

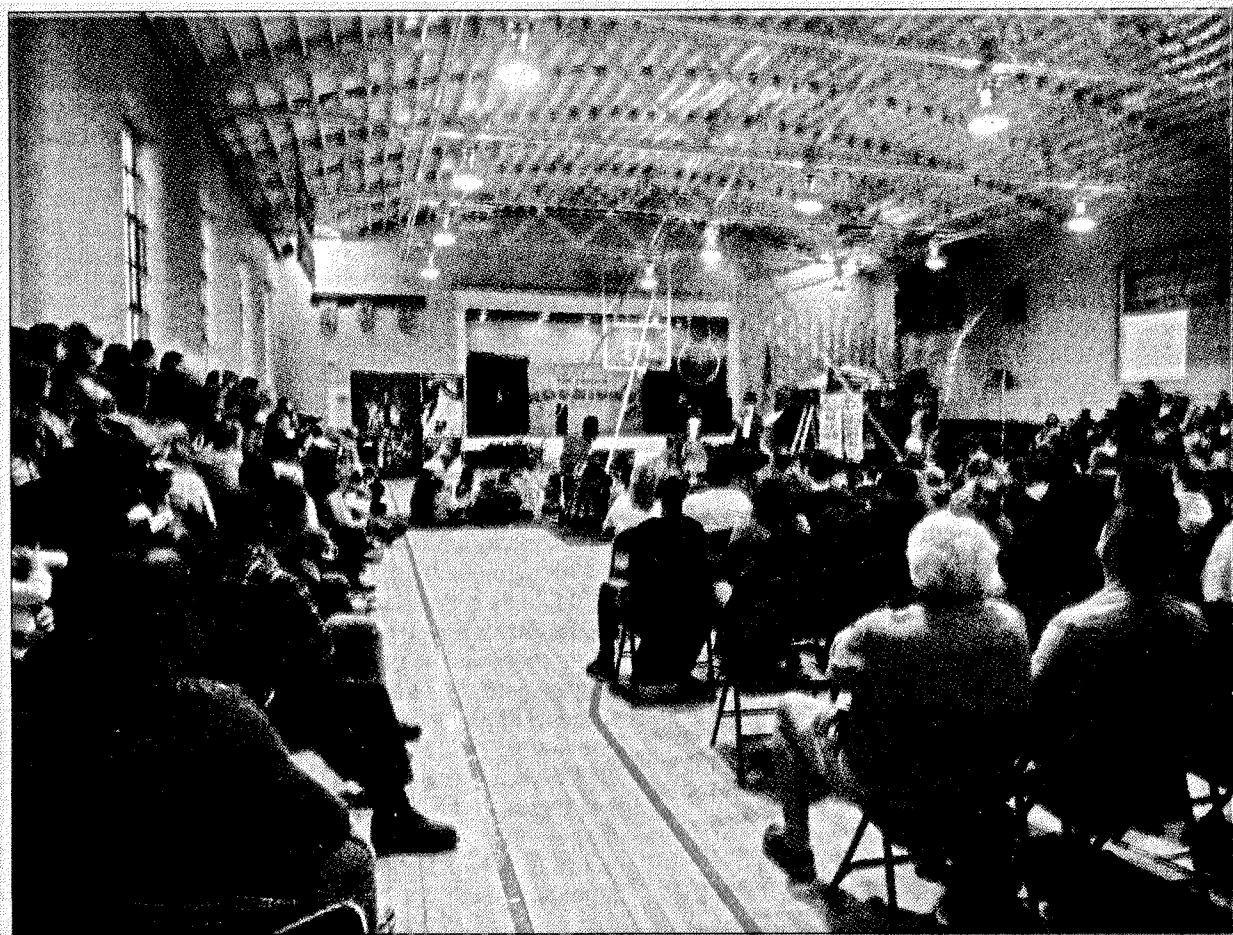
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A large crowd turned out for a circus held in the Livingston School Gymnasium Saturday, January 27. The full house was entertained with magic tricks and many other acts. The City of Livingston operated the concessions and the Evenbrite Company provided the entertainment.

Family Dollar makes offer for store in Livingston

Family Dollar Store has offered a contract to purchase property in Livingston for a new store, expected to be constructed in 2018. The court was made aware of the offer at a called meeting last Friday afternoon.

The company offered \$62,000 for a little over an acre of the over three acres the county and the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority acquired from Lavada Blevins

for \$39,000 recently.

According to Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop, the company plans to erect a mid-size 8500 sq. ft. building with 2000 sq. ft. dedicated to grocery items along with 27 parking spots. The building will be built adjacent to the corner of Mullins and Main Sts. in Livingston.

The contract was signed
(See Offer on A5)

Petition circulating for wet/dry vote inside city limits

By: Mike French Reporter

For the first time, local residents may vote on whether alcohol will be served inside the city limits during the May 22 Primary election.

According to Rockcastle County Assistant Attorney William Leger, a group of local businesses are circulating a petition to get the wet/dry vote on the ballot in May. "Some restaurants and Renfro Valley are attempt-

ing to get the required number of names on the petition that will put the vote on the ballot," said Leger.

According to Leger state law requires that 25% of voters in the last election, inside the city limits, must sign the petition before the issue can be placed on the May 22 primary election. This means the petition would have to contain a little over 200 names, according to Leger.

(See Wet/Dry on A5)

I-75 shutdown coming Thursday, February 8th

Remainder of project awarded

By: Mike French Reporter

I-75 travelers should be prepared for a highway shutdown next Thursday, February 8th from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews repair the damage done during a recent accident.

A southbound vehicle running from a police chase, crashed into the bridge at the 1505 overpass, caught fire, and damaged the beams that were in place for that bridge, three weeks ago on January 10th.

The shutdown will include both southbound lanes and one northbound lane from Berea to Mount Vernon

Amber Hale, Director of Public Information with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said engineers had

completed the inspections and tests of the beams that were in place during the fire and had determined that all three beams should be replaced.

Hale said the approximate cost of all three 85-foot beams is about \$23,000 and that does not include the re-

moval of the existing beams or placement of the new beams.

Crews hope to remove and replace all three damaged beams during the shutdown Thursday, according to Hale. "They think they can get it done in that time but of course this is all weather dependent."

After the beams are set,

there will be more rolling road blocks while crews do other work to the bridge just as there was before the fire, but those times have not been determined.

Hale also said section 2 and 3 of the I-75 widening project has now been awarded to the same contractors who have been working on section 1.

Section 2 is from mile marker 60.1 to 64.5 and section 3 is from mile marker 55.7 to 60.1. However, a start date for those two sections has not been determined and the exact cost of the projects will not be released until all the paper work for the awarding of the bid is complete.

Hale said she and her department will provide the public with information about any future closings during the widening project before any road blocks begin.

Local man arrested after he calls police

By: Mike French Reporter

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's department received a call recently from 35-year-old Travis McGee which culminated in McGee's arrest.

According to the arrest citation, McGee called po-

lice Sunday, January 28th around 4 a.m. and informed officers that someone was trying to get into his house on Falcon Lane and that McGee had fired warning shots at them.

Upon arrival, deputies noticed McGee had slurred speech, large pupils and was

(See Arrest on A5)

Needle exchange program debated

By: Mike French Reporter

In the nearly full meeting room at the Rockcastle County Courthouse last Thursday afternoon, the Cumberland Valley District Health Department (CVDHD) hosted a "Harm Reduction Forum" which

was actually a discussion about a needle exchange program in Rockcastle County for drug addicts.

The program would supply 21 needles to those who use intravenous drugs and then that user could return the used needles for 21 new

(See Needle on A5)

Election news and candidates for 2018

59 candidates file for county offices

Ballot position drawings today

By: Mike French Reporter

As of the filing deadline, Tuesday, January 30th, for the May 22nd primary election, 59 candidates had filed for one of the 13 county offices up for grabs.

Of that number, 55 filed as Republican candidates and four for the Democrat primary.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant also filed his papers for reelection to that office. However, since this race, and the race for council seats is a non-partisan office, there is no primary election and candidates have until August 14th to file for the November general election.

Five offices are unopposed: Property Valuation Administrator Janet I. Vaughn; Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta

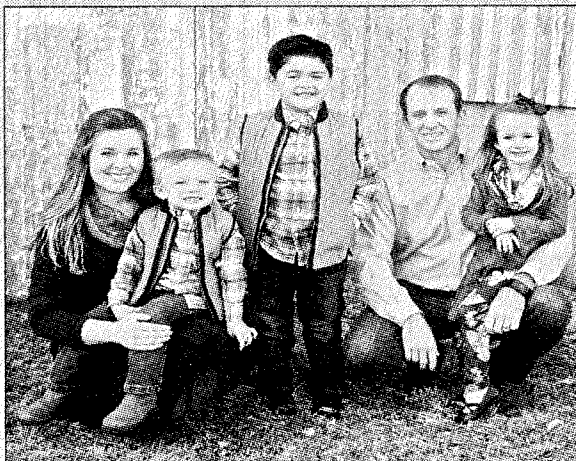
Ford Allen; Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe; Circuit Clerk Eliza Jane York and Kevin Begley, Constable District Three.

The latest update of those filing for office for the primary election in Rockcastle, is as follows:

Rockcastle County Sheriff: Shawn D. Simmons, R;

(See Election on A5)

Shell seeks re-election



Rockcastle County's State Representative, Jonathan Shell, filed his papers to seek re-election last Wednesday in Frankfort. Along with Rockcastle County, Shell represents

(See Shell on A5)

Bryant files for Mayor

Incumbent Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant has filed as a candidate for reelection in the upcoming general election on November 6, 2018.

Bryant was first elected in 2010 and served that 4 year term. He ran again in 2014 and was elected to serve another 4 year term. He is currently in his 8th year as Mt. Vernon Mayor. Before becoming mayor, Bryant worked for state, county, and city governments.

Among his vast work history, he has extensive training and experience in

ministry, social work, counseling, and law enforcement. He also has completed the City Officials Training for Mayors, both levels I and II.

Over the past 50 years,

(See Bryant on A5)



Lambert files for Kentucky Supreme Court

Judge Debra Hembree Lambert of the Kentucky Court of Appeals has filed to run for the Kentucky Supreme Court, 3rd Supreme Court District. Judge Lambert seeks the seat of Justice Daniel J. Venters, who is retiring at the end of his current term. The Supreme Court Justices serve statewide but are elected from regional districts.

The 3rd Supreme Court District consists of 27 counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Garrard, Green, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Lincoln, McCreary, Marion, Metcalfe, Monroe, Nelson, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Washington, Wayne and Whitley.

Judge Lambert was elected to the Kentucky Court of

Appeals from the same district in November, 2014.

A native of Bell County, Judge Lambert practiced law in Rockcastle County prior to being appointed by Governor Paul E. Patton as the first Family Court Judge in Pulaski, Lincoln and Rockcastle Counties. She was then elected and served on the Family Court bench from 1999 until 2006.

Following her time as Family Court Judge, she returned to private practice until her election to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Previously, Judge Lambert served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and as

(See Election on A5)



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Aces Over

By: Mike French



What would I have done without music? I started playing the guitar when I was about 7 years old and I remember thinking I waited too late to start. If I wanted to be a guitar player I should have started at a younger age.

After a year or so, I took up playing the banjo and then the bass, keyboards, mandolin etc.

I played several instruments to increase my demand. When a local band had an opening, if I only played one instrument, it greatly reduced my chances of finding the right gig.

There was a band that I used to want to play with so badly. They had recently won "Band of the Year" at the SPBGMA awards show and from being involved in music all my life, I knew each of them personally. I took up playing the mandolin solely for the purpose of being available for that band in the event that their mandolin player quit.

If their banjo player or guitar player quit, I had that covered. But I needed to learn mandolin just in case he was the first one to quit.

So I went to the leader of the band to let him know that I was learning to play mandolin just so that he would know I would be

ready should he need a mandolin player.

However I will never forget what he said to me. "Mike, you are messing up bad." Wide-eyed I asked him why. "You are too good on the banjo. Take that time you will use to learn the mandolin and use it to get even better on banjo and you won't take a back seat to anyone."

I took that as a major compliment from a man I respected, whose band had just been named bluegrass band of the year.

So, I went home and sold my mandolin and focused on guitar and banjo for the next two years.

He was right. Yeah I'll

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Points East

By Ike Adams



All my life, I've heard the sounds that geese make called, honking." But the spelled-out sounds that the dozens or hundreds of Canadian geese make when they fly over our place, daily, definitely starts with a w and I'm pretty sure there's a q in there, near the end, as well.

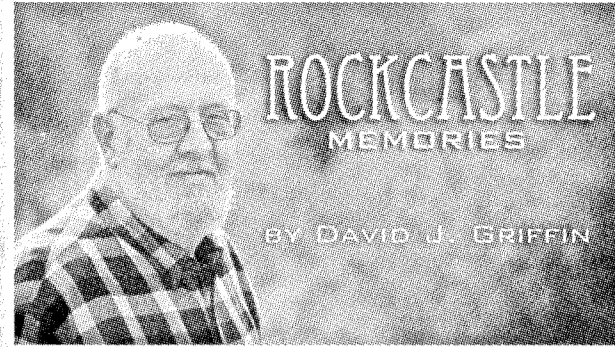
"Whaancq! Whaancq! Whaancq! Whaancq!" Over and over and over. There's no u after the q in goose speak, which is probably why old Daniel Webster left it out of his wonderful, wordy book. It defies the general rules of spelling in much the same way this column often defies and ig-

nore the rules of grammar. In any event, the sound is not anywhere close to what I would call a honk.

Even cars don't honk anymore. They either beep, tweet or sound like they are passing gas after eating too many soup beans. Occasionally an old pick up will still emit a manly honk but they're getting scarcer every day. And, as usual, I'm getting off the point.

Normally, when I go out to the porch, bundled up, for morning coffee and a few puffs of Captain Black around 8:00 A.M., I'll hear the geese coming several seconds before they show up on the southern horizon heading toward one of the dozens of big farm ponds that dot the landscape of central Kentucky. I'm assuming that most ponds are like the one that covers an acre or so behind my house, the outer edges of which host myriad, plentiful, aquatic vegetation on which the wild geese feed. Loretta has numerous photos of them walking around the pasture that she has

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"Chili" Ishmael

I lost a good friend this past week. His name was Charles "Chili" Ishmael, and he became my friend in the summer of 1968, when I joined his football coaching staff at Mt. Sterling High School (MSHS). He taught me so much about football and about life. It was a joy to be in his presence, and I am compelled to share with you a man who has been, and will always be, a big part of the life of this ole boy from Rockcastle County.

Chili grew up in Mt. Sterling, where he excelled in a variety of athletics. As a high school senior in 1960, he was named the Most Valuable Player in basketball, football, and baseball. He also received a scholarship to play both football and basketball for the University of Kentucky in the fall of that year.

UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp noted, "Chili Ishmael has the potential to be a top-flight scoring star." Rupp was correct in his assessment of Ishmael, as displayed when Chili scored 30 points against Florida in a SEC game in Lexington.

During one season, Chili started 17 of 19 games and finished second to Cotton Nash in scoring with an 11.1 average. In 1964, he married his "one true love and forever best friend, Nancy Henry!"

Chili began his football coaching career at his alma mater in 1965. His tenure included being named Associated Press Coach of the Year in 1967, when his MSHS Trojans were Class A Runner-Up State Champs. His team came roaring back in 1969 when we (I served as his assistant) won the Class A State Championship, defeating Bardstown at UK's Stoll Field. It was an eventful game and an everlasting memory. Over the years, Chili and I recounted that game over and over. It was the highlight of my 38-year teaching and coaching career.

Chili was a kind, mild-mannered, family man, who just happened to have an extraordinary knack of calling successful football plays. He has always been

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Going to the Drive-in Dear Journal,

I know it is the very heart of winter, but we all have hopes of an early spring and summer. I remember that spring and summer had a whole differ-

ent appeal when I was a child and growing up. All a kid wanted was to get out of school in the spring and enjoy all summer.

Now it's "I can't wait for warm weather so my feet will be warm again and maybe the electric bill will go down." Then, by the end of January, or at least by February, we have "cabin fever", being stuck inside for so long.

One of my favorite outings as a kid was going to the drive-in and eating junk food. The first movie I can ever remember seeing at the drive-in was "Spencer's Mountain", with Henry Fonda, Maureen O'Hara, and a young James "Book em, Dan-o" McArthur. Also playing that night as a double-feature was Bonnie and Clyde, starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. It went from a good, wholesome family film to bank robbery, murder, and running from the law.

I even remember the first movie I saw at the theater. It was one Sunday afternoon and Mom and I went to see Thunder Road, starring Robert Mitchum. It, of course, was about bootleg moonshine and running from the law. It was in black and white, I think. I was about five years old at the time. In all of my movie-going as a child, I never went to a Disney film; no Cinderella, Bambi, Snow White, etc. I'd heard other kids talk about them and got the plot, if you will, but I never saw them. There's no wonder I'm so warped.

When I was in my younger twenties, I still liked to go to the drive-in. One night, about dark, my niece, Sandy, her boyfriend, Bobby, me and my boyfriend, Bob, got a mattress off of one of the beds, cover and all, and put it in the back of Bobby's El Camino. We went to the drive-in and when it started getting cool, we all got in the back of the El Camino, with me and Sandy in the middle with Bob and Bobby on the outside. Every girl needs to date



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerned over safety of duck hunting...

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to last week's report on the city council meeting of 1-18-18, discussing duck hunting. The safety concerns of hunting so close to homes and the road at Rose Hill and up to Hwy. 1326 (by the park) are still up for debate.

Some citizens at the meeting voiced their con-

cerns about safety issues like hunting close to homes and the road, though it is illegal to hunt in all areas around the lake, except for Rose Hill Road and up to Hwy. 1326, that area, too, has the same safety concerns, the only difference is it's legal to hunt there.

Mayor Bryant stated, at the meeting the Dept. for Fish and Wildlife in Frankfort may have to be consulted to determine what they believe to be a safe

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Elect **HOWELL HOLBROOK** Jr.
for **ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

Family
Howell is a Republican and life-long resident of Rockcastle County, having grown up on a farm in the Brindle Ridge section of Rockcastle, one of six children. His parents are Howell Holbrook, Sr., and Ethylene Cash. Grandparents are the late John and Fannie Minton Holbrook and Arch and Artie Payne Cash. Howell and his wife, Gail Bustle Holbrook, have been married twenty-one years and have been blessed with three children - Jessica, a 2005 graduate of RCHS who worked at Ephraim McDowell Hospital and who lost her life in a tragic automobile accident at age 21; Paul, a 2017 RCHS graduate who attends Bible college in Export, PA; and Hope, who is a junior at RCHS. Prior to assuming his duties in local government, he and his family farmed, including a dairy farm operation, in addition to working for the University of Kentucky's Department of Agriculture.

