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Several serious accidents occurred in Rockcastle County this past week. Shown above is the remnants of a semi-truck collision that happened Tuesday around 4:45 a.m. on I-75 northbound at the 63 milemarker. In the above photo: Authorities say Jeffrey Shempert, 42, of Parrish, Alabama was traveling north in a 2015 Freightliner semi-truck when he rear-ended another 1996 Freightliner semi-truck driven by Hussein Dadd, 51, of Arlington, Texas. Shempert was transported by ambulance to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he is currently being treated for non-life threatening injuries. Dadd was not injured in the accident. Traffic was rerouted to Hwy 25 while both lanes of northbound I-75 remained closed at exit 62 for almost three hours while crews worked to clean debris, oil spills and diesel spills from the roadway. In the bottom photo: A local woman was injured Monday in a single car accident on Hwy 1505 in Brindle Ridge. Authorities say Lauren Williams, 29, of Berea was traveling west on Hwy 1505 when she lost control of her vehicle causing it to leave the roadway and strike a tree. Williams was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries and later released.



A local woman was injured Monday in a single car accident on Hwy 1505 in Brindle Ridge. Authorities say Lauren Williams, 29, of Berea was traveling west on Hwy 1505 when she lost control of her vehicle causing it to leave the roadway and strike a tree. Williams was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries and later released.

Man sentenced to 14 years for attempted murder

By: Doug Ponder
Circuit Court Judge David Tapp recently sentenced a Pulaski County man for the attempted murder of another Pulaski County man at an abandoned rock quarry on Mullins Station Road in Mt. Vernon.

Jason Dewayne Gambrel, 30, of Science Hill was sentenced to 14 years in prison for the attempted murder of Derek Kissee, 23, of Somerset.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department's original report, Kissee was found severely beaten and completely buried under several large rocks at the abandoned rock quarry on July, 16th.

Kissee was treated at the UK Medical Center for multiple skull fractures and was later transferred to Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Center where he recovered from his injuries before returning home.

Swearing-in ceremony for county officials is this Saturday

The official swearing-in ceremony for all the recently elected county officials will be held this Saturday at the Rockcastle County Courthouse at 3 p.m.

Bryant said that Kissee was last seen with Gambrel before the incident occurred and that they were both employees at the same pallet manufacturing company in Somerset at the time of the incident. Bryant also said they discovered other evidence that suggested Gambrel was in close proximity of Kissee and the abandoned rock quarry at the time of the incident.

Scheduled to be sworn in are: County Judge Executive Doug Bishop, Jailer Carlos McClure, County PVA Janet Vaughn, County Attorney Billy Reynolds, County Clerk Danetta Allen, Sheriff Mike Peters and County Coroner Marvin Owens.

During his arraignment in December, Gambrel admitted to the attempted murder of Kissee and said that it was over "money and drugs." Gambrel was originally charged with attempted murder and first degree robbery. However, during his arraignment, his first degree robbery charge was dropped and his attempted murder charge was amended to first degree assault.

Other officials to be sworn in this Saturday are magistrates Bill McKinney,

Gambrel remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center without bond. Officials said he will remain lodged in at RCDC until the Kentucky Department of Corrections can evaluate him and select the prison where he will serve his sentence.

One of two deteriorated Wildie bridges re-opened

By: Doug Ponder
One of the two deteriorated bridges in Wildie has been reconstructed and is now open to motorists.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Information Officer Amber Hale said contractors recently completed construction on the bridge that was condemned by the KTC last February. She said the bridge is the fourth bridge on Hwy 1786 from Hwy 25 near the intersection of Hwy 1786 and Hwy 1787.

Hale said contractors have now started reconstructing the third bridge on Hwy 1786 from Hwy 25 which had been reduced from a 10 ton bridge to a 3 ton bridge last February. She said contractors hope to have the third bridge reconstructed by the spring of 2015.

Hale said the recently completed bridge was condemned during a routine bridge inspection last February, when inspectors determined the bridge was rapidly deteriorating at a pace considered unsafe for drivers. She said inspectors also reduced the ton limit on the third bridge due to the amount of deterioration.

Hale went on to say that there are four bridges on Hwy 1786 and that only the first two bridges on the road are maintained by the state transportation department. She said the third and fourth bridges on the road are maintained by the county

Former Livingston Mayor dies

A former Livingston mayor and well-known preacher died this past week.

Billy Medley, 83, of Livingston passed away last Tuesday night at his home from natural causes.

Medley served two terms as mayor of Livingston from 1980 to 1988. He was also a Pentecostal minister for 62 years, a barber for 23 years and a Rockcastle County school bus driver for several years.

Dowell and Martin Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. A complete obituary can be found elsewhere in this week's Signal.

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Signal office closed for New Year's

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Weather, election dominated first six months of 2013

JANUARY
The year began with police searching for a man who robbed the local PBK Bank on Friday, Dec. 20th; Rockcastle Fiscal Court amended their lease agreement with Anchor Packaging. Anchor asked that their January 6th, two year out date be extended to give them time to complete a company-wide evaluation. The court agreed to the request; however, they altered the amendment to reflect a \$300,000 penalty for an early out from the original \$200,000; A Polar Vortex weather system brought snow and frigid temps to Rockcastle with the temperature plunging from 55 degrees on Sun., Dec. 29th to -6 on Monday, Dec. 30th. Rockcastle students got 5 days added to their Christmas break because of the weather; Former assistant county attorney Jeremy Rowe was sworn in as 28th District Trial Commissioner and William Leger as the new assistant county attorney; SourceHOV announced a contract upgrade which would eventually increase employment at the facility to 750; Lee Hamilton Speaks, 28, of Mt. Vernon was arrested for a robbery at Citizens Bank in Mt. Vernon on Friday, Jan. 17th and Cash Express, also in Mt. Vernon, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. He was lodged in the Rockcastle Detention Center charged with two counts of first degree robbery on a \$250,000 cash/property bond; Harsh winter weather again struck the county, dumping from two to four inches of snow, dropping temperatures to below zero and closing schools for two more days.

Incumbents Buzz Carloftis and Billy Reynolds filed for re-election as County Judge/Executive and County Attorney, respectively. Carloftis will face challenger Doug Bishop and Reynolds has opposition from local attorneys Jeremy Rowe and Jerome Fish; Dr. George W. Griffith was named Chief of Staff of Rockcastle Regional Hospital with which he has been associated for 40 years.

FEBRUARY
A severe storm system moved across the county the first week in February bringing heavy rains, freezing rains and snow within a twenty-four hour period, causing downed trees and ice covered roads in higher elevations. As of Wednesday, February 5th, students had missed 17 days of school; The Rockcastle Rockets boys basketball team beat McCreary Central 89-55, a game in which junior point guard Sam Pensol set a new school single game scoring record of 46 points; Former Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby filed her candidacy papers for re-election to that office. Kirby served seven terms on the city council before being elected mayor in 2002 and 2006. She resigned the position in February of 2010, following a series of legal issues and was barred by Circuit Judge David Tapp from ever running again for public office. She received a pardon from Gov. Steve Beshear in May of 2011. The annual Farmers/Business Banquet was held and C.C. and Bryan Ponder received the 2014

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Posted: No trespassing at 330 Caff Road. Not responsible or liable for bodily injuries or accidents or damage to personal property. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x2p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing at 1435 Marler Hollow. Not responsible for bodily injury. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x24p

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on any Rogers' property on Brown Road (former Carl Brown Road). 44x10p

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Charles Delph at 20 Smith St. in Brodhead. Not responsible for accidents. 42x13pd

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

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. (1/21/16)

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

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie

Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

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The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is accepting applications for **Full-Time Health Environmentalist I** at the Rockcastle County Health Department. Starting Salary: \$12.15 - \$15.17/hr negotiable with additional experience. Grade 15. Applications and full listing of qualifications may be obtained at the Rockcastle County Health Department, 120 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY OR online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/LHD.htm> Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business Monday, January 5,

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addressed to EMS Director Kevin Fletcher at 606-256-3575. 1x1

The Housing Authority of Mount Vernon has developed its Five Year Agency Plan in compliance with The Quality Housing and Compliance Act of 1988. It is available for review at The Housing Authority Administration office, located at 50 Lovell Lane, Mount Vernon, Ky. The authority's hours of operation are Mondays 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays 4 to 6 p.m. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 at 4 p.m. 1x2

Notice is hereby given that Paul V. Gayheart, Jr., 12618 Sand Springs Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executor of the estate of Bonnie Lou Walker. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Paul V. Gayheart, Jr., on or before June 1, 2015 at 11 a.m. 51x3

Notice is hereby given that John W. Burke, Jr., 8414 Ferndale Road, Louisville, Ky. 40291 has been appointed

administrator of the estate of John W. Burke. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John W. Burke, Jr., on or before June 22nd, 2015 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Sarah G. Miracle, 985 South Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Gary Miracle II, 103 Lynne Drive, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Gary L. Miracle. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sarah G. Miracle and/or Gary Miracle II or Hon. Michael S. Fore, P.O. Box 725, Richmond, Ky. 40476 on or before June 22, 2015 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is given that Catherine Scott has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the estate of Richard Earl Overbay, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on January 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 1x1



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General Duties include: This position serves under the direction of the Nurse Supervisor of the local health department. Responsibilities for this position include, but are not limited to: perform work with increasing independence and may assume minimal mentoring of LHN I nurses. Conduct nursing assessment for students, families and school personnel as appropriate using PPHR service guidelines. Develop and implement a plan of care based upon identified health risks. Provide basic nursing care to the client consistent with the PPHR, Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice. Establish policies, procedures and licensing laws. Document services provided to the client according to standards of the PPHR and Administrative Reference (AR). Maintain confidentiality and privacy according to guidelines. Work closely with school interdisciplinary team and apply problem solving strategies to accomplish job tasks. Participate in specialized or program specific clinics. Participate in educational counseling and teaching activities for individual students and educators. May assist coordinator of a specific program and offer mentoring to staff.

Minimum Education, Training or Experience for LHN II: See special requirements and one (1) year of Registered Nurse (RN) experience.

Substitution for Education, Training or Experience: BSN or Masters Degree in Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Education or Public Health may substitute for one (1) year of experience.

Special Requirements: (Age, Licensure, Regulation, Etc.) Must have RN license in Kentucky or compact state.

Starting Salary: \$14.78/hr (Grade 18)

Minimum Education, Training or Experience for LHN I: See special requirements.

Special Requirements: (Age, Licensure, Regulation, Etc.) Must have RN license in Kentucky or compact state or provisional license in Kentucky; meet all requirements of KRS 314.041 and approval to practice as Registered Nurse Applicant (RNA).

Starting Salary: \$12.15/hr (Grade 15)

Applications may be obtained at the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, P.O. Box 158, 470 Manchester Square Shopping Center, Suite 200, Manchester, KY 40962 (606) 598-5564 or the local health department or <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/lhdapp.htm>

Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business on Monday, January 12, 2015 to Cumberland Valley District Health Department in Manchester. **Applications will be accepted past the deadline date for both classifications for future and ongoing position vacancies as they occur.**

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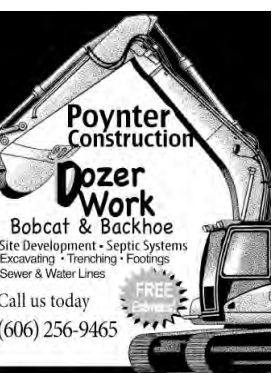
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

William Nathan Singleton v. Ashley Gayle Singleton, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Billy Rice, et al v. Carolyn Tompkins, et al, verified complaint.
 Joe Spoonamore v. Angela Spoonamore, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex el Amy Newby v. Joshua Newby, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Kami Lovell v. Deborah Hopper, \$18,955.83 plus claimed due.
 Donna McHone v. Addie Long, et al, petition for custody.
 First Financial Investment Fund 5 LLC v. William Kirby, \$5,960 plus claimed due.
 Citi Mortgage, Inc. v. Jeremiah B. Lane, \$130,958.09 plus claimed due.
 Automotive Finance Corp. v. Sean D. Gentry, complaint.
 Eldon Newcomb v. Courtney Thomas, verified petition.
 Barbara Baxter v. Donald Baxter, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Robert A. Carosello v. Misti A. Carosello, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00293

District Civil Suits

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Joseph D. Leger, \$2,546.56 plus claimed due.
 Bluegrass Energy Cooperative Corp. v. James D. Cope, \$1,332.78 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso., Inc. v. Paula Russell, \$2,402.12
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Dougie Newcomb, \$753.01 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Barbara Graves, \$718.31 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Dustin Linville, \$1,442.87 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Vernon Doan, \$592.77 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Linda Lowery, \$1,503.37 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Darin King, \$635.39 plus claimed due. C-00276

Deeds Recorded

Timothy L. and Nadine Almond, property in Rockcastle County, to Tyler and Alison Peterson. Tax \$68
 Linda Sue and Paul Robert Rader, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny O. and Nancy L. Helton. Tax \$49
 Edward Charles, property in Rockcastle County, to Theodore L. and Laura J. Barszewski. Tax \$145
 Marshall Vincent and Wanda Jean Fish, property on Old Scaffold Cane Road, to Gerald and Kathy Rolfe. Tax \$150.
 EW Todd LLC, property in Evergreen Estates, to Jeff S. and Rebecca Carpenter. Tax \$135
 Edward Jim and Barbara Bussell, property in Rockcastle County, to Timothy Bullock. Tax \$60
 James R. Thomas, Jr. and Leigh Ann and Tom Mosier, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to Donald and Alice B. Stidham. Tax \$65
 Estil J. and Betty F. Owens, et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Josh and Heather J. Hancock. Tax \$53
 Estil J. and Betty F. Owens, et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Jerry and Dorothy Ham. Tax \$156
 Carlos and Tara McClure, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald and Virginia Coffey. Tax \$25
 Billy and Marietta Jones, property on Hwy. 150, to Jack and Regina Hodge and Eric and Tina Hodge. Tax \$1
 Vicki M. and Gary Hisle and Paul Rice, property in Sunset Place Subdv., to Paul Rice. No tax
 Lavada Ruth Blevins, property in Rockcastle County, to William and Barbara S. Fain. no tax
 Jason and Kayla Leger, property on Line Road, to Emery A. Mast. Tax \$50
 Susan M. and Christopher C. Turley, property in Rockcastle County, to Jennifer R. Hicks and Susan M. Turley. No tax
 Jennifer R. and Jason Hicks, property in Rockcastle County, to Susan M. and Christopher C. Turley. No tax
 William Singleton, property in Rockcastle County, to William P. Johnson and Bonita A. Creech. Tax \$1.50

Marriage Licenses

Lisa York, 44, Brodhead, unemployed to Anthony Dale Jackson, Jr., 44, Mt. Vernon, retired. 12/23/14
 Georgie Florence Cash, 48, Livingston, housewife to Franklin Delano Shumate, Jr., 54, Livingston. 12/29/14
 Denise Kay Douglas, 37, Brodhead, adult health care, to Mark Raymond Singleton, 48, Brodhead, construction. 12/29/14

District Court

12/15/14 - 12/22/14
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Abdulla M. Al-Ghedaid: speeding, reckless driving, no operators/moped license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Speeding: Jordan R. Angel, Randell D. Wall, Caleb Taylor Brinker, \$50 and costs; Robert A. Alcorn, Craig A. Rader, Carol M. Cameron, Matthew S. Thompson, William Wright, Ian Apostol, license suspended for fta; Dmytro Korban, Leroy Wilson, order entered; Kenneth R. Meredith, Michael G. McIntosh, action slip; Eliasell Lopez, Anthony T. Morrison, paid; Juan A. Chibalan, \$36 plus costs.
 Lee Roberts: failure to dim headlights, \$25 fine (suspended), plus costs.
 Jacob D. Zirnheld: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Kelly R. Caldwell: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine.
 Darrell B. Cochran: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Zachary L. Gadd: speeding, \$54 fine and costs; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.
 Anthony J. Gaines: flagrant non support, bw issued for fta.
 Joyce D. Hoover: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine (\$400 suspended), plus costs.
 Daniel J. Hunsucker: theft by unlawful taking (three counts), bw issued for fta.
 Jeffery W. Jones: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine and costs;

no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine/suspended.
 Michael J. McKinney: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
 Darrin W. Pingleton: alcohol intoxication, \$25 fine and costs; unlawful transaction w/minor, 90 days/probated 12 months on condition.
 Jerry L. Prater: for compliance of 25 hours community service work and dismissal, bw issued for fta.
 Delbert Slusher: menacing, 90 days/probated 12 months plus costs.
 Kurt Patrick Smith: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.
 Joshua Henry Vanwinkle: fines/fees due (\$178), bw issued for fta.
 Walter M. Carpenter: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Virginia Mahaffey: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta.
 Joshua Dale Miller: no/expired registration plates, action slip.
 Michael Mills: possession controlled substance, bw issued for fta.
 James C. Noe: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating vehicle with expired operators license, bw issued for fta.
 Buford Pearson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs.
 Sergio Perez: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine and costs.
 Jerry D. Barron: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Jeremiah J. Bustle: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.
 Freddie D. Denny: disregarding traffic control device, traffic light, \$25 fine and costs.
 Joshua C. Emerson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to or improper signal, disregarding stop sign, bw issued for fta.
 Daniel Lamb: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.
 Ashley Sanders: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.
 Westley Dewane Singleton: theft by deception, 10 days in jail (to serve)/concurrent w/state sentence plus restitution, costs waived.
 Glen Spoonamore: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and no operators/moped license, 10 days in jail (each count) to serve concurrent w/state sentence, costs waived.
 Allen K. Stanley: license to be in possession, license suspended for fta.
 Marvin V. Swanson: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.
 Vicente Vela Cruz: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Freddie D. Denny: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
 Sarabjit Singe: speeding and part 395/Fed Safety Regs - Hours of Service for Drivers, license suspended for fta.
 Christopher S. Jones: as-

sault, 4th degree, 360 days to serve concurrent w/any state sentence, costs waived; criminal mischief and public intoxication, 90 days (each count)/concurrent with any state sentence/costs waived.
 Ricky Joe Bishop: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, 90 days/conditionally discharged 24 months.
 Samantha Spears: criminal trespass, 30 days/conditionally discharged 12 months.
 Robert D. Banks: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
 Coty H. Burdine: public intoxication, \$100 fine; possession of marijuana, \$100 fine.
 Angela R. Gibbs: giving officer false name or address, 45 days/conditionally discharged 12 months.
 William B. Harrison: one headlight, rear license not illuminated, too many passengers in vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, license sus-

pending for fta.
 Michael A. Jackson: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Jody W. Taylor: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, tampering with physical evidence, probation violation (two counts), bench warrant issued.
 Jacob T. Williams: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Signal office will be closed January 1st and 2nd

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

The Rockcastle County School District Finance Corporation, will until 11:00 A.M. E.S.T., on January 14, 2015, receive in the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, Suite 102, 229 W. Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, competitive bids for its \$1,010,000 School Building Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series of 2015. Dated as of the date of delivery; maturing as to principal August 1, 2015 through 2026. Specific information and required Official Bid Form available in POS at www.rsamuni.com from Ross, Sinclair & Associates, LLC, BQ



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Rockcastle Kiwanis member Eliza York presented \$200 to the Department for Community Based Services to help purchase Christmas gifts for children placed in foster care. Pictured from left are: Stacy Kennedy, Jennifer White, Eliza York, Amy Yates and Rose Mullins.



Rockcastle Kiwanis member Eliza York presented a donation of \$100 to KCEOC Head Start to help fund Family Fun Days for children in Rockcastle County. Pictured from left are: Kacee Slate, Eliza York, Jessica Stallsworth and Candace Price.

At Holiday Jam in Bardstown

Lady Rockets beat Estill in Nelson County Tournament

It was an excellent ball game last Saturday as the Lady Rockets got payback for an earlier season 54-46 loss to the Lady Engineers from Estill County.

For the first quarter, it looked as though it was going to be a replay of the first game. The Lady Rockets were down 15-6 when they mounted a mini-comeback to make it 19-13 at the end of the first quarter.

The Rockets took control in the second quarter and outscored the Engineers 17-6 for a half-time lead of 30-25.

In the third, the Rockets extended their lead to 48-36 and added to it in the fourth for the final 64-44.

Much of the Rockets' success in the game can be attributed to their aggressive defense of the Engineers' legendary senior point guard Kennedy Flynn, who poured in 34 points in their first contest of the season. Flynn was held to 20 points in the second meeting.

Sophomores Hope Kelley and Mahala Saylor led the scoring for their team with 13 points each; junior Ashley McKinney got 11; sophomore Jayna Albright 10; junior Emily Payne 8; senior Alaina Coguer 7 and 7th grader Shelby Newland got two free throws.

The Lady Rockets didn't fare as well in their

second matchup with the tourney hosts on Sunday, losing 48-38 to Nelson County.

The Rockets won the first quarter 13-8 and were ahead 22-17 at the half. However, their offensive game deserted them in the third when they only put up four points to Nelson's 7 and Nelson doubled them up in the fourth 24-12.

Coguer led the scoring for her team with 11; Kelley got 6; Albright and Saylor had 5 each; sophomore Emme Barker got 4; Payne 3 and McKinney 2.

Against Sheldon Clark on Monday, the Lady Rockets were ahead 18-9 at the first quarter stop, by half-time, Sheldon Clark had reclaimed the lead 28-26. In the third, Sheldon Clark was up 34-33 and extended that lead to 47-41 at the end of the third quarter. The Rockets couldn't make any headway in the fourth and it was 62-57 for the final.

Kelley led the scoring for her team with 20 points; Saylor got 10; Albright and McKinney 8 each; Barker 5 and Payne 4.

The Lady Rockets will play a girls/boys double-header with district rival Casey County this Friday night and will host Somerset in a double-header next Tuesday night in another district matchup.



Sophomore Lucas Gentry pulls down a rebound during the Rockets 60-46 win over Adair County on Friday, December 19th. Gentry also led the Rockets in scoring with 26 points during the Harlan County game and 35 points during the Jackson County game.

Lady Rockets win Chain Rock Classic

The Lady Rockets journeyed to Pineville before the Christmas holidays to take part in the Chain Rocket Classic and brought home the first place trophy.

The Rockets play the McCreary Central Lady Raiders in their first game and, after a shaky first half which they lost 24-19, they regrouped and took the win 55-48.

Nine Lady Rockets got in the scoring column with sophomore Mahala Saylor leading the scoring with 13; sophomore Emily Payne got 9; sophomore Emme Barker had 7; senior Alaina Coguer and seventh grader Shelby Newland scored 6 each; sophomore Jayna Albright got 5; junior Ashley McKinney had 4; senior Amelia Eversole scored 3 and sophomore Hope Kelley got 2.

In the second game, the Lady Rockets routed Red Bird 62-18.

This time 11 Rockets scored for their team, led by sophomore Maddy Bullen with 12; freshman Mackenzie Payne got 7; Saylor, Payne, sophomore Caroline Coguer and freshman Emily Adams all got 6 each; Kelley and Alaina Coguer scored 5 each; Albright got 4; Eversole 3 and Barker 2.

The championship game was another of the same with the Rockets defeating Pineville 53-16.

This time McKinney led the scoring with 12; Alaina Coguer 11; Payne 9; Kelley 8; Newland 5; Caroline Coguer and Albright 3 each and Saylor 2.

RCMS Linescores

6th Grade		Estill	6	21	31	38			
47th District First Round		Rockcastle	6	11	23	28			
Meece	17	31	39	52	Lopez 2, Bowles 6, Smith 5, Spivey 10, Noel 3, Hansel 2.				
Rockcastle	6	10	15	15	Garrard	10	14	21	27
Isaiah Bowles 2, Rily Smith 4, Hunter Spivey 4, Tanner Noel 2, Ashton Hansel 1, Nick Chasteen 2.		Rockcastle	9	17	23	32			
47th District Consolation		Bowles 3, Smith 5, Spivey 12, Noel 8, Hansel 2, Jacob Collinsworth 2.							
Casey	7	13	17	30	Foley	13	18	36	49
Rockcastle	8	14	22	34	Rockcastle	12	24	32	50
Jacob Lopez 2, Bowles 2, Smith 4, Spivey 20, Noel 4, Hansel 2.		Bowles 5, Smith 13, Spivey 22, Noel 6, Hansel 4.			Casey	4	7	13	18
Farristown	11	25	35	43	Rockcastle	6	10	12	17
Rockcastle	7	13	21	21	Lopez 4, Bowles 4, Smith 1, Spivey 6, Hansel 2.				
Smith 5, Spivey 6, Noel 6, Aiden Thompson 2, Hansel 2.									

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Rockets go 3-3 over holiday break

By: Doug Ponder
The Rockcastle County Rockets have won three out of six games over the past two weeks after playing in the Chain Rock Classic and the Cumberland Falls Invitational Tournament.

The Rockets started their holiday break with a 60-46 win over the Adair County Indians at home on Friday, December 19th.

Adair County jumped out to an early 12-11 lead at the end of the first quarter but the Rockets went ahead of the Indians 26-17 at the half. After halftime, the Rockets came out strong and led 40-26 at the end of the third quarter and put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 60-46.

Senior Sam Pensol led the Rockets with 23 points, sophomore Lucas Gentry was next with 15, senior Dakota Hasty had 11, sophomore Carson Noble scored 5, sophomore John Cornelius got 3, senior Carter Blanton made 2 and junior Dylan Rowe had 1.

After the Adair County win, the Rockets traveled to Pineville last Monday and Tuesday to play in the Chain Rock Classic. The Rockets lost to Pineville in the first round of the tournament 67-47 but came back in the second round with a blowout 71-41 win over Harlan County. The Rockets finished the final round of the Chain Rock Classic with a 60-54 loss to Williamsburg.

In the opening game against Pineville, Gentry led the Rockets with 13 points, Pensol was next with 8, Hasty and Cornelius both had 7 each, Rowe scored 6, Noble got 3 and junior Jor-

dan Hawkins and Blanton both had 2 each.

During the Harlan County game, Gentry led the Rockets in scoring with 26 points, Cornelius was next with 14, Pensol got 10, Hasty had 9 and Rowe 4. Senior Ethan Mattingly, junior Cody Burton, Noble and Blanton all scored 2 points each.

In the Williamsburg game, Pensol led the Rockets with 17 points, Gentry had 13, Noble scored 12, Cornelius 10 and Blanton got 2.

The Rockets then headed to Corbin Monday night to play in the Cumberland Falls Invitational Tournament where the Rockets won a close game against the Jackson County Generals 79-73 before suffering a disappointing 75-73 loss to the Corbin Redhounds.

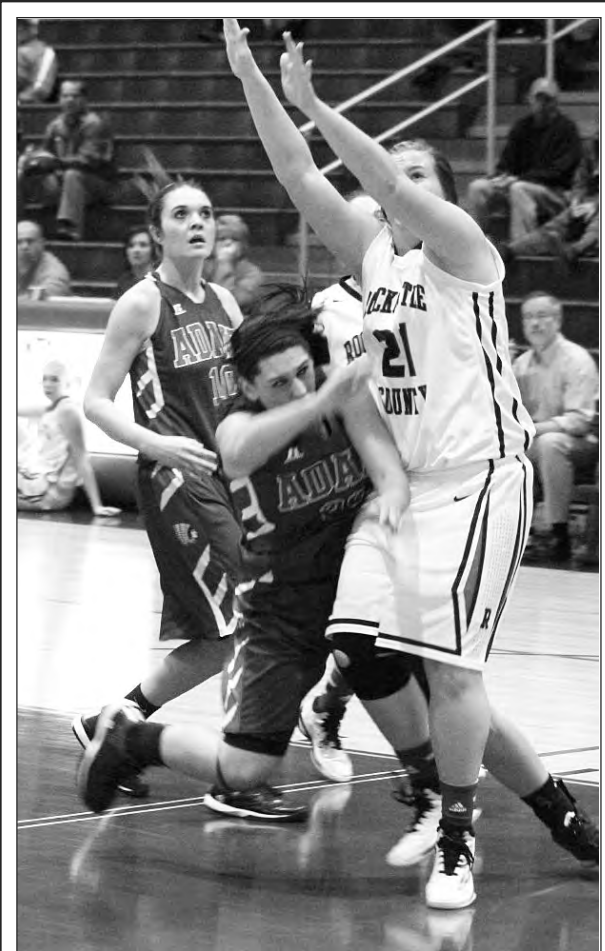
In the opening game against Jackson County, Gentry led the Rockets in scoring with a career high 35 points, Cornelius was next with 15, Noble got 11, Pensol scored 8, Hasty made 6 and Rowe had 4.

During the Rockets final game of the tournament against Corbin, Gentry once again led the Rockets in scoring with 27 points, Cornelius was next with 21, Hasty and Pensol had 7 each, Rowe scored 6 and Noble got 4.

