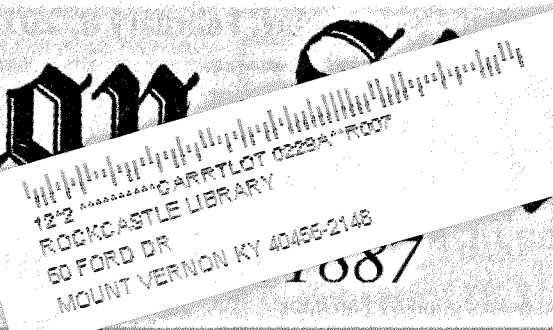


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## Dairy product factory coming to Mount Vernon

By: Mike French Reporter

### 200 jobs expected in two years

Thanks to a collaborative effort between the City of Mount Vernon and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the county will soon be home to a 30,000 square foot factory on Richmond Street, between the former Ernie's T&M Market and Rite-Aid.

The new factory will be called Microfoodery, Inc. and will manufacture cheese products to start with with a later expansion into specialty foods and spreads.

Karl Crase, owner of Crase Family Companies, of which Microfoodery is a subsidiary, met with the Mount Vernon City Council and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court this week to finalize an agreement between the entities.

Under the agreement, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Mt. Vernon will each borrow \$1.425 million dollars from Citizens Bank, at a 3% interest rate, and then loan that money to Crase, at the same rate, for construction of the factory (estimated at \$1.5 million), inventory, the exercising of an option for an adjacent site, from Betty Arvin, for \$350,000, start up

costs and equipment.

Craig told the fiscal court Monday that he thinks a \$1 million federal Community Block Grant can be obtained

which will be loaned to the company for purchase of equipment. After repayment of the loan, the money can then be used as a revolving

fund to help other businesses with start-up costs.

The city also entered into an agreement with the county to purchase 11 acres

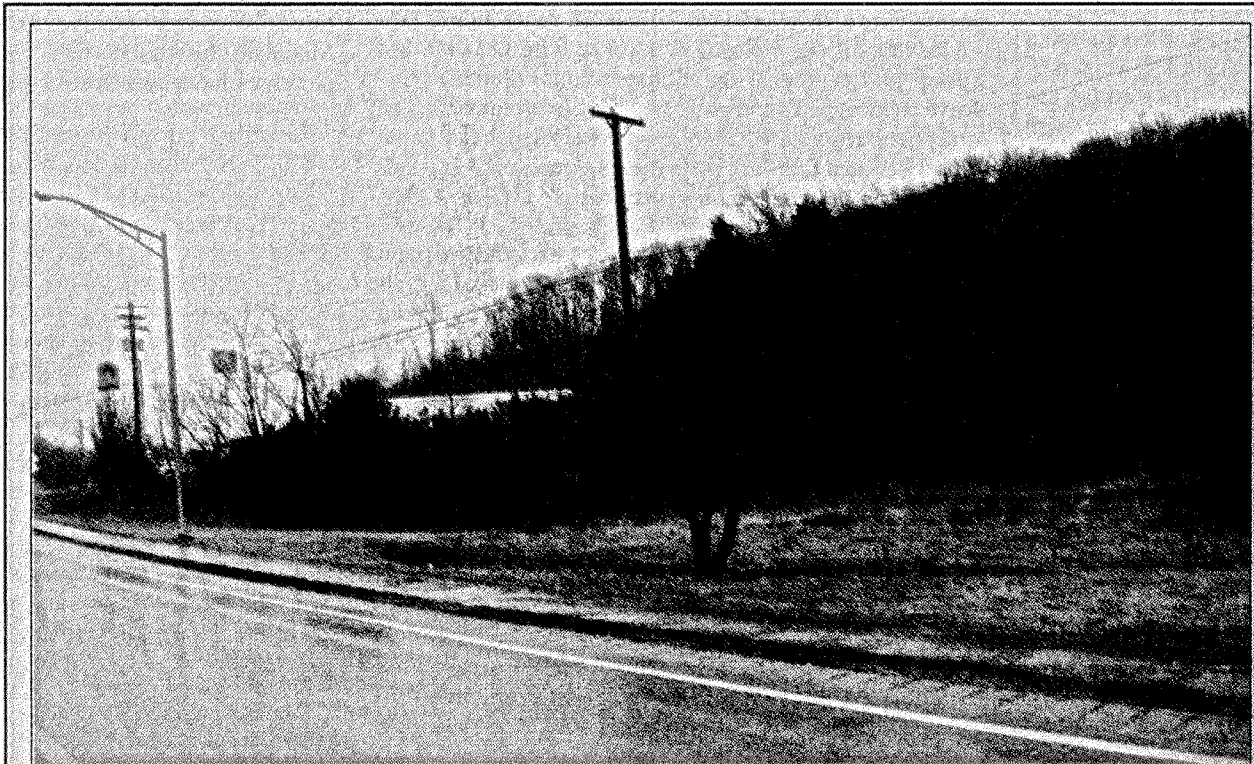
for \$5,000 per acre in order to build a road and construct utilities to the site. The city will assume maintenance of the road and utilities, due to

the property being within the city limits. The total of \$27,500 for each entity, for purchase of the property, will be part of the incentive for the factory to locate here and will not be paid back by Crase.

"This is the biggest topic of discussion in my administration. We are borrowing and loaning a lot of money and Mr. Crase is using a substantial sum of his own money to get this done," said Mayor Mike Bryant. "We have the utmost confidence in this company and are so proud that they have chosen our city to locate this new factory."

Crase, who also owns Halls on the River and has developed several businesses in Mount Vernon with his family, including Wendy's and KFC, said the cooperative work between the city and the county was his deciding factor. "You just don't find this anywhere. Both entities have worked together so well to make this happen and Corey Craig (Rockcastle County Industrial Authority-RCIDA) has worked diligently for a very long time with us to find the perfect location in Mount Vernon," Crase said. "This is not a typical kind of communication. The cities and counties that work together like this are the growing cities and counties."

Crase said he expects to break ground on the new facility in "a couple of



This property on Richmond Street next to Rite Aid will soon be the home of Microfoodery, Inc. A dairy products manufacturing facility. The Crase Family Companies, out of Somerset, expects to break ground soon. Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant says the location is a "diamond in the rough" and a perfect location for this company. The new 30,000 square foot factory will hire 100 new workers by the end of their first year and 200 by the end of their second year. Starting salaries will be \$15 per hour according to Crase.

## RCIDA gives 12 month lease to Source HOV

By: Mike French Reporter

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting Monday, February 5 at the Courthouse.

After the minutes and the budget were approved, members of the board discussed nominating citizens for openings on the Cumberland Valley Area

Development District's (CVADD) board. According to regulations, the board must nominate three people. However, Donna Hopkins, the citizen member whose term is expiring, wishes to continue in her position, according to Corey Craig, acting RCIDA Director.

"This is just to meet requirements," said Craig. "Donna wants the position back."

In other old business, the board discussed a request from the SourceHOV to extend the current lease for another 12 months at the same lease rate and length of lease

as before.

However, in the current agreement, there is no option to extend the lease for 12 months at the same rate of \$8,500 a month. In fact, all the options available for SourceHOV in the agreement would require a higher lease payment for a longer period of time.

"They want us to do an amendment to the contract giving them this 12-month lease for the same money" Craig told the board.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop who was in attendance at the meeting said he was not happy about the request.

"I don't want to rock the boat here, but according to the contract, the lease was supposed to go up when it ran out," said Bishop. "If you all choose to agree with this 12 month lease I want to make sure the contract says the next time the lease runs out, the lease price goes up."

Craig said the contract already says that but that SourceHOV is asking to amend the lease agreement.

Craig pointed out that the recent government shut

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## More state road aid sent to Rockcastle

By: Mike French Reporter

It was January 23 that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced the release of \$42,740 for the repair of slides on Possum Kingdom Road in Rockcastle County. Workers have been on the site with new rock and dirt repairing the damage. The road has been impassable since the slide.

This week, the cabinet announced the release of an additional \$26,400 to repair a slide on Boone Cromer Road.

The money comes from the County Road Aid emergency funds for slide and slip repair.

This money also comes to the county thanks to the swift efforts of Judge/Executive Doug Bishop and the Rockcastle Fiscal Court

### Candidates for Judge/Executive

In a story in last week's Signal listing all candidates who have filed for county offices, the names of the candidates for Rockcastle County Judge/Executive were inadvertently omitted.

Candidates for this office, all Republicans, are: Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop and challengers Hal Holbrook and John Tyler.

The Signal regrets this omission.

who applied for the funds.

"The Bevin administration is committed to the Cabinet's mission of providing a safe, reliable transportation network for all Kentuckians," said KYTC Secretary Greg Thoman. "These emergency funds will help repair and restore damaged infrastructure throughout this community."

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is responsible for administering the work and for paying 20% of the cost.

### Clarifications

In last week's story about the Wet/Dry vote petition being circulated in Mount Vernon, it may have appeared that the Rockcastle County Attorney's Office is advocating in support of the petition.

In fact, William Leger, assistant county attorney, has been retained as a private attorney by the group circulating the petition.

The county attorney's office is not affiliated with the petition in any way.

We also stated the Rockcastle County Tourist Board had voted to endorse the petition. In fact, according to Tourist Commission Director Emily Bullock, the vote was to look into the subject further. In January's vote, Bullock said the commission voted to stay neutral in the matter.

However, Leger maintains that the vote in December was to support the petition. "It's a disagreement. No point in a big discussion. We just disagree," he said.

Also, in the story concerning the needle exchange program, Christi Green, Public Health Director of the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, said the needle container may indeed be inspected by police if they have reason to look there.

She also said that, though the story was accurate, it may not have been clear that police may charge someone with anything illegal going on but may not charge them with possession of drug paraphernalia for having the needles, only as long as they are in their proper container.

## Commissioner Ryan Quarles will be guest speaker at Farmers/Business Banquet

The Farmers/Business Banquet will be held at RCMS Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles will be the guest speaker. Tickets will go on sale next week at the Conservation District Office and at Circuit Clerk Eliza York's office.

Quarles was elected Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture in 2015.

Under his leadership, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) started several new programs, including initiatives to combat hunger and connect Kentucky farmers to new markets.

As a result of his Kentucky Hunger Initiative, Kentucky now has the strongest food donation immunity law in the country, and more Kentuckians are talking about the chronic problem of food insecurity than ever before.

His leadership on international trade issues saw the resumption of live equine exports to China, a decision that benefits all sectors of Kentucky's agricultural economy from horse breeders to feed producers. Under his direction, the KDA continues to look for more opportunities for Kentucky farmers to grow domestic and international markets.

While Commissioner, he has also supported the ex-

pansion of Kentucky's diverse agricultural portfolio to include industrial hemp, kenaf, and hops.

On the national level, Commissioner Quarles serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and as Chairman of the Republican Agriculture Commissioners Committee (RACC).

Prior to serving as Commissioner of Agriculture, Quarles represented Scott, Owen, and Fayette counties for three terms in the General Assembly, where he was an outspoken advocate for agricultural issues affecting Kentucky families.

In 2006, Quarles graduated from the University of Kentucky with three undergraduate majors and two graduate degrees. In 2008, Harvard University awarded

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Ryan Quarles

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Anyone who has ever read this column know that when I start out with, 'sometimes you get the bear and sometimes the bear gets you' knows that there is a correction coming.

This time, it's not actually a correction but rather an omission to apologize for.

In last week's *Signal* we ran a story listing everyone who had filed for county office by the January 30th deadline.

Mike French wrote the original article but, while proofreading, I decided that I could improve on the lead and proceeded to change his. In the process, I inadvertently left out the candidates for Rockcastle County Judge/Executive.

My apologies to incumbent County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop and his opponents in the upcoming primary, Hal Holbrook and John Tyler.

I would claim a senior moment but you are probably getting as tired of that excuse as I am of using it.

I attended a called meeting of the county fiscal court on Monday. The purpose of the meeting is our lead story this week and it is an exciting one for our county and, especially, the City of Mt. Vernon.

A new factory will be built within the city limits of Mt. Vernon on Richmond Street, between the former Ernie's T&M Market and Rite Aid, and plans are for 200 people to be employed by the end of the fourth year

at a very good \$15 an hour starting pay.

It will be a specialty food plant, Kentucky Micro Foodery and is being developed by Karl Crase of Somerset, in conjunction with a manufacturing group from Wisconsin.

Crise told the court that the company will start out producing dairy products and then expand after the first year into special gifts and spreads.

I will leave you to read the rest of the details in our front page story but this is a tremendous boon for our county and Mt. Vernon.

Now, if we could just get a few entrepreneurs interested in reviving our Main Street...

I underwent heart sur

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# Points East

By Ike Adams



Speaking of geese, of which we were speaking on this page last week, one astute reader, Jay Bertram, has informed me that there is no such thing as Canadian geese. They are technically called Canada geese. Since most of the Canada geese we see here are locally born, I suppose we should call them Kentuckian geese if we insist on using an "ian" in reference to their heritage.

Based on the messes, (poop and feathers) they leave on local parks and golf courses, they are also closely related to, if not the actual offspring of, the human Kentuckians who consider our roadsides to be

their personal garbage dumps.

