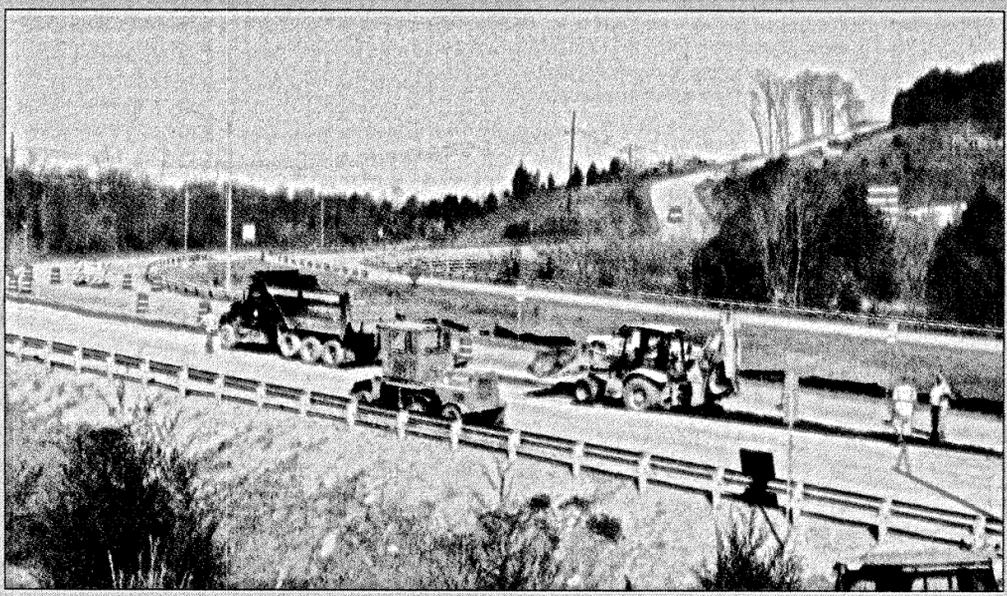


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Entrance ramp at exit 59 closed through the week

As part of the total \$110 million I-75 widening project in Rockcastle County, road crews will be closing the exit 59 ramp while crews are blasting and removing rock. The northbound ramp at exit 59 will be closed every Sunday beginning at 9 p.m. and will reopen every Friday at 7 a.m. to allow weekend traffic to use the ramp without delay. During the week, for the next several weeks, motorists will be re-routed through Renfro Valley. The length of the closure is not yet known and will depend on weather and other unforeseen factors. This work is part of the \$80.9 million Phases II and III of the project.



City meeting with experts on water issues

By: Mike French Reporter

During last week's Mount Vernon City Council meeting, Mayor Mike Bryant and council members discussed the odor and taste in the city's water supply from Lake Linville and their plans to continue and increase their attack on the problem.

This week, City Administrator Josh Bray says that attack is well underway.

"We have a meeting scheduled for March 1 with engineers, representatives from the state's division of water and our own plant supervisor and crew," said Bray. "This is the strongest step since I've been city administrator toward solving this issue. Getting all three entities together in the same room with ideas, samples, recommendations and the experience to work on the problem is a very good step in the right direction."

Bray pointed out that the problem has indeed been identified, it is dealing with that problem that has been

the issue. "We know the odor and taste is from Geosmin which is the by-product of dying algae which is entering our lake from more than one place possibly," he said. "We just have to find the most appropriate way to deal with it to an acceptable level."

Industry standard allows a maximum of 20 parts per trillion of Geosmin in the water but the local lake tests in the high hundreds per trillion, according to Bray.

City officials believe the engineers coming to the meeting in March already have plans and options for the city to try to help solve the problem of the taste of the local water. In fact, the city has been collecting water samples continually and having them evaluated so that engineers and division of water experts can make the best possible recommendations.

Bray reminds everyone that the Geosmin is "perfectly safe to drink."

Bray said the biggest problem is the type of algae that is in the local lake.

"All lakes have algae but this particular kind is very noticeable. One teaspoon full of this type of by-product in a lake the size of 300 Olympic size pools would be noticeable to most people," he said.

In fact, Bray said Mount Vernon has fought the issue so hard that the local plant currently filters out 75% of the by-product from the water (much more than industry standard) but because of the amount, and type of algae that exists, it is more noticeable than other lakes that have many times more algae of a different type.

Bray said he and water plant officials feel "very optimistic" about being able to

Sheriff to say farewell after elections

By: Mike French Reporter

"I just can't run like I used to," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters.

After 12 years as Sheriff of Rockcastle County, and

27 years as a law enforcement officer, Peters has decided to end his law enforcement career.

There are eight people in the running to replace Peters on January 1 of 2019 and the winner of the election will most likely be sworn in at midnight on December 31

so there is interruption in someone heading up the sheriff's department.

As advice for the new sheriff, Peters suggests keeping a good working relationship with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. "Without the fiscal court, you can't keep the office

functioning," he said. "The funding gets better every year and we work closely together. The new sheriff is going to have to work well with fiscal court to provide adequate funding."

Peters said the worst trouble he had in his years of service to the county is

"revolving door justice."

"It's very frustrating to use the resources and time and effort and danger involved to make a drug bust and then see them out on the street the next day," said Peters. "That's very frustrating and something should

(See "Sheriff" on A5)

BPD makes separate meth arrests

By: Mike French Reporter

The Brodhead Police Department had a busy week which included making at least three arrests involving methamphetamine

(meth). According to police reports by BPD Police Officer Travis Davis, individuals were spotted acting erratically in Brodhead and he approached them. Two of

the individuals were Jessica Woodall, 36, of Brodhead and Ronnie Denny, 25 of Brodhead.

The report says officers spotted the two walking near the post office in Brodhead and approached them

after noticing they were staggering and their speech was slurred.

The two agreed to a search and Davis discovered baggies containing sus-

(See "Meth" on A5)

(See "Water" on A5)

Kiwanis auction this weekend

Don't forget the Kiwanis Radio Auction this weekend Friday, March 2 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will be broadcast live on WRVK 1460 AM Radio from the third floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

All proceeds from the auction will be used to fund various projects for children throughout the county.

A complete list of items to be sold can be found at the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club on Facebook.

Checkpoint yeilds arrest

By: Mike French Reporter

Members of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department set up a traffic check point Friday on North Wilderness Road that yielded the arrest of Lisa Gilliam, 26, of McKee.

(See "Arrest" on A5)

Tickets on sale next week Lincoln Dinner set for April 14th

The Rockcastle County Republican Party has announced it will hold its 2018 Lincoln Dinner on Saturday, April 14th at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

The event will start at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m. with the evening's program starting at 7 p.m.

Kentucky House Majority Leader Jonathan Shell will give a keynote address and candidates in attendance will introduce themselves.

Tickets for the event will be \$20 per person. Candidates or individuals may sponsor the event for \$100. A sponsorship includes 3 tickets, listing on the program, signage at the event, and public recognition from the local party.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at PVA Janet Vaughn's office starting Monday. To sponsor the event, contact GOP Chair Doris Cromer or GOP Youth Chair John Hughes.



Just a swingin'

Five year old Samuel Brock, son of Kaycee and Timmy Brock of Mount Vernon, spent part of the beautiful day Tuesday at the Mount Vernon City park with several other children and parents. Though the winter was one of the coldest on record, according to statistics, and more cold weather is expected before winter is over, there have been occasional days like Tuesday when temperatures were in the high 60s or low 70s and local residents and children were able to get outside and enjoy the day.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There may be a lot of local residents missing out on a local event every week they don't know about.

It's a lot of fun...and it's free.

My band *Dove Creek* had the privilege of playing at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame a couple of Thursdays ago. Turns out, the KMHF does that every Thursday.

They put on a good, clean live show there and everyone and anyone is invited to attend. WRVK Radio broadcasts the show over the radio but at the show there is popcorn and drinks and other snacks available like the good old days when people used to gather just to watch a good pickin' session.

It is very well organized and you don't have to dress up. Just wear what you want and the seats are already set up. The sound system is great. Not too loud and not too quiet and everyone has a great time.

Personally, I didn't know about it till our band got invited to play. If you like music and have a Thursday night free, go on down to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame around 6:30 and grab you a good seat and check out the good, free, live entertainment the way it used to be.

On another subject, the liberals are using the First Amendment to claim the Second Amendment was written so long ago that it doesn't apply now and AR-15s are this evil creature with a mind of it's own. It's their first words when some nut case shoots someone.

I do wish they would do a little research about guns though. The AR-15 is not an "assault" rifle. "Assault" is an action. They say it is a scary looking mean old gun.

Truth is, as a collector, I own a pretty walnut finished gun with pink trim which may be considered a "cute rifle" that will do four times

the damage of that little AR-15 and would turn the AR-15 into many shards of twisted up metal parts in 1/1000 of a second.

The words "Shall not be infringed upon" are just as important today as the day they were written just like the words written at the same time in the First Amendment that allows people to cry and whine about subjects they know nothing about.

The best way to do away with school shootings is to place well trained, well armed veterans at the door of every school. Metal detectors and armed guards will put a stop to mass shootings in schools.

If there had been well trained armed guards and metal detectors at the last school shooting, those 17 would still be alive.

As my friend Swanny Cornette said this week, "A sign saying this is a gun free zone is basically a sign saying, we are helpless, come and get us."

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Points East

By Ike Adams



The first signs of spring on Blair Branch back in the 1950s and 60s had little, if anything, to do with bluebirds and buds but more to do with the smell of "brash" fire smoke on the early evening breeze.

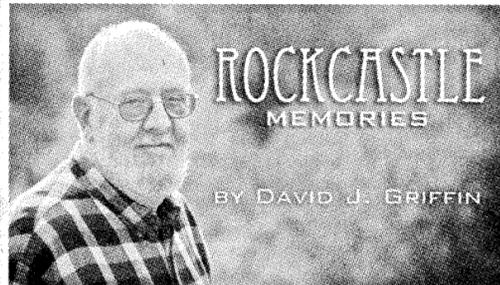
In those days folks on our little holler were usually burning off the residue of last year's garden the last week of February or the first week of March. Others, like my Mom, raked up as much garden trash, especially corn stalks, as we could easily pack and heaped it into a pile or piles at whatever spot she intended to have one or more lettuce beds.

Then we scoured the beech woods closest to our home for wind-felled dead branches to heap on the piles.

Arm loads of dried broom sage straw were often added to the bottom of the piles for tinder because it would practically explode with flames as soon as a lighted match was

touched to it. I've heard farmers complain that broom sage (sedge) was a sign of poor soil. If there's any truth to that, the hillside fields and pastures on the Blair Branch of my youth contained some of the most impoverished soil on the face of earth. The stuff was everywhere. It grew in clumps about, 30 inches tall and was considered a nuisance with no forage value. My Uncle Stevie Craft used to say broom sage would constipate a billy-goat.

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What A Year

After re-reading my own column from last week, I began to think more broadly about what our lives were like in 1958—a mere sixty years ago. After performing some personal research, I was quite surprised to learn just how many items made their debut that year, as well as the number of historical events that occurred.

Let's take a glancing look at some of the things that were introduced in the year 1958. Children were excited when three major toys ap-

peared on the scene: Lego bricks, the Hula Hoop, and Silly Putty—items which were promptly added to hordes of Christmas lists. All three of these popular toys are still available six decades later. On a personal note, no one, at the time, could have possibly predicted the course that the Lego Company took, evolving into a masterminded world of ever-changing forms of creative entertainment.

Teenagers, on the other hand, were experiencing the thrill of rock and roll music as it was still developing its own personality. This new sound was sweeping across the country as we listened to the likes of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson, The Everly Brothers, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Billie Holiday, and countless others.

We teens were also experiencing the new stereophonic records for the first time. I will never forget hearing vocals coming from one side of the room and the instrumentals on the other side. It was nothing less than miraculous! This was also the year that the King of Rock and Roll was inducted into the Army to become Private Presley.

It was in that year that the Billboard Hot 100 was initiated. "Our" music was making headlines.

Of course there is one historic event that occurred in 1958 that must be mentioned: the Kentucky Wildcats basketball team beat Seattle for its fourth

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Shell and Carpenter...

Dear Editor,
This is a copy of an email I sent to Representative Shell and Senator Carpenter today concerning pension and education funding that is being discussed in Frankfort. I wouldn't mind if it was reprinted in the Signal to communicate with our community about these important issues.

Thanks,
Ken Mattingly
Gentlemen,
I have contacted you both on multiple times with con-

cerns about TRS funding and proposed changes. With the filing of SB1 I feel I must again point out several issues that it presents. First and foremost is the continued focus on expenditures without any thought or attention to revenues. The US economy is booming and Kentucky's revenues continue to shrink. This is the real crisis, not pensions. Until the state modernizes its tax code in order to generate a realistic revenue stream to fund the needs

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Sunday, Way Back Then The Rest of the Story Part Two

Dear Journal,
Last week's entry in my Journal was, "Sunday, Way Back Then", so this week I'll make an entry of the rest of the story, Part II.

Mom always sat in the same spot at church, as did all the regulars. She sat on the right-hand side, as you go in the building, about halfway to the front. My brother, Don, sat on that same side on the last pew with the other teenage boys. The teen girls sat on the pew

in front of them, and those that were courting pretty heavy sat in front of them, on the third row. The younger married couples sat together, but the elderly women sat on the left-hand side toward the back, watching the teens and teen couples, and the elderly men sat up front on the left in the "Amen corner". These were the areas where their Sunday school lessons were taught. These old white-haired men would yell out, "Amen!" here and there during the sermon. It was just expected. My grandparents sat in their expected places on the left. My Uncle Junior wasn't a regular, electing to stay home and listen to church on TV or radio, stating that there was no need to get "all fixed-up" and go to church to hear that God was "agin" sin, and if we didn't quit it, we were going to hell. That was the summation of every sermon he had ever heard.

One Sunday night, we all were in our places and I had a pack of Fig Newtons to amuse me during the service. I was sitting in the floor next to Mom, eating them, and I decided to go visit Don and I

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of its citizens, these manufactured crises will continue year after year.

SB1 is purported to save the state \$4 billion over 20 years. Exactly how much of this savings is the result of more costs being pushed to the local school districts? The Kentucky Education Reform Act was the result of educational funding being found to be inequitable by the Kentucky Supreme Court. There was a vast difference between rich and poor districts when it came to per pupil funding. Due to cuts in state funding in the past decade, this difference has grown and is approaching the same levels that led to KERA. SB1 will only exacerbate this trend. One of the primary responsibilities of the legislature is to ensure an equitable education for Kentucky students, no matter where they live. SB1 runs counter to that charge.

Additionally, how much of the \$4 billion in savings comes at the expense of a qualified teacher workforce? I'm not just worried about how SB1 affects me. My main concern is how it will affect the students of this state. One benefit to being a teacher, besides impacting the lives of students, has been knowing that there was an agreement between you and the state. That agreement basically said if you commit to a teaching career and take less pay than you could find in the private sector (and forego any social security), the state will provide you with a secure retirement. That idea has been turned on its head in the last few years due to rhetoric from the governor. Teachers have been labeled as selfish, and

only caring about their retirement. Teachers work selflessly with and for their students every day. Those kids are what we truly care about. However, if we don't advocate for our retirement who will. It certainly hasn't been either of you.

