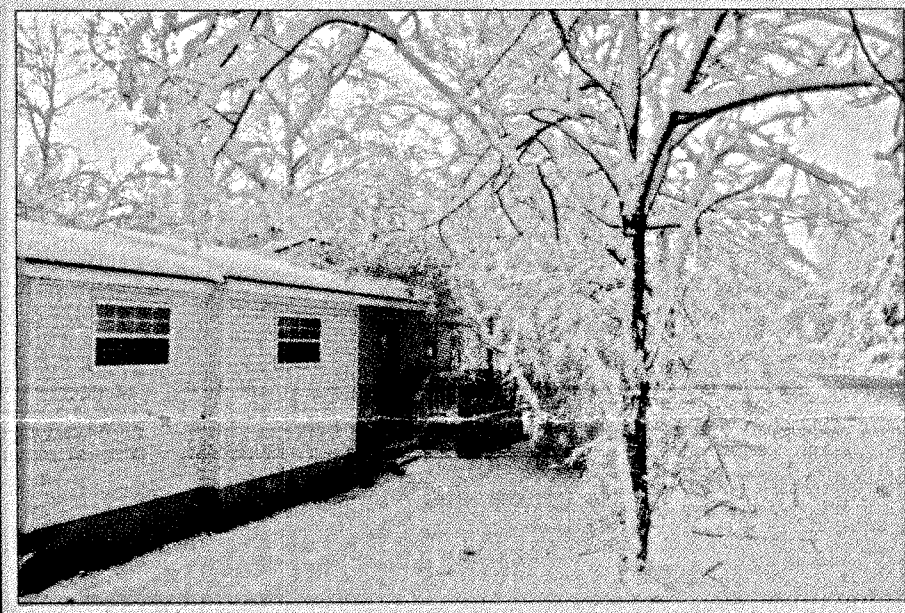


## Storm hits county hard



Police and fire departments across the county faced massive clean up efforts after a strong winter storm covered most of the county Sunday evening and caused electrical outages for many homes as well as road closures in the northern and eastern portions of the county. Along with the police and fire departments in the county, county and city employees also worked around the clock to saw downed trees and electric companies had crews on poles throughout the evening restoring power to homes and businesses. Shown above, U.S. 25 was closed for several hours Monday after downed trees broke power lines. Below is one of the many homes in Rockcastle to receive damage from broken trees.



By: Mike French Reporter

Arguably, the most destructive snow storm this year hit Rockcastle County Sunday night, particularly the northern end, causing the blockage of US 25 and several roads on the northern end of the county as well as leaving several areas without electricity.

"It looks like a war zone out here in some places," said County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop. "We have all our crews working to re-open roads and cut the trees that have fallen across highways but we need more help."

Bishop said the situation in some areas in the northern end of the county was severe and he believed it could take several days to get all the roadways cleared

(See "Storm" on A6)

## Fire Departments make requests of Fiscal Court

Representatives of three local fire departments met with the Rockcastle Fiscal Court at Tuesday's regular monthly meeting, to ask for help with equipment needs for their departments.

Ken Holt, representing the Climax Volunteer Fire Department, asked the court to help with the purchase of a brush truck.

Holt told the court that their present brush truck needed to be replaced and the department had enough funds, \$7,000, to equip the truck if the court could purchase the truck.

Holt said that half of the departments runs were to fight wildfires.

(See "Court" on A6)

## City of Brodhead looking into new sewer usage rules

By: Mike French Reporter

The Brodhead City Council held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening at City Hall, but it was touch and go for a while as not enough members were present for a quorum. However, councilmember John Burton called member Dallas Todd and informed him of the situation, and Todd made the trip to the council chambers so that the

meeting could be held.

Burton, Todd and Mayor Walter Cash were the only elected officials at the meeting.

The first order of business for the members was to discuss a problem with the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center reportedly placing diapers, rags and other large items into the sewer system causing the pumps and the entire sewer system to shut down

(See "Brodhead" on A6)

## RCIDA hires new Director

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority announces that Jeff Vanhook has been hired as executive Director.

During the past 19 years, Jeff has worked for Elmo Greer & Sons, LLC (1998-2010) as Cost Accountant/Controller in London and Codell Construction Company (2010-2017) as Vice President/Controller in Winchester.

(See "RCIDA" on A6)

## RCIDA deeds Jones Building to R-Tech

By: Mike French Reporter

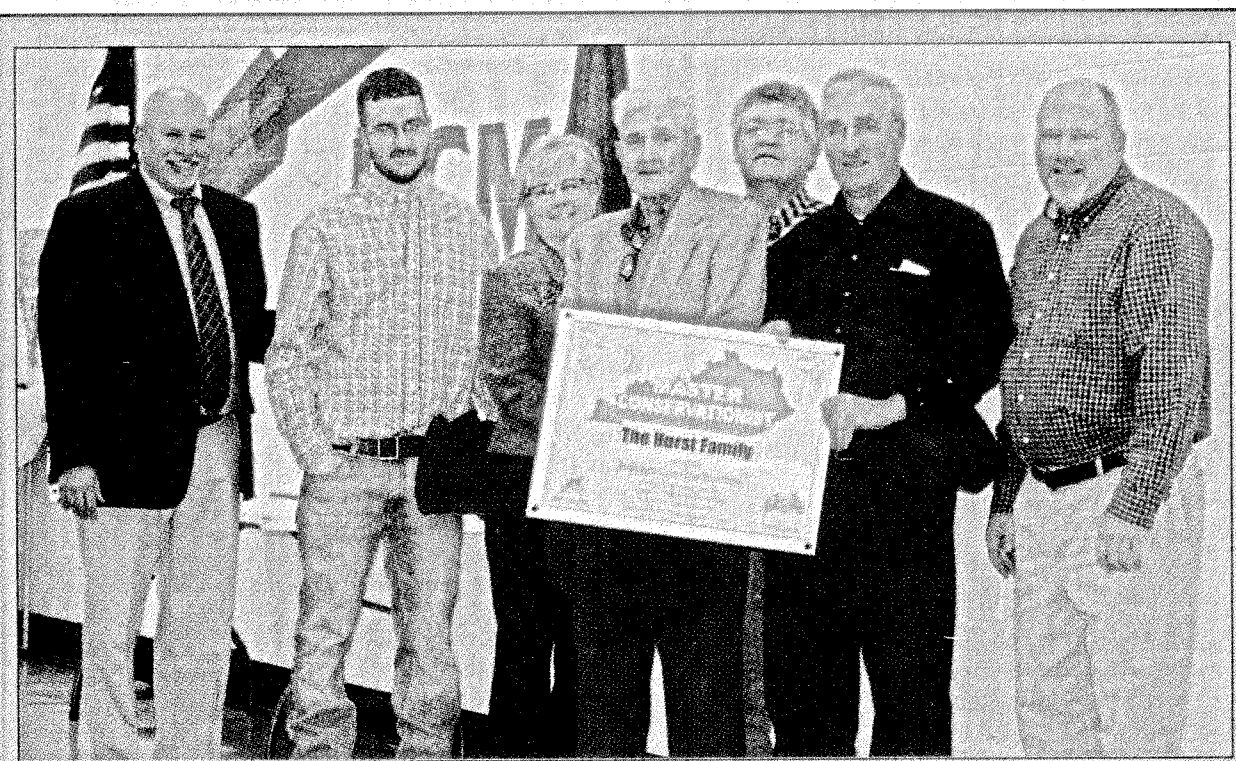
The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held its regular monthly meeting last week and members discussed the historic event of all local government entities working together to help bring the manufacturing plant, Microfoodery, to Mount Vernon.

