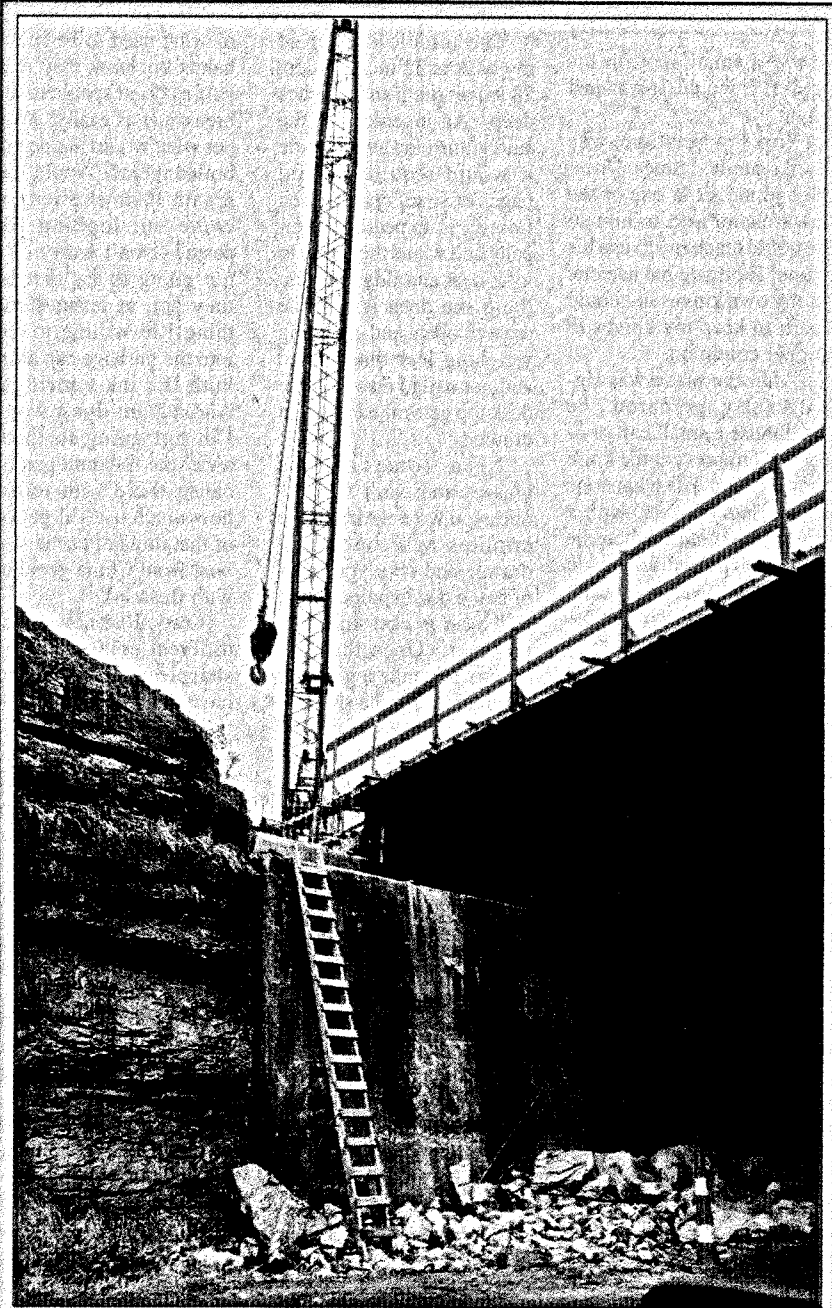


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Construction on the I-75 widening project has included the replacement or refurbishing of all bridges along the interstate in Rockcastle County. This bridge on Lake Linville Road has remained open throughout the construction as workers keep the area clean of debris. The on-ramp at exit 59 is expected to be closed weekdays for the next two weeks and the off-ramp at exit 62 only recently reopened. More closures are expected before the project is completed sometime in 2020.

Most officials on board Full house attends TIF Public Hearing

By: Mike French
Editor

With overwhelming support, Casey Bolton, spokesman for Commonwealth Economics, presented the idea of a TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) District to members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the Mount Vernon City Council, and concerned citizens Tuesday evening in a Public Hearing at the Court House.

If the support wasn't there in the beginning, it certainly was by the end of the hearing as nearly every person in the room spoke up in support of the idea.

After a well prepared presentation, explaining the concept of a TIF district designation, Bolton took questions from those present. At first, Rockcastle County Magistrate Mike McGuire expressed several concerns about the proposal saying he is concerned that other districts, especially rural areas, would not benefit from the taxes collected in the TIF district. "If we have to designate the taxes collected in the TIF district to only go back into improvements in the TIF District, how do the rural areas of the county benefit from the growth that we are expecting in that one district?" he asked. "And how is anyone benefiting from the growth and development, if the taxes raised

there only serve those businesses and people there in that district?"

They were very good questions since five different people took turns speaking up attempting to answer them.

Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) Executive Director Jeff VanHook said the money involved is money that would not benefit other districts anyway since without a TIF district, those dollars probably wouldn't be there at all. Bolton said surrounding growth is typical when one area grows as fast as officials expect it to in the TIF area.

The idea seems popular partly because as the city and the county pledge to use a certain amount of tax revenue that will be raised from new businesses expected in the area, the state also will pledge to give back up to \$94 million of their own revenues raised from those businesses.

"It is extremely important to note that this is not a new tax and is not a tax increase and never touches

school district taxes," said VanHook. "The money we are talking about is only the money that will be raised from existing taxes on new businesses that locate in the district in question."

In other words, the occupational tax and some other taxes paid by a new business that locates in the TIF district, will be the only money pledged to use for infrastructure improvements. The catch is, that money may only be used for infrastructure inside that TIF district as well. Not anywhere else in the county.

Still VanHook and Bolton both said repeatedly that if there is a surplus of tax money raised that is above what the city and county pledges to use in this program, that surplus can indeed be used anywhere the city or county decides.

So the city and county could, if it chose to do so, pledge only 10% of those taxes for the TIF district and use the other 90% anywhere in the county. But, there are two problems with that plan, according to officials. First,

(See "TIF" on A5)

Special called fiscal court meeting held

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Tuesday with four quick items on the agenda.

Court members agreed to follow suit with the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority and extend a note to Microfoodery plant.

Since the note matures on February 27, RCIDA and fiscal court have now both agreed to extend that maturity date to April 27th due to inclement weather that delayed the project.

Magistrates also accepted a bid of \$1,015 for the cameras, training, wiring and microphones that will allow all fiscal court meetings to be live-streamed via

the internet. Magistrates agreed to move ahead with the project unanimously and hope the meetings are being broadcast by the March meeting.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook then called for closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Holbrook had appointed Coy Cromer as Rockcastle County Road Supervisor on January 23rd, following two votes by the court that both ended in ties.

Following the closed session meeting, Cromer's salary was set at \$18.55 per hour, former road supervisor Mark Blanton was named assistant road supervisor at \$17.55 per hour and Gilbert Chestnut, who was the former assistant road supervisor, was named truck driver at \$15.55 per hour.

I-75 on-ramp to be closed at 59 marker

By: Mike French
Editor

Motorists should avoid southbound I-75 on-ramp at exit 59 in Mount Vernon over the next two weeks.

Officials at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) say the ramp was to be temporarily closed Tuesday, February 5 and remain closed until Friday morning at 6 a.m. so that crews could remove rock as part of the I-75 widening project. However, as of Wednesday morning, the ramp was still open.

The ramp is expected to be opened during the weekend but will close again Sunday, February 10 at 7 p.m. and reopen Friday, February 15 at 6 a.m.

Motorists will detour on

U.S. 25 to KY 461 and reconnect with U.S. 25 to access the on-ramp at exit 62.

Officials say the detour will be clearly marked with signs along the detour route. The southbound I-75 off-ramp at exit 59 will remain open to all traffic.

The starting date and duration of the work may be adjusted for inclement weather or unforeseeable delays.

Officials at KYTC say the same closures can be expected for both north bound on and off ramps at a later date during the I-75 project. Those closures are expected to be announced in advance, officials say.

For more information, visit www.waze.com or KYTC on their Facebook page.

Children at risk at bus stops

By: Mike French
Editor

One would think that all drivers would be aware of the dangers involved in driving by a school bus that has its stop sign out. Yet, according to Ken Hopkins, Director of the Rockcastle County Schools Transportation Department, it happens many times every day.

Superintendent David Pensol agreed that he hears complaints from parents and

bus drivers every week concerning the issue.

"It is very dangerous. We get assistance all the time from police looking for it, but it continues to happen," Pensol said.

Hopkins said he would guess that several times every school day that are loading or unloading students. "It's extremely

dangerous and it happens here in town and out on rural routes both," he said.

Officials say drivers simply aren't paying attention. "I have never had anyone deny they did it. They just always say they were looking at their phone or not paying attention," said Hopkins. "A few get defensive and say the bus put their sign out too late but they all admit they did it."

Officials say bus drivers are well trained and keep an eye out for vehicles that may be about to pass their bus, but the danger still exists and an injury or death could easily occur.

In fact, according to Stanford Children's Health (SCH) studies, of the 23.5 million children who ride a

school bus each year, 17,000 are treated in a hospital for a bus-related accident.

Studies say 19 of those each year are fatalities as children are getting on or off a bus.

Officials say a ten-foot area known as the "danger zone" is where almost all accidents occur that are not on the bus itself. Though seat belts are not required on school buses, studies show, according to SCH, that a school bus is designed in such a way that an accident carries a much lower chance of an injury if involved in an accident.

However, once outside the bus and in the danger zone, there is very little a bus driver can do to avoid an injury.

Officials suggest that

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"We will prosecute if someone puts our kids at risk like that."

— Joe Rush

Local woman is arrested with meth

By: Mike French
Editor

Police were called to the Silver Eagle Dance Club Saturday night, by a concerned citizen, about an "extremely intoxicated" woman who was leaving the club in Mount Vernon, according to the arrest citation.

Upon arrival, witnesses told Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Mays, that the suspect had just left the building and described the vehicle she was driving.

Mount Vernon Police officer Dylan Hensley was arriving to assist when he passed the described vehicle. Officers turned and followed the vehicle to the I-75 southbound ramp where Mays pulled the car over because there was no illumination on the license tag.

The citation notes that

Mays approached the driver, Thelma Bullock, 53, of Mount Vernon, and noticed pinpoint pupils and slurred speech.

After performing sobriety tests, Mays asked Bullock if she had taken any illegal narcotics and Bullock said, she had "snorted some methamphetamine earlier."

Upon receiving permission to search the vehicle, Mays discovered a plastic baggie containing a substance that Bullock said was meth, according to the citation.

Bullock was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with rear license not illuminated, license not in possession, failure to maintain insurance, failure to produce insurance card, no seat belt, no registration receipt, operating vehicle under influence and possession of meth.

RCIDA discusses Microfoodery plans

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting Monday, February 4th at the Court House.

After approving the financial statements, the board discussed the progress of the new Microfoodery plant nearing completion in Mount Vernon.

The long awaited hiring

process has begun at the plant but the sudden splash of jobs in the area that was expected, will actually be more of a trickle, according to RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig.

Craig said initially, the plant had hoped to be open and fully operational by now, but weather delays have caused the business to miss their peak season and therefore will begin hiring at a slower pace than planned.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I am a huge fan of science and archeology and a mixture of the two.

My favorite television show is Ancient Aliens and any documentary that digs for information about the Pyramids or ancient cities, yeah, yeah, yeah. Laugh at me all you want but wait.

I'm not an alien conspiracy theorist and I do not believe Trump is an alien. Hillary, maybe.

I do have a problem getting any of my loved ones into the shows I like because right in the middle of very interesting, very plausible, very in-depth study of some subject, the narrators always throw in some completely bizarre idea or theory that is clearly ridiculous.

By doing that, they immediately lose their audience who instantly disbelieve everything they say from that point on.

The trouble is, there is some very good, technical, logical information in all those shows that is simply truth. They make discoveries that astound me and find evidence of things that I never dreamed of. Even extra books of the Bible have been found that King James left out of his version of the Bible.

But then, right in the middle of a very good, strong point, they say something stupid like "Since we know that our ancestors were Maple trees, we can deduce....." Uhhmm, there goes the room.

There are some amazing facts about human history and the Pyramids and their construction are a fascinating part of our past. Some things about them are simply amazing.

Just one of hundreds (seriously hundreds) of interesting things is that some of the stones used to build the Pyramids came from a

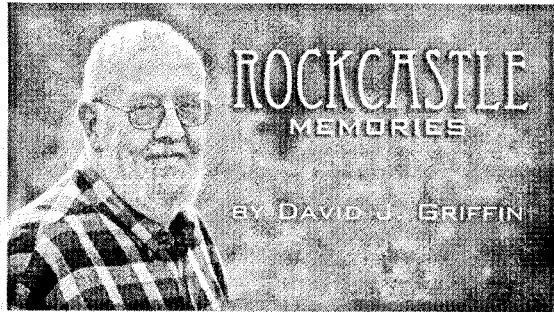
place over three miles away, across a river and up a steep sand dune and were placed four stories high, yet they weigh more than our modern cranes can lift.

But then as they are telling us about that and coming up with theories about how it was done, they throw in things about the Reptile people from planet Zabar who taught ancient Egyptians how to do it.