I know you both will claim that you've listened. You will both claim that you support public education. You both will also claim that there's a pension crisis. You both will fail to recognize that ever since the legislature had made its share of contributions to the pension fund, the fund's health had steadily improved. This simply means that if the state makes its fair share of contributions the fund will continue to grow and will meet its future obligations. Now if the claim is that there's not enough money to make those contributions, look in the mirror. You are the ones standing in the way of revenue reform. Fix the revenue stream and the "crisis" is fixed.

Thank you,
Ken Mattingly

Now is the time for tax reform...

Dear Editor,

Kentucky is facing a crisis on many fronts because of inadequate funds to address critical needs. Cash-strapped public school districts, an opioid epidemic, rising tuition rates at state-funded universities/colleges, affordable health care, clean drinking water, and teacher and state employee pension systems are examples of real and pressing needs for new revenue sources.

No one likes the idea of paying more taxes, but there is truth in the old saying "penny wise and pound foolish." There is a cost to not adequately paying for needed programs. Kentucky, for example, suffers from the economic impact of a less educated and/or opioid-dependent workforce, as well as the cost of increased incarceration rates. It will require more money to repair our pension systems than would have been necessary if sufficient funding had been provided earlier.

The League of Women Voters of Kentucky believes that now is the time to support tax reform in Kentucky that will produce additional revenue. We support measures that are progressive, asking more from those most able to afford it. We also support an increase in the cigarette tax which, in addition to bringing in more revenue, would provide health benefits by decreasing the number of smokers.

We look forward to working with the governor, legislators and other concerned citizens to reform Kentucky's tax structure so that the Commonwealth can responsibly meet the economic challenges it faces.

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"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

NCAA Championship. It was Adolph Rupp's last title.

As far as the auto industry was concerned, post-war prosperity led to larger and heavier automobiles. The cars also had the addition of bigger and more powerful engines. Speaking of automobiles, the Edsel was introduced in 1958—and the company closed down in 1959.

As far as the country itself was concerned, the legendary 52-carat Hope Diamond was donated to the Smithsonian Institution by jeweler Harry Winston. I was able to see this prized diamond in 1962 on a visit with

my brother. Sixty years later, it is still on display to the public.

On first day of February, 1958, the first US satellite, named Explorer I, was successfully launched. That same year, Congress formally created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

On July 7, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill approving the Alaskan statehood. (A state that my wife and I are particularly fond of after experiencing the trip of a lifetime there 1994.) What a blessing it is that we Americans can claim Alaska!

The economics of 1958 offer another glimpse into that time. The average cost of a new home was \$12,750. The average monthly rent was \$92. The average yearly wage was \$4,600. And finally, as many of us remember, the cost of a gallon of gas was 25 cents.

I was fourteen years old during this eventful year, but it is a time period that is still vivid in my mind. I remember yet what it was like pumping gasoline at my Dad's service station when it was a quarter a gallon. We checked the oil, cleaned the windshield, and even checked the air pressure when we were asked.

It was indeed a much simpler time. Crime was low. Neighbors trusted each other. People, by and large, had good manners and strong work ethics. I hope I never forget how it felt to live in such a time.

My memories often serve as a comfort—especially when trying to find a way through the muck and mire that we sometimes experience in this much more modern and complicated world. The older I get, the more I believe that our generation of youth had it better than most anyone else, before or since.

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

"T.J.'s"

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crawled all the way to the back row, under the pews visiting and passing out the Newtons as I went. I was quite popular in the teen section. They were looking for a distraction from the norm, anyway. So was I to tell you the truth. Mom missed me in a bit and was looking all about to find me standing on the back pew between Don and his best buddy, Lewis. All of my Newtons were gone by then.

When we all stood to sing or pray, I was about eye-level with the pew in front of Mom and me. I guess I had an oral fixation or hated that pew, and I'd bite on it. Under the padded seats they now have, you can find, in a certain spot, some kid's teeth prints. Mom had no idea what I was doing while she was looking at the songbook or had her eyes shut in prayer.

I remember when they would pray for the Holy Ghost to come. I thought that the whole bunch had lost their minds, as those people were wanting a ghost to come—one full of holes, nonetheless. I would always say a little prayer, too. "O, God, don't let that old holey ghost come, it will scare all of us to death." God answers prayer. That old holey ghost never did come and may not have come to this day.

There wasn't any air-conditioning in those days, for the most part. A few places had it, but not little rural Baptist churches. The only AC we had at church or at funeral homes were those "Jesus fans", the ones with His picture on a stiff piece of paper, about 8"x8", glued or stapled to a big tongue depressor-like stick.

If you grew up in those days, you sometimes wonder how we made it without the gadgets of today, but those days were a real treasure. Those born since just don't know what they have missed. Do you suppose that is the same with all of the generations?

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Brenda Fundraising Event

There will be a fundraising event for R. Travis Brenda, candidate for State Representative District 71, on Tuesday, March 6th at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Come out and show your support for Travis Brenda. "A Voice for the People."

Benefit Singing and Auction

There will be a Benefit Singing and Auction for Albert and Carolyn Carpenter on Saturday, March 10th, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Livingston Fire Department. The meal will consist of: soup beans, fried taters, corn bread, chicken and dumplings and drink for \$6. Music will be provided by Gospel Tradition and other groups. We would like to challenge each candidate (county and state) to come out and support this event and suggest that each candidate donate a pie, cake or candy for the auction. Thank you all and looking forward to seeing you all there!

Charity Golf Tournament

RTEC will hold their First Annual Relay For Life Charity Golf Tournament at Cedar Rapids on Friday, April 27th. Registration is at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Team entry fee is: \$50 per player, \$200 per team with skirts and mulligans available. Contests include: closest to the pin, longest drive and 50/50 drawing plus there will be a golf club raffle. Prizes for first and second place winners. Lunch will be provided by Back Porch Smokehouse. For more information, contact Jaime at 606-256-9835 or jamie@4rtec.com

Special Called Meeting

The Rockcastle County Local Board of Health will have a special called meeting Wednesday, March 7th at noon in the health department conference room.

KPR Meeting March 13th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, March 13th at David's Steak House, 125 W. Cumberland Gap Parkway, in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 1:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. The first guest speaker will be Debra Hembree Lambert, candidate for the Third District Kentucky Supreme Court Justice seat. The second guest speaker will be Matt Anderson, Republican candidate in the May primary election for the 82nd District State Representative seat. 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.

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

***Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every **Monday**, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-230-9590 or 606-308-3099.
***Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist Church - Mt. Vernon** every **Tuesday**, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577. Need a ride? Call and leave message before 4 p.m.
***Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies**, Northside Baptist, Mt. Vernon, **Wednesday** at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.
***Broken Chains Bible Study** at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales, 7223 N. Wilderness Rd., Mt. Vernon every **Thursday** at 6:30 p.m. Leader: Gary Vincen Linville, 859-302-2431.
***Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only**, Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every **Thursday**, 6:30 p.m. For more info. call 606-308-3099.
***Celebrate Recovery-Livingston** at Livingston School cafeteria. **Friday**, 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 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.

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Ken HOLT

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I fully understand the stress and challenges for schools and teachers when dealing with illegal acts by or against children. The multitude of state and federal laws, school policies, social services as well as determining the right and wrong action to take can be very frustrating.

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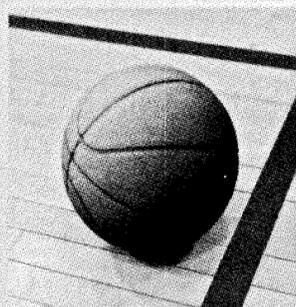
If a school feels a juvenile has committed an illegal act or is a victim of an illegal act, I will have a Deputy well versed in juvenile laws to assist in the investigation. The Sheriff's Department will work with the school, teachers, parents, county attorney and/or social services to determine the action required. We share a common goal for wanting to see our children become successful.

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Obituaries

Mary Ellen Stewart

Mary Ellen Stewart, 74, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Rockcastle Regional Medical Center. She was born in Rockcastle County on March 19, 1943, the daughter of John B. and Audrey May French McGuire. She was a retired employee of Rockcastle Manufacturing. She loved sewing and working in her flower garden and her love for her children and grandchildren shown in everything she did.



She is survived by: her devoted husband of 57 years, Charles Stewart; a son, Larry (Lisa) Stewart of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Teresa (Tim) Daugherty of Livingston; a brother, William (Norma) McGuire of Orlando; four grandchildren, Leslie (Aron) Cromer, Dylan Stewart and fiancé Hayley Harper, Samantha (Daniel) Hamilton, and Kim Holman; and four great grandchildren, A.J. Cromer, Audrey Cromer, Coty Hamilton, and Cody Jackson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sons, Jeffery Stewart, Michael Stewart, and Charles Wesley Stewart.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Eldon Browning. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Aron Cromer, Daniel Hamilton, James Holman, Franklin McGuire, Marvin McGuire, and Dylan Stewart.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Lawrence "Doc" Hoskins

Lawrence "Doc" Hoskins, 86, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Visitation will be Friday, March 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with memorial services conducted Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Randy Cromer officiating.

Condolences to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Nina Wethington

Nina "Malvina" Wethington, 79, of Eubank, died Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born February 12, 1939 in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of the late Swanee Everett and Rose Tillo Price Bullock. She was a member of Blue Springs Church of Christ, and found great joy in canning with her sisters; watching T.V. and wrestling. She worked for many years at Tecumseh Manufacturing in Somerset.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Monica Elaine Taylor (Robert) Brotherton of St. Petersburg, FL and Kyle Marshall (Lillie) Wethington of Eubank; grandchildren, Robert Dale Brotherton, Shawn Vincent (Ariel) Brotherton, Autumn Dawn Wethington, Emily Faith Shore, Kyle Marshall Wethington, Jr., Emelia Elisabeth Shore and Naomi Ann Wethington; great grandchildren, Annalyse Lola Brotherton, Julitte Alaya Brotherton and Beckett Ace Brotherton; brothers, Floyd Bullock of Somerset, Bentley (Joyce) Bullock of Cincinnati, OH and Bobby (Theata) Bullock of Keavy; sister, Helen Bullock of Somerset; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: brothers, Ernest and Howard Bullock; and sisters, Geneva Harper, Georgia Chaney, Betty Owens and Anna Bullock.

Graveside services will be conducted Friday, March 2, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Welles-Bullock Cemetery in Pulaski County with Bro. Marcus Reppert officiating.

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

George E. Morgan

George E. Morgan, 82, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Friday, February 23, 2018 at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN. He was born to the late Lee and Ida Belden Morgan in Hardinsburg, IN on June 10, 1935. He graduated from Milltown High School and married Betty Ayres in 1960, who preceded him in death.

He served in the US Navy and retired from Norfolk Southern Railway in 1999 after 30 years as a dispatcher. He was a member of the Milltown Christian Church and the VFW of Corydon.

George served on the Palmyra Town Board, from 2001 to 2008, where he held the office of president and helped to implement the Palmyra Senior Center, Palmyra Library Branch and served on the River Hills Board.

In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening, yard work, spending time with his grandsons, high school basketball, having breakfast at Leroy's, and going to Renfro Valley to enjoy country music.

Besides his wife Betty and his parents, he is preceded in death by: two sons, Alan in 1979 and Bryan in 2000; one brother, Palmer Morgan; and one sister, Joyce Ann Morgan.

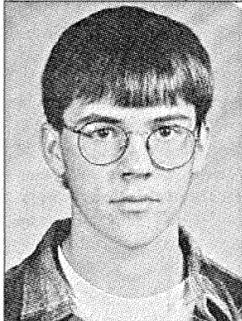
He is survived by: his daughter, Merri (Richard) Haub; two grandsons, Wesley Haub and Trevor Haub, all of Palmyra, IN; brother, Mickey Morgan (Mary) of Vine Grove.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Love Funeral Home in Palmyra. Interment followed at Central Barren Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, 240 Whittington Pk. Louisville, KY 40222 or the VFW of Corydon, Attn: Bob Wilkerson, P.O. Box 1, 195 NW 62, Corydon, IN 47112.

James Earl "Jimmy" Houk

James Earl "Jimmy" Houk, 38, of Brodhead, died Saturday, February 24, 2018 at his residence. He was born October 5, 1979 in Sumter, South Carolina, a son of Cecil and Kathleen Sowder Houk. Jimmy had been a construction electrician. He found great joy in sports, especially UK Basketball and also had a great love of music and his animals.



Those left to celebrate Jimmy's life are: his parents, Cecil and Kathleen Houk of Brodhead; his brother, Jeffrey (Jennifer) Houk of Brodhead; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. There was not a funeral service. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery.

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

Teddy "Anthony" Brock

Teddy "Anthony" Brock, 52, of Brodhead, husband of Jennifer, died Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and are incomplete at this time.

Elaine McKinney

Elaine (Wilburn) McKinney, 60, of Crab Orchard, died Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Rockcastle County Hospital in Mount Vernon. She was born April 15, 1957, a daughter of the late Jimmy and Betty Jane (Shelton) Wilburn. She had formerly worked for Whirlpool & Matsushita in Danville and also for Rock Ten in Nicholasville. She was a member of Creekside Baptist Church. Her kind and beautiful soul touched many lives, and she loved her grandbabies more than they will ever know. She had a heart of gold and was an Angel here on earth.



She left behind many that loved her dearly including: her son, Jimmy Kidwell and his companion, Shauna Baker of Berea; a daughter, Monica (Carl) Randolph of Crab Orchard; a brother, Danny (Debbie) Wilburn of Crab Orchard; eight grandchildren, Logan, Kaden, Parker, Blaine, Carly, Blake, Payton and Hayden; two special grandchildren, Koda and Ryder; and one great grandson, Silas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Lester Tirey officiating. Burial was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ed Shelton, Joey Shelton, Dave Shelton, Travis Griffin, Glenn Burge, Luke Burge and Jerrad Denham.

Honorary pallbearers were her grandsons: Logan, Kaden, Parker and Blaine.

Frankfort Update

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative
House Addresses
Critical Issues

As an adopted father and proud advocate for legislation that positively benefits children and families, last week was special for me.



That's because House Bill 1 aiming to improve the state's adoption and foster care systems sailed through the House Health and Family Services committee. The legislation is a key priority for me and moves to the full House for approval.

While this bill takes many critical steps, there is one overarching goal in mind: to prioritize children and families over bureaucracy. The end goal is putting more children into loving homes in a timely manner. Often times, children sit in state care for months and even years, a disturbing reality that we are being attentive to.

HB 1 takes action to establish more accountability and oversight over child welfare issues, reforms parental rights processes in order to better benefit the child in need, and perhaps most importantly, creates quicker timelines for getting children into loving homes.

An additional element of this legislation that I am especially proud of is a provision that would label

a baby born addicted to drugs as an "abused or neglected child." This classification would require an immediate investigation and begin the process of terminating parental rights, unless the birth mother is already undergoing a drug treatment program. I have seen firsthand the crippling effects of the drug epidemic on infants in particular, and it is devastating and heartbreaking. Making this change would allow young children to be immediately put on a better track, while holding accountable those whose drug abuse has put their children in harm's way.

The legislation will be aided by an increased budget allocation to go towards remedying some of the issues plaguing our social services systems. The Governor has proposed putting \$10.8 million toward improving foster care and adoption placement, as well as another \$24 million to raise the pay of existing social workers and to hire more of them. Similarly, the proposed House budget, which will be released soon, will reflect the need to invest more in our some of the most vulnerable members of our society: children in state custody.

In other news, the Senate is moving on Senate Bill 1 this week, the proposed pension fix that will sustain the solvency of the pension systems while also ensuring a good retirement for all current and future teachers, law enforcement

Cards of Thanks

Mary Stewart

The family of Mary Stewart wants to thank all the staff at Rockcastle Hospital, Dr. Bullock, Dr. Saylor, the RTs, aides, nurses and housekeepers.