In the meantime, my friend, Alice Shuman, herself a Michigander, (does that not sound goosey?) emailed me a goose riddle, in response to the column, I would like for you to ponder.

When geese fly over in a V formation, why is one side of the V usually longer than the other side? (answer will be near the last line of this column.)

In the meantime, in other news, I have some news concerning my adventures with Mr. Parkinson.

Readers, who frequent this page of the paper, already know that I contend with Parkinson's disease.

Since there is no pain, in my personal experience, associated with the affliction, (at least to date), I maintain that I do not suffer from it. On the other hand, I am, oftentimes, very aggravated by Mr. P.

For example, over the last 9 years or so, ever since the early onset of Parkinson's, anytime I go into a store, especially a big box department or grocery store that is fluorescently lighted, I have commenced having fits of what I call the "heebie-jeebies" within 4 or 5 minutes of walking into the place.

Until, very recently, I had not, previously, complained to my neurologist about this phenomenon because it has, on hundreds of occasions, provided me a convenient excuse to grab whatever I want, throw it into the buggy, go back to the car to read on

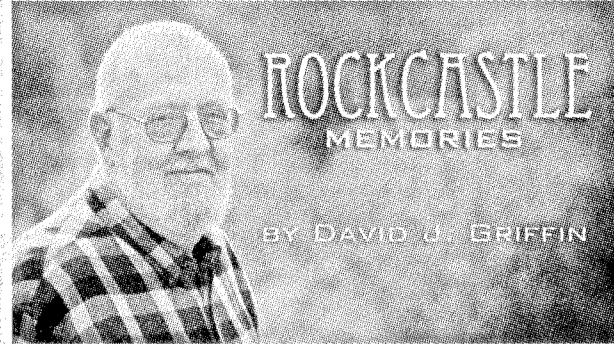
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There is always lots of good food to be had. I took some Reuben sliders. I hadn't made them for a while, so I took them. I always try to take something everybody will like and something not every other person will be bringing.

I was the only person to bring the Reubens. There was fried chicken, ham, and all kinds of vegetables and desserts. Chris and Cathy brought a big tray of deviled eggs. My brother, Don, often said that an event wasn't worth attending if there were no deviled eggs. He can eat them by the dozen. Some of the tribe

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Stoves and Fireplaces

I am thankful that the sub-zero cold wave has moved on, and I must say that I hope to never see one that lasts that long again. After all, this is Kentucky, isn't it? We did not choose to live our lives in an arctic climate!

During the almost three decades that Kathy and I have lived on Furnace Mountain, this season's temperatures have been record

breaking. Neither of us can remember our thermometer recording 3 below zero before this year. (I will stipulate, however, that our memories are not as good as they once were.)

Our home is normally heated by way of a heat pump, which is normally all that is needed for our small home. It has performed

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# T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Connecting with Kin

Dear Journal,

Every time I get the chance, I like to get together with friends and family. Stanley and I have been members of the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee for a few years now. Each quarter, the tribe has a gathering in each season. Sunday was the winter gathering. Stanley and I went, and a

handful of friends met us there.

There is always lots of good food to be had. I took some Reuben sliders. I hadn't made them for a while, so I took them. I always try to take something everybody will like and something not every other person will be bringing.

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# LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

## We can trust Trump

Dear Editor,

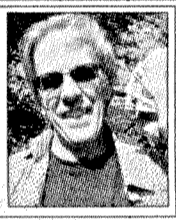
Hardy laughter was had recently when I mentioned that my television stays on throughout the night (has since 9/11) and that I listen to Fox News throughout most of the day. Last month when I talked with my uncle who is near my age, we

spoke about President TRUMP. He said that he, in Texas, listens to Fox News during his work week and likes the President, that his family in Oklahoma does, that my cousins in Kansas do and those kin to us in Florida also like him.

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



Sometimes I wonder if the times are changing or if it's just my age making me feel like things are different.

What's left of my memory tells me that back when I was a lad, it snowed and was like 35 degrees outside. When it got down to zero, it didn't snow. A person could go outside and play in the snow without danger of frost bite in the first two minutes.

I used to build snowmen and snow angels and have snowball fights and build castles out of snow and ride my bicycle in the snow.

But these days, when here is snow on the ground, it's so cold your digits freeze off before you can get back to the house.

I made the mistake of trying to ride my four-wheeler in the snow Sunday. I had on all the winter garb, including my camo face mask and boggan and gloves and coveralls and those thick socks.

But as soon as I got the gate opened and the Grizzly through it, I made a u-turn and headed straight back to the house.

I was already numb in seven places and two of them were dangerous. It took much longer to get all the wrappings off my body than I got to play outside.

Snow used to be wet. You could make killer snowballs out of it. And if you rubbed them just right with bare hands to melt the outside of them, they could become as hard as a rock.

But now, the snow is more like fine sugar. It won't stick together to make a snowball.

My mother was telling me this weekend that she remembers things the same as I do. In fact, she recalled snow on Easter Sunday on a few occasions and the texture of snow was much different back then.

I know one big difference is the warming-back-up process. There used to be stoves or heaters we could back our ails up against and steam would actually rise from our wet clothes as the heat brought our body tempera-

ture back up.

These days, there is nothing hot to rub up against. The house is warm but heat is just everywhere. The air coming out of those vents feels cold but somehow the house stays 69 degrees. So I just have to sit in my recliner and wait till I warm back up instead of feeling heat against my skin.

I don't even have something to place my wet socks on to dry them out.

As I have mentioned before, I am in no way a fan of winter and if it were up for popular vote, the cancellation of winter is the one subject I would get out and campaign for on a daily basis.

But, in an effort to make the best out of a bad situation, I try to go out and play

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**"Aces"**

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in the snow and get some form of benefit from it.

But these days, even the snow doesn't make winter any better. The one positive aspect of winter that I could find was the ability to spin, fish-tail, drift and slide in snow. But now, even that seems to be a joy of old.

I know I complain a lot about winter and I really don't like complainers. But winter turn me into a four-month pessimist each year and now I am one of those cry babies that whine about something I can't change.

In some ways I do miss the winters of my youth. All the neighborhood kids gathering to play in the snow and make fresh snow cream. When my children were very small, I used to hook the sled to the four wheeler and pull them all over our community.

Soon, other kids joined us and by the following year, I had become known as that dude that pulls kids around on a sled. We all had a blast. There may have been a little danger involved, but a lot less danger than where these kids could have been if we had not been out playing in the snow.

So forecasts say the weekend is expected to warm up a little and maybe this sugar on the ground will turn to snow and frost bite will not be a danger.

But until mid-March, I'll be curled up in my corner watching the calendar and maybe by then I'll write a positive article again.

But here's an opening for anyone who reads my column. If you hear one tiny complaint from me this summer about the heat, please feel free to send me nasty letters reminding me of this winter.

One quick question off the subject. Perhaps a doctor will write in and answer this.

Thinking of this terrible flu going around killing

people, who was the very first person who got it and where did it come from? Where has it been? And if it just modified itself, I want to know how to do that.

**"Ramblings"**

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gery two weeks ago today at UK Hospital and it has improved the quality of my life tremendously. I had to have a valve replaced and they have a new technique for "older" patients that doesn't involve breaking the breast bone, making recovery time much, much shorter.

After watching Jamie go through two such procedures in three years (the first one didn't take), I'm sure I wouldn't have had the fortitude to endure the recovery from the more invasive procedure.

Anyway, I am beginning to feel that life might still be worth living after having seen a gradual decrease in my energy level over the past several months, and visiting the emergency room at Rockcastle Regional often enough that I was on a first name basis with all the personnel there.

Modern medicine is wonderful, when it works and in this case, to date, it has.

Now, if I could just find a cure for my senior moments, which seem to be recurring at a more rapid pace...

**"Letters"**

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That was a revelation to me as none of us communicate very much. My hobby must not be too unusual. Just saying.

Although the news with President TRUMP is not always rosy, NBC reports that 69% of Americans watched his State of the Union speech and 60% of those agreed that he focused on the right things. (nbcnews.com) The American people need govern-

ment leaders they can trust just as they need to trust ministers to keep the religious doctrine of their particular church. If President Trump began "reforming" the USA into a communist country, which resembles what has happened to Venezuela, I doubt very many people would let that happen all the while saying, "I just liked him so much, I couldn't vote against him."

Referring to religious situations, refusal to educate oneself and to stand up when needed is gross ignorance and cowardice. Sometimes, "standing up" includes walking away. "I don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ is all about" is no excuse. You have a brain and should use it. Elected leaders telling others "don't discuss the situation" is part of a coverup and such actions should negate that elected person's position.

I am thankful for the Lord's help in giving the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional oversight of the judicial part of the U.S. government (Justice Department and FBI). This oversight can help prevent a governmental coup. These departments are required to follow laws pertaining to giving a FISA Judge certain and complete information when asking for a warrant to surveil an American citizen. This is the situation that resulted in the infamous Memo you may have accidentally heard about on the news. The Memo is a synopsis of a one hundred-plus-page report about the PROBABLE abuse by the FBI pertaining to the Russian and Trump collusion investigation. This happened not once, but at least three times. The synopsis states that the FBI personnel did not give full information to a FISA Court. The report they used to justify the asked-for warrant

came from an opposition information company and was paid for by the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign. The State Department is next.

Thank God for well-educated voters.

Claretta Hodges

**"T.J.'s"**

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has been known to bring items like deer, rabbit, bear, bison, and turtle soup. If you didn't know what it was, bear tastes very much like roast beef.

They always have a big raffle. Stanley and I got one item each.

After everyone had finished eating, a drum from Robeson County, North Carolina, began to play. Robeson County is the home of my people on my dad's side of the family and the Lumbee tribe.

There are several Lumbee names prevalent in that county, such as Chavis, Locklear, Hunt, and Oxendine, my maiden name. The Lumbee have a certain look and even the Oxendines have a certain look. It must be strong genes. Stanley even once went to the Indian festival at London once when I was out of town. He saw a woman and began a conversation with her. He got around to asking, "Are you an Oxendine?" She said she was and inquired how he knew. He said, "You look like my wife, and she is an Oxendine". They all look alike.

I was glad to see "my people". I always enjoy talking to them. We're probably related and I look forward to seeing them at the spring gathering. We talked yesterday and deduced that there were probably only three Lumbee in Kentucky: me and my two cousins in Manchester. I'm already looking forward to the next gathering.

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**HEROES Meeting**  
**Helping Educate Reaching Out Ending Stigma** There will be a HEROES meeting February 8th at the Rockcastle County Middle School in the library at 6 p.m. Please attend as plans are to move forward in developing a chapter of HEROES in Rockcastle County. It's never too late to be HEROES!  
**FFA Alumni Chili Supper and Auction**  
 The Rockcastle FFA Alumni will hold their annual Chili Supper and Auction Saturday, February 24th. The chili supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the auction following at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased from an FFA member or at the door. All proceeds will be used to pay for scholarships and FFA functions.  
**LF&R Chili Dinner**  
 Livingston Fire and Rescue will hold a chili dinner Saturday, February 10th, beginning at 6 p.m. Menu will consist of: chili, peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, dessert and drink. \$7 all you can eat. Musical entertainment will be provided. Proceeds will go to the Livingston Fire & Rescue.  
**KPR Meeting February 13th**  
 The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, February 13th at the Golden Corral Restaurant (next to Wal-Mart) in London. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Kelly Smith, candidate for the 89th District House seat recently vacated by the retirement of Representative Marie Rader. 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 606-260-0490.  
**Grandparent Support Group**  
 Are you raising a grandchild in your home? If so, you are invited to attend our support group which will meet Thursday, February 15th at noon at the Rockcastle County Extension Office, 1050 West Main St., Mt. Vernon. (If snow cancels school, there will not be a meeting). Guest speaker will be Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe. If you plan to attend, contact: Angie Payne at 256-5118 or Jessie Mahaffey 256-4818. This free service is provided by the Family Resource & Youth Services.

**Chamber of Commerce Meetings**  
 The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.  
**New Volunteer Training for HCP**  
 There will be new volunteer training for Hospice Care Plus on Saturday, February 12, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Open to teens and adults, ages 14 and up. Positions open in pet therapy, center hospitality, hospice home care companionship and respite (in our community), breakfast club and much more. Register by calling Stefanie at 859-626-9292 or 888-334-0009. More details at hospicecareplus.org  
**VFW Post Item**  
 VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.  
**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
 \*Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.  
 \*Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist every Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.  
 \*Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies, Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.  
 \*Broken Chains Bible Study at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.  
 \*Celebrate Recovery-Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.  
**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.  
**Historical Society Hours**  
 The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.  
**American Legion Post 71**  
 American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

**Warning to Churches When Seeking to Replace a Pastor**

February 4, 2014 by Rick Patrick

Reprinted below is a letter I recently received from a Southern Baptist layperson struggling with the changes taking place in her church. Following the letter is my reply. Certain details have been removed in order to protect her anonymity. From time to time, all churches face conflict in making decisions and seeking God's will, but the special sense of betrayal felt by this woman appears mostly related to two issues. First, during his candidacy, her Pastor denied his reformed theology. Second, reforms were not implemented openly as one might anticipate in a church business meeting, but quietly and secretly behind the scenes, almost imperceptible to the majority of church members for whom theological discernment is simply not a gift.

