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William A Emmerson, 60, of Lancaster, Melonie Reyes, 45, of Somerset and Jennifer Bishop, 29, of Brodhead were all killed in a three car crash on US 150 last Thursday afternoon. Dana Owens, 61, of Crab Orchard was also injured when the car driven by Emmerson crossed the center line and struck the other two vehicles. The highway was closed for several hours as rescue workers cleared the scene and reconstructed the accident.

Three killed in Hwy. 150 3-car crash last Thursday

By: Mike French
Editor

US 150 was closed for nearly seven hours last Thursday, February 13th, after a three vehicle accident which took the life of three people.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, the accident occurred just after 2 p.m. near Mareburg and first responders and recon-

struction workers were not able to clear the scene until nearly 9 p.m.

The report says a car, driven by William A. Emmerson, 60, of Lancaster, was traveling east on US 150 (toward Mt. Vernon) when he lost control of his vehicle and crossed the center line of the highway. Police did not say why Emmerson lost control.

The vehicle then collided with a westbound

2007 Pontiac driven by 61-year-old Dana Owens of Crab Orchard and a 1998 Toyota driven by 29-year-old Jennifer Bishop of Brodhead who was also headed west.

Once on the scene, police closed the road and began reconstructing the accident and rerouting traffic.

Emmerson and his passenger Melonie Reyes, 45, of Somerset, and Bishop were all pro-

nounced dead at the scene by the Rockcastle County Coroner. Owens survived with only minor injuries.

The road was reopened after several hours. Kentucky State Police Detective Dackery Larkey is investigating the incident.

Larkey was assisted at the scene by several local emergency response departments personnel.

Pedestrian struck and killed on I-75

By: Mike French
Editor

According to a Kentucky State Police report, a pedestrian was struck and killed on I-75 in Rockcastle County last week.

Joshua P Spillman, 33, of Clarksville, Indiana, was pronounced dead at the scene last Thursday morning around 5 o'clock.

The report says Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer Eric Stallworth responded to a call about the crash near mile marker 63 in Rockcastle County.

Upon arrival at the scene, officers found 44 year-old Anthony Housewright, of Mount Carmel, Tennessee, was

operating a Freightliner tractor-trailer north bound when he struck Spillman.

The report does not say if Spillman was on the roadway or the emergency lane, but news reports say Spillman was struck in the northbound lanes. The report also says drugs and alcohol are not suspected to be factors in the accident.

Spillman was pronounced dead at the scene by the Rockcastle County Coroner and Officer Stallworth is continuing the investigation.

Several local emergency response personnel assisted Stallworth at the scene.

The accident came on the same day as a three-car crash that killed three people on US 150 about eight hours later.

Meth located inside local jail

By: Mike French
Editor

According to officials, keeping drugs out of a jail is a constant battle for deputies and jailers across the nation and Rockcastle County is no exception.

Deputies at the Rockcastle County Detention Center last week overheard inmates talking about another female inmate who had methamphetamine in her possession, according to an arrest citation post arrest complaint.

The complaint says inmates were overheard saying they were waiting on Penny Caldwell, 52, of Mount Vernon, to return to the isolation cell with what they suspected to be meth.

Deputies received approval from Jailer Nathan Carter to search inmates for possession of drugs using a mobile x-ray de-

vice. During the search, other deputies searched the isolation cell and meth

(See "Jail" on A6)

Ten years ago

Ten years ago this week, Congressman Hal Rogers announced \$712,500 would be used to widen I-75 in an area of Rockcastle County from four to six lanes.

City Council

The Mount Vernon City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Correction

The 2020-21 Rockcastle County School Calendar, in last week's issue, should have listed fall break as October 2-5 and the Thanksgiving holiday as November 25-27.

Farmer's/Business Banquet

Don't forget the Farmer's/Business Banquet, with special guest Tim Farmer. The annual event is planned for March 5th. For more information call (606) 256-2525

Two arrested

Local road rage ends in gunfire

By: Mike French
Editor

An apparent road rage incident, on I-75 south in Rockcastle County Sunday, February 9, included trash and water bottles being thrown on the roadway, a car being rammed in the rear end, a truck rammed in the door, shots fired into a car and two arrests.

According to slightly conflicting citations, a small car, driven by Joseph Gayman, 34, of Athen, Kentucky, and a pick up truck driven by Brad Smith, 36, of Ashland, were involved in two separate crashes and several incidents before police were called.

Though accounts of the incident differ slightly, both were arrested and charged with first degree wanton endangerment.

However, the two accounts agree on some of the incidents that occurred, beginning when Gayman apparently passed Smith's tractor-trailer in the emergency lane and then reentered I-75.

Smith claims he was attempting to get near enough to Gayman's car to get a license number when Gayman hit his

brakes causing Smith to ram the back of Gayman's car. However, Gayman claims he did not hit his brakes before being rammed in the rear by the truck.

Both accounts agree that Gayman threw trash and water bottles at Smith's truck out of his car as the two traveled down the interstate. Both also agree that Smith's truck hit Gayman's car in the rear, that Gayman's car later rammed the side of Smith's truck. and that,

Brenda seeking re-election

R. Travis Brenda has filed as a Republican candidate seeking re-election to the Kentucky House of Representatives, District 71, covering Garrard, Rockcastle, and part of Madison County.

Brenda is a 1996 graduate of Berea College with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education, and ECU with a Master's degree in Instructional Leadership (2003) and a Master's degree in Mathematics Education (2009).

He is currently in his 21st year of teaching at Rockcastle County High School. During that time, he has served as a teacher member of the SDBM

during a high speed chase, Smith pulled a gun and shot at Gayman's car.

Once the shots were fired, Gayman says his vehicle became disabled and he pulled off the road and he and his girlfriend ran into a wooded area.

Police were apparently called 30 to 35 minutes later by Smith, who had turned his truck around at exit 49 and headed back north.

Gayman told police he and his girlfriend exited the woods, and walked

back towards the interstate, when they saw Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Kirk Mays' emergency lights.

No injuries were reported throughout the incident but both men were arrested and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where each posted a \$10,000 bond.

Livingston Gym is local success story

By: Mike French
Editor

According to Livingston Mayor Jason Medley, officials and citizens in the City of Livingston are enjoying some success in several different areas recently.

As local residents have noticed, the new Family Dollar has been a huge success reporting nearly as much business as similar stores in more populated areas. And the Marathon Station that was expected to open by Memorial Day is reported to be well ahead of schedule.

Also, the Depot, in the middle of town, holds musical entertainment events bringing visitors to the town each week.

But one of the biggest success stories involves the Livingston School Gymnasium that was recently refurbished and opened for many activities.

With the help of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the gym now boasts a new scoreboard, a new volleyball court, a scorekeepers box and new lighting.

Medley says he and the county are constantly working to improve the gym. "The gym is finally doing what we had envisioned from the beginning," he said. "We are constantly upgrading and creating a modernized facility for many different groups or events."

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R. Travis Brenda

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There is stuff you learn as a younger fellow that is just pretty much useless in your later life. It's sort of a shame to have knowledge about a subject that you just can't use for any purpose.

My little brain only holds a certain amount of information anyway so when I fill it with stuff that can't possibly benefit me or my family it just seems like such a waste of needed space.

Working in tobacco comes to mind. I know how my dad set the seeds and covered them and started them out. I know it's tempting to grab a handful of once when you "pull plants." But you can't grab but one at a time or later you will suffer when you're on the setter and curse yourself.

I know not to fill the water tank all the way up or you will become soaked in chemicals as you are riding behind the tractor on the setter.

I know the top rail is the least amount of work when "hanging" tobacco and, if you aren't afraid of heights, that's where to be. I also know how much fun it is to put the beginner on the bottom rail and see how completely covered he is with "shake" at the end of the day.

I know how to recognize when tobacco is "in case" and ready to strip.

I know how to separate grades and how to find the right leaf to "tie hands" the old fashioned way.

Unless you have done it, most of that probably doesn't make sense. But if you have, you know

exactly what I mean.

The problem is, with the war on tobacco and my age and lack of barn-climbing-agility, what good does that knowledge do me?

Also, I know that the .22 bullet has to be dead center between the hog's eyes or you will struggle when trying to slice its throat. Yes, that's gross, but that's how we killed hogs back in the day.

I know the water in the barrel had to be near boiling to scrape the hair or there would be tiny hairs in the meat later.

I know you can't have any meat whatsoever in with the chunks of fat that you render into lard, or the lard won't be pure white.

I know that the tiniest stem left, when you hand rub the sage, will stick you later when you eat the sausage.

Again, sitting in this office at my computer, I don't have a lot of need for knowing how to butcher a hog.

Also, I feel pretty confident when I say I don't feel like a bad father if I don't teach my daughter and my sons about tobacco and hog killing.

If there is anything I am pretty certain of, it's that I will not see them in a tobacco barn or a hog lot.

Back then, my father took such pride and joy in making sure his son knew those things. He seemed proud that I took an interest in them and could have done it by myself if I had a need to do so.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



As early as the spring of 1960, I've heard old timers argue whether peas should be planted on February 14 or February 15. My mom always said she planted hers on Valentine's Day, unless it fell on a Sunday, in which case, she postponed her pea planting date until the 15th. Last week, yet another small flurry of old timers were engaged in a facebook discussion as to whether the 14th or 15th was the proper date. My dad would have said it didn't matter, because both dates were at least a month too early to be planting anything, unless you had way too much time on your hands and way more seeds than you really needed.

Still, mostly because it's an old family tradition, I have dutifully planted a small patch of snow peas or sugar snaps on Valentine's Day during those years when the weather was warm enough to do so without much risk of frostbitten toes and fingers. Valentine's Day, 2019 was such a year. On the same date in 2020 (last week), my planned pea patch was frozen over hard enough to skate on and the same condition persisted on February 15. I figure that, since I couldn't memorialize my mother, it'll be okay to adhere to my dad's opinion and wait until mid March when my brother, Andy, fires up the tiller. At least that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

On the other hand, I would not be at all surprised to find out that my brother, Keith (Keeter), used a pick ax to break the ice and actually got some peas planted last Friday. Keeter's father in law, the late Dock Mitchell, has been known to rake snow off his garden there at Redstar (Letcher County) on Valentine's Day, drop pea seeds on top of the frozen ground and then cover them with bagged potting soil or "brought on" compost. On more than one occasion, Keeter has made special trips to the farm supply store in Whitesburg to accommodate both his own and Dock's Valentine pea planting determination.