Head Coach Benny Blanton said he believed his team played well against some tough opponents during the tournaments despite losing three games, including one game by two points.

"It's hard when you lose close games like we did

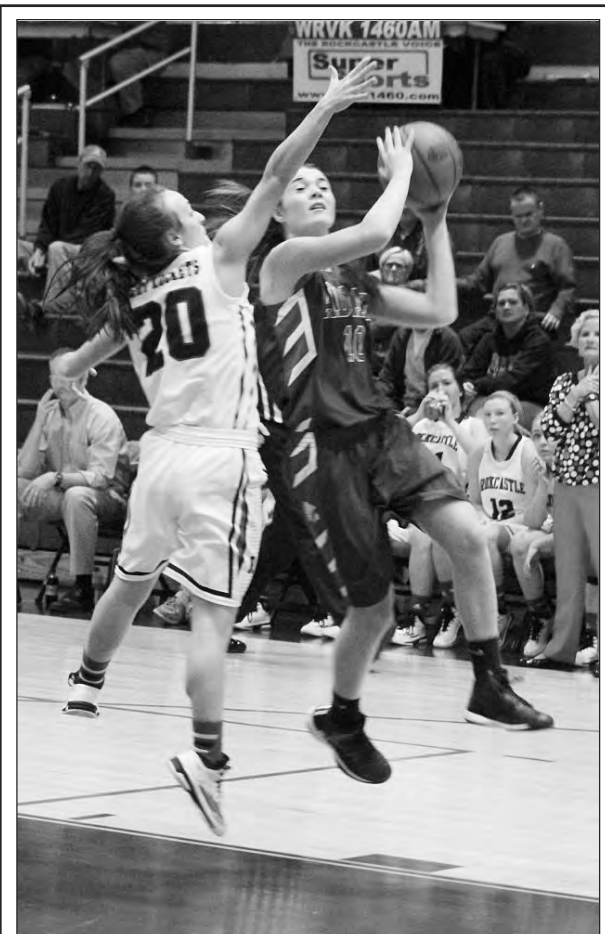
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Amelia Eversole puts the "D" an Adair County player during the Lady Rockets 58-51 loss to the Lady Indians. The Lady Rockets won the Chain Rock Classic in Pineville with wins over McCreary Central, Pineville and Red Bird and beat Estill County 64-44 and lost to Nelson County 48-38 and Sheldon Clark 62-57 in the Nelson County Holiday Jam.



Sam Pensol dribbled around an Adair County Indians defender during the Rockets 60-46 win against the Indians on Friday, December 19th. The Rockets also beat Harlan County 71-41 and Jackson County 79-73 and lost to Pineville 67-47, Williamsburg 60-54 and Corbin 75-73 over the holiday break.



Alaina Coguer goes up for a block in the 58-51 loss to Adair County on December 19th. The Lady Rockets next game is this Friday night at home when they take on the Casey County Lady Rebels at 6:30 p.m.



Ashley McKinney pulls down a rebound during the Lady Rockets 58-51 loss to Adair County on Friday, December 19th. The Lady Rockets rebounded from the loss and won the Chain Rock Classic tournament over the holiday break with a 55-48 win against McCreary County, a 62-18 win over Red Bird and a 53-16 win against Pineville.



Carson Noble gets between two Adair County defenders for a lay-up during the Rockets 60-46 win on Friday, December 19th. The Rockets next game is this Friday night at home when they take on the Casey County Rebels at 7:30 p.m.



Contractors recently completed reconstruction on the Wildie bridge that was condemned last February. Contractors are now rebuilding another bridge in Wildie that is expected to be completed in the spring of 2015. The bridges cross Clear Creek on Hwy 1786. Both bridges cost approximately \$250,000 each and reconstruction costs of the two bridges are being paid in full under the Federal Bridge Replacement Program. Shown above is the bridge after it was completed and shown at right is Wildie resident Melanie Abbott who was the first to drive across the new bridge.



“Rockets”

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against Williamsburg and Corbin because you know your team played well, it's just that we didn't close out the game.” Blanton said. “But we are pleased with the hard earned wins and pleased with how the team continues to improve and grow with each game.”

The Rockets next game is this Friday night when they take on the Casey County Rebels at home. Tip-off for the game is 7:30 p.m.

The Rebels are currently 7-8 on the season and 0-2 in district play. The Rebels two district losses were by five points or less as they lost 58-54 to Pulaski County and 69-68 to Somerset.

“We are both looking for our first district win of the season,” Blanton said. “A win against them will be a big boost to our team and will make a huge difference come tournament time.”

“Bridges”

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but that they are inspected by the transportation cabinet.

County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis said both bridges cost approximately \$250,000 each and that reconstruction of the two bridges is being paid in full under the Federal Bridge Replacement Program.

“Under the first option the state was going to pay \$200,000 for the replace-

ment of both bridges and the county would have had to pay the difference because we maintain those two bridges.” Carloftis said. “But instead they are both being paid with federal funds at no cost to the county and county taxpayers.”

Carloftis went on to say that the bridges weren't being constructed at the same time in order to minimize the disturbance to the landowners in the area.

“There are a couple of landowners who live between the two bridges so they had to work on one at a time so those landowners would have a way out,” Carloftis said. “I am very happy with how quickly the bridges are being rebuilt and hopefully they will continue to have good weather.”

“Ceremony”

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Gary Burdette, William Denny, Michael McGuire and Shannon Bishop, and Constables Frank Maples, Joe Bussell Delno McClure, Donnie Cope and Chris Mason.

County Clerk Nettie Allen said that all mayors and city council members have already been sworn-in. She said Senator Jared Carpenter, Representative Jonathan Shell, and all the other judge officials will likely be sworn-in at other locations.

The Rockcastle County Republican Party will be providing refreshments at the ceremony and everyone is invited to attend the event.

Cummins joins Christian Appalachian Project Board

Joyce Taylor Cummins of Mt. Vernon is one of five individuals recently elected



Joyce Cummins

to the board of directors at Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), a Kentucky-based non-profit organization whose mission is to build hope, transform lives, and share Christ's love through service in Appalachia.

“Joyce brings 25 years of experience in human services and a heart for helping others to her seat on CAP's board board,” said Guy Adams, president and CEO of the nation's 18th largest human services non-

profit. “Joyce knows CAP well through her work with the state. We will look to her for ‘boots-on-the-ground’ insight in a number of areas.”

A Laurel County native, Cummins earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Kentucky University. In October, she retired from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services where, as guardianship supervisor for the 19-county Cumberland region, she advocated on behalf of

500 clients with a variety of disabilities. Her short-lived retirement ended with her recent appointment to the customer service team at First Southern National Bank in Stanford.



Nine Rockcastle Area Technology Center students enrolled in the Medicaid Nurse Aide class traveled to Lexington on Dec. 4th to take their state exam. Congratulations to all nine students for passing their certification exam. This certification is required of all students who want to enroll in an LPN or RN program. Those students are from left: Amber Woodall, Megann Allen, Samantha Callahan, Kayla Cromer, Dakota Johnson, Tanika Chasteen, Hannah Shelton, Eliza Mason and Victoria Smith.

“Linescores”

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Model 5 18 27 29
Rockcastle 9 16 30 44
Lopez 2, Bowles 6, Smith 10, Spivey 5, Noel 19.

7th Grade

47th District 1st Round

Meece 9 21 30 39
Rockcastle 15 24 35 49
Trevor Todd 1, Josh Thacker 18, Logan Noel 12, Seth Shepherd 7, Dylan Bullens 4, Bentley Taylor 4, Dakota Kirby 2, Robert Mullins 2.

47th District Championship

N. Pulaski 12 16 24 31
Rockcastle 10 16 26 35
Todd 17, Thacker 2, Noel 2, Shepherd 1, Bullens 2, Taylor 9, Kirby 2.
Farristown 7 13 22 24
Rockcastle 20 31 37 45
Todd 8, Thacker 3, Noel 13, Shepherd 8, Taylor 2, Kaleb Burns 2, Mullins 7, Spencer Begley 2.

Estill 2 12 17 21
Rockcastle 23 26 42 50
Todd 13, Thacker 10, Noel 4, Shepherd 4, Bullens 3, Taylor 6, Burns 2, Mullins 2, Begley 1, Andrew Hurt 3.

Garrard 6 13 16 21
Rockcastle 9 27 43 47
Todd 19, Thacker 11, Shepherd 2, Bullens 3, Taylor 8, Burns 2, Begley 2.

Foley 7 14 25 31
Rockcastle 10 20 30 49
Todd 15, Thacker 8, Noel 12, Shepherd 3, Taylor 11.
Casey 7 16 27 34
Rockcastle 6 11 26 37
Todd 14, Thacker 10, Noel 8, Taylor 3, Kirby 2.

Model 3 5 5 10
Rockcastle 11 25 38 46
Thacker 2, Noel 6, Shepherd 4, Bullens 4, Taylor 7, Kirby 2, Burns 2, Mullins 2, Begley 10, Hurt 2, Logan Bowman 4.

8th Grade

47th District First Round

Meece 5 12 22 32
Rockcastle 2 14 25 37
Cade Burdette 6, Jacob Hansel 2, Logan Kidwell 6, JD Hamilton 7, Trevor Todd 10, Cameron Bullock 3, Seth Shepherd 3.

Church News

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Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to “Let the Bible Speak,” with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

Fellowship Meeting

There will be a Fellowship Meeting at Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church on Monday, Jan. 5th, beginning at 7 p.m. Bro. Claude Gilbert will be speaking. Bro. Don King and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Services at Union Baptist

Union Baptist Church at Red Hill will have services this Thursday, January 1st at 7 p.m. Please come out and be with us.

Gospel Singing

Lighthouse Baptist Church will have a Gospel Singing on Sat., Jan. 10th, beginning at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be The Singing Cupps from Williamsburg.

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The official swearing-in ceremony for all the recently elected county officials was held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse last Saturday. Shown above is newly-elected County-Judge Executive Doug Bishop being sworn-in by Chief Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette. Bishop defeated Buzz Carloftis, who was the former county judge executive for 21 consecutive years. Shown below is the newly-elected County Jailer Carlos McClure and his staff being sworn-in. McClure defeated former Jailer James Miller, who held that office for 16 years. Other swearing in ceremonies for county and city offices are featured on B1 and B2.



At first meeting of Bishop's tenure

Court approves raise in sheriff's monthly stipend

Newly-elected County Judge Executive Doug Bishop began his tenure as County Judge/Executive by calling a special meeting of the fiscal court on Tuesday.

As the main item of business, Sheriff's Deputy Dale McNew presented the court with an estimate of the department's revenue and expenses for 2015.

According to McNew's figures, the sheriff's office expects to receive \$245,360 in actual revenue. Besides that amount, the sheriff's

department will receive an advance from the state of \$85,000 to help defray expenses until the end of the year when the bulk of their revenue comes in from commissions on property taxes. The \$85,000 must be repaid in December or the sheriff's department cannot receive an advance the next year. Ponder's figures also include an additional \$30,000 which Sheriff Mike Peters takes out each year

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Court approves in last 2014 meeting

Livingston school will get new gym floor

At the last fiscal court meeting of County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis' 21 year tenure, a special meeting called for Friday, December 30th, the court approved a new floor for the Livingston School gym but held off on awarding the bid for HVAC units for the school.

The court only received one bid for the engineered hardwood and adhesive for the gym floor, from Surplus Sales of Corbin. The court accepted the \$32,492.75 bid and the floor will be installed by county workers.

The bid for a new HVAC heating system for the school was also awarded, to Mobley's HVAC of Mt. Vernon, low bidder on the project, but that motion was later rescinded until warranty issues could be cleared up.

Mobley's HVAC's bid was for \$27,850 and in-

cluded a five year parts and labor warranty. However, after Carloftis contacted Mobley by phone during the meeting, Carloftis told

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Fewer fatal wrecks in Rockcastle last year

By: Doug Ponder
There were less fatal accidents reported on Rockcastle County roadways last year compared to recent years.

According to the Kentucky State Police fatality report, there was only two fatal accidents on Rockcastle County roadways in 2014. That number

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SourceHOV HVAC unit and Cummins property discussed at RCIDA meeting

By: Doug Ponder
Several items of business were discussed at the monthly Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority meeting on Monday, including a broken HVAC unit at SourceHOV and the

recent issue about the Cummins property. RCIDA Executive Director Holly Hopkins said she had received another call last week about the HVAC unit not functioning in the mail rooms of the

SourceHOV building in Rockcastle Industrial Park South. She said the cost of a new unit would be around \$9,300.

RCIDA board member Corey Craig said the board has several options on how they can pay for the new HVAC unit. He said they could pay for it out of the monthly lease payment they receive from SourceHOV or they could submit it as a part of their monthly claims to

the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Craig suggested that the board go ahead and pay for it out of the \$27,000 monthly lease payment they receive from SourceHOV. He said they could go ahead and pay \$7,000 for the month of January and the remaining portion in February when they get the bill from Leo Jones and Son.

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Flu epidemic spreading throughout Rockcastle

By: Doug Ponder
Local clinics and doctor offices and have been full this past week as the flu and other sicknesses are reportedly spreading throughout Rockcastle County.

According to Cumberland Valley District Health Department Director Lynette Renner, there have been fifteen confirmed flu cases in Rockcastle County

since the beginning of December.

"We don't have the numbers for January yet but we do know there is currently widespread flu activity in Rockcastle County and throughout the state," Renner said. "We only keep track of flu cases, but we also hear there are a lot of

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General Election wraps up last six months of 2014

JULY

Rockcastle County was ranked as the 21st fastest growing economy in the state.

Harry Potter, an employee of the Rockcastle County Road Department, filed as a candidate for Mayor of Mt. Vernon. He joins former mayor Clarice Kirby and incumbent Mike Bryant.

Several members from different fire departments in the county competed in a 30 hour Swift Water Rescue Technician Course in Paintsville.

Rockcastle Track and Field Coach Mark Brummett was inducted into the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

\$4,900 was donated to the WHAS Crusade for Children from the Rockcastle Regional Golf Scramble. The team sponsored by Community Trust Bank won first place in the scramble.

A large crowd, estimated at 10,000, came out for Blast in the Valley on Sunday, July 6th.

Brush Arbor Heritage Crafts held the Grand Opening of their arts and crafts supply store in the Brush Arbor Village on Hummel Road in Renfro Valley.

Mt. Vernon Attorney Jerry J. Cox received the Kentucky Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award during the association's annual banquet held at the Marriott at River Center in Covington.

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Two families lost their homes in house fires this past week. In the above photo, Brindle Ridge Fire Department responded to a house fire Monday afternoon on Scaffold Cane Road in the Roundstone community. Authorities say the home belonged to Jesse Thacker and no one was home at the time of the fire. Officials say the cause of the fire is unknown and that it's still under investigation. BRFD was assisted by the Mount Vernon Fire Department and Brodhead Fire Department. In the photo below, Livingston Fire Department responded to a house fire last Wednesday night on Main Street in Livingston. Authorities say the home belonged to Jonathan and Tabitha Phelps. Officials say no one was injured in the fire and the family was not home at the time of the fire as they were staying with relatives because their hot water heater had quit working. The cause of the fire is unknown and it's also still under investigation. LFD was assisted by the Mount Vernon and Brodhead Fire Departments.



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Rockets beat Somerset in double OT

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Rockets won a 64-61 overtime thriller Tuesday night against the Somerset Briar Jumpers.

Sophomore John Cornelius originally sent the game into overtime in the fourth quarter when he drilled a three-pointer to tie the game at 50-50 with 22 seconds left on the clock. The Rockets went on to hold off the Briar Jumpers with a 64-61 win in double overtime.

The Rockets double overtime win came after a similar game last month when Somerset beat the Rockets 109-101 in double overtime.

The score remained within five points for the majority of the game, with the Rockets leading 19-17 at the end of the first quarter, behind 13 first quarter points by sophomore Lucas Gentry, and led 29-28 at the half.

After halftime, the Rockets held off a 6-1 run to retain a 44-42 lead at the end of the third quarter. The score in the fourth quarter went back and forth until Cornelius drilled the three in the final seconds to tie the game at 50-50.

The first overtime proved to be a defensive battle as both teams only scored six points each with a score of 56-56. In the second overtime, the Rockets pulled away from the Briar Jumpers with a final score of 64-61.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore Lucas Gentry with 26 points, Cornelius was next with 14, senior Dakota Hasty had 8, senior Sam Pensol and sophomore Carson Noble had 6 points each, junior Dylan Rowe got 4 and senior Blake Mullins 2.

The Somerset win came after a tough 75-65 loss to

the Casey County Rebels last Friday night.

The game featured seven lead changes and ties that all came in the first half. Casey County led the Rockets 19-14 at the end of the first quarter but the Rockets had cut the lead to 35-34 at half-time.

The second half was all Casey as the Rockets never led or tied the score for the remainder of the game. The Rebels led the Rockets 59-47 at the end of the third quarter and they put the game away in the fourth quarter for a final score of 75-65.

The Rockets were led by Pensol with 23 points, Gentry was next with 21, Cornelius scored 14, Noble had 6 and senior Carter Blanton got 1.

Head Coach Benny Blanton said that he is glad the Rockets got a much-needed district win against Somerset on Tuesday night.

"The Somerset win was a good overall win for our team. It was also a good grind-out win as they played through a lot of adversity," Blanton said. "We got some bad calls but we played through them. We took care of the ball and only had four turnovers in the game."

The Rockets next game is this Friday night when they travel to Somerset to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the game is at 7:30 p.m.

The Maroons are 10-6 on the season and 2-0 in district play. Blanton said this Friday night's game is a must win for the Rockets who currently have a 1-2 record in district play.

"They are a different team than they were last year and they like to play half-court," Blanton said. "They have some big guys in the middle and they will be a challenge for us inside. We will have to play at 100 percent to stay in the game and have a chance to win."



Junior Ashley McKinney gets a rebound in the Lady Rockets win over Somerset Tuesday night. McKinney had a big game last Friday night in the Lady Rockets win over Casey County scoring 25 points.



Sophomore Hope Kelley goes up for two points in the Lady Rockets 58-46 victory over Somerset Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets are now 3-0 in district play.



Sophomore Lucas Gentry goes up for two of his 26 points in the Rockets victory over Somerset Tuesday night. Gentry got the Rockets off to a strong start scoring 13 of his points in the first quarter. He also scored 21 for the Rockets in the loss at Casey County last Friday night.

Lady Rockets beat Casey and Somerset

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets are now 3-0 in district play with two wins over district foes in their last two outings.

Last Friday night, the Lady Rockets journeyed to Casey and came away with their second district win of the season 65-56 behind a hot night for junior Ashley McKinney's 25 points.

The Lady Rockets were down 24-13 at the first quarter stop and 32-25 at the half. However, an 11 point third quarter for McKinney helped her team to tie the score at 45 all at the third quarter stop. In the fourth, the Lady Rockets got 10 free throws and five baskets to pull away for the 65-56 win.

Besides McKinney's 25; sophomore Mahala Saylor got 16; sophomores Hope Kelley and Emily Payne had 9 each and sophomores

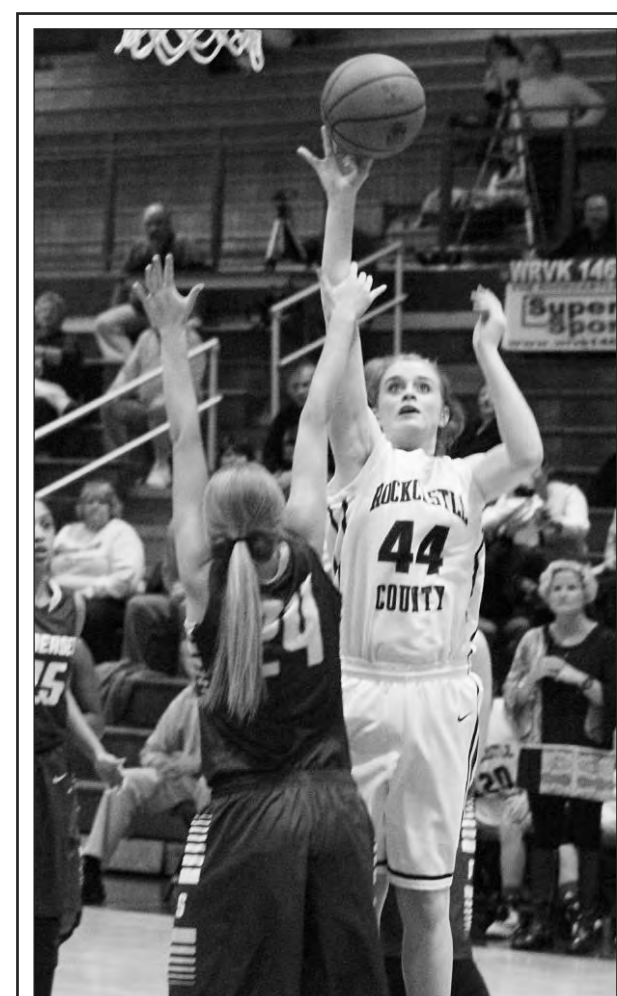
Jayna Albright and Emme Barker got 3 each.

On Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the Somerset Lady Jumpers for a return match of a game the Rockets won in Somerset early in December. This time was no different as the Rockets got their third district win 58-46.

Saylor led the scoring for her team with 20 points; Payne got 15; Barker and Albright had 8 each; McKinney got 4 and Kelley 3.

The Lady Rockets are now 7 and 9 on the season, already having bested their winning total from last season of five.

Friday night, the girls and boys team will journey to Pulaski County for another district matchup with the Maroons. On Tuesday night, the girls and boys will host East Jessamine.



Sophomore Emily Payne goes for two of her 15 points in the Lady Rockets 58-46 victory over Somerset Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets are now 3-0 in district play and will travel to Somerset Friday night to take on district foe Pulaski County.



Senior Carter Blanton fights for the ball in the Rockets win over Somerset. The Rockets continue district play as they travel to Somerset this Friday night to take on the Pulaski Co. Maroons.



Sophomore John Cornelius grabs a rebound for the Rockets in the double overtime win against Somerset Tuesday night. Cornelius hit a three-pointer with 22 seconds to send the game into the first overtime and had 14 points in the contest.

Mid-winter is a great time to hunt rabbits

Outdoors enthusiasts of a certain age well remember their grandfathers extolling the virtues of fried rabbit, declaring it superior to filet mignon and better than any restaurant meal you could buy.

Many hunters scratch around for something to get them afield during that dull period from Christmas until the first warm winds of spring. Grab a shotgun, don some brush pants, a hunter orange vest and walk an overgrown fencerow to jump a rabbit.

"The rabbit population is still really good, we have a lot of rabbits in Kentucky," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist for the Ken-

tucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Hunters should find good winter rabbit hunting across the state."

Mail carriers in rural areas help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by recording rabbits they see while driving their daily mail routes. "Last year, we had our highest mail carrier survey since the early 1980s," Robinson said. "They were down a little this year, but there are still plenty of rabbits."

Late December and January are great rabbit hunting times. Robinson hunted rabbits this past week and did well, harvesting several. "Even if you don't have a dog, you can

still hunt rabbits successfully," he said. "Kick around some cover and you can jump some rabbits up."

Robinson and his hunting group had their best success in woody cover. "This cover grows more important for rabbits as the weather gets colder," he explained. "We found our rabbits in blackberry thickets, in small creek drainages, along fencerows and in wood lots near fields."

He also said rabbit hunters without dogs must be quick on their feet. "You don't have the set-up time that you do with dogs," Robinson said. "When you get near the cover, be prepared for a quick shot."

Don't give up on a rabbit if it bolts from thick cover and you don't get a shot. "That rabbit is likely close by," Robinson said. "Hunt the next decent cover you come across. A rabbit is not going to run farther than it has to. They hide quickly."

Cedar thickets make excellent rabbit hunting spots on cold, windy days or when snow blankets the ground. Thick stands of young cedar offer a windbreak as well as hiding cover. Make sure to stop and wait periodically when hunting cedar thickets. "Being still makes them nervous and they will flush,"

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Rockcastle Regional recognized as 2013 Top Performer

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has been recognized as a 2013 Top Performer on a 2013 Quality Measures® by The Joint Commission for attaining and sustaining excellence for pneumonia care. Rockcastle Regional is one of only 1,224 hospitals throughout the country to receive this distinction. Only 36.9% of accredited hospitals earned Top Performer status for 2013.

The organizations named Top Performer of 2013 status were recognized in "America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety," the 2013 annual report of The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

The Top Performer program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions, including pneumonia.

"We understand what matters most to our patients is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through

evidence-based care processes," said Stephen A. Estes, president and CEO of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. "We are proud to be named a Top Performer as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff."

Recognition in The Joint Commission's Top Performer program is based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the previous calendar year. This year's program results are based on data that were reported for 2013.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

For more information about the Top Performer program, visit http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx.

Snowball Express kicks off County-wide Stride Series

Come out and join Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center for the fourth annual Snowball Express on Sunday, January 27 at Brodhead Elementary School. This event will feature a 2-mile run/walk beginning at 2:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m.

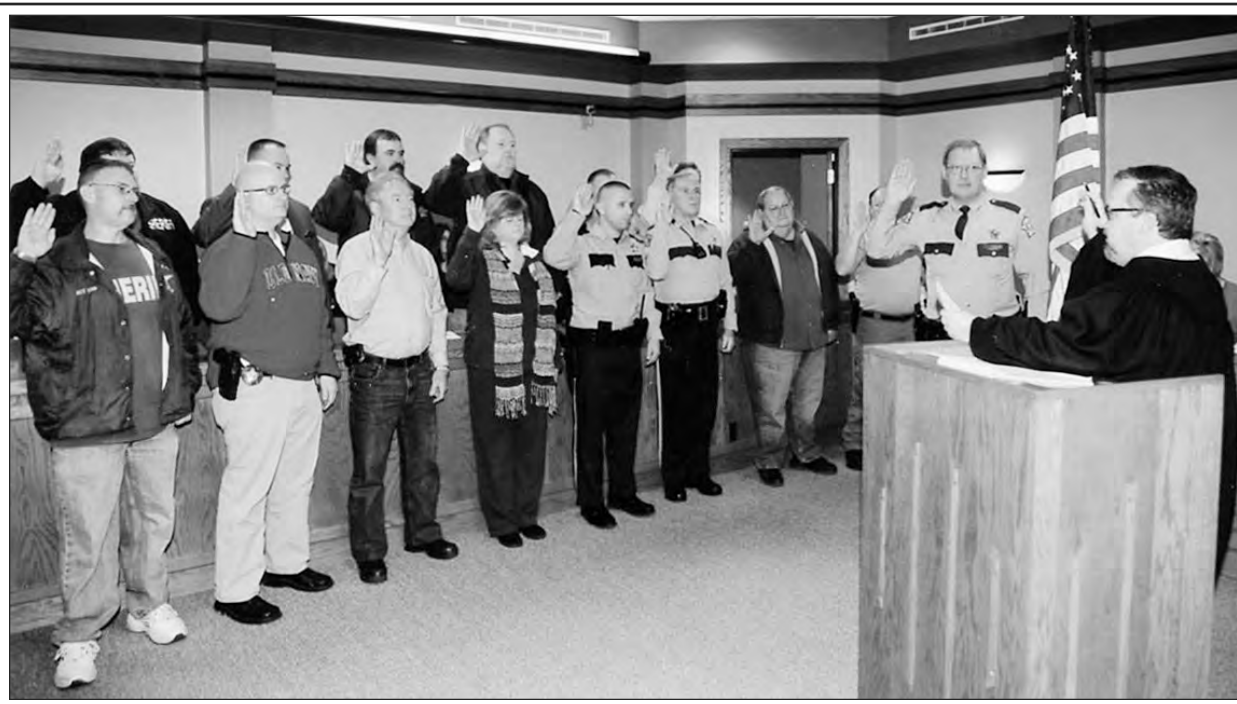
The Snowball Express is the first run/walk to kick off the 2015 County-wide Stride Series. The 12-race series in 2014 raised \$15,096 for various charities and had a total of 2,047 participants. All proceeds from the Snowball Express will benefit Rockcastle County's Relay for Life.

You can pre-register online at <http://www.rockcastleregional.org/race/january/race-info/> until January 19 for \$15 or drop-off your registration at Rockcastle Regional Hospital by noon on Monday, January 19. Race day registration fee will be \$20. T-shirts will

be given to race participants; however, please pre-register to guarantee your shirt. Shirts will be available on race day in limited sizes and quantity, while supplies last.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female race winner, as well as the top three finishers in each age group: 12 & under, 13-17, 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70+. Walker awards will be given to the top 3 male and female walking finishers.