She was in the hospital so much, it was like her second family. She loved you all.

Thanks to the ER personnel for being so good to us. We spent a lot of time there, too.

Thanks to our family and friends for the food, prayers, flowers and visits.

Thanks to Bro. Browning, the singers and Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. It was beautiful. Mom would have loved it all.

God bless you all,
Charles, Teresa and Tim,
Larry and Lisa
Leslie, Aron, AJ and Audrey
Kim, James and Cody
Samantha, Daniel and Dylan
Dylan and Haley

Terry Mullins

The family of Terry Mullins would like to thank Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals for their kindness and support during this very difficult time.

Thank the Lord for all the donations I received that paid his funeral bill off. Thanks to everyone.

Also thanks to Bro. Jerry Ballinger for the wonderful words that he brought. Thanks to Bro. James Carpenter for doing a fine job. Thanks for the nice songs they sang.

Thanks to everyone that helped in this time of need.

Thanks to Brodhead nursing home, Johnny Rader for digging the grave, the casketbearers and all those that helped.

God bless everyone,
The Mullins Family

McKinney Cemetery

McKinney Cemetery is now accepting bids for the mowing and upkeep of McKinney Cemetery (2018 season). Any one interested in submitting a bid, please mail to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 with phone number included. All bids must be received by March 20, 2018. The McKinney Cemetery board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

In Loving Memory

of
Donna Denise Harper
McCool
12-14-72 - 3-2-14

I watched you suffer, I watched you die,
All I could do was pray and cry
Holding you in my arms, saying it's okay to die.
You went away,
God took your pain,
Without you, Donna, it's not the same.
I love you more than words can say,
I still pray and cry.
We had to part,
Loving you, Donna, broke my heart.
When I look at Harper, with those big brown eyes,
I know I'm blessed from beyond the skies.
I'll be with you after a while,
Knowing I have God's comfort, I can smile.
I pray God keeps me strong,
Teaching Harper to do no wrong.

So, he, too, will be with you forever

With God and family and no parting, ever.

Together with all God's Family evermore.

Welcomed by loved ones and our Lord for sure.

I talk to Harper about you a lot.

We talk of precious memories that we've got.

He plays basketball, his favorite game.

I tell him you played the same.

Harper's been with us now, a year this past December,

In his heart, he will always remember

The love you taught him so well

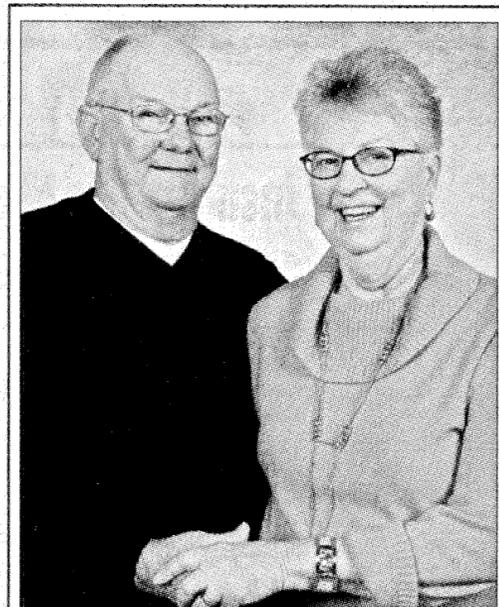
He loves his family more than words can tell.

A child never forgets the love he is taught,

Just like the love that Jesus to us brought.

Love, Mom
(Written by Bernice Beasley 3-1-18)

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50th Wedding Anniversary

Lester and Karen Bullock, of Mt. Vernon, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 3, 2018. No formal celebration will be held but cards and well wishes can be sent to 1488 Spiro Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

“Arrest”

(Continued from front)

According to the report, Gillium was stopped at the checkpoint when she could not produce a license and she was then asked to pull over.

The report also says Gillium agreed to a search of herself and the vehicle and deputies discovered a glass smoking pipe often used for smoking meth, tin-foil, a needle and a straw used for snorting drugs. Deputies also located five grams of meth under the carpet.

Gillium was arrested and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with trafficking a controlled substance (meth) possession of a controlled substance (meth) possession of drug paraphernalia and no license in possession. Her bond was set at \$7,500 cash/property.

“Meth”

(Continued from front)

pected meth and needles. The report also says the two suspects admitted to using drugs to the officer and both were arrested and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Woodall was charged with public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (meth). Her bond was set at \$7,500/10%.

Denny was also arrested and charged with public intoxication and possession of meth. His bond was set at \$7,500 unsecured.

Earlier in the day, Davis was out on a routine patrol when he observed Tracy Cromer, 42, of Brodhead, acting suspiciously by “talking at a high rate of speed and twitching”.

Cromer admitted to the officer that she had ingested drugs earlier and was arrested. On the way to the detention center, Cromer told Davis she had meth and pills in her bag.

Cromer was charged with public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance and possession of meth.

Cromer’s bond was set at \$5,000 unsecured.

“Sheriff”

(Continued from front)

change in that category of our justice system.”

Peters said the biggest mistake a new sheriff can make is promises. “You can’t promise something to people until you are 100% certain that you can follow through on that promise,” he said. “People expect the sheriff to live up to his promises and there are certain things that just aren’t in his power or authority to do.”

Peters said sometime

deputies are replaced as well when a new sheriff enters office but he suspects his deputies will still have a job. “Certified deputies are very difficult to find and I have a good crew here. It would be kind of silly to get rid of them and try to find replacements.”

Peters also said knowledge of the law is one of the most important issues for the job. “Knowing the law is vital but without common sense, that really doesn’t do you much good. It takes both to be a good Sheriff.”

Peters said his biggest reason for not running again was probably his age. “I’m going to be 67 years old and I just can’t run as fast as I used to. This is a job for a younger man.”

Peter said he would like to thank all the leaders of the city and county for their work in helping him do his job properly over the years. “Without cooperation from leaders in the community, this job would be almost impossible.”

Peters last day on the job will be the last day of 2018. He plans to help the newly elected Sheriff become acclimated to the job.

Peters will be leaving

the office with a good taste in his mouth. “I can say this for sure, there have been difficult times and some disappointments as with any job. But it has been my honor and pleasure to serve the people of Rockcastle County. I’ve tried to do my best to leave this office and this county in better shape than I found it in.”

“Water”

(Continued from front)

“We have this problem every fall but usually by now it has dissipated,” he said. This year, since the problem did not dissipate, the city’s efforts have doubled he said.

“We feel very strongly that within six months this may no longer be an issue.”

Meanwhile, the city plans to continue the attack on the issue and take advantage of the expertise of those who have dealt with the problem before.

“Even the experts with the division of water have not seen this level of Geosmin in lake water before,” said Bray. “But now that we have a handle on it, we will take the appropriate steps to provide the best tasting, clearest, water possible.”

Letters to the Editor must be 600 words or less and submitted (signed by the writer) either by email at mvsignal@windstream.net or by mailing to *Mount Vernon Signal* at P.O. Box 185, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, 40456

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Magistrate 3rd District

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— Subject to Republican Primary - May 22, 2018

I am married to Wanda Mink Miller of Livingston. We have lived in Rockcastle County all our lives, having been raised in the Pine Hill area. We currently live in the Mareburg area. We have one daughter, Brenda and husband Tim Kelley and two grandsons - Jordan and John Thomas.

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Friends,

In light of recent events there has been an outcry from our citizens concerning the children’s safety while at school. I firmly believe and I am very proud to say that Rockcastle County Schools are some of the best in the state. My wife, my kids and myself are all graduates so I know the staff does all they can educating and preparing our kids for the future. The sad part is that the world is ever changing. I feel that it is time that we look into making some changes in security to ensure the safety of our children. If I’m elected your Sheriff while working along side the school board I plan to listen, learn and share my ideas in confronting these issues we face. Guns, drugs or any other thing that compromises the safety and education of our children must be stopped and together we can.

I have many more ideas and would love to hear yours,

Thank you for your support!

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Response to Legislative Update and Senate Bill 1: Pension Reform

By: R. Travis Brenda

In the February 22 legislative update by Rep. Jonathan Shell, he explained parts of the recently released Senate Bill 1 concerning state and county employee pension reform. While he included many details, there were some that he did not include. Others, he did not fully discuss.

A lot of the discussion has centered on how the teachers are going to be affected. This issue does not just affect teachers. It affects all state and county workers and retirees. It affects all areas of our local communities. Across Garrard, Madison, and Rockcastle Counties, many households are connected to a state or county employee or retiree. Those households not directly connected to these workers and retirees are also gaining from the services provided by the dedicated workers who are serving our communities. We all drive on the roads maintained during even the worst kinds of weather by both county and state road crews. We rely on the police officers, fire fighters, and EMTs to keep us safe in our most vulnerable times. We have relied on the caring atmosphere in our schools provided by the teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, custodians, etc. that have prepared us for our adult lives, that in turn allows us to provide for our families. The children that do not have someone in their home to fight for them rely on the long hours and stressful work of the social workers. The list goes on. I believe that the future of Garrard, Madison, and Rockcastle Counties, along with the rest of our state, is dependent on attracting and keeping the most qualified and dedicated workers in each of these areas.

Mr. Shell, along with the rest of the Legislative Leadership and Gov. Bevin, has proposed level dollar funding to solve this pension “crisis”. What they fail to mention in most conversations is that level dollar funding over-exaggerates the budget shortfall that our state is facing. Level dollar funding will require a larger portion of money up-front. They say that we are facing a budget shortfall of \$60 billion dollars. Again they fail to give all of the details. This estimate is based on the level dollar funding and spread over

the next 30 years. The dollar figure that they keep quoting is not just what is needed in the next year or two. Part of their budget projection is also based on the recession of 2008, which again is trying to misrepresent what has happened in the long-term, or how the market and pension systems have improved over the short-term.

During October of last year, the Legislative Leadership, including Mr. Shell, released a 505 page proposed bill that they wrote with the collaboration of Gov. Bevin. This proposed bill was the original pension reform proposal that Mr. Shell referred to in his last legislative update on February 22. When Mr. Shell attended the forum at Garrard County Middle School, he finally stated that he was not in favor of the proposed bill. In his last legislative update, he once again stated that he did not support that bill as written. When Mr. Shell attended a forum at Rockcastle County High School in November, I asked him how many bills he had authored, or co-authored, and how many of those bills he then voted against. He replied that as a bill goes through the legislative process, changes are made, and occasionally he has removed his name as a sponsor or co-sponsor, or has voted against a piece of legislation because of the changes. The bill that he now says he did not support as written has never gone to a House or Senate committee or the House or Senate floor to have any changes made from when it was first made public. Mr. Shell was in the small group of individuals that wrote the bill in private. He wrote the bill that he now says he does not support.

While the newly released proposal, Senate Bill 1, has improved some from the original proposed bill of Mr. Shell and others, there are still areas of concern. These concerns are not just for state and county employees and retirees, but will affect everyone in our communities and state. One of those areas of concern is the change to the Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA). Currently, employees have 1.75% withheld from their paychecks to prepay the COLA during their retirement years. The COLA given during retirement is 1.5% per year, while the current rate of inflation is 2.1%. The money that is being given to the retirees does not belong to the state, but rather the individuals that

have prepaid their COLAs. The original proposed bill was going to freeze COLAs for 5 years. Some estimates have said that this freeze would cost a retiree around \$71,000 over their retirement years. The new proposal is to cut the COLA in half for 12 years, giving 0.75% instead of 1.5% each year during that time period. This is estimated to cost retirees \$73,000 over their retirement years. By changing the COLA proposal, the Legislative Leaders, including Mr. Shell, are actually making it harder on the current and future retirees.

Another issue is the Health Insurance Fund. This fund is made up of 3.5% withheld from employees’ checks to cover health insurance needs during the retirement years. The original proposal wanted an additional 3% taken from each employee to help build the fund. In an email to some teachers last week, Mr. Shell stated that the new proposal “[h]as no increase in health insurance costs for teachers.” This is not true. The new proposal allows an additional 1% to be withheld from employees’ paychecks if the Health Insurance Fund falls below a certain level. The problem there is that the Health Insurance Fund has been a popular place for legislators to “borrow” money for other projects. In 2010, 2014, 2015, and our current fiscal year, \$331.5 million has been “borrowed” from the account. In the proposed budget of Gov. Bevin, he wants to take an additional \$201 million. This money was withheld from paychecks for a specific purpose, but is being used for completely different purposes. This basically has become a 3.5% tax on state and county workers to fund projects for the state, with the plan to potentially take an additional 1% from future paychecks.

A third issue is the plan to, eliminate the inviolable contract. County and state employees entered into a contract with the state when hired. A contract can only be changed if both parties agree to those changes. Senate Bill 1 has a statement that gives the General Assembly “the right to amend, reduce, or suspend” changes to the pension system. So, if a state or county employee has devoted their time and energy to serving the county and state, and are preparing to retire, the Legislature can significantly change or eliminate the retirement benefits that the employees have

been promised, worked for, and contributed to.

Another issue is with funding of the schools. With the budget proposal of Gov. Bevin, the school districts are looking at having their budgets cut drastically; Rockcastle County \$1.2 million, Garrard County \$1.3 million, and Madison County \$4 million. Funding from the state to transport students is looking at a 62% cut. Adult education programs are being cut. Now, Senate Bill 1 will require the local school districts to contribute an additional 2% of new employees’ salaries to their pensions. So, while the Legislative Leaders are saying that they are saving money on pensions, they are really shifting it to the local level. There are only two ways to overcome this at the local level; cut services to our students, or raise local taxes. I am not in favor of either. Neither of these options will benefit our communities, counties, and state.

Some will say that they do not have kids in school, so this does not affect them. I disagree. Those that are being educated today are the ones that will be the fire fighters, police officers, and EMTs protecting you in the future, the doctors and nurses treating you when sick or hurt, the pharmacists filling your prescriptions, the engineers designing the roads and bridges that you drive on, the farmers providing your food, etc. All of this requires education, and caring teachers, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, custodians, etc. helping to prepare our future generation. Those that are serving our communities, counties, and state agreed to a lower salary during their employment years with the promise of a good retirement.

As our young people are looking at the future and trying to decide how they want to serve our communities, they are seeing uncertainty. I am afraid that too many of these young people will decide to follow a different path. This will lead to a lack of highly qualified and dedicated individuals leading our state forward.

R. Travis Brenda is in his 19th year as a math teacher at Rockcastle County High School. He is a Republican candidate for House District 71, covering Garrard, Rockcastle, and part of Madison Counties.

SPORTS

Lady Rockets lose to Casey in district finals

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets fell to a hot shooting Casey County Lady Rebels team last Thursday night in the 47th district tournament finals 71-41.

Turnovers plagued the Lady Rockets, 22 for the game against only six for Casey, and the Lady Rebels lit up the scoreboard with three point baskets, 10 of them.

The Lady Rockets drew first blood in the game, a basket by sophomore Kenzi Himes but that was the only lead they would have as Casey came back with a three point basket to take the lead and hold it throughout the game.

At the first quarter stop, the Lady Rockets were down 16-6; the score was 38-19 at the half and 58-31 at the third quarter stop.

Nine Lady Rockets got in the scoring column but no one managed to get into double figures for the game.