I have had better luck planting very early peas with two varieties. Dwarf gray sugar snow peas only grow to three feet tall and it's not necessary to trellis them. Sugar snap peas have a much plumper, round pod with larger seeds, but the vines will grow to six feet and trellising them is essential. For my taste, they are worth the extra effort.

By far, the best, easiest to grow and most reliable variety of peas that I have ever encountered is called Oregon sugar pod II. The vines only grow to about 30 inches and need no trellising. The pods are very tender but a tad smaller than long-vined, trellised, varieties like mammoth melting sugar. Oregon

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Satisfying a Craving

Dear Journal, I've been craving some really good homemade potato salad for over two weeks and today my craving was satisfied. You know how it is when you really want a certain food to eat and you can eat a side of beef and all of the trimmings but you still aren't satisfied. None of that store-bought or restaurant potato salad would do, it had to be homemade and the kind Mom used to make.

I've heard that if you crave a certain thing, your body is needing some kind of vitamin or mineral found in it. I don't know about all that but it is as good of an excuse as any. I've learned through the years that you might as well go ahead and eat whatever you crave because you won't be satisfied until you get it. Worse than that, some people crave something and they don't know what it is. Stanley does that from time to time.

A few days ago I had a

craving for glazed donuts over in Somerset. We were driving along and from out of nowhere, there was an Amon's (I think) bakery. It was attached to a gas station. Stanley got fuel and I went to the bakery. Oh, my God! There were numerous kinds of pastries. It was enough for a dia-

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about the loss of your son that you told about in your column; and I felt bad when you lost your (best) friend, Buddy Cox. So when I got my new membership request for the Arbor Day Foundation, I decided to have three trees planted in your name, Todd's name, and for Buddy Cox."

The author of this gift seems to know me well, as I have written a number of times about trees, my beloved son, and my faithful life-long friend. It is obvious that he or she understands my grief concerning the loss of my son and my best friend. It is also evident that my love of nature, and especially for trees, has not been overlooked by this loyal reader of this column in the Signal. The enclosed card from the Arbor Day Foundation explained why this gift will make a lasting difference. "Your trees are being planted in one of our National Forests, home to such noble creatures as lynx, grizzly bears, wolves, bald eagles, trumpeter swans, and hundreds of other creatures."

This gift is especially relevant because of the current problems with climate change and recent unprecedented forest fires. It is very important to me that the plant-

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DAR sponsors grant for classroom teachers

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant program.

This grant program was established in 2017 and provides fifty-one \$500 grants to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide.

Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must be endorsed by a local DAR chapter, and complete the grant award application.

Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for

supplies, guest speakers, off campus fieldtrips and educational resources, but applicant must show how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

Mrs. Holly Robinson, a RCHS history teacher was one of the 2019 recipients of this grant. She received her grant on the basis of her project of incorporating reading texts on Appalachian and Native American history into her curriculum to promote reading skills and to use the texts to educate students about portions of America's history and culture that they can't gain from a textbook.

This grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years. Appli-

cation forms for 2020 are now available February 15 through March 25. Any classroom teacher wishing to apply please contact Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com.

"Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

But in today's world, I just don't have a lot of days when I need to run out by the barn and kill something.

Honestly, I do know there are a lot of people who still do these things. In fact, I go to an old farmer friend nearly every winter and pick up some hog meat. I just like the taste of fresh hog meat so much better than "store bought" pork. It's completely different.

The best meat I have ever tasted, still had body heat in the meat when we put the tenderloin in the skillet. Nothing on earth tasted better to me.

Once it is frozen, or packaged, or preserved, it completely changes the taste and what we called the "wild taste" is gone from the meat.

But, unless Democrats get their way, I expect society will continue and I will never have a need to go "off the grid" and live off the land.

Kroger, Save-A-Lot and Dollar Stores are my hog lots and tobacco barns now.

I wonder what I teach my children these days, that they will never need. They will look back and think "what a waste of time that was."

Or, maybe they will be like me.

I think all that stuff I learned was such a waste but at the same time, I wouldn't trade the world and all it holds for a moment of riding that setter with my mother or a single moment of the chatter and laughter as we guys stretched across those barn rails.

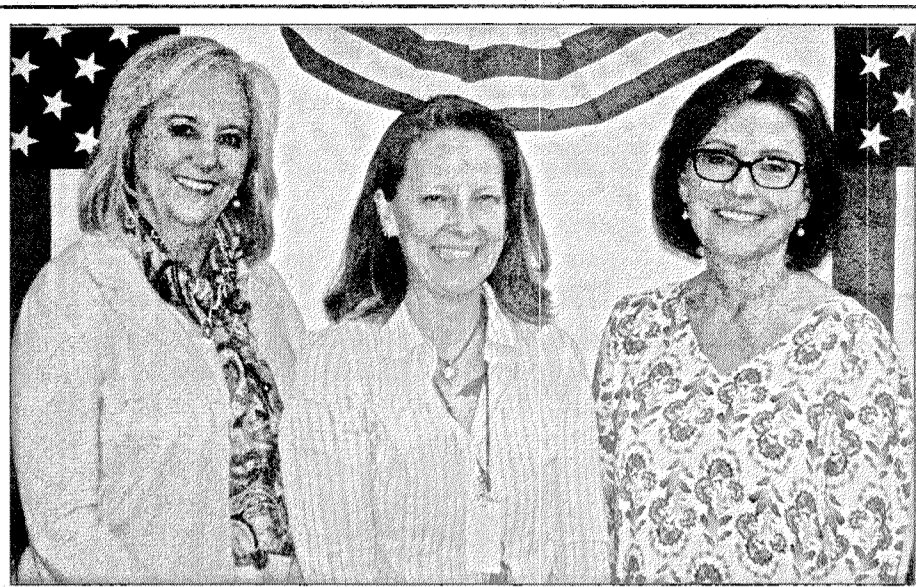
Maybe those lessons were about a lot more than tobacco or hogs.

Maybe they were about family. And life. And the value of a day's work. And pride in accomplishments. And receiving rewards for efforts. And earning our own way...And that God provides from the sweat of our brow.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

ing of these trees will, in a small way, help our recovering but diminished forests—which belong to all of us. The planting of a single tree may be seen a small act, but it is not. It is a consequential act with



Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR welcomed new members with an oath of membership ceremony on February 3rd. Pictured are: Lana Crawford, Holly Robinson and Melinda Blair



Jennifer Mattingly (center) was sworn in as the Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR's Recording Secretary on February 3rd. Pictured are: Chaplain, Natalie Taylor, Jennifer Mattingly and Chapter Regent, Karen Adams.

unknown horizons.

The sender of this wonderful gift also explained that the Arbor Day Foundation will probably let me know precisely where the trees will be planted. I hope that is true. It would be so awesome to visit that particular forest knowing that three trees were planted there as a memorial gift to Todd, Buddy, and me.

It would, however, not be the first tree planted in honor of my precious son. When Todd was killed, the principal of his high school informed me that a tree had been planted on the property, along with a brass plate explaining that it was in memory of Todd Griffin. (His locker was also sealed with a similar brass plate.) It is an honor that Todd would have appreciated since he, too, loved nature and being in the woods.

I am so thankful that my readers continue to stay in touch and are so thoughtful about the things that mean so much to me. I know my son and Buddy would feel the same as I do about this most thoughtful and truly priceless gift. I feel honored to be the recipient of such a lasting gift.

Thank you, dear anonymous reader, for your kindness of spirit, your personal generosity, and for sharing your love of the Lord's creation with a fellow traveler on this earth. I pray that the Lord will return the blessing that you have given to me.

"T. J.'s"

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betic coma. I managed to get out of there with only two, and ate only part of them and saved the rest. I got a cinnamon pastry and a peanut butter brownie. Never did decide which was the best. That peanut butter brownie was so rich, you couldn't have eaten it all without being sick. We did some house cleaning today and I decided to make the potato salad for supper. We swept and mopped the floors, did laundry, cleaned the bathroom, cleaned the kitchen cabinets and counters. Where is one of those "Will work for food" people when you need one? I fed good today. For breakfast I made eggs, bacon and biscuits. For supper I made chicken livers and onions, peas and Mom's potato salad. There was apple pie (sugar free) for dessert. There is enough leftovers for tomorrow night.

I know several potato salad recipes but this one is the best. The secret is how you cook the potatoes. Mom would have been proud. Thanks, Mom.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

sugar pods will also tolerate heat better than other varieties and can easily be

planted up to mid April. I don't even think about planting any other late pea variety for a fall crop. You can find them at almost any place that sells seeds.

Last year we also grew a variety from Bakers Creek Seed Company that was touted as the largest snow pea ever. I can't recall the exact name and, at this writing, their website is down, but I do intend to order seeds again this week. I already have half a pound of Oregon sugar pod II seeds, but Andy and I are firm believers that variety is the spice of life. Baker's Creek did not disappoint.

If you intend to plant peas, make absolute certain that you are planting a snap or snow pea variety with tender, edible, hulls. There are numerous varieties of peas out there that are only meant to be shelled. I have no idea why anybody, other than The Jolly Green Giant, would want to grow them because they are far more trouble, in my humble opinion, than they are worth.

If you have any doubts about what you are attempting to grow, ask an experienced gardener if the seeds are tough hulls. If the seed package says "snow peas" they will be tender hulls, as will "snap peas". In any event, if you haven't grown snow or snap peas, you are missing out on one of the greatest delights a vegetable garden has to offer.

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Hospice Hop: 50s Rock-n-Roll

The Hospice Hop, a 50s Rock-n-Roll event will be held Friday, March 27th, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Silver Eagle. It will be a night of live music, dancing and much more. Music will be provided by the Wild River Band. There will be classic cars, a cake walk, silent auction, an Elvis impersonator and a 50s costume contest. All guests will receive a free ice-cream float in a souvenir cup. \$20 per person. Tickets online at hospicecareplus.org or at the door. All proceeds benefit Hospice Care Plus. For more information/questions, call 859-986-1500.

DBCAA Board Meeting

The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency will hold a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Hot Rod Sign-Ups

Hot Rod T-Ball sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post Item

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Obituaries

Jennifer Amanda Bishop

Jennifer Amanda (Horn) Bishop, 28, of Brodhead, wife of Donovan, died Thursday, February 13, 2020. She was born August 15, 1991 in Somerset, to the late Jim Horn and Susie (Burke) Horn. She married Donovan Bishop on December 29, 2016, was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church, enjoyed 4-wheeling, fishing, hunting, and being outdoors.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Donovan Bishop; two sisters, Marisa (Chris) Albright of Mt. Vernon and Jamie (Jason) Smith of Titusville, FL; two brothers, Jim (Susan) Horn, Jr. of Georgetown, and Bryan Horn of Owensboro; two brothers-in-law, Jonathan (Autumn) Gadd and Justin Bishop; one sister-in-law, Melissa Bishop; her mother, Susie Horn of Brodhead; father-in-law, Shannon Bishop; mother-in-law, Connie Gadd; and nieces and nephews, Olivia, Jordan, and Emilee Albright, Logan and Caylie Smith, Camden and Brantley Bishop, Makina and Aiden Gadd, and Harmony and Braiden Gaines.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jim Horn. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 17, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was in Negro Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Chris Albright, Jason Smith, John Hankins, Chris Thompson, Zach Begley, and Kyle Marlow.