"This is an historic event

that went very well. This is a big step forward for our city and our county," said Corey Craig, RCIDA acting director.

The members also accepted bids for the metal and timber on some property owned by the board. Darrell Griffin won the bid for the metal at \$310 and Tyler Strunk had the high bid for the timber at \$576.

(See "Jones" on A6)



The 58th Annual Farmers/Businessmens Banquet was held Monday night with a large crowd in attendance. The Hurst Family, shown above, received the Master Conservationist Award from the Rockcastle County Conservation District. Members of the Hurst family receiving the award from Roy Reynolds, far left, and Randall Templeman, far right, were: Chris Hurst, Stephanie Hurst, Donald Hurst, Donnie Hurst and Barry Hurst. In the photo at right, Ryan Quarles, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture, was the guest speaker for the evening. (See more photos on page A5)



## School Board talks about safety issues

By: Mike French Reporter

A big portion of the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board Tuesday evening, was spent

discussing school safety and the many programs and techniques utilized by the local school system to create a safe environment for faculty, staff and students.

"There is no such thing as the perfectly safe

environment," said Superintendent David Pensol. "But we have in the past, and will continue to do, everything imaginable to make Rockcastle County Schools as safe for everyone as they can possibly be. We will never make student safety anything except our first priority."

**"We will never make student safety anything except our first priority."**

— David Pensol

In fact, Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk attended the

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

We have been having quite a bit of trouble recently with readers submitting letters to the editor which have been way over the 400 word limit we have imposed for years now.

We do this because (1) we feel like anything the writer has to say, they should be able to say it in 400 words or less (2) we have space limitations in our paper (3) we feel that readers tend to not read anything that is longer than the 400 word limit and (4) it's our paper and we have the right to limit/edit any submission.

As to the 400 words, they are not set in stone. If you are close, within 20-50 words, we'll go ahead and print it but please try to, at least, keep it in the range.

Anyway, those guilty, please quit. I know we come across as mean but that's just the way it is and has been for years.

I read a tweet recently that set me off and I immediately took umbrage with the sentiment expressed. It said that old people, who account for the majority of medical care needed, pay the least (\$100 a month was mentioned) for their health insurance.

This really teed me off. Besides the over \$200 a month that is deducted from my Social Security check each month for Medicare, I pay over \$200 a month for my supplement which amounts to over \$400 a month. Now, I admit, in the last couple of years, I have no doubt used everything I paid in (and am still paying in) and more but, I am still

paying into the system so I'm not exactly a dead weight on society.

"Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall," the good Book says, and that has certainly proven to be the case with my team's bowling the last couple of weeks.

Prior to last week, we

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I suppose complaining about the future can make the future come true at times.

I did a column recently about how we would survive without electricity. How difficult life would be and for those who survive, how much they would have to adapt.

But even with all my prophetic rambling, I still didn't really know how different life would be until it came close to home.

The storm Sunday night caused my mother's house to be without electricity beginning at 4 a.m. Monday.

Well, in mom's case, she has a bunch of health problems including COPD. She requires full time oxygen and occasional breathing treatments.

As it turns out, both of those devices require electricity to operate.

## Points East

By Ike Adams



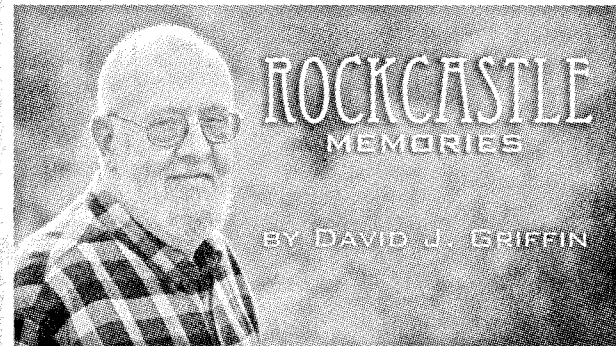
If I was a TV weather forecaster employed by, name a Kentucky station, and if I had accurately predicted several big snows in December and January as well as a couple of floods, along with two more big snows in February, I would make arrangements to be out

of town during the entire month of March.

In fact, no matter what my batting average might turn out to be, from December through February, I would have started a campaign in January to have my viewers accompany me on a cruise from somewhere in Florida to the source of the Nile. Or maybe we'd go to Australia and New Zealand since your host has always wanted to frolic with aborigines and rub noses with a Maori maiden.

If I could talk enough of my devoted viewers into signing up and shelling out we could all have the time of our lives and it wouldn't cost me a penny because, hey, I'm the guy who thought it up and I haven't

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WD 40

My first experience with the product WD 40 occurred around 1961, and it really gave me a scare. At that time, I was driving the 1958 Chevy that my grandfather had given me. I always kept a container of the lubricant in the tool box stored in the trunk of my automobile.

On this particular day, I had pulled my car into the backyard to give it a good wash job. I remember it was a hot day in July. As I soaked the hood, I was surprised to hear a loud "shotgun" blast which appeared to come from the trunk of my '58. Upon opening the trunk, I smelled the "sweet" aroma of WD 40. I opened my tool box to discover that the aerosol can had exploded,

throwing the oily substance all over my tools. Although I never actually determined what caused that explosion, I suspect it was the sultry heat of summer.

Believe it or not, that same scent is associated with one of my first memories as a college student. I left home for UK in May of 1962. Upon arrival at Hagan Hall, I located my room, opened the door, and promptly detected the aroma of WD 40. My roommate, Steve Stacy, was sitting on his bed rubbing the liquid on his baseball glove. A huge smile appeared on my face.

WD 40 was invented in 1953 by the Rocket Chemical Company. The formula was kept as a trade secret and was never patented. The chemical's name refers to water displacement, 40th formula. The product made its first appearance on store shelves in 1958.

Steve Stacy gave me another brand new use for WD 40 that I had never heard of before. One day, we decided to go fishing, and as we left our dorm room, he said, "Put that can of WD 40 in my tackle box." When I asked what we needed it for, he said, "It has fish oil in it, and if you spray a tiny amount on our bait, the fish will devour the worms." Guess what? It worked.

Typical uses for WD 40 include removing dirt, extracting screws and bolts, silencing squeaks, displacing moisture, preventing rust, and loosening stuck parts. I found one person on the Internet who claimed,

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Winter's (Hopefully) Last Hurrah

Dear Journal,

As I look out my window this morning, I'm seeing about two inches of snow. The past few days of frigid temperatures after those wonderful fifty and sixty degree days is rather disappointing. I knew we hadn't seen the last of "Old Man Winter."

