Rockcastle citizens that are interested in progress in our county and taking leadership roles.

Peter Hille of Brushy Fork Institute facilitated the full day session. The discussions included the Tupelo success story, personal style and county economics. After lunch was served, Dianna Winstead spoke about the importance of The Center for Rural Development to our region and the organizations that partner with The Center such as Pride, Unite and Tour SEKY. The theater offers cultural entertainment such as plays and concerts. Dianna pointed out The Center offers the same entertainment that performs in larger markets but at a more cost effective price.

Leadership Rockcastle monthly sessions will continue through the year with graduation in October.



Peter Hille discussing county money sources.



Happy 95th Tommy

Mr. Tommy Falin, of Orlando, will be celebrating his 95th birthday February 24th. He has lived in Rockcastle all his life and has been a member of Flat Rock Baptist Church for 56 years and is in attendance most every week. He continues to hold the job of being one of our ushers. We are so proud of Tommy and grateful to call him our friend. Happy Birthday Tommy and may God bless you with many more! We love you and are so thankful for you. *Your friends at Flat Rock Baptist Church.*

County Agriculture Investment Program

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

The annual Phase I Agriculture Cost Share Program will take applications March 3, 2011 through April 4, 2011. This year the

Rockcastle Conservation District, Rockcastle Agriculture Development Council, Cattleman's Association Officers and Extension Staff

will work together to offer the CAIP Cost Share Program.

Applications will be available by contacting Sandy Whitaker at the Conservation District Office in the USDA Service Center located on Highway 150 or contact Tom Mills at the Extension Office on West Main Street.

Cost Share funds are being made available to assist tobacco producers by improving and diversifying their farming operation following the tobacco buyout. Eleven eligible investment areas are available through CAIP as follows;

- Agriculture Diversification
- Cattle Genetic Improvement
- Cattle Handling Facilities
- Commercial Poultry, Dairy & Swine
- Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement
- Farm Structure and Commodity Handling
- Forage/Farm Land Improvement & Utilization
- Goat & Sheep Diversification
- On Farm Energy Efficiency & Production
- On Farm Water Enhancement
- Technology & Leadership Development

Applications will be scored based on the score criteria set forth by the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board. If request exceed the funds available, a waiting list will be created based upon applicants score.

Detailed eligible Cost Share items for the investment areas are available at www.agpolicy.ky.gov or upon request at the Conservation and Extension Office during the "sign-up" period which is March 3, 2011 through April 4, 2011.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

My friendship with Ann began at Berea College in 1970. It has continued during all of our many moves—hers and mine. She lived with me and Will for a while in San Francisco. We toured the area and the city when we weren't working. We even managed a trip to Las Vegas. Ann now lives in Georgia, close enough for frequent visits. She joined me for my first book signing at Berea College last year.

ANN'S SWEET AND SOUR PORK
6 thin pork chops
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 large green pepper sliced into strips
1 onion sliced into rings
1 small can chunk pineapple in juice
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 chicken bouillon cubes
1/2 cup water
2 teaspoons cornstarch
Season chops with salt and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet, and brown chops on each side. Remove from skillet. Add onions and peppers to pan. Cook for 3 min-

utes. Add chops back to pan. Stir in pineapple and juice, sugar, soy sauce and chicken stock cubes. Bring to boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes or until chops are tender. Mix water with cornstarch. Stir into mixture. Cook 2 minutes longer. Serve over hot rice.

ANN'S PEACH POUND CAKE

1 cup butter, softened
2 cups sugar
6 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon almond extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sour cream
3 cups diced peaches, fresh or frozen
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 10-inch fluted tube pan. Cream together butter and sugar in a large bowl. When light and fluffy, add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in almond and vanilla extracts. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream to creamed butter mixture. Fold in peaches. Do not over stir. Spoon into pan. Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes before inverting onto plate. Dust with powdered sugar if desired.

Anniversary Celebrated

Robert Earl and Ella Mae Daniels celebrated their third wedding anniversary February 23.

Little Miss Renfro Valley



Hi, my name is Cooper Green Canterbury and I will be celebrating my 2nd birthday on February 27, 2011. My daddy is Sergeant Cory Canterbury of the United States Marine Corps and my mommy is Christina (Amyx) Canterbury and we currently live in Oceanside, CA. I am super excited because mommy and daddy are taking me to Disneyland to celebrate my BIG day. I would like to ask that my family, friends, and anyone who would like to that you please pray for my daddy who is deploying soon to Afghanistan. Thank you so much.



Congratulations Alyssa Jade Martin on being crowned 2011 Little Miss Renfro Valley on Saturday, February 19th. Alyssa also won talent for singing *Sweet Jesus*. Alyssa will compete for Little Miss Kentucky in June. Alyssa is the six-year-old daughter of Chris and Christina Martin of Brodhead.



Umpires Needed for Little League Baseball.

If interested, contact Stacy Smith (after 5pm) at 256-9787.

All umpires will be required to have a background check

and be willing to submit to random drug testing.

Rockcastle County Little League T-ball, Baseball & Softball Sign-Ups

Saturday, February 26th (8 am – 1 pm)
at Mt. Vernon Elementary Gym

and...

Saturday, March 5th (8 am – 1 pm)
at Mt. Vernon Elementary Gym

Forms & entry fee may also be mailed to:
Rockcastle County Little League
P.O. box 617 Brodhead, Ky 40409

T-ball & Baseball for all kids ages 5-12 before May 1, 2011

Girl's Softball for girls ages 9-12 before January 1, 2011

Participation Fee

\$50.00 per child, \$40.00 for each additional sibling
Make check payable to Rockcastle County Little League.

Deadline for accepting applications is March 12th.



RCMS band attend Solo and Assemble Festival

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe
Rockcastle County was well represented at the KMEA District 7-11 Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Lexington Catholic High School this past Saturday. Twenty-one RCMS students and 14 RCMS students attended. It was an all day event. Our students have spent hours preparing and it showed in their scores. Every one of our musicians received a rating of Proficient or Distinguished! Mr. D worked harder than anyone else as he ran from room to room playing accompaniment for 19 students.

At festivals such as these, students perform musical selections as solos, duets, trios and ensembles (large groups). Performers are judged on 5 primary areas of performance including Tone quality and production, Intonation, Interpretation, Technique, and Overall Musical Effect. Evaluator's score students' performances accordingly in each area and then tabulate a final overall score that results in a final rating of novice (IV), apprentice (III), proficient (II) or distinguished (I).

Those participating from RCMS and their scores were seniors: Matt Fields (trombone - trio(I) and brass ensemble(I)), Dalton Hutton (alto saxophone-solo(I) and woodwind ensemble(I)) Elliott Jackson (percussion support), Ethan Miller (trumpet - solo(I), trio(I) and brass ensemble(I)), and Sarah Morgan (flute - duet(I) and woodwind ensemble(I)); juniors Mark Berry (trumpet - brass ensemble(I)), Jake Mink (trombone - brass ensemble(I)), Josh Stallworth (tenor saxophone - wood-

wind ensemble(I)), Will Walker (trumpet - brass ensemble(I)); sophomores Michael Brewer (trombone - brass ensemble(I)), Caleb Coffey (flute - solo(I) and woodwind ensemble(I)), Rylan Cromer (alto saxophone - solo(II) and woodwind ensemble(I)) Matt Gonzalez (baritone - trio(I) and brass ensemble(I)), Dalton Gray (bass clarinet - woodwind ensemble(I)), Austin Helton (alto saxophone- solo(II) and woodwind ensemble(I)), Jamie Kirby (flute duet (I) and woodwind ensemble(I)), Brandon McFerron (tuba - solo(I) and brass ensemble(I)), Hannah Tyler (clarinet - woodwind ensemble(I)), Mary Weaver (tuba solo(II) and brass ensemble(I)); and freshmen Jodi Hellard (flute - duet (I) and woodwind ensemble(I)); Josh Smith (alto saxophone - woodwind ensemble(I)).