In case of inclement weather, cancellation notices will be posted on the County-wide Stride Facebook page or you may call (606) 256-7767 to hear a recorded message. Registration fees are non-refundable. For questions or more information, contact Kayla Rowe at (606) 256-7767 or by email at kayla.rowe@rhcc.org.



Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters, far right, along with his deputies, was sworn-in during ceremonies held at the Rockcastle Courthouse last Saturday, January 3rd. Handling the swearing-in duties was Chief Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette.



Rockcastle County Magistrates took their oath of office during ceremonies last Saturday at the Rockcastle Courthouse. Judge Jeff Burdette swore-in magistrates, from left: Mike McGuire, Shannon Bishop, Gary Burdette, William Denny and Bill McKinney.



Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen, far right, and her deputy clerks, from left: Jessica Smith, Sonya McGuire, Becky Mays, Mattie Miller, Tina Gibbs and Anita Moore, were sworn-in by Judge Burdette during ceremonies last Saturday at the Rockcastle Courthouse



Buzz Carloftis swore in the newly-elected Brodhead Commissioners and Mayor Walter Lee Cash on Wednesday, December 31st. In the photo are, from left: Dallas Todd, Keith Graves, Mayor Cash, Ronnie Cash and Ricky Kirby.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant was sworn-in last week by Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette.



Judge Jeff Burdette swore-in State Representative Jonathon Shell.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Central Bank and Trust Co. v. Thomas L. Dees, \$5,050.47 plus claimed due.
Discover Bank v. Dewey F. Pigg, \$13,955.72 plus claimed due. CI-00002

District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Johnathan Rowland, \$988.37 plus claimed due. C-00277

Deeds Recorded

The Faulkner Family Trust, property on KY 1249, to Roosevelt McGuire, Jr. and Holly Jane McGuire.

No tax
Community Trust Bank, property in South Ridge Estates, to Larry Christopher Newcomb. Tax \$16

William and Barbara S. Fain, property in Rockcastle County, to Lavada Ruth Blevins. No tax

Judy and Carlos Cameron, property in Mt. Vernon, to Janice G. Poynter. No tax

Bob and Darlene Baker, property on Old Hummel Road, to Robert Bruce Baker. No tax

Cecil and Judy King, property on old U.S. 150, to Douglas and Eva Dicken. Tax \$70

Wilma Hayes Carl and Earnest Carl, Jr., et al, property in Ottawa to Verla Rose Hayes Mink and James L. Mink. No tax

Wilma Hayes Carl and Earnest Carl, Jr., et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Robert and Charlotte Hayes. No tax



Rockcastle Coroner Marvin Owens, left, and Deputy Coroner Bill Dowell, were sworn-in by Judge Jeff Burdette.



Constables sworn-in are shown, from left: Joe Bussell, Delno McClure, Leonard Dale Miller, Chris Mason and Frank Maples.

Prepare for cold weather as temperatures plummet

New Year's 2015 arrived less than a week ago, but already it's sending temperatures in the area plummeting. With single digits temperatures and subzero wind chills expected by mid-week, Kentucky Utilities Company encourages customers to prepare for the extreme cold.

- Have your furnace checked by a certified professional to make sure it's in peak operating condition. Remember to check your filter each month and replace it as necessary, based on the manufacturer's recommendations. A dirty filter will slow air flow, making the system work harder to

keep the indoor air temperature at a consistent, comfortable setting.

- Seal leaks and gaps around your home with caulk, spray foam, or weather-stripping to keep the warm air in and the cold air out.
- Build an emergency kit that includes a battery-powered radio, flashlights for everyone in the family, fresh batteries for any devices, first-aid kit, and over-the-counter and prescription medications. A list of more essential emergency kit supplies can be found at www.ready.gov.
- Always operate a portable generator safely and outdoors to allow for

proper venting. It's best to consult with a qualified, licensed electrician and review the manufacturer's instructions before installing the generator.

- Strong wind, snow and ice accumulation can sometimes cause tree branches to break and fall into power lines. Stay away and consider all fallen wires dangerous.
- KU customers should call 800-981-0600 to report a downed wire or power outage. And, KU customers can also report an outage online at lgeku.com after registering their account.
- Be sure to use LG&E and KU's outage map on your computer or smartphone, www.lgeku.com/storm, to receive near real time information about outages throughout our system, a summary of outages by zip code and county, and estimated restoration time.

Heating Assistance

- Community Winterhelp, the utility's primary heating assistance program, is available to customers who have difficulty paying their heating bills during the winter months.
- KU is once again matching residential customers' donations to the

program, \$1 for \$1, creating a greater pool of funds to help those having a tough time keep their families comfortable during the frigid conditions.

•With the match in effect from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, the utility encourages customers to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the program by making a monthly pledge or a one-time contribution. Even rounding up a payment to the next whole dollar makes a difference.

About the program

- Community Winterhelp is a third-party nonprofit organization, typically a Community Action Agency, that helps customers in financial crises pay their heating bills.
- Eligibility for heating assistance benefits is determined by the Community Winterhelp nonprofit organization. The program assists families in dire financial situations and lack of resources, leaving a family with no heat or the immediate prospect of no heat; and families with a family member who is elderly, very young, seriously ill or disabled. Neither KU or LG&E plays a part in determining eligibility.
- Families in need of as-

sistance will be interviewed by Community Winterhelp service partners and should contact the agency to apply for funds.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 13-CI-00177**

**U.S. Bank National Association
Not In Its Individual Capacity,
But Solely As Legal Title Trustee
For LVS Title Trust 1** **Plaintiff**

v.

**Joshua Blair and
Jennifer Lovell** **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 14, 2014 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$125,585.44) 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, January 23, 2015
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Lot Number 34 of the Mountain View Estates as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 4, page 69 in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mount Vernon, Kentucky. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Joshua Blair, single, and Jennifer L. Lovell, single, from Joshua Blair, single by deed dated July 19, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 212, page 450 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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(s) 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 a force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2014 local, county and state property taxes.
4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Clerk**

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ACROSS

1. "Hey, there!"
5. Identifying mark
9. Glances over quickly
14. Four Corners state
15. Lotion additive
16. Leisurely walk
17. Ooisen menace
18. Chaplin prop
19. Foreword, for short
20. Kentucky's is for party affiliates only
23. "Not only that..."
24. Swedish rug
25. Frosting ointment
28. C.E.O.'s degree
30. Gaucho's weapon
34. Nabisco cookies
35. Lawman Earp
37. Ballot abbr.
38. Kentuckian immortalized at the Iwo Jima flag raising
41. On behalf of
42. Surrounding glows
43. Archaeological site
44. Holds
46. Like some phone nos.
47. Excapit if
48. Prefix with cycle
50. Seed coat
51. Kentucky's slogan
58. Beauty shop
60. Palm known for its fruit
61. Workbench attachment
62. Makes level

DOWN

1. Hoos state
2. Asterisk
3. Pseudonym of H. Munro
4. Kentuckian, inventor of "Gonzo" journalism
5. Large wedge-shaped bone
6. Silas House novel, "Oullie"
7. First-rate
8. It holds the line
9. Hot
10. Cambridge grad mayor
11. Italian wine area
12. Detective Wolfe, or Johnson Co. area
13. Any day now
21. Panhandle site
22. Muse with a fyre
25. Extremely successful
26. Road marker
27. Pick up
28. Talkative ones
29. It may be stolen
31. Former ML shortstop, Kentuckian, _____

Beard

32. Property claims
33. Vast rhasm
35. Race's end
36. Root vegetable
39. Sensational
48. Louisville-based university
45. Coach who led Kentucky Wesleyan to NCAA Div II title in 1966
47. Bearish
49. Dentist's directive
50. Columbia, KY is this county's seat
51. Brings into play
52. Church section
53. Rain, no colors
54. Glasgow gal
55. Mammoth Cave's largest river
56. Kentucky author Alick Hegan
57. Mother of Honor
58. Williams and Kennedy

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King to Preach

Bro. Donald King will be preaching Saturday, Jan. 10th at 7 p.m. at the Berea Gospel Tabernacle.

On Tuesday, January 13th, at 7 p.m., Bro. Brian Smith of Ohio and his 11-

year-old son, Dakota, will be singing and preaching at the church.

Pastor Ralph Chasteen invites everyone to attend these services.

Berea Tabernacle is located at 231 Berea Road.

Gospel Singing

Lighthouse Baptist Church will have a Gospel Singing on Sat., Jan. 10th, beginning at 6 p.m.

Featured singers will be The Singing Cupps from Williamsburg.

The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.

Nolan Ryder Cecil was born December 2, 2014 at Women's Hospital St. Joseph East in Lexington. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Michele Barnes and Nathan Cecil. *Congrats!! on the birth of your son. He is a blessing to everyone. Love, your family*



Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

There's nothing like a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day. Either one of these two soups can certainly chase that chill away.

QUICK CHICKEN CHILI

2 cans (14 oz each) chicken broth
1 can (14.5 oz each) tomatoes, undrained
1 can (about 14 ounce) white beans
1 can (about 15 ounce) chicken breast
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 can (4 ounce) chopped green chilies

1 cup tortilla chips, broken
Shredded Cheddar cheese, sliced green onions, cilantro sprigs and chopped peeled avocado, optional
Combine broth, tomatoes with their juice, white beans, chicken breast, chili powder, and the chopped green chilies in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Top with tortilla chips. Garnish with cheese, onions, cilantro and avocados, if desired.

CROCK POT CHICKEN CHILI

2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 medium onion, chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 garlic cloves, minced
4 cans (15 ounces each) white beans, rinsed and drained
3 cups chicken broth
1 cup salsa
1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
Sour cream and minced fresh cilantro, optional
Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the chicken, onion, jalapeno, oregano and cumin in oil for 3 to 4 minutes or until chicken is browned and vegetables are crisp-tender. Add

garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Transfer to a 5-quarts low cooker. Add beans, broth, and salsa to slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 3 to 4 hours or until heated through. Stir before serving. Sprinkle with cheese. Garnish with sour cream, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips, crackers, or cornbread.



The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club celebrated Christmas at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Mya Hunt, 9, daughter of Jeff and Angie Hunt of Mt. Vernon, was the club's guest for dinner and entertained with three songs. Mya recently competed in the Woodsongs program and won, performing with Leann Womack. She is shown in the above photo with her father, Jeff and aunt, Connie Hunt. *Thank you, Mya, for sharing your God-given talent with us.*

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Looking Out at the Landscape (From Inside Where It's Warm)

With the coldest weather of the season upon us, pushing aside the drapes and looking out into the yard sounds more appealing than taking an adventure outdoors. As a child I loved to play in the snow awhile.

With the passing of years, that eagerness to get out in the cold has diminished. But just because I am inside does not mean my mind and thoughts don't wander outdoors. If you have the option of staying inside during the coldest days, you understand about looking out the window or door and dreaming of what you'd love to do when the weather warms or when spring returns.

Maybe you would love to see a big evergreen tree where you currently see the neighbors are home. Or wouldn't it be nice to have a little waterfall and stream to watch the birds get a drink and splash around?

Maybe a sunken garden, where you are less obvious when you want to relax or get some sun in the backyard. In the cold times, if you venture outside, wouldn't that fireplace or fire- place or that pizza oven be nice to stand close to?

Perhaps you dream of a patio or a deck. Maybe an upstairs balcony. Or wouldn't it be nice to have a walking path in your own yard, and not have to pass down the block where the dogs bark every time you go for a little exercise. I am dreaming from inside while the ground is frozen this week, and you may be doing the same.

Tired of watching commercials or the same-old, same-old on TV, I turn it off and my mind goes to things I'd love to be doing in the

outdoors. My place or someone else's. I'd love to be planting, building, trimming, picking berries, even raking leaves—too many days indoors can mess with your sanity!

A mountain stream, like the little ones I used to wander through the woods and see when I was a child. I miss those times. Children, spend some time in the woods, in a park, by the lake or on the beach. I don't know that I've ever heard anyone say, "I wish I hadn't taken a wilderness hike or a stroll on the beach".

Anyhow, as you look outside on a cold day, you may dream of trees and grass turning green again, you may be thinking of weekend cookouts or just sitting beside the frog pond and having a cup of coffee, at least I imagine this is you since it's my own perspective on wintery days.

The bees and butterflies and hummingbirds, perhaps they catch a whiff of your perfume and check you out too, then they wander back to the flowering shrub or bed of blossoms.

As you stare outside, maybe you holler at your honey, "...wouldn't it look lovely to have a (fill in the blank with something you dream of) in our yard....?"

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Comments welcome. Web: www.rockcastles.net

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Join Arbor Day Foundation and receive 10 flowering trees

Residents of Kentucky can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2015.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington flowering dogwoods, and three white flowering dogwoods.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Kentucky lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are

perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2015. Kentucky residents can also join online at arborday.org/ january.



These Brodhead Elementary students received a special reward from Ms. Satica, in the Family Resource Center, for having perfect attendance August through December. Pictured are: Addison Carter, Isabella Clouse, Sawyer Yates, Nicholas Spoonamore, Tanner Osborne, Austin Polk, Zaydan Barnett, Anthony Goodin, Kristy VanWinkle, Trinity Smith, Gabe Halcomb and Kaitlyn Carter. Keep up the great work!



13 Youth attended a Santa's Workshop at the Rockcastle County Extension office on December 23rd. The youth made six Christmas gifts for family members and friends. Brenda Saylor, Nutrition Assistant, and John McQueary, 4-H Agent, were assisted by Extension Homemaker volunteers including Carolyn Collins, Janice Hager, Bessie Hopkins, Elaine Murphy and Lydia McLemore. Also assisting were Kacy Day and Kathy Price.

Bible Talk

Our studies this month and next month are the eight beatitudes from the sermon on the mount.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit - In Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The word "poor" can be used in two senses: one who is not wealthy but who has the basic necessities of life, and other is one who is completely in poverty and destitute of even daily necessities. We must see that we are spiritual bankrupt in the sight of God, Rom.3:23, Is.64:6. Until we see our great need for God and how destitute we are without Him, we will not seek Him as we should.

Blessed are they that Mourn - Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Jesus is teaching us about the need to have godly sorrow for our sins, a broken and contrite heart. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" 2Cor.7:10. Yes, we must mourn and lament about our sins, for the broken and contrite heart will be moved to repentance. When we turn to the Lord, we will be comforted by finding the forgiveness of God.

Blessed are the Meek - Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Meekness is not weakness. The word "meek" literally means power under control. In Numbers 12:3 we read, "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." Was Moses some sort of weakly, wet noodle, who was spineless? No, he was a man of great strength, passion and power, yet he was under God's control! That is what the Lord seeks in us, to come under his control and his guidance.

Blessed are they that Hunger and Thirst - Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Let us illustrate the point. If a person were to hold you under water; after about 60 seconds what would be your desire? Paying off your car? Taking a vacation? Painting your house? Getting rid of a few wrinkles? Or would it be the desire to get a breath of air? Yes, this would be our burning desire! Even so, we must have this burning desire and thirst for righteousness. Peter said, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby," 1 Pet.2:2.

Would you like to study the Bible sometime? Let us know. We are happy to set up a class with you.

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing at 1435 Marler Hollow. Not responsible for bodily injury. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x24p

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Charles Delph at 20 Smith St. in Brodhead. Not responsible for accidents. 42x13pd

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

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. (1/21/16)

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

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

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The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is accepting applications for **Full-Time Health Environmentalist I** at the Rockcastle County Health Department. Starting Salary: \$12.15 - \$15.17/hr negotiable with additional experience. Grade 15. Applications and full listing of qualifications may be obtained at the Rockcastle County Health Department, 120 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY OR online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/LHD.htm> Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business Monday, January 5, 2014 to Rockcastle County Health Department. Resume will not substitute for completed application. Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants will be required to submit to a drug screening test and background check.

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Notice: On January 24, 2015, at the hour of 9 a.m., I will sell the contents of Unit #29 and Unit #58 of the Perry and Amy Mink Properties, LLC at the premises located at 110 Old Somerset Road, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. All purchases shall be in cash and the property shall be removed on the date of sale. 2x1

The Housing Authority of Mount Vernon has developed its Five Year Agency Plan in compliance with The Quality Housing and Compliance Act of 1988. It is available for review at The Housing Administration office, located at 50 Lovell Lane, Mount Vernon, Ky. The authority's hours of operation are Mondays 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays 4 to 6 p.m. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 at 4 p.m. 1x2

Accepting Bids: The Brodhead Fire Department/City of Brodhead is currently accepting bids for a

5500 Series Truck for the purpose of a Prime Mover for our structural collapse equipment. Secondary purpose the truck will have a skid unit on the bed for brush fires. Bid specifications can be obtained at the Brodhead City Hall. Bids will be accepted until January 23, 2015 at 4 p.m. at the Brodhead City Hall. Bids must be marked 2015 Homeland Security Grant on the envelope and the bid sheet. Bids will be accepted by the following methods only: Courier (UPS, FedEx, etc.) Brodhead City Hall, 7 West Main Street, Brodhead, Ky. 40409. Mail: Brodhead Fire Department, P.O. Box 465, Brodhead, Ky. 40409. Hand Delivered: Brodhead City Hall, 7 West Main St., Brodhead, Ky. 40409. For questions, or to obtain a specification sheet, please call the Brodhead City Hall at 606-758-8635 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. This insitution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 2x2

Notice is hereby given that

John W. Burke, Jr., 8414 Ferndale Road, Louisville, Ky. 40291 has been appointed administrator of the estate of John W. Burke.

Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John W. Burke, Jr., on or before June 22nd, 2015 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Sarah G. Miracle, 985 South Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Gary Miracle II, 103 Lynne Drive, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Carolyn L. Miracle. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sarah G. Miracle and/or Gary Miracle II or Hon. Michael S. Fore, P.O. Box 725, Richmond, Ky. 40476 on or before June 22, 2015 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Randall Lewis Himes, 89 Old Sigmon Loop, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Carolyn Sue Mink, 58 Alpha Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 were appointed co-executors of the estate of Jack Dale Himes. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Randall Lewis Himes and/or Carolyn Sue Mink or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 15th, 2015 at 11 a.m. 2x3

LOCAL HEALTH NURSE II

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is accepting applications for a Full Time **Local Health Nurse II** positions for Rockcastle County Health Department. This position is located in the local county school system and is a ten (10) month (partial year) position. If unable to obtain applicants at LHN II level, the agency may then consider filling position with a LHN I.

General Duties include: This position serves under the direction of the Nurse Supervisor of the local health department. Responsibilities for this position include, but are not limited to: perform work with increasing independence and may assume minimal mentoring of LHN I nurses. Conduct nursing assessment for students, families and school personnel as appropriate using PHPR service guidelines. Develop and implement a plan of care based upon identified health risks. Provide basic nursing care to the client consistent with the PHPR, Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice. Establish policies, procedures and licensing laws. Document services provided to the client according to standards of the PHPR and Administrative Reference (AR). Maintain confidentiality and privacy according to guidelines. Work closely with school interdisciplinary team and apply problem solving strategies to accomplish job tasks. Participate in specialized or program specific clinics. Participate in educational counseling and teaching activities for individual students and educators. May assist coordinator of a specific program and offer mentoring to staff.

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Special Requirements: (Age, Licensure, Regulation, Etc.) Must have RN license in Kentucky or compact state.

Starting Salary: \$14.78/hr (Grade 18)

Minimum Education, Training or Experience for LHN I: See special requirements.

Special Requirements: (Age, Licensure, Regulation, Etc.) Must have RN license in Kentucky or compact state or provisional license in Kentucky; meet all requirements of KRS 314.041 and approval to practice as Registered Nurse Applicant (RNA).

Starting Salary: \$12.15/hr (Grade 15)

Applications may be obtained at the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, P.O. Box 158, 470 Manchester Square Shopping Center, Suite 200, Manchester, KY 40962 (606) 598-5564 or the local health department or <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/lhdapp.htm>

Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business on Monday, January 12, 2015 to Cumberland Valley District Health Department in Manchester. **Applications will be accepted past the deadline date for both classifications for future and ongoing position vacancies as they occur.**

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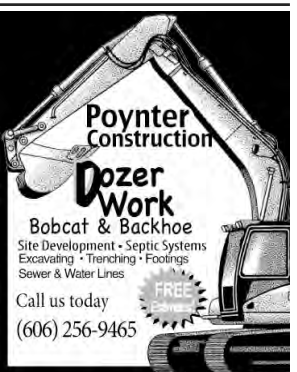
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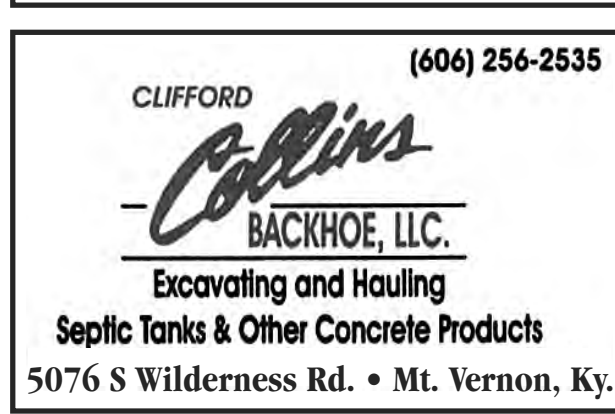
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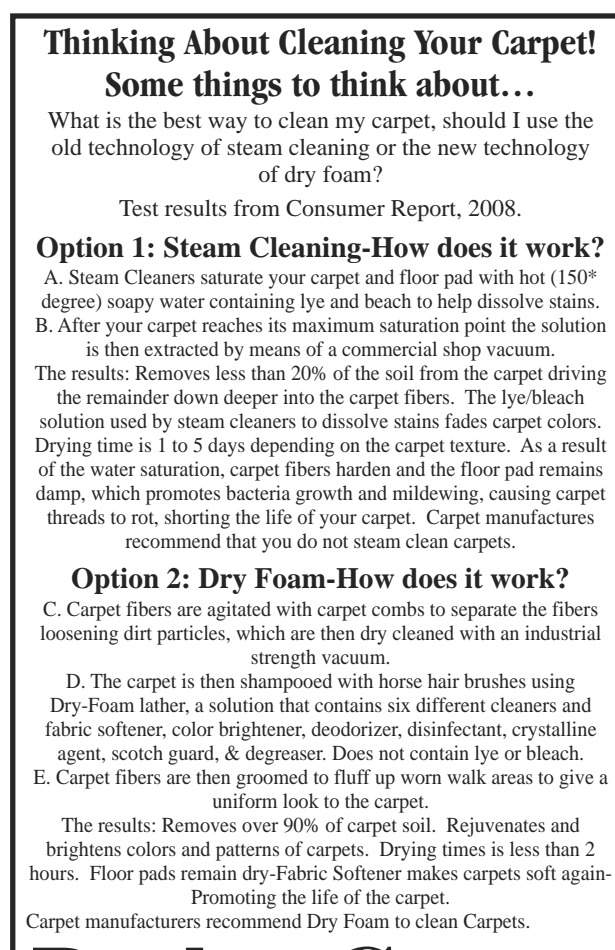
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Several elected officials were sworn-in to their respective seats this past week. In the above photo, members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education were sworn-in by Chief Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette. From left are: Tina Cain Hasty, Susan Jordison, Angela Stallworth Mink and Carrie Ballinger. Hasty, Mink and Ballinger were sworn-in after winning their respective elections in November. Jordison was recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of Michael Deborde, who resigned in November. Sworn-in to their new terms as Livingston City Commissioners Monday night by Mayor Jason Medley were: Leroy Lamb and Katha Carpenter. Charlene Newcomb was absent from the meeting and will be sworn in at a later date. The commissioners will also have to appoint someone to the commission to fill an existing vacancy.



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Fiscal Court will participate in "Restore To Justice" program

Representatives of the Laurel County Detention Center met with the Rockcastle Fiscal Court Tuesday to make them aware of a new reentry program available to inmates with the aim of cutting the recidivism rate of repeat offenders by 25%.

Carl Weaver, director of the reentry program for the Laurel County Detention Center, told the court that the program is mandated to be in effect by 2017.

Known as "Restore To Justice," the program aims to change the behavior of offenders. "The program does not allow them to stay in the victim mode but

makes them accountable for their actions," Weaver told the court.

One of the representatives told the court that Laurel County Jail has a inmate population of 400 and out of that 400, 90 were chosen to participate in the reentry program. Of that 90, 49 completed several courses and have not returned to the Laurel Co. Jail or any other jail in the state or nationwide for a year.

In hard numbers, the court was told that the Laurel Co. Jail had realized a savings of \$623,000 on housing inmates thus far

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Brodhead Council proposes increase of water/sewer rates

By: Doug Ponder
The Brodhead council approved the first reading of an ordinance that will increase water and sewer rates for their customers.

increase from \$5.99 to \$6.34. 50,000 gallons of water or more will increase from \$5.63 to \$5.96.

The proposed ordinance will raise water and sewer rates on every level by six percent. For city customers, the base of \$20.78 a month will increase to \$22.02. The next 8,000 gallons of water will increase from \$6.27 per thousand to \$6.64. 40,000 gallons of water or more will

Customers outside the city limits will pay a base rate of \$29.01 for 2,000 gallons or less instead of the current \$27.37 and \$9.27 per thousand instead of \$8.75 for the next 8,000 gallons used. Usage of 40,000 gallons of water or more will increase from

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Medley swears in Lamb, Carpenter to council

At Monday night's regular meeting of the Livingston City Commission, Mayor Jason Medley swore in two re-elected members of the commission, Katha Carpenter and Leroy Lamb. Charlene Newcomb, another member elected in November, was absent from the meeting and the commission still has to appoint someone to fill a vacancy that exists. They have until February's meeting to make the appointment.

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As one of the first items of business, the commis-

The council also approved leasing the former

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Susan Jordison appointed as new school board member

By: Doug Ponder
A new board member was recently appointed to the school board and sworn-in at their monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Susan Jordison of Mt. Vernon was recently appointed by Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday to fill the unexpired school board seat of Michael Deborde, who resigned in November.

KRS 160.190 assigns the Kentucky Commissioner of Education the responsibility to appoint local district board members to vacant seats between elections. Jordison was one of two candidates who applied for the position.

Jordison is the Office Manager for New Opportu-

nity School for Women in Berea. She also previously served on the site-base councils for Roundstone Elementary School, Rockcastle County Middle School and Rockcastle County High School.

"I really enjoy doing all I can to help our schools," Jordison said. "I look forward to working with the board to keep our school system moving forward."

Jordison was sworn-in

Two arrested for meth charges at local hotel

Two people were arrested in a meth bust last Friday night at a local hotel in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene were Anthony Clay Newell, 43, of Somerset and Matthew Earl Carte, 29, of Mt. Vernon.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Assistant Chief Barry Adams and officer Lucas Tucker responded after receiving a complaint of someone selling drugs in one of the hotel rooms.

Once officers arrived, they saw Newell standing on the outside balcony yelling at Carte, who was standing next to Newell's vehicle in the hotel's parking lot.

During questioning, Newell handed officers a small paper bag containing suspected methamphetamine. Officers also found a small pipe containing a small plastic bag of suspected crystal meth and another small container that contained a synthetic cannabinoid.

After receiving consent to search Carte, officers found a Marlboro cigarette pack that contained a paper

by Chief Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette before the meeting. Board members Tina Cain Hasty, Angela Stallworth Mink and Carrie Ballinger were also sworn-in by Burdette after winning their respective elections in November for a first-time all-female school board.

In other action, the board approved the 2015 workers compensation liability insurance from Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance.

Pensol said the premium was \$78,800 which is down from last year's premium of \$110,756. He said the premium decreased as a result of less claims from last year.

Director of Pupil Personnel Becky Isaacs presented the 2013-2014 Rockcastle County Schools Nutrition and Physical Activity report card to the board.

The report card states

that out of all five Rockcastle County Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, total breakfasts served to students were 144,222 with an average daily participation of 890 students. The reduced prices for a student breakfast was .30 cents and full price was \$1.

For lunch participation between all five schools, 337,597 lunches were served with an average daily participation of 2,084. The number of student-approved free lunches were 1,850, students approved reduced lunches were 253 and students approved paid were 1,007.

The reduced price for lunch was .40 cents. The full price for lunch was \$1.60 for elementary school students and \$1.85 for middle school and high school students.

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Shoplifting complaint leads to drug trafficking arrest

A local woman was arrested for drug trafficking and drug possession last Friday after police responded to a shoplifting complaint at a business in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Corri Marie Healy, 22, of Mt. Vernon.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, officers Shay Helton and Ryan Messinger responded to the business after receiving a shoplifting complaint.

Once officers arrived, store employees told them they saw Healy take an item from the shelf and put it in her purse. Healy admitted to officers that she had take the item. However, when she went to retrieve the item, officers noticed several pill bottles in her purse.