Well, the trick is to overlook those kinds of conclusions and learn about the facts and things they actually know while ignoring the things they speculate about.

There is actually found, buried in sand stone caves, a six-foot clay pot 4,000 years old. Through sampling and testing it has been confirmed that inside the pots was once lemon juice (or something very similar),

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Pop's Whetstone

Now that we both are retired, my wife and I are beginning the process of "downsizing" and getting rid of 42 years' worth of stuff. While sifting through a closet in my office, I found a small wooden box containing my grandfather's (Pop) whetstone, along with one of his pocket knives. This was a treasure find. I had forgotten that he had given both to me before he passed away in 1974 at the age of 85.

I vividly recall Pop sitting under one of his shade trees in the yard, with a pocket knife in one hand and his whetstone in the other. When he believed that a blade met his specifications, he would carefully pull up his sleeve and proceed to determine if the knife would

shave a small spot on his arm. If it would, it was just right.

Pop's whetstone was used countless times. Once, he had me sit in one of the lawn chairs next to him so he could teach me to use his stone. He made me use one of my own knives so I could learn to keep my knives in proper condition.

After the blade was significantly prepared, he would use a small can of 3-in-1 oil to prevent the knife from rusting. His whetstone shows lots of wear, with a dip in the middle where he had sharpened his own knives. He was the best I have ever seen using at using a whetstone.

In that same wooden box, I also found Pop's John Prindle knife, which was made by Belknap Hardware Company in Louisville. The company was started in 1840 by William Burke Belknap in a brick building at Third and Main Streets on the Ohio River. By 1910, the company was producing several good pocket knives, including the John Prindle.

Pop's knife has the following stamp on the largest blade: John Prindle - Belknap Hdwr, and Mfg. Co. Knives with this stamp were produced from about 1940 until 1968.

Belknap was one of the oldest and largest hardware companies in the Louisville area. Since Pop worked for Louisville Grocery Company and Aubry Feed Mills, he always had the latest copy of the Belknap catalog. Our family ordered from this catalog frequently. Belknap closed its doors in 1985.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



The middle drawer of my desk is 32 inches wide, 28 inches long, and 3 inches deep. An inventory of the stuff squirreled away inside it would require several pages of small type. When Loretta is expecting company and wants the house to look neat and tidy, the first thing she does is pull the drawer open and anything weighing less than pound and not nailed down on the desk top gets raked into that drawer.

Need some reading glasses and can't find the ones you were wearing five minutes ago; open that drawer and take your pick of half a dozen pairs. Can't find your pocket knife; no problem. Open the desk drawer and take a guess as to which one is the sharpest of the several scattered about inside it. Same for pocket watches. There's 3 of them but neither one works. Maybe I was saving them for parts before Mr. Parkinson came along? Suffice to say that I haven't the dexterity to dismantle a pocket watch in over ten years.

How bout a genuine Scripto fountain pen and 4 tubes of what used to be ink that has turned into something that crunches when you squeeze the little, cigarette-sized tubes? Do they even make that stuff anymore? Now there's a great reason to get on ebay and buy something else I'll never use. I'd bet big \$\$ that there's a seller in China who has fountain pen ink really, really cheap with free shipping if I don't mind waiting until next summer to get it.

Here's a pre-zip-lock sandwich bag crammed full

of what used to be rubber bands but now they're as stiff as dried spaghetti and break just as easily. Wonder what would happen if I boiled them? Would they regain their elasticity or come out looking like pasta? Don't worry. I'm not going to try that but they are, at least, something I'm willing to toss into the garbage can along with the ink cartridges. And, again; don't worry. I'm not going to throw away the fountain pen because there's no telling how much use I'll get out of that thing after the slow boat from China gets here with fresh ink.

Okay, I've now tried 4 different colors among 9 sharpies and 8 of them have tips harder and drier than carbon steel nails. I'm tossing the useless 8 and putting the one that still works back in the drawer so it can age a few more years. Somebody might even use it. You never know.

Here's four American Flag "forever" postage stamps that have that lickem-stickum stuff on the back. How long has it been since they stopped making those? Stamps have been peel and stick for what seems like a very long time. I'm about afraid to lick one of these things but I just found 4 glue sticks and one of them is still sticky! I also have a letter that has to be mailed tomorrow, at which point I'll know if "forever" has become extinct.

Notice, if you will, that I have not mentioned ball point pens. There's not a

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Super Bowl - Now and Then

Dear Journal,

Well, here I am watching Super Bowl LIII (53). It only serves as a reminder that I've seen all of them or at least in part. Wow, I'm actually older than this great American institution. I can remember the invention of several things now that you mention it. One day some of us were just standing around and somebody came up with the idea of dirt. I said that it will never catch on.

I've seen some great football dynasties in the past. My favorite was the Dallas Cowboys back in

their glory days of the '70's. I've seen Roger Staubach and Coach Tom "The Hat" Landry pull some magic when they had their backs against the wall. I'm not so keen on these Patriots, however. I've seen too much of them and I still think they, or at least Tom Brady, cheated with those deflated footballs a year or so ago. They banned Pete Rose from baseball for life for betting on baseball. I would consider banning Tom Brady for life from football, but no, he still plays and is heavily praised. After all, cheating is cheating.

Half-time is only two minutes away. I think I'll go to the kitchen and get a little snack. No, wait, I don't want to miss an opportunity to see a wardrobe malfunction like a few years ago when Janet Jackson let her boob fall out and there it was right there in front of God and everybody. I just had gone to the bathroom and was probably the only one in the country who missed it. Stanley said he saw it but didn't believe it. My minister was hosting a Super Bowl party for the fathers and sons in his congregation when it happened. He was sooooo embarrassed. Then, he got rather steamed and wrote the network a letter.

Half-time is here. There is a world-famous rapper

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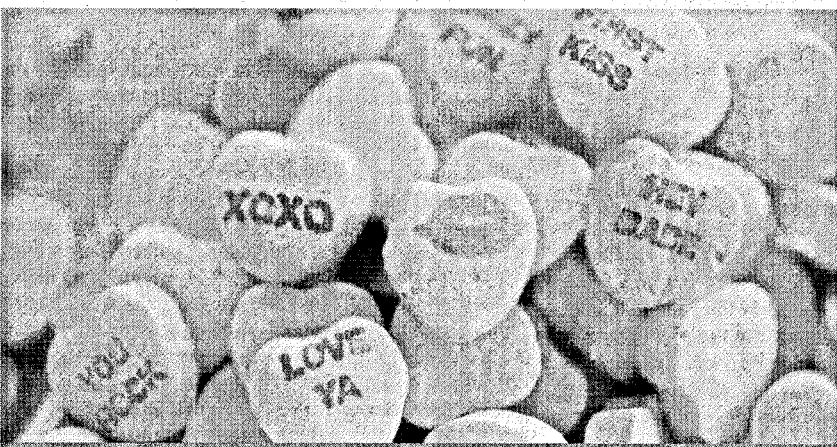
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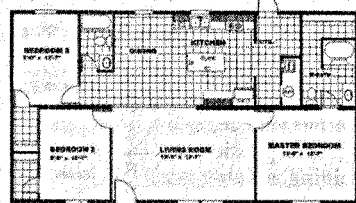


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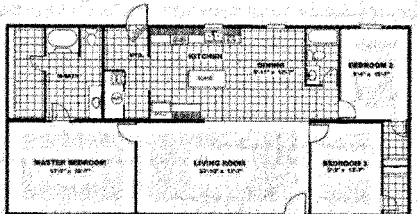
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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Create A Stunning Hillside Landscape

Trying to grow grass and keep it mowed on a steep bank is a difficult proposition. Trimming or mowing under varying conditions, including slippery and wet ones, is inviting an accident to happen, just a matter of when it will occur. Let's investigate this some and see what alternatives we might have besides lawn for steep areas. It is possible to create some stunning landscapes where before there was a troubling space. Your hill can be transformed into something special.

Seven possible solutions for steep slopes will be discussed in today's column. Probably you will think of others as we go along. Before we begin, what do you have currently that is near impossible to mow? Is it really steep? Is it rocky? Is it eroding? Or do you have some good grass on it? Or is it neglected with bushes

or trees volunteering? Steep areas can be turned into delightful works of art. Begin by making a plan, or even maybe several to pick from. Then, be aware transforming a slope may very well cost more to beautify than a similarly sized flat area would. Decide how soon you'd like to proceed, how much you're comfortable spending, and decide if you can tackle it or if you need landscape or construction professionals to do it. Simple things like groundcovers can be a do-it-yourself chore. Resculpting the land and building terraces may definitely require a professional.

Idea one. Terracing. This would be something landscape construction companies might suggest. Creating stair steps, large or small ones, is what we mean by terracing. Flat areas are created for planting, for activities, or just to eliminate the slope and be

sown into lawn grasses. Useful flat areas are created—and mowing slopes is eliminated. The idea can be expanded upon to create lots of new outdoor space such as a patio or pool spot where one would have been impossible with the hillside. Retaining walls, of various materials, will be needed to hold or retain the soil at the areas where terraces are built.

Second, another way to get out of mowing a slope is to plant it in groundcovers. This could be everything from a tree or trees with vinca, ivy, epimedium, hellebores, or lots of other things growing under them (except lawn), to wildflower beds, to carpet juniper bushes.

Closely related would be to naturalize it into a woody area. Plant trees with smaller shrubs and flowers under them...or plant shrubbery with sizes comingled.

A fourth idea is a rock garden. Large rock outcrops that are hard to disguise make this choice a no-brainer almost. But a rock garden can be created with some stones brought in and placed to look natural, and with flowers and other attractive plants incorporated on the sloped areas among the random-placed stones and boulders.

Idea five. Plant wildflower seeds and let the spot go wild. A handful of fruiting or flowering shrubs, then the flower seeds would be great.

Music to my ears is when a homeowner calls wanting to have a stream with waterfalls installed on a slope near the home. (It'll be music to their ears for years to come if they decide to buy into this plan!)

And the seventh suggestion is to build decks with stairs...either uphill or downhill...depending on how your sloped area is situated. This gives the equivalent of terracing, idea #1, but without moving any dirt or building any retaining walls.

The hillside landscape or the hillside transformation into useful flat areas can be a great investment, creating both added value and beauty where before there was a problem area.

Your unruly slope can be tamed. If you have such a beast, I encourage you to have a fun time and be creative.

You can have a lovely landscape with more usable space where in the past you had a dangerous spot to mow or trim. Some of these ideas will be pretty inexpensive. And some of them will require substantial investment. Depending on your tastes, what you need, the style of the house, and yes your budget, turning your problem slope into paradise is certainly worth giving more thought to.

The author is a landscaper. Call (606) 416-3911 and visit my website: www.rockcastles.net

"T.J.'s"

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going to "sing" but it sounds like a bunch of noise to me. He is world-famous, but I've never heard of him. That is the case of the Grammy Awards now. Never heard of most of the singers, either...or today's actors...or their movies. From what I have seen, I haven't missed a thing. Stanley just told me that he had heard that the first Super Bowl half time was the Three Stooges. I don't remember that for sure. The Three Stooges, now you're talking my language. I've loved them all of my life.

This world famous rapper, Big Boi, keeps getting about every other word beeped out. Too vulgar to be repeated on TV, evidently. Hello, kitchen and bathroom. I think I've seen and heard enough.

"Points East"

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single one in the drawer; dead or alive. If I bought a dozen ball point pens and put them in my desk at noon, they would all have disappeared by dark. I'd be willing to bet that I've acquired over 100 freebie pens from banks and board meetings over the last year, alone. I have no idea where they are but I know, for sure, where they ain't. They ain't in my desk drawer.

This could go on for days but I just found exactly what I was looking for with far less trouble than I expected. An envelope containing about 200 heirloom Dwarf Gray Sugar Pea seeds that a friend in Pike County sent to me last fall was what I needed most for Valentine's Day. If Brother Andy shows up this week, we may plant them a week early while the weather is still in the mid 60s. There's no telling what it'll be like on the 14th. I don't always plant peas on Valentine's Day the way my elders did, but since I have the seed, I figure that rushing the season a few days won't hurt them. It may be snowing on Valentine's Day.

"Memories"

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I also remember Pop and his friends sitting under the same shade tree on Sunday afternoons, after church, with their whetstones in hand. After the knives were properly sharpened, they would collectively produce a large ball of cedar shavings in the middle of their circle. I will always cherish those memories, and most especially Pop's knife and whetstone.

It was a scene of male camaraderie in a much simpler time. Having seen and experienced it myself, I am certain that is one of the main reasons that I became a collector of knives.

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

"Aces"

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copper plates and zinc plates, spaced perfectly with a cork sealing the pot and copper bands leading out the top. Folks, that's a battery.

Why would ancient Egyptians need a battery? And how did they even know how to make one? What did they do with electrical power?

Stuff like that is very interesting and by watching these programs, one can discover all the details surrounding the "Baghdad Battery," as it is called, and form your own theories about how and why and who and what.

But then right in the middle of it all, they mention that the battery was probably used to beam the snake people up to the mother ship.

If they would just stop that kind of stuff, they wouldn't lose their audience nearly as much.

The fact is, the battery exists, as well as cave drawings that depict a light bulb of sorts, one has to take that information in while not being distracted by their scientific speculations.