Fourteen students from RCMS also attended. They are eighth graders Timmy Baugh (tuba - solo(I)), Shelby Brown (xylophone - solo(I)), Austin Collins (snare drum - duet(I)), Josh England (snare drums - duet(I)), Shelby Ponder (flute - duet(II)), Casey Walker (alto saxophone - duet(II)); and seventh graders Amelia Beryman (flute - duet(I)), Kamryn Brinegar (clarinet - trio(I)), Caitlin Daugherty (flute - duet(I)), Samarah Lovins (clarinet - trio(I)), Aaron Pevley (alto saxophone - solo(II)), Laney Poynter (trumpet - solo(II)), Bobby Prickett (alto saxophone - solo(II)), Faith Saylor (clarinet - trio(I)).

Lexington Catholic hosts this event every year and they do an outstanding job of organizing the activities

and facilities for the 1020 students attending from 42 different schools. Their school ambassadors, all volunteer students, were professional, attentive and friendly to all. The day ran smoothly, the programs kept to the schedule, and our kids did well. Great day!

Coming Events

**Sunday February 27th, 3:00 p.m., Haggin Auditorium, Transylvania University-Mr. Daugherty and the Central Kentucky Concert Band under the Direction of Dr. Peter LaRue present, "Roy G. Biv" featuring guest soloist Dr. Richard Cryder, Trombone. *Admission is free to the public.

February 24th-26th - EKU Honors Band March TBA - Winterguard competitions will begin.

March 4th-5th-12-District 11 Middle School Honors Band-Danville High School

March 22nd -24th - KMEA Concert Band Festival

Band Notes

Fundraising is a necessary part of any band program to help offset the high costs and provide opportunities for all students who wish to be involved in the music programs here in Rockcastle.

Monday, March 7th - Pizza Hut Night! Start planning now to eat out. Whether dining in or carrying out, mention the band and you can know that you helped them out.

April 1st - Theme Party will be held in the High School Cafeteria at 6:00. Everyone is welcome! This event includes dinner, auction, and entertainment!

April 16th - 2011 Main Street Car and Tractor Show



RCMS band members at the Solo and Assemble Festival.

Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to 7th graders Matthew Newcomb and Kamryn Brinegar. They are the latest winners of a Kindle e-reader and a \$25 Amazon gift card. Hayley Alexander and Jacob Collins were winners of an iPod Shuffle and a \$20 iTunes gift card. In addition, several students won new books. We will be giving away these items each week for the remainder of the Rocket Reader Marathon. In order to qualify for prizes, students must exercise 30 minutes a day and read 30 minutes a day at least four days during the week. Reading logs are collected each Monday morning. The gym is open each morning for walking and the media center is open each morning for reading until 8:05.

The RCMS student council has declared this Friday as 80's Day.

The RCMS Leadership Team would like to thank the RCMS staff and students for making their recent fundraiser a huge success. Over \$500 was raised for the Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky. The team sold candy grams for Valentine's Day.

ESS tutoring is now available on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:45. Transportation is provided.

Congratulations to the Voyagers team on winning the recent Box Tops for

Education race. The 6th graders collected 1,766 Box Tops. The Enterprisers came in second place with 1,010 Box Tops. Keep collecting!

Congratulations to Mrs. Phillips' 7th grade Adventurers on winning the attendance race last week. Mrs. Tracy's 6th grade Voyagers came in second, while Mrs. Bohannon's 6th grade Enterprisers came in third place.

Mid-term was on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. Students

will be bringing home their mid-term reports on March 1st.

Our 8th graders recently participated in the Kentucky America Saves 2011 Piggy Bank Design Contest in coordination with the Rockcastle Co. Extension office. Winners were: 1st Place John Kemper, 2nd Place Abbey Eaton, and 3rd Place Abby Chasteen. Honorable Mention awards went to Carter Blanton, Sean Hacker, Allison Estes, Michael McCauley, and Rahki Patel. Jon won a \$100 savings bond and Abbey and Abby won \$50 savings bonds.



RCMS students Madison Navarre and Matthew Newcomb were the first winners of a Kindle e-reader in the Rocket Reader Marathon. Students who read for 30 minutes and exercise for 30 minutes at least four days during the week are eligible for prize drawings. Thanks to the Rockcastle Health Community and the RCMS PTSA for making the six-week program possible.



RCMS band members at the Solo and Assemble Festival.

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This past week, Rockcastle FFA officers and assistants kicked off National FFA Week by having County Judge Executive, Buzz Carloftis sign a proclamation declaring February 19th-26th, as a week Rockcastle County will support all aspects of the National FFA Organization. Pictured are the FFA Officers and assistants standing behind Carloftis, as he signs the proclamation. Back row, from left: Dylan Hensley, Megan Martin, Bethany McKinney, Billy Cameron, Elizabeth Lawrence, Jeremiah Brown, and Nathan Bullock. Front row, from left; Charity Adams, Brittany Adams, County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis, Allison Burdette, Nichole Roberts, and Skylar Halcomb.



The first week of the 4-H Sewing Projects was held at Mt. Vernon Elementary School February 14-17. Pictured are, front from left: Caroline White, Peyton Bowman, Sheradyn Cox and Breonya Napier. Back row from left: Bessie Hopkins-Volunteer, Samantha Douglas, Elizabeth Cameron, Sarah Roberts, Keashawna Ginter, Brittany Lewis, Abigail Fletcher and Lydia McLemore-Volunteer. Not pictured: Volunteers- Janice Hager, Elaine Murphy and Carol Ann White.

FFA Chapter celebrates National FFA Week

Local judge Buzz Carloftis signed the proclamation declaring national FFA week for Rockcastle County, February 19-26, 2011. The Rockcastle county FFA Chapter was formed in 1972, when the high schools of Brodhead and Mt. Vernon merged to make Rockcastle FFA. Infinite Potential is the theme this year and it embodies all the best about FFA members, from the most recognizable symbol of the organization, the blue corduroy jacket, a symbol of pride and tradition, to the bright future of agriculture and the traditions of leadership and hard work. More than half a million members around the nation will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local and state levels.

The focus of National FFA Week is to tell America about the great opportunities available for all youth. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills and preparing mem-

bers for a lifetime of civic leadership and career success.

As a part of National FFA Week, Rockcastle County FFA members are planning the following special events:

- Teacher Appreciation breakfast.
- Practice Parliamentary Procedure with Boyle County.
- FFA open gym with basketball and volleyball.
- Public announcements on WRVK radio.
- Quiz questions for a free one topping pizza sponsored by Pizza Hut.

Rockcastle County FFA members are the leaders of tomorrow. They are well-mannered, perceptive and willing to help others through community service such as donating items to the local hospital. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals. FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their futures- what kind of people, citizens and professionals they intend to be.

FFA builds leaders, and leaders impact the future.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Sup-

ply Company and Carhart as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA and supports programs by working with sponsors to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to outstanding members.

Dean's List

Savannah K. Fields has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester at Georgetown College, announced Provost/Dean of the College, Dr. Rosemary Allen. The Dean's List honors undergraduate students who completed the semester with at least 12 hours and a 3.7 GPA.

Fields is the daughter of Lynell H. Fields and the late Edward Todd Fields of Mt. Vernon.

Bradley graduates

Keri Bradley of Mt. Vernon, graduated from Morehead State University with a Bachelor University Studies degree during the 2010 Winter Commencement ceremony.



RCMS 8th grade students worked to create coin banks during the America Saves Piggy Bank Contest, an effort sponsored by the Rockcastle County Extension Office. Students could use a mod podge technique to cover their collage design with an adhering glaze, use acrylic paint to decorate the surface, or create free-form ceramic banks. The 8th graders enjoyed the project immensely and came up with some very creative results! Kentucky America Saves 2011 Piggy Bank design contest winners were: 1st Place—John Kemper, 2nd Place—Abbey Eaton, and 3rd Place—Abby Chasteen. Honorable mention were: Sean Hacker, Carter Blanton, Rakhi Patel, Allison Estes and Michael McCauley. Ms. McGuire would like to thank all of the students for their hard work and participation. Special thanks to Citizens Bank for donating savings bonds to each of the winners and Peoples Bank of Mt. Vernon for donating the piggy banks used in the project.