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Climax Fire Department responded to a house fire last Saturday on Cove Branch Road in the Brush Creek community. Authorities say the home belonged to Sammy Stewart and that no one was home at the time of the fire. Firefighters say the home was engulfed in flames when they arrived and that the home is considered a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown and remains under investigation. Climax Fire Department was assisted by Mt. Vernon Fire Department and Livingston Fire Department.

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Our Unwelcome Visitor
Dear Journal,
A day such as this isn't "fit for man nor beast", as they say. The temperature is hovering a little past the freezing mark, the clouds are gray and thick with a rain falling that is like ice water on a summer's day. There is a white, misty fog rising up to meet the low-lying clouds. It looks like something the British Isles would be proud to claim. In summation, you could say that the day is full of gloom and despair.

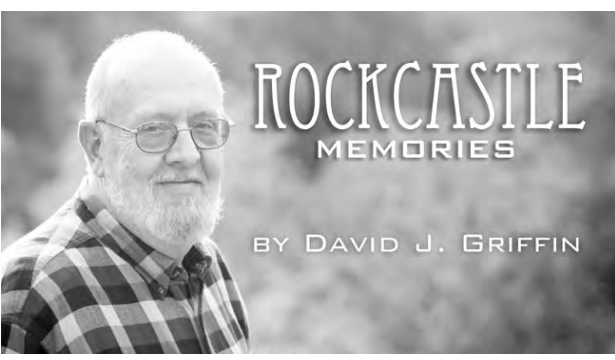
It's just the kind of day, however, that compels one to gather near the hearth, such as the one we have, and gaze into the flickering flames letting your mind wander wherever it may. I know this sounds very "lazy" of me but my ongoing radiation treatments have rendered me very weak and almost helpless. Even the least amount of effort exerted causes an exhaustion beyond description. The old cliché about not understanding another's situation until you've walked a mile in their shoes proves its worth to me daily. That alone requires hours of meditation.

To compound folly with disaster, Stanley and I had an unwelcome visitor pay us a visit. We've come down with what is known as the common cold. It "arrived" mid-week and reached its peak this weekend. I got a significant lead in hosting our visitor Friday after returning from my treatment by retiring to the many comforts of the couch. I got a chill and was practically certain that I'd never be warm again even with an electric throw.

The weekend came along only to find us not any better and playing such exciting games of challenge such as who had the highest fever, who could go through his or her box of tissues quicker or who could have the most consecutive sneezes. What excitement!

This has been the first weekend, possibly ever, that we haven't gotten a thing accomplished except watching old movies and breaking in our new rockers. I re-

cently got Stanley a new one from Cracker Barrel. It is one of those JFK styles with the high back and it sits like a dream. He thought it was a subtle hint that he was over the hill, but I got it because of all the fuss he kicked up over moving a rocker from the living room to the bedroom. That rocker was rustic looking and fit in better with the cabin-style bedroom and was only in the living room on a temporary basis. He said it was the only comfortable chair in the whole living room and that Satan himself must have designed the Victorian furniture we have. When people go to Hell, that must be where they have to sit he has declared. After about three days he decided I needed one, too, so he got me a Cracker Barrel rocker. They even match. I'll put some cushions in them and they will blend quite nicely, I believe. It sits high so older folks can get out of it easy and is pretty wide to allow for, well lets say, the expansion of our years. "Never hurt my feelings...I've known I'm over the hill for a long time. Now we can grow old and gray together as we rock away our senior years. We may even enjoy them if we get over this cold.



ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

Basketball Manager

For most of my life, I have been an avid high school and college basketball fan. My wife and I watch probably at least a dozen college games each week during the season. (We even purchased special sport packages from Dish Network to be able to keep up with our favorite teams, no matter where they are located in the United States.) A few days ago, one of the game commentators brought up the subject of how hard it is to be a basketball manager; he was referring to the amount of work that is involved. His remarks made me recall my youthful days as the manager of the 1960 Mt. Vernon High School Red Devil team.

I was enrolled in Coach Jack Laswell's health and physical education class. One day he called me up to his desk and said, "David Joe, I see that you are a very well organized young man, and I could certainly use your help as a manager for this year's varsity basketball team. Would you be interested in that job?" Of course, I replied with a re-

sounding yes! When the basketball season began, Coach reminded me that I should attend all daily practices and all games, both home and away. That was fine with me - especially traveling with the team on the bus. This was going to be fun!

Since this opportunity had appeared as a result of Coach's notice of my organizational skills, I tried to be super organized. For example, every day I carried with me a roll of athletic tape in my pocket, along with ammonia capsules, an extra shoe string, a piece of chalk, and some Band Aids. That way when Coach needed one of those items, I could respond at once. I truly did try to do my best in my new position.

I was glad to be asked to be the manager of that particular team because I had several close friends who were players. Charles Bennett Farris and Howard Coffee often asked me to stay after practice so that I could rebound jump shots for them as they put in extra time. I also assisted them when they practiced free throws. Howard, Charles Bennett, and I played basketball at Jim Barton Nunnelley's outside court almost every weekend. Darrell Stepp and Lee Childress were classmates of mine, and we were together every day. Paul Daily, Paul Thomason, Jim Barton Nunnelley, and I often double-dated with one another on the weekends and even attended parties at Mason Gregory's house. I was willing and happy to be involved with the daily activities of this team - a team who, by the way, demonstrated a high level of talent on the court.

There was at least one humorous event which I recall that happened at an away game of ours. I do not remember precisely where this happened, but I do remember that the school had a wooden floor. (Not the case for some gymnasiums back then.) While the game

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Frankfort Report...

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

"Creating Kentucky jobs and strengthening Kentucky families" - this is how our caucus defined the overall goals of the Senate this session, and I'm proud to report that four of our priority bills to accomplish those objectives passed the Senate in our first week, and are now on the way to the House.



As the Senate has done in previous sessions under the direction of Senate President Robert Stivers, members of leadership were elected prior to the start of session so when the 2015 General Assembly convened, we were able to get

straight to business.

Legislation addressing the heroin epidemic passed unanimously on only the third day of session. Senate Bill 5, which was sponsored by Senator Chris McDaniel (and which I was proud to co-sponsor), provides for an additional \$13.3 million for heroin treatment programs and requires increased reporting so that the effectiveness of the programs can be monitored. Other provisions will allow first responders to administer naloxone, a medication which can sometimes prevent death from a heroin overdose; will allow law enforcement to waive certain charges against suspects who voluntarily warn officers that they are carrying needles; and will require convicted trafficking offenders to serve 50 percent of their sentences before being eligible for parole.

Immediately upon the passage of the Heroin Bill, the Senate took up Senate Bill 1, or "right-to-work" legislation. After discussion on the floor, the Senate passed the bill, giving Kentucky another tool when recruiting industries to locate in the Commonwealth and create jobs. As the law stands now, Kentucky is often eliminated in the first round by a large majority of businesses because they will not set up or even consider locating in a state that is not "right-to-work."

Friday, the Senate passed two more bills. The first of which being Senate Bill 2, which addresses a current imbalance of power regarding regulations that can be implemented by the executive branch without legislative oversight. This bill would establish a system for legislators to have oversight on executive administrative regulations and ensure that they are in keeping with Kentucky statutes. If it passes this session, Kentucky voters will have the opportunity to cast their votes on the issue since it would be an amendment to the Kentucky constitution.

The other measure passed was Senate Bill 4, which would establish a face-to-face consultation with a physician, or "informed consent" between the patient and physician, take place before a medical procedure to perform an abortion can occur.

Our first week of action

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I haven't yet gotten around to calling them up, but sometime this week I do intend to speak with the Garrard County Public Library because I just saw the Bookmobile parked beside the road less than half a mile from my house. I intend to see if I can talk them into jogging on down to Charlie Brown Road the next time they are out my way.

When we lived on Harmon's Lick, just outside Crab Orchard but still in Garrard County, the kids and I and sometimes Loretta, patronized the Garrard County Bookmobile about every two weeks. The driver would simply pull off the road at the edge of Robert Collett's big pasture and sit down on her horn until she got our and the dogs' attention, at which point two adults and two kids would scurry around the house like a heard of stampeded buffalo searching for library books while kid number 3 would run the front porch frantically waving his or her arms to let the mobile librarian know that we would be on our way down the hill in just a minute.

Then here we'd go, myself and the entourage of rug rats, a yellow Labrador retriever, a crippled Walker coon hound and ole Patch, the ever-faithful Yankee mongrel Loretta and the kids had raised from puppyhood in Ney Jersey before moving back to Kentucky. All three dogs would be loudly caterwauling and at least two kids screaming, "Wait

for me! Wait for me!" The fact that our librarian did not throw her van in gear and speed away before we got halfway down the hill is ample testament to that brave woman's courage.

I loved the fact that the bookmobile came to our place so regularly because the kids rightly thought it was a unique service and because it allowed me to share, with them, an experience that had played such an important role in my life when I was their age.

The bookmobile of my youth did not go to private residences because it was barely able to get to all the schools in Letcher County once a month. Before our small community schools were consolidated and children were bussed, on narrow, crooked roads, oftentimes more than twenty miles from their homes, we attended elementary school within walking distance of wherever we lived.

In my elementary school days (1955-1963) there were at least 25 schools in the county. Some of those schools were more than 20 miles distance from the county library. Getting to each school and allowing time to swap out borrowed books just once each month was more than a full time job for our mobile librarian. I figure it was one of those jobs you had to devoutly love if you were willing and able to stick with it for any length of time.

At Blair Branch Grade

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

6 skinless, boneless, chicken breast halves
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons butter
 2 cans (10.75 ounces each) condensed cream of chicken soup
 1 onion, finely diced
 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
 1 package (10 ounce) refrigerated biscuit dough, torn into pieces

chocolate chips
 Beat first 6 ingredients at low speed with an electric mixer 30 seconds or until blended. Beat at medium speed 2 minutes. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into a lightly greased 4-quart round slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting 4 hours or until set around the edges but still soft in the center. Turn off slow cooker and let stand 20 to 30 minutes; do not lift lid until ready to serve.

Cut chicken into bite size pieces and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place the chicken, butter, soup, onion, and carrots in a 5-quart slow cooker, and fill with enough water to cover the chicken. Cover slow cooker; cook for 5 to 6 hours on high. Place the torn biscuit dough in the slow cooker and cook on high for an additional 1 hour or until the dough is no longer raw in the center.

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN CACCIATORE

6 skinless, boneless, chicken breast halves
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon black pepper
 1 onion, thinly sliced
 1 green pepper, thinly sliced
 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
 1 can (15 ounce) whole tomatoes, mashed
 1 can (about 4 ounce) sliced mushrooms, drained
 2 teaspoons tomato paste
 Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Place remaining ingredients in slow cooker. Add chicken on top. Cover slow cooker; cook 7 to 9 hours on low.
SLOW COOKER CHOCOLATE PUDDING CAKE
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 1 box (about 4 ounce) instant chocolate pudding mix
 1 container (16 ounce) sour cream
 Click to see savings
 3/4 cup oil
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 4 eggs
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 1 cup water
 1 bag (6 ounce) semi-sweet

rodent janitor.
 In order to round out the depiction of our team, I should note that in addition to the above-mentioned players, Gary McClure and James Mink were also members of the team. Also, the cheerleaders for the '60 basketball team included: Sharon Owens, Jewel Anderkin, Janet Baker, Barbara Sowder, Billie Janice Arnold, and Nancy Helton. On occasion, if Coach Laswell would allow, the cheerleaders would lead the team in cheers all the way to the location of the home team. They were a very spirited group of gals.
 I learned a lot about basketball and about life from Coach Laswell. Thankfully, we never met up with another mouse problem. And the memories of being a part of that team will always be special to me.
(You can reach me at themnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

was in progress, a mouse darted out from somewhere and stopped right in the middle of the court. One of the officials halted the game with his whistle and then proceeded to stomp the rodent, which was now directly in front of our bench. Coach Laswell immediately yelled, "David Joe, get a towel and clean that up!" I jumped up from the bench and collected the remains of the flattened rodent. I carried the mess (towel included) and threw it into a large trash container in the corner of the gym. I was, as we used to say, "Johnny on the spot" and proud of the quick response that I had made. However, when I returned to the bench, Coach blurted out, "Did you have to throw away the towel? Those things cost money!" I simply pretended not to hear him because I certainly was not going to salvage the towel from that bloody mess! During all this time, the entire gym was in stitches laughing at the mouse escapade taking place on the court. I suppose that it was quite a show. (I don't recall whether either team was charged with the timeout - maybe it was the mouse itself.)
 Well, I guess everyone has to be known for something. In that town at least, I guess I was known as the

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

School, at least one student and sometimes two, from our three classrooms, were designated to select a month's worth of reading material for the rest of the 25 or so students in our respective rooms. From second grade on, I was usually one of those students. Because it was such an honor and privilege to be the book selector, the teachers had to at least make some attempt to spread it around lest they be accused of playing favorites. On those rare occasions when I was not allowed to visit the bookmobile, which had to park about two hundred yards in a wide spot below the school building, I would make a list of books I wanted and give it to whomever was chosen from my room.
 Students were rarely allowed to take the bookmobile books home from school overnight. They were kept on a special shelf along with a couple of dictionar-

ies and a King James Bible. We read them between classes.
 However, adults were allowed come to the bookmobile and borrow for themselves/home use. I can remember talking Alene Adams, who lived straight across the road from the parking spot, and Little Steve Craft who lived just up the road, into checking out books that I could take home without telling the teachers. Well before eighth grade, I had read everything Zane Grey had written as well as all the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mysteries, all of Mark Twain's, James Fenimore Cooper's, Nathaniel Hawthorne's Herman Melville's, Ernest Hemingway's and numerous other's books, thanks entirely to the good old Letcher County Bookmobile.
 I thought it strange to discover that, upon reaching high school, we were assigned books like Huckleberry Finn, Moby Dick and The Red Badge of Courage, everybody in the class had not already read them at least half a dozen times. Imagine my surprise at spending half a semester in a 300 level college course, dissecting Huck Finn, and discovering that well over two thirds of the class had never read it at least once.

"Frankfort"

(Cont. from A2)

emphasizes that this Senate is determined to deliver progress and make changes by providing legislation that helps create jobs and strengthens Kentucky families.
 I would encourage you to follow these bills closely, along with any other legislation you may be interested in. Your input is not only valued and appreciated, it can ensure that legislators are aware of your particular interest and concerns and can make a difference in the process. I encourage you to follow the Senate bills which we pass and call members of the House and urge them to pass the bills as well.
 In particular, we ask that you voice your support of Senate Bill 5: Kentuckians are dying in growing numbers due to the current epidemic of Heroin Addiction; the House failed to act on this bill last session, and your phone call can ensure that address this matter this session. We need legislative action to provide our first responders, law enforcement, and medical community the resources necessary to break the hold heroin has on our state. You can express your support for Senate Bill 5 by calling 1-800-372-7181 and asking that the House pass this life-saving measure quickly.
 There are several ways to follow legislative action throughout the 2015 Session, including attending any of the sessions in person. Senate Committee Meetings are also open to the public.
 The Kentucky Legislature Home Page

(www.lrc.ky.gov) is updated daily to provide the latest legislative information. Web surfers can view the issues before lawmakers by browsing through bill summaries, amendments, and resolutions. The website is regularly updated to indicate each bill's status in the legislative process, as well as the next day's committee-meeting schedule and agendas.
 In addition to general information about the legislative process, the website also provides information on each of Kentucky's senators and representatives, including their phone numbers, addresses, and legislative committee assignments.

As I mentioned before,

the Kentucky General Assembly maintains toll-free phone lines to help everyone follow legislative action. If you wish to offer your feedback or opinion on any issue, you can call the Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181. Those who prefer to offer their feedback in Spanish can call the General Assembly's Spanish Line at (866) 840-6574. Citizens with hearing impairments can use the TTY Message Line at (800) 896-0305.

A taped message containing information on the daily schedule for legislative committee meetings is available by calling the Legislative Calendar Line at (800) 633-9650.

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"Little Dribblers" Program
 The Rockcastle County Youth Basketball Association (RYBA) is starting "Little Dribblers" for boys and girls, ages 4 through 1st grade. This is a non-competitive league where fundamentals of basketball will be introduced. There will be an introductory meeting on January 24th at the Roundstone Elementary gym at 10 a.m. Instruction period will be on Saturdays for 5-6 weeks. The cost is \$20 and each child will receive a t-shirt for participating.
Grandparent Support Group
 Are you raising a grandchild in your home? If so, you are invited to attend our support group meetings. The group will meet every other month and share experiences. We have programs and speakers designed for grandparents. Free lunch provided. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21st at noon at the Rockcastle County Extension office, 1050 West Main St. If you plan to attend, contact Angie Payne, 256-5484 or Jessie Mahaffey at 256-4818 or the Family Resource/Youth Center at your child's school. This free service is provided by the Family Resource and Youth Service Center of Rockcastle County.
BIT Upcoming
 The Brodhead Invitational Tournament (BIT) will be held Friday, January 23rd through January 24th for 5th grade boys teams. All former BIT players, cheerleaders and coaches are invited to attend to play an exhibition game and be recognized.
Mt. Vernon Council Date Changed
 The regularly scheduled Mt. Vernon City Council meeting for January 19th will be moved to Monday, January 26th at 7 p.m. due to Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday.
Health Dept. Hours
 Beginning Monday, January 5th, the Rockcastle County Health Department will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m.
CCFFG Meeting
 Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 15th at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. Please use back door.
Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting
 The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, January 13th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will follow. Guest speaker will be Connie Pettyjohn, from the Kentucky Retirement System, speaking about our health insurance. Any retiree receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or at kentuckypublicretirees.org.
DAR Meetings
 The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.
Brodhead Lodge Meeting
 The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.
Alcoholics Anonymous
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.
Kiwanis Club Meetings
 The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.
Historical Society Hours
 The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.
American Legion Post 71
 American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Now 3-1 in district play

Lady Rockets win two; lose to PC

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets lost their first district game of the season last Friday night to the Pulaski County Lady Maroons 46-35. They are 3-1 in district play.

The Lady Rockets had a hard time getting their offense going in the game, scoring in single digits for three quarters. They were down 24-11 at the half and 44-17 at the third quarter stop. The Lady Maroons substituted freely in the fourth and the Rockets were able to score 18 for the final 46-35.

Sophomore Emily Payne led the scoring for her team with 11; junior Hope Kelley got 10; junior Mahala Saylor 6; 7th grader Shelby Newland scored 4 and junior Ashley McKinney and sophomore Jayna Albright got 2 each.

Saturday, the girls hosted Barbourville and came away a big winner 67-15.

Eight Lady Rockets got in the scoring column, led by Kelley with 15; Saylor scored 11; Albright got 10 as did junior Morgan Renner, who returned to the lineup after an absence of several weeks due to a

knee injury; McKinney and senior Amelia Eversole each scored 8; sophomore Emme Barker got 4 and Newland 2.

Monday night, the girls hosted East Jessamine and came away with a 50-48 win on a buzzer-beating layup by Barker.

The game went back and forth with the Rockets down by one 15-14 at the end of the first quarter and up by four at half time 27-23. The margin was one for the Rockets 36-35 at the third quarter stop and the score was tied at 48 all when Barker got through East Jessamine's defense for the last second layup and the 50-48 win.

Kelley again led the scoring for her team with 19; Renner got 12; Eversole 7; Saylor 6; Barker 4 and McKinney 2.

The Lady Rockets are now 9-10 on the season and will host Casey County Friday night in a doubleheader district game with the boys and will travel to Wayne County next Monday night for a girls/boys doubleheader.



Amelia Eversole goes for a loose ball during the Lady Rockets game against East Jessamine Monday night. The win came after a blowout 67-15 win against Barbourville last Saturday and a 46-34 loss to Pulaski County last Friday. Also in the photo is Hope Kelley #5 and Jayna Albright, #15.



Jayna Albright brings the ball the floor during the Lady Rockets 50-48 win against East Jessamine on Monday night. The Lady Rockets next game is this Friday at home when they take on Casey County. Tip-off is at 6 p.m.

Rocket/Lady Rocket doubleheader this Friday night at home



Dakota Hasty penetrates the lane during the East Jessamine game Monday night. The Rockets won the game 74-52 and lost to the Pulaski County Maroons last Friday night 63-56.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Proper spooling of spinning and baitcasting reels

This is the first of a series of articles detailing essential outdoor skills to learn before the warm winds of spring arrive in Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A family member bought you a nice spinning outfit for Christmas. Despite the cold, your desire to cast the new rod into water propels you to a local Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lake to try to fool some winter rainbow trout.

Dutifully spooling on some fresh 4-pound test monofilament, you cast a red and silver in-line spinner a few times. As you move to a new spot and shoot a cast, you hear a sound similar to a flushing covey of quail and see a ball of spaghetti moving up the rod.

You now have a bird's nest of epic proportions, requiring cutting off the mess, pulling out the loops and retying the lure. You curse the brand of line you bought.

In all likelihood, it isn't the line's fault. Properly loading fishing line onto a spinning or baitcasting reel is a skill many anglers take for granted, but often do incorrectly, greatly reducing the line's performance. Incorrect line loading often causes tremendous line twist, the main culprit behind bird's nests.

For spinning reels, first make sure the line you've selected matches the capacities of the reel. These capacities are always labeled on the side of the reel's spool. Don't load 10-pound test line onto a reel designed to accept lines from 2- to 6-pound test.

Begin by placing the filler spool onto a table or floor with the label facing up. Run the tag end of the line through the stripper guide - the largest guide closest to the reel - and to the reel. Open the reel's bail and wrap the line twice around the middle of the reel spool, tie an overhand knot and tighten. Follow up with another overhand knot and clip the line about 1/4-inch from the knot. Make sure to clip the tag line, not the main line leading back to the filler spool.

Reel some line onto the spool and stop. Lower the rod toward the filler spool. If the line begins to jump and twist, flip the filler spool over, placing the label down. Sometimes, the direction the line was spun on the filler spool at the factory and the direction the spinning reel places line on the spool are not in synchronization, which causes enormous line twist. Flipping the filler spool alleviates this problem.

If the line comes off the spool in big loose coils and doesn't twist, keep reeling until you fill the spool to the thickness of a nickel from the spool lip.

Another way to load the spool involves a helper. Have the helper run a wooden pencil through the hole provided in the center of the filler spool housing. Run the line through the stripper guide and tie on to the reel spool. Ask the helper to hold the spool and pencil assembly perpendicular to the reel, similar to the way a wheel rotates on an axle, and apply gentle pressure to the filler spool with their fingers.

The line must come off the top of the filler spool toward the reel, not the bottom, or it incurs line twist.

Resist the temptation to overfill a spinning reel's spool. If you've ever opened the bail on a spinning reel and line shot off it like a top, then you've witnessed the results of overfilling the spool. You can lose half a spool of line from twists, tangles and bird's nests from overfilling a spinning reel.

Manually closing the bail of a spinning reel with your hand after making a cast is one of the best ways to keep line twist at bay while fishing. Each time you close the bail by turning the reel handle, you apply twist to the line. Over a day of fishing, these twists add up and produce loops and tangles that eventually lead to a mess. After a few fishing trips, manually closing the bail becomes second nature.

To fill baitcasting reels, run the line from the filler spool through the guide closest to the reel and through the line guide of the baitcasting reel to the spool. You can simply run the line through the holes in the ported spools found on most baitcasting reels today and start reeling. Or, secure the line to the spool with an arbor knot. Both techniques work.

The pencil through spool with a helper technique works best on baitcasting reels. Again, make sure the line comes off the top of the filler spool, not the bottom. You can also do it by yourself by placing the filler spool on a table with the label up and checking for twist, but the pencil through the spool method works much better for baitcasters.

Fill the spool to within a 1/16-inch of the rim and, again, resist the impulse to overfill the reel.

Don't let line problems stemming from improper loading ruin a day of fishing. Following these simple procedures will achieve the best casting distance for your spinning and baitcasting reels, keep tangles at bay, and extend the life of your line.

Author Lee McClellan is a nationally award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a life-long hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

Rockets now 7-10 on season; 1-3 in district

By: Doug Ponder
The Rockcastle Rockets boys varsity basketball team is now 7-10 on the season and 1-3 in district play after a 63-56 loss to Pulaski County and a 74-52 win over East Jessamine.

The Rockets travelled to Somerset last Friday night to square off against the Pulaski County Maroons in a district matchup. The Rockets were looking for a win in order to improve their record heading into the district tournament.

Pulaski County came out firing on all cylinders in the first half of the game, leading 20-14 at the end of the first quarter and 33-22 at halftime.

The Rockets mounted a comeback after halftime and scored 21 points in the third quarter to cut the Maroons' lead to 49-43 at the end of the third. But the Maroons held on and put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 63-56.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore Lucas Gentry with 22 points, sophomore Carson Noble was next with 15, senior Sam Pensol had 12, junior Dylan Rowe scored 5 and sophomore John Cornelius got 2 points.

The Rockets rebounded with an impressive 74-52 win against the East Jessamine Jaguars on Monday night.

East Jessamine led the Rockets 11-10 at the end of the first quarter but the Rockets dominated the Jaguars for the remainder of the game, leading 31-19 at the half.

After halftime the Rockets led the Panthers 50-36 at the end of the

third quarter and finished the game off in the fourth quarter with a final score of 74-52.

The Rockets were once again led in scoring by Gentry with 22 points, Pensol was next with 17 points, senior Dakota Hasty and Noble scored 9 points each, senior Blake Mullins had 6, Cornelius got 5 and Rowe, senior Ethan Mattingly and senior Carter Blanton were all credited with 2 points each.

The Rockets next game is this Friday night when they take on the Casey County Rebels at home. Tip-off for the game is at 7:45 p.m.

The Rockets and the Rebels are both 1-3 in district play. Rockets Head Coach Benny Blanton said this Friday night's game is a needed win for the Rockets.

"We just have Casey County and Pulaski County left on our regular season district schedule," Blanton said. "We are all evenly matched in our district but Pulaski County is slightly stronger and bigger. We need a win against Casey County in order to get that higher seed in the district tournament and avoid having to play Pulaski County in the opening game."

Blanton went on to say that in order to beat Casey County this Friday night, the Rockets need to be more aggressive on defense.

"We have been playing great on offense but we need to do better on defense," Blanton said. "We need more than just one player getting rebounds."



Carson Noble goes for a lay-up during Monday night's 74-52 win against East Jessamine. The Rockets next game is this Friday night at home when they take on the Casey County Rebels at 7:45 p.m.

Jr. Pro and Little Rocket Boys recognized this Friday night at RCHS

Rockcastle County High School would like to invite all members of the Rockcastle County Jr. Pro Boys' Basketball Program and members of the Little Rocket Boys 1st and 2nd Grade Fall Intramural programs to their games this Friday against Casey County.

All members of both programs and their coaches will be recognized at halftime of the girls' game (approximately 6:30). Players and coaches will receive free admission to the games.

Please have your parents have you at the RCHS gym by 6:00 this Friday night for the Jr. Pro and Little Rocket Boys Intramural Recognition Night.

Recognition for the Lady Rocket Intramural Fall program will be recognized on January 30th at halftime of the 2nd game against Pulaski County.

Shell elected to fill newly created leadership position

Republicans in Kentucky's House of Representatives on Tuesday elected Representative Jonathan Shell to fill the newly created leadership position of Caucus Campaign Chairman.

Shell, who is entering his second term as a state legislator, represents the 71st District which includes Garrard, Rockcastle, and a portion of Madison counties. At age 27, he is the youngest member of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The position will place Shell among the ranks of Kentucky Republicans' 2016 efforts to finally capture a majority in the State House. The election cycle has already earned attention from incoming U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who met with Kentucky House Republicans in early December.

Democrats have controlled the chamber since 1921. Their present majority is slim with 54 seats to 46 Republicans.

An aggressive candidate recruitment and fundraising strategy that will be utilized sooner, rather than right before the 2016 filing deadline, will be the top political priority for the caucus according to Shell.

"Work for the 2016 election started on November 5, 2014. I'm grateful for this unique opportunity for my colleagues have given me to lead our campaign efforts going forward. When we win the Majority in 2016 it will be the result of a lot of hard work that we'll be putting in now," Shell said.

"I'm really excited

about this position because it is my fundamental belief that less government, not more, leads to prosperity. I believe state government can pursue policies that lead to good paying jobs and that every life is worth protecting. I'm going to give 110% to make sure that House Republicans will have the chance to work with Senate Republicans, and I'm certain a Republican Governor, to get our state where it needs to be," he added.

Shell also believes he can use the new position to promote issues important to his district and young Kentuckians.