There are cave drawings found and dated (though I don't trust carbon dating completely) to 6,000 years ago. Before the wheel, or

ships, or knowledge that the world is round, that exactly match drawings found in caves on the opposite side of the world. Identically.

How did they know that same drawing was in a place they shouldn't have known existed?

There are drawings in caves that are 5,000 years older than the first ever telescope, that show our solar system including the planets that are impossible to see with the naked eye. Also some planets and perfect orbit representations that we didn't even know existed until 20 years ago.

It's a fascinating thing to watch. You just have to keep in mind that we didn't used to be monkeys, our great-grandfather was not from the planet Wardusia, and God created the Heaven and the Earth.

If you can keep that in mind and ignore their strange conclusions and come to your own conclusions, you can learn a lot in a very short time.

I have my own theories about how the Pyramids were built but it is out there and it seems so ridiculous that I lose my audience before I can explain why I believe it to be true and how the Bible supports my theory. So, I just keep it to myself.

But it's fun to think about such things as long as you can keep your sanity.

Applications being taken for Smithsonian traveling exhibit

Kentucky Humanities invites smaller museums, libraries and historical societies in towns of fewer than 20,000 residents to apply to host a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit called Crossroads: Change in Rural America.

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The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet tuesday, February 12th at David's Steak House, 125 W. Cumberland Gap Parkway in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Brian Towles, Medical Services Specialist for the Kentucky Retirement Systems. Any retiree (and spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information call 606-877-0079 or 606-260-0490.

TOPS of Brodhead

TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) meets every Tuesday evening at the Brodhead Community Outreach Center. Weigh-in begins at 6 and the meeting is at 6:30. For more information, call 606-758-4973.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

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.

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.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, 6 to 8 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. ***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Small group.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m.

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

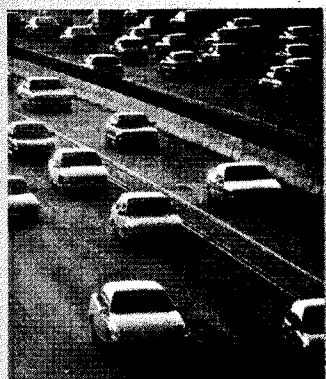
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

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

Owen Hensley

Owen Hensley, 88, of Orlando, died Monday, February 4, 2019 at the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore. He was born in Orlando on October 3, 1930, the son of John and Ella Lambert Hensley. He owned and operated Hensley's Used Cars for over 21 years. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War and was a member of Brush Creek Holiness Church. He loved fishing, visiting yard sales, and spending time with his family and friends, reminiscing about yesteryears.

He is survived by: his loving wife of almost 60 years, Lillie McGuire Hensley; children, Larry Wayne Hensley of Mt. Vernon, and Kimberly (Timothy) Robinson of Orlando; and two grandchildren, Derrick Wayne and Katelynn Hensley. Also surviving are four sisters-in-law; threebrothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Hensley and five sisters, Bertha Smith, Ida Durham, Martha Durham, Gladys Sams, and Flossie Durham.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 8, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bros. Lonnie McGuire and David Smith. Burial will follow in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Lloyd Durham, Ron Hensley, Steve Hensley, Chris McGuire, Mike Mink, and Logan Smith.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Dean Carpenter, Derrick Hensley, James Smith, and Ray Stewart.

Friends may call at the church after 6 p.m. Thursday. Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook® page to view Mr. Hensley's online obituary.

Danny Ray Miller

Danny Ray Miller, 60, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Peggy Miller, died Sunday, February 3, 2019 at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robert Miller. Burial will follow in Negro Creek Cemetery.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday.

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

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook® page to view online obituary.

Connie Sue Little

Connie Sue Hubbard Little, 59, of Mount Vernon, died Friday, January 18, 2019, at her home. She was born January 3, 1960, in Mount Vernon, a daughter of the late Frank



Hubbard, and Glessie Marie Overbay. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed music and talking.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Glessie Marie Overbay; her husband, Charles Fitzpatrick; children, Jenny Wilson and David Bass of Douglas, GA, Joshua Little of Mount Vernon, Rebecca Robinson and Bryan of Mount Vernon and Renea Renner of Mount Vernon; grandchildren, David Bass,

Devin Bass, Hailey Little, Trinity Baggett, Starla Baggett, Austin Renner, and Nathan Renner; great grandson, Zachary Doan; brothers, Jerry Hubbard of Mount Vernon and Frank Edward Hubbard of Lawton, OK; one sister, Alice Mason and Eugene of Livingston; as well as a host of many friends and neighbors.

Besides her father, she was preceded in death by: a grandchild, Kaitlyn Little; and four siblings, Larry Hubbard, Dallas Hubbard, Billy Gene Hubbard, and infant Linda Kay Hubbard.

Services were held Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Sandhill Baptist Church with Tommy Miller officiating. Burial was in Sandhill Cemetery.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Gary Taylor Moore

Gary Taylor Moore, 69, husband of Darla, of Orlando, died Friday, February 1, 2019. He was born June 28, 1949, a son of the late Evelyn Hall and the late Taylor Jones, in



Bracken County. He was united in marriage to his wife Darla Reams, on November 3, 2012. He proudly served his country through the United States Army for several years. He enjoyed dancing, shopping at flea markets, and playing the card game Euchre.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Darla Reams Moore of Orlando; children, Randy Moore of Dry Ridge, Jeff Moore of Lincroft, NJ, and Kelly Moore Burdine of Charleston, SC; grandchildren, Tori Danielle Moore, Maranda Aspen Moore, and Amanda Rae Moore; a brother, William Robert "Bobby" Moore of California, KY; and sisters, Evelyn "Connie" Moore Bellanca of Florence and Carol Roberts of Cincinnati, OH.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Hall and father, Taylor Jones.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Woodhead Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Hampton officiating. Burial was in Williamstown (North) V.A. cemetery.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Justin Ira Burkhardt

Justin Ira Burkhardt, 32, of Berea, died Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Somerset on January 29, 1986,



the son of Vivian Kaye Burkhardt Childress and Norman Childress. He was an employee of Hitachi Corporation and a member of Big Hill Holiness Church. He was a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and enjoyed fishing and playing with his kids.

He is survived by: his mother and step-father, Vivian Kaye and Norman Childress; children, Hunter Burkhardt and Daisy Agee; his fiancé, Candice Agee of Berea; maternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Evelyn and Claude Tuttle of Berea; a sister, Hannah Nicole Childress of Owenton; and two step-sisters, Crystal Barnett of Brodhead, and Stephanie Barnett of Richmond. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Burley Burkhardt.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at Higher Praise Church by Bros. David Rose and Ray Owens. Burial was in the Saylor Family Cemetery at Cartersville.

Pallbearers were: Brandon Burkhardt, Matthew Burkhardt, Zachary Burkhardt, Bryan Whitt, Chris Whitt, and Michael Whitt.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook® page to view online obituary.

Donna Gross Feghali

Donna Gross Feghali, 59, of London, died Monday, February 4, 2019 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Louisville on July 29, 1959, the daughter of Habib and Lillian Gross Feghali. She had been an accountant.

She is survived by her mother, Lillian Feghali of London.

The family has chosen cremation with a memorial service to be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Invitation to Bid

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is now accepting bids for a New Holland 145 Manure Spreader with top beater (include trade in allowance). Awards shall be made based on best overall value. All bids must be received by 4:00 pm on February 15, 2019.

Bids should be submitted to:
USDA Service Center- RCCD Office at
153 Andover Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.
Bids will be publicly opened at the same location on
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Jesse Marvin Harness

Jesse Marvin Harness, 77, of Beelick, went home to be with the Lord Monday, February 4, 2019, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was born July 14, 1941, in Lincoln County, a son of the late James Hubert Harness and Maude (Rodgers) Harness. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Beelick.

Survivors include: wife, Connie Harness of Beelick; sons, Ron (Kim) Harness of Vine Grove, Eli Harness of Winchester and Kelly (Gina) Harness of Hopkinsville; daughter-in-law, Faye Harness of Sidney, OH; 11 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

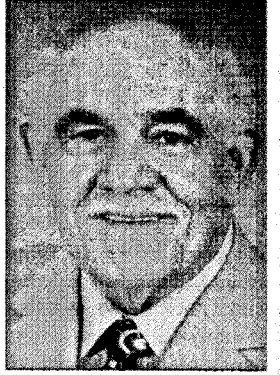
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: sons, Jesse Ray Harness, Darryl Gene Harness and Terry Lee Harness; brothers, James Mitchell Harness, Noel E. Harness, Billy Dale Harness and Delbert Lee Harness; and a sister, Bonnie Alene Dyson.

The funeral will be held at Liberty Baptist Church at 1 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2019. Burial will be at the Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will start at 11 a.m. Friday until the funeral service at 1 p.m., also at Liberty Baptist Church.

Pastor Zandell Hasty will be officiating.

Serving as pallbearers are: Kaleb Harness, Joseph Ricklefs, Christopher Harness, Ashley Harness, Bryan Harness, Brandyn Harness and Austin Gray.



Thomas Wendell Daugherty

Thomas Wendell Daugherty, 59, of Livingston, died Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington, surrounded by loved ones after a battle with



illness. From his birth in Mt. Vernon on November 4, 1959 to his death, he greatly nourished those around him with love, affection, and friendship. He was born to very loving and caring parents, Burgess and Barbara Robinson Daugherty. He was the oldest of six children. He was retired from Motorwheel of Berea and was of the Holiness Faith.

He is survived by: his parents, Burgess and Barbara Daugherty of Livingston. Also left to honor his memory are: his five children, Kristy Nicole (Ronnie) Vanzant of Orlando, and Thomas Wayne Daugherty, Tiffany Cara Daugherty, Clint Daugherty, and Raegan Daugherty, all of Mt. Vernon; eight grandchildren, Ethan, Alex, Lauren, and Jackson Vanzant, and Ford, Levi, Brian, and Sophia Lovell; two brothers, John (Lonetta) Daugherty, and Tim (Teresa) Daugherty; three sisters, Peggy (Scott) Akin, Eva (Doug) Dickens and Carolyn Daugherty Carpenter; and nine nieces and nephews, Jessica, Cody, Cassidy, William, Nathan, Amelia, Mallory, Madeline, and Gus. Many other close and beloved relatives also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Jimmy Miller and Luther Allen. Burial was in Daugherty Family Cemetery on Red Hill.

Pallbearers were: Scott Akin, Nathan Berryman, Alex Cambell, Cody Carpenter, William Daugherty, Alex Vanzant, Ethan Vanzant, Jackson Vanzant, and Terrell Wilson.

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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.

Archery News...

The RCHS Archery team performed well at the Martin's Peterbilt Tournament. The team total was 3053 with a combined 90 tens.

T.J. Ramsey led the team once again with a 284. He ranked 8th out of 279 boys.

Emily Maupin was the top female shooter on the team with a 273. She was 12th out of 195 girls.

Trace Boone shot 267. Kyle Coffey had a 266. Gentry Phillip's shot a 261.

Jacob Cook, in his second tournament, scored a 254.

Lara and Liz Renner both shot a 252. C.J. Cameron added a 250 to the team score. Alyssa Martin shot a 245. Damien Johnson shot 239. Jillian Wallin and Jasmine Johnson also contributed to the team score.

Good luck to the team as they prepare to shoot at Lincoln County for the Regional Tournament on Saturday.

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau celebrates Food Check-Out Week

The cost of food in Rockcastle County Farm Bureau is celebrating February 3-9, 2019, as Food Check-Out week.

To mark the occasion, Rockcastle Farm Bureau is planning on delivery of Kentucky Proud products to local officials during Food Check-Out Week. Due to the work of Kentucky's Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Proud products are readily available in many grocery stores.

Long after Food Check-Out Week, Americans are required to continue earning income for other necessities.

The Tax Foundation has reported that Americans must work over 100 days to pay their federal taxes.

"We work much longer to pay for federal taxes than for food," Haney said.

For more information, contact Carla Parsons at 606-256-5648.

Food Check-Out Week Proclamation

Whereas, America's farmers are the most productive and efficient in the world, providing us with ample supply of safe and affordable food, and

Whereas, agribusiness is an important element of Rockcastle County's economy, with numerous local companies engaged in the production of food and fiber products, and

Whereas Rockcastle County farmers help feed our community, state, nation and other peoples from around the world with the goods they produce, and

Whereas, our citizens enjoy the most affordable food in the world, spending, on average, about 10 percent of their disposable income on food annually,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that February 3-9, 2019 is declared as

"Food Check-Out Week"
in Rockcastle County.

Deadline for Kentucky's quota elk hunts is April 30

Quota elk hunters can now apply for a new, either-sex archery/crossbow permit for Kentucky's 2019 elk season.

"This new permit gives archery and crossbow hunters the freedom to choose whether to take a bull or a cow," said Gabe Jenkins, elk program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"We wanted to give hunters more flexibility and options to fill their permits," he said. "Archery elk hunting is hard - and just getting an elk in range is a feat. This should increase the overall success rate for our archers and crossbow hunters."