Clontz on Dean's List

Vanderbilt University Dean Carolyn Bever announces that Victoria Clontz, a senior who will graduate in May with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Sociology, has earned the honor of Dean's List for the fall semester.

Victoria is the daughter of John and Lisa Clontz of Prospect, Ky. and the granddaughter of Carl and

Geraldine Clontz of Mt. Vernon, Dr. Jack and Rebecca Lewis of Berea and the late Betty Lewis.

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Eagle Echoes

Here at RES we are working hard to move from "Good to Great." Students strive weekly to be in the Principal's Lunch Bunch. Two students are chosen from each homeroom to have lunch with Mr. Ward on Fridays. These students have excelled in the classroom that particular week, had perfect attendance, no behavioral issues and completed all homework. Students enjoy eating lunch on stage in the cafeteria, which has been transformed into the Roundstone Café.

On Friday, February 18, students that were selected for the Lunch Bunch got a special treat, eating lunch with Superintendent Mr. Larry Hammond. "I enjoyed eating lunch with Mr. Hammond, he was nice and wanted to know what I wanted to be when I grow up" says Selecity Broaddus. Before hand, students greeted Mr. Hammond with a banner congratulating him on being named Superintendent of the year.



Mr. Hammond visited RES and ate with students selected for Lunch Bunch. Seated with Hammond are Selecity Broaddus and Byron Abney.

Working Together Works

On Thursday, February 17 the first grade students at BES enjoyed listening to guest speaker, Kari Hall, WKYT 27 News First weekend meteorologist. Ms. Kari presented a PowerPoint about different types of weather and what a meteorologist does. With our students currently studying weather, they were very interested and had lots of questions!

Things you need to know:

- Thursday, March 3rd-Parent/Teacher Conference
- Thursday, March 3rd-Tuesday, March 8th-PTG Book Fair
- Tuesday, March 15th-Spring Pictures

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting

March 01, 2011

4:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:

3. COMMUNICATION:

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve minutes of the February 08, 2011 board meeting
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4:
- D. Approve request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence for Lora Lambert
- E. Approve School Activity Fund Raiser
- F. Approve School Trip Forms

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- A. Review/Approve the resolution entering into a Contract, Lease and Option with the Rockcastle County District Finance Corporation and agree to pay annual rentals equal to the debt payments on the bonds
- B. Review District Contingency Funds
- C. Review/Approve the Official FY-2011 KETS Offer of Assistance

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

- A. Review Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- E. Other

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Win at Mason County

Rockcastle girls' indoor track teams get season underway

The RCHS girls' track and field team has gotten their indoor season off to a great start in hopes of winning the Class 2A Indoor State Championship for the fifth straight season. RCHS fields one of its youngest teams in recent years with only one senior, two sophomores, and the rest being freshman and middle schoolers.

RCHS began the indoor season with the University of Kentucky Wildcat Classic, a meet that serves as an early indoor tune-up in which team scores aren't kept. 44 teams from all three state classes were on hand for the competition.

Senior Jessica Albright led RCHS with several outstanding performances in the sprints including a 14th place finish in the 400-meter dash in an indoor personal best time of 1:07.01. Jessica also ran the fastest 200-meter dash time for RCHS and ran on the 9th place 1600 and 3200-meter relay teams.

8th grader Kira Deatherage ran an indoor personal best in the 400, placing 9th in 1:06.01. She also ran a personal best time of 8.86 seconds in the 60-meter dash and ran on the 1600-meter relay team.

Freshman Lacey Gastineau came through in the 400 with a great time of

1:08.95 while sophomore Bryonna Cromer was close with a time of 1:09.22. Both girls ran on the 1600-meter relay team that finished in an exceptional season's best time of 4:35.97.

Freshman Alyssa Allen ran a great race in the 60-meter hurdles, finishing 11th overall with a personal best time of 11.32 seconds.

Freshman Lyndsey Abel ran a personal best time of 9.06 seconds in the 60-meter dash.

Jessica Albright, 8th graders Rachel Cain and Alyssa Cox, along with 7th grader Amber Collins placed 9th in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 12:03.07.

Amber led the team in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:52.11 despite a sprained ankle sustained the day before. Alyssa Cox was close behind finishing in 2:52.38.

In the 1600-meter run, Rachel led RCHS with an indoor personal best time of 6:15.8. Amber also ran an indoor personal best with a time of 6:18.22. Alyssa was close with an indoor personal best of her own finishing in 6:23.04.

Next on the schedule, RCHS and RCMS both competed in an indoor meet at Mason County. Both teams dominated the competition with RCHS winning by an

impressive 51 points over 13 other teams, while RCMS won by 21 points over 5 teams that competed. Several RCHS and RCMS girls scored in the meet.

For RCHS, the 3200-meter relay team of Jessica Albright, Rachel Cain, Amber Collins, and Alyssa Cox got the meet off to a tremendous start with an easy win in a season's best time of 11:26.33.

Alyssa Allen won the 55-meter hurdles with a season's best time of 9.89 seconds. Alyssa also won triple jump with a personal best effort of 30'10.75". Her best performance came in high jump with a personal best jump of 4'10".

Rachel Cain finished 4th in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:22.22. Amber Collins placed 6th in 6:24.93. Rachel also finished 2nd in the 3000-meter run with a personal best time of 12:41.68. Alyssa Cox finished 6th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:54.5.

Jessica led RCHS in the 400-meter dash, placing 2nd overall in 1:09.47. Lacey Gastineau placed 4th in 1:09.94.

Lacey also finished 5th in the 55-meter dash in 8.28 seconds, while Jessica placed 6th in 8.39. Lyndsey Abel won long jump with a new career best leap of 14'7.5". Bryonna Cromer finished 2nd with a jump of 14'3". Bryonna also placed 3rd in triple jump with an effort of 28'7.5".

Sophomore Amy Johnson finished 3rd in shot put with a throw of 29'5.75", while 7th grader Hailey Harper finished 6th with a throw of 25'4".

Jessica, Alyssa, Bryonna, and Lacey ran on the 2nd place 1600-meter relay team that finished with a time of 4:45.79.

The RCMS girls' team was led by 7th grader Tori Phillips who was named the Kentucky Middle School Track Female Athlete of the Week for her outstanding overall performance. Tori won the 55-meter dash with a time of 8.51 seconds. She also won high jump with a leap of 4'2". She placed 3rd in long jump with an effort of 11'11.25" and 5th in the 400 in 1:17.01. 7th grader Ashley McKinney won the 55-meter hurdles with a great time of 11.73 seconds. Ashley finished 2nd in high jump with an effort of 4'0". She also finished 3rd in the 400-meter dash in 1:16.28, while 7th grader Rachael Davis placed 6th in 1:18.07.

In the 55-meter dash, 8th grader Hannah Mercer finished 3rd in 8.8 seconds, while 6th grader Jennifer

Mercer placed 4th, also running the race in 8.8 seconds.

6th grader Katelyn Hensley won long jump with a great leap of 12'4.5". Rachael Davis placed 4th with a jump of 11'10.5".