Qualifications and Knowledge of Local Government
Through Howell's many years in government service, he often served as the chief liaison officer for the local county government, representing the fiscal court before both state and federal offices and local government entities to ensure an effective relationship between the county's administration and other officials in his area of expertise. Howell has also been instrumental in securing hundreds of thousands of dollars in monies for and on behalf of Rockcastle County.

Upon his arrival in county government, Howell assumed full responsibilities as director of the county's Emergency Management (7 years), director of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP - 16 years), chairman of the county's 911 board (6 years; a member of the board for 15 years), serves as the county's federally mandated Flood Plain Coordinator (7years), serves as a member on the Rockcastle County Board of Health and Rockcastle Ambulance Board.

In addition to his very active family life with his wife and children, Howell and his family are faithful members of his church and yet finds time to work on RVs and campers, enjoying his small business, Exit 62 Mobile RV service.

Howell Holbrook, Jr., is keenly aware of local government's obligations and responsibilities to its taxpayers, and has a great depth and breadth of knowledge required to operate the County Judge-Executive's office in an efficient and professional manner.

Working Together for a Better Tomorrow

Hi, My name is Rick Brumett, I'm running for the office of Jailer for Rockcastle County. I have been in law enforcement since 1993. I have worked at the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department for over 13 years. Drug abuse has torn families apart. Having an addiction and being arrested and incarcerated, then waiting to get into rehab, only to leave it in a couple of days is not working. I've been saying for years that we need a substance abuse work program at the jail. Getting counseling and doing a little hard work never hurt anyone. There are many more options to cut down on the expense of incarceration. One way would be having home incarceration done by the jail. We need to look at the alternatives that are available.

I'm asking for your vote in the May primary. I will try to talk to as many people as I can, but if I don't get the chance to talk to you and if you have a concern, feel free to call me at 606-386-9515.

VOTE RICK BRUMETT FOR JAILER

Paid for by Rick Brumett

"T.J.'s"

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a Bob at some point in their life, I've always said. The drive-ins are almost a thing of the past and the El Caminos have been gone a long time, as have the Bobs and Bobbys. I wish I could go to the drive-in again. I hear there is one in the Somerset area. I'd like to get a group of us old-timers together and form a convoy to the drive-in at Somerset one pretty summer night. How about it? Are you in?

"Memories"

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known as a man of integrity in his home town. Plainspoken and honest, he played a significant role in the lives of young men who were finding their way into the adult world and learning about becoming real men. Multitudes of his former players came to pay him homage.

As both an athlete and a high school coach, Chili formed countless life-long friends. Following his retirement in 1991, he spent a great deal of recreational time fishing or playing golf. In my mind, he was nothing less than a Master fisherman. He and Nancy had a camper on Lake Weiss, Alabama, where he loved to fish, and where they entertained countless numbers of family and friends over the years.

Three years ago, Chili was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and he began his final fight. During that time, he continued to be positive and had a smile on his face. His family and friends were encouraged and inspired by his determined battle against the deadly disease. He never became bitter or downhearted. Coach remained a real fighter in his last battle, where he continued to demonstrate his true Trojan spirit.

It was difficult for me to "let Chili go." I will miss him terribly. But like many others who share our common faith, I am reassured that I will see him again one day. In the meantime, he will live on in my memories and in my heart.

I love you, Coach!
(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.)

"Aces"

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toot my own horn a little. There was a time (back in the late 70s) that I was pretty hard to handle. I played for several hours, seven days per week and made up my own stuff so that I wouldn't sound like other banjo players. You know, sort of stand out in the crowd.

Back in those days, I was fast and accurate and unique. I made my parents very proud and that made me work even harder to get better.

But then the day came when the man, that I had yearned to play with most of my bluegrass life, called me. As soon as I heard his voice I was certain I was about to get the job as banjo player for a top band in the country.

"Mike, I was just thinking about you. Our mandolin player quit the band and I remembered you telling me you had taken it up. I

wondered how you are coming along on the mandolin," he said.

"John, I quit the mandolin." He asked me why. "Because you told me too!" I said.

His response rocked my world. "Well Mike who in the world ever listens to me?"

I was devastated.

Anyway, through pure luck, I had remembered enough to barely get by on the mandolin (not really in that league) from when I had played two years earlier.

John agreed to give me the gig because I happened to be able to sing the harmony part he was missing and he would have a "utility man" which meant if anyone in the band every missed a show, I could play their instrument and hire someone else to play mandolin and not have to cancel the show or play short handed.

Anyway, over the years his banjo player did indeed quit eventually and I moved over to that position and we got a new mandolin player.

Just one of countless stories in the world of music. I wonder what I would have done if I had never picked up that guitar at seven years old.

Most everyone has some kind of hobby or something they feel pretty good at. I think of the hours of my life spent with some kind of instrument strapped over my shoulder and it amazes me.

I've been blessed to play on the biggest stages in America with the biggest of stars. I even got to play on television shows that I watched as a seven year old with that old Harmony guitar in my lap.

But had I never picked it up, and never learned to play a note, I wonder what I would have done with those 45,000 hours of time (Yes, I used a calculator and estimated it).

I know if I had just made \$15 an hour, that would have been \$675,000 just to play the banjo.

Or if I had spent that 45,000 hours (2,700,000 minutes) studying word manipulation, I could have been President.

"Letters"

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distance, as he too has some concerns and he has taught hunter education classes for 15 years.

In meeting with the mayor on January 23rd, he stated he is going to contact Frankfort to attempt to set up a meeting. Story to be continued.

Despite past letters to the editor concerning duck hunting, two different announcements posted in the paper notifying people of the council meetings, with duck hunting on the agenda, and announcements on the local radio station, one council member stated she really didn't know anything about duck hunting, didn't know there were any concerns about it, had not been out to the hunting areas then stated she didn't have a problem with duck hunting and made a motion to dismiss the issue.

It is unacceptable to me that a council member would make a decision on any issue without information on the topic, especially an ordinance involving fire arms and public safety.

It doesn't even seem like it should be allowed, but apparently it is an acceptable practice by the city council. Really?

Sincerely,
Kathy Horrar

P.S. My apologies for leaving the meeting early.

Ed's Note: City Clerk Jeanette Robinson said that no motion was made by the councilmember referenced to dismiss the duck hunting issue during the meeting.
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Thanks to all for helping benefit...

Dear Editor,

My wife Dawn and I want to take a moment to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the Griffin Family Benefit Event a success.

Many friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, strangers and the community stepped up in a big way. Many of our local businesses contributed items to be auctioned or gave cash donations and other businesses donated food.

We also want to thank the churches that contributed. We were definitely impressed with the food buffet Renee and others prepared.

We were blessed with good gospel singing from each individual and group who gave their time for this special cause.

We appreciate each and every person who came out to support this event.

Rockcastle County, you're the best. We were blessed with so many people being involved that it would have been almost impossible to list each one individually. But we thank each and every one from the bottom of our hearts. God bless.

Jack Stallsworth

Just say no...

Dear Editor,

To my friends and neighbors,

Just a heads up about an emerging situation... several people in our county are working together to organize a deceptive campaign. It is to get alcohol sales into the city of Mt. Vernon. They are marketing it as the great fix to all the financial and physical infrastructure problems we face. The leaders have created an impressive list of statistics and testimonials from several of the larger cities around us. Those statistics paint a picture that jobs will be plentiful for anyone who wants one, government agencies will have all the money they need to update equipment and improve or expand existing facilities, public services will be increased and extra personnel will be staffed, higher end restaurants will locate here, and large business and industries have just been waiting on us hillbillies to step into the light of progress so they could locate their big plants here.

I have been in situations to know you can find any statistic you want to defend your point. I sometimes just observe things with my own two eyes instead of reading and listen-

ing to the tainted information I am being inundated with. I am urging you to do the same. Most of the people in these groups have not been at the prior meetings concerning job creation, career training, public fund procurement, tax base generations or really any meeting on bettering our cities or county. In addition, many of the individuals they have enlisted to voice support for their cause are not even registered voters. New registered voters are being recruited now, so the very first thing they could vote for would be ensuring alcohol is closer to home. Not sure lots of the new voters have been involved on public service committees, finding funding for government agencies or job creation in our county before.

Also, I do realize you will say it's just my professions causing me to think this way. It's just expected that someone who is associated with a church or education system has to stand against alcohol expansion and availability. Actually, I have been disappointed as I have witnessed people professing Christianity and who have a church connection speaking in favor of alcohol sales in our county. I have also talked to several educators, who are charged with teaching and being role models for children, who are supporting it as well.

Enough about all this debate stuff, I just want to ask you to consider your position on this very important topic. I have been told having alcohol readily available in Mt. Vernon would help in so many different situations. Consider these situations:

I am glad my spouse can have a few drinks with friends after work. They make much better decisions when they're drinking.

My doctors are way too serious. I wish they had a couple drinks before they read my MRI.

That lady who runs my child's day care needs to have a drink and relax a little; she is way too focused on safety rules.

I am so proud to live in a community where my child's college friends don't have to go without alcohol when they come to visit.

I just love sitting by my child's teammates' parents at these ballgames. They are so much more fun now since they have a few drinks before coming.

I personally know from experience that the effects of alcohol are no good on individuals, families, and communities. It nearly killed me years ago and had a very negative impact on my credibility. Alcohol use impaired my judgment and caused me to make bad decisions which could have easily cost me important relationships, jobs, or my life.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Just say no to alcohol.

Ralph Baker

"Points East"

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shot through our kitchen window.

It's not unusual to see half a dozen flocks fly over, anywhere from 6 to as many as 25 or more per flock, in the course of 15 minutes. About an hour before dark I hear them coming from the north, headed back to whatever larger impoundment that makes them feel safe at night, but where the food supply is apparently slim pickings. I suspect they are mostly going to or coming from Lake Linville at Renfro Valley or Maywoods here in Garrard County but I would not place much of a wager on that assumption.

My current ambition is to take a photograph of a flock or

flocks of the flying geese set against some sunrise or sunset clouds or even a deep blue sky. I can see said photos in my mind's eye--a long V with 20 or so geese, perfectly lighted, or maybe just half a dozen flying side by side or in tandem with puffy little clouds in the background. The clouds are sometimes colored up and sometimes snowy white. You'd be proud to have this image in a large frame adorning a wall in your living room or den if I am ever able to take it.

Late last Sunday afternoon/early evening our semi-adopted son, John Edwards and his three daughters, Shyann, Alyssia and Johnna were visiting from Mount Vernon. John and I were on the porch while I waited for the geese to arrive while the girls were inside playing with our horse dog (a yellow lab who looks like a dog/big as a horse).

The sky had all the makings of an incredible sunset and it was getting better all the time. My camera was on the porch swing, within easy reach so I could grab it as soon as we heard the geese coming.

Suddenly John yelled, "Look at that!!!"

More than a dozen geese, as silently as a full moon at midnight, were already passing through the very spot I intended to photograph without

bothering to announce their arrival. They were out of sight by the time I'd grabbed my camera.

Five minutes later the same scenario happened again. Without making a sound, the geese were more than halfway to the tree-line. This time I already had the camera in my hands and I did manage to get a shot of goose tails going out of sight but it's not something you'll ever see in a picture frame. I may post it on facebook.

We sat out there for another half hour or so until the light got so low that I would not have been able to get enough shutter speed to take a photo in sharp focus and I decided to take the camera back inside.

We walked back out onto the twilighted porch just in time to hear, "Whaancq! Whaancq! Whaancq! Whaancq!"

And, sure enough, here came the perfect V I'd been waiting for. In the spirit of very sour grapes I told John that I couldn't have taken the photograph anyway.

But rest assured. If the weather warms back up I will keep trying and I may yet pull it off if the darn things will yell and let me know they're coming while the light is still good.

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Monday, February 5th: Make-up day. **Tuesday, February 6th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamer and Pine Hill. **Wednesday, February 7th:** Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.

HEROES Meeting

Helping Educate Reaching Out Ending Stigma There will be a HEROES meeting February 8th at the Rockcastle County Middle School in the library at 6 p.m. Please attend as plans are to move forward in developing a chapter of HEROES in Rockcastle County. It's never too late to be HEROES!

FFA Alumni Chili Supper and Auction

The Rockcastle FFA Alumni will hold their annual Chili Supper and Auction Saturday, February 24th. The chili supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the auction following at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased from an FFA member or at the door. All proceeds will be used to pay for scholarships and FFA functions.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

New Volunteer Training for HCP

There will be new volunteer training for Hospice Care Plus on Saturday, February 12, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Open to teens and adults, ages 14 and up. Positions open in pet therapy, center hospitality, hospice home care companionship and respite (in our community), breakfast club and much more. Register by calling Stefanie at 859-626-9292 or 888-334-0009. More details at hospicecareplus.org

VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

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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 Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grille. 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 Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Obituaries



Norma Jean Witt

Norma Jean Witt, 76, of Orlando, died Friday, January 26, 2018 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. She was born in Rockcastle County on March 21, 1941, the daughter of Noal Mitchell and Edna Bowman Pigg.



She is survived by: a son, Robert Witt IV and Kacey Miller of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Lisa Gail Mason of Berea; a brother, Noal Junior Pigg of Big Hill; three sisters, Rachel King of Clear Creek, Maxine Hatfield of Dayton, OH, and Sue Barron of Ottawa; three grandchildren, Anthony Edward (Jessica) Mason II, Steven Tyler Witt, and Dustin Ellis Witt; and six great grandchildren, Shasta, Caleb, Jacob, Caiden, Aryonna, and Nevah. Also surviving is her best friend, Albert Higdon of Orlando. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Witt, III; a brother; and a sister.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Martin. Burial was in the Branaman Cemetery at Wildie.

Pallbearers were: Jesse Baker, Jeremy Davidson, John King, Anthony Mason, Ronnie Roark, and James Robinson. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Germaine Stella Felts

Germaine Stella Felts, 74, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Laconia, NH on April 20, 1943, the daughter of Melvin and Adrennie Carigan Glassburn. She was a homemaker and a member of Bible Baptist Church. Her hobbies included crocheting and playing Rook.



She is survived by: her fiancé, Carl Dean Hasty of Mt. Vernon; children, Ronnie Twitchell, Stella Twitchell, and Alice Marie Twitchell, all of Indianapolis, IN; and a sister, Mary Kelly of Hiawassee, GA. Several grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Twitchell.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Travis Gilbert and Don Stayton, and Mr. Darren Allen with music by Jeremy and Jenni Ellis. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Angie Adams, Eric Adams, Ben Allen, Danetta Allen, Darren Allen, and Matt Ford. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Michael Allen Cromer

Michael Allen Cromer, 44, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 27, 2018 at his home. He was born December 5, 1973 to the late Larry Randal and Alice Faye (McFerron) Cromer in Mt. Vernon. He was a construction worker by trade and enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching NASCAR and wrestling. He had attended the Blue Springs Church of Christ.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Kacie Cromer (Wesley) Hisle of Crab Orchard and Jacob and Nicholas Cromer, both of Alvin, TX; a brother, Tommy Cromer of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Deborah (Davis Northern) DeBord and Sheila Philbeck, both of Mt. Vernon and Barbara (Lauren) Earles of Knoxville, TN; one niece; five nephews; one great nephew; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a nephew, Zachary DeBord.

A complete obit will appear in the *Signal's* next issue. Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Charlotte Carrera

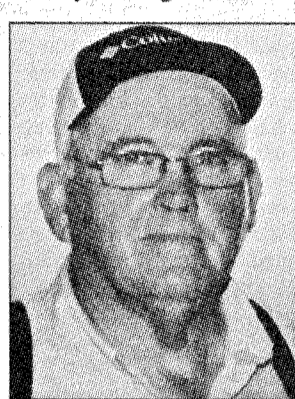
Charlotte Carrera, 71, of Brodhead, mother of Andrew and Stephen, died Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the Passionate Care Center with family by her side.

Arrangements for Charlotte are pending at this time, but have been entrusted to the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

A complete obituary will appear in next weeks *Signal*. Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

William Henry Wynn

William Henry Wynn, 65, of London, died Monday, January 22, 2018 in East Bernstadt. He was born in Harlan County on August 1, 1952, the son of Gilbert and Lavina Blevins Wynn. He was a retired welder for Trane Company and a member of the True Faith Holiness Church of East Bernstadt. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter.



He is survived by: his loving wife, Eva Bowman Wynn; his son, Wayne Britton (Karen) Wynn of Lily; three sisters, Gladys Chesnut of Mt. Vernon, Janice Helton of Crab Orchard, and Jean (Lonnie) McGuire of Brodhead; a sister-in-law, OphaWynn of Mt. Vernon; and his grandson, Jacob Benjamin Wynn of Lily. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Larry and Raymond Wynn; and a sister, Alice Carpenter.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Darrell Allen and Donnie Tabor. Burial was in the Wynn Cemetery on Red Hill.

Pallbearers were: Gilbert Chesnut, Robert Chesnut, Jason McGuire, Lonnie McGuire, Jason Ramey, and Jacob Wynn. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Delores Irene Barron

Delores Irene Barron, 87, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday January 25, 2018 at the Kenwood Health & Rehabilitation Center in Richmond. She was born in Madison County on May 31, 1930, the daughter of Andy and Annie Skinner Abney. She was a retired caregiver who loved to cook and visit Goodwill and yard sales. She enjoyed listening to country and bluegrass music as well.

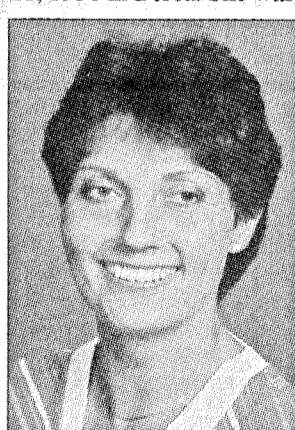


She is survived by: her husband, Robert Barron; children, Robert and Janet Abner, Oscar and Rhonda Abner, and Andy Abner, all of Richmond, IN, Steve and Julie Lakes of Florence, Jimmy Abner of Richmond, and Mary Ann and James Eversole of Hagerstown, IN; a daughter-in-law, Sarah Abner of Richmond, IN; two step-sons, Anthony Barron of Mt. Vernon, and Jeffery Barron of Lexington; and two step-daughters, Rhonda Barron of Winchester, and Judy Barron of Eubank. 14 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and several great great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, two daughters, a brother, and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 29, 2018 Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robert C. Abner. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Joy Ann Meadows-Duncan

Joy Ann Meadows-Duncan, entered into internal life on January 28, 2018 at the age of 67. She was born October 21, 1950 in Berea. She was a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, University of KY and employed by UK College of Dentistry. She was a forever fan of the Beatles and UK basketball. She was a friend to all of God's creatures, regularly caring for wildlife and neighborhood cats, many of which she adopted. She loved reading and discussing the Bible.