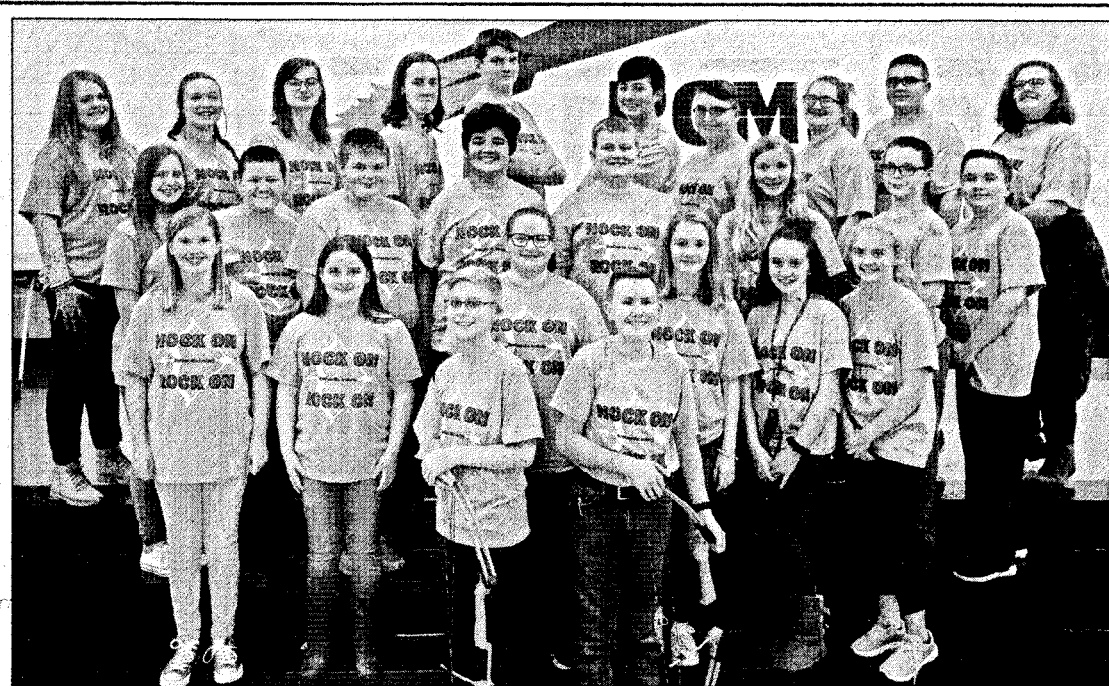
In addition to the new permit, which allows archery and crossbow hunters to take a bull or a cow, Kentucky will continue to offer its traditional quota elk hunt permits: gun hunts for a bull or a cow, and the youth permit. The cost is \$10 to apply for each permit. While hunters may apply for multiple permits, they may be drawn for only one.

Click here to watch the video about Kentucky's quota elk hunt drawing.

Kentucky began its elk restoration project in 2007. It now supports a herd of more than 10,000 animals, the largest state herd elk east of the Rocky Mountains. The state's elk zone in southeastern Kentucky contains more acreage than Yellowstone National Park.

Firearms
Bull Hunt 1: Sept. 28-Oct. 2
Bull Hunt 2: Oct. 5-9
Cow Hunt 1: Nov. 30-Dec. 4
Cow Hunt 2: Dec. 28-Jan. 1 (2020)
Archery/Crossbow
(Bull or cow)
Early season: Sept. 14-27
Late season: Dec. 7-13

For more information about hunting and fishing opportunities in Kentucky, visit the department website at fw.ky.gov.



Congratulations to the RCMS Archery team on a season high team score of 3,025 at the Martin's Peterbilt Bullseye Challenge. Emily Stokley led the team with a score of 261. Allison McCoy shot a 257, Ethan Cromer a 257, Daejeon Dean with a 255, Luke Cromer a 252, Paige Cash shot a 251, Dwayne Clark and Gavin Betsworth with a 250, and Jameson Mink and Peyton Napier with a score of 249. Rounding out the team score was Cayla Marcum, Caitlyn Kirby, Hailey Johnson, Wyatt Martin, J.T. Kelley, Samantha Mullins, Callie Bengel, Emily Sturgill, Ethan Hart, Sierra Payne, Joseph Elam, Jaden Cameron, Marcos Bengel, Jacob King, Kylee Rodefer, Amanda Kimsey, and MaKaylee McNally. Great job RCMS Archery.

"RCIDA"

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"There won't be a sudden influx of a hundred jobs now, but hiring will be spread out over this spring and summer," he said.

Craig said over 16,000 people have been reached already through the RCIDA social media page alone that announced the hiring process has begun, and applicants seem to be abundant. "We receive calls every day from those who want to know how to apply," said Craig. "There will be a lot of different level positions available including entry level, maintenance, quality control, supervision, line workers and many others."

Anyone interested in applying with the new plant should visit employment@microfoodery.com

In fact, board members approved an extension to the loan to Microfoodery since the weather delays have held up construction slightly. Craig said the loan matures on February 27 but the board approved extending that loan to April 27. "By then the paperwork should all be in order," he said. "We are approving this extension in anticipation of turning that note into a permanent loan."

The board also approved a draw of \$422,950 to the plant to pay bills for work that has been done.

Board members also viewed the Executive Director's report which included a list of activities that

Jeff VanHook has been working on throughout the month.

One of the major activities includes his involvement and preparations on the TIF District Development plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room.

"Buses"

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parents can help by watching their children closely as they are waiting for a bus and to be there ready when a child gets off the bus.

Also, parents should teach their child to take five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing the road so that oncoming drivers can see the child even if they are ignoring the stop sign.

Mount Vernon Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush says police are on the lookout for such violators every day. "We have already caught a few and we are always watching for that."

Rush says anyone who sees a vehicle drive by a bus with the stop sign extended should attempt to write down the license number and call police. "That would be the first step toward prosecution," he said.

Members of the local school board have addressed the issue at the past two consecutive board meetings and officials with the school system are working on public service announcements using

Rockcastle County students to help inform the public of the dangers of passing a school bus.

Officials with the Rockcastle County School district urge everyone to pay extra attention to school buses and slow down when you see a bus coming and stop well before reaching the bus if the sign is extended or on its way out.

"This is serious and dangerous to our children. We will prosecute if someone puts our kids at risk like that," said Rush.

"TIF"

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Bolton made it clear that the less the city and county pledge to designate for use in the TIF district, the less interest the state will have in helping and will most likely give back much less as well. Second, the less that is pledged to be used in the TIF District only, the less appealing the area is to new business owners. And becoming appealing to new businesses is the whole reason for the plan.

One of the biggest arguments in favor of creating the TIF District is that it will cost the city and the county nothing, according to VanHook and Corey Craig RCIDA Chairman. "This is very hard. That's why not everyone has done this. It is extremely complicated. We have been working on it for a year and are just beginning to understand it all, but we can make a significant impact on this community for generations to come with this plan," said Craig. "If not for the I-75 project we would not be here. This is a rare, once in a lifetime opportunity for our community."

In fact, Bolton gave figures and plans for expected growth including 80,000 square feet of retail space, restaurants, lodging, refurbishing Renfro Valley, entertainment venues, tourist attractions, outlet stores and many other possible types of growth that will easily be more than \$100 million invested. "We are trying to take a big bite and this is one step toward that," said Craig. "We are talking about the traffic from Canada to Florida with billions of tourist dollars in those cars that is going to be spent somewhere. We need to give them reasons to spend it here."

VanHook said the TIF program is a tool that Rockcastle County and Mount Vernon can use. "TIF is one tool in our tool belt and we need to be ready to use it and develop more tools," he said.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant said he too is beginning to accept the idea of a TIF District. "The more I learn about this program, the more I am attracted to it," he said. "We have done a wonderful job of keeping taxes low in Mount Vernon and this could even help us to keep from having to raise them

in the future. We are on the edge of something here and this could be our one shot."

McGuire seemed to be the only voice of less than full support but even he had begun to reconsider the idea by the end of the meeting. "You are right. It is very complex but I am beginning to see what you are saying," he said.

Mt. Vernon City Councilmember Shelly Lewis also expressed her support for the plan and talked about possible indirect growth in other areas of the city due to the expected growth inside the TIF District.

VanHook and Bolton also discussed the possibility that the expected growth does not develop. "Even if no one builds anything in the TIF District, we are out nothing. Because there is no money spent if there is no money raised from new businesses," said VanHook.

According to Bolton the developer would be out the expense of building the infrastructure and then promised some of that expense back after the work is done. "This way, if the developer promises to do something and then doesn't do it, no one has used any funds or has spent any money. It hasn't cost the city or the county anything unless they actually produce revenue to the city and the county," he said.

According to Bolton, the process has begun by holding the public meeting and now the county and the city will draft ordinances, hold a first and second reading, pledging a certain amount of those new business taxes to the plan and then the project is actually considered a TIF District once a developer has begun some form of construction in the area and growth begins to take place.

Each project that is expected to come to the area, will be a separate negotiation with the state to determine how much the state will pledge for each project, Bolton said.

According to supporters, the fact that the city and the county could spend revenues in the TIF area without having to pledge it and being bound by those pledges for as much as 30 years, is no deterrent because the pledging of that revenue is what will make the area grow as expected.

Some seem to believe the area will grow and develop and that the tax revenue will come to the city and the county even without tying up those funds in a pledge that will last for decades.

But, supporters say the area will grow much larger and much faster if the pledge is made and some money will likely be available that is above the pledged amount.

"Some cities are not on board," said Bolton. "Some are just not seeing the advantages. But it is clear that you all get it. You see that growth will happen with this program."

To fish, hunt and trap in Kentucky

Licenses, permits for 2019-2020 license year

Licenses and permits to fish, hunt and trap in Kentucky in the coming license year are on sale now.

The 2019-2020 license year starts March 1.

License and permit fees for Kentucky residents for the 2019-2020 license year are unchanged from the 2018-19 license year.

Prices on some options for non-residents have changed and include:

- Annual fishing license, \$55
- One-day fishing license, \$15
- Seven-day fishing license, \$35
- Annual hunting license, \$150
- Statewide deer permit, \$185
- Spring turkey permit, \$85
- Fall turkey permit, \$85
- One-day hunting license, \$25
- Seven-day hunting license, \$65
- Youth elk permit, \$200

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed new prices for these non-resident licenses and permits at its March 2018 meeting.

Periodic fee updates are necessary to keep pace with inflation and maintain the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' financial stability

into the future. The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of hunting, fishing and shooting equipment and ammunition.

In another change for the 2019-2020 license year, the 15-day, non-resident fishing license has been eliminated. Fewer than 1,000 people each year were purchasing this license.

Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website (fw.ky.gov) and at vendor locations across the state. A list of license agents by county is available on the department's website.

Kentucky is a top destination nationally for trophy deer and maintains the largest elk herd east of the Rocky Mountains. Anglers from throughout the central United States come to Kentucky to fish its waters, including the state's renowned trout fishery in the Cumberland River and the crappie fishery in Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

For more information about hunting and fishing opportunities in Kentucky, visit the department website at fw.ky.gov.

SPORTS

Lady Rockets lose to Admirals and Titans

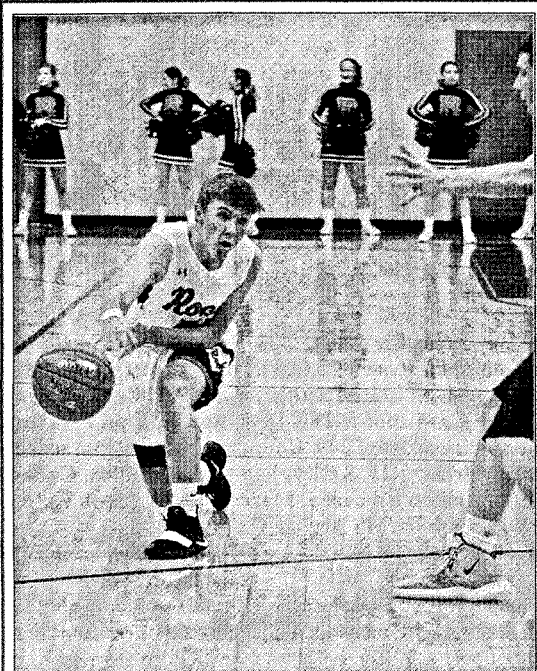
The Lady Rockets went down to defeat in their last two outings, losing 82-69 to the Danville Lady Admirals and to the Mercer County Lady Titans 64-38.

The Lady Rockets were able to stay with the Lady Admirals the first quarter, losing it by one 17-16 but the Admirals poured it on the second quarter, winning it 24-11 for a 41-27 half time lead. The Lady Rockets lost the third quarter 23-17 and outscored Danville in the fourth quarter 22 to 18 for the 82-69 loss.

scoring for the Lady Rockets with 16 points; Keelee King got 12; Shelby Newland 10; Hallie Brown eight; Madison McIntosh 6; Lindsey Jones 5; Emma Bullens four and Bailee Allen two. The Lady Rockets have lost the services of junior Bailee Allen for the rest of the season after she tore her ACL and did other knee damage during this Danville game. She is scheduled for surgery toward the end of March.

The Lady Rockets had

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Senior Cade Burdette makes a pass inside during the Rockets' loss to Williamsburg last Thursday.

Rockets lose to Jackets, Danville and Jackson Co.

The Rockcastle Rockets lost all three of their last games to bring their season record to 5-19.

The Rockets hosted the Williamsburg Yellow Jackets last Thursday night and lost 53-49.

The Rockets lost the first quarter 11-8 and were outscored 19-8 in the second quarter for a 30-16 half time lead for Williamsburg.