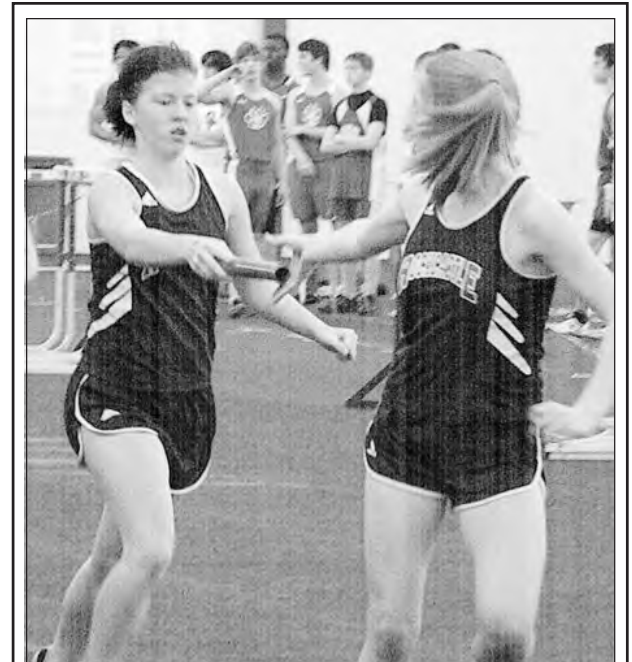
8th grader Rakhi Patel finished 3rd in the 1600-meter run with a personal best of 6:49.48. She also finished 6th in the 800-meter run with a

time of 3:11.04. 6th grader Sierra Mercer finished 5th in the 800 in 3:10.46.

RCMS capped off the win with a dominating performance in the 1600-meter relay. 6th graders Jennifer Mercer, Katelyn Hensley, Arie-Anna Lawson, and Sierra Mercer finished the race with an exceptional time of 5:18.99.



8th grader Alyssa Cox runs the anchor leg of the girls' winning 3200-meter relay team at Mason County. RCHS won by 51 points over 13 other teams.



Sophomore Bryonna Cromer hands off the baton to freshman Lacey Gastineau in the 1600-meter relay at Mason County.



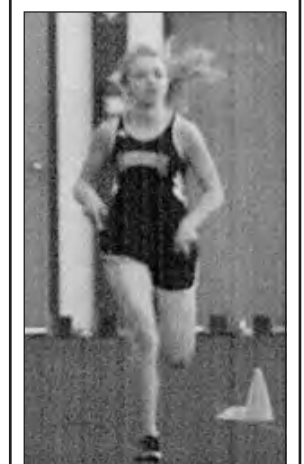
RCHS senior Jessica Albright runs the lead leg of the girls' 2nd place 1600-meter relay team at Mason County.



8th grader Rachel Cain, left, competes in the 1600-meter run at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. Cain ran an indoor personal best time of 6:15.



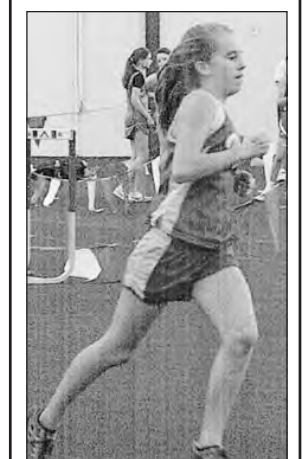
Sophomore Amy Johnson throws the shot put at a recent meet in Mason County.



8th grader Kira Deatherage runs the anchor leg on the girls' 2nd place 1600-meter relay team at Mason County.



RCHS freshman Alyssa Allen finished 2nd in high jump at Mason County with a career best mark of 4'10".



7th grader Amber Collins competed in the 1600-meter run at a recent meet in Mason County.

Former RCHS track athletes make impact at Eastern Kentucky

The Eastern Kentucky University track and field program is now home to three of the greatest, most decorated track and field athletes Rockcastle County has ever had.

Junior Morgan Thacker, who has already established herself in the ECU all-time record books with her performance last year in long and triple jump, has welcomed former RCHS athletes Samantha Smith and Laura Dollins, both of whom have made a definite impact during the indoor portion of their freshman seasons.

Both Morgan and Samantha have enjoyed a great deal of success this indoor season in both long and triple jump. Morgan is currently ranked 11th in long jump and 12th in triple jump, while Samantha is ranked 9th in triple jump and 23rd in long jump. Morgan's best long jump so far this season is 17'3.5" and Samantha's is 16'5.75". Both girls are capable of eclipsing the 18' mark and have done so several times previously in their careers. In doing so, both could score in the top 8 at the upcoming OVC Championships in the event.

Samantha's best mark of 36'2.25" and Morgan's best of 36'0" also put them in scoring contention in triple jump at the OVC Championships. With Morgan having surpassed 37' last season and Samantha 38' in high school, both girls are easily capable of placing in the top eight at conference.

Laura is coming off a very successful cross-country season in which she was a part of ECU's OVC Championship winning team that dominated conference in late October. Laura has carried that success into several career best performances on the track. Laura is currently ranked 9th in the 3000-meter run with a personal best time of 10:39.12, 11th in the 5000-meter run with a personal best 19:26.8, 15th in the one mile with a personal best 5:22.16, and 22nd in the 800-meter run with an indoor personal best time of 2:28.34. With a strong distance team behind her, Laura should have an excellent opportunity to score in the top 8 at the OVC Championships in some of her events.

Competition at the college level has certainly been a transition for all three girls. Each week, they're routinely com-

peting against some of the best athletes in the world. Recently at UK, Morgan and Sam competed in the 200-meter dash against Olympic Gold Medalist Deedee Trotter. The following meet, they ran against Mary Wineberg, another Olympic Gold Medalist. Most college and university meets allow professional athletes to compete unattached as they prepare for the US Track and Field Championships. Former UK men's 200-meter dash NCAA Champion, and Olympian

from Trinidad and Tobago, Rondell Sorrillo also competed.

As the indoor season draws to a close, the ECU women's track team is a favorite for the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Championships that will be held this weekend at Eastern Illinois. Anyone wishing to follow the progress of Morgan, Samantha, and Laura may do so at the university's sports website: <http://www.ekusports.com>.



Former RCHS standouts Samantha Smith and Morgan Thacker competed recently in long jump, triple jump, and the 200-meter dash at the University of Kentucky Invitational and the Rod McCravy Invitational also at UK. Both Samantha and Morgan have been ranked in the top ten in multiple events in the Ohio Valley Conference this indoor season.



Former RCHS standout Laura Dollins competed recently in the 800, 1600, and 3000-meter runs at the University of Kentucky Invitational and the Rod McCravy Invitational also at UK. Laura has been ranked in the top ten in multiple distance events in the Ohio Valley Conference this indoor season.

Death of Forest Ranger sad reminder of official start to forest fire season

Family, friends, and the Kentucky Division of Forestry mourn the loss of Donald S. Lam, who died last Thursday, February 17th, from injuries sustained while fighting a forest fire in Western Kentucky last September.

Lam, 58, was a dedicated forest ranger technician and experienced wild land firefighter who had assisted with fire suppression efforts on the local, state and national level for nearly 12 years.

With this forest ranger's death in mind, Rockcastle forest ranger Marvin Stone reminds residents of Rockcastle County that Kentucky law designates Feb. 15 through April 30 as spring forest fire hazard season.

During this time, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brush land between the daylight hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The law is intended to prevent forest fires by allowing outdoor burning only after 6 p.m. when conditions are less likely to cause a wildfire to spread.

"Wildfire is an extremely dangerous situation that doesn't have to happen," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF). "Ken-

tuckians have lived with wildfires for so long that people think they are a natural occurrence, but nothing can be further from the truth.

Deliberate or careless acts by people lead to wildfires with the largest two causes by far being arson and burning of trash and debris."

Each year wildfires threaten thousands of lives and destroy homes and structures. Last year, more than 54,000 acres burned in Kentucky. In 2010 wildfires also destroyed nine houses and 31 structures in the state. On the positive side, KDF firefighters were able to save nearly 1,000 homes and structures worth over \$69 million while fighting wildfires.

Forestry officials urge all citizens to be aware of outdoor burning laws. Anyone found violating forest protection laws or other outdoor burning bans will receive a citation and/or a criminal summons to appear in court.

Penalties may include fines of up to \$500 or imprisonment up to 6 months. Report suspicious acts of arson to the nearest Kentucky State Police post or call the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON.



Ray Graves

"Graves"

(Cont. from front)

donor can provide 18 times the amount of platelets that can be retrieved from a whole blood donor and donations can be made up to 24 times a year.

The process requires up to two hours, Graves said, and involves the blood being drawn from the donor, the platelets removed, and the blood returned to the donor.