She is survived by: her father, Billy D. Mullins; brother, Dale (Karen) Meadows; sisters, Renee Reynolds, Teresa (Mike) Hudson, Tammy (Will) Gilliam, Piper Mullins; a host of nieces and nephews; and her much loved cat, Tar-Tar.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Arnold Meadows, and mother, Evelyn Bussell Mullins; maternal grandparents, Opp and Mazy Bussell; and paternal grandparents, Ted and Molly Meadows.

Private services were held January 30, 2018 at Blackburn & Ward Funeral Home in Versailles. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

In lieu of flowers, Joy and her family would love a donation to be made in her name to the Lexington Humane Society, 1600 Old Frankfort Pike, Lexington, KY, 40504. Condolences may be left online at www.BlackburnandWard.com

Card of Thanks

Naomia Renner

To the family and many friends of the late Naomia Renner, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for the kindness, condolences and support that we received during this difficult time.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Bro. Marcus Reppert and Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

The Everett Renner Family

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Special Service

Berea Gospel Tabernacle, 231 Berea Road, will have a special meeting, Friday night, Feb. 9th, beginning at 7 p.m. with Bro. Jim Miller speaking.

Pastor Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

ARTICHOKE BREAD

1 loaf crusty French loaf
1 can (14 ounce) water-packed artichoke hearts
1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
Cut bread in half lengthwise; place on an ungreased baking sheet. Preheat oven to 350°. Rinse, drain, and chop artichoke hearts. In a small bowl, combine the artichokes, bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, and garlic; spread evenly over cut sides of bread.

Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted. Slice and serve warm.

FETA-SPINACH DIP

Feta is one of my favorite cheeses. If you want to use frozen spinach instead of fresh, thaw spinach and squeeze dry before stirring into cheese mixture.
1 cup (8 ounce) fat-free plain Greek yogurt
3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
2 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, cubed
1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream
1 garlic clove, minced
1 and 1/2 cups finely chopped

fresh spinach
1 teaspoon fresh dill weed
Fresh vegetables and/or sliced bread
Put yogurt, feta cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, and garlic into a food processor; cover and process until smooth. Transfer to small bowl; stir in spinach and dill. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Serve with fresh vegetables and/or bread.

STUFFED CORNMEAL TARTS

Any stuffing of your choice will work also. Salsa and refried beans, beer cheese, chopped tomatoes, chopped barbecued pork, chicken salad, sautéed mushrooms, your favorite dip—just to name a few. The pimento cheese is my favorite.
2 cups self-rising cornmeal
2 cups buttermilk
1/2 all-purpose flour
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 and 1/2 cups pimento cheese
Preheat oven to 400°. Lightly grease 2 mini-muffin pans. Stir together cornmeal, buttermilk, flour, lightly beaten eggs, and butter, and until just moistened. Spoon batter into prepared pans, filling two-thirds full. Bake 15 minutes or until golden brown. (If both pans won't fit in oven at once, bake in batches.) Cool 5 minutes. Stuff cups with the pimento cheese.

An encouraging word:

Something Better Is Ahead

By Howard Coop



A look at the calendar is revealing. Groundhog Day is upon us. Although Groundhog Day is not a holiday and is nothing more than a bit of folklore, it does have special significance for us. It's a reminder that the gloomy days of winter are half over, and that, indeed, is encouraging.

The first reference to Groundhog Day that I have found is an entry in an old dairy that is dated February 4, 1841. That entry was written by James Morris, a storekeeper in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, who wrote, "Last Tuesday, the 2nd was Candlemas day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for a six weeks nap, but if the day is cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

So, for centuries, the little brown marmot, while it may or may not be an accurate prognosticator of the weather, has amused us. Maybe a meteorologist, giving the weather forecast on television, got it right when he said, "If the groundhog sees his shadow, we will have six more

weeks of bad weather, but if he does not see his shadow, we will see only forty-two days more of winter."

There is one thing we know: Winter is half over, the days are getting a few minutes longer, and the average daily temperature is inching up just a little bit. So we can enjoy the humor associated with Groundhog Day and look ahead beyond the gloomy days of winter to the coming of spring, for we know it is ahead.

Groundhog Day may be a humorous look at the weather, but it is more. It is a powerful reminder that, deep in the human heart, there is a spirit of optimism that enables us to look at life in the worst of times and in the most trying of circumstances and believe that something better is ahead.

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I have listed below
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- Set up regular meetings with school officials to create a better relationship for early drug prevention.
- More certified officer's to provide 24/7 security through out the county.
- A detective dedicated primarily to burglary.

The way i plan to help fund my ideas are through programs such as:

- Seize Items and or property in convicted drug related crimes.
- A Rockcastle County impound yard.

I have many more ideas and would love to hear yours,
Thank you for your support!

Election

(Cont. from front)

Chris Mason, R; Shannon Franklin, R; Matt Dees, R; Gary V. Linville, R; Ken Holt, R; J.C. (Raymond) Griffin, R and Barry Adams.

Rockcastle County Jailor: Carlos McClure, incumbent, R; Rick Brummett, R; John Burton, R; Nathan Carter, R and Stanley Payne, R.

Rockcastle County Coroner: Joseph Casey McClure, R; Stephen Hale, R; Richard Dean, R and Marvin E. Owens, incumbent, D.

Circuit Clerk: Eliza Jane York, R.

Magistrate District One: Shannon D. Bishop, incumbent, R and Lee Earl Adams, R. and James Potter.

Magistrate District Two: William S Denny, incumbent, R; Kevin Gibbons, R and Michael Combs R.

Magistrate District Three: Doug Prewitt, R; Bentley Sowder, R; David Wayne Coffey, and Thomas "Benton" Miller, R and Gary Gentry, D.

Magistrate District Four: Gary Burdette, incumbent, R; Ralph Carpenter, R; Burton Stephens, R; Don Dees, R.; Ronald Abney, D and Wendell Shane Thacker, R.

Magistrate District Five: Michael P. McGuire, incumbent, R; Michael L. Smith, R and Merrill Brown, R.

Constable District One: Rodney G. Adams, R; Teddy W. Rose, R; Ronald Dale Simpson, R and Jordan Bales, R.

Constable District Two: Chuck Gray, R; Roger Alcorn, R; Steve Griffin, R and Lisa McClure Johnson, D.

Constable District Three: Kevin Begley, R.

Constable District Four: Donnie Cope, R and Brian Keith Hall, R.

Constable District Five: Charlie Newcomb, R; Eddie Gabbard, R; Albert Carpenter, R and Anthony Bruce French, R.

The drawing for candidate position on the ballot for the May Primary will be held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse in the 3rd floor Conference Room, Thursday (today), February 1st at 2 p.m.

Any candidate is invited to participate, otherwise a deputy county clerk will draw for them.

Also, the Board of Elections have changed their scheduled monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Lambert

(Cont. from front)

City Attorney for the City of Mount Vernon.

As she began developing the new family court, Judge Lambert volunteered to work directly with middle schools in her three counties. Judge Lambert established a truancy prevention program called "Whatever it Takes." This program was a strength-based program meant to encourage attendance and achievement, building on the individual student's own skills.

If elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court, Judge Lambert intends to work with educators to develop a prepackaged curriculum for the development of such a program in every county in Kentucky. "It is a wonderful opportunity for our judges to work directly with the schools and students and help prevent so many of our problems, before they get out of hand. Judges can credibly touch subjects that others aren't able to discuss as authoritatively. I would suggest topics such as substance abuse prevention, cyber-bullying, domestic violence/school violence, suicide prevention, etc. I still hear from teachers and school administrators who loved how well this program worked." She refers to her efforts to develop a statewide program as "Whatever It Takes 2.0."

Judge Lambert also brought the first drug courts to her Circuit, establishing both a Family Drug Court and a Juvenile Drug Court. The National Association of Drug Court Professionals recognized Judge Lambert in 2002 by inducting her into the Stanley M. Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame. She is only one of three Kentuckians so honored.

"My work as a lawyer, prosecutor, trial judge, and now Court of Appeals judge makes me uniquely qualified to serve the people of the Commonwealth. I grew up modestly and learned to work hard. That work ethic has served me well in my career. The Kentucky Supreme Court gets the final say-so regarding our state laws in most all circumstances. Their rulings shape our everyday lives, both in our homes and businesses. The work is sometimes somber and often difficult, but I am a serious minded, constitutional conservative - with respect for all branches of government-- and, if elected, will faithfully and impartially execute my duties to the people of this Commonwealth."

Judge Lambert graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1983, with distinction, and from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1989, in the top 25% of her graduating class.

She is married to Joe Sharpe and is the mother of two adult sons, Joseph Patrick Lambert and John Ryan Lambert. She also has two step-daughters, Jessica Sharpe (Nick) Stringer, who are the parents of grandson, Sam Stringer and Chelsea Sharpe and fiancé Evan Woolums.

Debra and her husband live in Burnside.

Bryant

(Cont. from front)

he has served on boards and committees of many local, regional, and state organizations. He has done extensive public speaking in various capacities in eight states and three foreign countries, as well as being listed in 14 honorary publications and has been the recipient of 18 community awards.

He has appeared on several television and radio stations. His current memberships included the Rockcastle UNITE Board; Rockcastle County Development Board; Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce; Rockcastle County Hazard Mitigation Task Force; Rockcastle County Healthy Community Board; Mt. Vernon Housing Authority Board; Rockcastle Kiwanis Club; National Alliance for Mental Health Illness Board; Rockcastle County Pride Planning Committee and the University of the Cumberland's Church Relations Board. Bryant is also a member of the Cumberland Valley Add Board Executive Committee for the eight county area.

Mayor Bryant's interests include hunting, fishing, camping, reenacting, knife collecting, model railroad, and martial arts. He is a black belt certified instructor. He and his wife, Carol two daughters and two sons and 12 grandchildren.

Mayoral candidates and council members have until the second Tuesday of August (August 14th this year) to file as a candidate in the general election in November.

Shell

(Cont. from front)

Garrard and Madison Counties in the State House of Representatives. He is Kentucky's first Republican House Majority Leader.

"Voters in Rockcastle County have made it clear that they want conservative leadership in Frankfort," said Shell. "I'm more committed than ever to fighting the tough battles to secure the future we deserve."

Shell, a farmer, has worked on a variety of important issues. He has been

a part of the effort to fight back against the devastating drug epidemic and is heavily involved in advancing policies recently recommended by the House Adoption Task Force. He is credited for his work to build a Republican majority in the General Assembly. Under his leadership as House Republican Campaign Chair, the GOP took a majority of House seats for the first time in 95 years in 2016.

Shell helped guide transformational legislation into law during the first week of the 2017 session that has kicked Kentucky's economy into gear.

"I've spent the past few years working to better my community and help lead the Commonwealth to prosperity," said Shell. In 2017, Kentucky saw record economic development in the amount of more than \$9 billion in new investments.

"I got into this to make life better for the people of this county. I'm looking forward to the opportunity the campaign gives me to discuss what we've achieved and how to ensure we have the brightest future possible."

Shell helps manage Shell Farms, a 1,200 acre family farm. Shell and his wife, Brooke, are the proud parents of three young children, Jaxson, Lydia, and Reagan.

Needle

(Cont. from front)

needles. However, the user could only get the amount of new needles that he/she returned, according to Christi Green, Public Health Director of CVDHD.

However, the forum did not meet with complete support. Especially from police officers in attendance.

Speaker Greg Lee, HIV/AIDS Continuing Education Director of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, provided a slide show for those present.

The slide show provided numbers concerning the growth of heroin use in Kentucky and the rise in cases of Hepatitis C and B. "Kentucky leads the nation in acute Hep C cases" said Lee. "Kentucky is miles above all other states."

Lee said the cost of a syringe exchange program is \$780 per year while the cost of a 12 week Hep, C treatment program is \$84,000.

Lee blamed several causes and claimed that statistics show the needle exchange programs do not increase the number of drug users in a community and does not increase crime. "How can anyone disagree with the program," he asked.

Lee provided many figures and comparisons suggesting that a needle exchange program greatly reduces Hep, C and HIV cases in each community where the program is implemented.

Also on hand to address the crowd was Renee McClure, Trauma Coordinator at Rockcastle County Regional Hospital.

McClure told the crowd that the most common problem thus far in Rockcastle from needle use has been infections. "We get liver and heart disease from needle use but mostly it's abscesses and infections from needle use."

A third speaker, Leon Davidson, Leader of Northside Celebrate Recovery Leadership Team, told those present that he sees the needle exchange program as a bridge to recovery much as the Celebrate Recovery Program is.

Local government approval is required by state law for any such program to be implemented in any city. Though the group had previously addressed the Brodhead City Council, hoping for an exchange program there, council members tabled the subject since the county government (fiscal court) would have to approve the program county wide and then each city

would have to approve its own program after county approval.

Part of the program includes a container slightly larger than a large drink cup that holds the needles for safety reasons. However, if stopped by police, that container cannot be searched and the user cannot be charged with having the needle as drug paraphernalia. One of the reasons for the law, according to Green, is so that the user will feel safe from arrest if they utilize the program which will encourage the use of "clean" needles and reduce disease.

One of the arguments for the program is it would most likely not cost taxpayers. Green said such programs are usually sponsored by local hospitals or pharmacists or concerned citizens and businesses.

However, doing nothing, she claims, costs taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical costs alone.

The floor was then opened for a question and answer period which was moderated by Kelly Owens, Education Specialist, Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center.

Several law enforcement officers were present at the forum and expressed their concerns about the program. One officer pointed out that the first place he would hide his drugs if he were a drug addict, would be the needle container where officers are not allowed to search.

Others in the audience said they do not agree with providing needles to drug users under any circumstances and other audience members said they were "on the fence" about the subject but had serious concerns.

With each concern expressed by audience members, forum speakers defended the program. Green told the audience that the CVDHD is obligated by law to help stop the spread of any and all infectious diseases.

At the end of the forum,

most agreed the next step will be for officials to ask the Rockcastle County fiscal court to approve the program countywide. If that approval is given, then the CVDHD must go to each individual city council meeting (Livingston, Brodhead and Mount Vernon) to ask for approval to operate the program within that city.

Wet/Dry

(Cont. from front)

The vote, if passed, would make the sale of alcohol by the glass legal in the city limits of Mount Vernon.

"There are some restaurant who would like to be able to serve a beer or a glass of wine with a meal," said Leger.

Leger also pointed out that since the last wet/dry vote in the county, which failed handily, many surrounding areas have legalized the sale of drinks in their cities.

Leger said the Rockcastle County Tourism Board voted to endorse the petition in their December meeting.

If the required number of signatures are obtained, the petition must be filed not less than 60 days prior to the May 22 election to be on the ballot.

Offer

(Cont. from front)

by county officials and will be returned to Family Dollar for their signature with a couple of "insignificant" changes, according to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe.

"We really appreciate everything the fiscal court and RCIDA did to make this a reality," Livingston Mayor Jason Medley said. He added that when he spoke to the developer who works with Family Dollar "he told me that our designation as a Trail Town was one of the reasons they decided to come to Livingston because they knew there would be steadily growing

tourism with increased foot traffic. I want to give credit to everyone in Livingston who has worked so hard to improve Livingston and think this is the main reason Family Dollar has made this commitment."

During the meeting, the court also opened bids for the repair of two slides, one on Possum Kingdom Road and the other on the Boone Cromer Road.

King-Crete, Inc., out of Zee, Ky. was the successful bidder on both projects. \$40,477.50 for the Possum Kingdom slide and \$28,717.75 for the one on Boone Cromer Road.

The county will have to pay for the work when it is completed but 80% of the cost will then be reimbursed to them from the state's rural secondary road program.

Arrest

(Cont. from front)

unsteady on his feet.

The citation also says McGee had fired the warning shots into a tree that was directly in front of a neighboring home.

Once inside the home speaking with McGee, deputies noticed pill bottles in plain view with marijuana seeds inside and fertilizer on the table. Police also noticed a bright light coming from another room that is consistent with a growing lamp.

Once officers obtained a search warrant, the citation says an investigation turned up marijuana plants, heating lights and a temperature gauge.

When police attempted to arrest McGee, the citation says he "jerked" away.

McGee was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with public intoxication, cultivating marijuana, wanton endangerment, resisting arrest, tampering with evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia. McGee's bond was set at \$7,500 unsecured.

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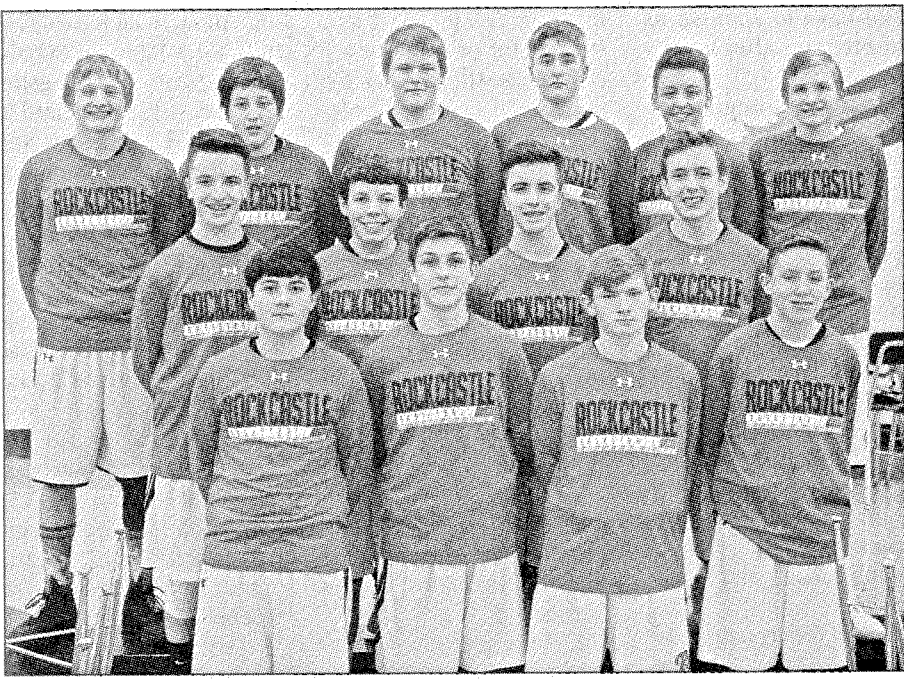
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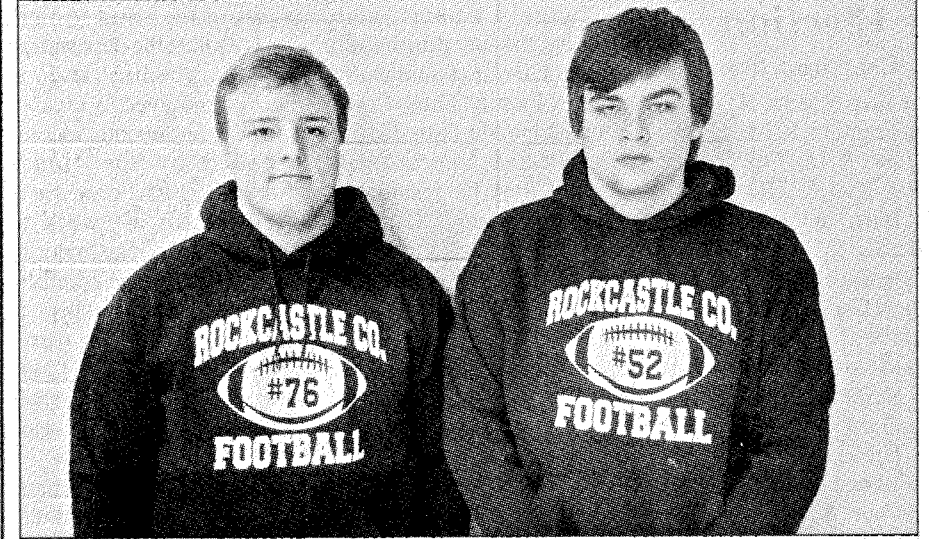
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Rockcastle County Middle School honored their eighth grade players and family members during their game with Model Tuesday night. Members of the eighth grade squad are shown above, front row from left: Jaydon Albright, Landon Broadus, Kaleb Whitaker and Ethan Cotton. Second row from left: Ethan Fain, Bryson Atkin, Noah Fain and Reese Coguer. Back row from left: Matthew Chasteen, Landon Gentry, Jake Sanders, Jared Bugg, Daniel Mullins and Drew Hopkins.