The Rockets won the third and fourth quarters 33 to 23 but the Yellow Jackets hung on for the four point win.

Logan Noel and Daniel Mullins tied for scoring honors with 12 points each, including three three point baskets for each; Seth Shepherd got 11 points; Isaac Stratton six; Cade Burdette and Josiah West, three each and Trevor Todd got two points.

Against Danville last Saturday, the Rockets were down 21-11 at the end of the first quarter and it was all down hill from there with the Admirals winning 75-34.

Mullins and Stratton each had 10 points in the game; Todd and Drew Hopkins got six each and Matthew Chasteen had two points.

The Rockets had 21 turnovers in the game to Danville's eight and

Danville hit 11 three point shots to the Rockets two.

At Jackson County Tuesday night, the Rockets lost a heartbreaker 84-82.

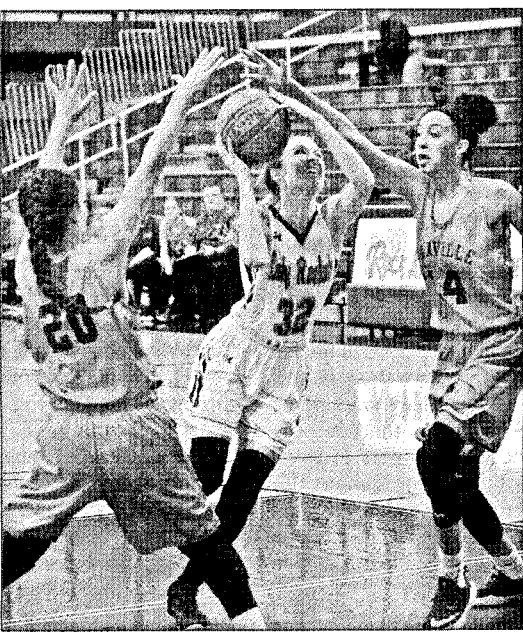
Despite scoring 36 points the first half, the Jackson Co. Generals won the half 41-36. The score was tied 57 all at the end of the third period but the Generals won the fourth quarter by two, 27-25 to hang on for the win.

Free throws played a big part in the final score with the Rockets hitting 13 of 17 and the Generals 21 of 29.

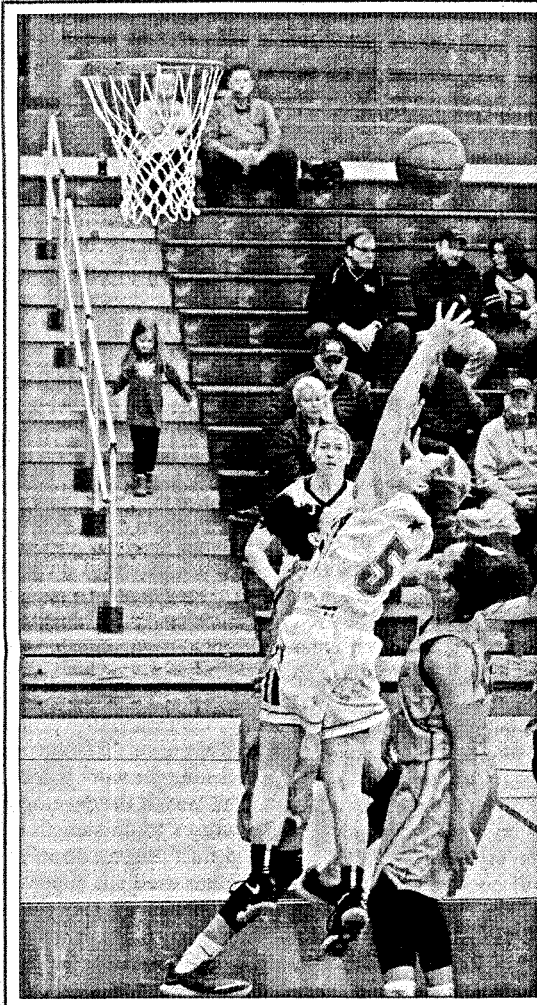
The Rockets hit nine threes while the Generals got ten.

Leading the scoring for the Rockets was Logan Noel, who came off the bench to score 30 points, including five three point baskets and going six for six from the free throw line; West got 16 points; Stratton scored 13; Shepherd 10; Todd six; Chasteen four and Burdette three.

This Friday night, the Rockets will host Garrard County and Whitley County on Tuesday night, February 12th. They will wrap up regular season play with a home game against South Laurel on the 14th (senior night) and will travel to Russell County on February 15th to end regular season play.



Senior Emma Bullens works hard under the basket during the Lady Rockets' loss to Danville last Saturday.



Junior Shelby Newland takes it to the basket in the Lady Rockets' loss to Danville last Saturday.



Eighth grader Keelee King goes up for two of her 12 points in the Lady Rockets' loss to Danville last Saturday.

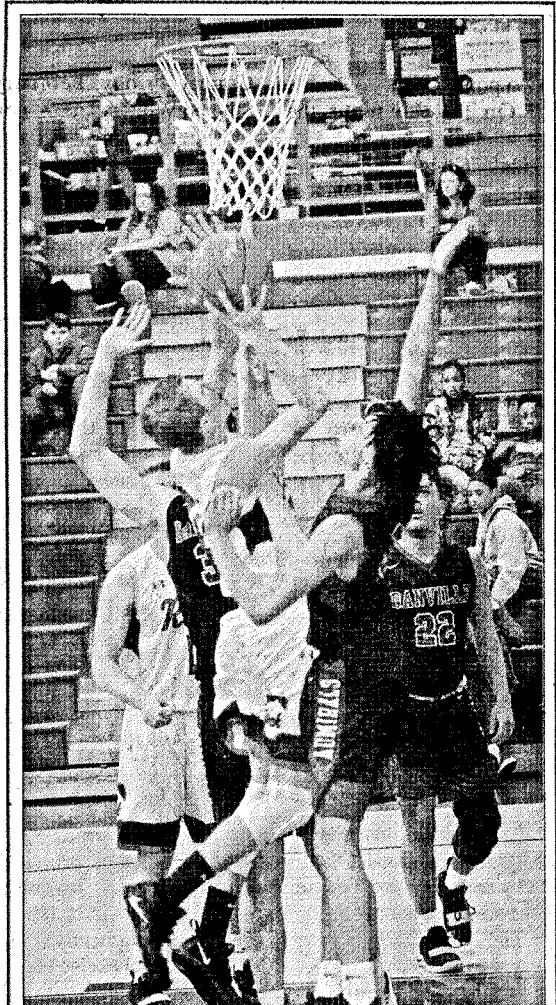
Lady Rocket JV/freshman lose to Mercer and Whitley

The Lady Rockets' JV team has suffered two losses in their last two outings against Whitley County and Mercer County.

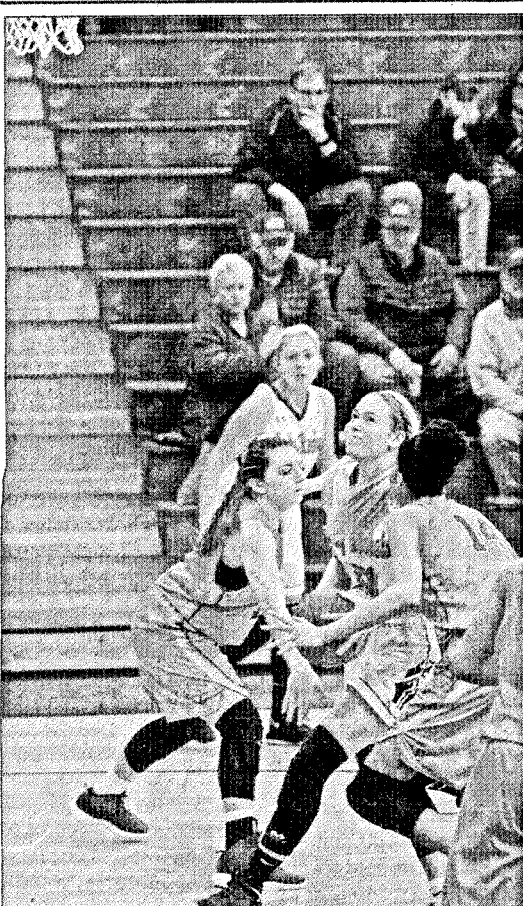
In a game at home against Whitley County on Tuesday, January 29th, the Lady Rockets lost 44-40 in an overtime game.

At the end of regulation play, the game was knotted at 38 all. During the overtime, the Lady Rockets managed only two free throws by Hallie Brown while the Lady Colonels scored six points for the win.

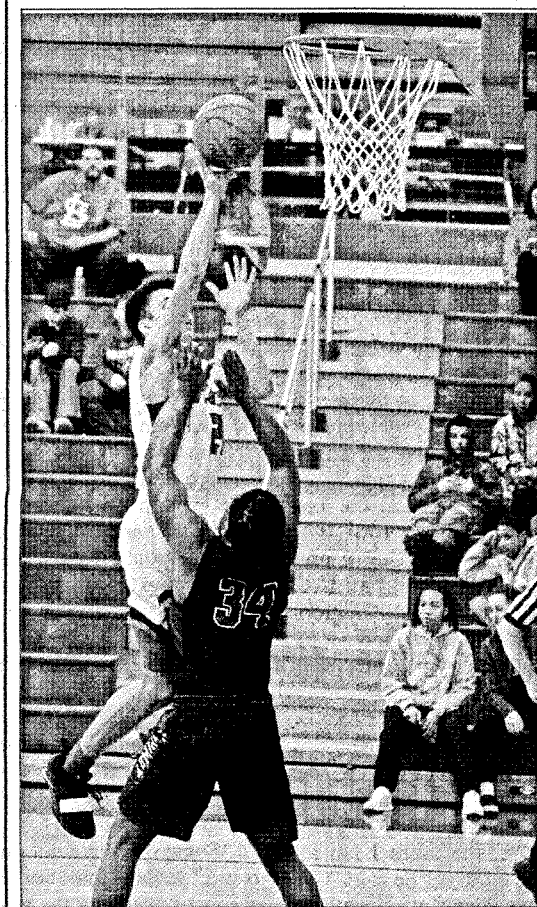
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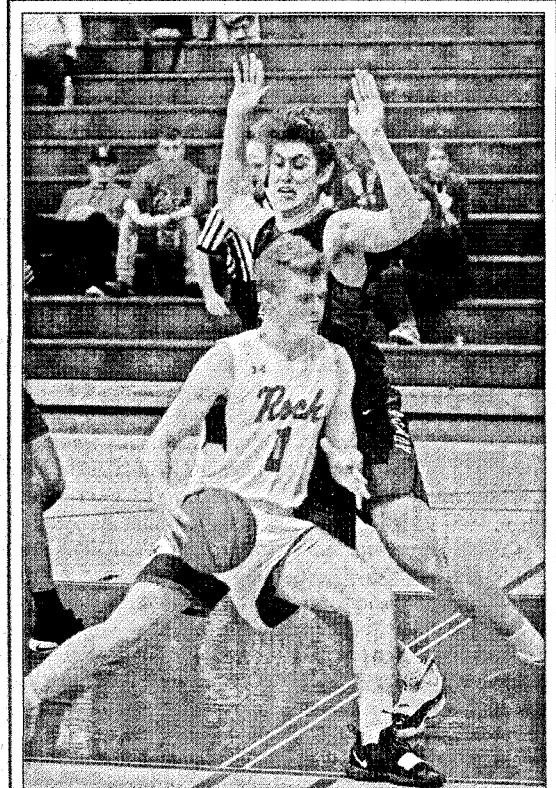
Freshman Drew Hopkins takes it to the hole during the Rockets' loss to Danville Saturday.



Eighth grader Hallie Brown works hard to get to the basket in the Lady Rockets' loss to Danville last Saturday.



Freshman Daniel Mullins goes up for two during the Rockets' loss to Danville Saturday. Mullins and Isaacs Stratton had 10 points each to lead the Rockets.



Junior Trevor Todd works to the basket during the Rockets' loss to Danville Saturday.

Rocket jayvee win five straight

The Rockets boys JV team continued their winning ways last Thursday night with a 64-49 home game win over the Williamsburg Yellow Jackets.

The Rockets were ahead 10-7 at the end of the first quarter and jumped out to a 31-24 lead at the half and were ahead 53-36 at the third quarter stop.

The Yellow Jackets had 11 three point baskets to the Rockets eight and only one turnover to the Rockets six.

At the charity stripe, the Rockets were 6-12 to the Yellow Jackets 4 for 6.

Freshman Reese Coguer led the scoring for his team with 13, including two threes; freshman Daniel Mullins got 11 points, including three three point baskets; freshmen Drew Hopkins and Silas Shaffer each scored 10 points; junior Bentley Taylor and sophomore Rylee DeLeon got five points each; junior Jacob Loudermilk, freshman Jake Sanders and sophomore Reece McGuire all scored four points each and freshman Matthew Chasteen got three points.

The JV next hosted the North Laurel Jaguars Monday night and came away with a 70-49 win behind 17 points by Mullins, including five three point baskets.

The Rockets led the entire game, up 21-18 at the first quarter stop, 36-22 at half time and 49-30 at the end of the third quarter.

Besides Mullins' 17 points; Reese McGuire got 12; Sanders scored 11; Coguer 10; Taylor seven; Loudermilk four; Chasteen three and Hopkins, Shaffer and junior Andrew Hurt two points each.