Stanley and I have been wondering which winter we have been going through.

It wasn't dogwood or red bud and too early for blackberry. It must be hoot owl

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**Elect**  
**Shannon FRANKLIN**  
**\* Rockcastle Co. Sheriff \***

I am Shannon Franklin, candidate for Rockcastle County Sheriff. I have served Rockcastle County as a sworn Deputy for over 18 years. I previously served our county as a Department of Social Services Worker Clinician and as a Juvenile Services Worker Clinician.



I have attended and successfully completed over 1,000 hours of state certified training that includes certification in:

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  - Adult Protection Services • Special Needs Populations
- I have been and remain active in drug abuse education and prevention programs in our schools.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### History of local candidate...

Dear Editor,

IN MY OPINION, Doug Bishop was elected because someone who wanted to sell property to the county got PO'd at Buzz because he would not hear of it and they then financed Doug. This party also owns property in one of the industrial sites that should have been sold back to the county, according to the terms of sale.

If you recall, the last meeting that Buzz chaired, and did bring up the property in question, Doug, the owner, and the then County Attorney Billy Reynolds all yelled foul and presented many reasons for not enforcing the terms of the sale.

RCIDA did not act on it even though that agency is the one responsible for any action. (That information according to the MV Signal Dec 18, 2014). Since the one person in question (property owner and once again IMO) financed Doug Bishop's campaigns he isn't going to move against nor do what is right for the county. The person in question is also "family" by marriage to both the Judge and Shannon Bishop the Magistrate. Sorta cozy while building a strong future don't ya think? The following is from the late Richard Anderkin's THE WAY I SEE IT column in the May 7, 1987 issue of the MV Signal (quoted in part to save space). "During a called meet-

ing of The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court last month some of the magistrates, and especially Doug Bishop criticised the Signal and reporter Raymond McClure for a story we carried three weeks ago (MV

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**“Letters”**

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Signal Apr 16, 1987 pg A1) concerning the county's awarding of the annual insurance contract -

The way I see it, Magistrate Bishop was upset by the fact that we printed that his wife, Janet worked for one of the agencies that bid on the Insurance and was awarded the contract for county vehicles.

Fact, nothing in the insurance story was wrong. Fact, a possible conflict of interest certainly exists with Magistrate Bishop making the motion to award the agency that his wife works for part of the county's insurance. But, what I am sure about is that county business should be conducted in open meetings and not secretly.

Members of the fiscal court are not running their own private business, they are supposed to be running the business of Rockcastle County, for the people who elected them.”

Those last 3 1/2 lines were due to an open meetings conflict that Rick brought up. Why bring up 1987? When election comes ‘buyer beware’ history repeats. All the sources quoted can be accessed online (rockcastlelibrary.org) except the Dec. 18, 2014 Signal but the Library has a CD for it.

Don Jones  
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Mt. Vernon  
606 256 3672

**“Aces”**

(Continued from A-2)

supposed to have burning candles around her oxygen.

Finally, her electric company put a recorded message on the phone number she is to call to report an outage.

This message told her a time when her electric would be back on and therefore there was no need for her to talk to an actual person. Wasn't that nice?

As you probably guessed, that time came and went and she still had no power and the message still told her she would have

electric service again by that time that had come and gone and gave her no option to speak to a human being.

I suppose it was nice to hear that you were supposed to have electric back on seven hours ago but it sure didn't stop the food she bought, on a fixed income, from dripping out of the freezer onto the hardwood floor.

It's so hard to get used to no juice. The very first thing I did when I got there Tuesday was to plug in my phone and try to figure out why it wasn't charging. “Darn, there goes another \$800 phone.”

Every room I walked into, I turned on the light switch and then looked up at the bulbs that weren't lit as if looking at them would make them magically come on.

I hit the tv remote button, put a tv dinner in the microwave, tried to check my email, and put a pod in the Keurig (If you know what that means you have too much money, send me \$50).

You'd think I would learn but it's just habit. When you walk in a dark room, you flip the switch. My first move wherever I may be is to plug in my phone. It's all just the things I do.

Mom say it has been pure misery and that she had no clue how quiet a house can be through the night. It's so quiet it is deafening.

I guess the best part of it all is, at least there are no baby pictures of me on Facebook the past two days that say “awweee how cute!”

At the time of writing this, (4 o'clock Tuesday evening,) the electric is still off, food is still melting and phones are still dying.

How did Grandma and Grandpa ever get by? Have mercy. But with all mom's illnesses and discomfort and interruption of daily life, her biggest complaint during the entire shut down thus far was missing the news.

We stayed in constant contact through texts during her electrical shutdown. Me because I wondered if she was doing ok. Her because

she wanted me to text her weather reports and tell her what the lead story on channel 18 was. She has a crush on Tom Ackerman. (Oh, she will yell at me over that one)

At least her electric bill will be cheaper this month. No heat or cooking or tv or lights. Yeah, right!

**“Ramblings”**

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had won something like 10 of 12 games and managed nicely to move up to 4th place in our 14 team league.

The last two weeks, out of eight games, we have won 1/2 game. That's it.

We have simply run into a snag with our bowling ability, or lack thereof.

Daughter Jane leads our team with a 135 average, Paige, Kayla and I are in the 120s (okay, mine is 120 but still...) and Tuesday night, Jane began taking her bowling shoes off after the second game, telling us she was going to the car because we'd be better off taking her blind score (10 pins off your average) than for her to bowl the third game.

Well, we talked her out of it, with me explaining that it was all in fun (with gritted teeth) and it wasn't all on her shoulders since my 117 was high for our team the second game. But, surely, the feeling was, we would do better the third game, right? Didn't happen, Paige's 119 was high that game. Oh, well, sometimes you get the bear and sometimes the bear get's you. But, two weeks in a row???

**“Points East”**

(Cont. from A2)

steered you wrong all winter. You owe me, big time.

Let's face it folks. Being a Kentucky meteorologist in March is very dangerous to your professional reputation. The best way to protect yourself is to get as far from the state as possible until April Fool's Day has

come and gone.

If you can't afford to take off work and if the cruise fell through, you might be able to join the Weather Guy Exchange Program, whereby you swap places for a month with a counterpart at a sister station in, let's say, San Diego.

While you're out there doing your report on pending mudslides from the big zoo, with a giraffe or ostrich staring down at you as you speak, your exchange buddy will be back in Kentucky trying to explain why the 6 inch snow he had predicted last night failed to materialize. Or maybe he'll be trying to explain why he forgot to mention, last night, the foot of white stuff we got that is out there snarling traffic at daylight.

But, to give credit where it's due, every once in a while our meteorologists do get March weather right. It happened last Sunday afternoon and night when I couldn't keep up with the basketball scores because winter weather warnings kept streaming across the bottom of the screen. The evening news forecaster claimed that it would actually happen this time.

Then we woke up at 5 a.m. on Monday morning because the dog was barking, looking out the upstairs window, scared of the snow. Said dog weighs just over 100 pounds, but, if it looks scary, he barks because he thinks he's supposed to sound the alarm.