**Letter From Soteriological Dishonesty Victim:** Hello, I've check out your site multiple times. I'm looking for help or support from like minded individuals. I live in a small town and we recently got a new pastor. After some strange suggestions of Bible study materials, I started to question the theology of this new pastor. My search lead me to your website as well as an SBC state convention. This whole new Calvinism thing is new to my area and it seems to be infiltrating my church and no one seems to be noticing. We've had several guest speakers now that are most certainly reformed in their theology and without voting for it we are now using reformed resources for Bible study materials. My church is not even batting an eye. Most people aren't even noticing. Either the deacons are blind from the glamor or they are flat out lying about what they know.

**Our pastor told our church that he wasn't a Calvinist, and our church asked no other questions. Do you know anything about a certain reformed organization?** All I can tell is it seems to be overwhelmed by many well known Calvinists. I don't even know what my question is for you or what kind of advice I need. We love our church family, and I'm not opposed to the fact that people have reformed theology, but those people shouldn't be my pastor...and they shouldn't be deceiving and lying to our church about who or what they are. Any help here? I'm afraid I'm appearing like a crazy lady off her rocker—so I wish to apologize for the crazy.

**My Response:**

Thank you for writing. Sadly, your story is repeated frequently in Southern Baptist life these days. We receive many letters and emails similar to yours, in which people express their shock and dismay at the changes that have taken place in a church they may have loved and served for a lifetime. We realize the pain caused by such spiritual subterfuge.

Let me assure you that you are not off your rocker at all. In fact, those of us who point out publicly the existence of such secretive Calvinist reforms are unfortunately susceptible to a common secondary attack—namely, the charge that we are actually conspiracy theorists for pointing these things out—which only adds insult to injury, allowing Calvinists so inclined to dismiss our concerns and not take them seriously.

Although you are resting quite solidly upon your rocker, your church is most certainly being quietly reformed. Rarely is the decision to enact these reforms brought before the church for a vote, since the motion would be unlikely to pass. Instead, the typical reform strategy includes the two characteristics you mentioned:

- **A CALVINISTIC PASTOR** who deceives the church into believing he is not a Calvinist when in fact he really is one, probably by means of some obscure redefinition so that he does not consider himself to be lying. For example, an Amyraldist is a Four Point Calvinist rejecting Limited Atonement. He could say "I'm not a Calvinist, I'm an Amyraldist." While technically true that he is not a Five Point Calvinist, such a Pastor still would embrace Calvinistic determinism with regard to election and irresistible grace, thereby denying free will. In my view, it is less than honest for him to deny his Calvinism, but it is nevertheless prevalent. He may reason that if he told a church what he believes up front, the church would not call him to serve—a concern that is frankly quite justified! So he hems and haws his way into a pulpit, creating a situation bound to explode once people with firmly Traditionalist doctrinal commitments learn the truth about the secret reforms taking place.
- **A MINISTRY SHIFT** that quietly takes place without anyone questioning it or even seeming to notice. Suddenly there are a plethora of Calvinist speakers. Bible Study materials and training videos. By the way, all of the titles, authors and websites you mentioned are most certainly Reformed in their theological orientation. You are not making this up. Your Calvinistic Pastor is definitely reforming your church. The fact that he never stood up in a Business Meeting and said, "Let's shift our congregation doctrinally toward Calvinism" only confirms in my mind that this is exactly what he is doing. He is following their typical *modus operandi* perfectly. This is a textbook case. Be on the lookout for other possible signs as well: (1) developing an Elder Board if you do not already have one, (2) refusing to report congregational information on the Southern Baptist Annual Church Profile, (3) a more heavy-handed exercise of church discipline in dealing with critics, (4) a change in missions support diverting funds away from the Cooperative Program and toward the mission boards and various church planting organizations, and (5) the absence of altar calls in church or an invitation for someone to pray a Sinner's Prayer expressing their faith in Christ.

As your church moves forward, it will either address this reform attempt or it will not. Either way, there will be some painful days ahead for every person in your church who cannot in good conscience embrace the new direction. Should you decide to find a new church home, below is a list of Pastors in your state who have signed the Traditional Statement. Rest assured they harbor no doctrinal secrets. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

**Paid for by Traditional Southern Baptists in Rockcastle**

*Rick Patrick - Founding Executive Director of Connect 316—Whoever Will. Dr. Rick Patrick is the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama. He serves as the Founding Executive Director of Connect 316, a ministry fellowship embracing the Traditional stream of salvation doctrine in Southern Baptist life as opposed to the Calvinist stream.*

# Obituaries

## Charlotte Carrera

Charlotte DeAnn (Robbins) Carrera, 71, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born March 4, 1946 to the late DeAlva and Vivian (Albright) Robbins. She attended Brodhead Baptist Church, and she enjoyed traveling, sewing, bowling, golfing, reading, watching sports of all type and she loved her QVC shopping.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Andrew (Dana) Carrera of Mt. Vernon and Stephan (Ashlie) Carrera of Brodhead.; grandchildren, Tanner Carrera, Sydney Carrera, Carson Carrera, Arden Carrera, Ashton Carrera and Hayden Philbeck; her lifelong friend, Geraldine Cash; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant sister, Mary Robbins and the father of her children, Andy Carrera.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Wesley Falin, Scotty New, Heath Payne, Derrick Bussell, Scotty Hopkins, Greg Harper, Chris Larkey and Brandon Bishop.

Honorary bearers were: Darrel Falin, Jerry Pensol, Jack Lawless, Jon Adams, Spencer Childress, Lige Graves, Howard Saylor, Tony Saylor, Johnny Boone Saylor, Danny Settles, Courtney Payne, Floyd Gabbard, Jensen Masters, John Scott Masters and Brian Ponder.

Donations may be made in memory of Charlotte to the Brodhead Baptist Church.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Candace Rickels

Candace Rickels, 67, of Mt. Vernon, wife of Jimmy Rickels, died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the UK Medical Center in Lexington.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2018 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 11:30 a.m. until time of service Friday.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Anna Pauline Kelley

Anna Pauline Kelley, 84, of Brodhead, widow of Carl Kelley, died Sunday, February 4, 2018 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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## Vivian Marie Pittman

Vivian Marie Pittman, 90, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born December 8, 1927 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late George and Minnie Mae Owens Lovell. She was a homemaker, enjoyed quilting, crafts, spending time with her grandchildren, reading her Bible, playing bingo, and was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.



Survivors are: two sons, Stevie Pittman of Mt. Vernon, and Ricky Pittman of Brodhead; one daughter, Glenna Stephenson of Greenfield, OH; one sister, Juanita Farris of Mason, OH; seven grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by: one son, Mark Alvin Pittman; and 13 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2018 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Zandell Hasty officiating. Burial will follow in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. (today) Thursday.

Pallbearers are: Derek Pittman, Stevie Pittman, Josh Finch, Jacob Owens, John Payne, and Shawn Stephens.

Send condolences to the family online at: [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## Ruth Halcomb

Ruth Halcomb, 78, of Campbellsville, daughter of the late Ted Allen and Dona Hale Allen, was born July 11, 1939, in Rockcastle County. She died January 31, 2018 in Campbellsville. She professed faith in Christ and was a member of Elk Horn Baptist Church. She was a retired supervisor from Adam & H. Bartle Sewing in Richmond, IN. She united in marriage to John Halcomb September 22, 1959 and he preceded her in death February 4, 2003.



She is survived by: one sister and two brothers, Velma (Curt) Bond of Campbellsville, Gillus Allen of Orlando, and Virgil Allen of Richmond, IN; three special nieces, Debbie Gilpin, Gina (Donnie Wayne) Byrd, Sara (Justin) Mardis of Campbellsville; several other nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters, Eddie Allen, Teddie Allen, Willie Allen, William Allen, Easter Allen, Laura Owens Allen, Gertrude Smith, Anna Lee Mullins, Marie Allen, Delbert Allen and Orba Allen.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 2, 2018 at Elk Horn Baptist Church by Bro. Eddie Finn. Burial was in Goshen Cemetery in Richmond, IN.

Expressions of sympathy are requested to be donations to Elk Horn Baptist Church Building Fund or Hosparus of Green River and may be made at Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home.

## "Memories"

(Continued from A-2)

well. But when the temperatures fell into the teens, it was time to start a blaze in our fireplace. Since we live in an A-frame, the heat completely warms our dwelling place. This year, the chilling weather has caused us to have significantly more fires for the additional heat. And, man, I love to sit in front of a fire. The experience often transports me to my youth.

All of my lifetime in Mt. Vernon revolved around some form of wood-burning stove or fireplace. Both my mother (Bee) and my grandparents (Pop and Mommie Katie) heated their homes with wood or coal-burning stoves. When I was five or six years of age, Bee and I lived near her parents, and they both had Warm Morning stoves. I loved the smell of those stoves, burning with the wood that we salvaged from our own property. Neighbors would routinely come in from frigid temperatures to warm themselves and to chat with Bee or my grandparents. The stove was a gathering place for family and close friends.

Pop's Warm Morning stove was quite large and had a decorative "jacket" around its exterior. In front, there was a glass door allowing a view of the fire inside. I loved to lie on the couch and watch those flames reflect on the walls and on the ceiling of the room. That flickering can be mesmerizing.

The first time that I had a fireplace of my own was when Kathy and I lived in a townhome in Lexington. I loved building fires when it was cold and snowy outside, with the view being displayed by the large glass door in our den. I also loved taking naps in front of that fireplace. And for years now, I have been and remain thankful to live again in a house with a fireplace.

When I think about these things, I always remember the huge stove in the middle of Cox Hardware on Main Street in Mt. Vernon when I was a young man. That was truly a gathering place in Mt. Vernon. I visited that big stove with Pop when I was a very young boy for the first time. Oh, the tales that were told around that stove would fill a huge journal.

Fireplaces and stoves have been at the core of my life for over 70 years – a blessing indeed. There is just something special about sitting in front of a fire with

those you love. So excuse me while I take my place in my comfy home, cuddle up with my honey, and watch those dancing flames of fire while remembering my youth.

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

## "Points East"

(Continued from A-2)

my kindle or listen to NPR, while my wife checks the prices on every single item in name your favorite Walmart location.

But you may recall a recent Christmas shopping excursion that had me frantically trying to find a cash register when the heebie-jeebies caught up with me and an arm load of panties. It would have been much easier and far less conspicuously embarrassing to get through the checkout line had I been able to pull it off without exhibiting a dire sense of urgency brought on by the aforementioned condition.

I figured the good doctor would, yet again, suggest I change my Parkinson's miracle medication. My take on that is in the spirit of, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Previous attempts to deal with the symptoms by trying something "new and better" have resulted in near disasters that literally knocked me off my feet.

Instead he prescribed an antidepressant of which I am unable to spell without the bottle in front of me, nor pronounce when I have it. It's generic for something called Lexpro and he insisted it would not interfere with my regular medication. He said it had worked on other Parkinson's patients prone to anxiety attacks similar to my "heebie-jeebies."

Anybody, who knows me well, also knows that my state of mind is normally the polar opposite of depression as long as I am not reminded of Donald Trump. But I decided to try the stuff anyway.

So, lo and behold, the stuff is working. I've even confessed to Loretta that I'm perfectly fine when we're out shopping but I'd still be more at home in the car while she's eyeballing myriad merchandise that she neither wants nor needs unless it's marked way down to a price she can't resist.

Answer to riddle: One side of the geese V is longer because it has more geese in it.

## Card of Thanks

Johnny Adams

To the family and many friends of the late Johnny Adams, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the kindness, condolences and support received during this very difficult time.

Special appreciation is extended to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital staff, Dr. Griffith, Dr. Rowe, Dr. Bullock, Dr. Saylor, the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Maretburg Baptist Church family, Bro. Harding, Bro. Harold Harper, Sister Judy Nicely and Town and Country Service Station.

The Johnny Adams Family

## Bids Being Accepted

RCIDA is accepting bids on the sale of the timber on the Blevins Property at 9 Mullins St., Livingston KY Timber will need to be cut and removed within 30 days from date of bid acceptance.

RCIDA is accepting bids on the metal roof off of the house on the Blevins Property at 9 Mullins St., Livingston, KY Roof will need to be removed within 1 week from date of bid acceptance.

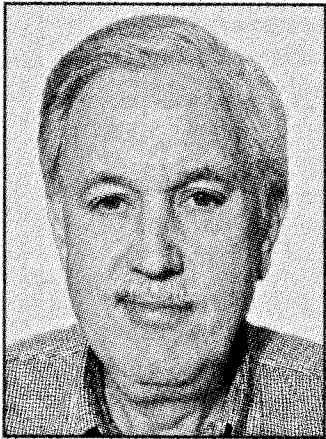
All sealed bids need to be mailed or submitted to the County Judge-Executive's Office at 205 E. Main Street, #14, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 by 3 pm on February 20, 2018. Bids will be opened at 3:30 pm on February 20, 2018. Call the County Judge-Executive office at 606-256-2856 with any questions.

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# Frankfort Update...

**By Jonathon Shell**  
*State Representative*  
*Improving K-12 Education*  
*& Funding Are Major*  
*Focus Areas in House*

There are very few roles of government that are more critical than properly educating our kids so that they to ensure they are equipped for a lifetime of success. In today's world, everything is more competitive, and to position our young people best, we must work early and often to make sure they have the knowledge base, skills, and resources to compete in a global economy.