Rockcastle County Middle School honored their eighth grade cheerleaders and family members during their game with Model Tuesday night. Eighth grade members of the cheer squad are shown above, from left: Lindsey Robinson, Beth Mink, Taryn Powell, Savannah Thacker, Sydney Carrera and Melanie Vanwinkle.



Honorable Mention All-State

Rockcastle County Rockets Logan Barnett and Blaze Stewart were named last week to the A.P. Honorable mention All-State football team as defensive linemen.

Frankfort Update...

**By Jonathon Shell
State Representative
Right-to-Work Ruling a
Win for Kentucky Families**

In our first session in the majority, House Republicans made it a priority to create jobs and expand economic opportunity. That principle was the basis of House Bill 1 in 2017, the Right-to-Work Act, which has already had a big impact on the Commonwealth.



In what was a big win for Kentucky families, a legal challenge to right-to-work was recently dismissed. This action was a win for all Kentuckians who desire an economy that is growing and creating jobs. It was a clear victory for our fellow citizens across the state who are now looking at increasingly hopeful economic prospects, with more progress to come.

Look no further than last May's announcement from Braidy Industries, an aluminum mill that is investing over a billion dollars and adding 550 jobs in Eastern Kentucky. In announcing the company's expansion, CEO Craig Bouchard made clear that our state's newfound

right-to-work status was vital to his company's investment in the people of Kentucky. "If Kentucky wasn't a right-to-work state, it wouldn't have been on the list."

Braidy is not the only company who has noticed that Kentucky is now open for business. 2017 also saw Amazon pledge to invest \$1.5 billion and add 2,700 jobs to a cargo hub at the Northern Kentucky Airport, as well as a battery manufacturer promise to bring \$372 million and nearly 900 jobs to Pikeville.

These companies did not suddenly decide at random that they wanted to come to Kentucky; each of these, in addition to the numerous other companies that are pumping millions of new dollars into our state's economy, saw Kentucky as a place that no longer places unnecessary roadblocks in the way of companies wanting to invest in our people.

We are now a pro-business state. That is a philosophy that not only benefits those who are signing the checks, but the families who form the backbone of a sound economy. Putting forth pro-business policies, as we did last session and continue to do today, puts food on the tables of hardworking Kentuckians, many of whom have suffered

heavily in an era where manufacturers consistently passed over Kentucky. Employment provides families with stability, the very kind of stability that reduces the likelihood of drug use, addiction, and poverty.

Not only has Kentucky benefitted from policies like right-to-work through the billion-dollar investments we have seen, but the country at large has seen wage bonuses, more investment, and higher 401Ks as a result of President Trump's efforts to reform our tax system and deregulate our job creators.

We still have work to do, no doubt. We must reform Kentucky's tax code, which is currently outdated and not aligned with the modern economy. However, 2017 was a red letter year in our state, with \$9.2 billion in pledged investment and over 17,000 new jobs. Right-to-Work was just the start, and I can't wait to see what our future holds.

Work on that future is underway in Frankfort as the 2018 session of the General Assembly continues. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me.

Rep. Jonathon Shell is the Majority Floor Leader in the State House of Representatives. He represents the 71st district, which includes Garrard, Rockcastle, and part of Madison County. Contact him with any questions, concerns, or advice. He can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or via e-mail at Jonathon.Shell@lrc.ky.gov.

Legislative Update...

**By Jared Carpenter
State Senator**

Despite the slick roads and thick accumulation of snow across the Commonwealth, the Kentucky General Assembly returned ready to work following the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. The general atmosphere in the Capitol was one of anticipation as citizens rallied for causes in the Rotunda and met with their legislators throughout the week.



Senate Bill (SB) 8 passed the Senate this week with overwhelming bipartisan support and is headed to the House for a vote. The bill provides civil immunity for damaging a vehicle if a person enters the vehicle with the reasonable, good-faith belief that a dog or cat is in immediate danger of death if not removed. Also known as a "Look Before You Lock" law, the bill will hopefully cut down on the amount of heat-related illnesses and deaths of pets in Kentucky.

During even-numbered

years members of the Kentucky General Assembly craft a two-year budget for the state. This year's budget discussions kicked off with Governor Matt Bevin's State of the Commonwealth Budget Address on the evening of Tuesday, January 16. The Commonwealth, unfortunately, currently faces a bleak financial outlook that can only be solved by reducing our spending. We in the General Assembly are held accountable by taxpayers, and we must use taxpayer dollars in the most responsible manner possible. Although this budget will be tight, I believe this is one more step to getting our state's financial health on track.

The budget address by the Governor is one of the first steps in crafting a final budget that will guide Kentucky's financial decisions for the next two years. Once the Governor outlines his plan, the Kentucky Senate and House will craft their own budget plans, and all three parties—after long discussion and input from stakeholders—will come together to create a final budget.

Governor Bevin outlined his vision for moving Kentucky in a positive direction starting with a balanced budget that meets our pension-funding obligations. Although spending cuts were proposed, the Governor also proposed that the SEEK "per pupil" funding will remain the same—the highest it has ever been—and 100 percent of lottery proceeds will continue going toward student scholarships. His proposed budget also includes additional funding for law enforcement, public prosecutors, and defenders; additional dollars to fight the opioid and substance abuse crisis; and more support for adoption and foster care initiatives.

Again, the Governor's budget proposal is just that—a proposal. We face a months-long process of negotiations, studies, and public hearings before a final draft is crafted. The final product will likely look much different from the Governor's original proposal, but the driving force behind it remains the same—we must put our state on a financially-sound path forward.

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

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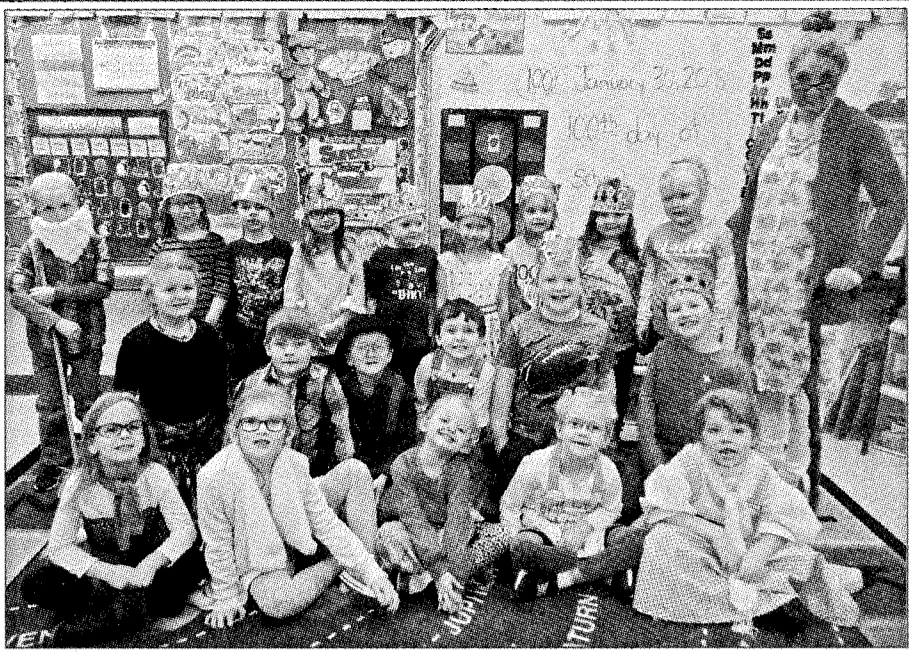
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Mt. Vernon Message

MVES celebrated their 100th day of school on Tuesday, January 30. Ms. Kami's Kindergarten class enjoyed participating in the 100 days of school activities. As a part of their 12 Days of Kindness activity, Mrs. Kathy's and Mrs. Kaci's first grade classes chose to "stock the fridge" of the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service. The students brought in 345 bottles/cans of soft drinks.

MVES Honor Roll...

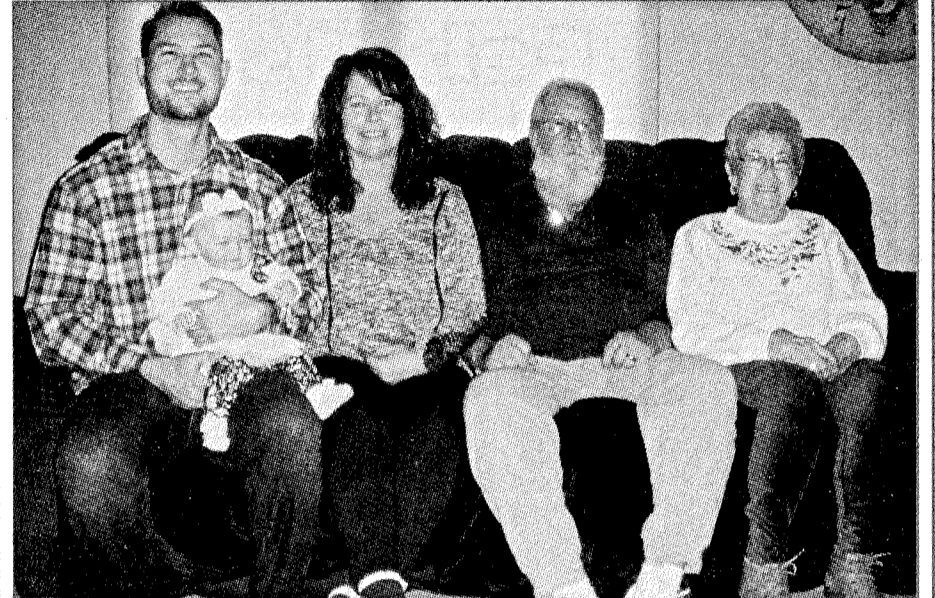
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 Sadie Adams, Gus Akin, Trapper Bray, Arianna Davidson, Jake Durbin, Bryce Hunt, Ali Ison, Charlie Laws, Layla Long, Desmond Martin, Dameon McClure, Izabella McClure, Titus McGuire, Chloe Mullins, Angileigh Nunnery, Peyton Powell, Chase Prewitt, Ryden Rudie, Brylee Silcox, Matthew Vanwinkle, Spencer Woods.
- Collins**
 Aniya Barnett, Landon Carvalho, Damian Day, Kylie Dees, Jaylen Hager, Ethan Hall, Lacey Mize, Dawsynn Santo, Amiyah Scalf, Olivia Stewart, Chloe Wren.
- Hunt**
 Lilyanna Asher, Johnna Bates, Ryli Harris, Kennedy Hopkins, Colten Johnson, Haylee Miller, Gabby Milburn, Noah Rader, Jacob Renner, Carlie Vance, Gabby Vanwinkle, Brooklyn Woods.
- Lambert**
 Brylee Hiatt, Henry Joyner, Noah Lindsey, Gavin Lovett, Ayden Nolan, Aubree Winkler.
- Phillips**
 Jacob Bolin, Parker Burdette, Elizabeth Cotton, Nikolas Couch, Eliza Evans, Kerri Jo Fox, Carabella Mink, Abigail I. Northern, Caeli McFerron, Gracie Parker, Erika Pheanis, Katie Renner, Mandy Richardson, Brodie Rumsey, Kaylee Williams.
- First Grade**
Bowman
 Esme Alcorn, Landon Alexander, Gage Childress, Jacob Dykes, Jocelyn Hosier, Karleigh Isaacs, Jace Johnson, Roscoe Lewis, Hailey Mize, Amos Ribble, Josiah Rodriguez, Zaydon Scaff, Grace Terry, Jacob Wynn.
- Brown**
 Karleigh Allen, Emily Brown, Eyan Bussell, Jady N Croucher, Levi Dorton, Elizabeth Gross, Madison Hasty, Xavier Stallsworth, Aubrey Thompson, Alyssa Wagers, Abby Whitaker.
- Bryant**
 Levi Adams, Mary Grace Blackburn, Parker Cash, Kealee Davidson, Bryce Hiatt, Emma King, Sophia Owens, Gabe Powell, Beckham Smith, Caleb Smith, Macensie Strunk, Tatum Wilkerson.
- Isaacs**
 Dillon Bradley, Alexis Bradley, Casen Burdette, Kynlee Calico, Sawyer Cash, Audrey Cromer, Jaxon Cromer, Grace Lambert, Sophia Lewis, Addie Payne, Jasper Reynolds, Lila Rigsby, Andrew Robinson.
- Price**
 Kaleigh Carpenter, Jaydon Convery, Kelsey Crain, Brynna Davis, Aliyah Dodd, Dakota Higgins, Tyson Johnson, Stormy Jones, AJ Martin, Elizabeth Santo, Addison Smith, Bailey Tompkins, Sydney Tracy, Kevin Valle.
- Second Grade**
Burton
 Liam Barton, Trey Cole, Jazzline Durham, Aidan Lear, Sophia Pendery, Zoe Phelps, Cal Rader, Baylee Taylor, Ethan Whitaker.
- Cowan**
 Kyley Ashcraft, Davin Barnes, Lexi Burkhart, Zaden Graham, Zander Graham, Brian Lovell, Abigail Miller, Landon Napier, Bobby Noble, Landen Paquette, Bella Smith, Caleb Thomas, Katie Valle.
- Gentry**
 Gabriel Carvalho, Jacob Dobbs, Brady Gibson, Kaiya Njie, Alexis Ramsey, Chase Sandusky, Olivia Weaver.
- McKinney**
 Katie Adams, Derrick Arthur, Nelson Baker, Makayla Burke, Trey Cundiff, Jaxon Ennis, Caleb Howard, Connor Hundley, Brayden Isaacs, Caden Payne, Brailyn Skinner.
- McQueary**
 Colton Brown, Caylee Cash, Clay Cash, Conner Ford, Azlyn Howard, Madelynn Parsons, Ethan Phillips, Layne Price, Clara Shaffer, Brady Valentine, Samuel Whicker, Lakota Wilder.
- Third Grade**
K. Asher
Principal's List
 Hadley Bray, Tessa Begley, Colton Cash, Abby Hopkins, Jaden McPhetridge, Landon Mullins, Kenzie Owens, Wyatt Rigsby, Kinsley Smith, Maliyah Swinney.
- Honor Roll**
 Jayen Burton, Katelyn Cromer, Kelsey Maupin, Colson Powell, Shane Smith, Samuel Spoonamore.
- Bradley**
Principal's List
 Shelby Couch, Caleb Crouch, Lyndsey McNew, Amore Neal, Cole Powell, Shelby Sandusky, Autumn Scaff.
- Honor Roll**
 Dakota Denney, Dawson Durham, Madison Hayes, Canaan Houk, Makenna Hubbard, Harley Newcomb.
- McClure**
Principal's List
 Izak Gibbs, Makayla Griffin, Madison Shuart, Emma Stanley, Makayla Wagers.
- Honor Roll**
 Sam Elam, Kateann Foley, James Gadd, Marley Gibson, Marley Ramsey, Christa Renner.
- Rumsey**
Principal's List
 Jace Paquette.
- Honor Roll**
 Jordan Albright, Kaylee Halcomb, Gracie Lopez, Blake Mullins, Ashlynn Rose.
- White**
Principal's List
 Sydney Bussell, Jacob Camel, Kelsie Cameron, Breonna Cromer, Javen Hellard, Landyn Johnson, Palin McClure, Carleigh Philbeck, Lucas Saylor, Kaylee Smith
- Honor Roll**
 Ben Chaliff, Jackson Eaton, Bella Smith.
- Fourth Grade**
Alexander
Principal's List
 Michael Camel, Zeke Fain, CayDee Hasty, Kendal Rader, Kaden Riddle.
- Honor Roll**
 Lavan Evans, Adrianna Graves, Avery Hayes, Kayla Miller, Hunter Payne, Brayden Skinner, Macy Spivey.
- J. Asher**
Principal's List
 Darcy Barton, Dillan Bullock, Dalton DeBorde, Keathlee Justice, Brooklyn Ledford, Cheyenne Moore, Maddox Parsons, Maggie Reynolds, Ava Watson.
- Honor Roll**
 Caleb Bradley, Sara Robbins, Jacorey Washington, Abigail Watson.
- Martin**
Principal's List
 Savannah Durbin, Ashley Napier, Ainslee Renfro.
- Honor Roll**
 Brayden Allen, Carleigh Collins, Payton Howard, Tristan McKinney, Lydia Navarre, Evan Powell, Jaxon Robinson, Hannah Saylor.
- Parkey**
Principal's List
 Alex Abrams, J'Lena Diaz, Hunter Gilliam, Adyson Ledford, Cole Martin, Harrison Mullins, Susanne Mullins, Aubrey Phillips, Connor Wright.
- Honor Roll**
 Aisha Njie, Abby Phillips, Dakota Ramsey, Riley Taylor, Ethan Scott Smith, Riley Taylor.
- Rose**
Principal's List
 Donovan Bradley, Carson Cameron, Shannen Eckert, Addy King, Kylie McPhetridge, Jesse Ramsey, Emily Renner, Christian Swanigan.
- Honor Roll**
 Matthew Bullock, Nevaeh Daniels, Shadan Denney, Luke Ellis, Andrea Lovell, Jocelyn Reynolds, Nathaniel Rowland, Sydney Woods.
- Fifth Grade**
Cable
Principal's List
 Madison Barnett, Davany Bullock, Shala Couch, Nathan Doan.
- Honor Roll**
 Aiden Baker, Holleight Senters, Ethan Weaver.
- Cameron**
Honor Roll
 Alyssa Hodge, Brooklyn Smith, Isaac Steele.
- Coffey**
Principal's List
 Anna Chaliff, Jenna Eaton, Learin Reagan.
- Honor Roll**
 Conor Barton, Patience Gleissner, Jacob Leger, Alexis Ludemann, Victoria Munguia, Kellie Newcomb, Timothy Oaks, Regan Robinson, Conner Winstead.
- Coguer**
Principal's List
 Kendra Barnes, Madison Hayes, Hana Singleton.
- Honor Roll**
 Lauren McClure, Hayden Medley, Brandon Valle.
- McQueen**
Principal's List
 Lia Holt, Allie Payne, Lincoln Rader, Brooklyn Smith, Gracie Smith.
- Honor Roll**
 Isaac Asher, Zachary Doyle, Creed Gabbard, Gabby Hatfield, Connor Hunt, Caitlyn Kirby, Allie Owens Cable, Peyton Napier, Rex Parkey, Micah Ribble, Katie Smithern.