In the meantime, Loretta switched to one of the tv weather aps on her cell phone and, sure nuff, the same guy we'd seen 11 hours earlier was out there stranded off the pavement on I-75 south. He couldn't get any farther and he couldn't turn around to get back, but he was more gleeful than a kid on Christmas morning. I actually thought he might have hit the Powerball jackpot and had just now found his ticket. That's how elated people in his profession get when they nail a March weather forecast in Kentucky.

However, as I said earlier, if I was a Kentucky weather guy, I'd have been on an extended south seas cruise or swapping places with my buddy in San Diego while all of this was going on.

When I returned home in April I'd be welcomed with a ticker tape parade down Richmond Road from the Athens exit all the way to Rupp Arena. That's how tickled my viewers would be to have their trustworthy weather guy back in town.

My first forecast would advise viewers not to plan any serious gardening for the next couple of weeks because the ground wasn't going to be dry enough to plow. It's nearly impossible to be wrong about the first two weeks of April.

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**Monday, March 19th:** Hwy. 3245 and Bryant Ridge.  
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**Wednesday, March 21st:** Wayne Stewart Day Health Center, Senior Citizens Center and Cave Valley Apartments.

**Climax VFD Auction Fundraiser**

Climax Volunteer Fire Department will have an Auction Fundraiser Saturday, March 24th, starting at 11 a.m. Good items to donate for the auction appreciated. Food available. Chainsaw raffle drawing. All candidates encouraged to come and greet. For more information call 606-256-4475 or 606-965-3288.

**RCHS Waterstep Shoe Drive**

The RCHS student Y-Club is calling on the people of Mt. Vernon, and surrounding areas, to help us in our world service project, our annual Waterstep Shoe Drive. Any lightly worn/new shoes would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be brought to RCHS. Contact Autumn King at 606-308-9007 or Kylee Fain at 606-308-4960 for any questions or more information.

**WRFD Soup Bean Supper & Pie & Cake Auction**

Western Rockcastle Fire Department will host a fundraising soup bean supper and pie and cake auction on Saturday, March 17th, beginning at 6 p.m. on Hwy. 70. Soup Beans and fixings will be \$5 per plate. Anyone wishing to donate something to auction can do so by contacting a member of the fire department and bringing it with you to the soup bean supper. We truly are thankful for all the support you have given us in the past and appreciate your continued support. Politicians welcome. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and have fun with us.

**Brodhead Alumni Banquet**

The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 7th at 6 p.m. The classes of 38, 43, 48, 53, 58, 63 and 68 will be honored this year. The meal will be catered by Ladonna's Catering and the cost is \$20. Reservations must be made and tickets paid for by March 28th. Please mail reservations and checks made payable to Brodhead Alumni to Brodhead Alumni c/o Brodhead School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

**Charity Golf Tournament**

RTEC will hold their First Annual Relay For Life Charity Golf Tournament at Cedar Rapids Country Club 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, call Tyler at 606-256-9835 or email at [tyler@4rtee.com](mailto:tyler@4rtee.com)

**Upcoming classes at Extension Center**

**Mar. 27th 1 p.m.:** A lesson entitled *Toaster Ovens* have become new again will be taught by Clay County FSC Agent, Lora Lee Howard. Toaster ovens became popular household appliances in the mid 1950s and have changed significantly since those early days. This program introduces today's toaster ovens and provides insights on their purchase, use and care. Participants will learn the advantages and challenges of toaster ovens and new recipes to use with the toaster oven. All clubs are encouraged to be represented at this lesson. Please call the extension office to reserve a space at 606-256-2403.

**Mar. 27th 6 p.m.:** Zipper Quilt Class taught by Hazel Jackson during the Nine Patcher's Quilt Club meeting.

**Community Resources for Dementia Cares**

Rockcastle Hospital is holding an educational session, focused on identifying and accessing community resources for dementia care for both the individual with dementia and their caregivers. The program is offered through an interactive telemedicine system to connect with persons who are impacted by Alzheimer's and related memory disorders. This event is free. Registration is required. Contact Hardin Stevens at UK Sanders Brown Center on Aging at 859-323-2997 or [hardinstevens@uky.edu](mailto:hardinstevens@uky.edu) to register. Deadline to register is April 19th.

**Strawberry Plants Available**

Strawberry plants can be ordered at the Rockcastle County Extension Office now through March 15th (today). 2 varieties available: All Star and Early Glow. Cost for 100 plants is \$15.

**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.

ELECT

**Ken HOLT**

**SHERIFF**

**Illegal Drugs Are a Cancer on Society**

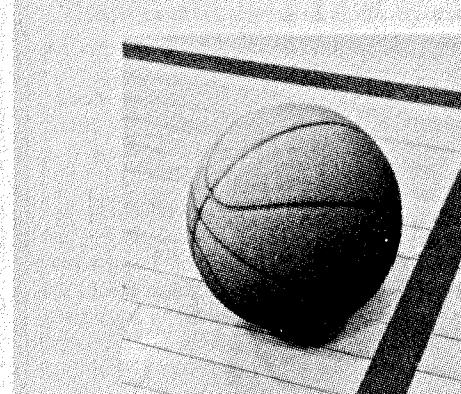
Illegal drugs has become an epidemic in Rockcastle County. It's far-reaching devastating effects touches all of us. Jails are packed with inmates who need health care and rehabilitation, children are being permanently removed from their parents and law enforcement agencies struggle for resources to battle this growing cancer.

Families are being destroyed while innocent children suffer the consequences. In many cases, keeping drug addicts in jail may not be the best alternative. My compassion for those in need gives me hope a drug addict can be cured with the proper care. We now have many organizations and churches that offer help to drug addicts. My job as Sheriff will not end by just putting a drug addict in jail. I will do my best to help them become drug free.

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# Obituaries

## Darla Falin Miller

Darla Falin Miller, 87, of Mt. Vernon, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. She was born at Pine Hill in



Rockcastle County on May 1, 1930, the daughter of Alva and Mahala Hickey Falin. She was a homemaker and a member of Bible Baptist Church. She was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening, pottery, and cooking.

She is survived by: her husband of 65 years, Curt Miller; daughter, Virginia Frazier of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Jennifer Davis of Auburn, WA and Raven

Harrison of Kingsport, TN; and three great grandchildren, Ethan Norris, Mahala Norris, and Adrianna Norris, all of Kingsport, TN. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: seven brothers, Charlie, Albert, Bill, Archie Lee, Monroe, Elmo, and Eugene Falin; and three sisters, Edith Allen, Thelma Thomason, and Hazel Falin.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Bible Baptist Church by Bros. Travis Gilbert and Don Stayton and Mr. Joe Fain. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Oscar Fain, Donnie Falin, Paul Falin, Tommy Falin, Benton Miller, and Paul Thomason.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

## Steven Jeffrey Marks

Steven Jeffrey Marks, 59, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Dearborn, MI on January 29, 1959, the son of Franklin Eugene and Jeanne Spots Marks. He had been a tool and dyemanufacturer and was a member of the Universal Church of Lexington. He had a great love for his family and enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by: his wife, Julie Moore Marks; children, Jesse Marks and Katie Marks, both of Lexington; mother, Jeannie Marks of Lexington; a brother, Johnny Marks of Morningside, OH; and two sisters, Teri Heartsill and Pati Ray, both of Lexington.