Condolences to the family may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Shirley McClure

Shirley McClure, 84, of Sand Springs, died Sunday, February 16, 2020 at his residence. He was born August 16, 1935 in Sand Springs, to the late Johnny and Fannie (Vance) McClure. He worked for the KY State Highway Department for 30 years, was a member of the Blue Springs Church of Christ, enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and farming, and spending time with his family.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Dean (Debbie) McClure, Charlotte McClure, Gloria Day, and Sheila McClure, all of Mt. Vernon; a step-son, Jamie McClure; seven grandchildren, Stephanie (Gary) Robbins, Angela Day of Brodhead, Natasha McClure of Stanford, Charles (Morgan) Day of Crab Orchard, Shane McClure of Mt. Vernon, Briana McClure of Mt. Vernon, Hunter McClure of Mt. Vernon, and Dominic McClure of Brodhead; 12 great grandchildren, Lacey and Sarah Robinson, Abby and Gracey Day, Madison Morgan, Kaylee Collins, Morgan, Makenzie, and Kyra Crain, Charlie, Layken, and Tatum Day; two brothers, Zade McClure and Delno (Linda) McClure, both of Mt. Vernon.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Connie (Hays) McClure; two great grandchildren, Jazmine and Aubrey Morgan; brother, Sherman McClure; and sisters, Rose Mary McClure, Etta McClure Evans, Bernice McClure Fish, Bernice McClure Rice and Freda McClure Phelps.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Marcus Reppert officiating. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Melonie Mae Reyes

Melonie Mae Reyes, 45, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, February 13, 2020. She was born September 16, 1974 in Berea, the daughter of Douglas Lewis of Richmond, and Linda Baker Proctor of Mt. Vernon. She worked in food service, enjoyed spending time with children, drawing, reading, taking long rides, and was a member of the Victory Christian Outreach Church in Richmond.

Survivors besides her parents are: one son, Jazmanie Reyes of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Tiffany Jade Lewis, and Aurora Reyes, both of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Christopher Lewis of Raleigh, NC; one grandchild, Braden Kendrick; two nieces; two great nieces; and two great nephews. She was preceded in death by one sister, Regina Morgan, and her grandparents.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Travis Gilbert officiating. Burial was in Riddle Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Zack Baker, Anthony Traylor, Butch Lunsford, John Harding, Jared Harding, Ben Powell, Donnie Coffey, and Jesse Coffey.

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

Lola Mae Barnett

Lola Mae Barnett, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 17, 2020, at the UK Bluegrass Hospice Care Center in Lexington. She was born May 31, 1935 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Willie and Lucy (Milburn) Overbay. She was a member of the Fair Ground Hill Holiness Church. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, fishing, reading her Bible, watching WLJC, working in her flower garden, quilting, and doll making.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Donnie (Lisa) Barnett of Berea, Ronnie (Nina) Barnett of Livingston, Debbie Hunt (Jim Patterson) of Mt. Vernon, Ricky Barnett of Mt. Vernon, Doug (Crystal) Russell of Danville, and Brenda (Denis) Barnett of Mt. Vernon; 12 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; four sisters, Willene, Pauline, Rosetta, and Louise; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Glen Edward Barnett; a son, Jeffrey Barnett; one sister, Viola; and two brothers, Everett Overbay and Elzie Overbay.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 22 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Steve Robinson officiating. Burial will follow in Oakhill Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Nelson Blake Barnett, Byron Everett Abney, Little Donnie Jr., Jeffrey Brummett, Andrew Brummett, Anthony Brummett, and honorary casketbearer, Barry Adams.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Judy Baker Allen

Judy Baker Allen, "JuJu", 70, of Harrodsburg, mother of Amy Davis and Wes Baker, died Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Born January 11, 1950, in Berea, she was the daughter of the late Arlie and the late Dorothy May (Morris) Renner.

She was an LPN, and a dog breeder for many years. She was a member of the National Association of Louisiana Catahoula (NALC) and the Immanuel Baptist Church.

She is survived by: a daughter, Amy (Will) Davis and a son, William Westley Baker, both of Harrodsburg; a sister, Sheila Hurst of Brodhead; a brother, Arlie Renner, Jr. of Mt. Vernon; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her late husband, William Larry Baker and her sister, Vicky Barnes.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Red Hill Church in Livingston.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Red Hill Church by Harold Best. Burial will follow in Red Hill Church Cemetery in Livingston.

Pallbearers are: Chris Baker, Will Davis, William Westley Baker, Trent Davis, Zach Belding and Josh Belding.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

Sharon "Sherri" Bartley

Sharon "Sherri" Dailey Bartley, 74, of Carrollton, died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at her home in Carrollton. She was born on February 23, 1945 in Chicago, Cook County, IL, the daughter of the late Everett Dailey and Cordella Dowell Dailey Williams. After her high school graduation, she went on to attend Berea College and the University of Louisville. After moving to Carrollton she had owned a dress shop and served as a Partner and Broker of Bartley Real Estate & Associates, LLC. She loved to play the piano and had served for several years as the Carrollton Christian Church Organist. She was a member of the Carrollton Christian Church where she served as church treasurer, church trustee and finance chairperson. She had been active in the church choir for many years. She was a member of the Carrollton Women's Club and Girl Scouts of America.

She is survived by: her husband, Frank Bartley of Carrollton; a daughter and son-in-law, Katrina (Jason) Baute of Carrollton; and two grandchildren, Cecilia Rose Baute and Scarlett Rae Baute.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Dixie Wood.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Carrollton Christian Church with Rev. Tammie Douglas officiating.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, February 20, from 5 - 8 p.m. at Carrollton Christian Church and from 9 - 11 a.m. on Friday, February 21, at the church. Burial will be in Merritt Cemetery in Mount Vernon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Carrollton Christian Church Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home.

Barry Lee McClure

Barry Lee McClure, 62, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Janet, died Thursday, February 13, 2020, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was born March 12, 1957 in Anchorage, Alaska to Fred Lee McClure and the late Lorene Owens McClure. As a young teenager, he began working in construction with his grandfather and throughout his life he built many churches, banks, and homes for and with many friends and families throughout the community of Rockcastle County. He

attended Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ in Mt. Vernon. He married Janet Bussell on October 31, 1976, and from that union came three children, Mickey, Dusty, and Tiffany. His hobbies included vegetable gardening, canning, and watching his beloved Wildcats and Reds, pitching horseshoes where he won many tournaments throughout the state of Kentucky, but his greatest joy was following his kids and grandkids playing sports for many years.

He is survived by: his wife of 43 years, Janet (Bussell) McClure; children, Mickey L. McClure of Mt. Vernon, Dustin E. (Kim) McClure of Mt. Vernon, and Tiffany J. McClure of Louisville; his pride-and-joy, grandchildren, Chayse McClure, Addison McClure, Maddux McClure and Greyson McClure; his father, Fred Lee McClure; two sisters, Beverlee Lynne (Roger) McGuire, and Cheryl Layne McClure, both of Mt. Vernon; uncle, Junior Owens; lifelong friend, Joe Deatherage; and many nieces, nephews, work crews over the years, horseshoe pitching partners, and running around buddies.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lorene (Owens) McClure and his grandparents, Amos "Poppa" and Bessie Owens.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tommy Bussell, Lee Deatherage, Chris McHargue, Brandon Falin, Mike Bussell, Chayse McClure, Maddux McClure, Greyson McClure, and Devon Bussell.

Condolences to the family may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Garry Clinton Noe

Garry Clinton Noe, 73, of Somerset, died Friday, February 14, 2020 at the UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was born December 31, 1946 in Berea, to the late John Melvin Noe and Marian Owens Noe.

He was of the Baptist faith and attended Barnesburg Baptist Church. He was a member of The Grand Lodge of Kentucky and Lodge #111 of Somerset. He loved fishing, antique cars, long walks on the beach, going to flea markets, loved talking and never met a stranger, and loved spending time with his foster children.

He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Georgia M. Noe.

He is survived by: his wife of seven years, Martha Crowder-Noe; daughters, Virginia Lee (Rickie) Bullock of Somerset and Carolyn Sue (Tracy) Caldwell of Mt. Vernon; stepchildren, Amanda Crowder, Jennifer (Michael) Daugherty of North Carolina, and Larry (JoElla) Crowder of Somerset; brother, John Lee Noe of Ohio; two step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held (today) Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Southern Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Jordan Burke officiating. Burial will be in Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Southern Oaks Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

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SPORTS

Lady Rockets beat Warhawks, Indians and Golden Lions

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets journeyed to Richmond last Thursday night to take on the Madison Central Lady Indians and came away with a big win 68-40, their 20th of the season against only six losses.

It was an easy win for the Rockets with junior Casey Coleman leading the way with 16 points; freshman Keelee King got 15 points, including three three point baskets; freshman Hallie Brown and senior Kenzi Himes each scored eight points; junior Lindsey Jones got seven; senior Shelby Newland scored six points; sophomore Addison McClure hit a three basket and senior Bailee Allen got two points.

The Lady Rockets led the entire game, up 17-8 at the end of the first quarter; 34-17 at the half and 48-29 at the third quarter stop.

The Rockets only got to shoot seven free throws in the game but hit six of them while the Lady Indians had

14 attempts but only made good on eight. The Rockets also hit seven three point shots to the Indians two.

Monday night, at home for Senior Night against the Great Crossing Lady Warhawks of Scott County, the Lady Rockets picked up their 21st win of the season 78-68.

The Rockets led at all the quarter stops and were led in scoring by King with 23 points. She was also 7/9 from three point range and had five rebounds. Himes got 19 points and seven rebounds; Coleman had 16 points, seven rebounds and seven assists; Jones nine; Brown seven, along with six rebounds and six assists and Newland got four points.

The Rockets hit eight threes in the game but the Warhawks bested them with ten. The Rockets were 10/13 from the charity strip to the Warhawks 8/12.

Tuesday night, the

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Keelee King drives past a defender in the Lady Rockets' 78-68 win over Great Crossing Monday night. King hit seven threes and led her team with 23 points in the victory.