Junior Emma Bullens came off the bench to lead her team in scoring with nine points; Himes got eight; Shelby Newland scored seven points; Emily Adams got five; Hallie Brown four; Casey Coleman and Mackenzie Payne three each and Lindsey Jones and Raegan Chasteen scored one point each.

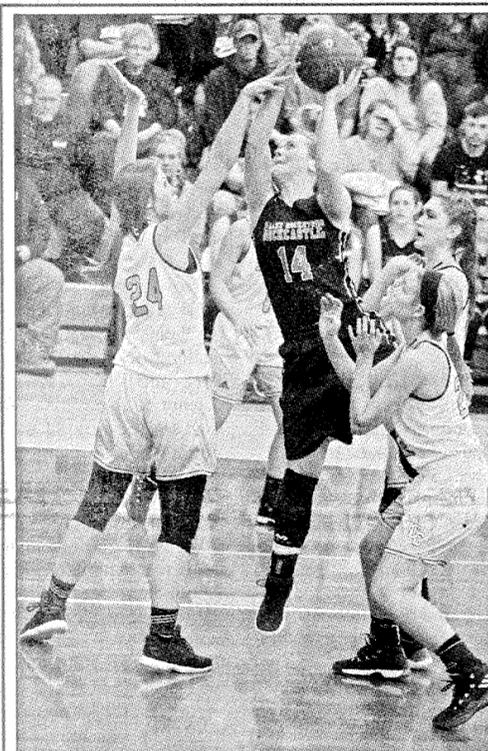
Yates competes in swim state championship



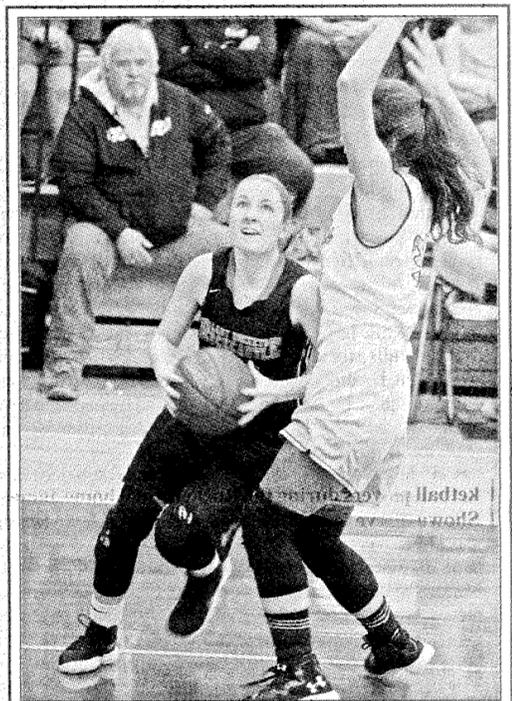
Freshman RCHS swimmer, Laurel Yates, competed in the KHSAA State Championship meet in Louisville this past weekend. Laurel qualified in both of her individual events at the region meet in early February. She placed 36th in the state in the 50 free with a time of 25.98 and 26th in the state in the 100 free with a time of 55.98. The KHSAA State Championship consists of all public and private schools across the state, regardless of size. This marked Laurel's third consecutive trip to the state championships. She continues to proudly represent the RCHS Swim Team as the only state qualifier in its history.



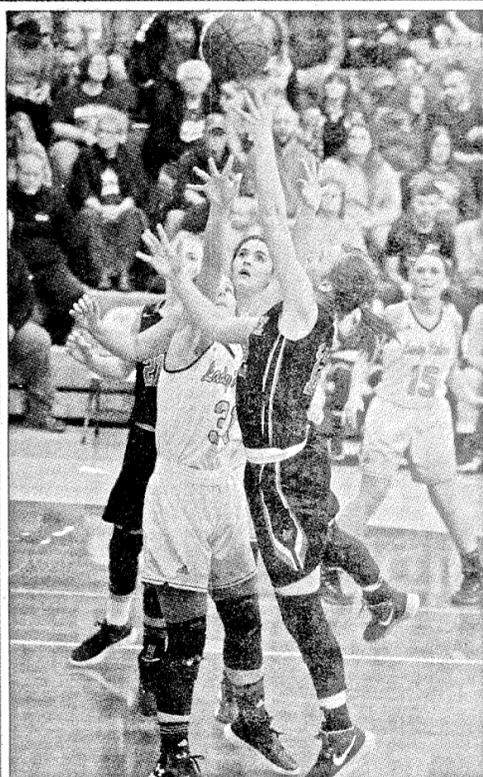
Sophomores Shelby Newland and Kenzi Himes and freshman Casey Coleman were named to the All 47th District Team. The Lady Rockets finished their season Tuesday night with a loss to Mercer County in the regional tournament bringing their record to 18-13.



Senior Emily Adams takes it to the basket in the Lady Rockets' loss to Casey County Thursday night.



Junior Emma Bullens drives to the hole during the Lady Rockets' loss to Casey County in the district championship game. Bullens came off the bench to lead her team in scoring with nine.



Freshman Casey Coleman goes for two in the Lady Rockets' loss to Casey County Thursday night. The Lady Rockets' loss Tuesday night in the first round of the 12th Region Tournament to defending state champs Mercer County.

Lady Rockets lose to Mercer in regionals

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets drew the number one team in the state in one poll, in first round action of the 12th Regional Tournament and went down to defeat Tuesday night to the Mercer County Lady Titans 84-49.

The Lady Rockets were simply outgunned by Mercer, trailing 18-9 at the end of the first quarter, 44-21 at the half and 64-34 at the third quarter stop.

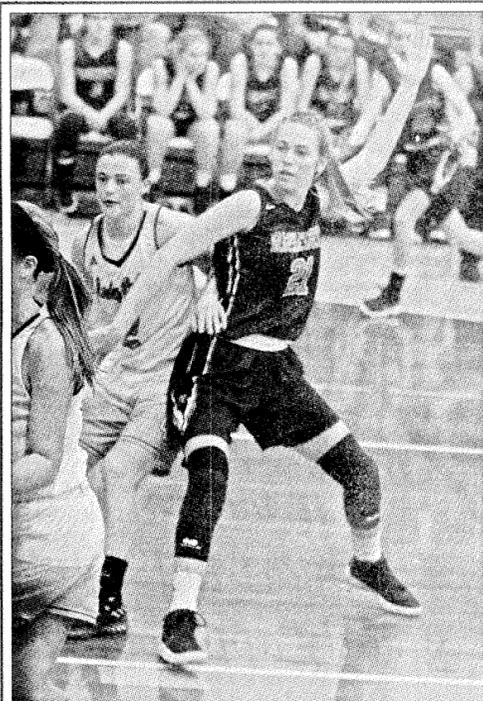
Head Coach Chrysti Noble used the experience to get her bench some ex-

perience in tournament play with 11 Lady Rockets getting into the scoring column.

Shelby Newland led the scoring for her team with 12 points; Casey Coleman and Hallie Brown got eight each; Emma Bullens scored five; Kenzi Himes got four;

Emily Adams 3; Lindsey Jones, Raegan Chasteen, Madison McIntosh and Zoe Burdette scored two points each and Mackenzie Payne got one.

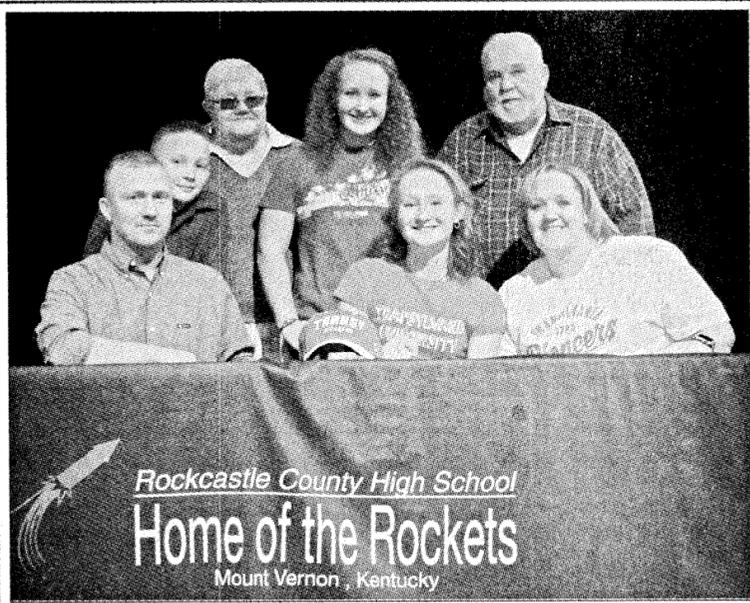
The Lady Rockets ended their 2017-18 season with an overall record of 18-13.



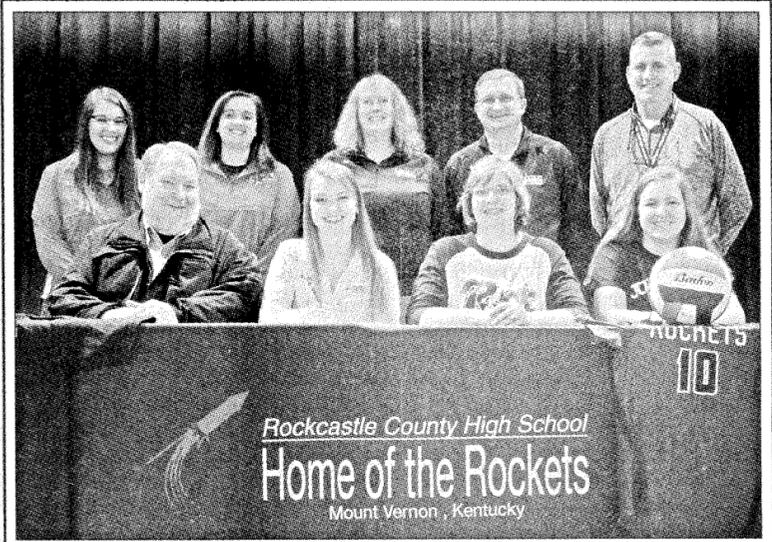
Seventh grader Hallie Brown posts up in the Lady Rockets' loss to Casey County Thursday night.



Congratulations to the RCHS archery team on a second place finish at the Pulaski Cupid Shootout in Somerset on February 17th. Team members are front row from left: Rebekah Lake, Jillian Wallin, Megan Taylor, Naomi Co and Brooke Renner. Second row from left: Brylee Gill, CJ Cameron, Jackson Cromer, Maggie Franklin, Kim Wheat and Kyle Coffey. Back row from left: Camden Mink, Sam Brickley, Ben Tyler, Joseph Cowan, Gentry Phillips and Leann Tankersley. Not pictured: Sarah Allen. CJ Cameron also received a medal for scoring third in the boys high school division with the best score of any Rocket this season. The Rocket Archers' score ranking has secured them a spot in the state tournament at Louisville in late March.



RCHS senior Jordyn Powell recently signed a letter-of-intent to play softball for Transylvania University. Looking on during the signing were: Jordyn's parents, Steve and Becky Powell; grandparents, Helen and Earl Adkins; sister, Taryn and brother, Carter.



RCHS senior Maggie Franklin recently signed a letter-of-intent to play volleyball at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN. Taking part in the signing were Maggie's parents, Shannon and Jill Franklin and her sister, Valerie. Pictured in the back row from left: RCHS coaches Morgan Taylor and Loren Maples, Johnson University coaches Robin Vannoy and Donnie Vannoy and RCHS athletic director Barry Noble.

Football players sign letters-of-intent

On Wednesday, February 7th, five RCHS senior football players signed with their respective colleges to continue their football playing careers. Those seniors signing are shown at right, from left: Holdan Barnett, Isaiah Amyx, Matthew Tomlinson, Jarred Brown and Blaze Stewart. Barnett, Amyx, Tomlinson and Brown each signed with the University of the Cumberlands and Stewart signed with Union College. In attendance were the players' family members, students, faculty and the Rocket coaching staff.



RCHS recognized their senior cheerleader and basketball players during the Rockets final home game. Shown above is senior cheerleader Brinkley Abney with her parents, Scott Abney and Rebecca Jackson and sisters - Brooke, Ashley and Trinity. She is also shown with cheer coach, Joanie Alexander.

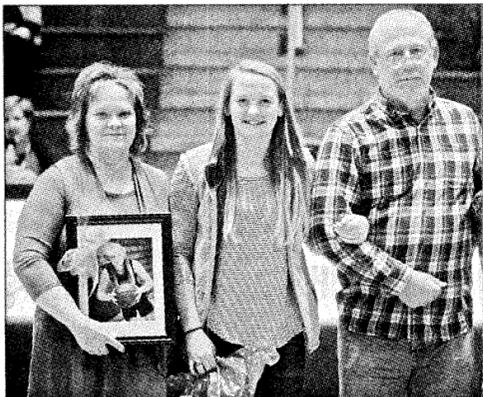
Basketball and Cheerleading Seniors Honored



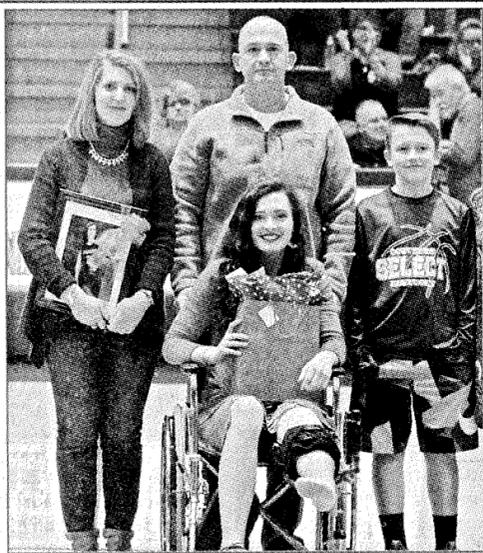
Shown above is senior Lady Rocket Mackenzie Payne and her parents, Tommy and Misty Payne. She is also shown with Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble.



Shown above is senior Rocket Grant Bryant along with his parents, Matt and Holly Bryant and brothers, Garrett, Lincoln and Sawyer.



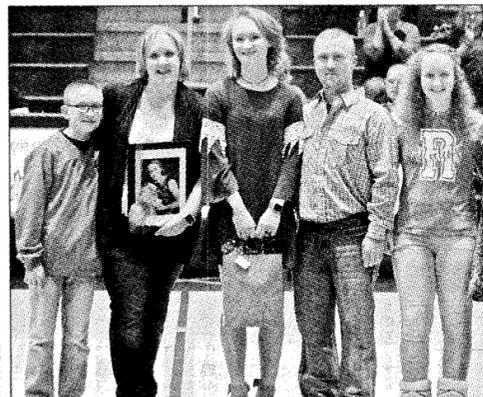
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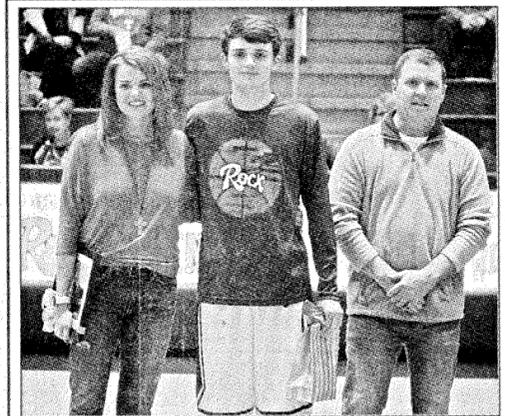
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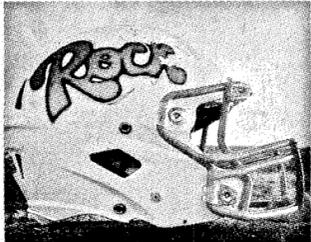
Shown above is senior Nick Dillingham and his mother, Valerie Dillingham and sister, Natalie.