The family of Mr. Marks requested no funeral services.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

## Benny Woodall

Benny Woodall, 79, of Brodhead, died Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Baptist Health - Lexington. He was born May 23, 1938, in Brodhead, a son of the late Leonard and Martha Elizabeth Northern Woodall. He had been a carpenter and found great joy in drag racing, auto mechanics, and woodworking. He was also a NASCAR enthusiast. He had been a longtime member of the NRA, Carpenter's Union (IKORCC), and NHRA (National Hot Rod Association).

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Karen Sue Elmore of Oklahoma, Shanda Michelle (Kevin) Scott of Richmond and Joey Wayne Woodall of Chicago; grandchildren, Jordan and Dreanna; a great grandchild, Damien; the mother of his children, Mary (Coffey) Pedigo of Oklahoma; brothers, Donnie (Carolyn) Woodall, Henry (Nadine) Woodall, Jerry (Verva) Woodall, Teddy (Kim) Woodall and Danny Woodall, all of Brodhead; sisters, Glynn Rose Lake of Cincinnati, OH, Betty Lou Renner of Mt. Vernon, Brenda Woodall of Brodhead and Patsy (Wayne) Schumacher of Fairfield, OH; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

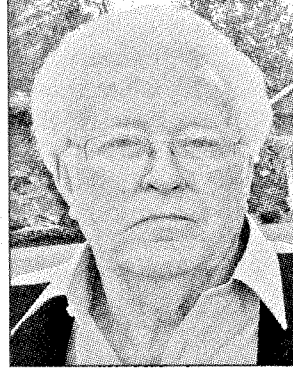
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Charles "Chunky" Woodall, Leslie Woodall, Jimmy Woodall, Jenny Woodall and Ricky Woodall.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was at Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Shanda Scott, Kevin Scott, Jerry Woodall, Shayne Adams, Leroy Burton and Henry Woodall. Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Henry "H.B." Miller

Henry Burton "H.B." Miller, 75, of Orlando, died Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on February 15,



1943, the son of John and Mary Hammons Miller. He was a retired stone mason and was of the Baptist Faith. He enjoyed carpentry and woodworking, as well as fishing, watching westerns, and listening to George Jones.

He is survived by: his children, Rick (Brenda) Miller of Mt. Vernon and Shelia (Richard) Nicely of Lexington; two sisters, Penny Cameron of Brodhead and Virginia Renner of Orlando; six grandchildren, Shalanta Nicely Gullett, Shane Nicely, and Rachel Perkins, all of Lexington, and Sheena Settles, Morgan Miller, and Haylee Miller, all of Mt. Vernon; and four great grandchildren, Grayer and Ashton Gullett, Addison Nicely, and Sawyer Nicely, as well as a great grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by: a son, Robbie Miller; and his first wife, Janice Miller.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Chase Gullett, Tim Kirby, Kevin Miller, Jimmy Perrin, Tanner Perkins, Tuck Rigsby, and Chris Settles.

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

## Betty Sue Harrison

Betty Sue Niceley Harrison, 82, of Berea, wife of James Harrison, died Thursday, March 8, 2018 at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Clyde Miller. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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

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

## Oscar "William" Day

Oscar "William" Day, 71, of Brodhead, husband of Ruby, died Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

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

[www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## (Anna) Justine Anderkin

(Anna) Justine Anderkin, nee Crase, 88, of Bellbrook, OH, went to be with her Lord on Friday, March 2, 2018. She was born to Charlie Crase and Josephine (Mullett) Crase



in Wolfe County. She was a dedicated Christian and a member of First Baptist Church of Bellbrook, OH.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, William Edgar Anderkin. She leaves behind one son, Larry (Carla) Anderkin and two daughters, Connie Sue (James) Gifford and Belinda Seiber. She was preceded in death by daughter Anna Anderkin. She dearly loved her grandchildren, Daniel Gifford, Brandi (Brock) Harris, Marc Anderkin, William Hess, Joshua Seiber, Miranda Morgan, and Shana (Doug) Grant; great grandchildren, Destiny Harris, Addison Harris, Elliot Morgan; Camryn Seiber, Aden Grant, Leila Grant, Emma Morgan, Kaylee Seiber, and Kylee Seiber.

She is survived by: brothers, Edgar (Mary) Crase of Middletown, OH, Peter Herbert (Janice) Crase of Arkansas, and Charles Crase of Tennessee; sisters, Eleanor Babcock of Florida and Jeanette (Paul) Fiebke of Tennessee; and sister-in-law, Margie Malone of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by: sisters, Hazel Mae and Juanita; and brothers, JD, Rex, James, Osie, Asa, and Eddie Arnold.

Services will be held (today) Thursday, March 8, 2018, at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Reverend James M. Gifford officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until noon. A celebration of her life will begin at noon. Burial at Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

## Legislative Update House Bill 200 and Senate Bill 1

R. Travis Brenda

In the March 8 legislative update by Rep. Jonathan Shell, he discussed parts of the House budget bill (HB200) which passed the previous week. HB200 has now moved to the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, where it can be passed as is or amended before going to the full Senate. Hopefully it will be amended. Last week Mr. Shell stated that, "The Lexington Herald-Leader led many people to believe that funds were somehow taken from our public employees; this could not be further from the truth." Actually the Herald-Leader was correct. In HB200, on page 186, there is a listing under General Operations for "Enterprise Fund", makes reference to KRS 18A.2254(3), and has a total of \$480,737,100. This fund is the "public employee health insurance trust fund". KRS states that any amount in this account, whether from employer or employee contributions or from "interest and investment returns" belong to the employees' health fund. It seems that the legislators have tried to disguise the transfer from the health insurance fund. During October 2017 when Mr. Shell, along with the legislative leaders, wrote the original pension reform bill, they proposed to take an additional 3% from all state employees to help rebuild the health insurance fund because it was underfunded. Now there is suddenly \$480.7 million available in "surplus" that they want to use to balance the budget. This money does not belong to the legislators, but rather to all of the state and county employees to cover health insurance costs. If there is a surplus as Mr. Shell says, that money should be used to stop the increasing health costs for the employees.

Also in the news over the past week has been Senate Bill 1 (SB1). This is the new version of the pension reform that was first presented during October. When visited by Family and Consumer Science teacher Tammy Camel from Rockcastle County High School on February 27, Mr. Shell stated that he fully supported SB1 as it stood at that time. As of that date, SB1 reduced the Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for current and future retirees to 0.75%. This may sound good, but each employee has 1.75% withheld from each paycheck in order to receive 1.5% COLA each year of retirement. SB1 has been amended to move the COLAs from the proposed 0.75% to 1%. The current rate of inflation is between 2% and 3%, which means each of the retirees that dedicated their lives to serving our communities, counties, and state are losing money each year. SB1 passed through committee with a 7-4 vote, and was presented to the full Senate on Friday, March 8. After not being able to secure enough votes for passage, SB1 was sent back to the State and Local Government committee. Attorney General Andy Beshear sent a letter to the legislators on March 6 with a list of 21 ways that SB1 is in violation of the contract that the state and county employees have with Kentucky, and will result "in numerous lawsuits against the Commonwealth - lawsuits the Commonwealth will lose." Some reports have shown that the major way, if not the only way, that SB1 is going to save money is through the reductions in COLAs, which will eventually be overturned in the courts.