On Tuesday night, the

Rockets were at McKee for a game against the Jackson Co. Generals and came away with their 12th win of the season, 59-45, against three losses.

The Rockets were up 36-24 at the end of the first half, outscored the Generals 20-9 the third quarter and were outscored 15-3 in the fourth.

Matthew Chasteen was the leading scorer for the Rockets with 13 points; Mullins got 11; Hopkins nine; Reese McGuire scored six points; Jacob Loudermilk and Jake Sanders got five each; Shaffer and Ethan Fain scored three points each and Bentley Taylor got two points.

The jayvee was able to avenge an earlier season loss at London by beating the South Laurel Cardinals 47-36 last week.

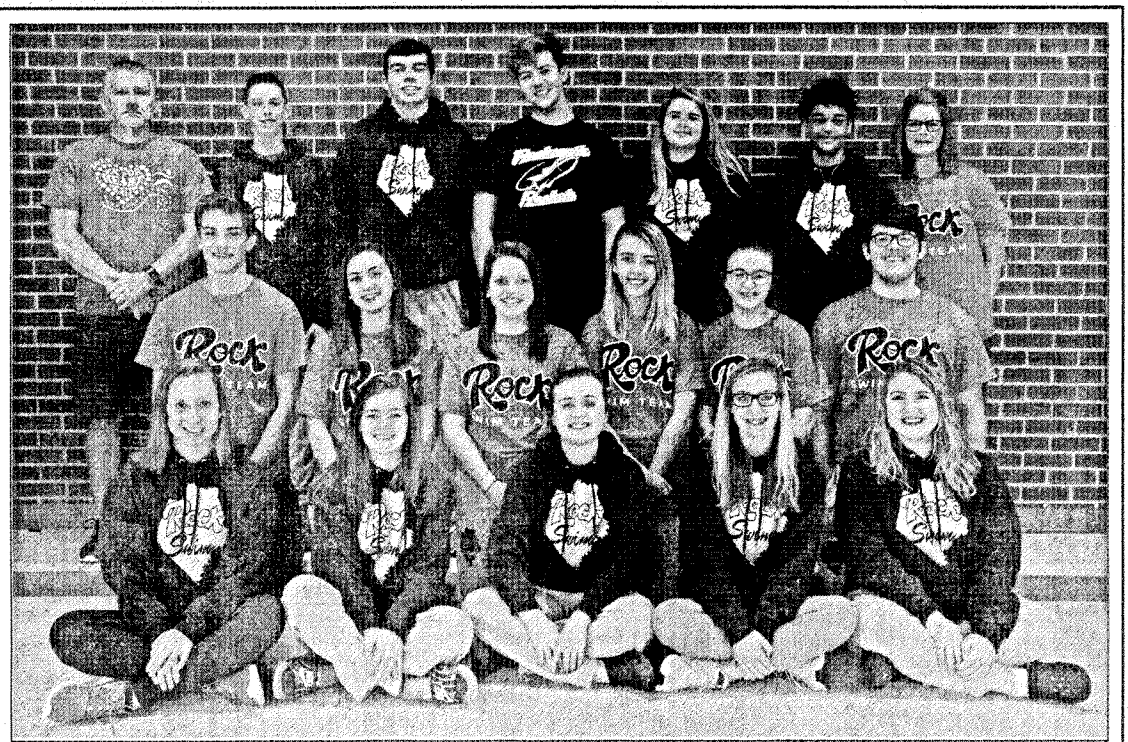
The Rockets were up one at half time 23-22, ahead three at the third quarter stop and outscored the JV Cardinals 10-2 in the fourth quarter for the 47-36 win.

In this game, Chasteen led the scoring with 14 points; Bentley Taylor got nine; Jacob Loudermilk and Mullins had six each; Coguer and Hopkins each scored four points and Rylee DeLeon and Jake Sanders got two points each.

At Model last week, the Jayvee team beat the Patriots 45-33.

Drew Hopkins led the scoring with 15 points; Reese Coguer got 12; Bentley Taylor and Jake Sanders scored eight points each and Ethan Fain got two points.

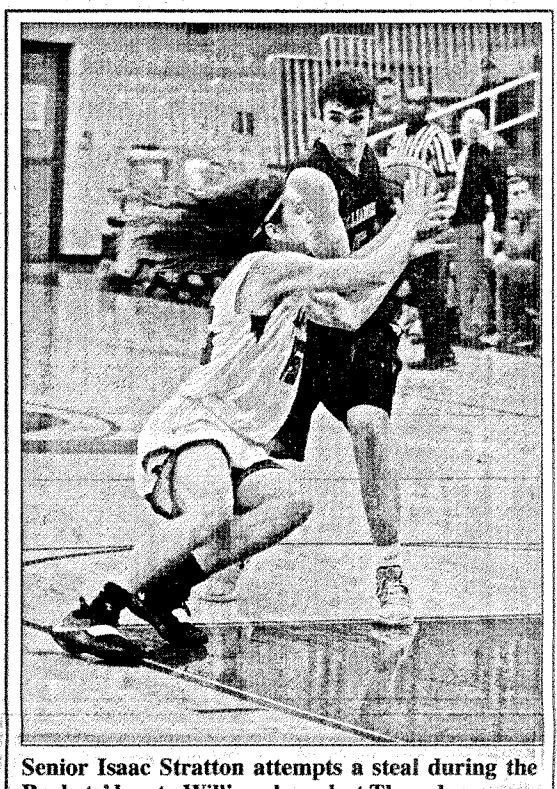
The JV and varsity teams will host Garrard County Friday, February 8th and Whitley County on Tuesday, February 12th.



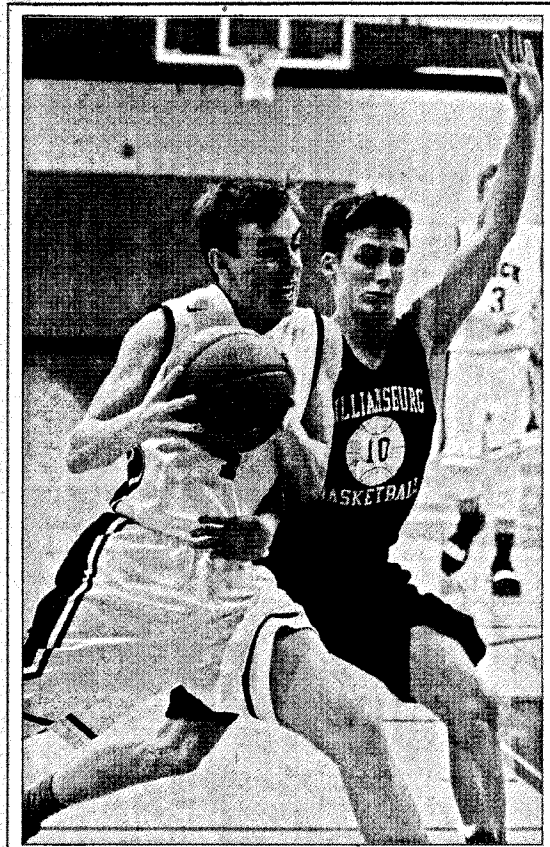
The RCCHS swim team will be attending the KHSAA Region 9 Swimming and Diving Championship Meet at EKV this Friday and Saturday. There will be 299 swimmers competing from the region. The top two finishers in each event will automatically advance to the KHSAA State Championships which will take place at the University of Louisville on February 22nd and 23rd. Members of the team competing this weekend are shown above, front row from left: Laurel Yates, Luree Gabbard, Riley Clark, Alexa Bussell and Emilee Thomas. Second row from left: Aidan Cain, Madeline White, Riley Sherrow, Kamari Stallworth, Emma Phillips and Reese Sherrow. Back row from left: coach Shannon Burton, Silas Durham, Dawson Nicely, Tristan Winstead, Reagan Rumsey, Vashaun Alexander and coach Charon Burton.



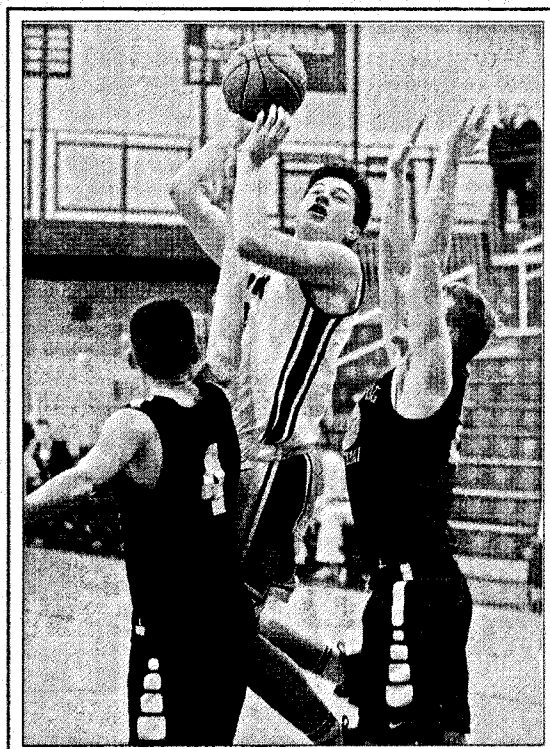
Freshman Silas Shaffer cuts to the basket during the Rocket jayvee's 64-49 win over Williamsburg.



Senior Isaac Stratton attempts a steal during the Rockets' loss to Williamsburg last Thursday.



Freshman Reese Coguer takes it hard to the basket during the Rocket jayvee's 64-49 win over Williamsburg last Thursday. Coguer led his team with 13 points.



Sophomore Reece McGuire puts up a shot during the Rocket jayvee's 64-49 win over Williamsburg last Thursday.

Rocket freshmen remain undefeated

The Rockets boys freshmen team continued their undefeated way with a 38-26 win over the North Laurel Jaguars Monday night and a 46-31 win at Jackson County Tuesday night. The freshmen are 10-0.

Against North Laurel, the freshmen were down 8-5 at the first quarter stop but came on strong in the second quarter, scoring 15 points and holding the Jaguars to just six points for a 20-14 halftime lead. In the second half, the Rockets outscored North Laurel 18 to 12 to seal the win.

Matthew Chasteen led the scoring with 14 points; Reese Coguer got 11; Drew Hopkins scored 10 points and Jake Sanders got 3.

At Jackson County Tuesday night, the score at halftime was Rockets 22 and Jackson County 19. However, the Rockets had a big second half, scoring 24 points to the Generals' 12.

Leading the Rockets in scoring was Hopkins with 14 points, including hitting six of seven free throws; Coguer got 12; Sanders nine; Silas Shaffer six and Bryson Atkin five.

The freshmen Rockets are scheduled to play in a 12th region freshman tournament this Saturday. However, on Monday of

this week, RCCHS Athletic Director Barry Noble said, thus far, a site for the tournament has not been determined.

The freshman JV Rocket team made it 2-0 against the South Laurel Cardinals last week in a 50-42 win.

The score was close with the Cardinals up 38-37 with less than three minutes left in the game. The Rockets came back and Drew Hopkins got a basket and was fouled. He made his free throw and the Rockets were back on top 40-38. Hopkins then added two more free throws but the Cardinals also converted a one and one and it was 42-40 Rockets with just under two minutes to go in the game.

The Rockets Daniel Mullins then proceeded to hit eight straight free throws for the 50-42 win.

Mullins led the scoring for his team with 23 points, including three three point baskets and 10 straight free throws; Hopkins got 12 points, including six of eight free throw shooting; Jake Sanders scored eight points; Matthew Chasteen got three points and a bushel of rebounds and Ethan Fain and Reese Coguer both scored two points and Coguer had four steals in the game.

"Lady Rockets"

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18 turnovers to seven for the Admirals; the Admirals hit 13 of 22 free throws and the Rockets got eight of 16 and Rockcastle had four threes to Danville's 11.

At Mercer County Monday night, the Titans took control of the game early, outscoring the Rockets 16 to six the first quarter; 15-11 the second; 12-11 the third quarter and 18-10 in the fourth for the final 64-38.

Coleman again led the scoring for her team with 13 points, including going seven for nine from the free throw line; King got eight points; Newland seven; Himes four and Bullens, Lay and Brown two each.

The Lady Rockets will play their last three regular season games at home: Madison Central on the 7th; McCreary Central on the 12th and South Laurel on the 14th (senior night), a double-header with the Rocket boys varsity.

The Lady Rockets are now 15-11 on the season.

"Freshmen/JV"

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Keelee King led the scoring with 15 points; Hallie Brown got 12; Madison McIntosh had seven; Aliyah Lopez scored five and Laney Bryant got a free throw.

Thursday, January 31st, the JV traveled to Mercer County and lost there, 47-30.

The Titans jumped out to a 29-18 halftime lead and went on to outscore the Lady Rockets 18-12 in the second half.

Brown led the scoring in that game with seven points; McIntosh got six; King five; Lopez and Jordan Harper three each and Darby Smith and Laney Bryant two each.

The Lady Rockets' Freshman team were defeated by Whitley County and Mercer County in their last two outings as well.

Against Whitley Co. on January 29th, the freshmen lost 45-24.

The Lady Colonels outscored the Lady Rockets 18-8 in the first half and 27-16 in the second half for the lopsided win.