"What happens in Frankfort is important to the discussion we will be having with voters leading up to 2016. This position will be focused on our caucus' political efforts but at the same time gives me a unique platform to work with and advocate to other legislative leaders about issues important to my constituents and everyone concerned about the future of our state."

RPK Chairman Steve Robertson congratulated Shell on his election to this newly created position. "We are very excited for Rep. Jonathan Shell's election to the newly created position of Caucus Campaign Chairman. Shell is truly one of the Republican Party's rising stars, and we are lucky to have such a strong, ambitious leader laying the foundation for our 2016 House races," said Robertson.

Legislators are in Frankfort for organizational days until Friday. They will reconvene for the 2015 session in February.

CAIP sign-ups available through February 5th

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

Agriculture Leadership on Rockcastle Conservation District and Agriculture Development Council are conducting a County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP) sign up through February 5th.

Most have come to know this as the Cost Share Program which utilizes Kentucky Agriculture Development funds made available through the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy.

Applications will be made available for 30 days with sign up ending February 5th.

Applications will be available at the Conservation District Office (USDA Service Center Hwy 150) and Extension Office (1050 West Main Street).

Information provided by the applicant will be scored using GOAP guidelines to rank and distribute funds.

This is not a first come first served and funds may not be available to all that sign up.

Those receiving approval will have a 90 day period for project completion as well as submitting bills for reimbursement request.

All funds are reimbursement following project completion. This

year GOAP requires Applicants attend educational meetings.

The Extension Service will have a Winter Production Series on Thursday nights in February starting at 6:30pm and forms will be made available to complete and turn in with reimbursement request.

Agriculture Leadership has set the 50/50 cost share limit at \$2500 dollars.

In other words, following application approval (we anticipate a waiting list with 3 project completion times), eligible investments up to \$5000 would receive 50% match or \$2500 when projects are completed.

KAD funds are to help farmers make investments that improve farm efficiencies or income.

10 investment areas have been developed by the GOAP. Projects are available only they may appear under a different title.

A complete program description can be found at agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/pages/CAIP.aspx or google CAIP Ky.

Contact Tom Mills at 256-2403 or Sandy Whitaker at 256-2525 ext 3 for assistance in planning you projects and completing Applications.



State and county road crews were out salting the county's roadways Tuesday morning after a storm system passed through the state bringing cold temperatures and freezing rain. Shown above is state highway employee Wesley Durham salting Sand Springs in Mt. Vernon. Rockcastle County Schools were also closed last Thursday because of sub-zero temperatures. Students have missed three days this school year because of inclement weather.



Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue responded to a two vehicle accident Last Friday afternoon on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon. Authorities say Amber Moore of Mt. Vernon was attempting to turn onto West Main Street when she turned into the path of Karen Noe of Brodhead. Moore and Noe were not injured in the accident. Noe's passenger Morgan Mullins of Mt. Vernon was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where she was treated and released.

Hidden Among Us

The American Revolutionary War Patriots of Rockcastle

By Karen Adams

To celebrate and honor the county's American Revolutionary War Patriots and to enlighten the community about the service and sacrifice of these brave men, on behalf of the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have compiled highlights of the service of the known patriots living in the county and who applied for a pension between the years of 1818 and 1842. All information was taken from the patriot's own account from his pension application and other historical documents. More information can be found on each patriot at the local library or the Rockcastle Historical Society. (Copyright Pending). If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Children of American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606) 256-2851.

David Owen North Carolina

David Owen was born 21 September 1759 Pittsylvania Co. VA and died 1822 in Rockcastle Co. KY. According to his pension application, David's son, Elisha Owens gave the following account of his father's service on 22 April 1850 Rockcastle Co. KY. Elisha Owens stated that he was always told that his father entered the service of the Revolution in Wilkes Co. North Carolina and served several years nearly if not quite to the close of the Revolutionary War. His father, David had been dead more than twenty years, Elisha was

not able to give many particulars of his service, which he had often heard his father relate but he thought as nearly as he could recollect that his father served under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland at the Battle of Kings Mountain and that part of the time, he was under Colonel Ruckey and Armstrong and that he was at the Battle of Cowpens under Colonel Morgan and other engagements that he couldn't recollect.

David Owen was married to Winifred Mullins (30 March 1766) in Wilkes County North Carolina on the 20 December 1781. From this marriage, thirteen children were produced. The Owen family moved from Wilkes County sometime in 1803 or 1804 probably following the trail into Virginia, to the Powell Valley in Tennessee, and then up through Cumberland Gap into Kentucky along the "Wilderness Road." They settled in what is now Rockcastle County. Over the years, David acquired much acreage on the Dix River, Skaggs Creek and the Rockcastle River. The Owen family is listed in the 1810 Rockcastle Census. David died in 1822 Rockcastle Co. KY. Winifred died on 26 February 1842. The Administrator of the estate of Winifred Owen was awarded a pension at the rate of eighty dollars annually commencing 4 March 1831 and ending 16 February 1842 for David Owen's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental Line and Militia. There is a memorial placed

in the Lovell Cemetery in Rockcastle Co. in memory of David Owen, but it is not known where his or Winifred's final resting place lies.

Like most families in the colonial period, David and Winifred raised a very large family. The known children of David and Winifred were: Elisha Owen (9 January 1782-before 1860) married Lucy Laswell and later Barbara Sumners. Children with Elisha were: Isham, Sibbie, Alexander and Phoebie. Children with Barbara were: Margaret, Permelia, William and John. Winmouth Owen (28 December 1784-1870) married John Laswell. They are buried at the Old Confederate Cemetery in Camden Point, MO. Their children were: William, Ransom, Mahala, Malinda, John and David. Morton Owen (19 February 1787-before 1840) married Elizabeth Farris. He served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain William Smith's Co. KY Mounted Volunteers. Their children were: Wilson, Jordan, Edna, Emily, Samuel, Nathan, Julian and Alfred. Martin Owen (19 January 1789-before 1850) married Phoebe Knight. He served in the War of 1812 as a private in the 4th Regiment KY Mounted Volunteers under Captain Johnston Dysart and fought in the Battle of the Thames. Isham Owen (12 October 1790-died young); Samuel Owen (29 January 1792-1813) never married. He served in the 11th Regiment KY Mounted Volunteers under Captain Johnston Dysart alongside

his brother Martin. Allen Owen (24 December 1793-28 September 1847) married Mary Kilbourn. They are buried at the Boatman Cemetery in Parke Co. IN. A memorial is in the Lovell Cemetery in Rockcastle Co. Allen also served in the 11th Regiment under Captain Dysart with his brothers during the War of 1812. The children of Allen and Mary were: Nancy, Ashley, Jennie, Martin, Henry, Mahala, John, Allen Jr., Mary, Charley and William. Webster Owen (20 July 1795-8 May 1852) married Isabel Cummins. Their children were: Granville, William Harvey, David, Wilmouth, Winifred, Henry, Malinda, Mary, John, Alfred, Cynthia and Elizabeth. Burton Owen (1 December 1798-3 April 1840) married Lavincy Riggs. He is buried at the Old Freedom (Roberts) Cemetery in Rockcastle County. Their children were: Valentine, Logan, William Riley, Malvina, William Morton, Burton, Elizabeth, Abner and Albert. Wesley Owen (20 May 1801-April 1876) married Louisa Ann Mullins. Their children were: Rebecca, Phoebe, Rebecca, Larkin, David, Emily, Jalia, Mary, Celia and Spencer. Alfred Owen (20 September 1803-died after 1880) married Rebecca Mullins. Their children were: William, Julia and Madison. Logan Owen (15 April 1805-1825) never married and John Owen (December 1809-October 1853).

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Possible fracking stirring emotions in northern part of Rockcastle County

By: Doug Ponder

People are on edge in northern Rockcastle County where several residents are reportedly being bombarded by two separate companies seeking to lease oil and gas development rights to their property.

Representatives from Lexington Energy LLC and Bluegrass Exploration LLC have recently been approaching landowners in the Clear Creek community of northern Rockcastle County. The two companies have also reportedly been approaching landowners in Madison and Jackson Counties as well.

The two gas and oil companies are proposing leases that use similar wording in the "leasing clause" of the document. The lease for both companies state that the companies have the right to use "methods and techniques that are not restricted to current technology" which would not be limited to hydraulic fracturing.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking as it is more commonly known, is a process where rock is fractured by a hydraulically pressurized liquid made of water, sand and a mixture of chemicals. The process is used to obtain different types of natural gas and petroleum. The fracking process also includes several tanker trucks transferring water to the site and wastewater from the site after the fracking process is

completed. The process of fracking has been heavily debated for decades and continues to be, even among different government entities.

Several economic studies support the fracking process. The U.S. Department of Energy also offers several studies and statistics on their website in favor of fracking, including a statement that fracturing fluids contain around 99 percent water and only a small amount of chemical additives that can be potentially "toxic if mishandled."

However, several other studies and research about the environmental studies and health risks associated with fracking are against its practice. The Environmental Protection Agency claims in a report that fracking contributes to groundwater contamination. However, congress exempted fracking from regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act in 2005 because hydraulic fracking was allegedly deemed as posing a "minimal threat" to drinking water at that time.

As a result of the ongoing debate and concerns about fracking, the State of New York is set to become the second state in the nation, behind Vermont, to ban fracking.

According to a report from the Kentucky Geo-

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Brodhead Fire Department responded to a house fire Tuesday morning around 8:30 on Burdette Subdivision Road in Brodhead. Firefighters say the home and car were already both a total loss when they arrived. Officials say the home belonged to Jacqueline Barnes, who was at home at the time but able to escape before the flames engulfed her home. The cause of the fire is unknown and remains under investigation. Brodhead Fire Department was assisted by Mt. Vernon Fire Department, Brindle Ridge Fire Department and Western Rockcastle Fire Department.

Two arrested for drug trafficking

Two people were arrested for drug trafficking last Thursday after police raided a home on Poplar Street in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene were Tammy Lynn Kidwell, 40 and Robert Blaine Jones, 49 both of Mt. Vernon.

According to the Mt. Vernon Police Department, Chief Brian Carter and Assistant Chief Barry Adams received information that both Kidwell and Jones were selling drugs from the residence.

Once officers arrived and stated why they were there, Kidwell handed them a prescription bottle that contained 34 oxycodone pills. She also turned over a bottle

that containing six and a half diazepam pills and six and a half oxycodone pills.

After receiving consent to search the residence, officers found three empty Oxycodone and diazepam prescription bottles that were filled in Kidwell's name from pharmacies in Missouri, all filled on dates in early January. Officers also found an empty diazepam prescription bottle that was filled in Kidwell's name in November.

Inside Kidwell's purse, officers found a checkbook that contained \$741 in cash in various denominations and appointment cards in Kidwell's name from a pain clinic in Florida. Officers

confirmed that she was a patient at the clinic.

Kidwell told officers that it's a cash only clinic which also provides a list of pharmacies in several states

where customers can fill prescriptions. She told officers that the reason she filled her prescriptions in Mis-

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Toddler injured in DUI crash

By: Doug Ponder

A 20-month-old toddler was injured after its father reportedly caused an accident last Friday on I-75 southbound at the 72 mile marker in northern Rockcastle County.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Pearl Brown Campbell, 42, of Hazard was traveling southbound on I-75 near the 72 mile marker when he collided with another vehicle and a semi-truck.

Once officers arrived, they noticed that Campbell appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance since they smelled no alcohol on his breath, however he

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Four arrested for copper theft

Four people were arrested last Thursday for stealing copper after police responded to a burglary at a home on Billows Road in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene were: Benjy Dewayne Crosslin, 39, of London; Debbie Crosslin, 42, of London; Melissa Stines, 45, of East Berndstadt and Jennifer Moore, 46, of East Berndstadt.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, officers responded when they noticed something suspicious at the residence. Once they arrived, the Crosslins, Stines and Moore all fled from a building on foot. After a short pursuit, police apprehended all four of them.

After further investigation, the building that the four suspects fled from had copper pipes and wiring stolen from it. Officers also noticed that some copper water piping was cut which caused water damage to the building.

Benjy Crosslin, Debbie Crosslin, Stines and Moore were all charged with burglary, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing and fleeing or evading police.

All four were lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Debbie Crosslin and Jennifer Moore were both later released on separate \$20,000 cash/property bonds. Benjy Crosslin and Stines both remain lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on separate \$20,000 cash/property bonds.

Smoke investigation leads to burglary arrest

A local man was arrested last Wednesday on burglary and other charges after police responded to a report of smoke on Valley View Lane in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Tony Russell Bullock, 26. According to Mt. Vernon Police, firefighters from the Mt. Vernon Fire Department saw Bullock burning copper on the railroad tracks near Valley View Lane.

During questioning, Bullock told police that he had been burning copper that he took from an abandoned house on Hwy 150 in Mt. Vernon. Officers also noticed a syringe containing a clear liquid lying on the ground next to Bullock.

Officers then went to the abandoned house and determined that the electrical wiring had been cut from the walls. They said the property had been posted with no trespassing signs and that Bullock did not have permission to be on the property.

Bullock was charged with burglary, criminal trespassing and drug paraphernalia. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$7,500 surety bond.



Lease agents from two oil and gas companies have been approaching landowners in the Clear Creek community in an attempt to lease the oil and gas development rights on their property. The companies are interested in what is known as the "Rogersville Shale" which lies under the mountains of eastern Kentucky and extends into West Virginia. A part of the Rogersville Shale goes through Rockcastle County and part of the Clear Creek community, as seen in the above photo. Several Clear Creek residents have repeatedly told lease agents that they will not sign the leases due to environmental and health concerns. Shown below is a picture of Clear Creek which eventually feeds into Roundstone Creek and the Rockcastle River before emptying into Lake Cumberland.



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ramblings

by; perlina m. anderkin
So far, it hasn't been that bad a winter but I'm sure the weather will get more stressful as we get deeper into the season.

Of course, other things are causing stress also. For one thing, son-in-law Spencer's health insurance. He was one of those who got canceled from the policy he already had and was forced into Obamacare. His original premium, under the government program, was a little lower than the premium he had been paying and, hey, he got pre-natal care -- always a plus for a 49-year-old man--but his deductible, co-pays and out-of-pocket expenses went up substantially.

Then came 2014 and he was notified in November that his deductible was doubling and, in January, his premium increased by \$150 a month to \$453, \$50 more than he was paying before Obamacare. But, hey, don't forget about the prenatal coverage.

I remember a promise from our President that there would be a savings of \$2,500 a year for families in healthcare costs. Of course that promise was made in the same breath with "If you like your insurance plan, you can keep your insurance plan."

I, personally, have just gotten my first bill since I have been on Medicare. Now remember, I pay \$104 a month for Medicare plus \$170 a month for my supplement so I'm not exactly getting a free ride. I haven't investigated yet why I received the bill -- figure it might stress me out to the point that I require medical attention and at this rate I can't afford it.

Didn't listen to the President's State of the Union Address Tuesday, was bowling in league play and wasn't up to facing it when I got home.

Best I can tell from scrolling through Twitter later it was the usual "more free stuff for everybody" - I'm paraphrasing.

Since I was a child, I have heard the expression

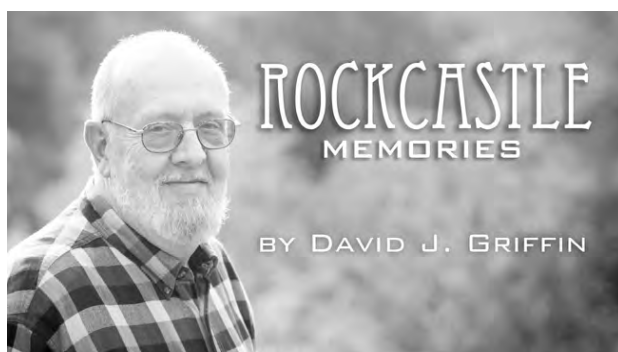
"there's no such thing as a free lunch." It took me a few years to understand its meaning but this presidency has made it crystal clear.

Obama completely disregards the myriad programs already available to help children from families with limited or no means to attend college. So, let's tack on another "free" program, hire several thousand more federal workers to administer it and watch its cost slowly (or actually not so slowly) climb until it's another behemoth draining this country's dwindling resources. Of course, with the advent of the aforementioned Obamacare, there aren't going to be that many resources left to drain.

Meanwhile, only lip service was given to the greatest of our challenges, keeping terrorists from killing us. But, not to fear, the federal government has their eye on the main threat to our safety, according to them -- climate change.

I believe we should work tirelessly to preserve our planet but maybe someone should alert China that the Arctic is melting and the seas are rising so they can help out just a little.

Something like 700 days remain in Obama's presidency, God help us all.



ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

The Calamity Kids
When I attended Mt. Vernon High School, it was customary for the junior class to perform a class play. It was a tradition that had been followed for several decades, including the 40s, 50s, and 60s; therefore, it was something that was not only looked forward to by the students, but by the entire community as well. I participated as one of the actors in that exciting event in 1961. Our class chose *The Calamity Kids*, by Jay Tobias (1942), for our performance. This play is a farce in three acts, and ours took place on April 28, 1961.

I portrayed a man by the name of "Hez Hoskins," whose character was married to "Emily Hoskins," a role played by Mary Daily. We had two feisty adopted twins: Midge (Dorcas Woodall) and Mickey (Dwight McNew). The Hoskins' home was located on the edge of a small town in the Midwest and was always filled with humorous antics.

I selected Hez as my role because of his peculiar dress and crude habits, which I thought would be fun to portray. He was always found in bib-overalls, and he smoked a pipe throughout the play. It was pretty cool to be able to smoke in the school building during practice and even during the performance.

Hez was such an eccentric oddball that he sometimes ate the goldfish which were pets of the twins. We actually had a large goldfish bowl on stage with real goldfish swimming around so that the audience could see that they were real. What they did not know was that I carved "fish" from carrot sticks and placed them into the bowl just before the performance began. Throughout the play, Hez occasionally strolled across the stage, gazed into the fish bowl, looked around to see if anyone was watching, and then plucked a fish from the water and popped it into his mouth. It was quite effective. The first time that I crunched on a "fish," the audience gasped and moaned in disbelief -- especially when the play was performed for the elementary school on the day of the dress rehearsal. Those little kids were truly convinced that I was eating raw fish. (Today, I guess that would be called sushi, and the audience members wouldn't think a thing of it--except maybe to make some of them hungry.)

The other members of the cast included: Clara Clagg (played by Carla Baker), Brad Rivers (Wayne Ballinger), Bonnie Blue (Sandy Murrell), Gideon Garvey (Jouett Kendrick),

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The Way I See it

By Doug Ponder

Movie-goers across the country packed the movie theaters for the release of the highly anticipated "American Sniper" movie last weekend.

According to box office records, "American Sniper" claimed the obvious number one spot with \$90.2 million in ticket sales during its debut. The film is directed by Clint Eastwood and stars Bradley Cooper.

"American Sniper" is based on the true story of Chris Kyle (played by Bra-

dley Cooper), who is known as the deadliest marksman in U.S. military history with 160 confirmed kills during the Iraq War. The plot of the movie is about Kyle's war experiences, strained family life and his readjustment to civilian life after he leaves the military.

The film has been nominated for several awards as well as six Oscar nominations, including Best Picture.

The fact that Clint Eastwood was the director of the film, was all it took to make me want to watch it because Eastwood is one of the last remaining "true" directors in my opinion.

Since Eastwood directed the film, I knew it wouldn't be a puffed up "love story" like a lot of these other Hollywood nutjob directors and screenwriters would have done with the movie depicting Kelly's story.

This movie is not like the "Pearl Harbor" movie with Ben Affleck. Instead, American Sniper shows a true side of veterans who suffer from combat disorders like PTSD and it also shows the often strained family relations of service members.

But, as expected, some of the "nutjobs" I spoke of earlier have already voiced their opinions about the movie. Most notable of are Seth Rogen and Michael Moore. I'm not going to get into their dimwitted comments because it could be a separate column in and of itself.

In my opinion, this film was much needed as it shows that our service members' sacrifice is much more than not being home for the holidays.

No other film that I know of has portrayed things like the the strained family relationship and struggles with combat disorders like this film has done. As a result, I hope this film ends up raising more awareness about the combat disorders and family trials that our service members deal with in their lives.

After all, no matter what political beliefs you have, the truth is we have not been attacked since 9/11. No matter what you believe, there is a reason for that and it isn't a coincidence....

Points East

By Ike Adams



In the span of fewer than 7 days in mid January, 4 people who have been vital parts of my own being passed on over to the other side. And while their friends and relatives grieve for them, I tend to smile and celebrate, within my own private little sphere of consciousness, the fact that they are not dead at all.

My cousin, Vada Craft Caudill, was the first of this quartet whose bodies simply stopped breathing in the bitter cold of January. Vada was my first cousin, as bloodlines go, but in many ways she was also a surrogate mother in many ways and certainly closer to me than many of my aunts. I was in and out of her house so often, when I was growing up there on Blair Branch, that it was almost an extension of my own. She was more like a kid sister than niece to my Mom, which meant that she, husband Buford, and their bevy of kids were in and out of our place very frequently as well. My brothers and I grew up more like siblings than cousins with the Caudill kids. And to this day, I can't eat a deviled egg

without thinking of Vada because she made the first and best I've ever tasted.

Vada was no sooner interred in our family plot there in the head of Blair Branch than news came that both Jenette Adams and Ila Blair Adams had also left their human remains behind. The very next day someone from the Richmond Register called early to tell me that my friend and fellow newspaper columnist, Dick Ham, was no longer with us.

Jenette lived at the mouth of the holler while Ila lived two miles up near the head of Blair Branch just a few hundred feet below the old homestead I grew up on. Jenette was everybody's favorite neighbor and aunt and unpaid child care provider because nearly every kid on the holler had played ball games, badminton, pitched horseshoes or watched television at her house or in her big front yard. I'm reasonably sure that the first time I ever took the night away from home was at Jenettes.

Corb and Edith Ison, a husband/wife team who taught at Blair Branch Grade

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A picture of the county's constables being sworn in, which appeared in the January 8th issue of the *Signal*, incorrectly identified Constable Donnie Cope. The caption should have read: Constables sworn-in are shown, from left: Joe Bussell, Delno McClure, Donnie Cope, Chris Mason and Frank Maples.

“Memories”

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Opal Ludlow (Joanne Cummins), Loraine Ludlow (Jewell Anderkin), and Elmer Ludlow (Gary Noe). The play was directed by Mrs. Ethel Owens and Mr. Tuck Baker. Charlotte Fain was the student director of the performance. We practiced every night for about three weeks. Personally, I thought that the practice sessions were as much fun as the actual play.

For a few days before the show, the members of the cast drove around the streets of Mt. Vernon in a caravan of our cars with hand-made posters placed on the side doors to serve as advertisements. I installed a loud-speaker on the roof of my '58 Chevy, and we took turns announcing to the people on the streets about the upcoming event. When a good rock-and-roll hit came on the radio, we held the mike so that everyone would hear. I feel quite certain that there was not a single person in Mt. Vernon who did not know about the school play. Of course, we also put posters in the windows of all the local businesses and then stapled others to the light poles around the county.

For two days before the play was to take place, the cast was permitted to visit

all the classrooms in order to put on brief sketches for the students and encourage them to come to the annual performance. We would simply walk into a room in the midst of on-going teaching and begin to run lines as if the play was actually taking place. The elementary students loved this interruption of their classwork.

Since the actual presentation was to be held on Friday night in the high school gymnasium, our Principal, Cleston Saylor, allowed us to perform the play for the entire school on Thursday afternoon as a dress rehearsal. That afternoon the entire gym was filled with small children sitting on the basketball floor. The first graders were in the front rows with higher grades placed by their teachers in numerical order – second graders, third graders, etc. The high school students sat in the bleachers and in some chairs in the back of the gym.

Because the play was a comedy, the elementary children displayed their delight with laughter and squeals at the top of their lungs. The higher level kids were also amused to see their friends and classmates taking part in such a silly play. It turned out that the eating of goldfish was a huge hit—one of the highlights of the performance, if

I do say so myself. For weeks following the play, the elementary pupils would come up to me and say, “You ate a goldfish!” I would always reply, “Sure did! Do you want one?”

It was so much fun performing in front of our classmates, family, and friends. Most of the entire community turned out for the annual event, and the gymnasium was packed. I will admit, however, that no agents called me to perform any other roles. Nevertheless, I have amusing and enjoyable memories of my one, unforgettable, thespian performance.

(You can reach me at themtman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road – Stanton, KY 40380. I

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

School the year I was in first grade, took all the students who had not missed a single day that year to Berea College, just after the end of the school year, to see a performance of *Wilderness Road* at Indian Fort Theatre. Jenette's husband, Eugene, was enlisted to help do the driving because he had a big car and at least two or three of his kids were also making the trip.

In those days (1955) there were no interstate highways or parkways. The roads from Blair Branch to Berea were long and curvy. The drive that I can do now in less than three hours took more than seven in those days. When we got back to Blair Branch in the wee hours but before daybreak after the play, I spent the remainder of the night and early morning with Ted and Ginger Adams after being safely tucked in bed by Jenette. It is one of the best and most vivid memories of my youth even though I can't remember a darned thing about the play.

Ila, married to my cousin Arlie who was also more like an uncle and certainly one of the heroes of my youth, was another surrogate mother who made the best breakfasts I've ever tasted. I was in and out of her house almost as much as my own and often took the night with Laramie, their son who is my age, after we'd been coon and possum

hunting until late at night. Rame and I knew the exact locations of every persimmon tree on Blair Branch and two other adjacent hollers but I don't recall us ever shaking a possum out of any of them. Still, Ila had breakfast ready—pork chops, eggs the way you like em, thick gravy and the world best biscuits on the table at daylight. There was no sleeping in at Ila's house.

I'd known Dick Ham for many years through his weekly column in the *Richmond Register* before I finally met him in person when we became roommates for a week at a physical rehabilitation facility in Richmond just two years ago. During that time we spent many hours talking and reminiscing and I like to think we became fast friends. But long before meeting Dick Ham in person, he had taught me that I didn't have to rant and rave most of the time to write a halfway decent column.

Dick had spent the last 15 years or so of his long musical career as Minister of Music at Richmond Baptist Church and upwards of 30 before that holding down Southern Baptist Church music positions all over Kentucky and Tennessee. I knew him mostly as a writer. He simply made me laugh out loud at least once or twice a week for well over a decade and I happen to believe that laughter is almost as good for the human spirit as music. Dick was a master of both and he told me that laughter was also music to his ears. What a valuable lesson that has become.

Anyway I would point out to the families and friends of Vada, Jenette, Ila and Dick that, even though their spirits have passed on over to the other side and their human bodies no longer walk among us, they are still very much alive and always will be.

I know, for sure, that all four of them helped make me and thousands of others the people we are today. And to the extent we exert our own influence on our children and grand children and friends and they on theirs, this new quartet of angels will live on and on for as long as humankind possesses this earth we live on.



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For questions or more information, call 606-308-3099.

Special Preaching

Union Baptist Church at Red Hill will have evangelist Melvin Fisson preaching Thursday, January 22nd at 7 p.m. Everyone invited.

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Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Kentucky who joins the Foundation in February 2015 will receive 10 Colorado blue spruce trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

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The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry for more than 35 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*.

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“Little Dribblers” Program

The Rockcastle County Youth Basketball Association (RYBA) is starting “Little Dribblers” for boys and girls, ages 4 through 1st grade. This is a non-competitive league where fundamentals of basketball will be introduced. There will be an introductory meeting on January 24th at the Roundstone Elementary gym at 10 a.m. Instruction period will be on Saturdays for 5-6 weeks. The cost is \$20 and each child will receive a t-shirt for participating.

BIT Upcoming

The Brodhead Invitational Tournament (BIT) will be held Friday, January 23rd through January 24th for 5th grade boys teams. All former BIT players, cheerleaders and coaches are invited to attend to play an exhibition game and be recognized.

Mt. Vernon Council Date Changed

The regularly scheduled Mt. Vernon City Council meeting for January 19th will be moved to Monday, January 26th at 7 p.m. due to Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday.