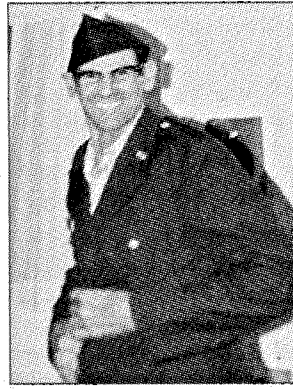
It seems that the legislative leadership, including Mr. Shell, wants to continue moving state and county workers out of the public sector and into the private sector. This first began with the passage of charter school legislation last year. I hope that there is some higher purpose, but it seems to me that it is only to allow small groups to profit from the work of those that have looked to serve the citizens of Kentucky.

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.

Paid for by R. Travis Brenda

## McKinney Cemetery

McKinney Cemetery is now accepting bids for the mowing and upkeep of McKinney Cemetery (2018 season). Anyone 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.



Happy Birthday to my dad, Dola Rader, in Heaven Love and Miss You, Your daughter Reva

## "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

"Any kind of bug bite or sting is rendered fixed just by dipping your index finger into the liquid and touching it to the bite or sting." She also said, "This stuff is the best chigger remedy I've ever found."

One gentleman explained how he uses WD 40. He said, "You only need two things in life: Duct tape and WD 40. If it moves and shouldn't, use Duct tape, if it doesn't move and should, use WD 40." I like that kind of balanced thinking; it appeals to the scientist in me.

Even my wife, Kathy, uses WD 40 around the house. She sprays it on locks, sliding tracks on the screen doors, and door hinges. We have experienced a literal lifetime of uses for the unique chemical. I'd say that is quite appropriate for a former teacher of chemistry.

(You can reach me at [themtman@att.net](mailto:themtman@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"

(Continued from A-2)

The next few days will tell the story. Wouldn't it be nice if all of the weeds and bugs such as mosquitos, and snakes got frozen? What if the grass got stunted and wouldn't grow over about one or two inches. I know that in our delicate eco-system one thing depends on the other factors, but I'm thinking that it would be nice not to have to weed the garden, sit in the yard without mosquitos and not spend the summer mowing the yard. Wouldn't it be great not to have to worry about snakes?

Hopefully, nobody had any garden stuff out. That little burst of spring a few days ago may have been enough to encourage some to plant. I'm sure that many are looking forward to getting out and feeling the warm spring sun on their face, working in the garden and flower beds and just enjoying themselves. I'll probably make my annual trip to Lowe's in a few days and get a few plants to put out in the yard to kill this summer. Stanley always wonders what those plants ever did to deserve what I can do to them.

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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

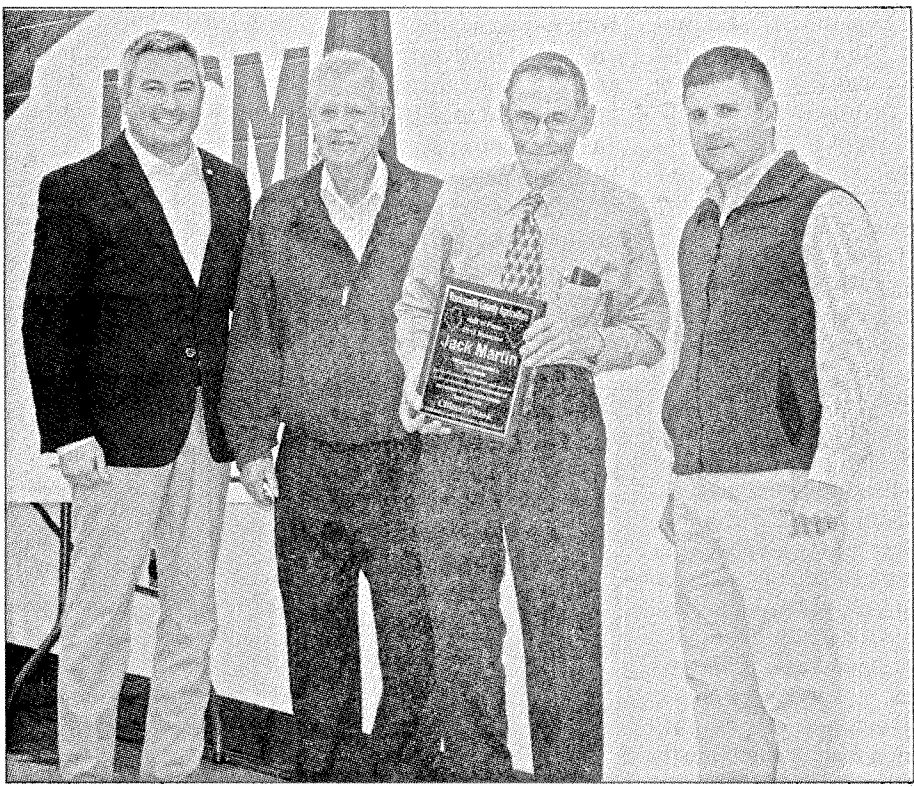
**When** - Commonwealth Cleanup Week - March 17-24, 2018  
Great American Cleanup - March 20 through December 31, 2018

**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/CW.asp>.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Rebecca.block@ky.gov)





Jack Martin, of Three Links, is the Rockcastle County Agriculture Hall of Fame 2017 Inductee. He was recognized Monday night during the 58th Annual Farmers/Business Banquet held at the middle school. Mr. Martin is shown with, from left: Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles, Rockcastle Conservation District Vice-Chairman Tommy H. Mink, Mr. Martin and Mark Dyehouse, Rockcastle Conservation District Board Member.



Peggy Snyder, center, was the recipient of the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club Distinguished Individual Community Service award presented at the annual Farmers/Business Banquet Monday night. She is presented the award by club members Jamie Saylor and Tammy Cox.

## Brodhead School Alumni Banquet set for April 7th

This year's Brodhead School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 7th, beginning at 6 p.m. (time change from last year).

The classes of 38, 43, 48, 53, 58, 63 and 68 will be honored this year.

The meal will be catered by Ladonna's Catering and will consist of: chicken and dressing and sprial ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn casserole, green beans, marinated veggies, rolls, drinks and dessert.

The cost of the meal will be \$20. Due to having to pay for over 50 plates in the past for people who made reservations and did not show up, this year everyone must make reservations before the banquet and pay for tickets in advance with no refund.

Please make your reservations by March 28th.

Reservations, with checks made payable to Brodhead Alumni, should be sent to Brodhead Alumni c/o Brodhead School, P.O.

Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

If your class would like a room prior to the banquet, please call Brodhead School at 606-758-8512 and arrangements will be made.

We also have Brodhead throws for sale for \$40 each and pictures for \$5 each.

Paul Cash will be taking group pictures of the honored classes. You must order and pay for the pictures at the banquet.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Financial Aid Tip of the Month

## Students can earn money, get experience with work-study

One way students can help pay the cost of education after high school is through a work-study program, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Plus, work-study can provide valuable experience that looks good on a résumé.

The Federal Work-Study Program offers undergraduate and graduate students a chance to earn money to help pay college costs. Rules may vary some by school, but generally to qualify, a student must:

- Be enrolled in an eligible program.

• Be working toward a degree or certificate.

• Have financial need.

• Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.

Students must be paid at least the federal minimum wage. Jobs may be on or off campus. Students who submitted the FAFSA will be considered for Federal Work-Study unless they asked not to be.

Many colleges also have their own work-study programs. Students interested in a school's program should check with the college's financial aid office.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES); Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or to refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit website at [www.AdvantageEducationLoan.com](http://www.AdvantageEducationLoan.com).

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com); write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

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Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent David Pensol accepted the 2017 Business of the Year award from the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce during Monday night's annual Farmers/Business Banquet. Chamber President Steve McKinney presented the award to Mr. Pensol.



Christian Appalachian Project was the recipient of the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club Distinguished Business Community Service award presented at the annual Farmers/Business Banquet. Gloria Joyner and Carolyn Lindsey, with CAP, accepted the award from club members Jamie Saylor and Tammy Cox.

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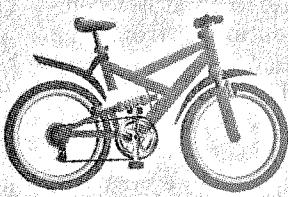
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**“Court”**

(Continued from front)

County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop told the magistrates that they had located a truck through state surplus sales, a 1984 GMC, four door with four wheel drive and an eight foot bed, for \$9,500.

The court approved the purchase.

A representative of the Pongo Volunteer Fire Department had a similar request but their's was a little more expensive.

The representative said the truck, a 1992 Ford diesel, automatic with four wheel drive, would cost \$25,000 but that the department would get \$5,000 as a trade-in for their old truck.

However, Magistrate Bill McKinney said the court had to ask for bids for any purchase \$20,000 or over so the court tabled the request until a bid notice could be published.

Mt. Vernon Fire Department Chief David Bales was before the court to request help with purchasing a 2004 pumper truck which would replace a 1992 model purchased by the county in December of 2012. Over \$26,000 has been spent on that truck from May of 2013 through December of 2017 and still has “life safety” issues that need to be repaired.

In a report on the matter, given the court, Bales said this is the second busiest truck in the county behind the MVFD's rescue truck which is the most used truck in the county.

In 2017, MVFD made 377 runs in the truck, which is designated as a county truck because it's the only vehicle in the department owned by the county and is used strictly for runs outside the city limits. The closest another department in the county comes is Brodhead Fire Department which made 170 county runs in 2017.

The cost of the truck is \$89,900 and Magistrate Bill McKinney pointed out that the county still owes \$103,000 on a \$250,000 debt acquired in December of 2012 by the county to purchase vehicles for each department in the county.

A member of the MVFD, also at the meeting, suggested the court might go the lease route which he pointed out would give the court a set amount to pay each month and the vehicle could be replaced at the end of the lease agreement. He said that Boyle County used this method and had said that it saves them money.

Bishop said he was willing to listen to “anybody that's got a better idea” and suggested a meeting with departments at which figures could be presented for the lease option to see if that might be a better way to go which he could then bring back to the court.

Brodhead Police Officer Travis Davis was before the court to ask for assistance in making the department “digital” for all their paper work.

Davis said this would be a much more efficient system and would give the department access to all systems for information on outstanding warrants, etc. during a traffic stop.

The cost of the system is \$3,277 and Davis said the city needed \$2,000 of that amount to make the purchase.

The court approved the request.

During the discussion, Judge Bishop expressed his appreciation for the work the department has done in cleaning up the city, saying “we just about lost Brodhead for a while.”

The court also heard some concern from Rockcastle County Jailer Carlos McClure about the administration of the Rocket Docket program in the county which, in his opinion, “isn't getting much done and the court needed to do away with it or see what can be done with it.”

The program is administered through Common-

wealth Attorney Eddie Montgomery's office and the fiscal court contributes \$15,000 a year to support the program.

Rockcastle Sheriff's Deputy Matt Bryant told the court that his department had seen a slowing down of collecting forfeiture funds since fewer cases are being worked out under the Rocket Docket program, instead being adjudicated through the regular court process, which takes a much longer period of time.

The program cuts the time by 90% that it normally takes to dispose of a case, from two to three weeks as opposed to six months to a year, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe told the court. But, Rowe, also went on to say, “Eddie Montgomery is a good prosecutor who runs a good office” and that he felt this issue could be resolved.

In other business, the court announced the tentative date of this year's Trash Drop-Off Day at the Brodhead Fairgrounds as May 12th.

Judge Bishop said the program costs the county about \$12,000 each year.

The court heard a report from Brady Lear, a co-director of programs for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Lear said that he, and co-director Andrew Cash, had been busy scheduling activities for the county's facilities and already had a softball tournament scheduled, involving 15-20 teams, along with other tournaments, for May and June of this year. In addition, he said that a church league and a men's league were scheduled one night a week for the Livingston gymnasium.

Fees for renting the fields for the tournaments, \$175 a day, income from the concessions and renting the Livingston gym, less expenses, would be added revenue for the county, Brady pointed out.

The court also approved

A \$1,000 donation to My Brother's Keeper to help with expenses of a car show at Renfro Valley the group has scheduled as a fundraiser;

A \$300 donation to the local Special Olympics;

The purchase of a 2016 Chevy Express Cargo Van and cage for the coroner's office for \$17,800 from John Hamm Autos, and

The appointment of Donna Hopkins to fill a vacancy on the Cumberland Valley Area Development District Board.

The court also received an additional excess fees check for 2017 in the amount of \$41,073 from County Clerk Danetta Allen.

Allen had previously given the court a check for \$62,450, bringing the total excess fees returned to the county of \$103,515 for 2017.

Fiscal Court Clerk Tricia Martin told the court that she had received the recommendations, from the Kentucky Department of Transportation, for the 2018-2019 Rural Secondary Road Program.

The county's allotment for this period is \$1,383,536 to cover a total of 152.632 miles in the county.

KDT set maintenance costs at \$533,500 and \$3,862 as the county judge's expense, leaving \$846,174 for improvements, of which \$243,789 is allotted for county flex funds.

The roads recommended for improvements are: resurfacing of KY 1786 from construction joint at milepost 2.0 and extending 2.8 miles to the end of state maintenance and resurfacing of KY 490 from the Laurel-Rockcastle line at milepost 0.0 and extending to milepost 5.45.

According to the letter, “this is our recommendation, final decision on this project will be made in Frankfort.

The court accepted the recommendations.