Haley Thacker was the top scorer for the Lady Rockets with six points; Natalee Dillingham and Karlee Smith each scored four points; Laney Bryant and Mackenzie Lopez each got three; Calliegh Burdette got two and Emma Hackworth and Kara Bullock scored one point each.

The Mercer County Titans also defeated the Lady Rockets 42-27 on Thursday, January 31st in a game at Harrodsburg.

It was 19-9 at halftime and 23-18 in the second half.

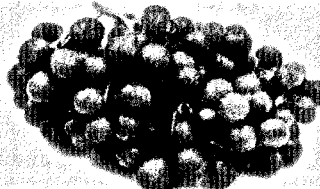
Addison McClure led the scoring with 13 points, including three three point baskets; Karlee Smith got six and Dillingham and Darby Smith scored four points each.

Archery and Swimming competing in regional tournaments this weekend

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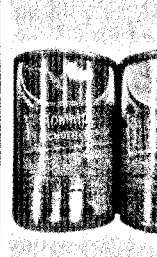
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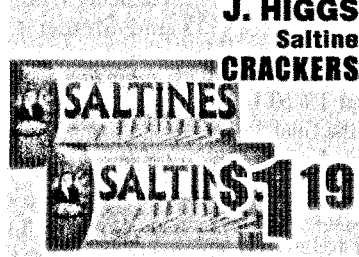
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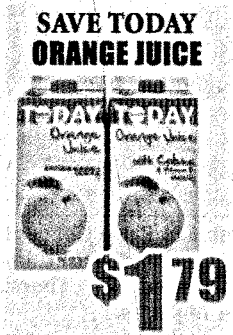
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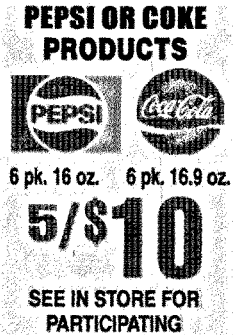
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Second Section

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Dialysis services will open to the community in February

Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI), is near completion on the new dialysis unit at 145 Newcomb Avenue, Mount Vernon. Dialysis services will be available to the community in February.

DCI Rockcastle, a new 12 station dialysis facility, will provide in-center hemodialysis and home therapy training for peritoneal dialysis (PD) and home hemodialysis.

"We look forward to serving people with kidney disease in the Mount Vernon area," stated Lisa Allgood, DCI Area Operations Director. "Currently, nephrologists in this region have no choice but to send dialysis patients to clinics that are 30 miles away. That's a terrible burden three times a week for patients. In February, nephrologists and patients will have access to a convenient, 5,100 square foot dialysis center in their neighborhood."

Providing dialysis services to the community has long been a goal for Rockcastle Regional.

"Our organization has been able to adapt and meet the needs of our community for more than 60 years," said Stephen A. Estes, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center president and CEO. "We have known of the need for a dialysis clinic in Rockcastle for several

years, but it couldn't become a reality until we completed our most recent expansion in 2017."

Rockcastle Regional opened a massive 74,000 square-foot expansion to its Respiratory Care Center in 2017. Along with adding 28 ventilator beds to the facility, the expansion also carved out space to allow for dialysis services.

Estes said that the key to the process was finding the right partner to ensure the highest level of care is delivered to patients. "After meeting with DCI, a non-profit dialysis provider, we knew we'd found the right fit for our organization. They will help us to provide continuity of care within the walls of Rockcastle Regional for individuals with kidney disease."

DCI currently operates seven dialysis centers in Kentucky, two are within 35 miles of Mount Vernon: DCI Richmond and DCI Corbin.

"The Rockcastle community is filled with wonderful, determined people that want to take care of each other. We are delighted to become a part of the community," explained Allgood.

Patients that would like to receive care at DCI Rockcastle and nephrologists seeking privileges in the unit should call 606-392-4102.

Plans for additional \$20 million in Kentucky State Park upgrades

Gov. Matt Bevin recently joined Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet and Kentucky State Parks officials at General Butler State Park to announce the kickoff of phase II of the Commonwealth's Refreshing the Finest initiative.

Launched in 2016, Refreshing the Finest has already invested \$18 million in maintenance and operational improvements to the Kentucky State Parks system. The 2018 General Assembly allocated an additional \$20 million to replace park lodge roofs, upgrade campgrounds, repair wastewater treatment plants, fix swimming pools and make other much-needed facility repairs.

We are excited today to announce the second phase of our ambitious Refreshing the Finest initiative, said Gov. Bevin. Kentucky's state parks are a true gem, and we are dusting them off so that they will once again sparkle and shine. This additional \$20 million investment will facilitate upgrades to provide park patrons with first-class opportunities to experience the Commonwealth's unparalleled natural beauty and history.

As a result of the initial \$18 million Refreshing the Finest investment, some 133 projects are nearly complete. The improvements have helped to significantly increase business among Kentucky's state parks, yielding a \$7.6 million revenue boost in 2018 compared to 2016.

The projects we've completed at our state parks are showing a return on investment, said Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Don Parkinson. We have many aging park buildings, and this additional funding is needed to keep them open and operational.

This additional funding will help us maintain important parts of the park infrastructure, said Kentucky State Parks Commissioner

Donnie Holland. With 49 state parks and 1,800 buildings, we have a long list of repairs and upgrades.

The projects planned through phase II of Refreshing the Finest include new roofs at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Rough River Dam State Resort Park, and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Repairs of walls, windows and roofing are also planned at John James Audubon State Park.

Utility improvements are planned at Pine Mountain State Resort Park, Lake Barkley State Resort Park, and Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park. Campgrounds improvements are planned at Barren River Lake, General Burnside State Park, Carter Caves State Resort Park, Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, and Lake Cumberland.

All 17 resort parks will receive hospitality upgrades that include items such as new furniture, flooring, paint, fixtures and paint.

State legislators representing the General Butler State Park region applauded today's announcement.

I have had the privilege of staying at each one of our beautiful state parks here in the Commonwealth, and certainly, we have one of the best state park systems in the country, said Sen. Paul Hornback. Thank you to Governor Bevin and the Kentucky Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet for their continued dedication to the maintenance and modernization of these properties.

Our state parks are vitally important to our tourism industry as well as our overall economy, and they preserve and promote some of Kentucky's most precious natural resources, said Rep. Rick Rand. I'm certainly happy to see us take these steps to improve our state parks.



One week ago the ground in Rockcastle County was covered in a light blanket of snow. This week, temperatures reached very near 70 degrees allowing those who enjoy fishing to have several days on their boat at Lake Linville. In the distance, these outdoor enthusiasts enjoyed the 64-degree temperatures Tuesday at the local lake. However, rain is expected to fall nearly every day for the next week.

Kentucky highway fatalities declined in 2018

Preliminary figures indicate highway fatalities in Kentucky declined in 2018 to 722, down from 782 in 2017. According to the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS), this is the second consecutive year that roadway fatalities have decreased.

KOHS Acting Executive Director Jason Siwula commends Kentuckians for being responsible behind the wheel and choosing to practice safe driving behaviors.

"We are encouraged by the reduction in fatalities, and we thank the traveling public for making choices behind the wheel, like buckling up and driving sober, that prevent the loss of life on Kentucky highways," said Siwula. "It doesn't go unnoticed that this year we observed that seat belt usage increased and fatalities decreased."

According to data from the University of Kentucky Transportation Center, Kentucky's seat belt usage rate rose from 86.8 percent in 2017 to 89.9 percent in 2018.

"While this achievement demonstrates safety is trending in the right direction, a single fatality is

frankly one too many on our roadways," said Siwula. "We are committed to continuing work with our local, state, federal and private industry highway safety partners until this number is zero."

The fatality figures will remain preliminary until all highway crash data is collected. A final report will be released in April.

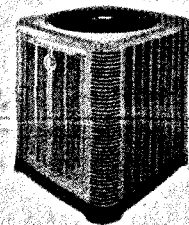
So far in 2019, preliminary numbers indicate there have been 44 roadway fatalities.

Kentucky's history of highway fatalities:

2000	823	2011	721
2001	843	2012	746
2002	915	2013	638
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Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, every 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon. Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. **Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Wednesday-Celebrate

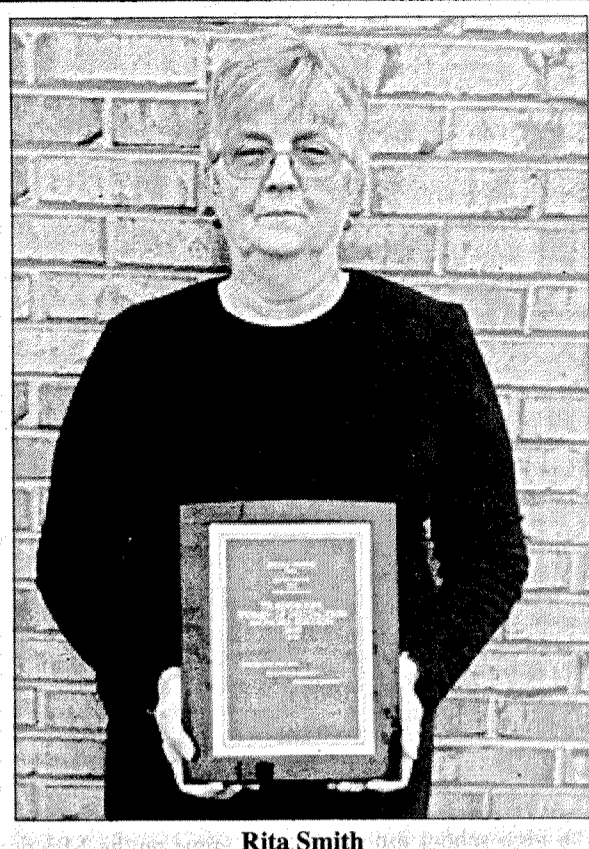
Recovery-Step Studies. Northside Baptist, Mt. Vernon at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577. Men and women, small groups.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies-Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, every 6:30 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria. 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Special Service

Berea Gospel Tabernacle, U.S. 25, Berea, will have a special service on Friday night, February 8th at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bro. Eugene Webb.



Rita Smith

Rita Smith selected for Women of Distinction

Rita J. Smith of Mt. Vernon has been selected for inclusion in the forthcoming *Trademark Women of Distinction Honors Edition* for demonstrating dedication, leadership and professional excellence. Her compassion and expertise set the standard in the industry. She has truly dedicated herself to her profession.

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She prides herself on honesty and integrity and is the kind of professional admired by colleagues and peers alike.

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By Regina Poynter Hoskins



GLORIA'S PIZZA BURGERS

Gloria, a friend we met while living in Mexico, fixed these for us the first time we had a meal prepared by her at their home in Guadalajara. I've had the recipe in my file box since then (1976). It has been well used.

2 pounds lean ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 small green bell pepper, chopped
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can tomato soup
Chopped black olives
Hamburger buns OR English muffins
Cheddar cheese, cubed
Brown beef; add onion and green pepper. Cook till tender. Stir in both cans of soup. Add olives; simmer 30 minutes. Allow to cool. Spoon some mixture onto bun halves. Top with cubed cheese. Toast in oven till cheese melts, about 10 minutes at 350°.

STRETCH BURGERS

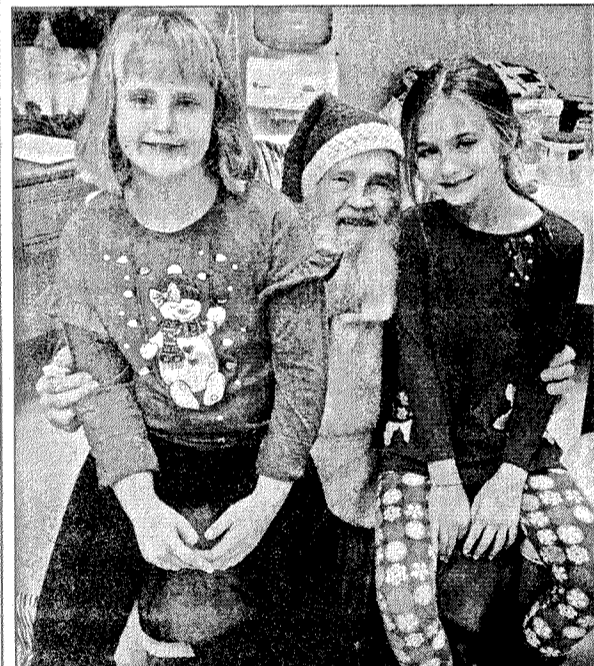
Stretch burgers are so named because it was a way of stretching a small amount of ground beef to feed a very hungry crowd. Growing up I thought these were the best burgers ever made. Later in life I stopped making these because I didn't need to stretch my budget any more. I've gone back to making

them simply because I like the taste. In Pennsylvania Will was a member of a singing group called "A Cappella Pops." At a picnic for the group, the leader had fixed burgers on the grill. They were the best burgers I had eaten in a while. When I complimented them, she told me they were "stretch burgers" made with bread crumbs instead of the oatmeal.

1 and 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 eggs
1/2 cup oatmeal, uncooked
Salt
Pepper
Mix all thoroughly. Form into desired size patties. Fry in a hot skillet or grill until no longer pink inside. When done, place a hamburger bun on each and let sit for 2 to 3 minutes for bun to warm.

SLOPPY JOES

1 pound ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup catsup
1/4 cup water
Hamburger buns
Crumble ground beef in skillet. Add onion and salt. Cook until meat is browned. Stir in catsup and water. Cook slowly until thickened. Serve on buns.