To date, Graves, whose blood type is A positive, has made one double donation of platelets in June of 2010 and a triple donation in February of this year. A single donation may benefit up to three patients whereas it can take up to six whole blood donors to provide for one platelet transfusion. The amount of the donation of platelets per visit is determined by key factors such as height, weight and platelet count.

Once platelets are donated, they must be transfused within five days.

Blood is comprised of three components -- red blood cells, plasma and platelets. Red blood cells are often needed for heart surgery patients and plasma is often used for burn victims to help begin the healing process.

According to Sheila Mitchell, Somerset Donor Center Manager, red blood cells only are rarely extracted since another donation cannot be made by the donor for 56 days, as opposed to two weeks for the platelet donor. The red cells and plasma are usually extracted from whole blood donations.

Graves said he managed to have all 100 pints extracted from his left arm since he wanted only one arm scarred. He said he would probably continue with platelet donations only for future donations.

If you would like more information on becoming a Platelet Pheresis Donor, call the Kentucky Blood Center at Somerset, 606-679-7413.

"Henderson"

(Cont. from front)

To illustrate just how synonymous the name Henderson was with its geographic location, the following story was related by Ann Henderson, Dr. Joe's wife.

Back in the 1960's or thereabout, radio station WLAP in Lexington had a man-on-the-street interview program conducted by John Sullivan. One February day, he was trying to get people passing by to acknowledge that it was George Washington's birthday. His hints and questions had brought forth the correct answer in most cases. Then he stopped a fellow who seemed to have a hard time answering the question, "Do you know what important day this is in American history?" Finally, in desperation, John asked, "Well, what you do think of when I say Mt. Vernon?" Quick as a wink came the reply, "Why that's where them tooth dentists are!"

And so they were.
--Submitted

"Davidson"

(Cont. from front)

Brodhead, the truck was found the same day at a recycling center in Garrard County and employees there gave police a description of the vehicle the sellers had driven off in.

Police later found that vehicle, which had been reported as stolen from Ohio, at the Dollar General Store in Brodhead with Davidson, and two accomplices in it.

Davidson fled the scene and was later arrested by Mt. Vernon Police Officer Nathan Carter. According to Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley, at the time of his arrest in December, Davidson was on probation for an arrest in May 2010 for possession of a controlled substance, 2nd offense, which at the time was a felony charge, and flagrant non-support. Davidson was sentenced to 5 years in prison, which was later probated.

In his January sentencing through the Rocket Docket process, Davidson's probation was revoked and his five year sentence rein-

stated. He was also given a year for fleeing or evading police and an additional year for possession of a controlled substance.



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"Hopkins"

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zations and numerous non-profit organizations to help secure government appropriations, grants, procurements and other assistance.

A native of Laurel County, and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Hopkins also worked for Secretary Jack Kemp in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC for three years during the tenure of President George H.W. Bush.

Hopkins will be responsible for all of the day to day operations of the RCIDA, including working with the board to create and oversee a budget for the organization, oversight of the development of two existing business parks with land for development, working closely with all existing businesses, working with clients interested in potentially locating both commercial and industrial businesses in Rockcastle County and developing opportunities for the county to seek new investment in the economy.

RCIDA Board Chairman Corey Craig said, "The RCIDA is very excited to have the opportunity to employ someone with the experience and talent that Holly possesses and looks forward to working with her."

"Indicted"

(Cont. from front)

eight counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and eleven counts of the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by being convicted of at least two prior felonies.

Jones is currently in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$100,000 cash or property bond.

Steve Cameron, 44, of Mt. Vernon, was indicted on three separate counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first of-

fense, for selling Oxycodone to a confidential informant.

Cameron is in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$25,000 cash or property bond.

Paula Cameron, 43, and Stephaine Cameron, 24, of Mt. Vernon, were each indicted on one count of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, for selling Oxycodone to a confidential informant.

Both were released on a \$25,000 cash/property bond on February 14th.

Michael D. Johnson, Jr., 24, of Crab Orchard, was indicted on one count of criminal possession of a forged instrument, first degree, by possessing and cashing a forged check/instrument in the amount of \$200 drawn on the First Southern Bank.

Johnson is currently in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under several bonds.

Joseph Steven Cameron, 23, of Mt. Vernon, was indicted on four different counts. The first count was for possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, by possessing Oxycodone and the second count was for possession of drug paraphernalia, first offense.

The third count was for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first offense and the fourth offense was for operating a motor vehicle upon the public highway with expired registration plates.

Cameron is in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$10,000 cash/property bond.

Nicholas D. Hauger, 31, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on bail jumping, first degree, by failing to appear on a felony charge in the Rockcastle County Circuit Court, upon release from custody by court order with condition to appear at a specified date and time.

Hauger is currently in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$25,000 cash bond.

Christopher S. Davidson, 40, of Livingston, was indicted on two separate counts, cultivating marijuana, first offense and possession of drug paraphernalia, first offense. Davidson posted a \$5000 cash/property bond.

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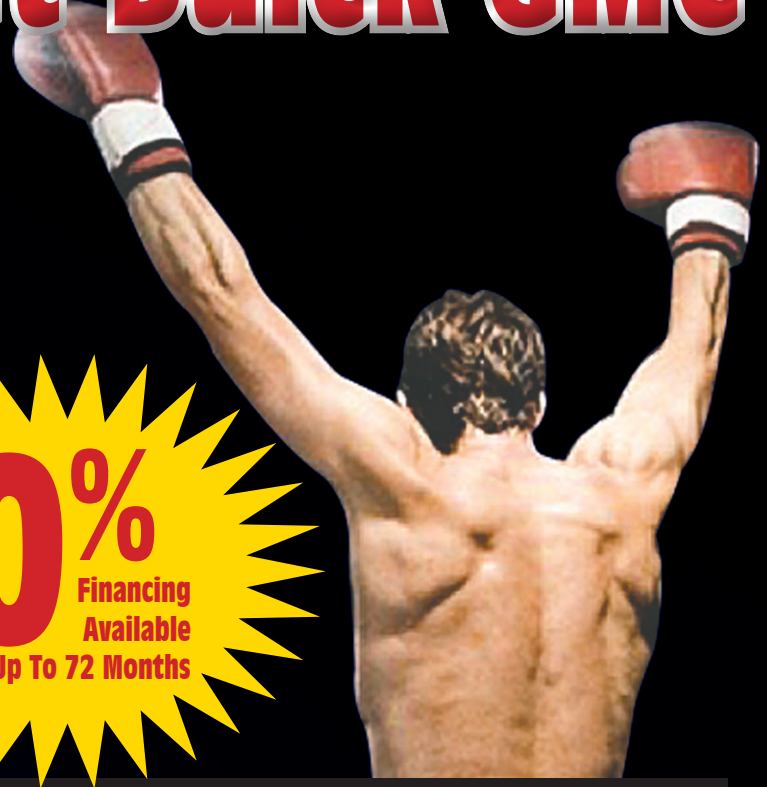
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Second Section

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Despite PC slow down; Lady Rockets roll 57-24

By: Sara Coguer

Despite the Lady Maroon's best effort, and a game plan of slowing the pace of play, the 27-1 Lady Rockets still managed a 33 point 57-24 win over Pulaski County.

Rockcastle got the opening tip and senior Kristin Abney was fouled on a layup attempt, hitting one of two from the line and scoring first for Rockcastle at the 7:38 mark.

The tone for the night was set on Pulaski County's first possession when they spread their offense, trying to keep the game close as long as possible, and not even trying to score for over three minutes before turning the ball over.

Angie Lawrence scored the first field goal for the Lady Rockets at the 3:56 mark, and Pulaski County tried the spread again, and again, keeping the score low as the Lady Rockets only had an opportunity to score six points in the first quarter, but also keeping the Lady Maroons from scoring, ending the quarter up 6-0.

It was not in the Lady Rockets to sit idly by while the Lady Maroons passed the ball around the perimeter, and several fouls were called in the first half, with the Lady Rockets getting their sixth one at the 6:57 mark in the second quarter.