Shown above is senior Lady Rocket Jordyn Powell and her parents, Steve and Becky Powell, her sister, Taryn and brother, Carter.



Shown above is senior Devin Mullins and his parents, Shelley and Barbara Mullins.



NEW ROCKET NIGHT THURSDAY, MARCH 1 6:30PM

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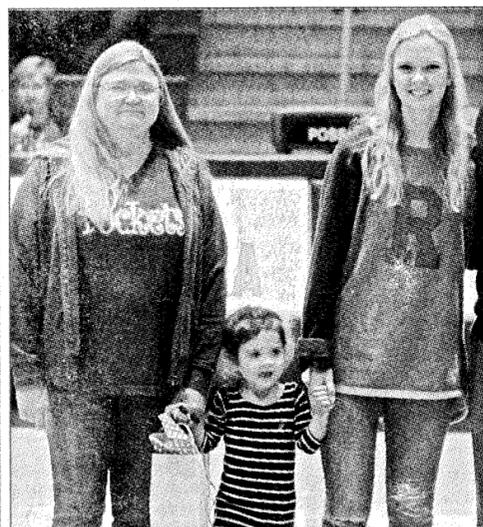
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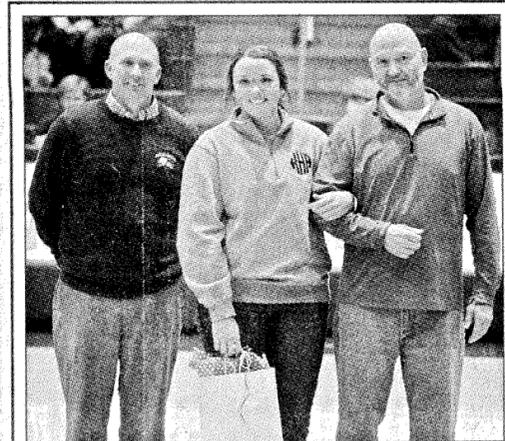
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Shown above is senior Rocket manager Sarah Roberts with her mom, Carla Creech and her niece, Ava Abney.



Shown above is senior Rocket manager Kristin Holcomb and her dad, Steve Holcomb. She is also shown Rocket head coach Benny Blanton.



Tori Dotson wins 800 at Marshall University

Track teams compete at Mason County

Rockcastle's girls' and boys' indoor track teams competed at Mason County this past Saturday. The meet served as the final tune-up for the Class 2A and Middle School Indoor State Championships coming up on Saturday, March 3rd.

The RCMS girls' team placed 2nd overall out of 12 teams with a great team performance and many in-

dividuals setting new all-time personal bests. They were only seven points away from the win, despite missing several top scoring 8th graders who competed for the varsity team.

Seventh grader Emma Watson led the way once again for RCMS scoring a perfect 30 points while winning three events in dominating fashion. She

won the 55 with an all-time personal best (7.95 seconds), the 400-meter dash (1:09.07), and long jump (14'1.75"), winning by over 1.5'. Amazingly, according to an official, she put her hand down in the sand behind her while landing and lost about 14" on her winning jump.

The girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team of sixth grader Lexi Dotson, sixth grader Larla Delph, fifth grader Lila Holt, and fifth grader Learn Reagan ran an awesome race to get the meet started for RCMS, finishing 2nd overall with a great time of 12:11.17.

In the 55-meter dash, Learn placed 9th (8.93 seconds), seventh grader Jenna Loudermilk 17th with an all-time personal best (9.46), third grader Maliyah Swinney 19th (9.63), Larla 20th (9.68), sixth grader Abby Burdette 22nd with an all-time personal best (9.78), sixth grader Bethany Martin 26th (9.90), second grader Kyley Ashcraft 32nd (11.55), and first grader Aria French 33rd (11.85).

Lexi swept the 1600 and 800-meter runs with exceptional performances. In the 1600, she easily won with an awesome time of 5:57.69. She also dominated the 800, winning with a fast indoor all-time personal best of 2:43.29.

Lila had an 11th place finish in the 1600-meter run, once again shattering her indoor all-time personal best with an exceptional time of 6:30.47. She also ran very well in the 800-meter run, placing 16th overall with a great time of 3:06.22.

In the 400-meter dash, Learn ran an amazing all-time personal best (1:13.8) and placed 4th, Bethany placed 11th (1:16.41), Jenna 18th (1:22.43), Abby 20th with an all-time personal best (1:24.74), Larla 26th (1:28.60), Maliyah 27th (1:29.12), Kyley 32nd (1:44.49), and Aria 33rd with an all-time personal best (1:46.33).

Maliyah competed in her first-ever triple jump competition, looking to be as good someday as her mother used to be, former all-state triple jumper, RCHS record holder, and current assistant coach, Chere' Swinney. She didn't disappoint, leaping an incredible 23'1.25" to capture 2nd place overall. In long jump, Maliyah placed 6th with another awesome jump (9'11.5").

Learn Reagan also had a great performance in her first triple jump competition of the season, leaping an impressive 22'5.75" while placing 3rd overall.

Bethany Martin attempted shot put for the first time and placed 2nd with an exceptional throw (21'5.75").

The girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team of Lexi, Jenna, Abby, and Bethany placed 3rd overall with a great race and a solid time of 5:14.92.

For the boys' varsity team, Junior Peyton Bowman and sophomore Dylan Bullen had outstanding performances. Despite being the only two Rockcastle competitors, they always manage to keep the team in contention with great individual performances.

Peyton got the meet started with an all-time personal best of 7.09 seconds in the 55-meter dash and an 18th place finish. He placed 7th in long jump with an awesome all-time personal best of 18'0.25". In the 400-meter

dash, he placed 7th in a fast time of 57.38 seconds.

Dylan led the way in all of the distance events. In the 1600-meter run, he placed 8th with an awesome all-time indoor personal best of 5:06.5. He followed that with another all-time indoor personal best performance in the 800-meter run, placing 5th overall in 2:17.48. He finished his great day with a 9th place finish in the 3000-meter run with a great time of 11:29.92, which should qualify him for the race at indoor state. Only twelve athletes qualify in the event.

These two have a great chance to win individual state titles and set new personal bests at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships next Saturday.

The varsity girls' team was without sophomore Tori Dotson who competed at Marshall University with Team Kentucky. Tori won the 800-meter run at the Marshall University High School Open with yet another outstanding performance. Tori's time of 2:15.25 shattered the meet record by over 2 seconds and is her second fastest 800-meter performance ever. She will compete with her RCHS teammates at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships next Saturday before heading to New York City in March for the New Balance Indoor National Championships.

Even without Tori, the varsity girls' had a great meet, finishing 2nd behind private school St. Henry and 1.5 points ahead of Class 3A state power Louisville Central.

The girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team of freshman Jasmine Ashcraft, Jenna Loudermilk, 8th grader Jailey Martin, and

8th grader Karalinn Loudermilk got the meet underway with an awesome 5th place finish overall in 12:16.36. Only twelve teams qualify for indoor state in the 4 x 8 and RCHS should easily make it with their performance.

Freshman Valerie Kendrick won the shot put competition with an awesome, new all-time personal best throw of 34'1". Freshman teammate Jessalyn Burton placed 7th with a great throw of 27'1", nearly two feet better than her last performance at Mason County.

Eighth grader Allie Martin had a great meet and two outstanding performances, placing 3rd in the 400-meter dash (1:04.88) and also 3rd in long jump (15'5"). A false start in the 55-meter dash kept her from possibly winning the event, but she'll get her chance for redemption at the indoor state meet this weekend where she's among the favorites in the 55 and 400-meter dashes, as well as long jump.

Sophomore Autumn King placed 4th in the 55-meter hurdles with a season's best time (9.92 seconds) and 7th in long jump (14'11"). Autumn had some difficulty hitting the takeoff board as she normally does, causing her to scratch all of her triple jump and all but one of her long jumps. Her distances were really good though and she's already working on correcting the other issues. She's the favorite to win both events at indoor state this Saturday.

Jasmine Ashcraft had great performances in the distance events. She won the 3000-meter run (12:06.21) with an awesome race, placed 3rd in

the 1600 (5:58.81), and finished 9th in the 800 (2:51.6).

Karalinn Loudermilk, who rarely gets to practice due to participation in volleyball, placed 3rd in high jump (4'8") with an awesome all-time personal best performance. She also placed 9th in triple jump (28'9.75").

Eighth grader Reina Lykins, after several days off with the flu, placed 7th in the 55-meter hurdles (10.09 seconds) with an awesome all-time personal best, and 11th in long jump (14'6.25") with an indoor all-time personal best.

Jailey Martin, who battled illness the entire week and only got to practice one day, placed 8th in triple jump (29'0.25") and 12th in high jump (4'2").

Autumn, Jailey, Allie, and Emma combined for a 7th place finish in the 4 x 400-meter relay with a great time of 4:49.94.

The teams will next compete on Saturday, March 3rd in the Class 2A and Middle School Indoor State Championships at Mason County. The RCMS girls' team has won 10 indoor state championships and three in a row. They have an excellent shot at their 11th championship title. The RCHS girls' team has also won 10 indoor state championships, including six straight, and will also be seeking their 11th title. For the boys' varsity team, Peyton Bowman and Dylan Bullen will look to move the team as high in the standings as possible with several great individual performances. The middle school meet starts at 9:00 am, while the Class 2A meet gets underway at 3:00 pm.

RCHS junior Peyton Bowman had several outstanding performances for the boys' team at Mason County on Saturday. Peyton got the meet started with an all-time personal best of 7.09 seconds in the 55-meter dash and an 18th place finish. He placed 7th in long jump with an awesome all-time personal best of 18'0.25". In the 400-meter dash, he placed 7th in a fast indoor time of 57.38 seconds.



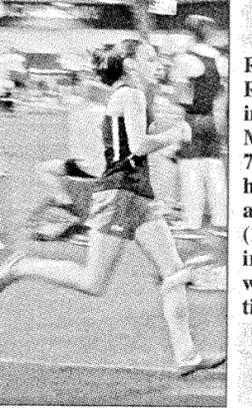
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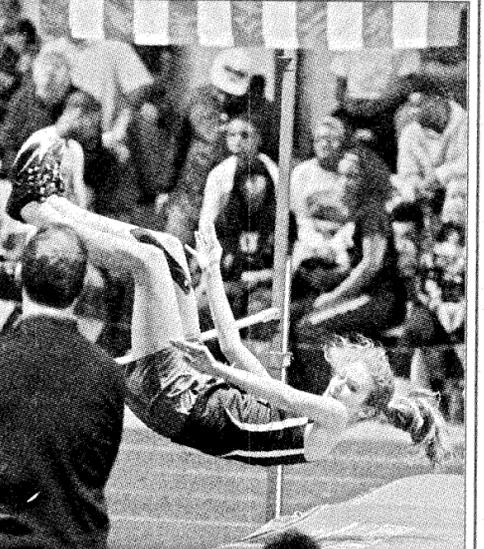
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RCMS eighth grader Allie Martin competed in the high school meet at Mason County, placing 3rd in both the 400-meter dash (1:04.88) and long jump (15'5"). Allie also ran the 3rd leg on the 7th place 4 x 400-meter relay team for the varsity.



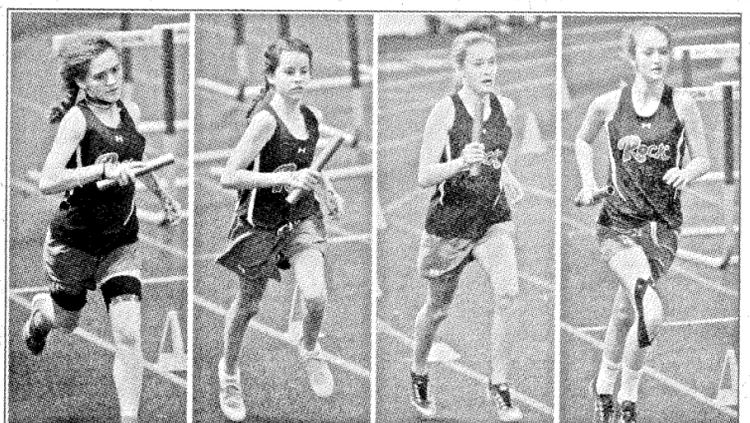
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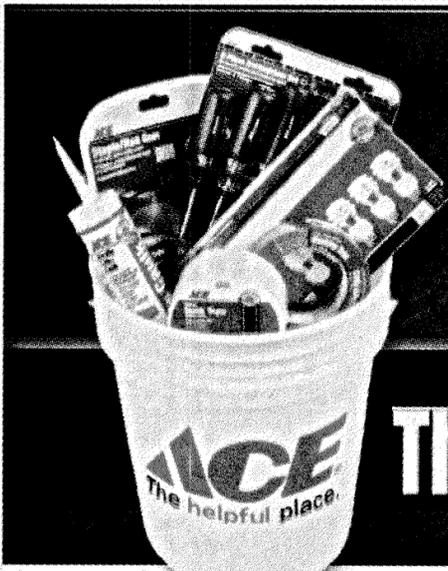
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The RCHS girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team placed 5th at Mason County on Saturday with an exceptional time of 12:16.36. The team had to run a qualifying time for the Class 2A indoor state meet and should easily qualify in the top 12 with their exceptional performance. Team members are from left: eighth grader Jasmine Ashcraft, seventh grader Jenna Loudermilk, eighth grader Jailey Martin, and eighth grader Karalinn Loudermilk.