Education is the primary recipient of state dollars in Kentucky, as our public education system receives around 60% percent of Kentucky's budget. However, we need to constantly evaluate and re-evaluate what is working and what is not working in today's ever-changing world. Today, young people are faced with new challenges that weren't even on the horizon 5 or 10 years ago. To make sure nobody gets left behind, education approaches must be on the cutting-edge. That means dealing with present day challenges. Nothing has hit our communities harder in the last several years than the opioid

epidemic, and we are working to reverse the tide of addiction, starting with education and drug awareness.

Last week, the House passed legislation that would require comprehensive drug education in our schools. House Bill 55 calls for drug abuse prevention curriculum to be developed by the Office of Drug Control Policy, with a focus on teaching K-12 students about the dangers of the prescription drug epidemic, and its relation to other dangerous substances. This legislation is a step towards combatting the rising opioid epidemic.

This epidemic is making it tough to find people to fill vacancies in various jobs across our state. In our own community, employers are struggling to find

workers who can pass drug tests and who possess other simple skills to work. To solve this serious issue, I recently filed House Bill 3, a bill focused on improving education and workforce

development. The bill will give credit to schools who are making sure "soft skills" are taught to prepare students for employment in a 21st Century economy. It is vital that every school in

In the House, we continue to prepare a budget that is fiscally responsible, meets our obligations, and improves on the education element of the Governor's

budget proposal. It is important that we do all that we can to provide adequate funding for public education, even under

the tough budget environment in front of us. This includes passing on fewer costs to our local school districts, which do not enjoy the high levels of reserve dollars that others around Kentucky do. Further, in this tough budget climate, we should also do everything possible to provide health insurance to retired teachers who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

I heavily value public education, including the very teachers that provide love and support for our students. Without the terrific direction and mentorship that our son Jaxson has received at his school, he would not have shown improvements in reading and other areas. Teachers are vital, and none of them should have their retirements threatened. I am pleased that the

Governor has proposed fulling funding their retirements, including more than \$2 billion over the next two years, and I am fully committed to supporting that component.

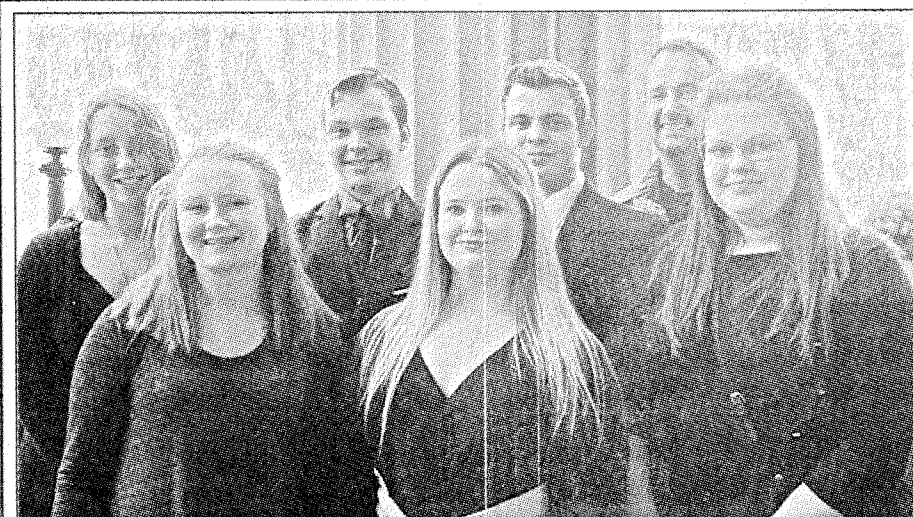
Please stay in touch with me as the session wears on and we work to craft the two-year budget.

As always, thanks again for allowing to me your voice in Frankfort.



## RCMS Band members selected for District Honor Band

Recently members of the RCMS 7th and 8th Grade Band were selected by live auditions as members of the 2018 District 11 Middle School Honors Band. Band members traveled to Garrard County Middle School to audition with other top middle school musicians from 13 middle schools across the district. RCMS members include Ellie Robinson, Hannah Isaacs, and Robert Rhodus along with alternates Darren Quinley, Daniel Ashcraft, Caroline Brickley, and Allison Dunn.



## RCHS Band students perform in WKU Honor Band Program

On January 27th members of the RCHS Concert Band had the opportunity to perform as part of the 2018 Western Kentucky University High School Honors Band Program. Students were selected by a list of performance criteria then auditioned for their placement in one of three bands at the University. RCHS members spent three days in intensive rehearsals with three of the top collegiate conductors from across the U.S. as well as fellow high school musicians from Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. The rehearsals then culminated in a public concert held at Van Meter Auditorium on the WKU Campus. RCHS members selected are pictured are front row from left: Brooklyn Lane, Clarinet, Lizzie Dixon, Clarinet, and Abigail Fletcher, Tuba. Back row from left: Devona Smith, Oboe, JJ Clouse, Trumpet, Connor Noble, Bassoon and Greg Daugherty, Director.

## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybee, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs.

Eligible livestock losses include grazing losses not covered under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), loss of purchased feed and/or mechanically harvested feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, additional cost of transporting water because of an eligible drought and additional cost associated with gathering

livestock to treat for cattle tick fever.

Eligible honeybee losses include loss of purchased feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, cost of additional feed purchased above normal quantities due to an eligible adverse weather condition, colony losses in excess of normal mortality due to an eligible weather event or loss condition, including CCD, and hive losses due to eligible adverse weather.

Eligible farm-raised fish losses include death losses in excess of normal mortality and/or loss of purchased feed due to an eligible adverse weather event.

Producers who suffer eligible livestock, honeybee, or farm-raised fish losses from Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018 must file:

• A notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent or

by Nov. 1, 2018

• An application for payment by Nov. 1, 2018

The Farm Bill caps ELAP disaster funding at \$20 million per federal fiscal year.

The following ELAP Fact Sheets (by topic) are available online:

- ELAP for Farm-Raised Fish Fact Sheet
- ELAP for Livestock Fact Sheet
- ELAP for Honeybees Fact Sheet

To view these and other FSA program fact sheets, visit the FSA fact sheet web page at [www.fsa.usda.gov/factsheets](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/factsheets).

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date:

March 7, 2018 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in the COC meeting should contact Warden Alexander at (606) 256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 three days prior to the meeting date.

**Office Closure Schedule**

The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates for observance of a Federal Holiday: February 19, 2018-President's Day.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

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# SPORTS



## 8th grade boys reach Final Four of 8th Grade State Tournament

The Rockcastle County 8th grade boys' basketball team made it to the Final Four of the 8th Grade State Tournament at the KBA in Lexington on the weekend of February 3-4. There was a strong field of 86 teams from all across the state. The Rockets won six straight games, defeating very good teams, to advance to the Final Four before losing a close game in the state semi-final. It was a great weekend for these young student athletes. Pictured are front from left: Bryson Atkin, Ethan Cotton, Landen Broaddus, Noah Fain, Kaleb Whitaker, Reese Coguer, and Ethan Fain. Back row from left: Matthew Chasteen, Daniel Mullins, Will Bishop, Jake Sanders, Jarred Bugg, Landon Gentry, Drew Hopkins, and Coach Zach Gentry.

## Lady Rockets lose to Danville; beat Berea

It was a long night for both the Lady Rockets and Rockets last Saturday night at Danville. The Lady Rockets lost 73-56 and the Rockets were annihilated 72-24.

The Lady Admirals took control of the game early, ahead 25-16 at the end of the first period but the Lady Rockets fought back in the second quarter, outscoring Danville 12-9 for a 34-28 half-time deficit.

In the third quarter, the Lady Rockets caught fire for a moment, outscoring the Lady Admirals 6-2 in the early going to pull to within two at 36-34 but the Lady Admirals responded with an 18-4 run to go ahead 54-38 at the end of the third period.

Head Coach Chrysti Noble tried several different combinations on the floor and 11 Lady Rockets scored in the game, led by sophomore Kenzi Himes with 12

points; freshman Casey Coleman and senior Emily Adams got nine points each; seventh grader Hallie Brown scored six; freshman Raegan Chasteen got five; senior Mackenzie Payne, freshman Lindsey Jones and junior Kasi Lay scored three points each and sophomore Shelby Newland and junior Emma Bullen each scored two points.

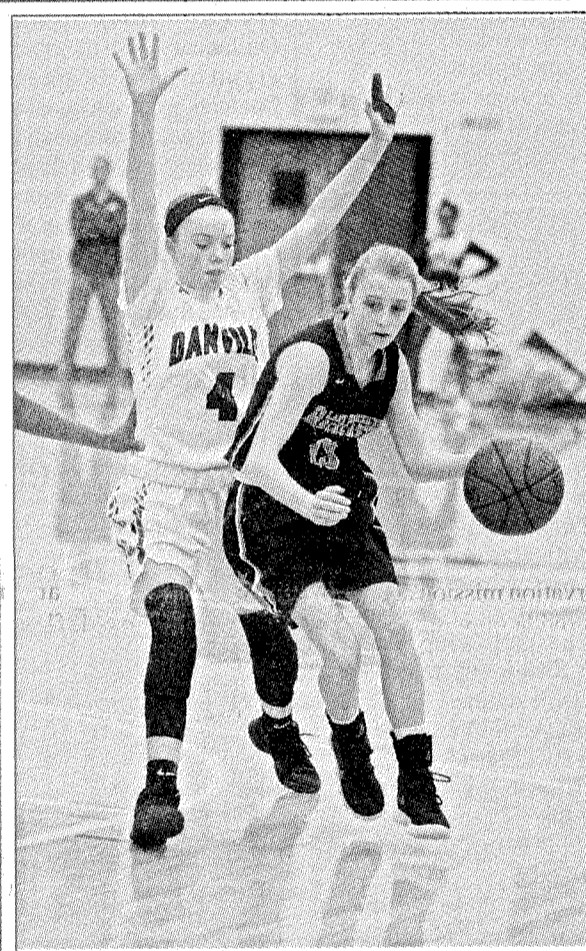
Monday night at Berea, the Lady Rockets came away with their 14th win of the season 69-34.

Coleman led her team in scoring honors with 20; Himes got 18, which included going six for six from the free throw line; Bullens scored eight; Lay and Newland six each; Brown got four; Adams, freshman Madison McIn-

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Freshman Madison McIntosh hustles to stop the ball during the Lady Rockets' loss to Danville Saturday night.



Freshman Lindsey Jones drives around a defender in the Lady Rockets' 73-56 loss to Danville.

## At Casey County

## 47th District tourney play begins Feb. 20th

The Lady Rockets and Rockets will play the first round of the 47th district tournament Tuesday night, Feb. 20th at Casey County.

The Lady Rockets, who are the two seed in the tourney, behind Casey, will play the three seed Somerset Lady Briarjumpers in first round action at 6 p.m.

The Lady Rockets defeated the Lady Briarjumpers both times they met in regular season play.

The Rockets, the fourth seed in the district, will have to take on the one seed Somerset the same night in the 7:30 game.

The Rockets lost both regular season games to the Briarjumpers.



Sophomore Josiah West puts on the defensive pressure during the Rockets' loss to Danville last Saturday night.

## Rockets lose four; now 5-20 on season

The Rockets went 0-4 in their last outings, losing to Williamsburg 69-50; Danville 73-24; Wayne County 69-35 and Jackson Co. 59-43.

At Williamsburg, last Thursday night, the Rockets hung in through the first half, only trailing 28-25 at the half but the second half belonged to the Yellow Jackets who outscored the Rockets 38-20 for the win.

Sophomore Logan Noel led the scoring for his team with 12 points; sophomore Josiah West came off the bench to get 11; junior Isaac Stratton contributed eight; sophomore Trevor Todd got six; junior Cade Burdette and senior Devin Mullins scored five points each; sophomore Jacob Loudermilk got two and sophomore Josh Thacker scored a free throw.

The Rockets went 16 for 26 from the free throw line and hit five three point baskets, two by Noel.

Last Saturday night, the Rockets traveled to Danville and it wasn't pretty. The Rockets managed only three baskets in the first half and four in the second.

The Admirals were up 25-10 at the first quarter stop; 48-15 at the half and 58-21 at the end of the third quarter.

Thacker was the top scorer for the Rockets with six; Stratton and Todd got four each; Noel and Burdette three each and

Mullins and senior Nick Dillingham each got two points.

The Rockets went 8 for 20 from the free throw line and only hit two three point baskets in the game.

Monday night, the Rockets hosted Wayne County in a make-up game and, again, the Rockets lost handily 69-35.

The Rockets had a bad first half, only scoring eight points and none in the second quarter to Wayne's 13. They fell further behind in the third, being outscored 24-11, but did take the fourth quarter 16-14.