Tough as nails defense,

however, reigned as the Lady Rockets put a damper on Pulaski County's parade and did not foul again in the first half, subsequently not sending the Lady Maroons to the line as was obviously part of their game plan.

Seniors Lawrence, Sara Hammond, Abney and Sydney Arvin each scored a basket in the second quarter, giving Rockcastle the 14-2 lead at the half.

Pulaski County did not change their game plan out of the half, once again beginning play in a stall. Excellent defensive pressure from the Lady Rockets, however, caused several Pulaski County turnovers in the third and a seven point scoring streak by sophomore Michaela Hunter at the end of the quarter extended the Rockets lead by 20 to 28-8.

The Lady Maroons finally decided to show up and play ball in the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late as the Lady Rockets continued their impressive offensive and defensive prowess, winning 57-24.

The Lady Rockets will face Casey County Thursday (tonight), at 7 o'clock at Pulaski County High School for the 47th District championship.

Scoring for Rockcastle: Sara Hammond, 19; Angie Lawrence, 12; Michaela Hunter, 9; Sydney Arvin, 5; Alexis Chasteen, 4; Kristin

Abney, 3; Kadi Cobb and Katie Cowan, 2 each and Shanlee Burton, 1.

Rockcastle vs. South Laurel

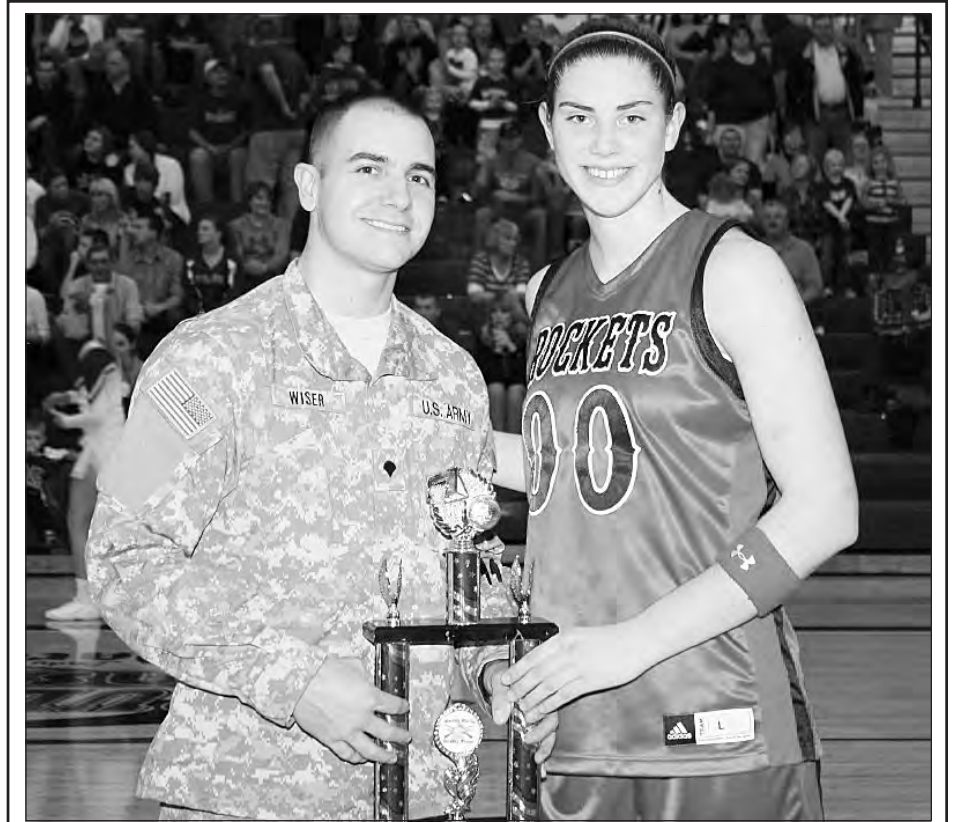
The Lady Rockets ended their regular season last Friday night, spoiling the South Laurel Lady Cardinal's senior night with a 59-31 win. South Laurel kept it relatively close during the first quarter, ending it down only seven, 15-8.

Rockcastle's sluggish defense opening up the second quarter allowed two easy South Laurel buckets, but Rockcastle's offense kept pace and extended their lead at the half to twelve, 29-17.

A 6-0 Lady Rocket run to begin the third quarter helped Rockcastle extend their lead and take the wind out of the Lady Cardinals sails, outscoring South Laurel in the third 15-12 and extending their lead to 44-29.

South Laurel could only muster two points in the fourth quarter, as the Lady Rockets continued to dominate, scoring another fifteen points for the 59-31 win.

Scoring for Rockcastle: Sara Hammond, 20; Sydney Arvin, 12; Kristin Abney and Angie Lawrence, 6 each; Shanlee Burton, 5; Michaela Hunter and Alexis



Senior Sara Hammond was presented with the Kentucky National Guard Player of the Game for Rockcastle County with Monday night's win against Pulaski County. The Lady Rockets advanced to the finals on Thursday night where they will meet up with Casey County at 7 p.m. at Pulaski County High School.

Chasteen, 4 each and Ella McQueary, 2.

Girls regional tournament will be held at Pulaski County High School. Boys regional tournament will be held at Lincoln Co. HS.

Rockets lose close one to South Laurel

By: Sara Coguer

The Rockcastle County Rockets ended their disappointing regular season last Friday night, with a close loss to the South Laurel Cardinals 69-57.

The score was not indicative of the game, as the Rockets were only down four at the end of the first quarter 17-13 behind scoring from Travis Carpenter, 5; Jaden Brock, with four and Ben Allen and Ashton Arvin each with two.

The Rockets stayed even with the Cardinals through the second quarter, going into the locker room down four, 34-30. With Travis Carpenter on the bench in foul trouble, Allen scored

another three to begin the quarter, with junior Cody Noe contributing six. John Curtis Wilson and Josh McKinney each added two and Arvin hit a big three towards the end of the half.

The third quarter has been the downfall for the Rockets in many games this season and Friday night was no exception. Rockcastle was outscored 23-12 in the third, with Allen again coming up big for Rockcastle early in the quarter scoring his team's first six points of the second half. Josh McKinney scored a bucket with 2:29 to go, and Rockcastle did not score

(Cont. to B6)

JV Boys Linescores

Record 6-4

RCHS 9 18 7 13 47
Barbourville 8 11 12 11 42
John Wilson, 9; Jordan Kelley, 3; Bryson Amyx, 23; Tyler Smith, 2; Josh Mason, 1; Corey McPhetridge, 9.
RCHS 13 16 5 13 47
S. Laurel 0 10 11 11 32
John Wilson, 5; Ashton Arvin, 6; Tyler Smith, 7; Bryson Amyx, 9; Zach Poynter, 6; Tyler Harper, 2; Josh Mason, 4; Taylor Carter, 8.
RCHS 11 13 8 8 40
N. Laurel 10 8 13 19 50
Taylor Carter, 2; Tyler Smith, 4; Bryson Amyx, 2; Zach Poynter, 2;

Jordan Kelley, 8; Tyler Harris, 5; Josh Mason, 4; Jon Harmon, 4; Corey McPhetridge, 9.

RCHS 3 2 12 14 31
Southern 9 14 12 12 47
John Wilson, 5; Bryson Amyx, 10; Tyler Smith, 2; Ashton Arvin, 14.

RCHS 11 5 15 12 43
Estill 11 12 3 5 31
John Wilson, 9; Ashton Arvin, 8; Tyler Smith, 7; Bryson Amyx, 2; Zach Poynter, 7; Corey McPhetridge, 2; Jordan Kelley, 4; Taylor Carter, 4.

Linescores continued to page B6



RCHS Cheerleaders performed their routine after the first quarter of Monday night's first round district action at Pulaski County.



Junior Cody Noe shoots a three in last Friday's game at South Laurel.