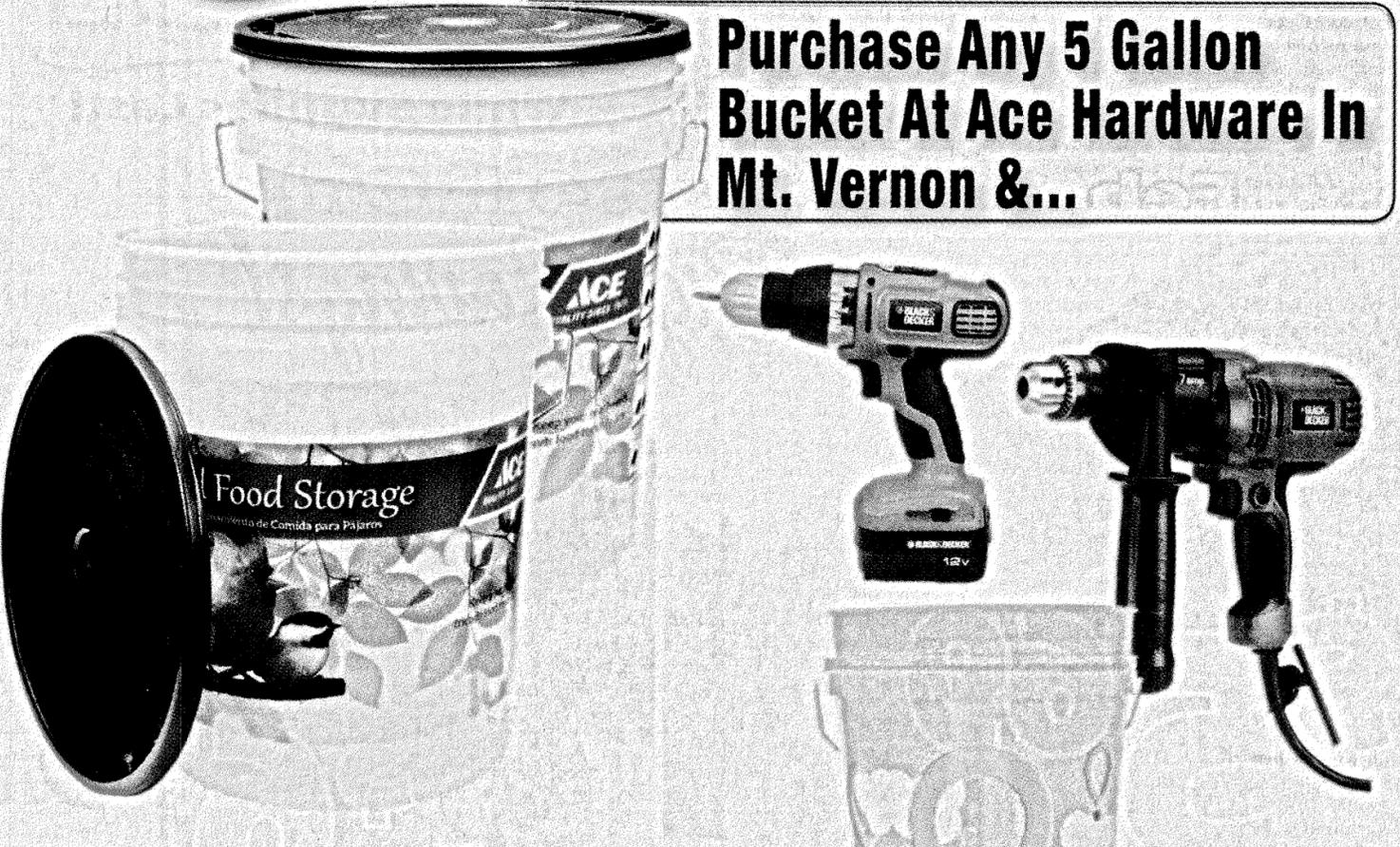
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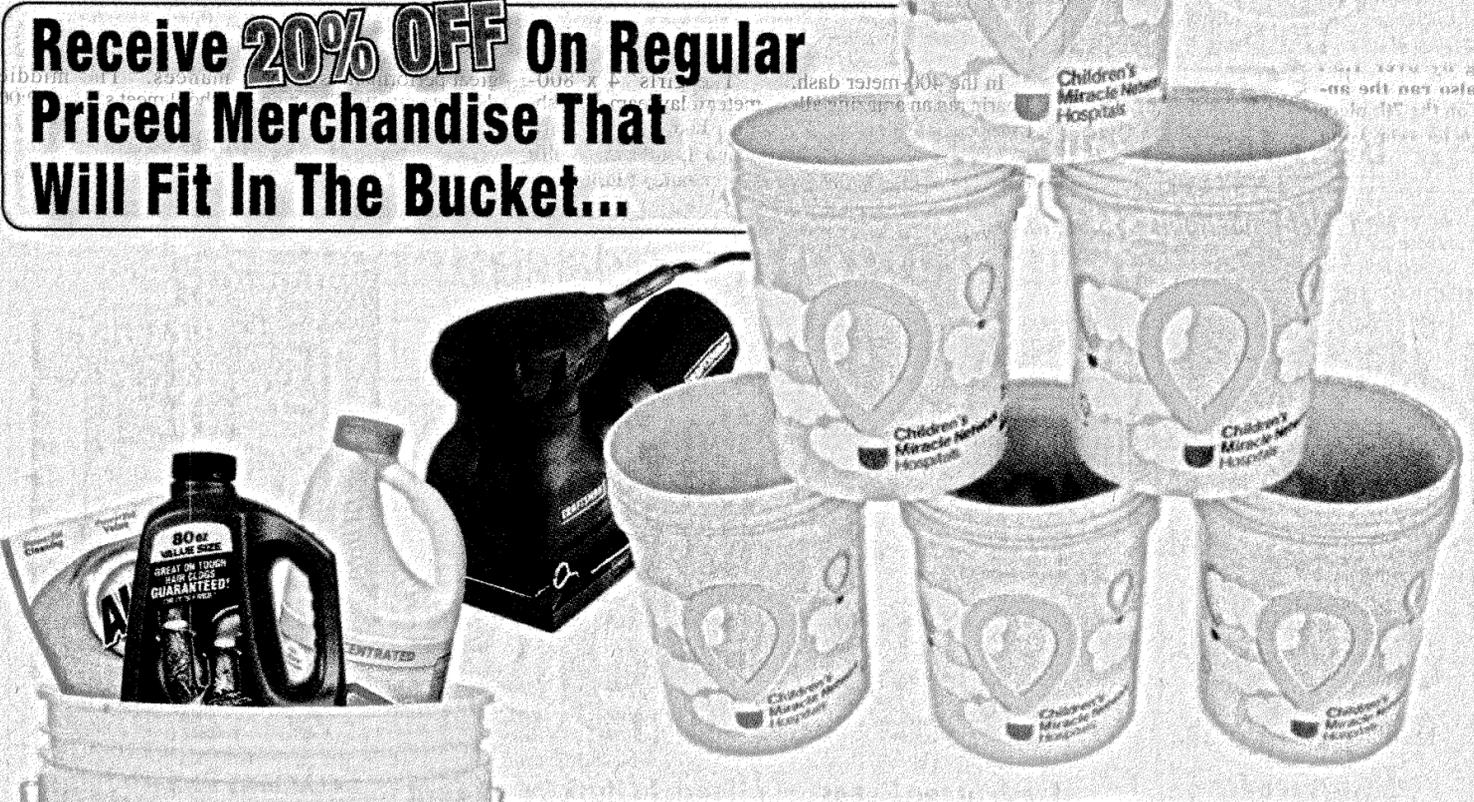
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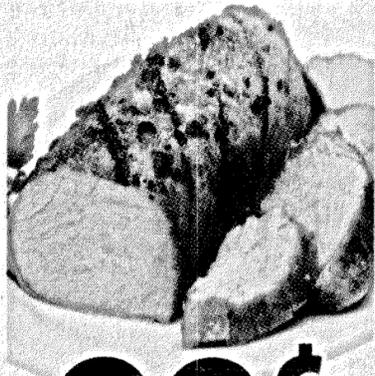
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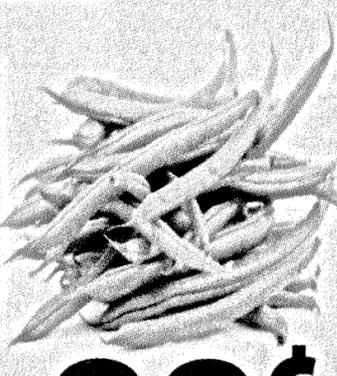
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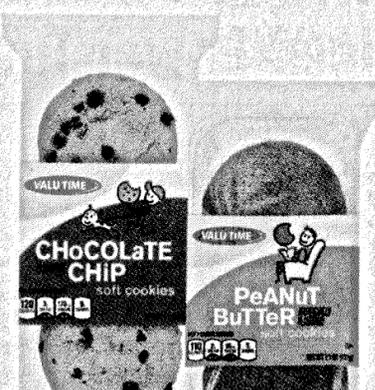
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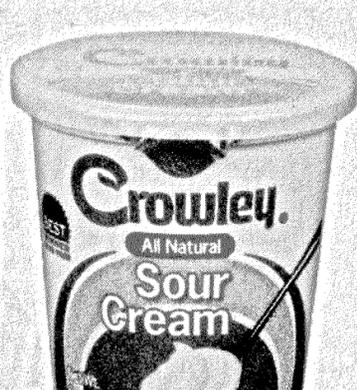
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Second Section

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Newly formed Rockcastle Arts Association sponsoring Art Show

Rockcastle Arts Association is a new organization committed to supporting and encouraging arts in the county, and it has organized an art show for April 27.

"Although we already have a number of Rockcastle County artists committed to show their work, there is plenty of time for other artists to submit," says Board Member Susan Norton. The deadline for submitting original art in any visual art form for the show is March 30.

Art show submissions are accepted from Rockcastle residents who are age fourteen or older. Submitters should send their name, age, address, phone number, and photos of the art work to be considered, by email to rockcastlearts@gmail.com, or Facebook direct message @RockcastleArtsAssociation, or by regular mail to PO Box 3055, Mount Vernon, KY 40456.

There will be cash prizes for certain categories of the art shown, refreshments, and the show will take place in downtown Mount Vernon in the currently unoccupied space of the former Hiatt's 5&10.

"We are hoping that everyone in the county can join us that night. We want to connect artists in the county with each other, and we want to connect with everyone who is out there and interested in these kinds of events," Board Member Jack Lewis explained. Along those lines, the goal of the group for 2018 is to have at least three art events that will involve as many people from the community as possible.

Board members have long been committed to the arts

The five board members of this independent, non-profit association are committed to growing the arts in our county. Board member Jack Lewis is a talented actor who performed in the county's community theater in the 1980s, including roles in South Pacific, The Importance of Being Earnest, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, and many others. He is an accomplished musician, was a member of the local rock band Joshua Cooley, and currently plays the bagpipes. Lewis is employed by Adanta in Somerset.

Shelley Parkerson is a long-time educator as well as arts enthusiast. She was also involved in the local community theater active in the county in the 1980s, and more recently has supported her nephew in the RCHS marching band, and regularly attends local performances of her former students. Parkerson is a retired teacher who taught at Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Board member Susan Norton is an English teacher at RCHS who is also drawn to the visual arts, having taken painting classes in Berea for a number of years. Norton has sponsored the student newspaper at RCHS as well as other clubs and activities, and is excited about the prospect of engaging adults in the community with arts and art events.

Jennifer Durham grew up drawing and painting. More recently she has been involved in plays her son has starred in, including Mouse Trap, and an upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast. She is interested in art opportunities for younger people in our community. Durham is employed by

Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Board member Carrie Mullins is a writer interested in community art and supporting local artists. Her children and husband have had numerous roles in plays and musicals produced by Spotlight Acting School. Mullins works at Rockcastle Pediatrics.

For more information about this organization, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities, visit the Facebook page @Rockcastle Arts Association, or contact the group by email at rockcastlearts@gmail.com.



Members of the Rockcastle Arts Association are pictured from left: Jack Lewis, Shelley Parkerson, Susan Norton, and Carrie Mullins. Not pictured: Jennifer Durham.



Renfro Valley LLC and the Mount Vernon Tourist Commission signed a contract Tuesday allowing the 2018 Induction Ceremony to be held May 11th in the New Barn in Renfro Valley. Shown in the above photo, from left: Avery Bradshaw, Hall of Fame Director; Charles Saylor, Tourist Commission Vice-President; Emily Bullock, Director of Tourism; Jennie Martin with Renfro Valley and Assistant County Attorney William Leger.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Midland Funding v. Paul Whitaker, \$1,487 plus claimed due.
 Heights Finance Co. v. Danielle Sowder, \$3,891 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Patricia Kilby, \$1,083 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Jason Kilby, \$797 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Lois Dees, \$829 plus claimed due. C-00043

Circuit Civil Suits

Samantha Lyndale Bond v. Derrick Moberly, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Barclays Bank v. Jewel

Sue Wilson, \$11,839 plus claimed due.
 U.S. Bank v. Roger D. Reams, et al, \$60,990 plus claimed due.
 Steve Coffey, et al, v. LP Brodhead LLC, et al, complaint.
 Laura K. Carpenter v. Robbie Carpenter, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Robert Howard v. Life Insurance Co. of North America, complaint.
 Rebecca Richardson v. John Richardson IV, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00043

Deeds Recorded

Tressie McGuire, property on Copper Creek Road, to Wilbur McGuire. No tax
 James D. Honchell, property on Rockcastle River, to Stephen M. and

Michelle Renee Jones. Tax \$6
 Mary Aileen Tate and Brenda Sue and Thomas F. Lesson, property on Ramsey Road to Roy Ambrose. Tax \$18
 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Co., property on Secluded Ridge Road, to Doris Burchett. Tax \$74.50
 Floyd and Lillian Caldwell, property on Poplar Ave., to Lillian Caldwell. No tax
 Five Star Acres LLC, property on Anderson Rd. to Classic Country Land LLC. Tax \$246
 Jerrel and Frieda Bullock, property on west side of Skeggs Creek Road, to Ruby and Danny Mize. No tax
 Terry B. McKinney and Gloria McKinney, property in Rockcastle County to Terry B. McKinney. No tax
 Sylvia L. Crabtree, property on Hammonds Fork Road, to Donald Dees. Tax

\$30
 Jack and Dawn Stallworth and Aaron and Jessica Stallworth, property on Freedom School Road, to Robert Leo Hayes, Jr. and Shanda Michelle Hayes. Tax \$45
 Larry and Dana Bullock, property on Old State Road, to Katie J. Cope. Tax \$80
 Kathy Lynn Riley, property in Rockcastle County, to Eugene T. Caldwell and Lori E. Caldwell Revocable Living Trust. Tax \$25

Marriage Licenses

Tracy Carol White, 45, Winchester, disabled and Bobby Singleton, 80, Livingston, retired. 2/17/18
 Eliza Jane York, 53, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Circuit Clerk and Michael Christopher Hansel, 54, Mt. Vernon, mechanic. 2/24/18

District Court

Feb. 21, 2018
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Donny R. Bowling: no/ expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 2 days in jail.
 Lucas King: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Michael D. Kirby: DUI, sentencing order entered.
 Jordan D. McGuire: public intoxication, 5 days in jail/costs waived.
 Andrew Mills: possession of synthetic drugs, 20 days in jail/costs waived.
 Steve Arthur Napier: public intoxication, 4 days

in jail/costs waived.
 Tristan Cole Robinson: theft by unlawful taking and public intoxication, sentencing orders entered.
 Ricky Leslie Agee: flagrant non-support, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 David Calvin Barnes: possession controlled substance and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Ima Jane Cotton: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Timothy Joseph Davis: giving officer false identifying information, bw issued for fta.
 Luke Dees: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.
 Timothy Leon Dillingham: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.
 Shannon Lewis Durham: flagrant non support, bw issued for fta.
 Matthew S. Gadd: public intoxication, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, tampering w/physical evidence, possession controlled substance, bw issued for fta.
 Jeremy Glynn Gilbert: criminal mischief, sentencing order entered.
 Austin Hodge: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, bw issued for fta.
 Clifford Jarvis: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.
 Martha A. McKinney: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.
 Aaron D. Medley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired registration plates, failure to maintain required

insurance/security, bw issued for fta.
 Steven M Miller: public intoxication and receiving stolen property, bw issued for fta.
 Delbert W. Mullins: criminal trespass, sentencing order entered.
 Christopher C. Price: criminal trespassing, possession controlled substance (three counts), bw issued for fta.
 Connor A. Rickett: possession of marijuana and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.
 Savanna R. Sigmon: fines/fees due (\$313), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.
 Harold Dean Spears: speeding, one headlight, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, license suspended for fta.
 Joshua H. VanWinkle: improper display of registration plates, \$25 fine; no/ expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
 Jason Wheeler: possession controlled substance, sentencing order entered.
 Jeffery Lynn Miracle: speeding, license suspended for fta.
 Thomas Lee Upshaw: no tail lamps, license suspended for fta.
 Nicole Cromer: DUI, sentencing order entered.