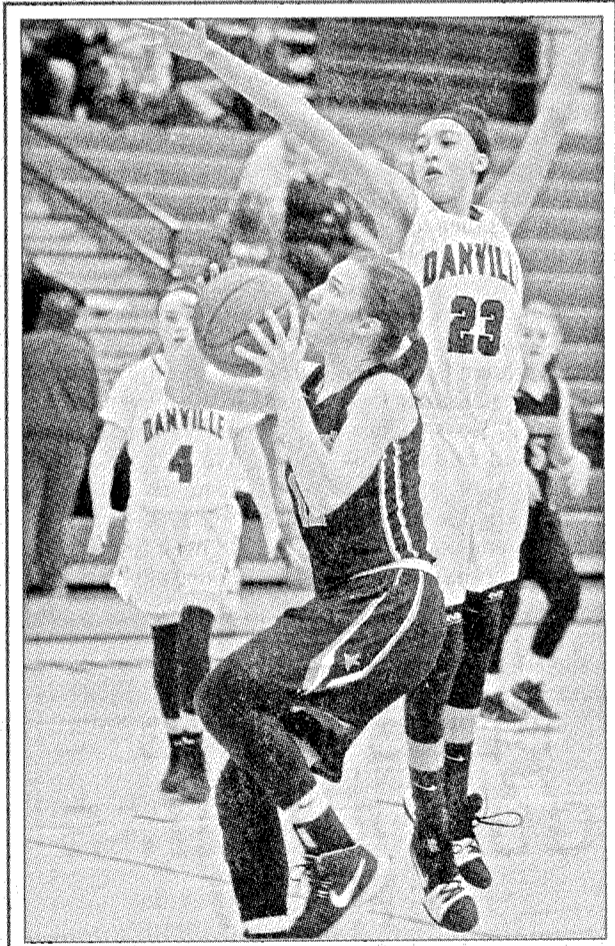
Stratton led the scoring with 12 points; Thacker got eight; Noel seven; West and Mullins, three each and Burdette two.

The Rockets were seven for 14 from the free throw line and made two three point baskets.

Tuesday night, at Jackson County, the Rockets hung with the Jackson County Generals through three quarters, being down only 35-31 at the third quarter stop. But, in the fourth, the Generals came on strong, outscoring the Rockets 24-12, ten of them in 14 chances at the free throw line, for the final 59-43.

Stratton again led the scoring with 16 points, eight in the fourth quarter; Burdette got seven; Thacker

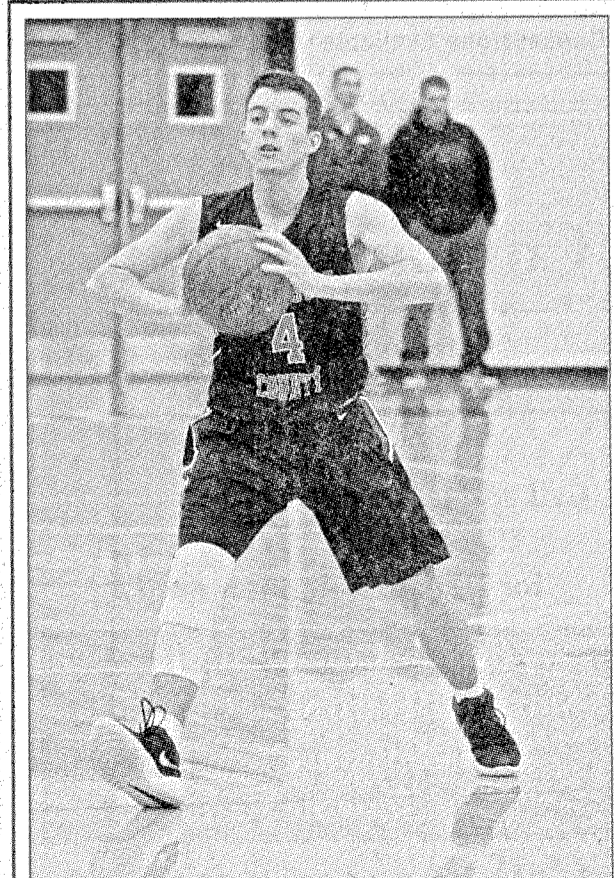
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Freshman Casey Coleman takes it to the basket during the Lady Rockets' 73-56 loss to Danville.



Senior Devin Mullins tries to work around a defender in the Rockets' loss to Danville.



Sophomore Jacob Loudermilk makes a pass during the Rockets' loss to Danville this past weekend.

*Kentucky Afield Outdoors*

## Hunters post fifth-highest deer harvest on record

Looking at the total number of deer harvested by hunters in Kentucky during the 2017-18 season, it would appear nothing was out of the ordinary.

The season ended earlier this month. When it did, hunters had combined to take more than 136,000 deer across the state, making it the sixth consecutive season with a harvest total greater than 130,000 and the fifth highest total on record in Kentucky.

The figure could have climbed higher but for a significant outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) that hit deer populations in parts of east Kentucky particularly hard followed by a historic cold snap late in the season that likely deterred some hunters.

"I expected the harvest to be down a good bit, so I'm pleasantly surprised," said Gabe Jenkins, deer program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It's the fifth highest harvest on record. The central and western parts of the state pretty much carried our harvest."

Indeed, harvest totals were up in the Bluegrass, Green River and Purchase regions compared to the 2016-17 season. Hunters in the Bluegrass Region reported taking more than 42,500 deer, but it was a county in the Purchase Region that led the state.

With 3,451 deer reported taken, Crittenden County edged Hardin County for the top spot. Pendleton, Christian and Owen counties rounded out the top five.

"Some of our western Kentucky counties are producing a lot of deer," Jenkins said. "Some of those are Zone 3 counties. One that stuck out in my mind was Breckinridge County. When the modern gun season ended in Zones 3 and 4 counties (in November), it was leading the way. Other counties caught up but it still yielded the sixth most deer of any county in the state."

The modern gun season annually accounts for about 70 percent of the overall harvest total, and this year was no different. The 98,199 deer taken by modern gun hunters was 7 percent higher than the 10-year average and fifth highest on record.

Also noteworthy: bow hunters set another record in September, taking 2,026 deer during the opening three days of the season. In an effort to increase harvest in areas with an overabundance of deer, a regulation change opened the December muzzleloader deer season on 17 wildlife management areas, many in the Bluegrass Region. Hunters responded by combining to take 92 deer with a muzzleloader on those areas. State parks also hosted several new quota or open deer hunts this past season and those yielded 70 deer for hunters.

Although the season is over, analysis of the EHD outbreak continues.

The viral disease is transmitted to deer by biting flies or midges, which die with the first frost. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife receives and confirms EHD deer mortalities each year, but the 2017 outbreak was severe by comparison. The brunt of the outbreak was felt in the Northeast and Southeast regions, where harvest totals fell more than 30 percent and roughly 20 percent respectively.

Biologists know that in years with severe EHD outbreaks many hunters choose either not to hunt or hunt elsewhere. A drop-off in hunter participation — identified by a decrease in deer permits sold in EHD-affected counties — likely

factored into the drop in harvest. Hunters also may be more selective with the deer they attempt to harvest in EHD-affected areas.

Wildlife biologists like Jenkins monitored the outbreak closely and are examining harvest and disease impact data before making their 2018-19 deer season recommendations to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission. Typically, those recommendations are presented to the Commission in December. Biologists decided to wait until March in order to analyze all the information available and run their computer models.

"Given the severity of the outbreak in eastern Kentucky, additional time for data collection and analysis enables us to make better management decisions," said Steve Beam, Wildlife Division director for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We want to make the right decisions based on all of the data that we have."

One positive: deer populations in most eastern Kentucky counties were at the highest levels ever documented before the EHD outbreak. Such outbreaks can cause significant regional die-offs, but populations will recover with time. Another reason for optimism: deer that became infected and survived will carry immunity.

"One thing that we saw in our later seasons as we collected blood samples at deer processors and taxidermists and at our quota hunts in counties that experienced a severe outbreak, nearly every deer we put our hands on had been exposed, which is good," Jenkins said. "If we would've gone down to Floyd County or Pike County at Fishtrap WMA and every deer that was harvested didn't have any exposure that would suggest that every deer that had been exposed to EHD had died, which is not good. But that wasn't the case."

"We have some herd immunity that's going to be in the herd a while. Meaning there were deer that were exposed and survived. That immunity is going to continue through their lifetime."

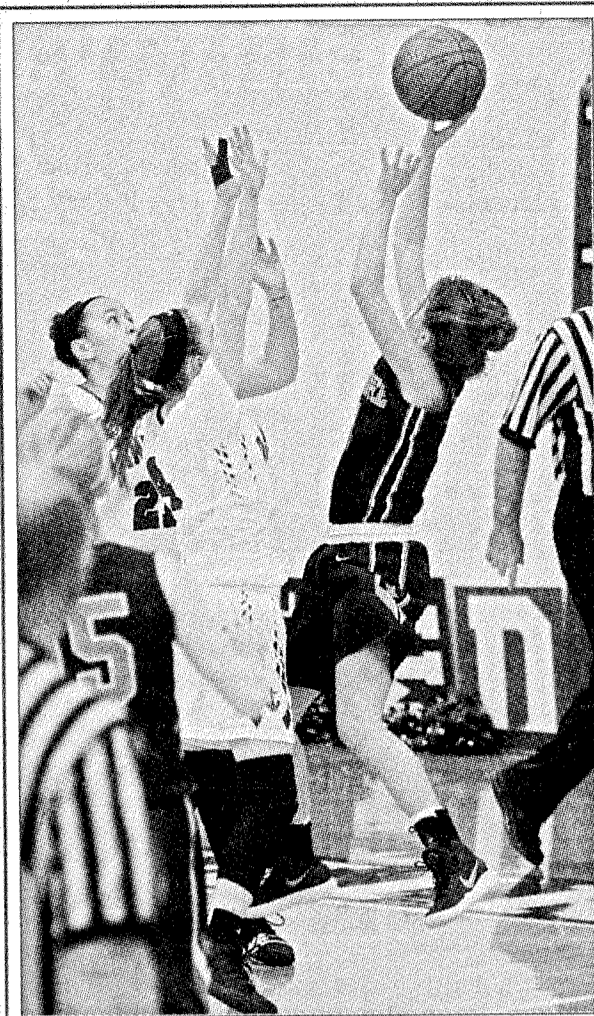
The public played a key role in helping biologists track the EHD outbreak area. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife received reports of 4,625 suspected cases.

"Those reports were extremely valuable to us in trying to determine the severity of the outbreak and estimate the number of deer affected," Beam said. "We want to thank the public for its response."

**CALL FOR ENTRIES:** Hunters who took a trophy deer this past season have until May 1 to submit the necessary information for recognition in the trophy deer list that appears in the annual Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide.

To be eligible, a hunter must have taken a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this past season that net scored 160 or higher typical or net scored 185 or higher non-typical based on the Boone and Crockett scoring system. The completed and signed score sheet, along with a photo, should be sent to Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Include the county in which the deer was taken and the equipment used to harvest the deer. The information can also be submitted electronically by emailing [info.center@ky.gov](mailto:info.center@ky.gov).

*Author Kevin Kelly is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Get the latest from Kevin and the entire Kentucky Afield staff by following them on Twitter: @kyafield.*



Freshman Raegan Chasteen puts up a jump shot in the Lady Rockets' loss to Danville.

## USDA announces near-record year for farm loan programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) recently announced another year of high activity in its farm loan programs. Hardworking farm families across the country accessed nearly \$6 billion in new credit, either directly or guaranteed through commercial lenders in 2017. At year end, FSA was assisting more than 120,000 family farmers with loans totaling just over \$25 billion.

"FSA loan funds have been in high demand the last few years," said Dr. Robert Johansson, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation mission area. "We provide opportunities to qualified small, beginning and underserved farmers who are unable to obtain commercial credit, to help them get started, gain access to land and grow their operations. Family farmers across America also come to us for credit when they face challenges to stay in business. We're proud to support rural prosperity by providing credit to those who need it most."

FSA provides a variety of loan assistance, including direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans, operating loans and even direct Microloans up to \$50,000 and EZ Guarantees up to \$100,000 with streamlined application processes.

More than 25,000 direct and guaranteed FSA loans went to beginning or underserved farmers and ranchers. Over 4,200 beginning farmers received direct farm ownership loans from FSA to make their first land purchase. And of the approximately 6,500 Microloans made in the last fiscal year, three-quarters (almost 4,900) went to beginning farmers, 1,000 went to women and 400 to veterans.

FSA's direct farm loans are unique in that the agency provides technical assistance in addition to credit. Consistent with efforts to continually improve technical assistance, today FSA announced the publication of two booklets that will serve as important informational tools and resources for existing and prospective farm loan borrowers.

Your FSA Farm Loan Compass booklet was recently developed specifically for farmers and ranchers who have an existing farm loan with FSA. It provides detailed guidance outlining borrower responsibilities and the servicing options that FSA offers. It also addresses common questions borrowers may have as they navigate through loan program re-

quirements and the financial concepts involved.

Originally published in 2012, Your Guide to FSA Farm Loans was designed for new loan customers. It provides information about the various types of farm loans available and guides new borrowers through the application process. The revised version addresses program changes and includes new loan offerings, like the popular Microloan program that was rolled out after the publication of the original Guide.

"Your FSA Farm Loan Compass" and "Your Guide to FSA Farm Loans" are available on the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl). Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to download and share them with others in their community who may require assistance in understanding FSA's loans and servicing processes. For additional information about FSA farm loans, please contact your loan officer or other FSA staff at your local office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

## "Quarles"

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Ryan a full scholarship with the Zuckerman Fellows Program, which enabled him to continue his studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the Kennedy School of Government, and Harvard Law School.