Kenzi Himes fights for a rebound in the Lady Rockets' 78-68 win over Great Crossing Monday night. Himes had 19 points in the victory.

Lost 19th to Jaguars Tuesday

Rockets fall to Bobcats and Jaguars

It didn't take long into the varsity game Friday night, at Bell County High School, for Rocket fans to figure out that it was going to be a long night.

The 11-14 Bobcats started off the game with a roar, outscoring the Rockets 22-6 in the first quarter and things never improved as it was 35-13 at the half and 54 to 27 at the third quarter stop.

The Rockets didn't help themselves at the free throw line, only hitting 11 of 20 to the Bobcats 16 of 22. And, from the three point line, the Rockets hit three, all by sophomore Daniel Mullins, to the Bobcats five.

Mullins led the scoring for the Rockets with 17

points; senior Logan Noel and sophomore Drew Hopkins got eight each; eighth grader Will Bishop scored six; sophomore Reese Coguer got four and sophomore Jake Sanders scored two points.

RCHS JV 51
BCHS JV 46

The Rockets Jayvee team fared somewhat better against the Bobcats, winning 51-46.

It was a pretty close game all the way with the Rockets up 12-11 at the first quarter stop, 26-24 at the half and 36-32 at the third quarter stop.

Coguer led the scoring with 13 points; Sanders got

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47th District Tournament begins next week at RCHS

The 47th District Basketball Tournament will get underway at RCHS Monday night, February 24th with a 6 p.m. game between the second and third seeded teams, the Lady Rockets and the Lady Warriors from Pulaski County.

The first seeded Lady Rebels from Casey County will play the Lady Briarjumper from Somerset in the second game Monday night.

Tuesday night, February 25th, the Rockets will take on Pulaski County in the opening game at 6 o'clock, followed by a game between first seeded Somerset and Casey County.

The girls championship game will be played Wednesday night, the 26th, beginning at 7 o'clock and the boys championship game will be played Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

The 12th Region Tournament for the boys will be held at Pulaski County beginning March 2nd and the girls regionals will be held at Lincoln County also beginning March 2nd.

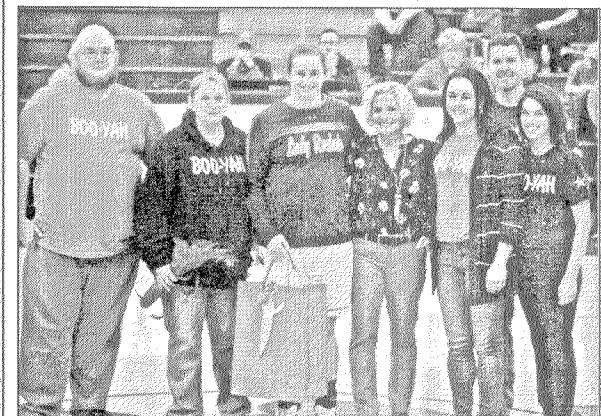


Shelby Newland applies defense in the Lady Rockets' 78-68 win over Great Crossing Monday night.

Seniors honored



RCHS Lady Rockets honored their seniors before their final regular season home game Monday night. Shown above is senior Bailee Allen, with her parents, Darren and Danetta and brother, Ben. Also pictured is head coach Chrysti Noble.



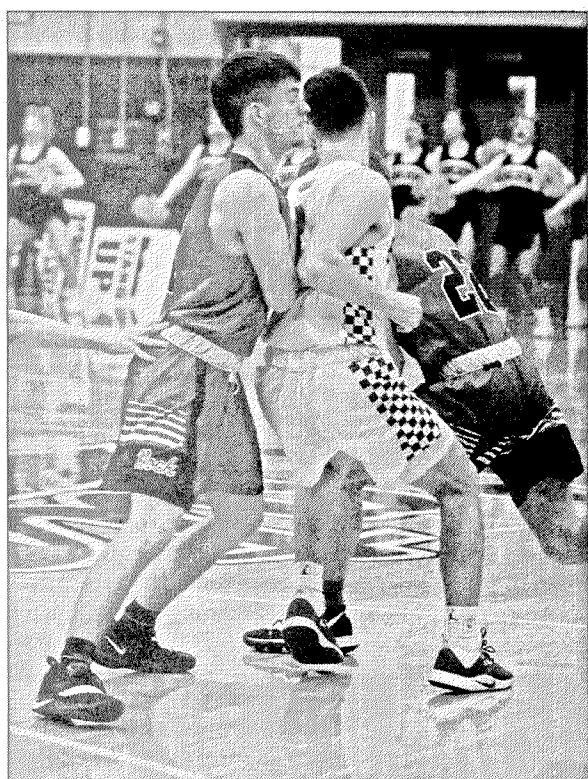
Senior Kenzi Himes is escorted by: her mom, Sandy Himes; her sisters, Chrissy Cash and Wendy King; her brother-in-law, David and brother, Danny.



Senior Shelby Newland, escorted by: her Nana, Linda McCracken; her mom, Angela Kirby; her sister, Ashley; her aunt, Jennifer Hayes, and her cousins, Evan and Eli.



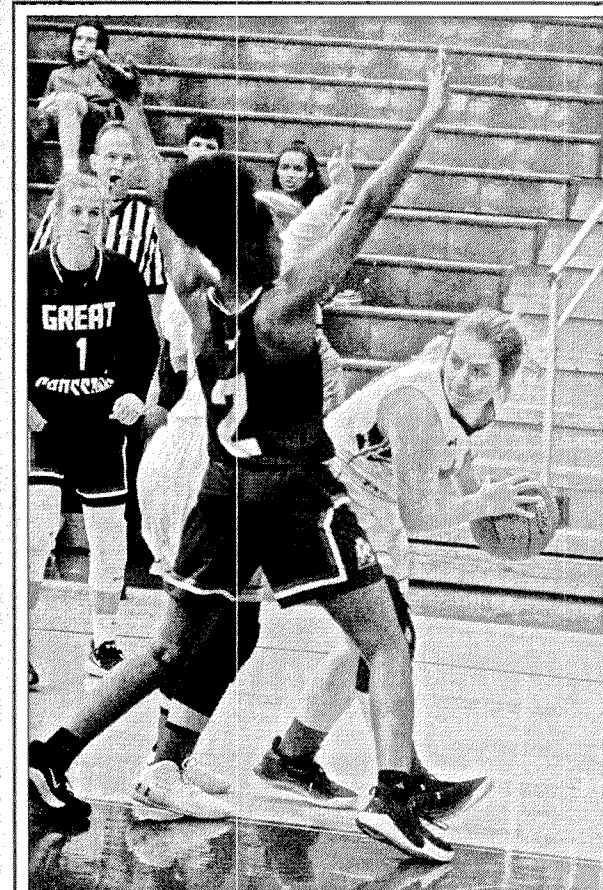
Drew Hopkins drives the baseline in the Rockets' 63-48 loss to Bell County Friday night. Rocket seniors will be honored this Friday night in the Rockets' matchup with Russell County.



Jake Loudermilk sets a screen for teammate Reese Coguer during the Rockets' 63-48 loss to Bell County Friday night. The Rockets begin 47th District Tournament action Tuesday night at home when they host Pulaski County at 6:00 p.m.



Senior Logan Noel goes up for two in the Rockets' 63-48 loss to Bell County Friday night.

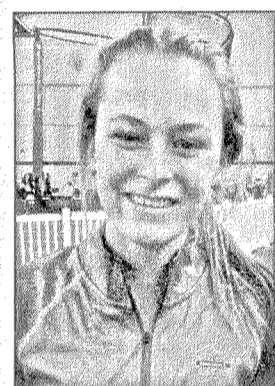


Bailee Allen looks for a teammate in the Lady Rockets' 78-68 win over Great Crossing Monday night. The Lady Rockets start district tournament action next Monday as they host Pulaski County at 6 p.m.

RCHS junior Valerie Kendrick had two outstanding performances at the Kentucky High School Invitational on Saturday, competing against many of the nation's best throwers. In her first-ever attempt at the weight throw, she placed 10th overall with a great throw of 35'6.75". She also placed 10th in shot put with an awesome season's best throw of 34'2".



RCMS eighth grader Lexi Dotson had an outstanding performance in the one mile run at the Kentucky High School Invitational on Saturday. Out of a field of many of the nation's best distance runners, she placed 25th overall with an incredible new all-time personal best of 5:24.91.



RCHS senior Tori Dotson had an outstanding performance in the 800-meter run at the Kentucky High School Invitational on Saturday. Out of a field of many of the nation's best distance runners, she placed 11th overall with an incredible new season's best of time of 2:18.27.



The RCCHS girls' 4x400-meter relay team had yet another amazing performance at the Kentucky High School Invitational on Saturday. Competing against some of the nation's best 4x4 relay teams, the team of (from left) eighth grader Lexi Dotson, freshman Emma Watson, senior Tori Dotson, and sophomore Allie Martin, shattered their own indoor Class 2A state and school record time with an awesome 7th place finish in a sensational 4:08.22, over 4.5 seconds faster than their previous record.

"Gym"

(Continued from front)

In fact, Medley says he and the fiscal court are currently hoping to have a new heating and cooling system installed in the gym by this summer.

Just this month, the Gym returned \$1,000 to the fiscal court from rental fees.

Medley says the facility is doing better each month and though the income from rental of the facility goes back to the county, the City of Livingston benefits in several ways from each rental.

"The gym brings traffic and many visitors to our community who dine in our diner and visit our Family Dollar and our beautiful tourist destinations," he said. "Businesses in our community benefit from every event held in our gym."

Though the actual rental fee is based on the type of activity, Medley says the

average cost to rent the facility is about \$25 per hour depending upon what would be required to hold the event.

Also, the City of Livingston gets to keep monies raised from concessions during these events at the facility.

"We are proud of our gymnasium and invite everyone to come and visit the facility," he said. "Livingston has a lot to offer and the gym is one more part of our growing community."

Anyone interested in renting the gymnasium should call (606) 308-4543.

"Brenda"

(Continued from front)

and Benjamin.

The couple resides in the Cartersville area of Garrard County, where they have a beef cattle and hay operation.

They have attended

Church on the Rock in Berea for over 23 years, where Travis has served on the financial board for the past 6 years.

He has also served in various other roles throughout the church.

"Jail"

(Continued from front)

was found in the cell as well as in the personal belongings of inmate Sarah Childress, 24, of Brodhead.

The report says investigators reached the conclusion that Caldwell had brought the meth into the facility but at some point Childress had come in possession of the drug.