Senior Sydney Arvin, top photo, dishes the "no look" pass to senior Angie Lawrence, right, for the easy lay in. The Lady Rockets won their first round game of the 47th District Tournament Monday night at Pulaski County. The Lady Rockets defeated the Lady Maroons 57-24.



Sophomore Ashton Arvin goes for two of his 7 points in the loss against South Laurel last Friday night.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Citifinancial, Inc. vs. William Sandlin, \$9,626.19 plus claimed due.

Citifinancial, Inc. vs. Billy Medley, \$11,080.44 plus claimed due.

Cassandra Houk vs. Bryan Russell Houk, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Americredit Financial Services vs. Melissa D. Alexander, \$8,780.44 plus claimed due.

Lynn Rene Renner vs. Joseph Harvey Renner, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ky. Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. vs. Meli Hahn, \$6,875.02 and \$3,337.74 plus claimed due.

Betty Jean Weaver vs. Steven Charles Weaver, petition for dissolution of mar-

riage.

First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Penny S. Hensley, \$4,728.28 plus claimed due.

L&N Federal Credit Union vs. Mildred Belt, \$9,014.20 plus claimed due. CI-00046

Marriage Licenses

Jessica Leighanne Asher, 22, Brodhead, Source Corp to Edgar Alvin Carpenter, 28, Brodhead, Rockcastle Hospital. 2/11/11.

Kelly Lynn Poynter, 22, Mt. Vernon, cashier, to Clarence Edward Brumley, 21, Mt. Vernon, janitor. 2/11/11.

District Civil Suits

Midland Funding LLC vs. William D. Isaacs, \$600.30 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Brenda Powell, \$1,309.59 plus claimed due.

DH Capital Management Inc. vs. Janice Barnett,

\$2,1787.06 plus claimed due.

State Farm Bank, FSB vs. Stephanie Urnezis-Smith, \$1,648.96 plus claimed due.

Breaktime Distributing LLC vs. Lester House, \$2,683.88 plus claimed due. C-00038

Deeds Recorded

Larry and Wanda Todd, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Dees. No tax

Nora Poynter, and others, property in Rockcastle County to Donald Dees. No tax.

Donald Dees, property in Rockcastle County, to Mary Freda Damrell and Raymond Floyd Damrell, Jr. Tax \$29.

Carl and Bonita Swanigan and Bryan and Cassandra L. Ryman, prop-

erty on Old Ky. 25 Loop 1, to Cassandra L. Ryman.

Irene Hale, property on the waters of Renfro Creek, to Irene Hale and Karen Hale Dean. No tax.

Phillip R. Carpenter and Jennifer K. Carpenter, property on Cass St. in Brodhead, to Samantha J. and Brandon G. Bishop. Tax \$135.

Danny and Gaylen Settles, property in Sunnyside Estates, to Mona Floyd. Tax \$40.

Mary Louise Fletcher, property in Livingston, to Martha Frye Baker. No tax.

Mary Louise Fletcher, property in Livingston, to Earl Baker. No tax.

Sydney Bowling, Exec. property on Little Renfro Creek, to Jeff and Angela Hunt. Tax \$65.50.

District Court

Feb. 14-16, 2011

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Keith Carpenter: theft by unlawful taking and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Chadwick B. Burdette: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Speeding: Shane M. Gartner, paid \$164 total fine and costs; Jeffrey L. Meredith, Jr, paid; Heather L. Pringle, Linda L. Canada,

license suspended for failure to appear; Zella B. Graves, \$10 fine and costs; Taylor J. Hayes, paid \$34 fine plus \$133 costs;

Mark Smith: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs.

Eric S. Vaught, com. units up to 65 ft. over designated highways, overwidth and no bills of lading, bw issued for fta.

Sabrina K. Lewis: criminal possession of forged instrument (three counts), sentencing orders entered.

Keith W. Hensley: criminal trespass, \$250 fine/suspended on condition plus costs.

Kayla R. Howard: no/ expired registration plates/ receipt, bw issued for fta.

Ryan S. Owens: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

Brent A. Powell: alcohol intoxication, paid.

Christopher Griffin: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Rudy N. Harvey: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; drug paraphernalia - buy/possession, \$100 fine.

Andrew S. McDonald: no operators license in possession, \$100 fine.

Tyler B. Mobley: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Melissa K. Richard: failure to appear charge, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Kori Ryme Standifur: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

Charles Abney: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

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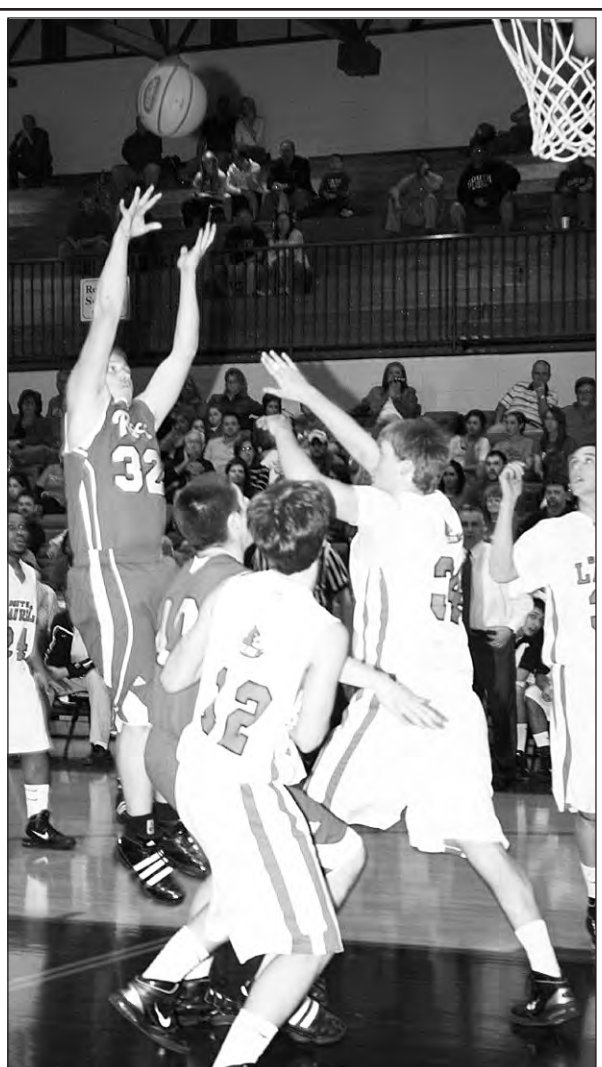
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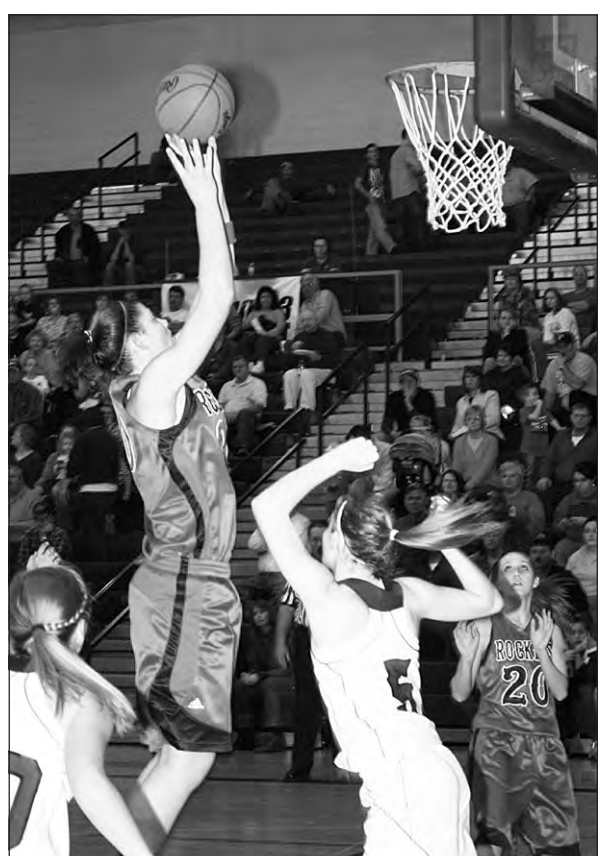

Lady Rocket superfans John Curtis Wilson, left, Eli Haddix, Ashton Arvin and Cody Noe helped cheer the Lady Rockets on to victory Monday night against Pulaski County.