Ryan grew up on his family's farm in Scott County, coming from a family that has lived in central Kentucky for over 200 years.

At the age of 34, Commissioner Quarles is the youngest statewide elected official in the country.

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## "Rockets"

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six; Noel and West, five each and Mullins two.

The Rockets free throw shooting improved in this game as they hit 14 of 20 and they got three three point baskets.

The Rockets will next travel to Garrard County on Friday night and to Whitley County next Tuesday night. Their last two games will be at South Laurel on Thursday, the 15th, in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets and they will then host Russell County on Friday night, the 16th, for their last game of the regular season.

## "Lady Rock"

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tosh and sophomore Bailee Allen scored two points each and junior Savannah Neeley got one.

The Lady Rockets will now travel to Madison Central on Thursday night, Feb. 8th will host Wayne County, in a make-up game, next Tuesday night, Feb. 13th before finishing the regular season out at South Laurel on Thursday, Feb. 15th in a doubleheader with the Rockets.

## "Dairy"

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weeks." He expects the building to be constructed and equipment in place by June.

"We expect to do \$6-\$12 million in business each year," he said.

Crane makes the famous Hall's Beer Cheese and he said that success is part of the reason for the new factory. "We can't possibly keep up with the sales. It has become very popular and is still growing," he said. "We have new contracts in the works to supply our beer cheese to several franchise businesses."

Mayor Bryant said one of the many benefits of the new company will be job growth. "This company will provide many jobs for our citizens and has potential to bring many other such businesses to our city," said Bryant.

In fact, according to

Crane, the new company will provide 100 jobs in the first year and expects to provide 200 by the end of the second year. "We want the local kids that come out of high school to have a good place to work without leaving town. We are going to start our employees at \$15 per hour and provide a clean, safe work environment for everyone," said Crane. "We believe all ships rise together and as we grow, so will the county and the city."

Over the past several months Crane has had many work session with the county and the city and RCIDA to work out the de-

## "HOV"

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down had a noticeable affect on the company and there were some layoffs because of it. There is also the threat of another shut down in a few weeks.

"Personally, I don't have a problem with this request and then making them go with a longer term agreement the next time," Craig added.

Bishop said he was "disappointed that the company didn't come with a better offer than that."

After some discussion among the board, members unanimously agreed to amend the agreement and give the company another 12 month lease at the same rate. However, Craig said at the end of this lease, then the lease would have to be extended for a longer period of time.

"I'm of the opinion that we would be no worse off to just extend it this time and negotiate the lease in 12 months," he said.

Bishop suggested the amendment include wording that the next extension must agree with the lease requirements.

After the board approved the request, members entered closed session to discuss real estate issues

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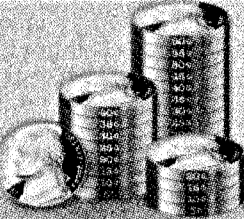
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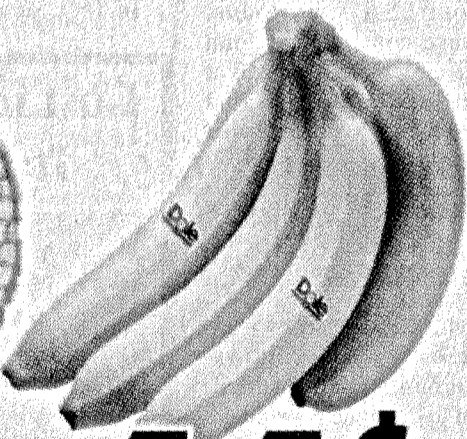
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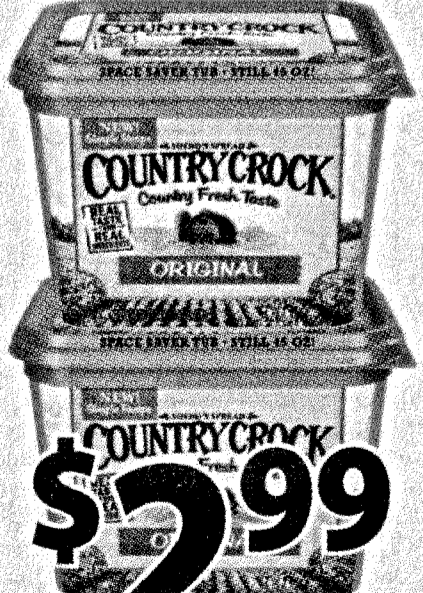
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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 8, 2018

## Rockcastle indoor track teams compete at Mason County

Rockcastle's boys' and girls' indoor track teams competed at Mason County this past Saturday. Several members of the team competed last weekend at the Wildcat Classic in Lexington. For the others, including many of the middle and elementary school runners, this was the first meet of the indoor season.

The RCMS girls' team placed third with a great team performance and many individuals setting new all-time personal bests. The team missed sixth grader Lexi Dotson who competed at Vanderbilt University and several top scoring eighth graders who competed for the varsity team. With the addition of those missing from the meet, RCMS would have likely placed first.

Seventh grade sensation Emma Watson led the way for RCMS and also ran on the varsity 4 x 400-meter relay team, scoring 30.5 total points. She won the 400-meter dash (1:10.43) and placed 2nd in the 55 (8.04 seconds), only one tenth of a second away from the win. She dominated long jump (14'7"), winning by over 2'. Her first time competing in long jump, her performance was the best first meet jump for a Rockcastle girl in the team's impressive history of state champion long jumpers.

Besides Emma's dominant performance in only her second meet ever, the girls' had several others perform very well. In the 55-meter dash, fifth grader Learn Reagan placed 10th (8.9 seconds), sixth grader Bethany Martin 15th (9.10), third grader Maliyah Swin-

ney 18th (9.52), seventh grader Jenna Loudermilk 19th (9.60), sixth grader Abby Burdette 22nd (9.83), second grader Kyle Ashcraft 30th (11.55), and first grader Aria French 31st (11.83).

One of the highlights of the meet were our younger elementary girls who received applause throughout the building for their great performances and got awesome cheers from the crowd every time they ran.

Fifth grader Lila Holt had an incredible 2nd place finish in the 1600-meter run, shattering her indoor all-time personal best by 15 seconds with an awesome time of 6:37.86. She also ran very well in the 800-meter run, placing 7th with another indoor all-time personal best of 3:05.27, an amazing 14 second improvement.

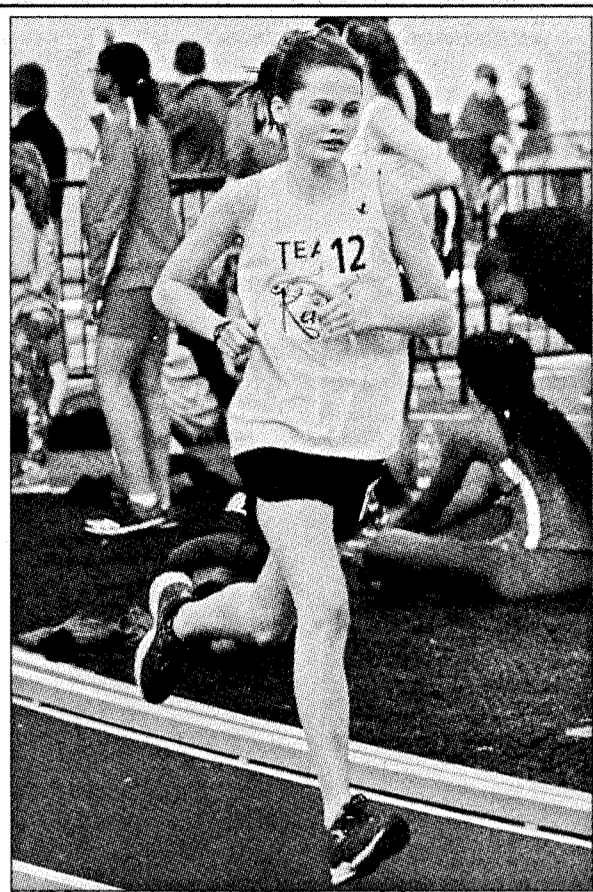
In the 400-meter dash, Bethany Martin scored and placed 5th (1:15.08), Learn Reagan 6th (1:15.32), Jenna Loudermilk 14th (1:22.11), Maliyah Swinney 17th (1:28.21), Abby Burdette 18th (1:28.42), Kyle Ashcraft 23rd (1:44.32), and Aria French 24th (1:49.17).

8th grader Natalie Tolle scored in shot put with an awesome 4th place finish and a great throw of 19'7", an indoor all-time personal best.

In long jump, Bethany placed 4th with a great jump of 10'6.5" and Maliyah placed 7th with an awesome jump of 8'11".

The girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team of Bethany, Abby, Jenna, and Learn were on their way to a top three finish, but were dis-

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### Lexi Dotson ranks third in U.S. among sixth graders

Lexi Dotson, a sixth grader at RCMS, ran for Team Kentucky in the middle school girls' mile at the Vanderbilt University High School Indoor Invitational on Saturday. Running against some of the nation's best middle school distance runners, Lexi ran an amazing race, finishing eighth overall with an awesome all-time personal best of 5:46.28. Her incredible time currently ranks her third in the U.S. among all sixth grade indoor mile competitors.

### Kentucky highway fatalities decline in 2017

Preliminary figures indicate highway fatalities in Kentucky declined in 2017 to 770, down from 834 in 2016.

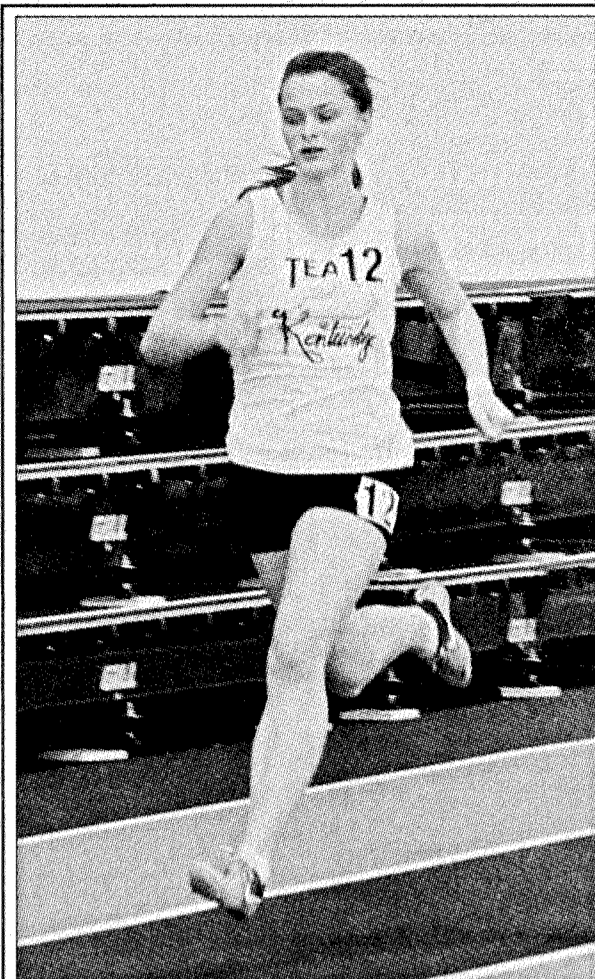
According to the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) and the Kentucky State Police (KSP), this is Kentucky's first roadway fatality decrease since 2013, when 638 fatalities were recorded.

KOHS Executive Director Dr. Noelle Hunter com-

mends Kentuckians for taking responsibility behind the wheel.

"We are encouraged by the reduction in fatalities and want the traveling public to know they've done a great job in helping our efforts to save lives," said Hunter.

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### Tori Dotson qualifies for New Balance Race in NYC

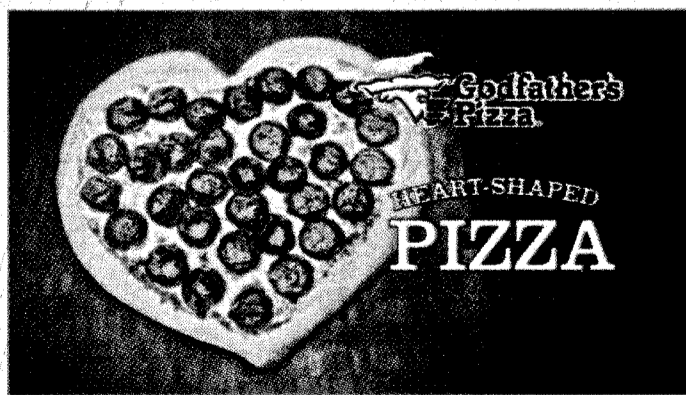
Tori Dotson, a sophomore at RCHS, ran with Team Kentucky at the Vanderbilt University High School Indoor Invitational on Saturday against some of the best competition in the nation. Tori entered the competition looking to meet the tough qualifying standard of 2:16.7 in the 800-meter run for the New Balance Emerging Elite Indoor National Championships in March at the Armory Track in New York City. Tori ran an amazing race, using her tremendous kick at the end to place third overall against many of the best 800 runners in the nation including several state and Junior Olympic champions. Her awesome time of 2:16.6 was just under the time needed to qualify for New Balance. She also broke her own school record and set a new RCHS indoor and all-time mark in the event. She has her sights set firmly on the all-time Class 2A record of 2:14 and overall state record of 2:12. She currently ranks fourth in the U.S. among all sophomore 800 runners and 25th overall out of all high school classes.