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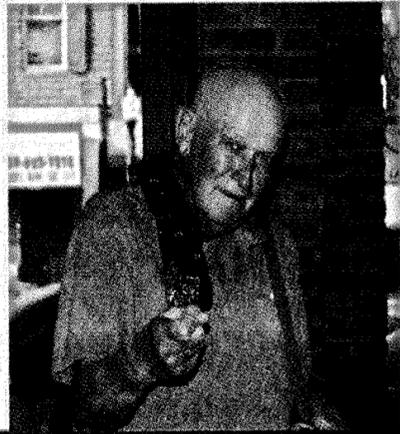
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CHURCH NEWS

An encouraging word:

A Time To Make Changes

By Howard Coop



While Wednesday, February 14, is not a holiday, it is a special day this year. It is a day that many around the world will note and observe. Known as Ash Wednesday, a day named for the practice of applying ashes from Palm branches used in an earlier Palm Sunday service to the forehead as a sign of penitence, it is the first day of Lent, the period of forty days, not counting Sundays, that precedes Easter. Lent is a special period observed each spring when thousands of people around the world, as a way of practicing self-discipline and self-denial, give up certain things, like a favorite food, for a specific period of time.

It always seemed a bit strange to me that Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting at the beginning of Lent and a period of self-denial, is preceded by Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi Gras which literally means fat Tuesday, a day of revelry, merry-making, and excess when that which is to be given up during the Lenten season is enjoyed to the limit.

In the early days of my life, I remember that little emphasis was placed on Lent, but in recent years, things have changed. I have observed that more and more people have begun to observe Lent, and the season has taken on a different, deeper, and more profound meaning. Instead of being an annual period in which certain things are given up for a specific number of days to practice self-denial, it has become, for many, a solemn season for serious introspection, self-examination, and deep soul-searching during which individuals seek to make permanent and meaningful changes in life by giving up unnecessary and harmful things and adding good and beneficial things that will lead to a better, fuller, and more satisfying life.

While Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, it can be much more. It can be a time to look within and make meaningful changes that will make life better.

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Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

At Rockcastle County Middle School

Tickets NOT Sold At The Door

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Guest Speaker
Commissioner of Agriculture
Ryan Quarles

Days Gone By

While growing up in the days of long ago, preachers would stand at the door and greet the members on the way out of the building, to hear the thoughts of the members.

Most of the members would always say preacher, a great message but you really stepped on my toes but that is exactly what I needed, you have given me a lot to think about when I get home, I appreciate those words.

If we heard the same things today as we heard 50 years ago on moral living as James teaches in James 4:4 "Those who are friend to the world, they are an enemy to God and 1Tim.2- "That we live modest, that we dress decent and we act like we have a little common sense, would those same words that preached time and time again in days gone by still be welcome words to our ears today? Whether they would be or not, Paul instructed Timothy in 2 Tim. 4:2-3 "To preach the word be instant in season out of season reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears."

Many of the problems in society today is because preachers won't preach the truth because they make their living preaching and they realize if they preach certain things, they could lose their jobs. 50 years ago they didn't have worry about such things but, oh today, we have become a society that accepts almost everything. I can remember a time not too many years ago if a person was drinking a beer and you passed them in a car while they were doing work in the yard they would hide the beer, now they hold it and wave.

The Apostle Paul said in Acts 20:27, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God." Paul held nothing back from these people, because they had a desire to know the truth. These apostles knew it was gospel preaching that would set men free as it is stated in John 8:32, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Are you really free?

Ask yourself, did you do what God said when you were saved? Rom.10:17, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Did he say you must repent? Acts17:30, at one time God winked at ignorance, but commandeth all men every where to repent. Did he say you must confess you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Matt.10:32, "That we must confess him before men." Did your preacher tell you that you must be baptized to be saved? Mark16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be condemned."

Thank you for reading this article and if you have an opportunity come visit us at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

This was submitted by the brethren of the...

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

PASTA FAGIOLI
2 pounds ground beef
1 onion, chopped
3 carrots, chopped
4 stalks celery, chopped
2 cans (28 ounces each) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can (16 ounce) red kidney beans, drained
1 can (16 ounce) white kidney beans, drained
3 cans (10 ounce) beef stock
3 teaspoons oregano
2 teaspoons pepper
5 teaspoons parsley
1 jar (20 ounce) spaghetti sauce
8 ounces pasta
Brown beef in a skillet. Drain fat from beef and add beef to crock pot with everything except pasta. Cook on low 7 to 8 hours or high 4 to 5 hours. During last 30 minutes on high or 1 hour on low, add pasta.

VEGETABLE SOUP
This soup is perfect for those cool nights when you want something hot and nutritious, that you can fix quickly. There is no fat in this soup, but it has plenty of flavors from the herbs and spices. I started making this soup after eating at a popular restaurant in Pigeon Forge. 1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes
1 can (29 ounce) Veg-all®, drained
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon each dried oregano and garlic
1 teaspoon dried chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon dried celery
1 dash hot sauce
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Salt and pepper
Add all ingredients to large soup pot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and gently boil for 30 minutes. Serve with warm cornbread or crackers.

ARTICHOKE AND ASPARAGUS SOUP
1 can (about 14 ounce) chicken broth
1 bundle of asparagus
3 or 4 artichoke hearts
1/2 cup half-and-half
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 t. of minced garlic
Salt
Pepper
Pour chicken broth into a medium pot. Bring to a boil and turn down heat. Let simmer while steaming vegetables. Steam asparagus for 20 minutes; artichokes for 40 minutes. Purée both; add to heated chicken broth. Simmer the broth and puréed vegetables for five minutes. Stir in garlic, half-and-half, and lemon juice. Add salt and pepper to taste. Can freeze leftover soup.

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Climax Christian Church

Series: What is a Christian Church?

Our last article began a discussion of baptism and looked at the scriptural purpose of baptism which the scripture state is for the remission of sins and for the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Since there are so many differences of opinion on this subject we will continue this discussion in this article. It is interesting that Satan has attacked the church in the area of what does God's plan of salvation consist of because we need to understand that if he can confuse people and make people think they are saved when they have not really followed God's plan then he wins victories over people's lives.

There are 9 conversion stories in the Book of Acts. Each of the 9 mentions baptism which is the only part of God's plan of salvation mentioned in all 9. Today our focus will be on the conversion of the Apostle Paul which is mentioned in part in three chapters of Acts.

I have asked this question to several Bible classes I have taught: was the apostle Paul saved on the road to Damascus? In almost every class there will be someone who will answer yes to the question. The answer is no he was not because if there was nothing else he needed to do and also, we then must say that he was saved without having his sins removed which we should know is not how a person is saved and which we will demonstrate in the following discussion.

As the early church grew it came under great persecution especially by the Jews. Saul, who was to be called Paul, was commissioned by the church to be a leader in the persecution of Christians. He was sent to Damascus in Syria to arrest Christians. Acts 9. While on his journey a great light appeared around his group and a voice spoke to him which only he could understand. The voice was the voice of Christ from Heaven. Paul asked who was speaking and when the voice said that He was Jesus, Paul asked what he must do. (Compare this to what the people asked Peter in our last article). We must note that the answer Jesus gave was different from what Peter's answer was on the Day of Pentecost and there is a reason for that which we will explain.

Paul was told to go into the city where he would be told what he needed to do. We will note that men are saved through the preaching of the gospel. God chose His message to go out into the world through men. We must note also that Paul was blinded after His vision of Christ.

Paul went into the city and prayed for three days. It is interesting to note that there are groups today which teach that a person must "pray through" to be saved. We will note that Paul was not saved by his prayers because he was still an unforgiven sinner.

God sent a vision to a man named Ananias to go and preach to Paul. God also told Ananias that Paul had received a vision that he would be visited by a man named Ananias. We cannot say that because Paul received a vision from God while he prayed that he was saved at this time because he was still in his sins.

Ananias obeyed God and went to Paul. He told him that God had sent him so that he would again see and also be filled with the Holy Spirit; remember that in our last article Jesus told Nicodemus that a man must be born again of water and of the Spirit. Paul at this time is not born again because he has not been born either of water or of the Holy Spirit.

After Ananias talked to Paul the scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Several people will argue that since he was healed of his blindness that this demonstrates he was saved. We will note the following, however: Acts 22:16. And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and was away your sins, calling on the Lord.

What Ananias told Paul agrees perfectly with what Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost and with what Jesus said to Nicodemus. Only after Paul was baptized did he receive forgiveness of his sins. The same is true for all men today.

We will note the last phrase of our text: calling on the Lord. There are many people who use Romans 10:13 to tell people how they are to be saved. Out of this teaching come the so-called sinner's prayer.

To begin our discussion of this we will note that Romans was written to the church and in Ch. 6 Paul definitely states he is talking to those who have already been baptized. Those who argue the above point will tell you that Paul switches from talking to Christian to talking to sinners. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN THE SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT THIS TEACHING.

As Paul was being baptized he was told to call upon the Lord. As Christians we will make mistakes and sin. When we do the Bible teaches us that God is faithful to His people so that when they call upon Him their sins will be forgiven. That is the proper use of Romans 10:13. It was written to Christians and not meant to be used as a plan of salvation.

Our space is again up but we will continue our discussion of baptism in our next article.

May God richly bless each of you and we invite you to come and worship with us at the Climax Christian Church each Lord's Day at 11 a.m.

You are welcome to call 606-843-7390 or write to: Minister, Climax Christian Church, 7258 McWhorter Rd., London, KY 40741 if you have any questions or comments.

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

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*Broken Chains Bible Study at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales, 7223 N. Wilderness Rd., Mt. Vernon

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Vincen Linville, 859-302-2431.

*Celebrate Recovery - Step Studies - Women Only.

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*Celebrate Recovery - Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria.

Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Spring Renewal

Coming this March, the 4th through the 7th, First Christian Church will host our "Spring Renewal!"

Our speaker will be Shannon Franklin.

We will begin the event on Sunday morning, the 4th, at 11 a.m., continue it Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and go from there, Monday through Wednesday evenings, at 7 o'clock.

You are invited to join us for one or all of the gatherings as we celebrate our Lord, His Word and the Spring of the year.

For more information, please call 606-256-2876.



Mt Vernon Lions President Alfred McNew welcomes two new members to the club, Judith Smith and Brenda Smith. The Lions Club is a service organization who buys glasses for needy in Rockcastle County and also provides funds for scholarships, Christmas shopping for underprivileged and at risk children in our community as well as other needs in our community. The Lions Clubs motto is WE SERVE.



20th Anniversary Commonwealth Cleanup Week

March 17-24, 2018

March 17-24, 2018, marks the 20th anniversary of Commonwealth Cleanup Week. Commonwealth Cleanup Week is an annual week-long event implemented by the Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) and also kicks off the Great American Cleanup, spanning from March-December. Its purpose is to provide Kentucky communities with an opportunity to "spring clean," recycle and promote personal responsibility across the Commonwealth.

Who is involved - The EEC, county solid waste coordinators, cities, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Bluegrass Greensource and Keep America Beautiful are sponsoring this year's event, along with the Governor's Office, legislators, county and city officials, volunteer organizations and other state government entities. Eastern Kentucky PRIDE will be conducting cleanups in April as part of the Great American Cleanup.

What - Statewide cleanup and recycling event mandated by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to promote responsible solid waste practices

Where - Throughout the Commonwealth

When - Commonwealth Cleanup Week - March 17-24, 2018

Great American Cleanup - March 20 through December 31, 2018

Prizes! - Civic, religious and nonprofit organizations can enter to win six separate \$100 prizes in a random drawing. To be eligible, organizations must register through their local solid waste coordinator and complete a cleanup project near the week of March 17-24, 2018. Group participation forms are available on the cabinet website at <http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/Pages/CCW.aspx>.

We Need Law Enforcement Support! The cabinet asks all law enforcement officials to step up efforts to cite for criminal littering and illegal dumping during the cleanups. We also request that county attorneys and district judges follow through with prosecution of littering and dumping citations during that time. Some useful laws for issuing citations are: KRS 433.757 (Littering Public Waters) and KRS 433.753 (Criminal Littering on Public Highway).

For more information about Commonwealth Cleanup Week, please contact your Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator at 606-256-1902 or by e-mail at rockcastlewaste@yahoo.com. You may also contact Becky Block at the Division of Waste Management, 502-782-6322 or by e-mail at Rebecca.block@ky.gov



Pictured are our first grade students from Brodhead who were visited by the Lorax reading "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss during Read Across America week.

Tiger Pause

Brodhead Elementary School is currently celebrating NEA's Read Across America week with lots of activities to promote the love of reading. Guest readers, daily contests, and book giveaways have been arranged to make this an exciting event for all. Students are encouraged to participate by dressing according to the theme that has been selected for each day. Thursday, March 1st "Oh, the Places You Will Go!" Students can wear a shirt from their favorite college, or dress up as what you want to be when you grow up. Friday, March 2nd "I Am Not Going to Get Up Today!" Students can wear their pajamas.

Brodhead Elementary would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to our students, parents, and community members for the enormous support that was shown through our latest fundraiser with the sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts. With over 1,500 dozen donuts sold Brodhead Elementary has now cleared the path toward achieving our goal of purchasing school supplies for all students in the coming 18-19 school year. Thanks again for the continued support and making Brodhead Elementary the awesome place that it is.

Camp AJ Registration Details
Registration is now open for students in Rockcastle

County for Camp AJ. Applications are available for students in the front office at BES. Camp AJ is a week summer camp opportunity for our students costing just \$20 per child. Camps sessions are for students ages 7-13 Co-Ed Youth Camp days - (June 11-15) - (June 18-22) - (July 2-6) - (July 9-13) - (July 16-20) - (July 23-27) - and Girls Youth Camp ages 7-13 - (June 25-29). Please ask your students to stop by the front office to pick up an application if interested in attending Camp AJ.

Dates of Interest:
Friday, March 16th - No School (CKEA)
Thursday, March 29th - BES Parent/Teacher Conference
Thursday, March 29th - BES Student Spring Art Show - 4:00 until 6:00
Thursday, March 29th - Brodhead Tiger Pride Stride (2 Mile Run/Walk) Race - 6:00 PM
Thursday, April 5th - No School (Spring Break)
Friday, April 6th - No School (Spring Break)

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Local student selected for national conference

Rockcastle County High School senior Jackson Cromer has been selected to be part of Kentucky's delegation for this year and will attend the week-long conference in July. Jackson will author an individual proposal of national scope and then advocate the proposal through a competitive debate process.

Each summer, Kentucky sends a delegation of 25 students to serve as representatives at the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs.

CONA was started in 1968 as a follow-up to the outstanding state Youth in Government programs conducted by the YMCA throughout the US. The weeklong conference is held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in North Carolina and serves as the nationwide conclusion for each of the YMCA Youth and Govern-

ment programs around the country. The conference brings together the top students from each state program to debate proposals on issues facing our nation and

Minds in the Middle

Eighth graders need to have their next \$10 deposit turned in by March 9th for their end-of-the-year trip.

Any student interested in playing Little League baseball or softball can pick up a registration form in the office. Students can be no older than 12 by May 1st to play.

Unite Camp applications are now available in the office. This is a fun, free, weeklong camp at the University of the Cumberlands for any middle school student.

world.

Last year, young people from thirty-three states and the District of Columbia participated in the conference. This program offers

In our top ten attendance battle last week, the 7th grade Adventurers took two spots with Mrs. Hopkins' homeroom in 3rd place and Mrs. Phillips' homeroom in 2nd place. Congratulations to Mr. Bottoms' homeroom on taking 1st place for the week.

Spring pictures will be this Friday, March 2nd.