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2017 - 24 Years Later Baby Elijah is now a father and still five generations



Left to right: Baby Vayda Stepaniak, Father Elijah Stepaniak, Grandma Detra (Shepherd) Stepaniak, Great Grandpa Lynn Shepherd and Great Great Granny Ina Faye (Robbins) Shepherd.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Getting Motivated to Landscape

Getting started on that landscaping project you've been wanting can be like a lot of other things in our lives; we kick the can down the road until we get disgusted or agitated enough to get up and do something.

Having a pretty yard is important to many of us. But, everyone these days seems to want a care-free landscape. Of course, the only care free one is a condominium or apartment where you don't have a yard. (And I assume few of those read my thoughts.) Making your landscape

simple and low maintenance is a good goal, especially if you're busy and rushed all the time. Either make it simple, or hire someone to keep it looking pretty. The lucky folks are those who enjoy the flowers, the gardens and the orchards and actually have the time to spend with them.

If your yard looks like the "black sheep" of the neighborhood, maybe this is the year you find the inspiration to change that. Or, if the whole neighborhood looks bad, maybe if you dress your yard up, some of your neighbors will copycat your actions? I don't know at the times over the years

I've been working in a yard and the neighbor next door has a landscaper looking their yard over and giving an estimate! Gotta one-up the neighbors!

So, do you have a pretty yard? Does it have pretty trees and shrubs, and nice lawn grass? Or is it spotty grass, misplaced trees, and a pain to mow? If you have an older home, are the trees and shrubs overgrown, maybe even a threat in a wind or ice storm? Some just get tired of looking at the same yard, and want to mix things up with a new drive, walk, patio or garage, some new trees, and maybe build a pond or plant a garden. What will stir you to coming up with a plan and then taking action?

A tree threatening to fall sometimes gets someone motivated. A wreck tearing up a fence or killing a tree sometimes stirs a homeowner up. Roots breaking a sidewalk, or salt from the road crews killing some plants, these sometimes induce us to take action. Maybe slipping on a steep slope and nearly getting seriously hurt causes us to plant the bank into something besides grass, or maybe to terrace it with a retaining wall.

For some, a need to sell a home forces us to realize it won't bring top dollar if we don't get it looking better. Others may have moved in a couple years ago, because we loved the fireplace, the kitchen, master bedroom or the basement. And the time has come to deal with a yard we never did like much.

Whatever the final straw is that motivates you and your family, most get around to the landscaping that needs attention sooner or later. It could even be that we are tired of red brick or cream colored vinyl—and something simple as a new paint job and a couple large planters with a shrub or some flowers that coordinate with our new color scheme is all that is required to update our home's appeal.

The best time to plan is actually while it's too cold or too hot to actually be outside working, so why not now?

The author is a landscaper. Contact Max (606) 416-3911 or visit www.rockcastles.net

Rockcastle FCCLA hosts foster care supporters dinner

On December 7th, 2017, Rockcastle County FCCLA held an appreciation dinner for the workers that support foster families in our area.

This was part of the chapter's "We Are the Village: Supporting Foster Families" campaign. Over 30 local police officers and DCBS workers came and were very appreciative of the efforts FCCLA had made.

Steve McKinney, president of the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, spoke about how our community comes together to help those in need.

Jamie Boggs of Raising Arrows Foster Care Ministry spoke on how his organization helps foster families

in our area by providing them with supplies when they need them.

Mike Peters, Rockcastle County Sheriff, was honored for the longest serving worker in attendance.

Hannah Seeley, a RCHS freshman, sang the beautiful song "Broken Halos" by Chris Stapleton.

Several FCCLA members helped serve the guests and helped plan and decorate for the event.

Thank you to Rockcastle County High School for allowing the event to take place in their cafeteria. Rockcastle County FCCLA is very thankful for all of those that give everyday for the foster children in our community.

Minds in the Middle

Rogers Explorers applications are now available to interested 8th graders. The Rogers Explorers program is a three-day, two-night program this summer at a local university and focuses on leadership, technology, math, science, and community service. 8th graders who are interested may see Mrs. Cromer or Mrs. Bullock for more information. Congratulations to 8th grader Darren Quinleyon winning the district spelling bee. Darren will now compete at the state spelling bee in Louisville in March.

Y-Club members who are interested in attending the Kentucky United Nations Assembly in Louisville need to turn your forms

and first payment in to Mrs. Cromer or Mr. Bottoms as soon as possible.

Time is running out for the Box Tops collection period. The winning team will get an extra incentive. The deadline is Friday.

Thank you to our latest kind kids Jailey Martin, Tanner Osborne, Devin Smith, Taryn Powell, Andrew Cope, and Blaine Rohrer.

Congratulations to Mrs. Renner's 6th grade Enterprisers homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Mrs. Hopkins's 7th grade Adventurers came in second place followed by Mr. Bottoms's Enterprisers in third place.

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Second Section

Thursday, February 1, 2018

County in great shape for next snow storm

By: Mike French Reporter

Sometimes things do indeed go according to plan. Such is the case during recent snow storms with the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Road Department Supervisor Mark Blanton had ordered salt and had crews getting equipment ready the moment he heard snow may be coming to the county. "Everything worked out very well," said Blanton.

In fact, the county now has around 250 tons of salt ready to go and every piece of machinery and truck in good running condition. "We are ready if we get more snow and ice," Blanton added.

During the snow activity over the past few weeks, Blanton had 14 employees on the roads at all times scraping, salting and push-

ing snow beginning with main highways and moving to smaller back roads and side streets.

Crews were far enough ahead of the snow this year that workers even treated many gravel lanes and other unpaved areas for the safety of local residents.

"Our workers were dedicated to keeping our roads

safe and they were relentless and stayed on top of it," said Blanton. "Our crews worked very hard day and night during the storms. I also appreciate the patience our residents showed. Everyone can't be first and people understood that we got to them as soon as we

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Influenza A is at epidemic status

By: Mike French Reporter

Influenza Type A has now reached epidemic proportions in the state and Rockcastle County is doing no better.

The Kentucky Department of Public Health says this strain of the flu virus can

be deadly. In fact, officials at the department say this new strain is dangerous to any persons of any age, instead of the usual elderly or very young.

There have been 65 deaths in Kentucky from the flu as of Monday

Officials predict over 700,000 people may be hospitalized for this strain before it dies out.

According to the Kentucky Department of Public Health, the flu may be spread from up to six feet away.

Locally, Angie Thacker, Rockcastle County Health Department Supervisor, said there have been 91 cases reported to her thus far. "There are more than 91 cases. That's just the cases reported to me personally," she said. "It's a very high number and has been going on since October."

Thacker said this strain can be treated for some symptoms but typically this flu has to run its course. Some have reported the flu is lasting as much as 12 days but Thacker says it is typically lasting about a week.

This particular strain brings fever, vomiting, cough, body aches and nasal congestion, according to Thacker. "This one is very dangerous. If you have anything weak about your immune system, you could be in danger."

She also said the spread of the very contagious virus can be greatly slowed down if residents will follow some simple rules.

"Wash your hands every chance you get. Also, just as important this year, if you have symptoms, please stay home from work or school," she said. Officials also suggest if you sneeze or cough, cover your mouth and keep surfaces disinfected as well as avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

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Most since 2014

255 participate in Snowball Express

Rockcastle Regional Hospital kicked off its seventh year of its monthly Countywide Stride race series in Brodhead on Sunday, as 255 people ran or walked 2 miles in Brodhead. It was the race's highest total since 2014.

This year's "first-time free" promotion offered free registrations for those who had never participated in a Countywide Stride run/walk, and more than 100 took advantage of it.

The promotion was made possible by generous sponsorships from by LifeLine Rockcastle Home Health, Citizens Bank, Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation, and Brodhead Family Care.

Participants were kept safe by the Brodhead Fire Department and many volunteers.

The event raised \$1,885 for the American Cancer Society.

The 12-race Countywide Stride race series was developed in 2012 by Rockcastle Regional Hospital as a way to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle. Regular

exercise such as running and walking can promote weight loss, increase energy and reduce your risk of chronic disease.

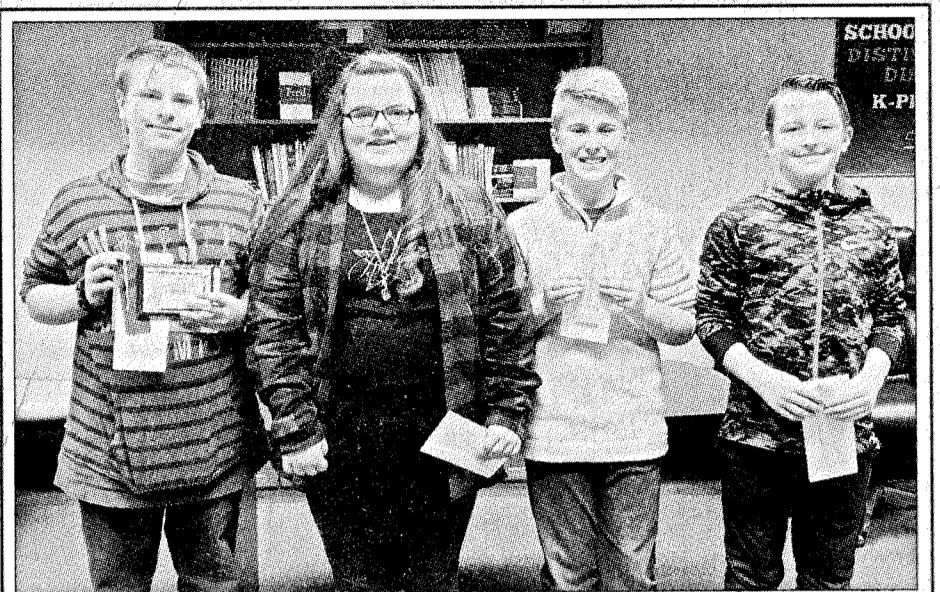
The February event is a virtual event called the 4K for Heart Health, which can be run or walked anytime between Feb. 14 - 28.

Our only virtual race of the year, this event gives you two weeks to complete a 4K run or walk at a time and place of your choosing. We encourage you to then post a selfie or scenes from your run on our Facebook page. No overall or age group awards, but we will award the most creative/liked FB posts on our page - \$50, \$25, and \$10 for first, second and third. And you still get a giveaway, just like at a regular race.

For more info, go to www.rockcastle.org/race/february/. Or contact Kayla Rowe at 256-7767 or email her at kayla.rowe@rhcc.org.



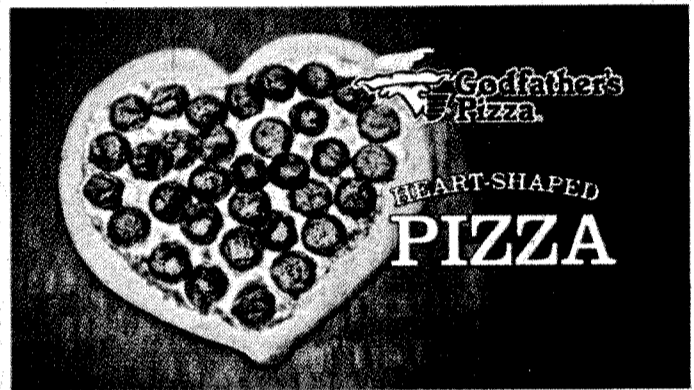
Ann Abney, a regular in the Countywide Stride series, completed Sunday's Snowball Express 2-miler.



Quinley wins County District Spelling Bee

The Rockcastle County District Spelling Bee was held Tuesday, January 30 at the Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center. The winners are from left: 1st place - Darren Quinley, 8th grade RCMS; 2nd place - Makenzie Fields, 5th grade BES; 3rd place - Nathan Doan, 5th grade MVES; and 4th place - Jace Rogers, 5th grade RES. Congratulations to these students. Darren Quinley will be participating in the Kentucky Derby Festival State Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 17 in Louisville.

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RCHS Band Members Perform in Regional Band

Recently members of the RCHS Concert Band were selected by auditions as performers in the 2018 Bluegrass All-Regional Concert and Symphonic Bands. The students spent hours of rehearsal with top students from 17 other school band programs gave a clinic performance at Madison Central High School. RCHS members pictured below include: Tarrylton Dunn, Alto Saxophone, Lizzie Dixon, Clarinet, Abigail Fletcher, Tuba, Brooklyn Lane, Clarinet, and Connor Noble, Bassoon.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. William Lee Pender, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Discover Bank v. Kevin Ray Saylor, \$8,929.40 plus claimed due.
 Discover Bank v. Katie Marks, \$5,815.72 plus claimed due.
 Jonathan L. Boyd v. Madison A. Gray, et al, complaint. CI-00020

Deeds Recorded

Ruth Evelyn and Samuel J. Mullins, Carrie and Geno Pyles and Farris Jackson Pittman, property in Owens Subdv., to Claud Akers. Tax \$13
 Jacob D. Lawrence, property on Bandy Road, to Joshua Wayne McKinney. Tax \$60
 Jeffrey C. Harness, property on waters of Long Branch, to Richard Lee and Sharon Marie Powell. Tax \$47
 Matthew C. and Kaitlyn J. Martin, property on Livesay Road, to Michael D. and Candace D. Gibson. tax \$131
 Janice G. and Christopher Poynter, property in city of Mt. Vernon, to Sammy L. and Judy M. Ford and Danny R. and Sue Ford. Tax \$37
 Ona E. Whitaker, property on Lake Linville, to Judy C. Whitaker, Jeffrey B. Whitaker and Marsha W. VanWinkle. No tax
 Ann L. Henderson and David and Betty

Henderson, property in Rockcastle County, to Five Star Acres LLC. Tax \$56
 Ann L. Henderson, David and Betty Henderson and Joyce Henderson, property in Rockcastle County, to Five Star Acres LLC. Tax \$101
 Paul Gilpin, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffrey Harness. Tax \$86
 Barbara and Burgess Daugherty, property in Rockcastle County, to Wayne Robinson. Tax \$17
 Randal and Denise A. Anderkin, property in Fairview Section, to Nickolas Abney. Tax \$132.50
 Randal and Denise A. Anderkin, property on Conway/Berea Road, to Nickolas Abney. No tax
 Ray Napier, Jr. and Kristy S. Napier and Terry Napier, property on Copper Creek Road, to Roughwood Holdings LLC. Tax \$38
 Bryan and Brenda Gail Wilson, property on Marlow Hollow Road, to Christy O. and Michael DeBorde. Tax \$36.50
 Don Dees, property in Rockcastle County, to Chester Powell. Tax \$6.50
 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., property on Brindle Ridge Road, to Ricky Joshua and Jennifer Michelle Bowles. Tax \$160
 Megan Powell, property in Rockcastle County, to Kenneth Sargent. Tax \$2.50
 Arnold Pingleton, property on Copper Creek Road, to Larry Pingleton, Karen Creech, Rebecca Kirby, Charlotte Kaye Cameron and Amy Wells. No tax
 Michael W. Alcorn, property in Rockcastle County, to Bernice Whitehead. No tax
 Charlotte Carrera, property in Brindle Ridge Com-

munity, to Stephen L. Carrera. No tax
 Charlotte Robbins Carrera, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephen L. Carrera. No tax
 Charlotte Carrera, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephen L. Carrera. No tax
 Charlotte Deanne Carrera, property on Mt. Vernon/Crab Orchard Road, to Stephen L. Carrera. No tax
 Charlotte Carrera, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephen L. Carrera and Sydney Carson, Tanner and Byarden Carrera. No tax
 Billie D. French and William C. Buckley, property in Rockcastle County, to Billie D. French. No tax
 Patricia Carpenter, property on Tern Lane, to Julie Burton. Tax \$1

Marriage Licenses

Marilyn Dawn Eby, 22, Brodhead, self-employed and Thomas David Martin, 20, Martinsburg, self-employed. 1/29/18

District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank v. Homer Money, \$2,522.15 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. James Cope, \$650.06 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Paul Whitaker, \$1,109.64 plus claimed due.
 Ky. Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. v. Gary Ramsey, Jr., \$1,993.40 plus claimed due.
 Harvest Dental, PSC v. Regina Munguia, \$1,102.29 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Carla Cook, \$1,220.77 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Lisa Coltrup, \$1,045.83 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Patricia Lambert, \$723.42 plus claimed due.
 PCA Acquisitions V LLC v. Linda Doan, \$1,422.53 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Angela L. Norton, \$864.85 plus claimed due. C-00019.

District Court

Jan. 22-24, 2018
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
 Brandon Baker: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).
 Donald Travis Brown: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.
 Christopher Douglas Lee Carpenter: reckless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.
 Jessica Renee Carr: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no operators/moped license, instructional permit violations, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta/license suspended.

Arvil J. Clark: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 Greg Damrell: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 William Joseph Fletcher: possession controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Montana Brooke Kelley: possession of marijuana, possession controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Natasha N. Owens: reckless driving, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, possession controlled substance (two counts), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Thomas I. Takoh: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory, bw issued for fta.
 Jeremy S. Wagers: driving DUI suspended license, fleeing or evading police, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, reckless driving, wanton endangerment, no/expired registration plates - receipt, improper registration plate, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued.
 Speeding: John Stone, Henry Dehino, license suspended for fta.
 Jacob Bustle: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, public intoxication, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.