### Dotson member of record setting relay team

At the Vanderbilt University High School Indoor Invitational on Saturday, Team Kentucky ran the fastest time ever for a Kentucky team, all-star or otherwise, shattering the Kentucky indoor all-time state record in the DMR (Distance Medley Relay), winning the event with an amazing time of 12:23.93, which also ranks them 10th in the U.S. Their incredible time also broke the overall all-time Kentucky state record in the event (including outdoor) set by duPont Manual High School in 2013. The relay team consisted of Mercer County sophomore Haley Blevins, George Rogers Clark sophomore Makenzie Cooper, Rockcastle County sophomore Tori Dotson, and Morgan County junior Kailee Perry. The team is one of the most talented ever assembled in Kentucky.

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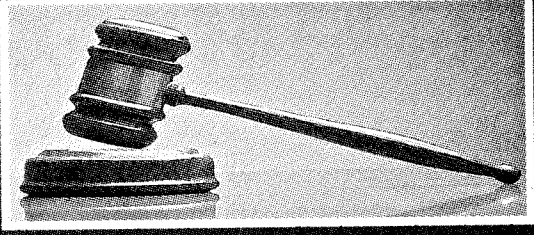
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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Circuit Civil Suits

Larry Dewayne Burdette v. Lesley Corene Burdette, petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Kevin Carder v. Lisa Carder, petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Robert O'Rear v. Travis McGee, et al, complaint.  
 Bobby Lorin Cromer v. Pamela K. Cromer, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Debra Ann Lambert v. John Thomas Lambert, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00025

## District Civil Suits

Nadine E. Croley v. Jim Dees, eviction notice.  
 LVNV Funding v. Johnny Abney, \$602.70 plus claimed due.  
 Heights Finance Corp. v. Jeremy Jones, \$755.78 plus claimed due.  
 Heights Finance Corp. v. Glendon Crutcher, et al,

\$2,626.55 plus claimed due. C-00023

## Marriage Licenses

Candace Renee Sturgill, 39, Mt. Vernon, housewife and Dennis Lynn Criss, Jr., 42, Mt. Vernon, TTAI. 2/1/18

## Deeds Recorded

Ricky and Brenda Bullock, property in Cedar Points Subdv., to George A. Friar and Patsy Coffey. Tax \$125

Gloria and Terry McKinney, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to James Bullock, Jr., Tony A. Bullock, Jr. and Pate Bullock. Tax \$2.50

Joann Clemmons, property in Conway Community, to Jay Clemmons. No tax

John G. Eaton, Jr., property in Rockcastle County, to Cameron Properties LLC. Tax \$235.

Jaime M. Smith, property in Rockcastle County,

to Phillip L. Smith. No tax  
 Cecil and Judy King, property in Mt. Vernon Fairgrounds Subdv., to Rickie and Katherine Hysinger. Tax \$30

Dennis Warf, property in Rockcastle County, to Ronald Warf. No tax  
 Clinton and Susan Conn, and others, property east of Scaffold Cane Branch, to Bradley and Francis Conn. No tax

Mark and Phyllis Adams, Robin Douglas and Judy Conn and Donna Sue Conn, property east of Scaffold Cane Branch, to Mark and Phyllis Adams. No tax

## District Court

1/29-31, 2018

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Anthony R. Barron: disregarding stop sign, license to be in possessin, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.

Nicole Ann Brafford: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, license suspended for fta.

Kendall R. Browning: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates - receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., giving officer false name or address, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Robert Wayne Chandler: speeding, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Barbara Collins: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, \$25 fine plus costs; resisting arrest, 14 days in jail/to serve weekends; terroristic threatening, 365 days, probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Greg S. Damrell: flagrant non support, bw issued.

Sherry Fuson: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine; failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., \$25 fine plus costs.

Theresa Leach: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$1000 fine plus costs.

Barbara Mason: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Robert E. Northern, Jr: receiving stolen property, public intoxication controlled substance, license suspended/bw issued for fta.

Roy Edward Perry: no/expired registration receipt -plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, obstructed vision and/or

windshield, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Brent Powell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, R.I.D.E. program ordered.

Jesse Wallace Randolph: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Eboni S. Bacon, Kyle B. Close, Monica Elaine Coats, Jeffery Dean King, Patrick M. Shaw, license suspended for fta.

Larry Gambrel: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.

Mason Slusher: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Bruce Smith: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Amanda Sparks: public intoxication, \$100 fine; falsely reporting an incident, \$100 fine; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, \$100 fine plus costs.

Allen Keith Stanley: permit unlicensed operator to operate motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jeremy B. Stinebiser: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Joshua A. Spoonamore: resident fishing w/o a license, permit, 4 days in jail plus costs.

Douglas J. Caldwell: drug paraphernalia - buy/

possess and receiving stolen property, 30 days (each charge)/concurrent.

Jason Blake Wheeler: criminal trespass and fleeing or evading police, 30 days/ to serve/concurrent/costs merged.

William L. Baker: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

David Steven Blackburn: obstructed vision and/or windshield, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Ricky Dewayne Bowman: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, RIDE program ordered.

Kristin Broughton: fines/fees due (\$63), bw issued for fta/2 days in jail or payment in full.

Brittney N. Burns: public intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.

Vernon L. Doan, Jr: knowingly abuse/neglect of adult and criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

Ricky Frost: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for

fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Valentina Nicole Frymer: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Jimmy E. Garza: fines/fees due (\$378), bw issued for fta/8 days in jail or payment in full.

Zachary C. Hart: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Debbie Hellard: theft by deception, 15 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Jeremy Holt: fines/fees due (\$248), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Jordan Dean Maguire: fines/fees due (\$143), convert to three days in jail/concurrent.

Joseph D. Morris: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Regina M. Smith: fines/fees due (\$173), converted to 18 hours community service work.

Alan R. Young: failure to wear seat belt, license suspended for fta.

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## Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

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

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

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

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

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

## Fifteenth Annual Books for Bikes Program

www.mtschools.org Tel # 606-256-2388

### Rockcastle County Public Library Books for Bikes

60 Ford Drive  
 Mount Vernon, KY 40456  
 Library Hours: M-F 9:30-6:00 Sat. 9:30-2:00  
**Registration: January 8th - February 3rd**  
 All book summary forms must be returned to the library by Sat., March 3, 2018

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

### NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

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

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

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

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

Additionally, KU is seeking an order approving Amended Project 36 for purposes of recovering the costs of the new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. Amended Project 36 is required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities ("Federal CCR Rule"), and other environmental requirements that apply to KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU is seeking recovery at this time is estimated to be \$14.7 million. O&M costs related to amended Phase II will be similar to O&M costs incurred in Phase I and are not distinguishable. If Amended Project 36 is approved, KU plans to continue to recover its Brown CCR Landfill O&M costs through its environmental surcharge as part of Project 29 in KU's 2011 ECR Plan.

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

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

GS customers using 1,805 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$0.13 up to \$0.34.  
 PSS customers using 39,535 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1.85 up to \$4.78.  
 PSP customers using 82,036 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$3.92 up to \$10.14.  
 TODS customers using 245,344 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$8.76 up to \$22.87.  
 TODP customers using 1,241,109 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$35.48 up to \$91.81.  
 RTS customers using 4,160,317 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$106.75 up to \$276.26.  
 FLS customers using 48,076,466 kWh/mo could expect a monthly increase of \$1,033.18 up to \$2,673.67.  
 SPS and ODL customers could expect monthly increases consistent with PSS and PSP customers using the same kWh/mo. STOD customers could expect monthly increases consistent with TODS customers using the same kWh/mo.

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

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

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

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



The Rockcastle boys and girls indoor track teams competed at Mason County this past Saturday. The RCMS girls' team placed third with a great team performance and many individuals setting new all-time personal bests. The boys' varsity team only had two competitors, but still tied for third with several great individual performances. The varsity girls' team just missed winning, losing by only three to St. Henry. Team members are front from left: Abby Burdette, Jenna Loudermilk, Learnin Reagan, and Jasmine Ashcraft. Back row from left: Natalie Tolle, Jailey Martin, Reina Lykins, Allie Martin, Autumn King, Jessalyn Burton, Bethany Martin, Emma Watson, and Dylan Bullen. Not pictured: Peyton Bowman, Valerie Kendrick, Lila Holt, Maliyah Swinney, Kyle Ashcraft, and Aria French.



At the Mason County indoor track meet on Saturday, the RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team of (left to right) eighth grader Allie Martin, eighth grader Reina Lykins, sophomore Autumn King, and seventh grader Emma Watson combined for an awesome win in the last event of the meet with a fast indoor time of 4:37.78. These incredible athletes are among the best young track athletes in the state and should be state title contenders throughout their careers.

## Rockcastle 4-H Variety Show set for March 22

The Rockcastle County 4-H Variety Show will be held Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Registration deadline is March 20. For rules and guidelines call (606) 256-2403. Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the rules and guidelines.

1. Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. A 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided up into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by January 1, 2018, will be in the senior division.

2. There must 5 participants or more for a Club Act. Club acts have a time limit of 8 minutes.

3. Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act. Other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act.

4. Variety Show participants

may only represent one club and must participate within their own grade and home room.

5. There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act, club or specialty.

6. Please use good judgment on dance routines.

7. An act exceeding the time limit should be permitted to finish but cannot be awarded Champion.

8. Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted.

9. Dramatic readings can be entered as a variety show act.

10. All acts must use the same P.A. system. No act will be allowed to provide their own system.

11. Leaders must take care of their own music. (Have CD set at starting point.)

12. Each school will sit together until time for their acts. Club leaders are responsible for keeping their group together and quiet. Parents should be recruited to help as chaperones.

13. Admission will not be charged.

14. Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension office at (606) 256-2403.

Registration information will include:

- 1.) Name of Act
- 2.) Type of music that will be used (CD, piano, etc)
- 3.) Number in the Act
- 4.) Names of participants, if it is a Specialty Act

### Ribbons Awarded

All acts will receive either a Red or Blue Ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be

given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.

## Archery teams compete at London

The RCMS and RCMS Archery Teams competed in London at the 2018 Martin's Peterbilt Bullseye Challenge on Saturday.

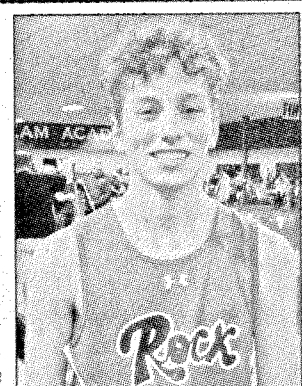
RCMS increased their overall season high team score by 46 points and achieved the second highest score in the history of the school's archery program. Eleven archers scored a 259 or better.

Freshman Kyle Coffey once again had the highest score for the Rockets tying his season high of 276. Gentry Phillips shot his highest score ever with a 275 and led the team in bullseyes with 14. Seniors Joseph Cowan and Sam Brickley remained consistently strong. Joseph scored 272 for the third week in a row followed by a 270 for Sam. Yet again, the top female shooter for RCMS was Maggie Franklin with 267 followed by Brylee Gill with 265. CJ Cameron also shot 265. Leann Tankersley, Jackson Cromer, and Ben Tyler helped out with scores in the 260's. Freshman Camden Mink and Senior Megan Taylor also added to the team's total score: Camden gained his personal best score of the year by shooting a 259. Freshman Naomi Co continues to show remarkable improvement and shot her season high of 245. The freshmen have been vital to the team's success so far this season. Two other freshmen, Jillian Wallin and Brooke Renner, did well on Saturday as they continue to practice hard and make improvements.

For the middle school team, 8th grader TJ Ramsey continued to lead the way coming in 7th out of 132 middle school boys at the tournament. TJ scored 274 and hit the bullseye 14 times. 8th grader Trace Boone had his best performance ever on Saturday shooting a 254. The leading female shooter for RCMS was once more 6th grader Paige Cash with 251 followed by Allison McCoy's 245 and Emily Maupin's 244. Alyssa Martin and Deajeon Dean both shot 243 and achieved their personal best scores on Saturday. Rounding out the top twelve to contribute to the team's total score were Liz Renner, Cayla Marcum, Emily Sturgill, Ethan Cromer, and Jaden Cameron.

The teams will compete on Sunday at Lincoln County High School in the NASP Region 10 tournament.

### RCMS junior Peyton Bowman had one of the best ever indoor meet performances in the history of RCMS boys' track on Saturday at Mason County. In what might very well be a first for an RCMS boy during an indoor season meet at Mason County, Peyton won every event he competed in. He got his incredible day started with a 1st place victory in the 55-meter dash in a new all-time personal best of 7.11 seconds. He followed that with a win in long jump, leaping an impressive 17'11". He dominated the field in his final event, the 400-meter dash, winning with an awesome time of 57.54 seconds. He should have an excellent chance at state titles in each event at the indoor state championships in March.



### "Track"

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qualified when the lead team got confused and handed off the baton a lap early, forcing the next two teams to feel as if they needed to do the same. All three teams were disqualified. Nevertheless, all four girls ran great.