VA Officer at London

A certified and trained state service officer will be at the London DAV building on East 80, behind Valero Truck Stop, on Jan. 27th from 9 a.m. to noon to assist all veterans and their dependents with VA claims. DAV does not charge for this service. For more information, call 606-862-0032 or 606-877-1308. If no answer, leave a short message. For those who have an e-mail address and have not, please send to: dav66ky@windstream.net

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

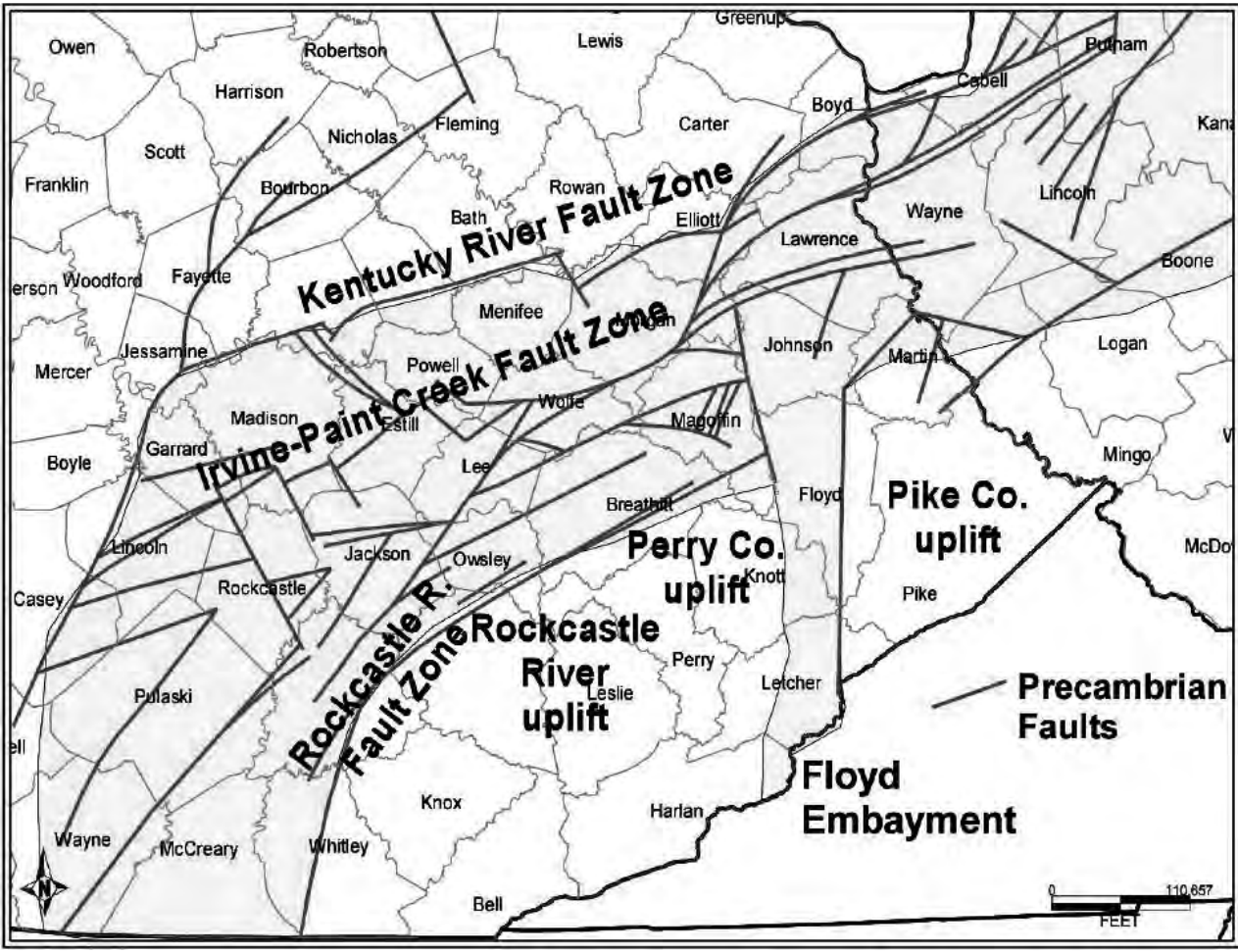
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

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

American Legion Post 71

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



The above map, from the Kentucky Geological Survey website, shows the layout of the Rogersville Shale in eastern Kentucky and western West Virginia. The shaded area outlines the fault zones that are increasing in interest with gas and oil companies.

“Fracking”

(Cont. from front)

logical Survey, gas and oil companies are interested in the “Rogersville Shale” which lies under the mountains of eastern Kentucky and extends into West Virginia.

The report indicates that interest in the Rogersville Shale is increasing and two test sites have already been established in Lawrence County, Kentucky and Putnam County, West Virginia.

Clear Creek residents Ron and Janice Owens said they have been approached at their home several times by lease agents from the gas and oil companies, which are more commonly known as leasing agents or “land agents.”

“Our answer has been no since they first came to the house,” Mrs. Owens said. “No matter how many times they ask, our answer will still be no.”

Mrs. Owens said that Clear Creek begins near their property and is completely fed by springs that flow out of the hillsides near their home. She said they and their neighbors all use Clear Creek as a water source.

“The creek is completely spring-fed and people stop along the road all the time to fill up gallon jugs to take with them. Why would we want to risk harming ourselves, polluting our land and polluting our valued water source for some type of gold in the ground when we already have liquid gold flowing out of the ground?” Janice Owens said. “Why pollute and destroy something as rare and precious as what we have with Clear Creek? Clear Creek also feeds into Roundstone Creek, Rockcastle River and, eventually, Lake Cumberland. This will affect so many people.”

Mrs. Owens went on to say that they have only heard of one resident in the Clear Creek community who has signed a lease and that several more have in the Red Lick Community. She said she and her husband want to do their part in educating their neighbors about the issue.

“It will change everything. There will be hundreds of large trucks packing in water and hundreds of trucks packing out wastewater with the chemicals,” she said. “It will increase traffic on our roads which would definitely have to be widened if it were to happen. If an accident happens and a truck turns over, causing a spill, that wastewater with those chemicals goes right into our ground and eventually our water sources. The risk is not really worth it in the end.”

Neither Lexington Energy or Bluegrass Exploration have a company website or social media sites. The only contact information that can be found on the copy of the leases are each company’s respective address.

Lexington Energy has a post office box address in Salt Lake City, Utah for signed leases and Bluegrass Exploration has a post office box address in Berea for signed leases.

The leases for both Lexington Energy and Bluegrass Exploration also state that they have a right to “conduct geophysical and other exploratory tests; to drill, maintain, operate, cease to operate, abandon, and remove wells; to use or install roads over and across the leasehold for use in development of the leasehold or other lands, electric power and telephone facilities, water impoundments and to construct pipelines with appurtenant facilities.”

Jim Scheff, Director of Kentucky Heartwood, said he is advising landowners, being contacted by the oil and gas companies, to learn as much as they can about fracking before they sign a lease. He said he is trying to remind them that there is no rush to sign a lease, no matter what the gas and oil

companies say.

“Read the lease carefully, consult a lawyer if you can and do not sign unless you understand every word. From a landowner’s perspective, the leases being offered are pretty terrible,” Scheff said. “The leases allow oil and gas companies to do pretty much anything they want to your property and some of these leases contain language that will take away the landowner’s right to take the company to court if they don’t pay.”

Scheff is also a volunteer for “Frack Free Foothills” which is a citizens group that was recently created to inform concerned citizens about the dangers of fracking. He said volunteers with the group get a lot of calls from people who have told the lease agents from the oil and gas companies “no,” but are being approached by them several times even after they have been told no.

“We realized pretty quickly that we needed to educate our community and bring concerned folks together,” Scheff said. “People are certainly being told half-truths about what the oil and gas companies are planning to do, what the contracts allow the companies to do on their property and what the impacts of fracking are.”

Scheff went on to say that Frack Free Foothills is hosting a community meeting about the problems of fracking Tuesday, January 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Acton Folk Center in Berea.

“Drugs”

(Cont. from front)

souri is because it is cheaper.

Both Kidwell and Jones were charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance. They both remained lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on separate \$10,000 cash/property bonds.

“Toddler”

(Cont. from front)

appeared intoxicated while performing field sobriety tests.

During questioning about the accident, Campbell said he was heading north. However, officers knew the accident occurred in the southbound lanes and that an approximately five foot concrete barrier divided the north and southbound lanes at the scene of the accident.

Officers asked Campbell how old his daughter was and he told them she was four-years-old. However, officers later learned that she was only 20-months-old.

Officers said that Campbell’s daughter was properly restrained in a child car seat in the back seat of the vehicle.

No one else was injured in the accident except Campbell’s daughter who was transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital and later airlifted to the UK Medical Center where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries and later released.

Campbell was charged with first degree wanton endangerment, second degree assault and DUI. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$30,000 cash/property bond.

KHEAA takes over Close the Deal program

The popular Close the Deal program has been transferred from the Lieutenant Governor’s Office to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Close the Deal helps high school seniors make the transition to college or careers. It recruits community and business leaders to foster a college-going culture at their local schools.

Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen said she will continue to support the program because she believes that it is important to the Commonwealth.

“Close the Deal has been very successful in encouraging students to explore opportunities to further their education and training, which is a key to being able to earn a sustainable income,” Lt. Gov. Luallen said. “I applaud KHEAA for ensuring the program’s success, which will continue to help create a topnotch workforce in Kentucky for generations to come.”

Former Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson created Close the

Deal while he was mayor of Louisville, then expanded it statewide when he became lieutenant governor. KHEAA worked closely with Abramson in promoting and presenting the program.

“The program is so unique because it supports high school counselors and engages the business and postsecondary communities in helping students attain further education past high school,” Abramson said. “KHEAA has been involved with the program from the start at the state level so I’m excited this education-minded agency will ensure Close the Deal’s ongoing success.”

A total of 11 high schools across Kentucky have participated in Close the Deal since the program was expanded statewide.

In 2014, Breathitt County High School, Campbellsville Independent High School, Livingston Central High School and Ohio County High School participated in the program.

In 2013, Gallatin County High School; Holmes High

School, in Covington; Greenup County High School and Logan County High School participated in Close the Deal.

In 2012, Campbell County High School, Lawrence County High School and Bullitt Central High School participated.

Among the successes from the program participants:

- Covington Independent Schools, for example, more than doubled the number of seniors who committed to college, from 45 in the 2012-2013 school year to 108 in the 2013-2014 school year.

- Gallatin County High School saw a 28 percent increase in the number of students who filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014;

- Greenup County High School students submitted 256 college applications and accepted 111 scholarships. Additionally, the school conducted an “Open the Deal” program for this year’s incoming freshman class; and
- Logan County High

School increased from a 62.4 percent rate of college and career readiness in 2012-2013 to 100 percent in 2013-2014. In addition, students accepted \$1.35 million in scholarships in 2013-2014.

“KHEAA is honored to continue the legacy that former Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson established,” said Carl Rollins, the agency’s executive director. “We look forward to working with Lt. Gov. Luallen in making it even more successful.”

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

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Rockets beat district foe Casey 65-52

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Rockets picked up a much needed district win last Friday night when they beat the Casey County Rebels at home 65-52.

The Rockets are now 2-3 in district play following the win against the Rebels and are a game ahead of Casey County who are 2-4 in district play. Pulaski County is currently leading the 47th district with a 3-1 record and Somerset is second with a 3-2 record.

Casey County led the Rockets 12-6 at the end of the first quarter but the Rockets battled back to take the lead 27-22 at the half.

The Rockets kept their momentum after halftime leading 47-35 at the end of the third quarter. The Rebels attempted a comeback to no avail as the Rockets put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 65-52.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore Lucas Gentry with 21 points (11 from the free throw line), sophomore John Cornelius was next with 15,

senior Sam Pensol got 11, senior Dakota Hasty scored 10 points, sophomore Carson Noble got 6 and senior Carter Blanton had 2 points.

Following the Casey County win, the Rockets travelled to Monticello Monday night and suffered a 94-59 loss to the Wayne County Cardinals.

The Rockets ran with the Cardinals at the beginning of the game and led 18-17 at the end of the first quarter. But then the Cardinals put up 31 points in the second quarter, to the Rockets 12, to lead the Rockets 48-30 at the half.

After halftime, the Cardinals dominated the remainder of the game leading 82-43 at the end of the third quarter and put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 94-59.

The Rockets were led by Pensol with 18 points, Gentry was second with 14, Noble got 11, senior Blake Mullins had 6 and juniors Dylan Rowe, Jordan Hawkins and Cody Burton, Blanton and Cornelius were

all credited with 2 points each.

The Rockets next game is this Friday night when

they travel to Mercer County to take on the Burgin Bulldogs. Tip-off for the game is at 7:30 p.m.



Sam Pensol goes up high for a contested lay-up during the Rockets 65-52 win against Casey County last Friday night. The Rockets next game is this Friday when they travel to Mercer County to take on the Burgin Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. Photo by Jamie Cornelius.



Morgan Renner applies the defense to a Lady Rebel during the Lady Rockets 34-29 win against Casey County. The Lady Rockets are now 10-11 on the season and 4-1 in district play. Photo by Jamie Cornelius.



Emme Barker pulls up for a jumpshot during the Lady Rockets 34-29 district win against Casey County last Friday. The Lady Rockets next game is this Friday when they travel to Nicholasville to take on the West Jessamine Lady Colts at 7:30 p.m. with the jayvee playing the first game.



John Cornelius goes up for a jumpshot during last Friday night's 65-52 district win against Casey County. The Rockets lost to Wayne County Monday night 94-59.



Ashley McKinney fights for a rebound under the goal during the Lady Rockets 34-29 win over district foe Casey County. Also in the photo is sophomore Mahala Saylor. The Lady Rockets lost to Wayne County Monday night 55-44.



Blake Mullins shoots a three pointer during the Rockets 65-52 district win against Casey County last Friday night. The Rockets are now 8-11 on the season and 2-3 and district play.

Most kids not sleeping enough: How to help

(StatePoint) While parents understand the value of good sleep, a majority find it difficult to ensure their kids get enough quality sleep each night, according to a recent survey of parents across the country.

From using electronic devices in bed to a lack of bedroom routines, there are plenty of reasons kids are not getting enough sleep. But high-quality sleep is important, reports the same sleep survey, conducted by Sleep Number, with the majority of parents saying that sleep impacts their child's performance in school and in extracurricular activities.

Luckily, new tools are helping kids rest easier at night. For example, Sleep Number just introduced SleepIQ Kids -- a smart bed for kids. You can adjust the bed's firmness as children grow and monitor their presence in bed, restfulness and restlessness to assess quality of sleep.

With these new sleep tools, parents can help kids be their best tomorrow.

Lady Rockets beat Casey; lose to Wayne

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets are now 4-1 in district play with their second win of the season over Casey County last Friday night 34-29.

The Lady Rockets trailed the Lady Rebels at all three quarter stops, 8-5 at the end of the first, 17-13 at the half and 29-24 at the end of the third. However, the Lady Rebels were not able to put the ball in the basket in the fourth quarter and the Lady Rockets got the win to go 10-10 on the season.

The Lady Rockets turned the ball over seven times in the first half, to Casey's five, but cleaned up their act in the second half with only four turnovers. They were five for eight from the free throw line in the first half and wound up eight for fourteen for the game.

One of the Lady Rockets problems in the first half was being 4 for 21 in the paint, a stat much improved in the second half.

Leading the scoring for her team was junior Morgan Renner with 8 points; sophomore Mahala Saylor got 7; senior Amelia Eversole had 6 points; junior Ashley McKinney scored 5; sophomore Jayna Albright got 3; sophomore Emme Barker and senior Alaina Coguer scored 2 each and sophomore Hope Kelley got 1.

The Lady Rockets then traveled to Wayne County Monday night and lost 55-44.

This Friday night, the Lady Rockets will travel to West Jessamine for a jayvee/varsity game and Tuesday night will go to Madison Southern for a double header with the boys with a 6 o'clock game time.

Rockcastle Youth Basketball Association

"Little Dribblers"

Informational/Sign-Up Meeting

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The Rockcastle County Youth Basketball Association (RYBA) is beginning "Little Dribblers" for boys and girls, ages 4 through 1st grade. This is a non-competitive league where the fundamentals of basketball will be introduced. The instruction period will be on Saturdays for 5-6 weeks. Each child will receive a t-shirt for participating.

Don't leave children at risk during emergencies

(StatePoint) More than half of US families have been affected by some type of disaster; however two out of five families don't have an emergency plan, according to findings from the Save the Children's 2014 Disaster Report Card.

Are you prepared for the worst? While there are some steps all individuals should take to prep for a disaster, young children have unique needs, and parents should bear these in mind when making their emergency plans.

Teach Your Kids

Make sure your kids know basic information and how to identify themselves if they are separated from you. They should also know

their home phone number and parents' or caregivers' mobile numbers, how to dial 911, the family's meet-up locations and how to reach your family's out of town contact.

Stock up at Home

You may already have basic survival items in your home that will be crucial in the event of emergency. These include bottled water, flashlights, canned food, a battery-powered radio and extra batteries. But don't forget the kid-friendly supplies. Here is a handy checklist:

- Nursing supplies
- Formula
- Pre-packaged baby food.
- Juice pouches

- Diapers
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk
- Vitamins
- Fever reducer
- Rash ointment

Create a Go Kit

Unfortunately, you may not be able to wait out every emergency at home. Prepare a backpack or portable bag for each family member with essential hygiene items and contact information in case you need to leave home. Include the following:

- Each child's contact and medical information.
- Recent photos of each child.
- Comfort food and treats.
- Activity items like books and games.
- Comfort items like a stuffed animal or blanket.

Child Care

Emergencies don't always strike when it's convenient. Every work day, 69 million kids are in school or child care, separated from their families, according to census statistics. Since your children may be at a child care facility, with a babysitter or in school when disaster hits, make sure all caregivers have each child's most recent contact information. Ask the facility about its emergency plans. If it doesn't have a plan in place, you may want to ask for one to be created.

More disaster prep tips and resources for families can be found at www.savethechildren.org/GetReady.

Don't wait to create a disaster plan. Doing so leaves children at risk. Secure your family's health and wellness by making a plan.

Northern at Artisan Center January 31st

On Saturday, Jan. 31, Janet Northern, of Mount Vernon, will create baskets using honeysuckle vines and hickory bark, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Northern has been making baskets for 18 years and is primarily self-taught. She utilizes the wood and natural vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her Rockcastle County farm to create her baskets. The eastern Kentucky woodlands give Northern inspiration as well as material from which to work.

Preparation of the honeysuckle vines involves boiling them for 30 minutes then stripping off the outer bark to reveal the honey-colored, pliable surface of the vine. When the vines are freshly cut they are pliable, but over time they dry out and need to be soaked in water to soften them.

Sometimes starting with an interesting piece of wood, Northern begins to design her asymmetrical one-of-a-kind baskets, often creating multiple openings. She soaks the honeysuckle vines in water and adds in strips of hickory bark to build in structure to her beautiful asymmetrical shapes. She

cuts and tapers the hickory bark into varying widths, depending on the size and function of each basket.

Works by Northern are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A special exhibit, "Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Feb. 28, 2015, and in the lobby the exhibit, "Kentucky Murals by Frank W. Long" is on display through April 18, 2015. For more information about events call 859-985-5448,

go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Simple tips to be more efficient in your garage

(StatePoint) Most everyone has a couple of tricks up their sleeve that make chores and tasks simpler. You likely have a few of your own -- and once you develop a superior method of ticking off a to-do list item, it can be difficult to remember what your life was like before.

Here are a few such "lifehacks" straight from automotive experts, that you may not have thought of yourself, that can make your time in your garage more efficient and effective.

• Better organization: A well-maintained garage is a more pleasant place to work and can boost your efficiency. If your shovels, spades and other yard tools are stacked in a precarious pile, it's time to create a better system.

• Freelance automotive writer and photographer Maxwell Matthewson suggests screwing a ripped sheet of plywood to the studs of your shop or garage to hold yard and auto tools vertically and out of the way.

• Spark plugs in a snap: It can be tricky to remove spark plugs from hard to reach or extreme heat locations. The experts at JR Motorsports suggest attaching a vacuum to a length of rubber hose. With the proper size hose, this same method also works for nuts and

bolts.

• Play favorites: Working on your vehicle? Don't dig to find your favorite tools, says Tom Gerrald of Tripp Gerrald Motorsports. Save time when looking for the right wrench by using tape to color code the tools you reach for first.

• Stay in place: The professionals at JR Motorsports mark their nuts and bolts with a paint pen to ensure they haven't moved or become loose.

• Share: Have your own DIY tips for the garage? Don't keep them to yourself. Valvoline, the producer of automotive products, is spotlighting the creative "hacks" DIYers around the country are using to make life easier in the garage.

Submit your best ideas, tips and tricks that demonstrate how to improvise and boost efficiency, using the #GarageHacks hashtag at www.facebook.com/Valvoline, www.twitter.com/Valvoline and www.instagram.com/Valvoline.

Check out the full album of Garage Hacks at <http://bit.ly/GarageHacks> for inspiration.

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RCMS Academic Team wins second straight District Championship

The RCMS Academic Team won their second-straight District Championship this past weekend at Lincoln County Middle School. The team placed first in Quick Recall and second in Future Problem Solving.

The following students placed in individual written assessment and will be moving on to compete at region:

- In math, Jacob Hunt placed third.

- In Science, Jonathan Cain placed second.

- In Written Composition, Tessa Pickle placed fifth and Audrey Childress placed third.

- In Language Arts, Carly Cromer placed fifth and Tessa Pickle placed first.

- In Arts and Humanities, Katie Vance placed first.

- In Social Studies, Lexy Hasty placed fifth, Drew Bullock placed second and Katie Vance placed first.

The win at District marks the school's second championship in as many years at the District level. When asked how she felt about the victory,

co-captain Tessa Pickle said, "It feels really good to be District Champs again this year. All of us on the team are very happy to have have had our hard work pay off." Co-captain Katie Vance agreed and added, "We are proud that our school is succeeding in academic competition. It shows the quality of our teachers and students, but it also shows how hard we are willing to work to come out on top."

The team looks forward to the opportunity to capture its second-straight Region Championship in the coming weeks. The competition will take place at Model Middle School in Richmond and will play host to some of the highest performing schools in the state. A winning record at Region will make the team one step closer to their ultimate goal of moving on to the State Finals in Louisville and competing for a chance to win the Governor's Cup, the most prestigious academic award for middle and high schools in the state.

This weekend

Brodhead Invitational Alumni Tournament

Brodhead Elementary School will be hosting the first Brodhead Invitational Alumni Tournament on January 24th and 25th. The tournament play will begin Saturday morning with both fourth and fifth grade teams participating in the tournament. The school is inviting Brodhead Elementary School (K-8) Alumni classes to attend the tournament. We will be recognizing the following classes during the day between games. The des-

ignated recognition times are approximate and will be altered slightly based on game start and end times.

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4:00 Classes of 1994-1995

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(Cont. to B8)



The RCMS Academic Team won their second-straight District Championship this past weekend at Lincoln County Middle School. Pictured are front from left: Megan Cromer (assistant coach), Luke Peavie, Stormi Begley, Jacob Hunt, Carly Cromer, Katie Vance, Tessa Pickle, Devyn Seaborg, Dalton Childress, Brittany Doan, and Mahala King (assistant coach). Back row from left: Andrew McKinney (assistant coach), Aden Amburgey, Aidan Cain, Allison Coffey, Lexi Hasty, JJ Clouse, Jonathan Cain, Tatum Isaacs, Kagan Miller, Drew Bullock, and Akira King (assistant coach).

Hidden Among Us

The American Revolutionary War Patriots of Rockcastle

By Karen Hamm Adams

To celebrate and honor the county's American Revolutionary War Patriots and to enlighten the community about the service and sacrifice of these brave men, on behalf of the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have compiled highlights of the service of the known patriots living in the county and who applied for a pension between the years of 1818 and 1842. All information was taken from the patriot's own account from his pension application and other historical documents. More information can be found on each patriot at the local library or the Rockcastle Historical Society. (Copyright Pending). If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Children of American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606) 256-2851.

Jesse Scott
North Carolina
Jesse Scott was born

17 June 1762 in Culpepper County, Virginia and died 29 March 1839 in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. According to his pension application, he gave the following account of his service on 22nd October 1832 in Rockcastle Co. KY at the age of seventy: He was drafted and entered the service of the United States in Orange Co. NC under Captain Moore in Colonel John Dickson's Regiment. He marched for Charleston in the year 1780 and joined General (Nathaniel) Green's army.

Two months later, he marched to Camden, SC and then retreated as the British had taken control of the city. His troop then marched to North Carolina.

The British had overtaken them at Ramsour's Mills and they were in a small engagement after which they continued their march to North Carolina. He was discharged near the High Rock Ford on Haw River, having served three months.

In 1781, Jesse volunteered under Captain Solomon Parks and Major Murphy. His group joined General Green and marched for Virginia, but finding the British were going to Hillsboro, NC, they marched back to North Carolina crossing the Dan River. Jesse remained in North Carolina until the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. He was discharged after serving a term of three months.

He again volunteered in the service in 1782 under Captain Hugh Cury and Colonel Robert Parks. He served a term of three months chasing Tories below Hillsboro in Chatham County on the Rocky River. He served another three months in 1782 chasing after Tories in the country about New Bern and Raleigh, NC under the command of Captain Machen. Jesse was discharged on 30 August 1782.

After the war, Jesse moved from North Carolina and lived in Lincoln Co. KY and later moved to Rockcastle County, KY.

He married Rachel Kelley on 12 June 1819 in Rockcastle County. Jesse's pension application does not mention any children, but Rachel's widow's application (filed 9 February 1853 in Rockcastle Co. KY) states that she was married previously before her marriage to Jesse in which she had at least three children. Only one child's name is given in the application and that is Charlotte French. It is not known if Jesse and Rachel had any children from their union. Jesse was allowed a pension in the amount of forty dollars annually for his one year service as a private in the NC Militia.

His pension commenced on 4 March 1831. Jesse died 29 March 1839 in Rockcastle Co. KY and his final resting place is unknown.

As to date, no descendant of Jesse Scott has joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. He would be considered a new patriot for the society.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Midland Funding LLC v. Joann Fields, \$1,027.23 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Ralph Young, \$2,178.11 plus claimed due.
 Fort Logan Hospital v. Tabitha Collins, \$337.25 plus claimed due. C-00007

Deeds Recorded

Steve and Sherry Saylor, property on Freedom School Road, to Tommy R. and Frances N. Chaney. Tax \$35
 Federal Home Loan Mtg., property in Rockcastle County, to

Merlin R. and Laura Frantz. Tax \$72
 David Earl Noe, property on KY 1250, to Jesse L. and Loretta K. Powell. Tax \$12
 Patricia Diane Smith, property in Mt. Vernon, to Larry C. Newcomb. Tax \$60
 Katherine Semples, Trustee, property on Bethurum St., to Larry and Rebekah Hammond. Tax \$11
 Citizens Bank, property on Chestnut Ridge Rd., to Willis G. and Kimberly Coffey. Tax \$37.50
 Armon Greg Neeley, property in Rockcastle County, to Debra Smith. No tax

finer/fees due (\$358), bw issued for fta/8 days in jail or payment in full.
 Orville Slavey: fines/fees due (\$83), bw issued for fta/2 days in jail or payment in full.
 Joshua R. Spoonamore: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
 Bryan D. Steele: driving motor vehicle using hand-held mobile telephone, license suspended for fta.
 Elmer L. Stewart: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs.
 Moises Suarez: fines/fees due (\$903), bw issued for fta/19 days in jail or payment in full.

Service for Drivers, action slip.
 Ajbir S. Sidhu: driving motor vehicle using

hand-held mobile telephone, license suspended for fta.

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Circuit Civil Suits

Keylien Corp. v. Roger Reams, et al, \$806.01 plus claimed due.
 Keylien Corp. v. James Williams, \$115.00 plus claimed due. CI-00006

District Court

January 12, 2015
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
 Sabrina K. Bowles: \$840 restitution converted to civil judgment.
 Jimmy Curtis Shafer: resisting arrest, 30 days/probated 12 months on condition.
 Bobby Akers: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.
 Pauletta L. Carson: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.
 Dustin L. Cromer: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.
 Vernon E. Denney: cultivating marijuana (5 plants), bw issued for fta/13 days or payment in full.
 Duane Didonato: fines/fees due (\$513), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.
 Carter E. Durham: fines/fees due (\$316), bw issued for fta/8 days in jail or payment in full.
 Cassandra R. Falin: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 William J. Fletcher: fines/fees due (\$288), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
 Billy R. Gadd III: spotlighting - use of artificial light, \$100 fine and costs.
 Speeding: Loretta D. Hopkins, Richard L. Kirby, license suspended for fta; David F. Lascelles, John A. Provience, Lisa Gae Williams, action slip; Aaron L. Hassler, \$48 fine and costs (state traffic school authorized in lieu of fine).
 Ronald Raider: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
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1. "Excuse me!"
5. Shallow marshy depression
10. Frisky vestments
14. Dairies
15. Like cornballs
16. Execute perfectly
17. Deuce-lepper
18. Tee off
19. Foxhole word
20. Famous Hodgenville, KY native
23. Persian, e.g.
24. Caddy member
25. Regarding
27. Mug
29. Ghose
32. Outrage expression
34. The Sun
36. Night before
37. Group of two
38. Successor Wendell Ford as Kentucky governor
42. Bridge site
43. Commonwealth's teachers org.
44. Former UK women's basketball coach
45. State's highway marker org.
46. Carol Co. area named for a Belgium port city
48. Vantage point
52. Mother's brother
54. Experiences
56. Register

DOWN

1. Places to exchange coins
2. Man of Work famous groom
3. Come forth
4. Post Angelou
5. Four-door
6. Begin to like
7. Seed coat
8. Jackson State Park
9. Biblical plot
10. Negatively charged particle
11. Soup mispronounced
12. Like Kentucky's budget
13. Salko Milk Corp. abbr.
21. Capital WMA of Hiphong
22. Scaunches!
26. Spread, as hay
28. Cruise stopover
30. Pie choice
31. Power producer through Kentucky
32. Missouri: Var.
35. Hundred thousand
37. Puzzle leader
38. Kentucky author
39. Annie Fellows
39. Princeton or Stanford, e.g.
40. Maltese name
41. Indicator
41. Certain tribute
42. Commonwealth's youngest state
46. Saxon supply
47. Logical conclusion
48. Alluring beauty
50. Thrills! Col. area, as Newland tree
51. Gutsy act
53. Iy-covemo
55. Pairs writer
58. Till section
59. Race track shape
60. "As you _____"
61. Make over
62. Selfish indicator

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Spurlock helps EKV Mock Trial Team capture title

The Eastern Kentucky University Mock Trial Team continued its stellar season with a first-place finish in the Windy City Invitational, hosted by Northwestern University Jan. 17-18 in Chicago.