Both Childress and Caldwell were charged with promoting contraband, possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Isaacs signs with Georgetown

RCCHS senior Will Isaacs recently signed his letter-of-intent to continue his golf career at Georgetown College. With Will at his signing were front row, his parents, Roger and Rebecca Isaacs and Georgetown coach Austin Sparks. Back row from left: RCCHS golf coach Nick Williams; his uncle, Dwight Isaacs; grandparents, Bill and Barbara Fain and former coach, Jake Woodall.

"Lady Rockets"

(Cont. from A5)

Lady Rockets traveled to Garrard County to take on the Lady Golden Lions and came away with a 70-41 win.

The Rockets took a commanding 23-5 first quarter lead and never looked back. They were ahead 39-18 at the half and 49-34 at the third quarter stop.

Nine Lady Rockets got in the scoring column with four in double figures.

Senior Kenzi Himes led the scoring with 13 points

and added seven rebounds, followed by King and Jones with 12 points each. King added two rebounds and two assists and Jones was 4/5 from three point range. Newland got 10 points and had four rebounds and four assists, Brown had eight points, six rebounds and three assists. Coleman got seven points and added two rebounds and two assists. Aliyah Lopez scored four points and Jordan Harper and Darby Smith each scored two points.

The Lady Rockets will finish their regular season with a doubleheader with the Rockets at South Laurel Thursday night.

47th District Tournament play will commence next Monday night at RCCHS with the Lady Rockets taking on the Pulaski Co. Lady Maroons at 6 p.m., followed by the Casey County Lady Rebels playing the Somerset Lady Briarjumpers.

RCCHS JV 38

MCHS JV 28

Eight Lady Rockets got into the scoring column in the Lady Rockets Jayvee 38-28 win over the Lady Indians at Madison Central last Thursday night.

The team was led in scoring by Calliegh Burdette with 11 points; Darby Smith got 10; Natalee Dillingham and Haley Thacker, four each; Haven King three and Jordan Harper, Addison McClure and Kylee Burns two each.

RCCHS JV 45

GCHS JV 21

The Jayvee Lady Rockets cruised to an easy 45-21 win over the Lady Warhawks from Great Crossing Monday night.

Burdette again led her team in scoring with 17 points; Mackenzie Lopez got nine; D. Smith five; Burns and Camryn Cash four each and Karlee Smith, Thacker and King, two each.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from A5)

10; Landon Dillingham scored nine points; Xander Fletcher eight; Kaden Kidwell five; Nick Chasteen four and Rylee DeLeon two points.

The Rockets were 7/11 from the free throw line to Bell's 10/18 and only hit two threes to Bell's six.

Tuesday night at East Jessamine, the Rockets played one of their best games of the season against the 17-8 East Jessamine Jaguars, losing by a score of 65-61 for their 19th loss of the season against only seven wins.

The score was tied at 17 all at the end of the first quarter and the Rockets were down 34-31 at half time. In the third quarter, the Rockets were outscored 15-11, making them down seven at that stop 49-42 and they got down by 10 52-42 at the beginning of the fourth quarter. It was 54-44 when the Rockets went on a 9-2 run to get within three at 54-51 but that was a close as they would get as the Jaguars hit a basket and 9 of 12 free throws in the final minutes for the 65-61 win, their 18th of the season.

Mullins had a big night for his team, hitting four three point baskets and going 7/8 from the free throw line for 27 points; Bishop

got 18 points, including a three point basket and 6/8 free throws; Noel and Hopkins each scored seven points and Matthew Chasteen added two.

The Rockets will now travel to South Laurel Thursday night for a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets and will finish their season at home Friday night, hosting Russell County, for senior night.

The Rockets will play next Tuesday night at RCCHS in the 47th District Tournament when they will take on the Pulaski County Maroons in the first game at 6

RCCHS JV 32 EJHS JV 43

The Rockets Jayvee team dropped their game to the Jaguar Jayvees 43-32. The Rockets were down 12-6 at the first quarter stop; 22-15 at the half and 33-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Sanders led the scoring with 14 points; Coguer got 11; Kidwell six and Dillingham one.

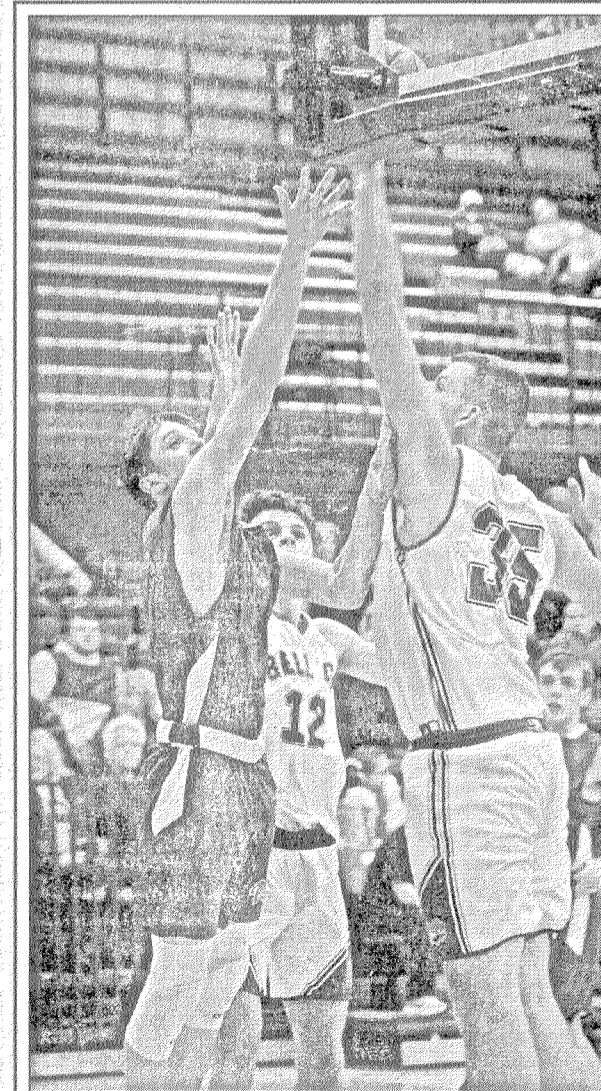
The Rockets hit two threes in the game, both by Kidwell, to the Jaguars five and were 6/10 from the free throw line to East Jessamine's 6-9.



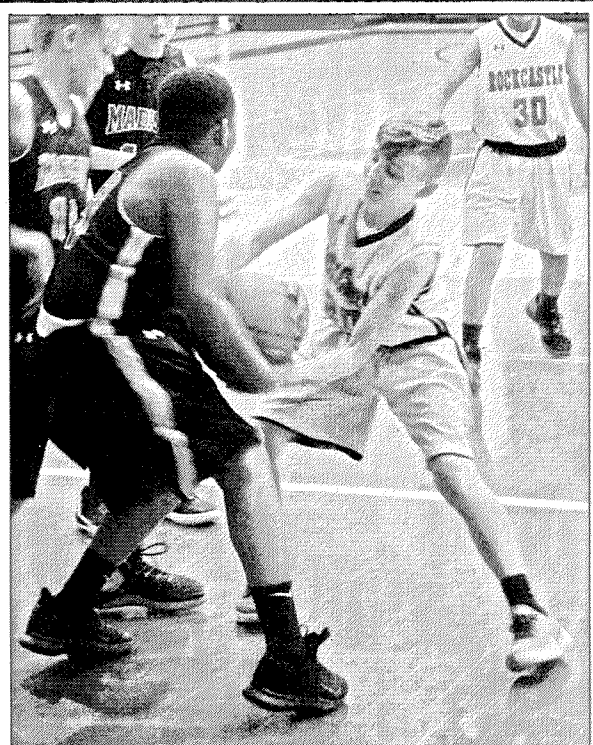
Casey Coleman runs a fast break during the Lady Rockets' 78-68 win over Great Crossing Monday night. Coleman scored 16 on the night.



Lindsay Jones applies defense in the Lady Rockets' 78-68 win over Great Crossing Monday night. Jones scored nine points in the victory.



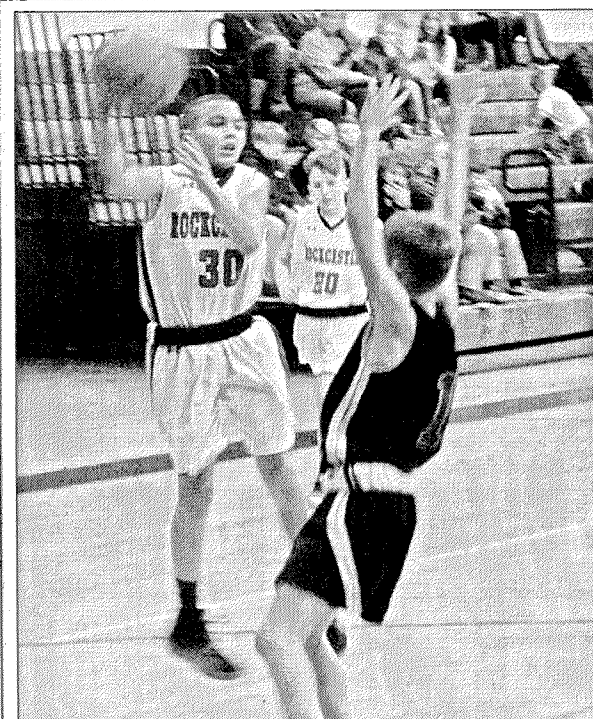
Landon Dillingham takes it to the basket during the Rocket junior varsity's win over Bell County Friday night.



Connor Wright forces a jump ball during the RCMS sixth grade's first round win over Madison Middle Thursday night. The sixth grade defeated in the semi-finals and Foley 47-45 in the finals to win the Commonwealth Middle School Conference Tournament. Walker Craig led the team with 15, Zeke Fain had 13, Xavier Leger added nine, Maddux Parsons scored eight and Wright added two.



Zeke Fain drives the baseline during the sixth grade's win over Madison Middle in first round tourney action last Thursday.



Xavier Leger makes a pass during the sixth grade's win in tourney action last Thursday.



Kaleb Alexander drives to the basket during the seventh grade's first round tourney win over Farristown last Wednesday. The seventh grade lost in the semi-finals to Caudill Saturday morning.

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The RCMS sixth grade won the Commonwealth Middle School Conference Tournament Saturday with a 47-45 win over Foley. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Zeke Fain, Connor Wright, Luke Ellis, Xavier Leger, Lavan Evans, Dalton Flannery, Hunter Pingleton and Austin Saylor. Back row from left: Isaiah Jackson, Walker Craig, Maddox Parsons, Colin Hamilton and coach Jamie Todd.