The boys' varsity team only had two competitors, but still tied for 3rd with several great individual performances from the two. Junior Peyton Bowman had one of the best ever indoor meet performances in the history of RCMS boys' track. In what might very well be a first for an RCMS boy during an indoor season meet at Mason County, Peyton won every event he competed in. He got his incredible day started with a 1st place victory in the 55-meter dash in a new all-time personal best of 7.11 seconds. He followed that with a win in long jump, leaping an impressive 17'11". He dominated the field in his final event, the 400-meter dash, winning with an awesome time of 57.54 seconds. He should have an excellent chance at state titles in each event at the indoor state championships in March. Besides Peyton Bowman's three wins, sophomore Dylan Bullen tacked on points in the 1600 and 800-meter runs, despite this being his first meet after recovering from an injury that forced him to take several weeks off. In the 1600, he placed 4th with an awesome time of 5:13.57. In the 800, he also placed 4th with a great time of 2:22.

The varsity girls' team just missed winning, losing by only three to St. Henry. The team was without sophomore Tori Dotson who competed at Vanderbilt University with Team Kentucky and 8th grader Karalinn Loudermilk who was out with the flu. Freshman Hannah Davis has also been out most of the indoor season with an injury. Eighth grade phenom Allie Martin led the way for RCMS with 30.5 points and awesome wins in the 400-meter dash (1:04.66) and long jump (15'5") while placing 2nd in the 55, shattering her all-time personal best in the event with a very fast time of 7.78 seconds. She was only two hundredths of a second away from 1st. Sophomore all-state athlete and state champion Autumn King scored 20.5 points and had an exceptional 1st place victory in triple jump (33'11") with a great early season performance, while also placing 2nd in the 55-meter hurdles (9.93 seconds).

Freshman Jasmine Ashcraft scored 20 points

with several amazing performances in the distance events. She placed 4th in the 1600 (6:06.21), 4th in the 800 (2:46.33), and 1st in the grueling 22.5 lap 3000-meter run (12:03.7), shattering her all-time personal best by approximately 44 seconds.

Multi-talented eighth grader Reina Lykins scored 10.5 points, placing 5th in the 55-meter hurdles (10.18 seconds) with an all-time personal best, and 6th in long jump (13'11.5") with an indoor all-time personal best.

Freshman Valerie Kendrick placed 3rd in shot put with an awesome throw of 30'1". Freshman teammate Jessalyn Burton placed 4th with an exceptional throw of 25'1.5".

Just now starting to get back into shape after a long illness, eighth grader Jailey Martin, last year's indoor state champion, placed 6th in high jump (4'0") despite only a couple of practices so far this season. She placed 4th in triple jump with a great performance of 28'11". She also shattered her all-time personal best in the 55-meter dash (8.87 seconds) and placed 14th in the 800 (3:04.90).

Autumn, Reina, Allie, and Emma combined for an awesome win in the last event of the meet, the 4 x 400-meter relay with a fast indoor time of 4:37.78. Autumn ran an exceptional first leg (1:11) to get the team started, followed by a fast second leg (1:11) from Reina to keep RCMS in contention. Allie ran a blistering third leg (1:06) to help RCMS close the gap and Emma easily pulled away from all competitors, sealing the win with a very fast anchor leg (1:09).

The teams will next compete on February 24 at Mason County.

### "Fatalities"

(Cont. from B1)

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the state's 75 overhead and side-mount dynamic message signs will commend the Commonwealth's progress toward zero fatalities: GOOD JOB KY! HWY DEATHS DOWN IN '17.

"We hope this encourages more motorists to slow down, always wear their seat belt and never drive drunk or distracted," said Hunter. "Let me be clear: While this achievement is to be celebrated, we believe one fatality is too many and are committed to continue working with our local, state and federal highway safety partners until this number is zero."

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



## Tiger Pause

Brodhead Elementary Academic Team will be taking their talents to MVES as they compete in the District Governor's Cup Competition over the weekend. We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments this year. Our BES Academic Team has been an outstanding representation of the students at BES. We would like to congratulate our BES Academic Team on their hard work throughout the year and best of luck in the Governor's Cup Competition.

Pictured above is our Brodhead Elementary Academic Team. Back row from left to right: Haley Fletcher, Danica Wallin, Aaliya Blackburn, Abby DeLeon, Caleb Saylor, Isaiah Phelps, Michael Hargis, Aubree Clark, Daniel Hunsucker, Kaitlyn Carter, and Gracie Burdette. Front row from left to right: Allie Brown, Senthia Sagraves, Jaylen Smith, Stuart Mathews, Kaylee Neal, Moira Neely, Sydney Graves, Kennadie Anderson, and Kathryn Coffey.

BES was also represented by Makenzie Fields in the Rockcastle District Spelling Bee. Makenzie placed 2nd overall in the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Makenzie Fields, a 5th grade student at BES. Makenzie is pictured with Mr. Derrick, at right, receiving a Brodhead Tiger t-shirt.

Brodhead Elementary would like to take this opportunity to send a special thanks to our local business owner Mr. Lee Earl Adams. Thanks for the donation of Valentine cards for our Brodhead students to share with their friends during the February holiday. Thanks again to Mr. Lee Earl Adams for making Valentine's Day just a little sweeter for our Brodhead students.



# CHURCH NEWS

**Free Bible Courses**  
Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

**Let the Bible Speak**  
Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak" with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
\*Celebrate Recovery-

**Brodhead:** Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.

\*Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist every Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.

\*Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies, Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.

\*Broken Chains Bible

**Study** at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.

\*Celebrate Recovery-Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria, Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.

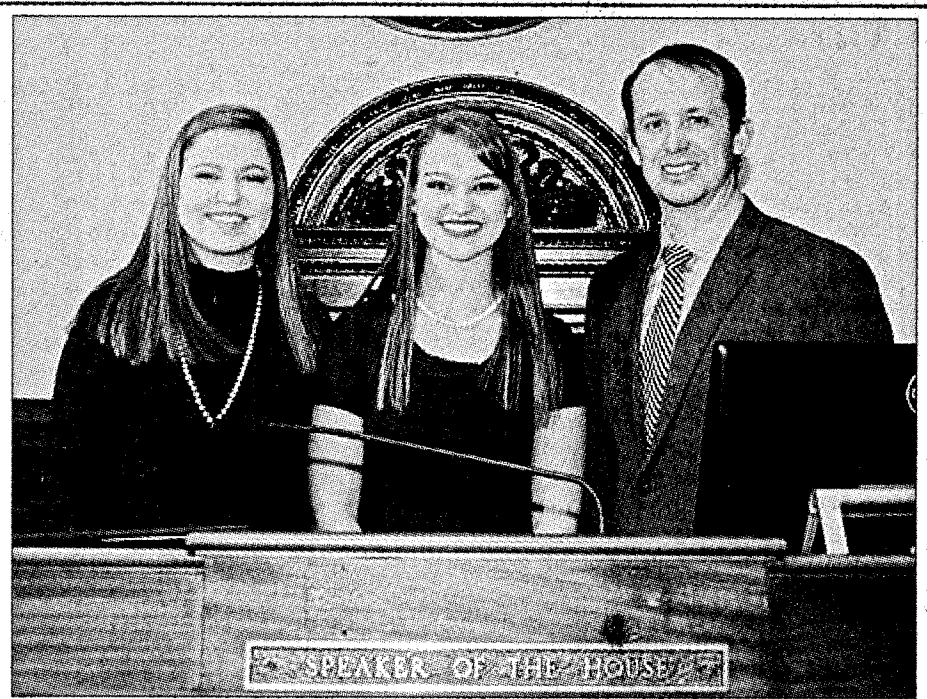
**Special Service**  
Berea Gospel Tabernacle, 231 Berea Road, will have a special meeting, Friday night, Feb. 9th, beginning at 7 p.m. with Bro. Jim Miller speaking.

Pastor Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

**Special Service at First Christian**  
Friday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m., First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will host "The Well."

This will be a worship time for all who wish to come and participate.

For further information, questions or a ride, call 606-256-2876.



On Monday, January 29th, Representative Jonathan Shell hosted Maggie and Valerie Franklin of Rockcastle County, along with their father Shannon Franklin, at the State Capitol in Frankfort during the day's legislative session. Both Maggie and Valerie served as pages for Representative Shell during session. Above, the three met at the Speaker's podium for a photo.

**Mamaw's Kitchen**  
By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**ANN'S SWEET AND SOUR PORK**  
My friendship with Ann began at Berea College in 1970. It has continued during all of our many moves—hers and mine. She lived with Will and me for a while in San Francisco. We toured the area and the city when we weren't working. We even managed a trip to Las Vegas. Ann now lives in Georgia, close enough for frequent visits. She joined me for my first book signing at Berea College in 2010 and continues to join me in 2018.

6 thin pork chops  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 large green pepper sliced into strips  
1 onion sliced into rings  
1 small can chunk pineapple in juice  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
2 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 chicken bouillon cubes  
1/2 cup water  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
Season chops with salt and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet, and brown chops on

each side. Remove from skillet. Add onions and peppers to pan. Cook for 3 minutes. Add chops back to pan. Stir in pineapple and juice, sugar, soy sauce and chicken stock cubes. Bring to boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes or until chops are tender. Mix water with cornstarch. Stir into mixture. Cook 2 minutes longer. Serve over hot rice.

**ANN'S PEACH POUND CAKE**  
1 cup butter, softened  
2 cups sugar  
6 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup sour cream  
3 cups diced peaches, fresh or frozen  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 10-inch fluted tube pan. Cream together butter and sugar in a large bowl. When light and fluffy, add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in almond and vanilla extracts. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream to creamed butter mixture. Fold in peaches. Do not over stir. Spoon into pan. Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes before inverting onto plate. Dust with powdered sugar if desired.

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**An encouraging word:**  
**Where Are We Going?**  
By Howard Coop



That question is relevant any time anyone gets into an automobile, for most of us desire to know the destination. Maybe it is more relevant at another level. Looking at human society we want to know, or at least we should want to know, where we are going.

A young man, struggling to get ahead, said, "I'm not there, but I'm making progress." So, the question is: Are we making progress toward our destination? Now, progress is defined as to "advance toward...a higher or better state." Is that where we are going?

William L. Sullivan was active in the first part of the twentieth century. Looking at the human situation, he wrote, "Progress was the great hope of the eighteenth century. It was regarded as the great achievement of the nineteenth century. It is one of the heaviest delusions of the twentieth." Based on those words, Sullivan did not believe that we were making progress "toward...a higher

## In 2017 Historic number of lives saved by organ donations

2017 was a groundbreaking year in national and local efforts to save lives through organ donation. In the Kentucky region, 2017 marked the second highest number of lives saved. Thanks to 108 heroic organ donors and their families, 361 organs were recovered and transplanted.

330 tissue donors healed thousands of patients.

Nationally, according to preliminary data from from UNOS, 34,768 organ transplants were performed in 2017, provided by both deceased and living donors. This total is a 3.4 percent increase over 2016 and marks the fifth consecutive record-setting year for transplants in the United States. nationally, the number of deceased organ donors surpassed 10,000 for the first time. For the year, organs were recovered from 10,281 donors, representing a 3.1 percent increase over 2016 and an increase of 27 percent since 2007.

More than 1.8 million Kentuckians are registered donors, thanks to the support of circuit court clerks.

"As your circuit court clerk, I am dedicated to serving our community each and every day. Partnering with this lifesaving mission is one of the many ways we can help others. I'm proud of our deputies for asking every person obtaining a license or ID if they would like to donate \$1 to increase education about donation. We also ask everyone to join the Organ Donor Registry. It only takes a moment to say 'yes' and be hope for patients in need," explains Eliza Jane York, Rockcastle Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

In 2017, 2,417 generous Rockcastle County residents donated \$1 for public education about donation. In total 5687 Rockcastle County residents have joined the Organ Donor Registry. All registered donors are a bold symbol of hope to those waiting.

Kentucky's Registry rate has grown quickly in recent years due to strategic public education efforts and new regional training programs. This year's trainings featured keynote speakers Derek Fitzgerald, heart recipient and

IRONMAN and Shannon Adkins, donor mom. Eight trainings were held in four cities across the commonwealth—Owensboro, Frankfort, Paintsville and Somerset. Nearly 700 people attended representing 85 circuit court clerk's offices.

Since Fitzgerald received the gift that saved his life in 2011, he has used his strong heart to accomplish amazing things and honor his donor family. "Eight months after the heart transplant, I finished my very first 5K. Over the past five years, I've finished over 80 endurance events, including a bicycle ride across the country and five full IRONMAN triathlons."

For Adkins, keeping the memory of her son Keegan alive is of utmost importance and she enjoys sharing him with others. Keegan was able to save lives as an organ donor.

"This year, I began a new journey. One where Keegan will guide my every step," said Adkins, who now works as a philanthropy officer. "I truly thank the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life and Kentucky Organ Donor affiliates for allowing me this opportunity to support donor and recipient families and educate others about the lifesaving mission of organ donation. God works in mysterious ways."

"Although we may not be able to save a person's life today, we are able to give hope simply by registering as a donor," explains York. "Each day, 22 patients will lose their fight, and their life, waiting. Everyone can be hope. Together, we can end the wait."

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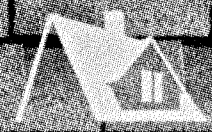
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