Sophomore John Curtis Wilson looks to pass the ball out of a trap in Friday night's loss against South Laurel.



Junior Jaden Brock puts in two for the Rockets in last Friday night's action at South Laurel.



Senior Sara Hammond goes for two in Monday night's first round district action against Pulaski County. The Lady Rockets defeated the Lady Maroons 57-24 and will play Casey County Thursday night at Pulaski County High School at 7 p.m.

The Lady Rockets will play Casey County this Thursday (tonight) at 7:00 p.m. at PCHS

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|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| RCHS | 14 | 10 | 14 | 19 | 57 |
| McCreary | 9 | 10 | 8 | 19 | 48 |

Ashton Arvin, 12; Bryson Amyx, 7; Zach Poynter, 2; Ben Allen, 12; Tyler Smith, 14; Corey McPhetridge, 8; Jordan Kelley, 2.

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|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| RCHS | 10 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 40 |
| E. Jessamine | 19 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 60 |

Ashton Arvin, 17; Bryson Amyx, 6; Zach Poynter, 5; Ben Allen, 2; Cody McPhetridge, 6; Jordan Kelley, 2; Cody Brown, 2.

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| Harper, 11; Josh Mason, 8; Jared Lake, 4; Cody Brown, 4; John Hughes, 3. | | | | | |
| RCHS | 9 | 13 | 10 | 9 | 41 |
| N. Laurel | 25 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 61 |

Carter Taylor, 7; Gage Reynolds, 8; Corey McPhetridge, 5; Tyler Harper, 13; Josh Mason, 5; Brandon Jones, 2.

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|----------|----|---|---|----|----|
| RCHS | 11 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 33 |
| Southern | 10 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 35 |

Taylor Carter, 4; Gage Reynolds, 5; Corey McPhetridge, 9; Tyler Harper, 4; Josh Mason, 9; Jared Lake, 2.

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|--|----|----|----|----|----|
| 5; Jared Lake, 1; Brandon Jones, 2; Cody Brown, 3. | | | | | |
| RCHS | 5 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 28 |
| Somerset | 14 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 46 |

Gage Reynolds, 3; Tyler Harper, 11; Josh Mason, 2; Jared Lake, 4; Cody Brown, 2; John Hughes, 5.

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|-------|----|----|---|----|----|
| RCHS | 4 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 25 |
| Casey | 13 | 13 | 7 | 17 | 50 |

Taylor Carter, 5; Gage Reynolds, 4; Tyler Harper, 8; Josh Mason, 4; Jared Lake, 4.

Freshman Boys Linescores

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| Record 3-8 | | | | | |
| RCHS | 14 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 38 |
| Garrard | 6 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 36 |

Taylor Carter, 9; Gage Reynolds, 2; Corey McPhetridge, 9; Tyler Harper, 9; Josh Mason, 4; John Hughes, 5.

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|-----------|----|----|---|----|----|
| RCHS | 11 | 16 | 9 | 11 | 47 |
| S. Laurel | 11 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 45 |

Taylor Carter, 6; Gage Reynolds, 4; Corey McPhetridge, 7; Tyler

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|--|---|----|----|----|----|
| Harper, 11; Josh Mason, 8; Jared Lake, 4; Cody Brown, 4; John Hughes, 3. | | | | | |
| RCHS | 9 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 40 |
| Estill | 7 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 48 |

Taylor Carter, 6; Gage Reynolds, 2; Corey McPhetridge, 19; Tyler Harper, 2; Josh Mason, 10; Jared Lake, 1.

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|---------|----|----|---|---|----|
| RCHS | 6 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 27 |
| Garrard | 16 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 46 |

Taylor Carter, 2; Gage Reynolds, 5; Corey McPhetridge, 1; Tyler Harper, 9; Josh Mason, 3; Jared Lake, 1; Brandon Jones, 4; John Hughes, 2.

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|----------|----|---|----|----|----|
| RCHS | 11 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 32 |
| McCreary | 3 | 0 | 12 | 16 | 31 |

Taylor Carter, 7; Gage Reynolds, 2; Tyler Harper, 12; Josh Mason,

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| 5; Jared Lake, 1; Brandon Jones, 2; Cody Brown, 3. | | | | | |
| RCHS | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 19 |
| Estill | 6 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 47 |

Taylor Carter, 5; Gage Reynolds, 5; Tyler Harper, 2; Jared Lake, 2; Cody Brown, 2; John Hughes, 3.

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|----------|---|----|---|----|----|
| RCHS | 9 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 29 |
| Southern | 5 | 23 | 8 | 8 | 44 |

Taylor Carter, 10; Gage Reynolds, 3; Josh Mason, 2; Tyler Harper, 4; Brandon Jones, 6; John Hughes, 4.

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|-----------|----|----|---|---|----|
| RCHS | 2 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 22 |
| S. Laurel | 17 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 47 |

Taylor Carter, 2; Gage Reynolds, 3; Brandon Jones, 2; Josh Mason, 2; Tyler Harper, 1; Jared Lake, 2; John Hughes, 8; Cody Brown, 2.

"Rockets"

Continued from B1

again, to go down 57-42 at the end of the third.

Rockcastle would cut the Cardinal lead to four with 5:40 to go after a South Laurel player was called for a technical foul and John Curtis Wilson was fouled on a three and sank all three free throws. Rockcastle would fall apart, however, and only score two more free throws to end the game with the 69-57 loss.

Scoring for Rockcastle: Ben Allen, 13; Cody Noe and John Curtis Wilson, 10 each; Travis Carpenter, 8; Ashton Arvin, 7; Josh McKinney, 5 and Jaden Brock, 4.

The Rockets played their first round of the district tournament Wednesday night against Casey County, who they beat at home this season. Coverage will be in next week's *Signal*.

"Linescores"

Continued from B1

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| RCHS | 6 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 35 |
| Estill | 6 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 33 |

John Wilson, 7; Ashton Arvin, 2; Bryson Amyx, 5; Zach Poynter, 5; Corey McPhetridge, 5; Tyler Smith, 11; Tyler Harper, 2; Gage Reynolds, 2; Taylor Carter, 2.

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|--------|----|----|----|----|----|
| RCHS | 16 | 12 | 10 | 16 | 54 |
| Leslie | 6 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 36 |

John Wilson, 18; Ashton Arvin, 2; Bryson Amyx, 5; Zach Poynter, 5; Corey McPhetridge, 5; Tyler Smith, 11; Tyler Harper, 2; Gage Reynolds, 2; Taylor Carter, 2.

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|-----------|----|----|---|----|----|
| RCHS | 4 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 42 |
| S. Laurel | 13 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 48 |

Ashton Arvin, 19; Bryson Amyx, 2; Corey McPhetridge, 4; Zach Poynter, 2; Ben Allen, 10; Tyler Smith, 3; Cody Noe, 2.

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|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| RCHS | 11 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 43 |
| S-Western | 21 | 15 | 8 | 11 | 55 |

Ashton Arvin, 10; Bryson Amyx, 4; Zach Poynter, 10; Corey McPhetridge, 9; Tyler Smith, 8; Gage Reynolds, 2.



Rock Elite AAU came through with a hard fought victory over Russell Co 34-32 to win the Whitley Co Intermediate School Tournament. Congratulations Rock Elite. Pictured are, front from left: Jayden Payne, Logan Noel, Cade Burdette, and Isaac Stratton. Second row from left: Trevor Todd, Cameron Bullock, Seth Shepherd, Cayden Shaver, JD Hamilton, and Javan Hasty. Back row from left: Coaches Phillip Stratton, Billy Todd, and Jeff Burdette.

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