Christopher D. Fields: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 5 days in jail/costs merged.
 Brad Poynter: theft by deception, bw issued for fta.
 Douglas J. Caldwell: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued.
 Jeremy Caldwell: assault, contempt of court, bw issued.
 Rita Michelle Eskew: no/expired registration plates - receipt, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Dakota Follmer: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, license to be in possession, license suspended for fta.
 Amanda Gadd: criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Marlene C. McGill: giving officer false identifying information, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Timothy Wayne Smith, Jr: one headlight, failure to or improper signal, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for fta.
 Victoria Thomas: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.
 Timothy B. Vanwinkle: failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, reg. & title requirements veh. not oper. on hwy., bw issued for fta/license suspended.

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The following items may be recycled:
 Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, plastic grocery store bags, bread bags, and shrink wrap (no other sheet plastics can be accepted), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (we can no longer accept monitors of any kind) and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:
Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S AMENDED TO ITS 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") on January 26, 2018 in Case No. 2017-00483, an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 for approval of an amendment to Project 36 of its 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan for the purpose of recovering the capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities ("Amended Project 36") through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning August 30, 2018 under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR, also known as the environmental cost recovery surcharge. The total capital cost of Amended Project 36 in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan is estimated to be \$14.7 million.

On August 8, 2016, the Commission approved KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan, including the original Project 36, and granted an associated Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Case No. 2016-00026. The total capital cost of the original Project 36 was then estimated to be \$11.9 million. Following the approval of this project, KU continued to evaluate the timing of and capacity needs for Phase II of the landfill at the E.W. Brown Generation Station ("Brown"), and construction did not begin prior to the one-year expiration of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorization. The increase in the total capital cost between the original Project 36 and the cost of the now proposed amendment to Project 36 is estimated to be \$2.8 million.

Federal and state environmental regulations require KU to build and upgrade equipment and facilities that produce energy from coal to operate in an environmentally sound manner. Specifically, KU is seeking Commission approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of Phase II of the landfill at Brown and to cap and close any remaining surface area of the Brown Main Ash Pond. This construction project is an amendment to Project 36 of KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan that was approved by the Commission in 2016.

Additionally, KU is seeking an order approving Amended Project 36 for purposes of recovering the costs of the new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. Amended Project 36 is required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities ("Federal CCR Rule"), and other environmental requirements that apply to KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. O&M costs related to amended Phase II will be similar to O&M costs incurred in Phase I and are not distinguishable. If Amended Project 36 is approved, KU plans to continue to recover its Brown CCR Landfill O&M costs through its environmental surcharge as part of Project 29 in KU's 2011 ECR Plan.

The impact on KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.05% increase in 2018 with a maximum increase of 0.13% in 2020. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules RS, AES, and all Lighting Rates. For a KU residential customer using 1,122 kilowatt hours per month (kWh/mo), the initial monthly increase is expected to be \$0.06 during 2018, with the maximum monthly increase expected to be \$0.15 during 2020. AES customers using 21,341 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.97 up to \$2.50. Lighting Energy customers using 9,307 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.34 up to \$0.87. Traffic Energy customers using 160 kWh/mo and Lighting Service and Restricted Lighting Service customers using 61 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.02.

The impact on KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.08% increase in 2018 with a maximum increase of 0.19% in 2020. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules GS, PS-Secondary (PSS), PS-Primary (PSP), Time of Day Secondary (TODS), Time of Day Primary (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), School Power Service (SPS), School Time of Day Service (STOD), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (ODL).

GS customers using 1,805 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.13 up to \$0.34.
 PSS customers using 39,535 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1.85 up to \$4.78.
 PSP customers using 82,036 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$3.92 up to \$10.14.
 TODS customers using 245,344 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$8.76 up to \$22.67.
 TODP customers using 1,241,109 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$35.48 up to \$91.81.
 RTS customers using 4,160,317 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$108.75 up to \$276.26.
 FLS customers using 46,076,466 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1,033.18 up to \$2,673.67.
 SPS and ODL customers could expect monthly increases consistent with PSS and PSP customers using the same kWh/mo.
 STOD customers could expect monthly increases consistent with TODS customers using the same kWh/mo.

The Environmental Surcharge Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Public Service Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Environmental Surcharge Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's Amendment to Project 36 of its 2016 Environmental Surcharge Plan and Application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention in Case No. 2017-00483 to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request within the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after January 26, 2018.

Fifteenth Annual Books for Bikes Program

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Rockcastle County Public Library
Books for Bikes
 60 Ford Drive
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 Library Hours: M-F 9:30-6:00 Sat. 9:30-2:00
Registration: January 8th - February 3rd
 All book summary forms must be returned to the library by Sat., March 3, 2018

What: Children read books and do a simple book summary form.
Who can participate: Children ages 1-12.
Where: Children ages 1-12 can read/be read to age appropriate books from the public library, bookmobile, school libraries, home, etc. You must register at the library or on the bookmobile. At the end of the program, all participants are invited to the drawing for prizes. Age groups to receive bikes and other prizes: 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Participants in the drawing will be contacted prior to the drawing. **Participants must be present to win.** A child will have their name put in the drawing once for every 10 forms returned to the Library. Any further questions please contact the Rockcastle County Public Library.

SPORTS

Lady Rockets go 2 and 1 in last three outings

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets went two and one in their last three outings, defeating the Pulaski Co. Lady Maroons 63-39 last Friday night and the Garrard Co. Lady Lions 53-26 Saturday before falling to the Clay County Lady Tigers Monday night 46-40.

At Pulaski County, the Lady Rockets led all the way with 10 Lady Rockets getting into the scoring column.

Sophomore Kenzi Himes and freshman Casey Coleman tied for scoring honors for their team with 12 points each; sophomore Shelby Newland got 10 points; senior Mackenzie Payne scored nine; junior Kasi Lay got five; freshman Madison McIntosh and seventh grader Hallie Brown got four each and junior Neeley scored one.

The Lady Rockets got five three point baskets in the game, three of them by Payne, and went 17 for 23 from the free throw line.

Saturday, the Lady Rockets hosted the Garrard County Lady Lions and in this game, a 53-26 blowout, 13 Lady Rockets scored, led by Himes with eight; Coleman and Payne got six points each; Lay and freshman Reagan Chasteen had five each; Brown and sophomore Bailee Allen got four each; senior Emily Adams and freshman Lindsey Jones got three points each and junior Emma Bullens, McIntosh and junior Zoe Burdette scored two points each.

The Lady Rockets scored five three point baskets in the game and were 14 for 20 from the free throw line.

In a home game against the Clay County Lady Tigers Monday night, the Lady Rockets won the first quarter 15-12 but then went cold from the floor and only managed 11 points in the second and third quarter to the Lady Lions 20 before tying in scoring in the fourth quarter with 14 each.

Ten Lady Rockets saw action in the game but only four got in the scoring column with high point honors going to Coleman with 13; Lay got 10; Newland nine and Himes eight.

The Lady Rockets hit three three point baskets and went five for seven from the charity stripe.

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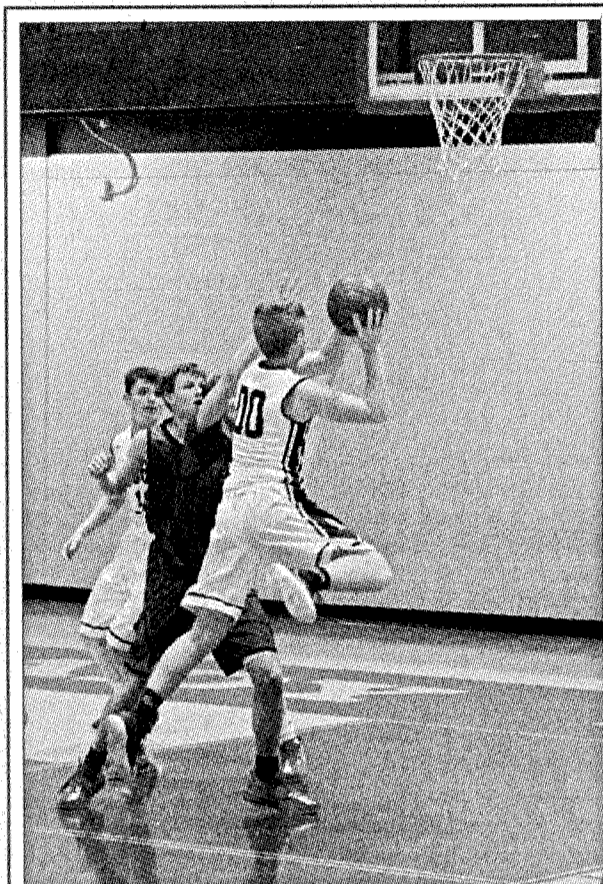


Junior Kasi Lay fights for a loose ball in the Lady Rockets victory over Garrard County Saturday.

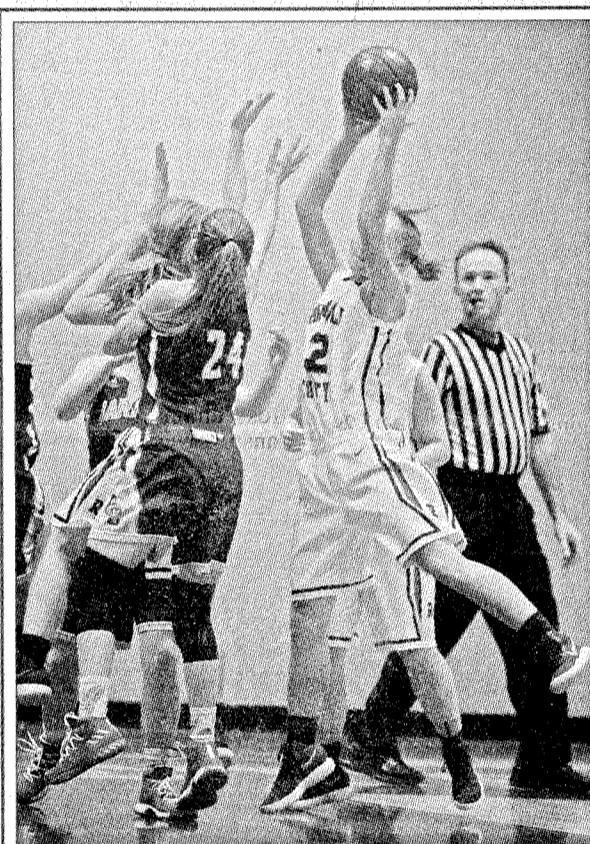
Rockets beat Model; lose to Nelson and Pulaski County

The Rockets went 1 and 2 in their last three outings, losing at Pulaski County 61-41 last Friday night and to Nelson County on Saturday 65-59 in a tournament played at Southwestern Pulaski. But, they came away with a good win Tuesday night, defeating the Madison Model Patriots (15-6) 56-47 at home for their fifth win of the season against 16 losses.

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Trevor Todd goes up for two of his nine points in the Rockets' 56-47 win over Model Tuesday night. Josh Thacker and Isaac Stratton led the Rockets with 12 each, Cade Burdette added 11 which included three 3s, Devin Mullins scored eight and Logan Noel added four.



Senior Jordyn Powell pulls down a rebound in the Lady Rockets' 53-26 win over Garrard County last Friday. The girls also defeated Pulaski County Friday night but lost to Clay County Monday night.

Hammond's coaching career parallels winning career

Union University is a private, evangelical Christian, liberal arts university located in Jackson, Tennessee, with additional campuses in Germantown and Hendersonville. The university is affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and relates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

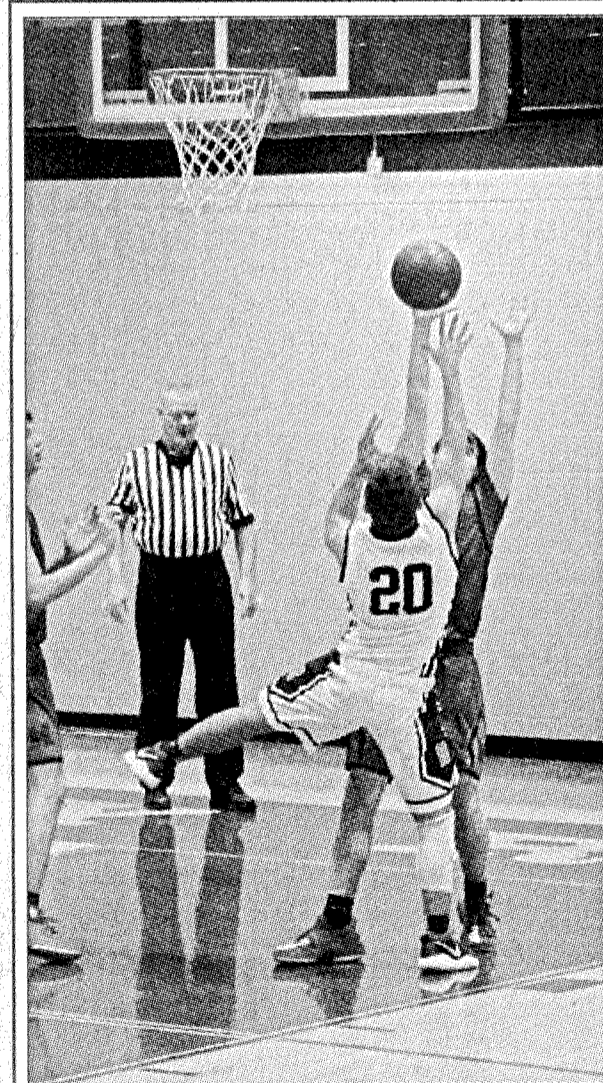
Union is one of the top tier institutions in the Southern Region, listed for each of the past 19 years by U.S. News & World Report, and is notable for having trained a United States

Supreme Court Justice, and in the sports world as the place where Bear Bryant began his football coaching career.

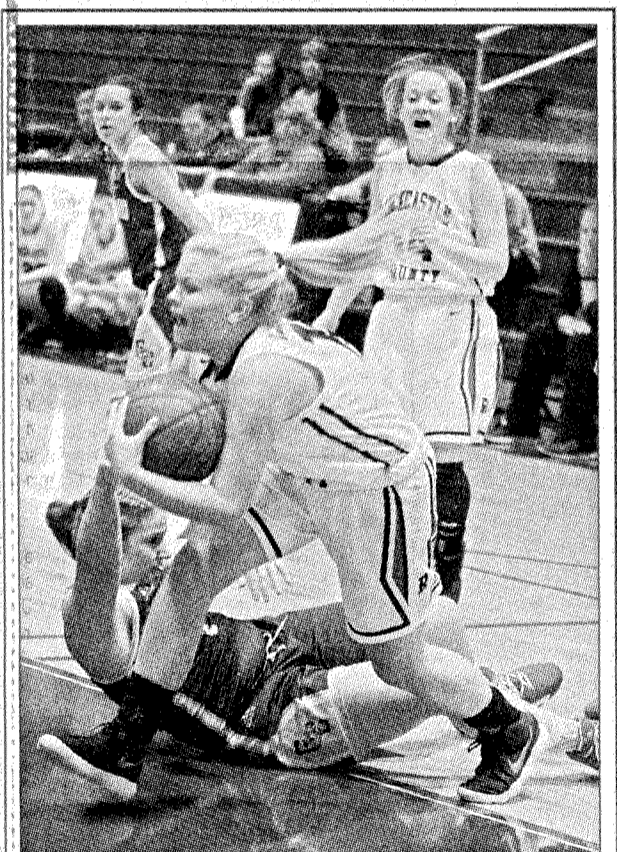
And now a former Lady Rocket, born in Alabama, has begun her coaching career at Union. Sara Hammond began as head assistant coach of the Lady Bulldogs soon after completing her second season playing professional basketball in Europe in the German DBBL league.

Coaching was not neces-

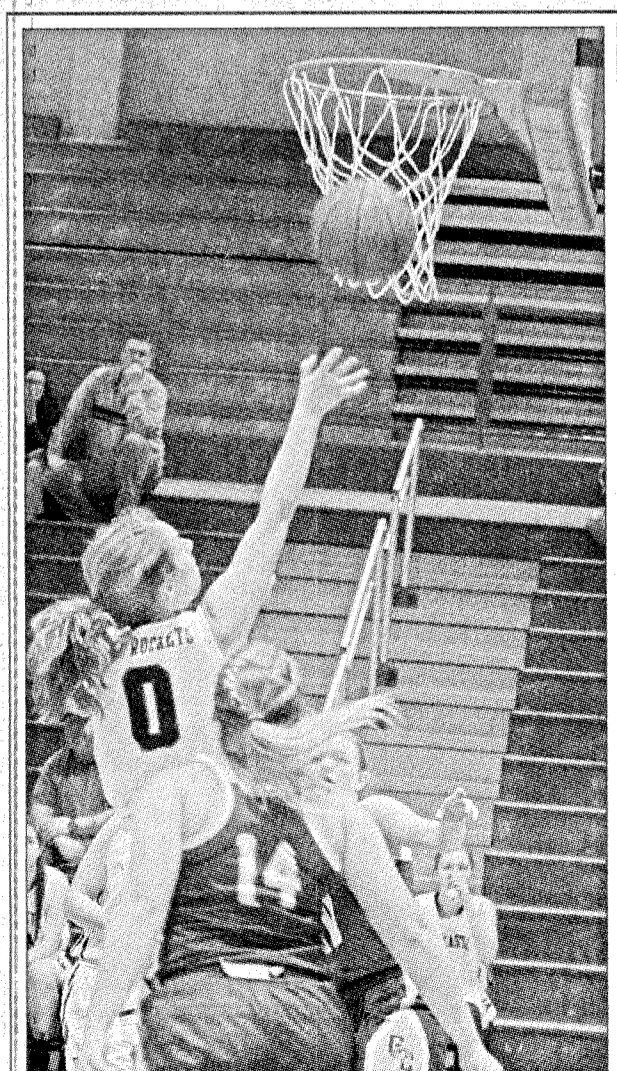
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Josh Thacker puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' win over the Model Patriots Tuesday night. Rocket photos by Lea Ellen Rogers and Mackenzie Payne.



Senior Mackenzie Payne gets fouled on a rebound during the Lady Rockets' win over Garrard County Saturday. Also pictured is senior Emily Adams.