Sixth grade takes championship

RCMS takes part in conference tournament

RCMS took part in the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference's Tournament last week with the sixth

grade taking the championship Saturday defeating Foley, 47-45.

The eighth grade defeated Farristown 41-35 last

Tuesday in first round action. Ben Brown led with 13, Jace Rogers added nine, Skyler Durham and Dalton Simpson each added eight and Walker Craig scored three.

In semi-final action Friday, the eighth grade lost to Caudill, 48-18. Ben Brown led with nine, Lance Coffey added three and Walker Craig, Dalton Simpson and Jake Cromer each added two points.

The seventh grade defeated Farristown 45-34 in first round action last Wednesday. Walker Craig led his team with 19, Rex Parkey scored eight, Kaleb Alexander, Jace Rogers and Connor Hunt each scored six.

In semi-final action Saturday, the seventh grade lost to Caudill, 49-42.

Walker Craig again led his team, this time with 18 points. Jace Rogers had eight, Rex Parkey scored seven and Connor Hunt added five.

The sixth grade had a great tournament coming away with a tournament championship with a 47-45

win over Foley Saturday.

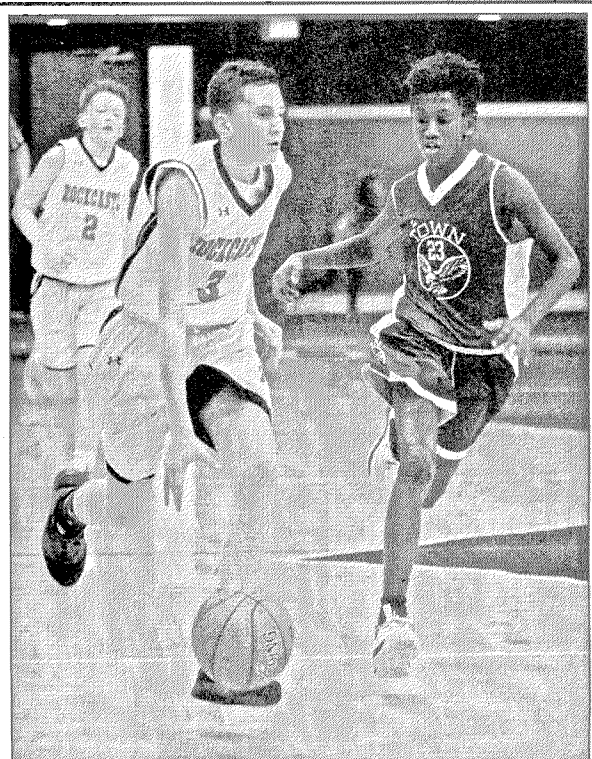
In first round action, the Rockets defeated Madison Middle 54-22 last Thursday. Walker Craig had a game high 20. Xavier Leger added 13, Maddox Parsons and Connor Wright each scored seven, Luke Ellis added three, Colin Hamilton and Dalton Flannery each scored two.

In the semi-finals, Rockcastle easily defeated Estill County 46-18. Walker Craig had 12, Zeke Fain scored nine, Hunter Pingleton added eight, Xavier Leger scored seven, Maddox Parsons and Luke Ellis each scored three, Connor Wright and Dalton Flannery each scored two.

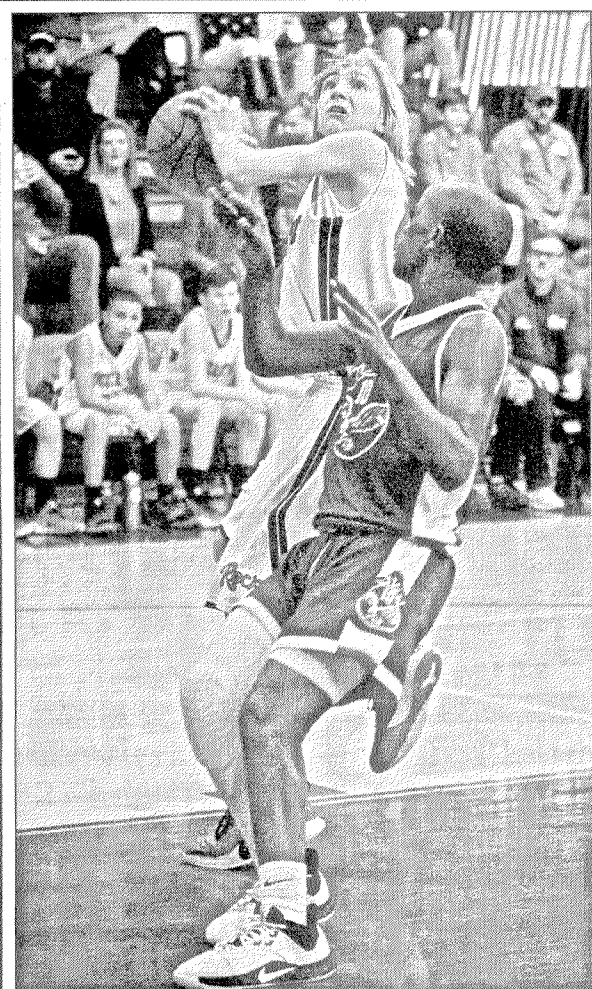
In the championship game, Rockcastle defeated Foley, 47-45.

Walker Craig led with 15, Zeke Fain scored 13, Xavier Leger added nine, Maddox Parsons scored eight and Connor Wright added two.

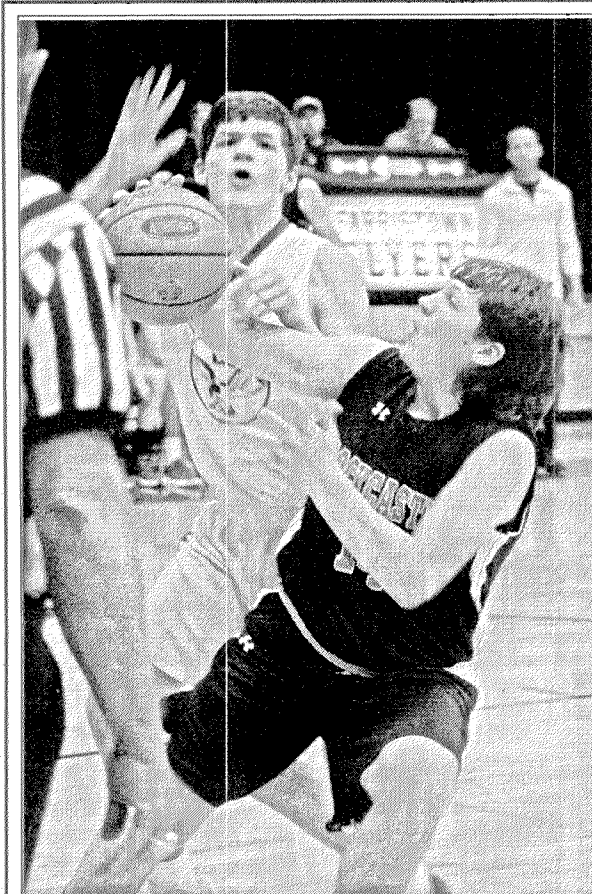
The sixth grade finished the season with a 21-5 record and 16-1 in conference taking the regular season trophy as well.



Walker Craig runs a fast break during the seventh grade's first round tourney win over Farristown last Wednesday.



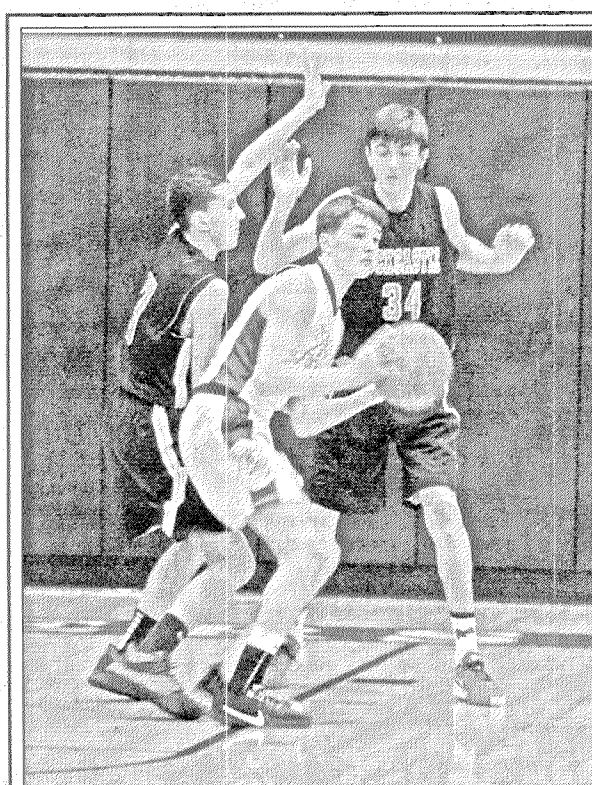
Connor Hunt finishes off a fast break during the seventh grade's first round tourney win over Farristown last Wednesday.



Eighth grader Dalton Simpson gets a shot off as he's falling down during the Rockets' win over Farristown last Tuesday. The win was in the first round of the conference tournament.



Jace Rogers works to bring the ball up the floor during the Rockets' win over Farristown last Tuesday.



Skyler Durham and Walker Craig double team a Farristown Flyer during the Rockets' win last Tuesday. The win was in the first round of the conference tournament.

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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 20, 2020

FBLA Week declared in Rockcastle

Submitted by:

Jessalyn Burton, FBLA Chapter Reporter

FBLA officers of Rockcastle Area Technology Center met with Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray, on February 5th, to declare the second week of February FBLA Week.

The week was the chapter's way of promoting FBLA and showing students opportunities available through the chapter.

This included various career paths and valuable life skills to be used in their futures.

FBLA Week is also used to boost chapter membership and prepare for upcoming FBLA activities.

Some of the upcoming activities include community service projects, regional competitions, raising money for charities like March of Dimes, etc.

Along with these several activities, students participated in daily themes such as career day, where students will dress in professional attire of their future goal career.



Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash, fourth from right, led the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree in Brodhead last Saturday.

RCHS musician performs in KMEA All-State Choir

Tarrylton Dunn, a senior at RCHS, recently took part in the state's highest honor for choir students, the 2020 Kentucky Music Educator's Association All-State TTBB Choir.

Dunn, along with sev-

eral top young singers from across the state, spent three days of intensive rehearsal in Louisville in preparation for a concert given at the Kentucky Center for the Arts on Friday February 7th.