Thank to RCHS for inviting our 8th graders over for a visit this week. They enjoyed their time getting to know people and places.

unusual opportunities for a young person to do research in the area of National and International concern; to organize this information into a documented proposal; to engage in intensive discussion and to debate these proposals with understanding young people from other states.

Students must complete a competitive application process in order to be selected and applications are taken by invitation only. Invitations are distributed to high school juniors and seniors who were named Outstanding Speaker Award winners at the state conferences.

If you would like to help sponsor this opportunity with a donation, you may contact the RCHS Student YMCA sponsor Ms. Erin Grace at erin.grace@rockcastle.kyschools.us or Jackson at jackson@rockcastle.kyschools.us

Register now for A Night in Paris

Welcome to our 2nd Annual Daddy-Daughter dance "A Night In Paris!" The dance will be held on March 24th from 6-8:00 p.m.

Each participant will receive a free photograph and there will be snacks provided. Advance tickets are \$15 per couple (adult/child) and \$5.00 per additional child.

Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$25 per couple and additional child \$5.00.

All forms and money are due by March 2nd. Please turn in all forms and money to any Rockcastle elementary school. Tickets will be given to those schools hopefully no later than March 16th for students to bring

home. The dance is open to all county students. If you cannot get the form to one of the schools, you can mail it to:

Roundstone Elementary
6701 North Wilderness Road
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2235

We are super excited and can't wait to see all of you there for "A magical night of memories."

Eagles Nest Parent Group

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A Night in Paris

DADDY daughter DANCE

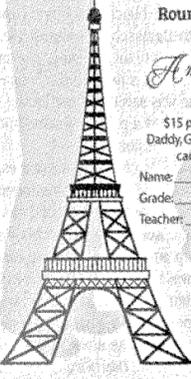
Saturday, March 24th
6:00-8:00 PM
Roundstone Elementary School

A magical night of memories!

\$15 per couple and \$5 per additional child
Daddy, Grandpa, Uncle, Cousin, or any other adult can escort the daughter to the dance.

Name: _____
Grade: _____ School: _____
Teacher: _____

Name(s) of all People Attending:



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Friend Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club on Facebook to see a list of all items to be auctioned.

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This is a nice two bedroom brick veneer home on city water and city sewer. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, three bedrooms, one bath. This property is considered unsuitable for the Rural Development, Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs.

An open house will be held on April 12, 2018 from 10:00AM - 11:00AM

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$33,500.00.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Nicholasville Rural Development Office within 30 days.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on April 12, 2018 at 11:00AM at 2324 Hammonds Fork Road, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of 60,907.35, with accrued interest of \$4,999.41, through August 30, 2018, with a total subsidy granted of \$4,441.20, late charges of \$24.12 and fees assessed of \$5,813.43, for a total unpaid balance due of \$76,185.51 as of August 30, 2018. Interest is accruing on the unpaid principal balance at the rate of \$7,297.50 per day after August 30, 2018, until the date of entry of Judgment as appears from the Affidavit of Rural Development Foreclosure Representative, Kimberly Williamson, previously filed herein, together with interest on the Judgment amount at the rate of 1.23 percent per annum, until paid in full, plus costs, disbursements, attorney's fees and expenses, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 8:17-cv-00025-GFVT on the Southern Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on August 31, 2017 in the case of United States of America vs. Carole G. Powell, Jerry R. Powell, David H. Whisman and Joanne Whisman, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and being more fully described as follows: BEING all of Tract A, containing 0.73 acres, as shown on Plat recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 730 (Slide 958) in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description, AND BEING the same property conveyed to David Whisman, a single person, by Deed from Brent Harding and Bonnie Harding, husband and wife, dated November 12, 2010, of record in Deed Book 233, Page 62 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U.S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.23% per annum until paid, due and payable in 60 days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the Proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain in a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquiries should be directed to: John Johnson, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA OFFICE
Shelbyville, Kentucky - Telephone: 859-881-4469 Ext. 4

DAR presents students with Essay Awards

Submitted by Karen Adams

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution actively supports historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. One way the Society promotes education is to sponsor every year in the school systems the American History Essay Contest open to all 5th-8th graders.

This year's essay topic was "World War I: Remembering the War to End All Wars". The end of World War I was the beginning of a new age. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War. The children were to imagine living in 1918, state where they lived and how the end of the war would impact their daily life. They were to discuss the pros and cons of the changes this War introduced to society and how they imagined those changes would impact the United States in the years to come.

40 essays were submitted for judging by the local DAR chapter. One essay winner from each grade level was eligible to be submitted by the local chapter for state competition. State winners will be judged on national district level and finally district winners will be eligible for the national competition in Washington this June. National winners will be awarded at Continental Congress and presented a medal, certificate and monetary award.

The Rockcastle Chapter awarded each of this year's chapter winners a certificate and medal. Second and third place winners were also recognized. All other entries

received a certification of participation.

Fifth grade winners of this year's contest were: 1st place - Haley McClure (Roundstone Elementary); 2nd place - Makyla Hester (Roundstone Elementary); 3rd place - Lincoln Rader (Mt. Vernon Elementary).

Sixth grade winners were: 1st place - Jeremiah Mikeworth; 2nd place - Inan McFarland; 3rd place - Emily Thacker.

Seventh grade winners were: 1st Place - Daniel Wilson; 2nd place - Silas Durham; 3rd place - Lindsay Rowe.

Eighth grade winners were: 1st place - Haley Thacker; 2nd place - Granville Graves and 3rd place - Noah Fain.

The Rockcastle Chapter would like to thank all of the students and teachers who participated in this year's contest and look forward to reading next year's entries from such talented writers.

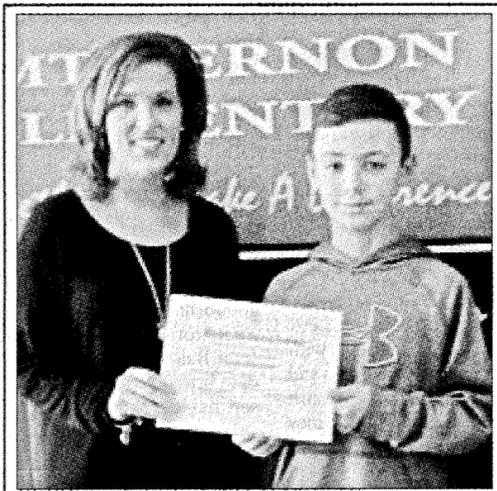
The 2018-2019 topic has been announced. "The Women's Suffrage Campaign." The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was passed by Congress on 4 June, 1919 and ratified 18 August, 1920. This amendment granted all American women the right to vote and hold elective office. The children are to imagine they are living in 1919 while the women's suffrage campaigns were having impact on Americans politically and socially. They are to discuss the pros and cons of this new amendment Congress has passed. More information will be available at a later date.



7th grade participants Daniel Wilson, Lindsay Rowe and Silas Durham.



Kathy Bobo with 6th grade participants Jeremiah Mikeworth and Emily Thacker. Not pictured: Inan McFarland.



5th grade participant Lincoln Rader with Jamie Ellison.



Jean Gentry with 5th grade participants Makyla Hester and Haley McClure along with Principal Chris Bishop.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
BLUEBERRIES: Attractive Bushes, Nutritious Berries

A few blueberry plants in the landscape can look good as many other landscape plantings. A few ripe homegrown blueberries fresh from the bush in your own yard will maximize the good taste, the vitamins and other healthful properties of these native fruiting plants. Let's look at the benefits of blueberries, and also how we can incorporate these plants successfully into our landscapes and gardens.

Blueberry fruits are nutritious, high in Vitamin C, antioxidants (anti-cancer, eye health, better blood sugar scores), and are also very tasty.

The blueberry is one of the native fruits that are delicious, nutritious, versatile, and can be eaten fresh, frozen, made into pies, jams, muffins, wine, and dried like raisins. The wild blueberries are usually quite small, but often more flavorful, and can be found in many areas of the eastern and northern United States. Improved cultivars, especially developed for large berries and ease of harvest, are typically sold at garden centers in containers, or are sold by mailorder or online as bare root plants only available in late winter and early spring.

Blueberries vary in size with a few berries the size of quarters, but many bearing fruits the size of large garden peas, and wild ones out in the mountains often being no bigger than a Q-tip. The berries vary in color, from sky blue to a deep navy or marine blue. And the taste from sweet and very mild, to a bit sour and more flavorful.

The bushes vary from short to around 12 feet tall. There is lowbush, northern and southern highbush, and rabbiteye blueberries. The rabbiteye do wonderful when winters stay above zero in winter, but not south of where it gets into the lower 20's in winter. Southern highbush varieties are being continually experimented with, so let's just say, some can be grown into most parts of Florida except the Keys. Northern highbush are preferred for zones 5 and 6 in the Eastern U.S. There are more than 50 commercially available cultivars of northern highbush blueberries. Then, for the more northern reaches of the country, there are the lowbush blueberries and also huckleberries. These can often tolerate 30 or 40 below zero. Quite a few hybrids have been developed in Minnesota and Michigan and Maine where the highbush and lowbush are crossed for a hardy plant with good size and nice berries. Those make suitable plants for

containers and small spaces even in Kentucky and nearby states.

What is needed for successful growing of blueberries at your place? 1) Sunshine—plants grow fine in part shade but for largest crops plant in full sun. 2) Water—blueberries need good drainage, but not drought conditions. This often means some watering to get plants established, and in future years for best crops. 3) Acidic soil—blueberries prefer 4.5 to 5.5 pH, which is very acidic soils (the opposite of limestone soils or high sodium soils of desert areas). Improving the soil with peat moss and sulfur or aluminum sulphate and bloodmeal are suggestions, along with deep tillage before planting. (No lime or wood ashes.)

Also; 4) Pruning—light pruning early, but all limbs over 6 years old removed. Blueberries make clumps with many limbs; some thinning of old limbs is very useful to large crops and long bush life. And, 5) Mulch and Fertilizer—About three inches of wood chips or straw or other mulch, and some very light applications of fertilizer will be needed for best results. (Do keep mulch from being piled up against the trunks of the bushes, but the cooling of the soil and moisture retention of mulch out in the drip zone will be very helpful.)

Some blueberries are self fruitful, but most varieties need cross pollination from another variety that blooms at a similar time. So figure on planting two or more different varieties. When landscaping, keep in mind shorter plants in front, larger plants in back, or use repetition such as 5 plants that turn yellow in the fall, one that turns red, five more that turn yellow, or whatever scheme you decide on. You'll need to research the characteris-

tics of the various cultivars to come up with the best of all worlds when it comes to selecting and properly planting your blueberry bushes for the nicest look.

Fall color of leaves, winter color of limbs, and spring color of blooms are quite different among various blueberry varieties. Tolerance for bad soil, weather and the like also varies. Earliblue and Duke are two of the earliest to ripen starting in early June. Elliott and Aurora are two of the very latest to ripen, with some ripe berries lasting all through September. Bluegold has yellow fall color, a uniform 4 foot height, and all the berries get ripe in June and all at the same time. Sunshine Blue is a variety with smaller leaves, is semi-evergreen, and the berries ripen over 3 or 4 week period—it also tolerates higher pH than most, doing well with 6.5 pH. Misty, Reka and Legacy (also semi-evergreen/orange) are also more tolerant of higher pH. Patriot, which turns fire orange in fall, is a lowbush/highbush hybrid that tolerates clay waterlogged soils. Reka, Hardyblue and Legacy also handle poorly draining soils better than most. Earliblue and Bluecrop, two popular commercial varieties, are not the best choices for ease of growing in the home garden, neither are particularly attractive, and Earliblue requires a sandy soil with high organic matter. Cold tolerant Spartan will not tolerate wet feet. Duke is a late blooming but early ripening variety that also is of high quality and has stood the test of time. (Yet for some reason I can never find the plants of this one.) And Toro is one of the prettiest in the landscape.

Late blooming means higher odds of escaping spring frosts. The southern

highbush varieties will do OK farther north, but with the caveat that they may bloom out too early and get frostbitten. I have found the Sunshine Blue to work in Kentucky same as in North Florida—a dependable variety, tolerant of multiple conditions, but with below average quantity of berries.

Mature blueberry bushes can produce from around 6 pints of fruit to upwards of 20 per year. Reka, Brigitta and Elliott are among the heaviest bearers...but sometimes the heavy set of fruit means smaller berries even though the total harvest will be large. Chandler bears the largest berries, some over the size of quarters. Spartan, Dixie, Bluegray and Darrow are additional varieties with exceptional sized berries.

Blueberry plantings should bear the second or third year and begin to have a full crop by year six.

Recent study of the blueberry suggests additional benefits of reducing cholesterol, reducing urinary tract infections, and even slowing aging. While I can't vouch for all the studies and claims, I do know blueberry plants can look nice in the landscape and are a real sweet treat fresh off the bush in your own yard. I suggest you plant a couple of these at the first opportunity, and if you are a big blueberry fan, then I recommend starting with a dozen or so. Plant anytime, but especially in fall, from containers. Plant in late winter or in the springtime if the plants are shipped bare-root to you. Don't be afraid to try growing blueberries, they aren't as difficult as some people will tell you they are. If you can grow azaleas, you probably can grow blueberries. Try some soon.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Contact: (606) 416-3911 www.rockcastles.net



8th grade participants Haley Thacker and Granville Graves. Not pictured: Noah Fain.

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• Office of Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Position to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2016 Property Tax Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter was published by Auditor of Public Accounts on February 22, 2018 in the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

A copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use. Any citizens requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Mike Peters,
 Sheriff of Rockcastle County

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Notice is hereby given that Stephen L. Carrera, P.O. Box 855, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Charlotte Dee Ann Carrera on the 12th day of February, 2018. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Stephen L. Carrera or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, 205 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 13, 2018 at 11 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Shirley D. Kruse, 577 Poplar Gap Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Antoinette Kruse on the 12th day of February, 2018. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Shirley D. Kruse or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 13, 2018 at 11 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Ronald L. Dunn, 13542 West 800 South, Francesville, IN 47946 has been appointed Administra-

tor of the Estate of Earl Wayne Dunn on the 7th day of February, 2018. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ronald L. Dunn, or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, Rowe Law Offices PLLC, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 8, 2018 at 11 a.m. 5x3

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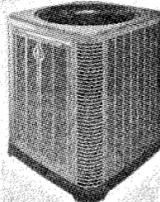
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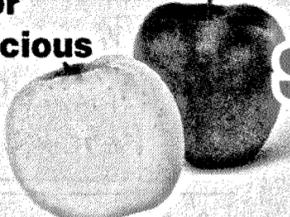
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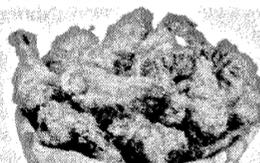
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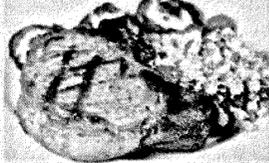
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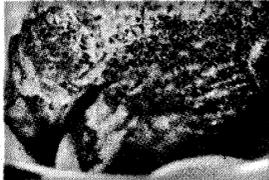
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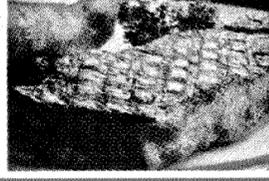
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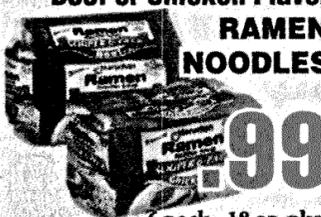
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