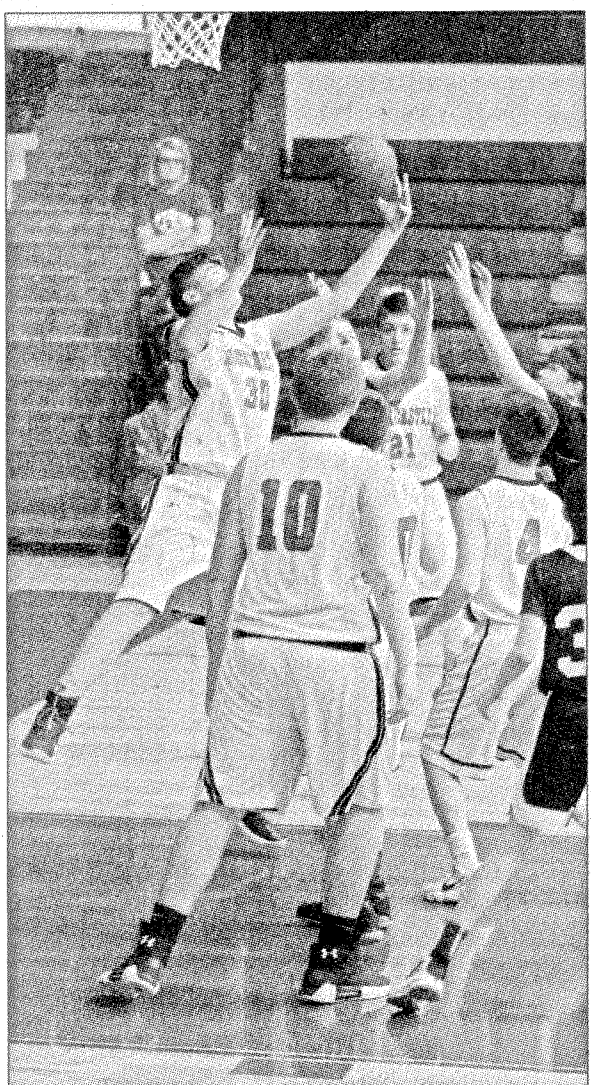


Sophomore Bailee Allen puts in two during the Lady Rockets' 53-26 win over Garrard County last Friday. The Lady Rockets will travel to Danville Saturday and to Berea on Monday.

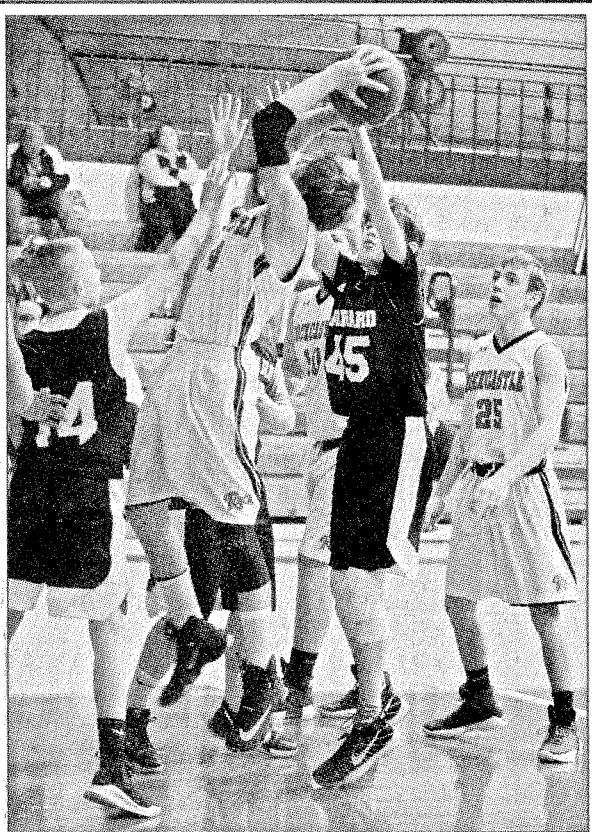


Cade Burdette, Isaac Stratton and Logan Noel apply defensive pressure in the Rockets' 56-47 win over Model Tuesday night. Josh Thacker and Stratton led the Rockets with 12 each, Burdette added 11 which included three 3s, Devin Mullins scored eight and Noel added four. The Rockets travel to Williamsburg Thursday night and the varsity will travel to Danville Saturday. They host Wayne County next Monday night and will take on Jackson County Tuesday night on the road.

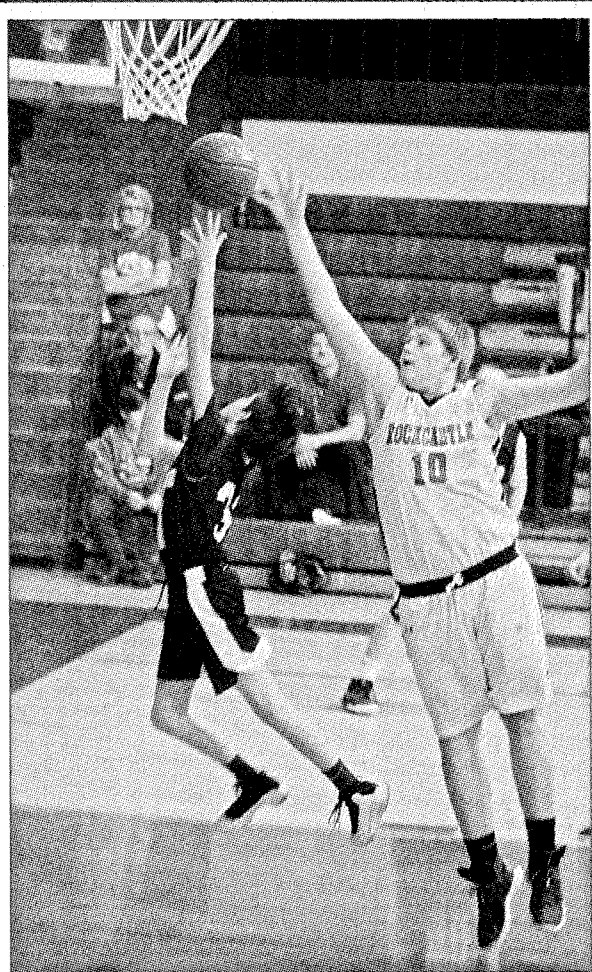
Middle School Basketball



Jared Bugg pulls down a rebound in the eighth grade's win over Garrard County Saturday.



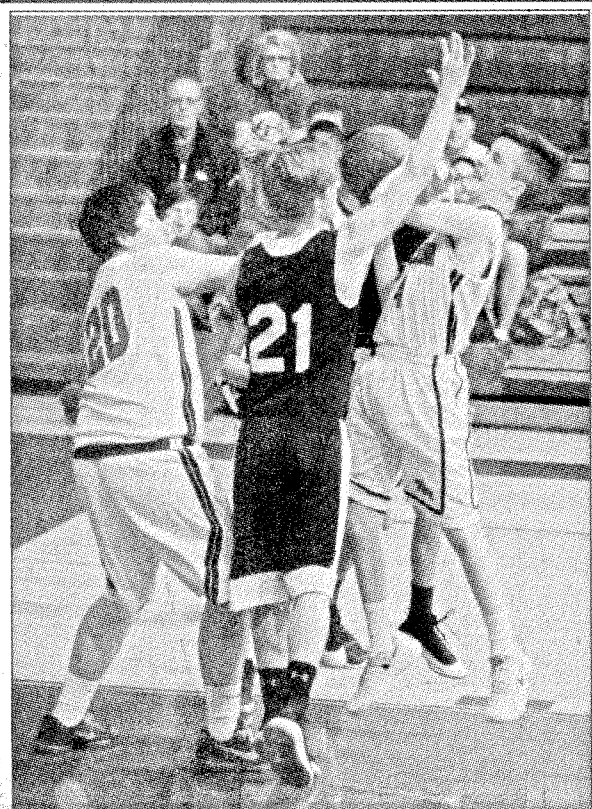
Eighth grader Matthew Chasteen goes up for two of his 12 points in the Rockets' 68-18 win over Garrard County Saturday. Daniel Mullins led the Rockets with 15, Reese Coguer had 14, Drew Hopkins added 10, Landon Gentry scored five, Jake Sanders scored four, Jared Bugg added three, Ethan Fain and Will Bishop each scored two and Kaleb Whitaker added one.



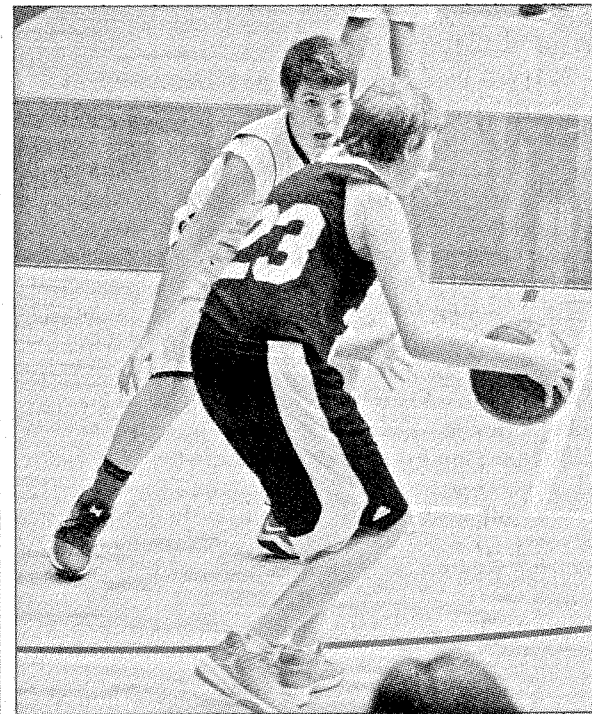
Eighth grader Jake Sanders goes for a block in the Rockets' 68-18 win over Garrard County last Saturday.



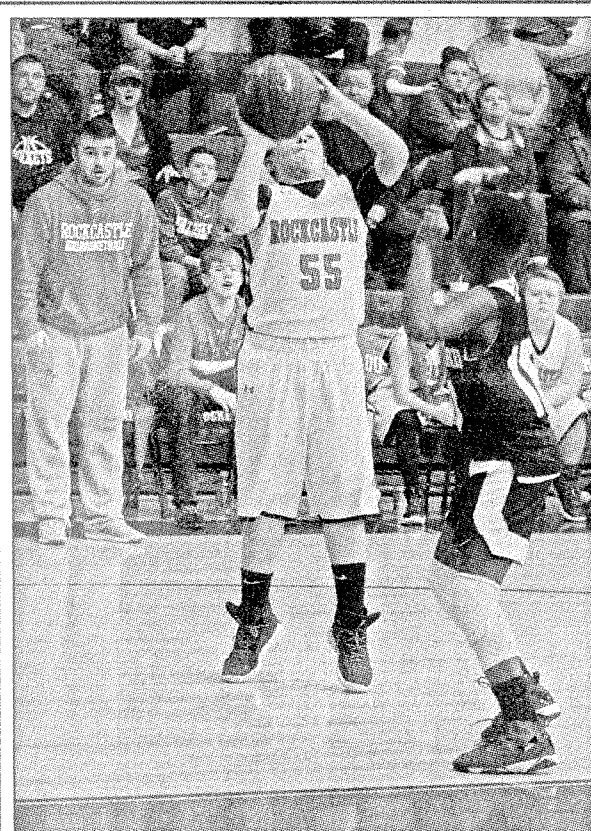
Sixth grader Jadon Ramsey applies defensive pressure during the Rockets' 48-40 loss to Garrard County Saturday. The sixth grade was led in scoring by Will Bishop with 21. Also scoring were Skyler Durham with eight, Dalton Simpson with seven and Lance Coffey and Ashton Sanders, each with two.



Eighth grader Noah Fain drives to the basket during the Rockets' easy win over Garrard County.



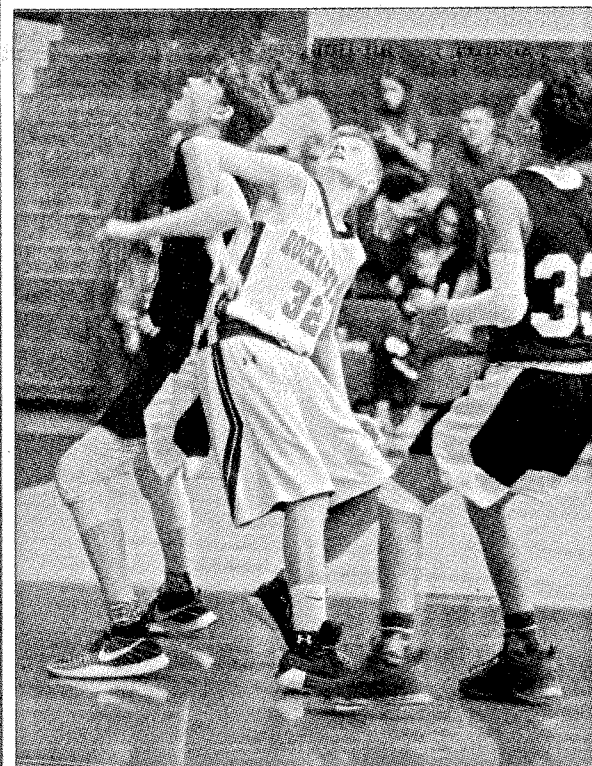
Eighth grader Bryson Atkin puts on the defensive pressure in the Rockets' win over Garrard County.



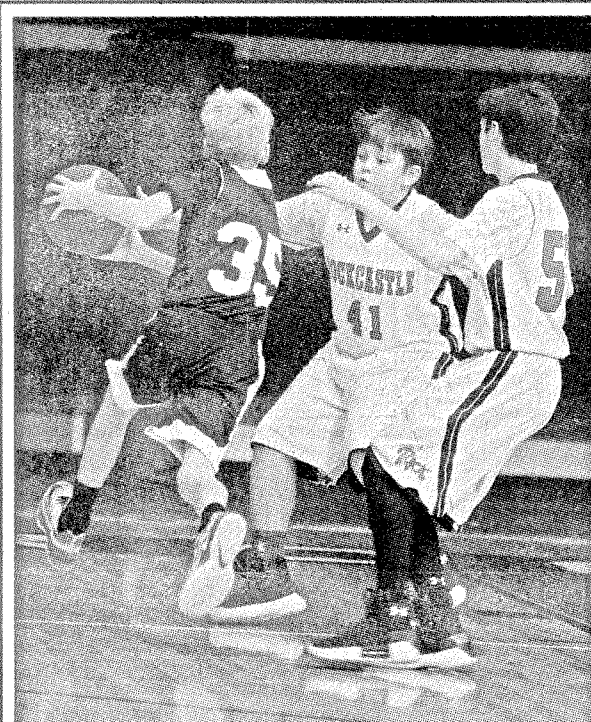
Sixth grader Dalton Simpson puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' loss to Garrard County Saturday.



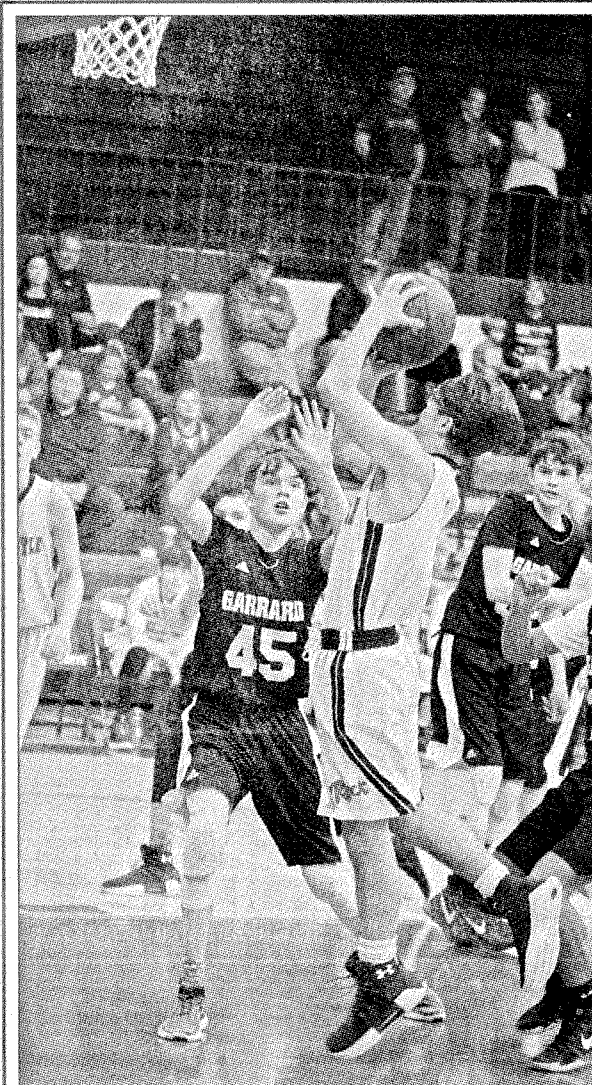
Cameron Wright-Bugg applies defensive pressure in the seventh grade's loss to Garrard County.



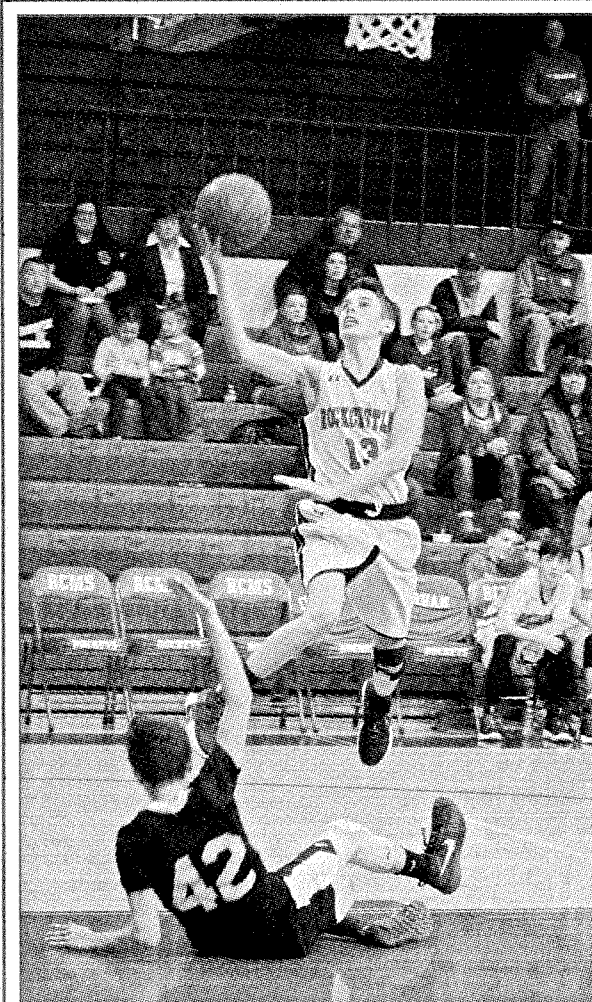
Seventh grader Kaden Kidwell works hard to get a block out in the Rockets' loss to Garrard Saturday.