This year's TTBB Men's Choir was under the direction of Dr. Stephen Caldwell, Associate Director of Choral Activities and Department Chair at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Caldwell is a highly sought after conductor and adjudicator as well as being an accomplished composer and arranger.

Selection for the All-State Choir Program is an intensive audition process involving both prepared and sight-singing excerpts and representing Rockcastle County at this level is truly an honor for Dunn.

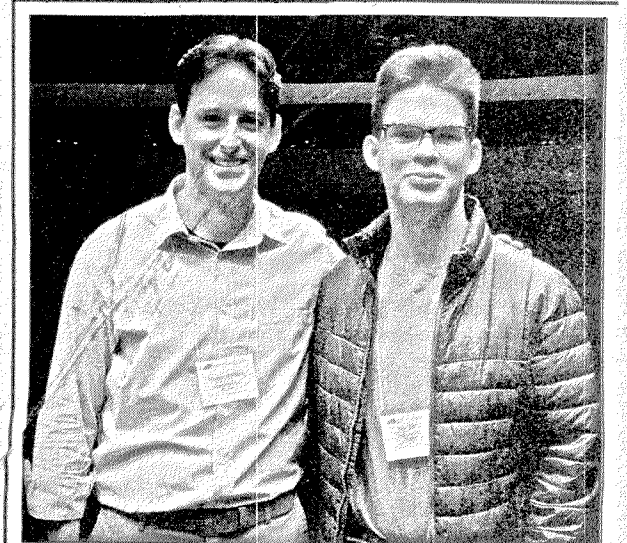
Dunn plans to pursue music education in the fall and also serves as the current Drum Major for the Marching Rockets.



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Tarrylton Dunn, right, pictured with Dr. Stephen Caldwell during All-State Choir rehearsals.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Lendmark Financial Services LLC v. Heather Barnett, \$2,534 plus claimed due.

Jerusha Mae Robinson, et al v. Rick Bryan Robinson, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Devon M Pierce, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Carla Miller, complaint for child support and medical support.

District Civil Suits

Billy and Karen Barron v. Phil Rose, et al, eviction notice.

Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC v. Jeanette Shanahan, \$1,186 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Brittany Todd, \$1,996 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC v. Sharon Heath, \$1,130 plus

claimed due. Richard L. Lay v. Leonard C. Samples, et al, eviction notice.

Synchrony Bank v. Martin Monaghan, \$1,835 plus claimed due. C-00046

Deeds Recorded

Gene McKinney, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffery and Tina Miller. Tax \$28

Roy Lee and Velma Croucher, property near Snyder Switch on Dixie hwy., to Meline Renee Jones. Tax \$40

Gage M. and Brianna Clem, property on Hwy. 490, Livingston, to William J. Shumway II. Tax \$124

Alice P. Bowling, Trustee, property on Poplar St., to Larry C. and Lauren E. Newcomb. Tax \$65

Joseph E. and Wanda Ruth Masten, property in Rockcastle county, to Matthew L. and Kayla Stamper. Tax \$14

Pennymac Loan Services LLC, property in Livingston, to Franklin D. Shumate, Jr. and

Georgie F. Shumate. Tax \$19.50

Citizens Bank, property on Copper Creek, to Luke and Jessica Fulton. Tax \$99

James and Stacey Kennedy, property in Rockcastle County, to Erica D. Ball. Tax \$80

Bob Lunsford, property on Peachtree Lane, to David and Jodi Carpenter. Tax \$120

District Court

February 10, 2020
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

John B. Kemper: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing order entered.

Jacob Singleton: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, no operators/moped license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance sec., failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, sentencing orders entered.

David Calvin Barnes: improper display of registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, no brake lights, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Spending: Logan W. Bernard, \$38 fine plus costs; Ian M. Buis, \$50 fine plus costs; Karley N. Kramer, Joao Lima, Kenneth Wayne Bird, Daniel Michael Deluca, Chloe Y. Edwards, Nathina Jean Felts, Michael Irvin Hicks, Christopher B. Lange, Patrick Beece Lawyer, James Kiper Melmige, Jean M. Myrthil, Lazarus R. Parker, Patricia Monique Poulin, Joey Edward Reeves, Derrick Jarrod Walker, Jessica R. Wilson, license suspended for fta; Gregory Hayden Gilbert, \$9 fine plus costs;

Mitzy Sue Collett, Donald Ray Shepherd, Michael Stewart Thompson, paid; Joshua C. Zachary, \$42 fine plus costs.

Logan Russell McGuire: giving officer false identifying information, 10 days in jail.

Dennis Teague: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Tara Lee Willis: disorderly conduct: 10 days in jail/costs waived.

Nicole Ann Cromer: trafficking in marijuana, sentencing order entered.

David K. Debord: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Kameron N. Espey: fines/fees due (\$151), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

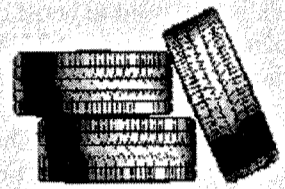
Richard Junior Green: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, sentencing order entered.

Randall L. Hendley: public intoxication controlled substance/excludes alcohol, bw issued for

fta. Judson L. Hibner: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, \$25 fine plus costs.

Curtis D. Jackson: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

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The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce the:

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Tire retailers, agricultural tire retailers, scrap yards, junk/salvage yards and recycle businesses are not eligible to participate!

If any individual has over 1500 tires in one location, then you need to call at least fourteen days in advance of the collection days to arrange for a special pick up. If anyone is bringing in a very large load, then they may need to unload themselves or wait until our staff can get to them.

Call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for more information. That's 606-256-1902.

Farm and Industrial Equipment Consignment

Auctions

39th Annual London Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Laurel County Fairgrounds

Near Levi Jackson State Park - London, KY (606) 878-7111 or 800-526-1637

Consignments accepted: Wed, February 26th, Thurs, February 27th and Fri, February 28th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

45th Annual Brodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Broadhead Fairgrounds

Just Off Highway 150, Brodhead, KY (606) 256-4545 or 800-435-5454

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60th Annual Farmer & Business Banquet

Thursday, March 5, 2020
Rockcastle County Middle School
Doors open at 6pm—Event begins at 6:30

Guest Speaker

Jim Farmer



Dinner by Rockcastle County Cattleman's Association

Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased from the Rockcastle County Conservation District Office or Circuit Clerk Eliza York's office.

Check's payable: RCCD.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ACRYLICS WORKSHOP
With Rachele Riddle
February 20, 2020 6:00-8:00pm
At The Arts Place
Rockcastle Arts Association

INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING ARTISTS OPPORTUNITIES
March 17, 2020
9:00-4:00
At The Arts Place

ROCKCASTLE ARTS ASSOCIATION
WATERCOLORS WORKSHOP
with Gina Bussell
THE ARTS PLACE March 19, 2020
6:00-8:00pm

Rockcastle Arts Association
GALLERY SHOW OPENING
FEATURING LOCAL ARTISTS AIMEE RILEY AND BOBBY BARNETT
MARCH 21, 2020 / 5:00 - 7:00 PM
The Arts Place / Main Street, Mt. Vernon

POETRY READING
AT THE DEPOT IN LIVINGSTON
Free event!
MARCH 24, 2020
7:00-9:00PM
Rockcastle Arts Association

KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
LIVINGSTON, KY
APRIL 3, 2020 9PM-4PM
EXHIBIT OPENING 9/4 @11AM

ROCKCASTLE ARTS ASSOCIATION
WORKSHOP POETRY WITH SUSAN MITCHELL
APRIL 8, 2020
6:00-8:00PM
AT THE ARTS PLACE

ROCKCASTLE ARTS ASSOCIATION
3RD ANNUAL ART SHOW
APRIL 24, 2020 7:00-9:00PM
@THE ARTS PLACE

ACRYLICS WORKSHOP
With Lydia McLemore
June 4, 2020 6:00-8:00pm
At The Arts Place
Rockcastle Arts Association

Handlettering with Brandy Bowman
at The Arts Place
June 18, 2020
6-8PM
Rockcastle Arts Association

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CHURCH NEWS

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

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

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

3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

Monthly Singing
Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday, February 23rd, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Featured singers will be Standing in the Gap gospel singing.

Everyone is invited. Church services are held Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Benefit Service

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church will have a Benefit Service for Bro. Curtis and Sister Diana Carpenter on Saturday, February 22nd beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



SALMON CHOWDER

3 slices bacon, diced
1 large yellow onion, diced
2 stalks celery, diced
2 large Russet potatoes, peeled and diced
2 carrots, diced
2 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
1/2 cup whole milk
1/2 cup half-and-half
1 and 1/2 pound skinless salmon fillet, cut into 1-inch cubes
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon dried dill
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
1 tablespoon minced chives, for garnish. Cook bacon in a deep, heavy-bottomed pan until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside. Cook onion and celery in the bacon fat in the same pot until onion is soft, but not brown. Add potatoes and cook about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally; do not brown. Add carrots and broth and bring to a boil, and then reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Add milk, half-and-half, salmon, parsley, dill, and salt. Simmer over low heat 10 minutes or until salmon is cooked through and liquid is steaming, but not boiling. Garnish with crispy bacon pieces and chives.

ALFREDO SALMON AND NOODLES

3 cups wide egg noodles or noodle of your choice
1 package (9 ounce) frozen cut broccoli
1 jar (15 ounce) Alfredo pasta sauce
1 can (6 ounce) skinless, boneless salmon packed in water
Cook noodles as directed on package in a 3-quart saucepan, adding broccoli the last 4 to 5 minutes of cooking. Drain and return to saucepan. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cook over low heat 4 to 6 minutes until heated.

SALMON PATE

I prefer the fresh salmon that I have cooked, but you can also use canned salmon (14 ounce) or 2 pouches (7 ounces each) salmon. I like this best on pumpernickel bread, but good with crackers or any bread.

About 1 pound salmon, poached, broiled, or baked, and cooled
1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon Miracle Whip® or mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons nonpareil capers, chopped
2 tablespoons minced or grated onion
2 teaspoons chopped dill, fresh or dried
If using canned salmon, drain, skin, and remove bones. Flake salmon. Blend cream cheese, mayonnaise, lemon juice, capers, onion, and dill. Stir in the salmon. Chill at least four hours.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

FSA Encourages Producers to Enroll Soon in Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages agricultural producers to enroll now in the Agriculture Risk Loss (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. March 15, 2020 is the enrollment deadline for the 2019 crop year.