Rockcastle County Senior Citizens would like to once again thank Mike Bustle for providing another wonderful homecooked Christmas dinner for the seniors of Rockcastle County. We are very fortunate and blessed to have people like Mike in our community. We thank everyone in our community and beyond who give of their hearts to help the elderly and disabled in our communities. We would also like to thank Santa aka John Holbrook for being at the dinner.



James Hines with his award for outstanding service to the lodging community.

James Hines receives Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year

The annual Stars of the Industry Awards was held at the Hilton Garden Inn Edmond on January 15, 2019. Special guest Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell was on hand to congratulate winners at the start of the event.

This program, presented by the Oklahoma Hotel and Lodging Association, is designed to honor Oklahoma's outstanding hospitality professionals for their service and commitment to the guest service and hospitality industry.

Our partners in support of this lodging award program include Auto-Chlor System; Clearwater Enterprises; Cox Business; HD Supplies; Heartland; McGregor Insurance Group; STR; Service MASTER; United Linen; and US Foods.

This year, submissions resulted in 54 nominees from properties of all sizes

among the ten categories-proof of Oklahoma's outstanding employees at properties. Merits and accomplishments were realized for the calendar year 2018. Honorees were each nominated by the owners, General Managers, or Human Resource Departments of the recipient's property.

This year's Stars of the Industry Awards recipients were as follows:

Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year - Large Property, James Hines - Hyatt Regency Tulsa Hotel, Tulsa.

James is a 1993 graduate of Rockcastle County High School. He is a graduate of several Community Colleges and also hold a Bachelor's Degree from APU. He is the son of Patsy McFalls and step-son of Dan McFalls of Mount Vernon, Kentucky. He received a monetary award as well.

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Companions - Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus tells us in these three verses that we are the light of the world and we are to make that light shine before men that they can see our good works. This is one reason we have to choose our companions very carefully, or our influence as a Christian could be damaged. Proverbs 1:10—My son if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Proverbs 1:15—My son walk not thou in the way with them. Keep thou feet from their path.

Solomon's warnings of long ago are still just as needed and important today as when he spoke them thousands of years ago, because sin and deception are worse today than it has ever been. We try and convince ourselves that this will never happen to me, I will not be deceived, I am too close to God.

We can look at Samson, a man of God who was raised in a Godly home. We see how he was enticed, Proverbs 7:21, with her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. All through the Bible we see good people who failed in their service to God by the companions they chose to be friends with. 1 Corinthians 15:33—Be not deceived evil communications corrupt good manners, or good training. We have to be on guard at all times, and protect ourselves from the world that is around us, as it grows more wicked every day.

Those who we spend the most time with will have influence on us for good or for evil, and I think we probably have seen that over time a word our neighbor might say, we begin to say it or a phrase, we pick up on things very quickly, sometimes they're good but sometimes they're wrong, so we must be careful.

We can read of Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, had said, I will never leave you nor deny you, but we find just a few hours later. In Matthew 26:74 then Peter began to swear and cuss saying I do not know this Jesus Christ. How could this happen? Folks when we warm our hands at the devil's fire, we never really know what is going to come out of our mouths. Most of the time though it will not be for good. These folks thought for a while he had been with Jesus, but because he was afraid for his life, or it could have been he wanted to fit in, there could have been a lot of good reasons why he did this, but we must remember they all took him away from his Lord.

Companions will either help us in our walk with Jesus each day or they will gradually harm our relationship with our Lord. This is the reason we must look at ourselves each day and examine ourselves as the apostle Paul writes, 2 Corinthians 13:5—We must make sure the path we are taking is pleasing in the eyes of our Lord or we could be disqualified. Folks companions can make us, or they can break us, we need to choose wisely.

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Posted: No trespassing on property located at KY Hwy. 3245, Brodhead and belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts. Violators will be prosecuted. 52x22

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing of any kind on the Cameron Property, formerly Eaton property, on Lonzo Road, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 52x15

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on property belonging to Glenn and Judy Hopkins Marsh. This property was formerly known as the Berl and Ruth Hopkins farm. It borders the Somerset Road 461 and the Hamm Subdivision. All violators will be prosecuted.

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Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

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

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

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Notice is hereby given that Michael Berry, 1680 Mt. Zion Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed administrator of the Estate of Rhonda Sams on the 23rd day of January, 2019. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Michael Berry or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, Rowe Low Offices, PLLC, 205 Richmond Street, P.O. Box

1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 24, 2019 at 9:30 p.m. 2x3

Notice is hereby given that Kimberly K. Howard, P/O. Box 144, Livingston, Ky. 40445 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Beverly Jo Howard on the 23rd day of January, 2019. Any person

having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kimberly K. Howard or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, Rowe Law Offices, PLLC, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. 2x3



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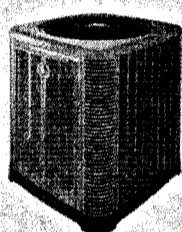
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Tiger Pause

BES preschoolers have been learning about different types of winter weather. The dramatic play center area has been converted into a weather station. Students can act out being a meteorologist by predicting the weather and using interchangeable weather pictures and temperatures to create a five day forecast. Props are also available to pretend to be a news reporter and cameraman. We created a science experiment about water droplets gathering in the clouds until the cloud is heavy and precipitation occurs. Our sensory table is filled with a soft, wet substance as snow. Students have really enjoyed feeling of the different textures and digging in the snow

to find hidden items. Each month students receive a Scholastic reader called My Big World. January had an edition about ice and snow that furthered our new knowledge about winter weather. Brodhead Elementary kindergartners were very excited to have a special guest, Dr. Kauffeld, a veterinarian from Boonesborough Animal Clinic. She talked to the students about how she became a veterinarian, her job responsibilities, and the good and bad parts of her job. She also passed around some very interesting items for the students to see. We would like to say thank you to Dr. Kauffeld for taking the time to come and speak to our students.



Brodhead Elementary kindergartners were very excited to have a special guest, Dr. Kauffeld, a veterinarian from Boonesborough Animal Clinic. Pictured checking out the items that Dr. Kauffeld shared are Kaylon Wentzel, Ashton Daugherty, Jady Jones, Khloee McFerron, Mackenzie Hayes, Chevy Durham, Riley McKinney, Canaan Hurst, Braylynn Clark, Makayla Hurlley, Noah Howard, Parker McHone, Tracey Hansel, Dustyn Barrett, Celia Brown, Ashton Caldwell, and Deegan Caldwell. Also pictured is Dr. Kauffeld.



BES preschoolers have been learning about different types of winter weather. Pictured from BES preschool is a weather crew Ally Moore, Austin Barrett, and Evan Cable, testing the texture of the sand is Eli Hopkins, and Brain Kidwell, reading and discovering about the weather is Xander Settler, Trinity Sparks, Chelsea Kendall, Lucas Bishop, and Ben Barrett, our second weather crew is Rylee Thacker, Xander Settler, and Izabella McClure, working with the sand is Chelsea Kendall, Addilynn Carter, and showing off their handy winter art is Alana Doan, and Jade King.

Minds in the Middle

First Priority (FCA) is selling Candygrams. Students can buy a Valentine's Day candygram for themselves, their friends, or their teachers. Those can be ordered in the lobby each morning for \$1 and will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Thank you to everyone who donated at the half-court challenge. \$450 was raised for the UK Children's Hospital in memory of Brennan Kirby. We would especially like to thank super kind kids Brylee Mullins, Carter Powell, Ethan Medley and Nicholas Sexton who were winners but chose to donate their winnings back to the hospital! There will be a Valentine's Dance after school on February 15th. Admission is \$3 and concessions will be available. Students must be picked up by 5:00 and must have a note from home giving them permission to stay after school.

Rogers Explorers applications are still available on-line for 8th graders. The Rogers Explorers program is an intensive three-day, two-night program focused on cultivating skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service. See Mrs. Cromer for information about applying. The deadline for an application is February 28th. Don't forget to be collecting Box Tops. The homeroom that brings in the most before the end of February will win a pizza party. There will be ESS this Thursday after school until 4:45. Transportation is provided. Thank you to our Kind Kids of the Week: Ethan Faulkner, Brandon Valle, Ethan Weaver, Hayden Medley Mya Hunt, Daejeon Dean, Keaten McClure, Carson King, Joseph Mink and Shane Bryant. Congratulations to Mrs. Tolle's 6th grade Enterprisers on winning the

homeroom attendance battle last week. Mrs. Davis's Enterprisers came in second place followed by Mrs. Maple's 7th grade Adventurers homeroom in 3rd placed.



Mrs. Jamie Bryant's first grade class at MVES made Valentines for Veterans at the VA Hospital in Lexington, thanking them for their service. Rockcastle Chapter KSDAR members will deliver these and many other valentines to the Veterans.

Mount Vernon Message

School News
Academic Team practices every Monday.
Archery teams practices every Wednesday until 5 p.m.
In the event of inclement weather, school closings and early dismissals will be on: RADIO: AM 1460, AM 630, FM 92.9, FM 98.1 and FM 100.1. Television: Channel 18, 27, 36 and 56.

Class News
Mrs. Jamie Bryant's first grade class made Valentines for Veterans at the VA Hospital in Lexington, thanking them for their service. Rockcastle Chapter KSDAR members will deliver these and many other valentines to the Veterans.

Be wary of online dating scams

As Valentine's Day approaches, Attorney General Andy Beshear is warning Kentuckians to be wary of online dating scams that have already caused four victims in Campbell, Jefferson and Wayne counties to report losses of nearly \$300,000 this year. In each case, a "sweetheart scammer" used legitimate online dating websites Match.com and eHarmony to lure victims into a fake online relationship. The scammer played on the victim's emotions by duping them into sending thousands of dollars to supposedly help them get out of various types of legal or financial trouble. Beshear said one victim lost more than \$12,000 to their sweetheart scammer and even purchased a wedding dress for a supposed February 2019 wedding date. Beshear said in 2017, the FBI reported sweetheart scams cost victims in the United States more than \$211 million in losses, which makes it the second-largest online crime in terms of money taken from victims. The largest online crime where victims lose the most money involves fake business phishing scams. "As I have traveled the state over the last three years, senior citizens, many who recently lost their spouse, have repeatedly told me they were too embarrassed to report their financial losses and heartbreak after falling victim to a sweetheart scam," Beshear said.

As Valentine's Day approaches I encourage Kentuckians to talk with friends and family who are dating online or seeking companionship about the red flags associated with a sweetheart scammer." **Red Flags of Sweetheart Scammer**

- Asks you to leave the official dating or social media site and communicate directly via text, email or online chats.
- Falls in love or befriends quickly.
- Says they are not able to meet in person.
- Claims to have an emergency and needs money to get out of legal or financial trouble.
- Requests money sent using untraceable methods of payment.
- Claims they will pay you back when you meet.

Sweetheart scammers also pretend to be someone they are not by stealing others photos to use on their dating profiles. Conducting a Google image search is one way Kentuckians may be able to detect a scammer who is using another person's photo. Beshear said he encourages everyone, especially veterans and service members who are often targeted by sweetheart scammers, to conduct regular image searches to ensure their photos are not being used improperly. Since taking office, Beshear has made protecting Kentucky families from scams one of the top priorities for his office.

To stay ahead of scammers Kentuckians can sign up for the Office of the Attorney General's Scam Alerts. To enroll text the words KYOAG Scam to GOV311 (468311) or online at ag.ky.gov/scams and select text message or email alert.

SCC Dean's List announced

Somerset Community College is proud to announce the names of those students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester. The Fall semester concluded in December and a total of 630 students were named to the list. To be a member of the Dean's list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student at Somerset Community College. A full-time student must take 12 credit hours during a semester, excluding developmental classes. Congratulations to these students from Rockcastle County for academic excellence: Koltor Adams, Jayna Albright, Sarah Bullock, Allen Burdette, Justin Clark, Andrea Coffey, Matthew Combs, Joseph Cowan, Austin Cromer, Ashley Lewis, Cora Machal, Connie McClure, Gabriel Pillion, Dalton Rowe, Dana Shelton, Benjamin Stilwell, Brian Stilwell, Logan Taylor and Brienne Wells.



RCBS Band members perform with WKU High School Honor Band program
Members of the RCBS Concert Band were selected and auditioned as musicians for the 2019 WKU High School Honors Band program held on campus at Western Kentucky University. Students spent two days in intensive rehearsals with top students from Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The group also attended the 24th Annual WKU Prism Concert given by the WKU Music Department. The weekend's activities culminated in a public concert given on January 23rd in the Van Meter Recital Hall on campus. Students had the opportunity to work with some of the best clinicians in the Eastern U.S. including Dr. David Waybright, Director of Bands at the University of Florida, Mr. Lafe Cook, Director of Bands at Dobins-Bennett High School in Tennessee, Mr. Roy Holder, Retired Director of Bands at Lake Baddock High in Virginia, and local talent, Ms. Pauletta Smith, Retired Director of Bands at Hazard High School in Kentucky. Pictured are front row from left: RCBS Members JJ Clouse, trumpet, Allison Dunn, french horn, Tarrylton Dunn, alto saxophone, and Connor Noble, bassoon. Back row from left: Thomal Ligon, euphonium, Devona Smith, oboe, and Lizzie Dixon, clarinet.

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