Sixth graders Ashton Sanders and Lance Coffey double team a Garrard County player during the Rockets' game with Garrard Saturday.



Seventh grader John Farrow puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' game with Garrard County Saturday.

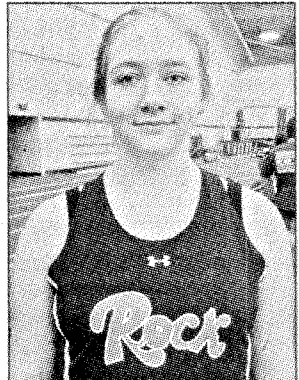


Seventh grader Carson King gets fouled taking it to the basket during the Rockets' 46-40 loss to Garrard County Saturday. Ethan Medley and Will Bishop led the seventh grade with 12 points each. Others scoring were: King with nine, Xander Fletcher with three, Kaden Kidwell and John Farrow with two each.

RCMS junior Peyton Bowman had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. He ran awesome indoor all-time personal bests in the 60 (7.64), 200 (24.94), and 400-meter (56.08) dashes. His best finish was in the 400 where he placed 37th out of 130 competitors. He also came close to a personal best in long jump with a leap of 17'2".



RCMS freshman Valerie Kendrick had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. Valerie shattered her all-time personal best in shot put by nearly 2' with an amazing throw of 32'4.5" and a 12th place finish overall.



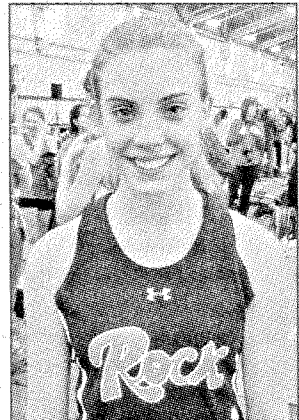
RCMS 8th grader Allie Martin had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. She ran an incredible indoor all-time personal best in the 60-meter dash, placing 14th out of 115 competitors with a great time of 8.35 seconds. She just missed the high school record of 8.18 seconds set by all-time RCMS great Samantha Smith. In the 400-meter dash, Allie placed 12th out of 104 competitors with an awesome all-time personal best of 1:03.22. All but one of the girls ahead of her in each of those two races were juniors and seniors. Her best performance came in the long jump competition where she surpassed her previous all-time personal best on all three of her jumps with an awesome new PR of 15'11" and a 3rd place finish. She was only 4" away from 1st place.



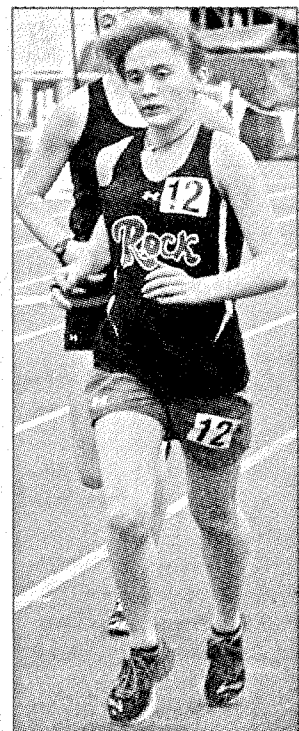
RCMS 8th grader Reina Lykins had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. In the 60-meter hurdles, she was poised to shatter her all-time personal best, but another competitor's hurdle got in the way, causing her to crash into it and completely interrupting her race. Nevertheless, she finished as hard as she could. Even though she was extremely upset, she bounced back in the 400-meter dash, placing 55th overall out of 104 competitors with an awesome all-time personal best (indoor and outdoor) of 1:10.11. In the long jump competition, she was equally impressive, shattering her previous all-time indoor personal best with an awesome new indoor PR of 13'11" and a 24th place finish.



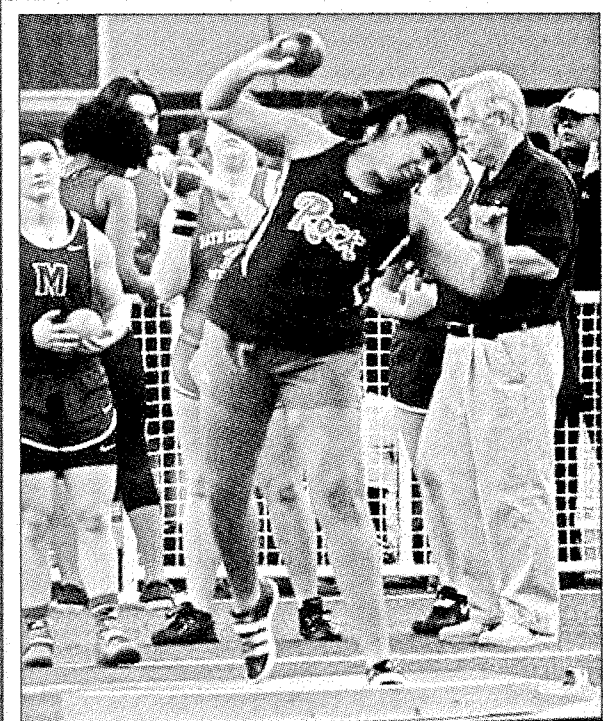
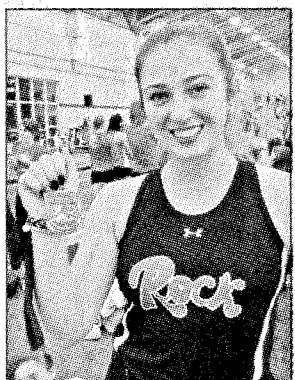
RCMS 7th grader Emma Watson had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. Without any prior track meet experience and running predominantly against high school competitors, she had one of the best first meets ever for a Rockcastle girl in the history of the girls' program. She ran an exceptional all-time personal best in the 60-meter dash, placing 51st out of 115 competitors with a great time of 8.75 seconds. Her amazing time was only 8 hundredths of a second away from teammate Allie Martin's 60-meter RCMS record for a 7th grader. In the 400-meter dash, Emma placed 43rd out of 104 competitors with another awesome all-time personal best of 1:08.62. In the 200-meter dash, she placed 56th out of 116 competitors with a very fast time all-time personal best of 29.91 seconds. She's just starting to tap into her seemingly unlimited potential and should be a state champion contender in several events throughout her career.



RCMS freshman Jasmine Ashcraft had a career best day at the first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. In the one mile run, Jasmine had an exceptional 19th place finish out of 97 competitors with an awesome indoor all-time personal best of 5:46.25. In the 800-meter run, Jasmine had another awesome all-time personal best (including indoor and outdoor), placing 32nd overall out of 104 runners with a great time of 2:41.31. In the two mile run, Jasmine placed 13th overall, finishing with a great time of 12:53.75, also an indoor all-time personal best.



RCMS sophomore Autumn King had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. She got the meet underway for RCMS with a great race in the 60-meter hurdles, placing 11th overall with an exceptional time of 11.39 seconds. In the 200-meter dash, she placed 38th out of 116 competitors with an awesome indoor all-time personal best of 29.11 seconds. Her best performance came in the long jump competition where she placed 2nd overall with an incredible jump of 16'0.25". She was only 2.75" away from 1st place.



RCMS freshman Jessalyn Burton had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. Jessalyn placed 25th overall in shot put with an exceptional throw of 26'11.25".



RCMS 8th grader Jailey Martin (left) had a great first meet of the indoor track season on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. Having been out of practice for most of the last five weeks or so due to illness and the weather, Jailey is just getting healthy and starting to work on getting back into shape. She made a great step towards that on Saturday competing in the 800-meter run, where she finished with a very solid time of 2:58.21. RCMS 8th grader Karalinn Loudermilk (no photo available) competed in her first-ever 60-meter hurdle race, running an awesome all-time personal best of 12.24 seconds and placing 36th overall. In the 200-meter dash, she also ran an all-time personal best finishing in a fast time of 31.13 seconds. While also playing basketball for the Lady Rockets, Karalinn hasn't gotten to practice a great deal with the track team yet, but should play a huge role in the team's success with her versatility once she becomes more available.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from B3)

At Pulaski County, the Rockets were down 51-15 at the half, but outscored the Maroons 26-10 the second half but it was too little too late.

Sophomore Logan Noel led his team in scoring with nine points; sophomore Jacob Loudermilk got seven; sophomore Josiah West got six; junior Cade Burdette scored five; sophomore Josh Thacker got four and seniors Devin Mullins and Nick Dillingham and juniors Isaac Stratton and Donovan Elwood all scored two points each.

The Rockets got three three point baskets in the game and were six for eight from the free throw line. Thacker led in rebounding with six, five defensive and Stratton got four defensive rebounds. Stratton also was credited with three steals.

Saturday at Southwestern Pulaski, the Rockets lost to Nelson County 65-59.

Stratton led the scoring for his team with 14 points; Noel got 13; Burdette 12, including three three point baskets, Thacker seven; West five and Loudermilk three.

All total, the Rockets hit five three point baskets and went 16 for 19 from the char-

ity stripe.

Thacker took rebounding honors with eight, all defensive and Noel accounted for four steals.

Tuesday night, the Rockets pulled an upset on the Madison Model Patriots, who entered the game with a 15-6 record, beating them 56-47.

The Rockets took the first quarter 15-12 and it was 26-21 at the half. The Rockets lost the third quarter 12-13 but came back to take the fourth 18-13 for the win.

Thacker and Stratton tied for scoring honors with 12 points each; Burdette got 11; sophomore Trevor Todd scored nine points; Mullins got eight and Noel four.

The Rockets will travel to Williamsburg Thursday night (tonight), to Danville on Saturday for a double header with the Lady Rockets and will then host Wayne County on Monday, Feb. 5th before traveling to Jackson County on February 6th.

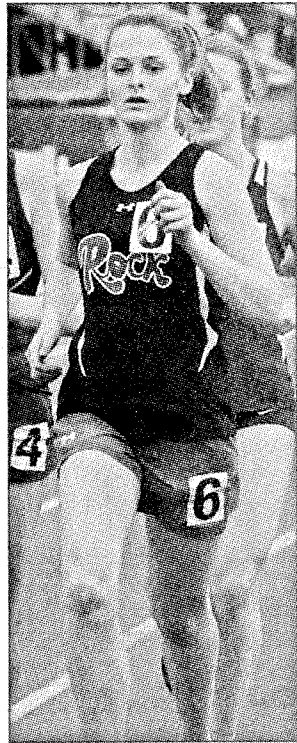
"Lady Rock"

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The Lady Rockets are now 13 and 8 on the season.

They will next travel to Danville on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, in a doubleheader with the Rockets, to Berea on Monday, Feb. 5th and to Madison Central on Thursday, Feb. 8th.

RCMS sophomore Tori Dotson had a great meet on Saturday at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. In the one mile run, Tori had an awesome 7th place finish out of 97 competitors with a fast time of 5:25.95, just missing her season's best time in the event. In the 800-meter run, Tori also came close to her season's best time, placing 3rd overall out of 104 runners with an awesome time of 2:19.85. She was less than nine tenths of a second away from 1st. Her time ranked her #73 in the US among all high school 800 runners. In the two mile run, Tori placed 6th overall with a solid first race of the season, finishing with a great time of 12:27.29. Tori also recently ran at the Ohio State Indoor Track Open. She finished 2nd in the 800 with an amazing early season's best time of 2:18.89 and was narrowly defeated by the second fastest runner in the state of Ohio last outdoor season. Tori led nearly the entire race, but was outleaded at the finish by only 11 hundredths of a second. Her incredible time ranked her 8th in the U.S. among all sophomore 800 runners. Earlier in the meet, Tori ran an awesome season's best time of 5:25.57 in the 1600-meter run and placed 8th overall.



On Saturday, the RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team concluded a great meet for the Lady Rockets' indoor track team at the Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. Each girl ran a blistering fast leg of the relay and recovered from a fall at the end on the last baton exchange, crossing the line in a fast time of 4:34.24. Their exceptional performance placed them 8th overall out of 29 teams. Team members from left are: Reina Lykins, Autumn King, Allie Martin, and Emma Watson.



Sara Hammond

"Hammond"

(Cont. from B3)

sarily the goal she had when graduating from Rockcastle and heading off for four successful years the University of Louisville. A career that included a Lady Cardinal record 112 wins, 4 NCAA tournament appearances, 3 sweet sixteens, 2 Elite eights and one Final Four, a National Runner-Up in 2013. Her career at the ROCK included 150+ wins, 4 state tournaments, two final fours, one state championship, 6-3 record in the KHSAA sweet sixteen. The 2010-11 state champions went 36-1, losing only to a high ranking team from Tennessee.

While in Germany Sara read a copy of Kyle Idelman's book "The End of Me" and renewed a commitment to God for Him to order her steps as He had done after a commitment during her freshman year at Louisville.

In a recent article by Jamie Boggs, writing for sportspectrum.com, Sara gives God the credit for directing her into coaching to learn under Union coach Mark Cambell, in his 19th season as head coach. He has a career record of 554-86, five national national championships (4 NAIA and 1 NCAA Div. II) and two second place finishes. Union made to move to NCAA Division II in 2014.

Under Coach Campbell and Assistant Coach Hammond, the 2017-18 Lady Bulldogs are off to a 20-1 record, 13-0 in the Gulf South Conference, made up of teams from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida. They are nationally ranked at #4 in the media poll D2SIDA and at #12 in the

WCBA coaches poll. Their only loss coming at #10 Drury early in the year, a game Union lead for 35+ minutes before falling late. You can follow Sara and Union and listen or watch games at www.uuathletics.com.

They're currently the number one seed in the south and if they hold on to that will get to host the NCAA Division II Regional at home in Jackson.

"Salt"

(Cont. from B1)

could." There were also some rumors that the county was running low on salt since some roads were treated differently than the normal methods.

"Salt is expensive (\$72-\$85 per ton) and we tried some other chemical options as experiments to see how it worked," he said. "If it had worked we could have saved taxpayers a lot of money."

In this case, the new chemical combination did not work as well as hoped but Blanton and his crews will continue looking for other methods to save salt and funds. "People saw us using different things and thought we were out of salt but actually we were just experimenting," he said.

As of now, the county has plenty of salt and all the vehicles and equipment is working very well, according to Blanton. "We are proud of our crews and we are ready for any more storms."

"Flu"

(Cont. from B1)

Disease Control) says the best way to protect yourself is to be vaccinated. It takes two weeks for the vaccination to become effective.

Becky Isaacs, Supervisor of Student Services with the Rockcastle County School Board, said attendance is at 92 percent currently.

Isaacs said the school system is aware of the flu problem and keeping an eye out but that the attendance would have to be much lower for the board to cancel classes.

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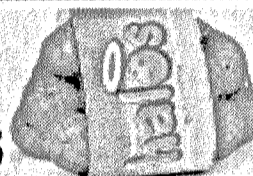
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Fresh **Head Cauliflower**  **\$1.50**


Fresh **Roma Tomatoes**  **\$1.29**


Fresh **Halo's Clementines**  **\$2.99** 2 lb. bag


Assorted Varieties
Family Size
Little Debbie Valentine Cakes  **2/\$4**


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LAYS POTATO CHIPS 9.5 - 10 oz bag
Doritos 9 3/4 oz bag
Cheetos 8 - 8.5 oz bag
Fritos 9.25 oz bag
 **2/\$4**


FRESH MEAT ITEMS!


Jumbo Pack (5 lbs or more)
Fresh Fryer Drumsticks or Thighs **.79** lb. 

Fresh **Boneless Pork Sirloin Roast** **\$1.49** lb. 

Boneless **Beef New York Strip Steaks** Family Pack **\$4.99** lb. 

Boneless **Pork Ribs or Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops** Family Pack **\$1.79** lb. 

SUGARDALE
Butt Portion or Shank Portion
Hams **.89** lb. 

FISHER or FIELDS BOLOGNA **.99** 12oz. pkg. 

Try our **PICK 5**
Fresh Meat &
Frozen Products
MIX & MATCH!

PICK 5
FOR **\$19.99**

PEPSI COLA PRODUCTS

 **2 Liters \$1.00**
Buy any 3 - 12 pack 12 oz. cans
Get a **FREE** Doritos 9.75 oz. bag!
3/\$11

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SPECIAL BUYS

Maruchan
Spicy Shrimp, Spicy or
Regular Chicken
BOWL
 **.49**
3.31 - 3.32 oz pkg.

Malt O Meal
Giant Sized
CEREAL
 **\$2.99**
31 oz pkg.

Armour
Classic Homestyle
BEEF STEW
 **\$1.99**
20 oz. can

Hostess
DONETTES
 **\$1.99**
9.5-11.25 oz. bag

Little Hugs
Tropical Blends Variety Pack
 **\$2.99**
160 oz. pkg.

Andy Capp's
Hot or Cheddar
FRIES
 **.79**
3 oz. bag

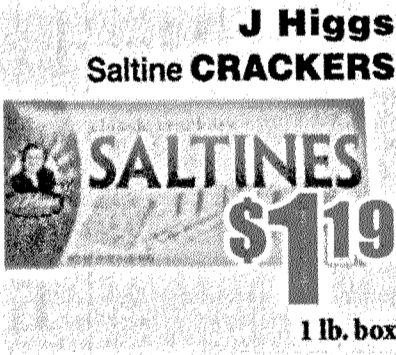
2 pack **DiGiorno**
Supreme or
Pepperoni
PIZZA
 **\$9.99**
59.2-63 oz. pkg.

Totino's
Triple Meat, Combo
or Pepperoni
PIZZA ROLLS
 **\$7.99**
120 ct. 59.3 oz. pkg.

NEW LOWER PRICES

Wylwood
Whole Kernel Corn,
Cream Style Corn,
Cut or French Style
Green Beans
 **.49**
14.5-15.25 oz. can

Hargis House
CHILI
with Beans
 **.99**
15 oz. can

J Higgs
Saltine **CRACKERS**
 **\$1.19**
1 lb. box

McDaniels
Special Roast
COFFEE
 **\$7.99**
48 oz. can

Coburn Farms
Non-Dairy
COFFEE CREAMER
 **\$5.99**
60 oz. jar

Assorted Varieties
Michelin's
Microwave
MEALS
 **\$4.99**
8 oz. pkg.

Take N' Bake
Pepperoni or
Supreme
PIZZA
 **\$5.99**
31.6-34.4 oz pkg.

CRYSTAL 2-O
DRINKING WATER
 **\$2.29**
24 + 4 FREE =
28 pack - 16.9 oz bottles

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