EKU compiled a 6-1-1 record in the 28-team event, finishing immediately ahead of its regional rivals, the University of Cincinnati and Bellarmine University.

Caleb Taylor, a political science major from Union, earned an Outstanding Attorney Award at the tournament, while Matt Boggs, a political science major from Whitesburg, was honored with an Outstanding Witness Award. Other members of the first-place team were Troy Cox, a retired Navy veteran and paralegal science major from Lexington; Josh Lang, a political science major from Fort Thomas; Allie Maples, a political science major from

Mount Sterling; Sean Potter, a political science major from Whitesburg; and Angel Spurlock, a chemistry teaching major from Mount Vernon. Boggs, Lang, Maples, Potter, and Spurlock are all members of the EKV Honors Program.

EKU faculty and staff working with the program include Tom Parker, Lynnette Noblitt, Kristeena Johnson, Brandon Williams, and Sara Zeigler.



EKV's championship Mock Trial Team consisted of, from left, Troy Cox, Josh Lang, Angel Spurlock, Sean Potter, Caleb Taylor, Matt Boggs and Allie Maples.



On January 15th, Rockcastle ATC Welding students Tyler Langford, Ryan Moore, and Justin Barron travelled to Frankfort to compete in the Capital City Welding Classic. They utilized a variety of welding, cutting, and print reading skills to complete a contest project. Justin Barron placed 5th individual and the team placed 3rd overall. Welding instructor Sherman Cook would like to commend them on a job well done.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Winter backyard birding basics

This is the second of a series of articles detailing essential outdoor skills to learn before the warm winds of spring arrive in Kentucky.

The deepest, darkest, bleakest part of winter is here. The long slog from just after the holidays through the NCAA tournament is one of the toughest to weather, but watching the many species of birds that inhabit Kentucky in your backyard can brighten the most leaden days.

"Just this morning I didn't want to leave from watching all of the birds in my backyard," said Kate Heyden, avian biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Winter is the best time to feed birds as they need the food now more than at any other time of year and you will typically see a greater number and variety of birds at bird feeders."

Heyden said Kentucky receives many interesting birds from the north in winter and again in spring when many species return home from lands south of us, providing a great variety of species to see.

Bird watching is a good way to introduce kids into the outdoors and spark awareness of our natural world. It is also productive practice for bird hunters, who must make quick identifications of birds in the field. An identification mistake for a bird hunter can be costly as songbirds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Waterfowlers must know the species of duck or goose before attempting to take a bird or risk making a mistake in their daily bag limit.

"You don't need to spend money on food or feeders to attract birds to your yard," Heyden said. "If you can leave a small area of your yard unmowed, you can attract a

lot of birds. They eat the seeds from the grasses and weeds and use the area for cover as well."

Employing a feeder grants the ability for close study of birds. Heyden explained all feeders draw birds, but those that keep the bird feed dry and free of mold are best. Moldy seeds are bad for bird health. Place feeders either near a window or fairly far away to help prevent birds from colliding with windows when startled.

The most common feeder is a hopper or house feeder, usually made of windows of clear plastic with that feed seed to a perching surface. These feeders attract cardinals, nuthatches, chickadees, grosbeaks, buntings and titmice.

"One without a lot of perching surface minimizes use by house sparrows or starlings," Heyden explained. "The most important thing is to keep feeders clean by washing with bleach water every few weeks." Washing with bleach water prevents the spread of disease.

Although slightly more expensive, Heyden feeds birds black oil sunflower seeds. "They attract a wide variety of desirable birds without attracting as many pest species," she said. "The cheap bird feed is full of filler and often contains corn which attracts squirrels, house sparrows starlings and crows."

A suet feeder attracts woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees and bluejays. Some birders push suet or peanut butter into crevices in bark or in the cracks of old stumps to attract these birds.

Witnessing a northern flicker or red-bellied woodpecker feeding at close range sears a delightful memory into the mind of a youngster. "Woodpeckers love dead branches on trees," Heyden said. She

recommended leaving a dead branch on a tree in the corner or rear of the yard to attract woodpeckers if it is safe to do so.

"It is important to provide water for birds in winter," said Gary Sprandel, an avid birder and geoprocessing specialist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Place the water in a spot in the yard that receives sun as its rays will melt some water for birds on even the coldest days.

A good guide book is essential for identifying birds. Looking up unfamiliar birds and learning about their distinguishing characteristics is part of the fun of birding. He prefers the "Birds of North America - A Guide to Field Identification" by Chandler Robbins. "I like this guide because all the information about a bird is on one page," Sprandel said. "It is pocket-sized and easy to carry afield."

Modestly priced binoculars now have coated lenses and other features that make them acceptable choices for bird watching. "Don't get zoom binoculars for birding," Sprandel said. "You tend to lose clarity at high magnification. A wide angle pair lets in more light and makes it easier to find birds. Try them out before you buy."

Sprandel also invites backyard birders to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count on Feb. 13-16. This project from the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada allows birders from all over the world help scientists glean valuable information on bird populations.

You simply need to record the species and number of birds seen for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the project. To participate, visit the Great Backyard Bird Count homepage at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>.

Backyard birding is a family-friendly way to pass the long, dreary winter days. Plus, it is just plain fun.

Author Lee McClellan is a nationally award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a life-long hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

Commonwealth of Kentucky • 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 14-CI-00195

Citizens Bank

Plaintiff

v.

Carl Wayne Sowder and wife Brenda K. Sowder and
Whitley County Stone, LLC and Hi-View LLC

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 31, 2014 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE DOLLARS AND 01/100 (\$178,879.01) bearing interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum (\$29.66 per day) from October 15, 2014 until the date of judgment, plus post judgment interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum, from the date of this judgment until paid in full, plus Plaintiff's attorneys fees in the amount of \$5,300.00 and Court costs in the amount of \$537.08 plus as Special Master Commissioner fees and other expenses of sale, I will offer at public auction the real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly described herein. The sale will occur:

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street - Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
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Description of Property:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in a drain in the northern right of way of State Highway 2549 (Old 461) and in the southwestern most corner of DeBorde property, thence along said right of way S 50 degrees 24' 26" W 60.94 feet to a nail in said right away; thence leaving said right of way and following the center of the Old Freedom Road the following courses and distance: N 7 degrees 54' 41" W 79.21 feet; N 3 degrees 53' 50" E 165.33; N 4 degrees 6' 10" E 204.54 feet; N 30 degrees 08' 33" W 142.85 feet; N 24 degrees 47' 47" W 141.85 feet; N 3 degrees 40' 5" W 299.29 feet; N 8 degrees 58' 24" W 38.97 feet; N 12 degrees 56' 36" W 133.20 feet; N 13 degrees 2' 9" W 123.85 feet; N 5 degrees 33' 17" W 48.82 feet to an iron pin; thence living that cent of Old Freedom School Road S 75 degrees 16' 4" E 57.08 feet to a post, thence along a line with Mrs. Walter Sowder N 46 degrees 29' 25" E 591.33 feet to a walnut; thence along a line with Jim Bowling the following courses and distances: S 31 degrees 23' 44" E 100.65 feet to A post; S 26 degrees 15' 32" E 597.47 feet to a wild cherry; S 23 degrees 42' 10" E 130.53 feet to a sassafras; S 07 degrees 23' 27" E 416.27 feet to a post in the northern right of way of State Highway 2549 (Old 461); thence leaving said right of way and following the center of a drain the following course and distances along a line with DeBorde: S 73 degrees 48' 16" W 178.97 feet; S 79 degrees 06' 15" W 36.25 feet; S 82 degrees 01' 46" W 54.38 feet; S 85 degrees 25' 11" W 126.33 feet; N 79 degrees 00' 18" West 94.53 feet; S 82 degrees 41' 24" W 66.93 feet; S 07 degrees 25' 35" W 27.96 feet; S 02 degrees 20' 13" W 74.76 feet; S 08 degrees 41' 31" W 36.59 feet; S 21 degrees 21' 23" W 99.52 feet; S 25 degrees 50' 14" W 92.67 feet S 18 degrees 39' 46" W 68.23 feet; S 12 09' 25" E 37.31 feet; S 07 degrees 07' 25" W 55.95 feet to an iron pin in the northern right of way of State Highway 2549 (Old 461), said iron pin being the point of beginning, and containing 18.308 acres, more or less, according to survey by Charles Douglas Mullins, RLS 2773, dated June 6, 1990.

There is further conveyed unto Grantees, their heirs or assigns, a 16 ft. wide easement for ingress and egress to the above-described property from State Highway 2549 (Old 461), said easement being approximately 95.10 feet in length and being show on the plat drawn by Charles Douglas Mullins dated June 6, 1990. This easement crosses the DeBorde property.

There is excluded however, that portion of the above conveyed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for right of way purposes by deed dated July 6, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 120, Page 511 in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

PARCEL B

TRACT NO. 1- Bounded on the west by the lands of John McKinney; on the north by the lands of Tract #2 herein; on the east by the lands of R.V. Brock and on the south by the lands of Walker Cummins and William Payne, and containing 75 acres more or less.

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Mortgagors obtained title to Parcel A by deed dated November 10, 1993, executed by Jerry Cummins, et ux., and recorded in Deed Book 152, page 164 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Mortgagors obtained title to Parcel B by deed dated July 8, 1997, executed by Carl Wayne Sowder, et. ux., and recorded in Deed Book 166, page 531 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The subject real property (Parcel A & Parcel B) shall be sold separately.
2. Parcel B shall be sold first and it shall be announced before the sale of Parcel B that Parcel B is being sold subject to the terms and conditions of the lease dated November 1, 2004. (See Exhibit 1 attached to Hi-View LLC's answer, counterclaim and crossclaim).
3. Parcel B shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash or upon credit of 30 days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty (20%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of the sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.
4. Parcel A shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash or upon credit of 30 days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of the sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.
5. The buyer(s) shall have the privilege of paying all of the purchase price in cash or paying the bond before maturity by paying the principal amount thereof together with all interest accrued thereon to the date of said payment.
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9. In the event 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 and the property will be conveyed to the Plaintiff in due season upon payment of the expense of sale.
10. Upon confirmation of sale and distribution of proceeds the parties shall release their liens of record against the real property or the Special Master Commissioner is authorized to execute a release on behalf of the parties releasing their respective liens.
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40403 have been appointed co-administrators of the estate of Richard Austin Lee Tillery. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Richard Tillery and Lontonia Tillery or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. 4x3

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Old Sigmon Loop, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Carolyn Sue Mink, 58 Alpha Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 were appointed co-executors of the estate of Jack Dale Himes. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Randall Lewis Himes and/or Carolyn Sue Mink or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 15th, 2015 at 11 a.m. 2x3

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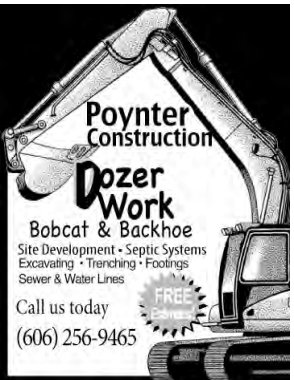
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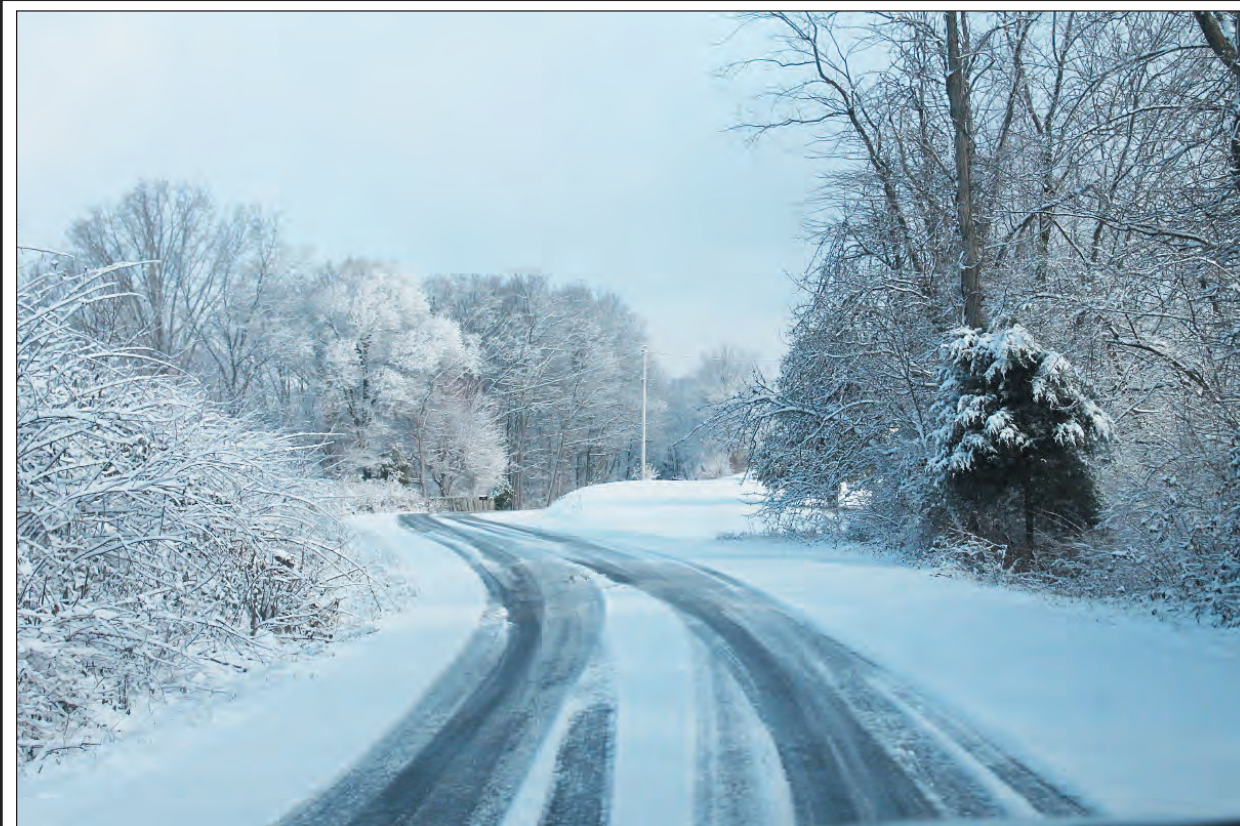
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Rockcastle County received its first major snowfall of 2015 this past week. Local weatherman Bud Cox reported a total accumulation of one and one-half inches last Saturday, a trace of snow on Monday and a half-inch on Tuesday. All Rockcastle County Schools were dismissed on Tuesday as a result of the roadways being too slick and dangerous for traveling. Shown above is a picture of a snow covered Copper Creek Hill Road in the Brindle Ridge community last Saturday.

Rockcastle County receives first measurable snowfall of the year

By: Doug Ponder
Several clipper storm systems moved through the state bringing snow showers to Rockcastle County this past week.

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Transportation Director Chris Cornelius said last Saturday's snowfall cancelled programs for sports and other extracurricular activities. He said several

middle school basketball games, indoor track competitions and the governor's cup event were either cancelled or delayed.

Superintendent David Pensol said that there were some school buses that were late to school or didn't run their routes due to the snow covered roadways on Monday. He said all students, who were absent from school on Monday due to the inclement weather, will be given an excused absence.

Pensol said that road conditions were checked early Monday morning and that roadways didn't start getting slick until around 6:30 after school buses had already begun picking up students.

"We were out checking roads early and the roadways became slick all at once and we already had a lot of buses on the roads that had already picked up children. There was only a little window of time to make a decision," Pensol said. "A lot of parents leave for work after their children get on

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Former Rockets head coach Tom Larkey dismissed from Harlan County

By: Doug Ponder
Former Rockcastle County Rockets football Head Coach Tom Larkey was dismissed as the Harlan County Black Bears football head coach last week.

Harlan County High School principal Edna Burkhart announced last Tuesday that Larkey will not be back as the Black Bears head coach next season. Larkey said that he is still working as the Harlan County elementary district athletics director until June and that he will consider other coaching options.

"I am keeping my options open on coaching again," Larkey said. "I would if the right opportunity comes along but it would have to be soon." Larkey has been the head coach of the Black Bears since 2008 where he has accumulated an overall winning record of 59-26. Larkey's Black Bear teams won two regional championships and four district championships. The Black Bears also had winning records every season since Larkey was the head coach with the exception of this season's 2-9 record.

Larkey began his 43 year coaching career in 1972 as the head coach at London Junior High School before becoming head coach for Laurel County High School in 1974. He later became the head coach for the Rockets in 1985 where he built what many consider a powerhouse program.

Under Larkey's reign, the Rockets amassed a 212-

67 record which included four regional championships and eight district championships. The Rockets also had two state championship runner-up finishes in 2001 and 2002.

Larkey said he has had a lot of memorable moments in his coaching career and that it was hard to choose a favorite moment. However, he said if he had to pick his most memorable moment it would have been the first time the Rockets went to the state championship in 2001.

"I will never forget that pep rally at the Renfro Valley barn and all the excitement it brought to Rockcastle County. Just a lot of wonderful memories," Larkey said. "I could also write a book on my experiences at Jabez with Coach Tony Saylor and the teams at Harlan County. We attended camp there for 28 straight years."

Personally, Larkey said that coaching both of his sons as players and coaching with both of his sons as assistant coaches were also special moments to him.

"My son Chris played for me for three years and then coached with me for 18 years. Then Dackery played for me for four years and coached with me and Chris for six years," Larkey said. "Chris and Dackery went on to coach at North Laurel. Then in 2009 I coached against them both when Harlan County played North Laurel."

Other achievements in

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Local police searching for missing teen

Local police are still searching for a Berea teen who has been missing since last Tuesday.

According to the Kentucky State Police, Harley Bussell, 17, of Berea was last seen on the campus of Madison Southern High School in Berea last Tuesday morning after being dropped off by her father. Police were notified when Bussell did not return home from school Tuesday afternoon.

Investigators said their

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Three arrested in Brodhead home invasion

Three local men were arrested for a home invasion last Wednesday night after they reportedly broke into a home on Water Tank Hill in Brodhead.

Arrested were: Thomas Michael Keating, 19, of Mt. Vernon, Aaron Scott Mcarter, 20, of Mt. Vernon and Justin Davis Strunk, 20, of Mt. Vernon.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, the three men forced their way into the residence on Water Tank Hill and assaulted the victim inside the home. The three men also took the victim's eyeglasses, cell phone and a firearm before leaving the residence.

Officers later spotted the men and the vehicle on Hwy 1505 in Brodhead.

The victim was taken to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he was treated for non-life threaten-

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McClure announces retirement

Bales resigns from Mount Vernon City Council; Lewis appointed

At Monday night's regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council, Mayor Mike Bryant told councilmembers he had received a letter of resignation from Councilman Adam Bales, effective immediately. The letter cited "personal reasons" for Bales', who was reelected to the office in the November General Election, resignation.

Former councilwoman Shelley Lewis was contacted, during the meeting, to see if she would be interested in filling out Bales two year term and she answered in the affirmative. On a motion by Councilwoman Jamie Bryant, seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Saylor, the council voted unanimously to appoint Lewis to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Bryant also informed the council that he had received notice Monday that City Superintendent Dennis McClure would be retiring effective February 1st, after 33 years of service.

As the first item of business, Mayor Bryant discussed with the council CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook's proposal that the city buy-out that portion of the city's fire station that is presently owned by CSEPP and used for storage. Bryant said that he could only find the original agreement between the city and county covering CSEPP's participation in helping to finance the building in exchange for using a portion of it for storage.

Bryant said that Holbrook had offered to sell the city CSEPP's share of

the building for \$60,000 so that money could be used to help finance a 50x70 storage shed at the new emergency operations center recently built at Industrial Business Park South. CSEPP originally put over \$100,000 into the fire station's construction and paving the parking lot, according to Holbrook.

Bryant said that the city did not need the additional space and there was no documentation requiring the city to purchase the property if CSEPP should choose to sell. "The only responsibility we have to CSEPP is to provide the space. If CSEPP chooses to vacate the property, the city has no responsibility. If we reach the point where we need the space we can work on a deal to buy CSEPP out. That would make all kinds of sense," the mayor said.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Holbrook told the *Signal* that he had received \$75,000 from the federal government towards the new storage shed and "I guess now I will see if I can beg more money from FEMA or the military to build the building anyway." Holbrook said that since federal money was involved, the prevailing wage law would push the cost of the building to near \$150,000. Holbrook also said that CSEPP would keep using their part of the fire station for storage, including a new unit purchased by the fiscal court for the Coroner to store bod-

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Last deteriorated Wildie bridge set for reconstruction

By: Doug Ponder

The remaining deteriorated bridge in Wildie on Hwy 1786 will be closed beginning February 9th when crews will start reconstruction of the bridge.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Information Officer Amber Hale said contractors will start reconstruction on Monday, February 9th and that the construction is expected to last for eight weeks. She said the bridge will be closed to motorists during the eight week time frame and that construction work could take longer depending on inclement weather or other unforeseeable delays.

Hale said the bridge, the third on Hwy 1786 from Hwy 25, had been reduced from a 10 ton capacity bridge to 3 ton last February. She said inspectors reduced the ton limit on the bridge due to the amount of deterioration.

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The Brodhead Fire Department responded to a trailer fire Tuesday morning on Fuzzy Duck Road in Brodhead. Authorities say the home was abandoned and no one was injured in the fire. Officials say the cause of the fire is unknown and that it was a total loss. BFD was assisted by the Mt. Vernon Fire Department.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Nothing makes winter feel right to me any better than the smell of wood or coal smoke riding on the breeze when I step out onto the front porch on these ultra-brisk January mornings.

And, yes, I do realize that this is old news to faithful, longtime, readers of my drivelt. However, I'm getting to be old enough that I feel I should be allowed a bit of eccentricity. A tad of being redundant is my choice for today with the assumption that I will not be, editorially, called to task.

While it is fairly commonplace to catch the aroma of wood smoke on cold, snowy evenings here in Lowell Branch Valley, it is a rarity in the mornings since the late Mrs. Rena Vae Callihan passed over to the other side a few years back. Rena Vae actually heated her home mostly with Barbourville coal but every once in awhile she would throw a load of hickory firewood into the mix to sweeten the smoke and our little valley would smell like winter on Blair Branch all over again.

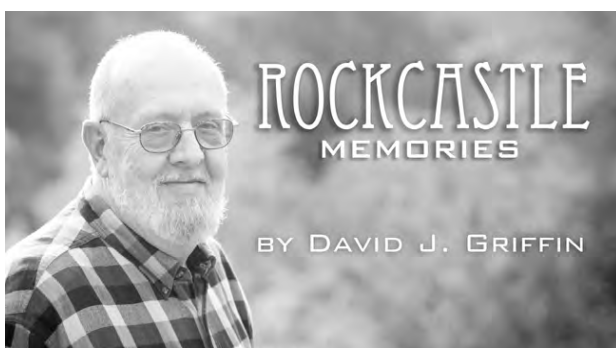
Mrs. (everybody around here called her "Miss") Callihan was the last person in my acquaintance who totally depended on her coal and wood burning heating

stove for winter comfort. My younger brother, Keeter, there in the Letcher County community of Red Star, still heats his home with a big Buck wood burner but he has electric backup for those infrequent times when he runs out of wood or the temperature drops down so low that his big stove fails to keep Nancy (Mrs. Keith) as warm as she would like to be.

Just last weekend, Keeter called to regale me with a tale of finding a big white oak and a couple of hickory trees that a storm had taken down a few years back, way up on the mountain behind his mother-in-law's home. Seems the gas company had cut a service road around the mountain that would accommodate Ketter's old Chevy 4WD pickup. He owns the property which, he says, had, heretofore, only served one purpose and that was to give him something else on which to pay taxes.

But now that he has easy access to tons of already-seasoned firewood, you'd have thought he had discovered a large vein of gold, such as my brother's enthusiasm as he got off track to tell me how to properly sharpen a chainsaw to keep

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Family Roots

One of my weekly readers sent me some information about the style of life as it was in the United States one hundred years ago, in 1914. I started thinking about my grandfather because, at that time, he was 23 years of age. As I continued to read the specific details concerning that standard of life, I envisioned it all in reference to him. It was not a time in which many comforts of life were available.

Pop (Eugene Stokes) was born near Skeggs Creek in the Hopewell section of Rockcastle County in 1891. He met and married my grandmother (Mary Katherine Harmon) while residing in Hopewell.

Pop and Mommie Katie lived in a dwelling that was approximately 100 yards from the Hopewell Baptist Church. The house was large enough to also contain a small grocery store, which served as the local Post Office as well. Pop served as both the proprietor of the store and the Postmaster. Their country store sold mostly staple items, such as: flour, meal, sugar, coffee, canned goods, and some animal feed.

Since there was no refrigeration, their milk, butter, and a few other items were stored in a small cave near the house. The fresh eggs were never kept cold but instead were piled into a large wire basket. Some of the local families would run a "tab" until the payment of their bill could be secured. Times were very hard.

The following provides some facts and figures concerning that particular time in history, both in Rockcastle County and all across America:

The average life expectancy was a mere 47 years! (I was astonished to learn this fact considering how long people live these days.)

Only fourteen percent of homes had indoor plumbing.

The average wage was 22 cents per hour. (A worker could expect to make about \$400 a year.)

More than 95 percent of births took place in the home.

Two out of ten people could neither read nor write, and only six percent of all Americans had graduated from high school. (It was likely even lower in rural Kentucky.)

In Pop's store, sugar would cost four cents a pound, eggs were 14 cents a dozen, and coffee was 15 cents a pound. Many families relied on him for their daily items. And you must keep in mind that items such as underarm deodorant,

tooth paste, canned pop, and iced tea had not even been invented at that time. Pop's shelves were limited to a very few essential items.

In 1926, when my mother (Bee) was only 15 years old, the family moved to Mt. Vernon from Hopewell. Because of his connections with groceries and feed, Pop became a salesman for Louisville Grocery Company and Aubrey Red-A Feed Mills, both located in Jefferson County. He rode a horse all over the county selling stores groceries and feed. It took him all week to cover his designated area. Once, during an electrical storm, Pop was hit by lightning. It knocked the horse to its knees, and Pop had to lead the animal home on foot.

The orders that Pop took all week were sent to Louisville by the L&N trains that came through Mt. Vernon. The orders went out on Wednesday night and were delivered by a large truck on Monday. Pop loved his job, and he "called on" his steady customers for over 40 years. After he could afford an automobile, he expanded his route to include parts of Laurel County and Madison County. I can remember going with him on his route in the summer months when I was not in school. He made many friends during those forty plus years.

Pop continued in this business even when he was no longer able to drive; my mother (Bee) began taking

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Winter beef meetings

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

A Winter Beef Producers Series will get started Thursday night January 29th at 6:30pm at the Rockcastle Extension Office and continue each Thursday night for 5 weeks.

Thursday night January 29th, U K Extension Beef Specialist Les Anderson will discuss Managing Beef Herd Reproduction to increase the pounds of calves sold. Current high cattle prices have producers looking at ways to increase calves sold without increasing cow numbers.