Although more than 200,000 producers have enrolled to date, FSA anticipates 1.5 million producers will enroll for ARC and PLC. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs; and to ensure FSA meets your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process. Call your FSA county office and make an appointment soon to ensure your elections are made and contracts signed well ahead of the deadlines.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

The programs cover the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Until March 15, producers who have not yet enrolled in ARC or PLC for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office unless yield updates are requested. Additionally, farm owners have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields that take effect beginning with crop year 2020. If the owner accompanies the producer to the office, the yield update and enrollments may be completed during the same

office visit. For more information on ARC and PLC, download our program fact sheet or our 2014-2018 farm bills comparison fact sheet. Online ARC and PLC election decision tools are available at fsa.usda.gov/arc/plc. To enroll, contact your FSA county office for an appointment.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 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.

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Deatherage Family Benefit Concert

There will be a Deatherage Family Benefit Concert on Saturday, February 22nd at the Rockcastle County Middle School from 1 to 4 p.m.

Featured singers will be Mikey Howard, Jason Medley and Jaelyn Bullock.

Admission is \$5 per person and there will be concessions available along with a Silent Auction.

Silent auction items include: Biolage color shampoo and conditioner set, Candleberry gift basket, ukulele, two tickets to a show at Renfro Valley, heated travel mug, Scentsy, MO jewelry, handcrafted knife made by Casey McClure, Medley Barber Shop barber services, XX case knife, homemade fudge, homemade earthquake cake, Kristin Childress salon services, family movie night basket, Butterfly canvas pictures, little girl toys.

There will also be gift certificates from: Heart Studios, Lynch's Barber-shop, Peace Be Still Massage, Backporch Smokehouse, Limestone Grille, Marcella's Farm to Fork, Tobacco Barn/Dessert Sun, Jamie Isaacs Photography.

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William Shakespeare once said, All the world is a stage and all the men and women are merely players. They have their exits and entrances and one man may play many parts over his lifetime. The comparison of life to the stage life was in use long before Mr. Shakespeare used it in his plays. It is especially brought to our attention in the Bible by the writings of the apostle Paul.

The apostle Paul had a favorite phrase that we find he often used which was, (put on). You find this phrase in many of his writings. For instance: Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts there of. We also find this phrase in Galatians 3:27 those who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

That puts back to Shakespeare once again, that we are performers on a great stage. The first step of putting on Christ was to be baptized. Again Galatians 3:27 As many of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. It is only after we change inwardly by being born of the water and of the spirit that we are capable of changing outwardly so that when men see us they see Christ, in our daily lives and not just ourselves. 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men, forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And our lives are living examples of what Christians are to be, we living out the word of God in our lives every day. We are reminded of the beautiful words of the poet. We are the only Bible, this careless world will read, we are the sinner's gospel, we are the scoffer's creed. We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and in word. What if the type is crooked or the print is blurred?

Will people be able to see Jesus in us, if our lives are not what they should be, if the examples we set are not good and pure and holy and stand out from those that are in the world who are imposters. Let us be sure that our examples are not blurred and hard to read.

Thank you for reading this article. I pray God blesses you and keeps you safe another week and that you live, you live it to glorify the Lord.

Have you ever noticed the man that says he doesn't go to church because of hypocrites, isn't influenced by those folks from going anywhere else? If you have questions you would like to ask one of the brethren you can contact us at Bro. Dale McNew: 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker: 606-878-8104

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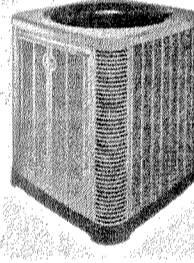


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Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
House sends Senate public health, pension, and criminal justice legislation

Week six of the 2020 Regular Session allowed legislators an opportunity to work on several critical issues, including public health, our public pension, and criminal justice legislation. From the input from constituents, each of these issues are of vital interest to most of the people in District 71. Of course, I always look forward to hearing from my district, so please feel free to reach out using the contact information at the end of this article.



Before I begin, I want to take a moment to celebrate the big news coming out of Fort Knox. That post will soon be home to the U.S. Army's newest headquarters. That means more than 635 soldiers will be added to the post, 200 of whom will support a new operational command post in Europe on a rotational basis. This is going to have an incredible economic impact for the region, but also for the entire state. Army leadership gave a great deal of credit to our state's military-friendliness, citing many of the bills we have passed over the past couple of years as a reason for this decision. We continue to see evidence that the policies we are adopting are paying off. While it takes time, the hard work will pay off and we will see every Kentucky community prosper.

This week, the House approved HB 129, legislation that seeks to transform the way that public health services are delivered. The bill changes how local health departments approach the programs they offer by placing a priority on essential services they are mandated to

provide. HB 129 has broad support from public health departments across the state. Paying for public health has become a struggle in many of our communities. The state's 81 public health departments face an almost \$39 million deficit. Additionally, an estimated 18 face closure if they do not immediately deal with their financial problems. This would spell disaster for the 41 counties they serve. The majority of financial issues are directly related to their public pension costs. However, many within the public health system have brought forward concerns that new programs have been added over time, while the ongoing need for existing programs is rarely evaluated.

Health departments and other "quasi-governmental" agencies are also the topic of HB 171, which we approved this week. This bill is part of an ongoing effort to address our public pension crisis and provide relief to these "quasis" as we describe the public health departments, domestic violence shelters, and even our regional universities who participate in the Kentucky Employee Retirement System plan. During the 2019 Special Session, we passed legislation aimed at giving relief to quasi-governmental agencies that were struggling with the skyrocketing cost of their employee pension payments. HB 171 is based on the recommendations of the Public Pension Oversight Board and basically shifts how we base payments from a percentage of the payroll to the dollar value of how much they actually owe. I spoke with the directors of the Health Departments in Garrard, Madison, and Rockcastle counties. Overall, HB 129 and HB 171 are beneficial to the Health Departments ability to maintain their care services.

We also took action on two common sense pieces of legislation aimed at cleaning up criminal justice laws. We passed HB 327, which calls for the automatic expungement of criminal charges when someone has those charges dismissed or when a grand jury fails to indict them. One of the basic tenets of our criminal justice system is that we are innocent until proven guilty, so it is incredible to me that this is not already happening.

If it becomes law, HB 284 would establish credits for men and women who complete GED, vocational/technical education, or drug treatment programs while on probation. The program credit should incentivize those who have committed crimes to pursue a path that helps them find an alternative to further criminal activity and allow them to contribute positively to their communities.

The House also approved legislation that would make the construction process safer by imposing stronger welding certification standards. HB 306 would establish requirements that mandate structural steel welding training for welders and certified inspectors. Unfortunately, we have learned the hard way how important this is after welding done on a school construction project in Western Kentucky failed.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about this session, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook page, Rep. R. Travis Brenda, KY House District 71 or on twitter @RBrenda71.

Legislative Update...

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

As the Senate eagerly awaits the holiday weekend and a budget proposal from the House of Representatives, we remain busy in Frankfort passing bills both out of committee and out of the Senate to send to our colleagues in the lower chamber during a rainy sixth week of the 2020 Regular Session.



The Governor has already signed a couple of House Bills into law. House Bill 236 incorporates federal United States Department of Agriculture guidelines related to hemp into the Kentucky statute. It establishes hemp testing procedures for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and opens up private market testing to help address a backlog of hemp products. This bill benefits our agriculture industry and Kentucky hemp farmers. House Bill 186 eliminates potentially costly requirements for more than 171,000 Kentuckians who operate direct sales or multi-level marketing businesses.

Main topics of discussion this week included measures relating to students, health care, and the overall well-being of Kentuckians.

School safety legislation, Senate Bill 8, is heading to the Governor's desk following its passage in the House late last week. If signed into law, Senate Bill 8 would require trained and certified school resource officers to be armed on public school campuses. It would also allow a school superintendent to appoint someone other than a district-level school administrator to serve as the district's school safety coordinator. This multifaceted measure also specifies the goal of having at least one school counselor or school-based mental health services provider for every 250 students. This bill is a continuation of the General Assembly's efforts to increase safety within our school

walls, and I hope to see it signed into law very soon.

Senate Bill 101 ensures dual credit hours earned in high school would be transferable to Kentucky's colleges and universities. In dual credit, a student is enrolled in a course that allows the pupil to earn high school credit and college credit simultaneously. Several years ago, the General Assembly passed similar legislation dealing with two-year colleges and four-year universities. That legislation aligned courses with the colleges so the credits earned for those course hours could be transferred to universities. I was proud to support Senate Bill 101 this session as it provides students an affordable and efficient avenue to obtain higher education.

Nearly 900,000 Kentuckians, including almost 30,000 children, have been diagnosed with an eating disorder, an illness that is often overlooked. Senate Bill 82 targets access to care for eating disorders by establishing the Kentucky Eating Disorder Council. The group would oversee the development and implementation of eating disorder awareness, education, prevention, and research programs. The council would also be responsible for making recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory changes to improve access to care for those diagnosed with an eating disorder.

Senate Bill 122 would make a change to Tim's Law of 2017, a much-heralded law that has rarely been used by the courts. The law allows judges to order assisted outpatient treatment for people who have been involuntarily hospitalized at least twice in the past 12 months. Senate Bill 122 would extend the period to 24 months so more Kentuckians with serious mental illnesses could receive help the law is designed to provide.

The goal of Senate Bill 122 is to stop the proverbial revolving door of mentally ill patients at state psychiatric hospitals and county jails.

The law is named for Tim Morton, a Lexington man who was hospitalized for psychiatric treatment dozens of times over 36 years, often involuntarily and in police handcuffs, because he did not recognize that he had schizophrenia. A bipartisan measure, Senate Bill 122 passed by a 33-1 vote.

Senate Bill 30 would limit Kentucky to three managed care organizations, known as MCOs in healthcare parlance, to operate the commonwealth's massive Medicaid program. The goal with this legislation would be to reduce costs for medical providers. Supporters of Senate Bill 30 said medical providers, particularly rural hospitals, were drowning in paperwork associated with complying with multiple MCOs' peculiar rules concerning everything from credentialing of doctors and facilities to pre-authorizations, appeals, and payments for medical care. They added that Senate Bill 30 would also save taxpayer money by reducing the state's contract compliance monitoring of the MCOs. Senate Bill 30 reflects wider frustrations with MCOs, once touted as a way to reduce the cost of administering Medicaid.

Senate Bill 123 would confirm various executive orders reorganizing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. It would also create a new division of telehealth services after the state disbanded a telehealth board a couple of years ago. The new division would allow the cabinet to continue to provide oversight and resources to Kentucky's telehealth providers. Telehealth is the use of technologies, such as videoconferencing, to support long-distance health care programs. It is seen as a way to reduce health care costs while expanding health care access to rural areas.

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



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