Thursday night February 5th, Extension Agent for Agriculture Tom Mills will discuss the new Cattle Handling and Care Certification as well as Beef Quality Assurance Certification. BQA numbers are required for anyone applying for the Cattle Handling and Genetics programs offered in this year's County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP). Thursday February 5th is the final day CAIP applications will be accepted for the current Cost Share Program.

Thursday February 12th, Extension Specialist Jeff Lehmkuhler will discuss Beef Herd Nutrition. How does nutrition effect the calf crop weaned and can creep feeding be profitable in 2015.

Thursday February 19th Extension Specialist Kenny Burdine will discuss what factors are contributing to high cattle prices and how long will the current market last.

Thursday February 26th Extension Specialist Darrl Bullock will discuss Beef Herd Genetics. How do you use EPD numbers to know the bull you buy is better than Breed Average.

The Governors' Office of Agriculture Policy provides funds for the Cost Share Program. This year CAIP Applicants are required to attend educational meetings before receiving payments. The above meetings will meet this requirement.

Any questions on the CAIP Programs can be answered by contacting Tom Mills at 256-2403 or Sandy Whitaker at 256-2525 ext 3

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Election Results

The December 2014 election for Rockcastle County FSA LAA-3 resulted in a total of 47 votes being counted. A total of 50 ballots were received with 3 being invalid ballots.

The 2015 Rockcastle FSA County Committee will be comprised of Timothy Mink, Chairman, Donnie Hurst, Vice Chairman and John d King, Member.

The COC meetings are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month with the time as 8:00 am in the Rockcastle County FSA Office and are open to the public.

Important ARC/PLC Program Deadlines Approaching

Producers are reminded that the deadline to update yield history and/or reallocate base acres is Feb. 27, 2015. Farm owners and producers can choose between the new 2014 Farm Bill established programs, Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) through March 31, 2015. The new programs designed to help producers better manage risk, usher in one of the most significant reforms to U.S. farm programs in decades.

USDA helped create online tools to assist in the decision process, allowing farm owners and producers to enter information about their operation and see projections that show what ARC and/or PLC will mean for them under possible future scenarios. Farm owners and producers can access the

online resources, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, from the convenience of their home computer or mobile device at any time.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

Dates associated with ARC and PLC that farm owners and producers need to know:

Now through Feb. 27, 2015: Farm owners may visit their local Farm Service agency office to update yield history and/or reallocate base acres.

Now through March 31, 2015: Producers make a one-time election between ARC and PLC for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

Mid-April 2015 through summer 2015: Producers sign contracts for 2014 and 2015 crop years.

October 2015: Payments issued for 2014 crop year, if needed.

To learn more about which safety net options are most appropriate for specific farming operations, farmers can use new Web tools at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, which can be accessed from the convenience of a home computer or a mobile device at any time. To learn more about

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Cooperative Dove Field Program enrollment underway

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The Cooperative Dove Field Program pays landowners to lease fields on their property for public dove hunting.

"Landowners may earn up to \$10,000 in the Cooperative Dove Field Program," said John Brunjes, migratory bird biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "They earn \$300 per acre planted."

Brunjes said the department will accept fields ranging from 6 to 30 acres with additional payments for buffers around fields. "Fields generally run from 20 to 30 acres in size," he explained. "But, we encourage anyone interested to apply."

Farmers may plant an idle field to sunflowers, millet or another acceptable crop for a public dove field by working with a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife private lands biologist and following some simple guidelines.

Payment amounts depend on the number of acres enrolled, crop type and fulfillment of the plot manage-

ment agreement with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

To get the process started, landowners must contact their Kentucky Fish and Wildlife private lands biologist or Natural Resources Conservation Service liaison. For a listing of biologists, visit on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's homepage at fw.ky.gov and search under the keywords, "private lands biologist." Property owners may also call the department at 1-800-858-1549 for more information.

"Memories"

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him on his rounds so that he could still visit his customers and take their orders. As time passed, the job eventually fell to Bee alone. (She did not share her father's enthusiasm for this position and certainly had no intention of making it her permanent occupation.)

Those days seem absolutely ancient to us now. Sometimes I get aggravated when the electricity even "blinks." It is hard to imagine living without it every single day. American life as it is now, in 2015, has surpassed the ways in which

even science fiction had foreseen the future. Pop could never have envisioned the style and pace of life in the 21st century. Even I, in my lifetime, have witnessed developments in our manner of living that seemed beyond imagination. We cannot even begin to visualize the changes that will occur over the next century – when these times will seem ancient to another generation.

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

"Points East"

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it from cutting sideways.

In an effort to keep up with Keeter I was attempting to tell him of my own woodcutting experience with my old buddy, the late Junior Helton. Junior also owned a mountain of many acres which, for nearly two decades, supplied the oak and hickory wood with which we heated our homes.

Sometimes when we went squirrel hunting in Junior's woods we would throw an axe or a hatchet in the back of the truck. When one of us beat the other back to the truck after a morning of stalking gray tails, the early quitter grabbed the

tool, stepped into the edge of the woods and used it to deaden an oak or hickory that we could get a truck back to when we commenced cutting and hauling firewood.

We simply removed the bark in a circle about a foot wide around the base of the tree trunk and left it standing. Come the following spring, the tree did not grow leaves or anything else and by winter it would be dry, well-seasoned and much easier to fell and manage than if it were still green and full of sap. It would also weigh about half what it would have, had it been harvested while still alive. And if you don't understand the importance of lighter weight, you obviously haven't had any experience in cutting and handling firewood.

I am assuming that one of my down-wind neighbors, perhaps Charlie Gruen or Dr. Ed Brents, simply stoked up their stoves enough to burn all night and that one or both of them woke up to the warmth and coziness of wood heat this morning. I'm relatively sure that both of them have stoves or fireplaces that enable this rapidly diminishing form of creature comfort, not because they need them but rather because they simply enjoy building a fire from time to time whenever the notion suits them.

Loretta and I don't have a fireplace or a woodstove in our home anymore. But for nearly twenty years we didn't have a choice about whether or not to cut wood because it was either do that or freeze and, since we had youngens in the house at the time, we opted to hit the woods and stoke the old Fischer Mama Bear two or three times a day between mid October and the first of June.

So now, when I get up early and breath in the pleasant aroma of a neighbor's fireplace smoke, I do not hold a single shred of envy. I do admit that I enjoy the atmosphere while, at the same time, thinking to myself, "thank goodness, I don't absolutely have to do that anymore."

"AG News"

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upcoming educational meetings, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office at offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: February 4th, 2015 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center

Office Closure Schedule

The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates in 2014 and 2015 for observance of a Federal Holiday:

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Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

Historical Society Hours

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

American Legion Post 71

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Lady Rockets defeat West Jessamine; lose to Madison Southern

The Lady Rockets picked up their 11th win of the season last Friday night, defeating the West Jessamine Lady Colts 62-51.

The Lady Rockets started strong, leading 17-8 at the first quarter stop but the Lady Colts battled back in the second quarter for only a 28-25 half-time deficit. The third quarter belonged to the Lady Rockets 18-7 and they hung on in the fourth for the win.

Three Lady Rockets were in double figures in the game, led by junior Ashley McKinney with 15; junior Morgan Renner got 14 and sophomore Hope Kelley scored 13. Sophomores Emily Payne and Jayna Albright each got 6; sophomore Mahala Saylor cored 4 points and senior Amelia Eversole and sophomore Emme Barker got 2 each.

Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets journeyed to Berea to take on the 17-5 Madison Southern Lady Eagles.

In the first quarter, the Lady Eagles put three three point baskets in and led 21-10 at the end, the Lady Rockets fought back in the second quarter to take a 33-32 half-time lead. However, in the third quarter, the Lady Eagles came out aggressive and held the Rockets to 8 points while putting up 23 to go ahead 55-41 at the third quarter break.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Rockets cut the lead to seven, mainly on made free throws, at 55-48 but the Eagles regrouped and outscored the Rockets 28-11 for the final 76-59.

McKinney, hampered by early foul trouble, was the only Rockets in double figures in the game with 10; Albright, Renner, Kelley and senior Alaina Coguer scored 9 each; Barker got 7 and Saylor got 6.

This Friday night, the Lady Rockets will host district rival Pulaski County, in a doubleheader with the boys and next Monday night will travel to Clay County for a jayvee/varsity game.



Dylan Rowe takes the ball to the basket during the 72-68 loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. The Rockets next game is this Friday night at home when they take on the Pulaski County Maroons at 7:30.

Rockets beat Burgin; lose to Southern 72-68

Behind 37 points from senior guard Sam Pensol, the Rockets easily took the measure of the Burgin Bulldogs 73-53 at Burgin last Friday night.

Nine Rockets scored in the game which was never in question.

The Rockets led 26-15 at the first quarter stop, 45-24 at the half and 65 to 35 at the third quarter stop.

Besides Pensol's 37; senior Dakota Hasty got 9; sophomore John Cornelius had 7; sophomore Carson Noble and senior Blake Mullins got 6 each; junior Dylan Rowe scored 3; juniors Alex Spragens and Jordan Hawkins got 2 each

and sophomore Thomas Burdette got 1.

Tuesday night, it was a hard-fought contest at Madison Southern. The Rockets are still missing their big sophomore center Lucas Gentry because of mono and it cost them against the Madison Southern Eagles where they lost 72-68.

The first half was close all the way with the score tied eight times. The Rockets were ahead 17-14 at the first quarter stop, in spite of the Eagles putting in four three point baskets in the

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Alaina Coguer drives around a Madison Southern player during the 76-59 loss Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets next game is this Friday night at home when they take on Pulaski County at 6 p.m.



Amelia Eversole boxes out a Madison Southern player during Tuesday night's 76-59 loss. The Lady Rockets are now 11-12 on the season.



Jayna Albright puts the D on a Lady Eagle during the Lady Rockets 76-59 loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. Also pictured is Mahala Saylor. The Lady Rockets beat West Jessamine last Friday 62-51.



Sam Pensol goes around a Madison Southern defender during the Rockets 72-68 loss Tuesday night. Pensol led the Rockets in scoring with 20 points.



Carter Blanton gets a lay-up during the Rockets loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. The Rockets beat Burgin 73-53 last Friday night.

Michaela Hunter named National Mid-Major Player of the Week

Eastern Kentucky University sophomore guard Michaela Hunter has been named the National Mid-Major Women's Basketball Player of the Week by College Sports Madness.

Hunter averaged 29.0 points-per-game in EKU's two road victories over Murray State and Tennessee Tech last weekend. The Mt. Vernon native poured in a career-high 40 points – including a coast-to-coast, game-tying layup at the end of regulation – to lead the Colonels to a thrilling, 97-93 win over TTU in double-overtime on Saturday night.

She played all 50 minutes of the marathon game and added five rebounds and four assists.

On Thursday at Murray State, Hunter scored 18 points and pulled down eight boards in the Colonels' 64-59 win over the Racers.

Hunter now ranks fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring at 15.6 points-per-game. She also ranks fourth in three-point field goal percentage (39.4), 13th in assists-per-game (2.6) and 12th in steals-per-game (1.4).

College Sports Madness named Kansas forward Chelsea Gardner the National Player of the Week and Milwaukee forward Ashley Green the High-Major Player of the Week.

Hunter and the Colonels return to action on Wednesday when they travel to play Jacksonville State at 12:00 p.m. ET.



Dakota Hasty goes for a lay-up during the Madison Southern game Tuesday night. The Rockets lost the game 72-68 and are now 9-12 on the season.

Lady Rocket intramural players recognized Friday

This Friday night, RCHS will recognize the players and coaches of the Lady Rocket Intramural Fall Basketball program. Participants and coaches will receive free admission.

Recognitions will take place at halftime of the second game (boys' game) this Friday night. Approximate time of recognitions is 8:00 p.m.

All participants are encouraged to wear their team uniform and meet up with their coaches this Friday night during the Lady Rocket and Rocket varsity basketball doubleheader vs. Pulaski County.

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RCMS eighth grader Jordan Nicely puts up a jump shot in the eighth grade's 52-49 loss to Caudill last week.



RCMS seventh grader Logan Noel goes for two points in the seventh grade's 46-18 win over Caudill last week.



RCMS sixth grader Tanner Noel goes up for two points during the sixth grade's 36-28 win over Caudill last week.



RCMS sixth grader Riley Smith works the ball up the floor against Caudill. The Rockets won 36-28.



RCMS eighth grader Cameron Bullock goes for a lay-up in the eighth grade's 52-49 loss to Caudill last week.



RCMS seventh grader Josh Thacker prepares for a shot in the seventh grade's 46-18 blowout of Caudill last week.

Cedar Creek Lake stocked with 9,000 rainbow trout

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources stocked 10,000 rainbow trout at two locations in Lincoln and Henry counties this week, among others.

Lincoln County's Cedar Creek Lake received 9,000 trout Jan. 27 while a 6-acre lake on the Boone Tract of Kentucky River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) received 1,000 trout Jan. 28.

The 6-acre WMA lake is located adjacent to KY 389. A gravel parking lot and sign beside the lake are easily visible from the road.

"The trout stocked into the 6-acre lake on the Boone Tract are a new fishing opportunity," said Mike Hardin, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The trout stocked into both lakes will average 10 inches in length.

The department also will stock 4,500 trout each at two sites on Cedar Creek Lake: the ramp at the dam and the ramp on old U.S. 150, located in the middle section of the lake.

"Anglers are targeting and catching these trout in Cedar Creek," said Dave Dreves, fisheries program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "These stockings provide a good fishing opportunity because trout bite all winter long."

Anglers can expect to catch trout through early summer in these lakes. Because trout cannot survive in the warmer water temperatures of summer, the department encourages anglers to keep what they catch. There is no size limit on trout and anglers may keep up to eight trout a day.

Visitors to Cedar Creek Lake or the Boone Tract of Kentucky River WMA can go online to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov to see a map and other information about these lakes.

Fisheries personnel tagged 500 trout for the Ce-

dar Creek Lake stocking as part of a study to determine catch and harvest rates of these fish.

Dreves encourages people to return the tag from any tagged fish. The department has placed metal boxes around the lake where anglers may get an envelope, place the tag inside and fill out the information about the catch be-

fore depositing the envelope.

"The boxes are located at each boat ramp and at the public fishing area next to the KY 1770 bridge," Dreves said. "Those who don't want to fill out the information at the ramp can take them home."

The envelopes are postage paid. Anglers may fill them out at home and send

them back to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Anglers must include their name, address, phone number and whether they kept the trout or released it.

Adult anglers must have a trout permit in addition to a fishing license to keep these fish. A trout permit is included in the senior/disabled license and the Sportsman's license.



The Rockcastle County 6th Grade AAU Girls' Basketball Team wrapped up their winter AAU season this weekend with an impressive showing at the Midwest Youth Basketball—2015 Bluegrass School Team Tournament in Louisville. The Lady Rockets finished as Runner-Up in the tournament, falling to Marshall County in the championship. Since August, the team has compiled a 40-13 record including: (undefeated) Conference Regular Season Champs and Conference Tournament Champs; 6th Place in the Kentucky 6th Grade State Tournament; Runner-up in the Boyle County 6th/7th Grade Invitational; Runner-Up in the Lady Rocket Invitational; Champions of the Jackson County Winter Shootout; and Runner-Up in the Bluegrass School Team Tournament. Pictured are the AAU team members front from left: Megan Ellis, Madison (HoneyBee) Yates, Raegan Chasteen, Alexa Bussell, and Lindsey Jones. Back row from left: Madison McIntosh, Casey Coleman, Valerie Kendrick, Faith Harris, and Jordan Harper.

"Rockets"

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quarter. They were ahead 31-30 at the half.

At the end of the third, the Rockets had fell behind 50-46 and the Eagles slowly built their lead in the fourth.

Both teams scored 22 points in the fourth with the Rockets sinking 13 of 14 free throws and the Eagles getting 12 of 16 from the charity stripe.

Leading scorer for the Rockets was Pensol with 20; Noble got 16; Cornelius had 10; Rowe 10; Hasty 7; Mullins 3 and senior Carter Blanton had 2 points.

The boys will play the second game of a double-header with the girls Friday night at home against Pulaski County and will travel to McCreary County next Tuesday night for a jayvee/varsity game.



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By Karen Hamm Adams
To celebrate and honor the county's American Revolutionary War Patriots and to enlighten the community about the service and sacrifice of these brave men, on behalf of the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have compiled highlights of the service of the known patriots living in the county and who applied for a pension between the years of 1818 and 1842. All information was

taken from the patriot's own account from his pension application and other historical documents. More information can be found on each patriot at the local library or the Rockcastle Historical Society. (Copyright Pending). If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Children of American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606) 256-2851.

George Sigmon

North Carolina
George Sigmon was born February 1756 in Bucks Co. Pennsylvania near the Delaware River and died 20 October 1841 in Rockcastle Co. KY. According to his pension application, he gave the following account of his service on 23rd July 1833 in Burke Co. North Carolina at the age of seventy-seven:

While a resident of Lincoln Co. NC, George entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Lee Taylor, Colonel Francis Locke and General Griffith Ruthertford in October 1778. He marched from Mulls Mill then to Burke County and from there onto Charlotte. His marching took him towards Charleston, SC to the Ten Mile Creek and on to Purrsyburg on the Savannah River. George was in one engagement, the Battle of Brier Creek below Augusta with the British. He was discharged in April 1779 making his term of service six months.

He again volunteered in the Horse under Captain Dillinger and Colonel McDowell in December 1780. After marching for one full day, George was taken ill with smallpox and had to be carried back and was not able to do any service that tour. He later served a three month tour under Captain Henry Whitener's North Carolina Company. He was allowed a pension at the rate of \$30.00 annually commencing on 7 October 1833 for nine months as a private in the North Carolina militia.

George lived in Lincoln Co. NC before the war and in 1794, he moved to Burke Co. PA. He married Catharine Laughrshrin (1762PA-KY) in 1783 in Philadelphia, PA. Sometime in 1835, George moved to Rockcastle Co. KY. He stated in his application that he drew his last pension payment 4 September 1835 in Fayetteville,

NC. George died 20 October 1841 in Rockcastle County. He is buried at the Sigmon Cemetery with a marked grave. Catharine's final resting place is not known, but assumed to be in the same cemetery. After George's death, Catharine applied for and received a widow's pension on 1 November 1843.

George and Catharine produced seven children. They were: Elizabeth Sigmon (1784 Burke Co. PA) married John Bryant (1780-1850). Their children were Barnett, Elisha and John Eli. Sally Sigmon (1786) married Joseph Beck (1787) on 15 December 1812 Burke Co. NC. They had at least eight children (7 boys and 1 girl). Henry Sigmon (1788 NC-1839NC) was married (name unknown) and had at least four children. Peggy Sigmon (1790NC). John Sigmon (1793NC). George Sigmon (1794NC-1880 Rockcastle Co. KY) married Elenor "Nelly" Hitz/Hise (1799-1880). They had eight children: Sophia, Alexander, David, Suneida, Logan, James, Rhoda and John. Mary "Polly" Sigmon (1804NC-1874 Rockcastle Co. KY) married William Sigmon (1797NC-before1840NC) on 8 March 1834 Lincoln Co. NC. They had one son, Barnett who moved to Rockcastle Co. with his mother and grandparents. She died from cancer and is buried at the Sigmon Cemetery in Rockcastle.

George Sigmon is a recognized Patriot of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Board chair Bill Luckey presents Connie Hunt of Mt. Vernon with an engraved crystal glass vase in appreciation of her dedication and service as chair of The Center for Rural Development's board of directors from 2012-2014. Hunt will continue to serve on the board as an at-large member.

Connie Hunt recognized by The Center of Rural Development

The Center for Rural Development has recognized Connie Hunt of Mt. Vernon for her dedication and service as chair of the board of directors during the last two years.

Hunt served as board chair from 2012-2014 and will continue to serve on the board as an at-large member.

"We are so appreciative of Connie's leadership during her tenure as board chair and her continued support as a valued member of the board," said Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center. "Connie has long worked to improve the quality of life for residents of Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

At the January board meeting, incoming board chair Bill Luckey presented Hunt with an en-

graved crystal glass vase in appreciation of her service.

Hunt is executive director of The Corbin Arena at the David L. Williams Southeastern Kentucky Ag & Expo Complex in Corbin. She previously served as chief executive officer at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center.

The Center, a nonprofit organization based in Somerset, was established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) and other leaders. The Center's mission is to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable development solutions and a better way of life for residents within its 45-county primary service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky and beyond.



Congratulations to Karalinn Loudermilk, 5th grade winner of the Brodhead Elementary, AARP Kentucky and Kentucky Teachers Association "Grandparent of the Year" essay contest. Her essay honors her grandparents and celebrates the importance of grandparents in the lives of all children. Mrs. Caroline Graves, Principal, is shown presenting Karalinn with her certificate.

In 31 counties

Volunteers needed to assist children in foster care

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards in 31 counties are seeking volunteers to make a difference in the lives of local children in foster care. Volunteers are needed to review cases of children placed in foster care because of dependency, neglect or abuse to ensure these children are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

The counties in need of volunteers are Anderson, Boone, Bourbon, Boyle, Bullitt, Campbell, Carroll, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Hardin, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Jessamine, Kenton, Lincoln, Madison, Nelson, Oldham, Owen, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Taylor, Trimble and Woodford counties.

Volunteers are not required to reside in the county where a board meets.

The Kentucky General Assembly created the state CFCRB in 1982 as a way to decrease the time children spend in foster care. CFCRB volunteers review Cabinet for Health and Family Services files on children placed in out-of-home care and work with the cabinet and courts on behalf of the state's foster children. The volunteer reviewers help ensure that

children receive the necessary services while in foster care and are ultimately placed in permanent homes.

All volunteers must complete a six-hour initial training session and consent to a criminal record and Central Registry check. A recommendation is then made to the chief judge of the District Court or Family Court for appointment.

Individuals who are interested in volunteering may get more information and apply to volunteer on the CFCRB web page at <http://courts.ky.gov/courtprograms/cfcrb/Pages/default.aspx>.

Volunteers will attend training Feb. 6 in Frankfort, Feb. 28 in Florence, March 7 in Richmond, April 17 in Somerset or April 24 in Louisville, depending on their location.

Approximately 800 volunteers across the state serve as members of the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board.

The Administrative Office of the Courts oversees the boards. The AOC is the operations arm for the state court system and supports the activities of 3,300 court system employees and 403 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks.

The AOC also executes the Judicial Branch budget.

PRIDE awards \$30,000 to clubs through region

Student groups that explore nature and serve their communities have received a boost from Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., the nonprofit organization that promotes environmental cleanup and education in southern and eastern Kentucky.

PRIDE announced recently that it had awarded \$30,277 to PRIDE Clubs across the 42-county region. The PRIDE Club Environmental Education Contracts are worth up to \$750 each. They were awarded through a competitive application process.

PRIDE Clubs are student groups dedicated to environmental education. Club members learn about nature through fun, hands-on activities. They also serve their

communities by volunteering for local cleanup events and performing their own project to improve the local environment.

For the remainder of the school year, PRIDE Clubs will use their contracts for a variety of activities that show students the importance of a clean environment, personal responsibility and community pride. For example, many PRIDE Clubs will spend their contracts on supplies for recycling programs, gardens and Earth Day events.

"Teachers and students have great ideas for learning and serving projects, and the PRIDE Club contracts will make it easier to put those ideas into action," said PRIDE's Tammie Wilson.

BIT rescheduled for this Saturday

Brodhead Elementary School will be hosting the first Brodhead Invitational Alumni Tournament this Saturday, January 31st. The tournament play will begin with both fourth and fifth grade teams participating in the tournament. The school is inviting

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4:00 Classes of 1994-1995

At approximately 5 p.m. we will induct the first members of the Brodhead Elementary School BIT Alumni Hall of Fame.



NACCO recently donated \$500 to the senior class at Rockcastle County High School. Pictured from left are RCHS Assistant Principal Becky Smith, Senior Amelia Eversole, and Amelia's father and NACCO employee Ethan Eversole.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Asset Acceptance LLC v. Kimberly S. Pingleton, \$1,612.93 plus claimed due.
Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC v. Alice Smith, \$1,743.83 plus claimed due.
Autovest LLC v. Roger Reams, \$2,239.08 plus claimed due.
Credit Acceptance Corp. v. William R. Rice II, \$4,182.52 plus claimed due.
C-00011

Circuit Civil Suits

Keylien Corp. v. Elizabeth Ann Morgan, et al, \$319.62 plus claimed due.
Kenneth Ray Martin v.

Armilda Sue Martin, petition for dissolution of marriage.
MSPC Development, Inc. v. Darrell Arvin, et al, \$53,791.44 plus claimed due. CI-00009

Deeds Recorded

Clara Mae Jones, property in Rockcastle County, to Crayton Bowman. Tax \$6.50
Shirley Hopkins and Charles Arthur Day, co-executors, property in Rockcastle County, to Shirley Hopkins. No tax
Shirley Hopkins, property in Rockcastle County, to Arthur Ray Rose. Tax \$7
Bruce Waddles, property in Rockcastle County, to Travis R. and Morgan Frith. Tax \$122.

Billy Hammons, property in Rockcastle County, to James E. and Ruth Lunsford. Tax \$20.50
CMH Homes of Ky., Inc., property in Quail Acres Subdv., to Harrison Strain. Tax \$10.50.

Marriage Licenses

Rita Michelle Carpenter, 20, Brodhead, SourceHOV to Marcus Alen Bolyard, 23, Mt. Vernon, student. 1/16/15
Melody Ann Taulbee, 50, Brodhead, nurse to Brian Everett Thacker, 43, Nicholasville, truck driver. 1/20/15
Anna Sexton Pulliam, 84, Mt. Vernon, retired to Donald Elden Rowland, Sr., 83, Mt. Vernon, retired. 1/20/15
Kayla Gail Cromer, 31, Brodhead, Blackboard to John Delno McClure, 31, Mt. Vernon, line attendant. 1/21/15

District Court

January 14, 2015
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Kerri L. Abrams: DUI, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.
Heather Allen: theft by unlawful taking, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
Glen E. Baker: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine (suspend \$450 on condition) plus costs, no operators/moped license, \$50 fine.
Steven E. Collins: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, possession of marijuana, drug

paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Derek Couch: disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine and costs.
Lisa A. Drake: possession controlled substance, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
Timothy W. Evans: improper passing, license suspended for fta.
Zachary L. Gadd: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs.
Terry R. Noland: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized/30 days in jail/probated 24 months.
Alycia C. Ohair: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.
Brittany M. Ramsey: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
Cody A. Sizemore: DUI, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operators license suspension; ADE authorized.
Elizabeth A. Smith: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, w issued for fta/license suspended.
Adam J. Walker: failure to surrender revoked operators license, display/possession of cancelled/fictitious operators license, driving DUI suspended license, rear license not illuminated, li-

cence suspended for fta/bw issued.
Speeding: Coleby L. Elliott, \$20 fine and costs;

Gary L. Falconberry, paid; Michael S. Pippin, license suspended for fta.

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\$1.49 10 Oz. Bag

Doritos Assorted Varieties
2/\$4 11 Oz. Bag

BUBBA COLA PRODUCTS
\$2.29 Assorted Flavors 12 Pack 12 Oz. Cans
79¢ Assorted Flavors 2 Liter Bottles

AD PRICES GOOD MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH THRU SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2015

NEW LOWER PRICES • NEW LOWER PRICES

Wytwood Whole Kernel Corn, Cream Style Corn, Cut or French Style Green Beans
49¢ 14.5 to 15.25 oz. can

Kaskey's Tomato or Chicken Noodle Soup
2/\$1 14.5 to 19.75 oz. can

J Higgs Saltine Crackers
\$1.19 1 lb. bag

Diane's Garden Tomato Juice
\$1.29 46 oz. can

Mantia's Elbow Macaroni
89¢ 16 oz. box

Hargis House Chili With Beans
99¢ 15 oz. can

Hargis House Beef Stew
\$1.99 20 Oz. Can

Mantia's Wide Egg Noodles
99¢ 17 oz. bag

Assorted Varieties Mantia's Pasta Sauce
99¢ 24 oz. jar

Skillet Masters Dinners
99¢ 3.6 to 4.4 oz. pkg.

Pasta on the Side
99¢ 4.5 to 4.4 oz. pkg.

Michelina's Combination or Pepperoni Pizza Snack Rolls
\$1.99 20 count 15 oz. bag

Save-a-Lot Today Pizzas Supreme, Combo, Pepperoni
\$1.19 14 oz. pkg.

Snack-a-tizers Cheese Sticks or Potato Skins
\$1.99 5.46 to 6 oz. pkg.

Assorted Varieties JJ's Bakery Fruit Pies
2/\$1 4 oz. pkg.

Crystal 2-0 Drinking Water
\$2.29 24 pack 16.5 oz. bottles

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