As a final item of busi-

ness, the court approved the transfer of \$19,609 from the federal funds account to the road department and \$150,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund, from which \$50,000 will be transferred to the jail fund.

**“Jones”**

(Continued from front)

According to Craig, the board is getting the site ready for a potential sale to a Family Dollar Store that everyone is hoping will open in Livingston. “A dollar store would be a huge help to the community,” said Craig, “As of yet, nothing is signed on paper and it's not a done deal until there are signatures on paper. It's currently pending but everything looks good so far.”

In other action, the board voted to donate the old Jones Building on Main and Church Street to R-Tech.

When RCIDA originally acquired the building, the intent was to preserve it in some way and still utilize it as a usable space.

But each time the board looked into the issue, they hit “road blocks” in their plans, due to restoration requirements by the state or certain conditions of the building that had to be addressed.

“We made several attempts to use the building and keep the beautiful atmosphere of the building in tact,” Craig said. “But we were never able to come up with a feasible plan that met all the requirements.”

Shirley Cummins, Director of R-Tech accepted the deed and Craig said he expects R-Tech will continue their usual trend of keeping the historic aspect of the building in tact.

Later in the week, members of the board announced that Jeffrey L. VanHook has accepted the position of executive director of the board and is expected to assume those duties soon.

Craig has been acting director since the resignation of Holly Hopkins over a year ago.

**“Brodhead”**

(Continued from front)

on several occasions, according to the members.

“We need to begin implementing fines for placing large items in our sewer system,” said Burton. “There is an actual cost to the citizens of Brodhead when we have to shut down the system and pay someone to clean the pumps just to take care of that one business.”

The fines Burton mentioned would range from \$5 to \$25 depending on the frequency and other factors, according to City Clerk Becky Bussell

Bussell also said the city tested the system to make sure the large items were coming from that particular business by placing catch baskets in manholes and were able to find such items in the baskets. Members of the council say such items should be thrown in a dumpster.

The council decided to discuss the possible fines at the next council meeting and further investigate options until then.

The director of the facility, Alisha Bullock, was off work the day after the meeting and other officials there say it would have to be the director who would comment on the issue and the only comment that could be made until then is that the facility has worked with the city on the issue.

While discussing the sewer and water system, Cash told councilmembers the city should have an extra pump for each lift station in the event one pump quit. “We need to be fully prepared for an emergency,” the mayor said. Councilmembers agreed and decided to look into the issue before the next meeting.

Burton and Todd also offered accolades to the Brodhead Fire Department for their extra work this week during the massive snow storm that hit Rockcastle.

“Kudos to the Brodhead Fire Department,” said Burton. “All of them have run night and day clearing up the destruction from Sunday night's snow storm. They worked tirelessly above and beyond for the citizens of the county.”

The members also heard from Police Chief William Harris who told the council his department made 31 arrests and gave 30 citations in the past 30 days. The department also took 19 resident complaints besides handling other duties.

Until Monday evening, both of the town's police officers had been using their own cell phone data and minutes in order to provide electronic citations and reports.

However, last night, Burton made the motion to provide each officer with a \$50 payment monthly to help offset the cost of the cell phones used for city business.

The council agreed to provide the funds for each of the two officers.

Burton also informed the council that one of the police cruiser has “serious motor issues” and must be addressed soon.

Burton said he is looking into ways to keep the engine running until something can be done but “maybe we can keep it patched up for now,” he said.

Officer Harris also provided the council with the police department's officials policy and procedures guide for review before approval at a later date.

Burton also informed the council that the company that was supposed to deliver and erect the shelter at the Brodhead Little Park had been held up by inclement weather and the new date is March 27 or installation.

**“RCIDA”**

(Continued from front)

Jeff brings years of experience leading teams in collaborative efforts on large scale highway and commercial construction projects. These collaborations have involved owner agencies, architects, consultants, contractors, construction staffs, surety's, fiscal bonding agents, local government and state government agencies as well as other funding agencies and sources to complete multi-million dollar projects.

“We are thrilled that Jeff will be our new Executive Director, we believe he possesses all the skills and experience we have been looking for in a new Director,” said RCIDA board member Dale Whitaker.

Vanhook will be responsible for all of the day to day operations of the RCIDA including, but not limited to, working with the board and Rockcastle County Fiscal Court to create and oversee a budget for the organization, oversight of the development of two existing business parks with land for development, working closely with all existing businesses, working with clients interested in potentially locating both commercial and industrial businesses in Rockcastle County and developing opportunities for the county to seek new investment in the economy.

“The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is very pleased to have a talented individual like Jeff working with us to help move our community forward,” said Magistrate Bill McKinney.

Jeff grew up in Rockcastle County and has a strong knowledge and understanding of the community. He currently lives in Mt. Vernon with his wife, Sonya, and their two children Courtlyn and Jackson.

“The RCIDA is very excited to have the oppor-

tunity to employ someone with the skills and experience that Jeff possesses and looks forward to working with him to help Rockcastle County grow,” Whitaker said.

Jeff will begin his new position on March 19, 2018.

**“School”**

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meeting to reassure those present that Pensol, the board members and the Kentucky State Police are working very closely together, along with all other law enforcement agencies, to provide the safest possible atmosphere.

“Rockcastle County is to be commended for their efforts, diligence and cooperation with police agencies to make sure students are as safe as possible,” said Loudermilk.

Members discussed several training environments that faculty and staff, including bus drivers, attend to keep local schools safe.

“Our relationship with the KSP, the Mount Vernon Police Department, The sheriff's office, all the fire departments and first responders has been amazing,” said Pensol. “They are all ready, at the drop of a hat, to respond to any and all requests we may have concerning safety of our schools.”

In fact, those requests come quite often, according to Pensol and Loudermilk. “Mr. Pensol has been very proactive in looking for ways to better security and improve safety for every student,” said Loudermilk.

Pensol said he and the board stay actively involved in newer, more modern methods of security. “We want parents to know, that they are leaving their children in safe hands and our first concern is their safety,” he said.

Director of Instruction Jason Coguer discussed a possible tip line where anyone with information about a possible threat, could get online and inform people about the issue. Loudermilk said this is a wonderful idea since “in every school shooting, someone knew about it. I wish they had a place to go and anonymously report about it.”

In other action, Finance Director Jenny Sweet informed the board that the

lowest bid for student accident/athlete insurance was slightly over \$75,000 for the next school year. This insurance is already a budgeted expense.

Becky Isaacs, Student Service Director, also presented the board with next year's proposed school calendar.

That calendar shows the opening date tentatively set for August 14th for students and the closing date for students will be May 13th for students.

It was in January, under new state guidelines, that a calendar committee was formed. That board has met and has developed a proposed calendar, including all holidays, vacation days and professional development days.

The board will take the calendar and examine it and bring it back to the April board meeting with any suggested changes and for board approval.

The Superintendent's Personnel Action Report reported the resignation of Isaac Bowman, bus driver and the retirement of Clay Dollins, teacher (RAAA).

Certified substitute teachers hired were: Holly McClure, David Fletcher and Thomas Sears and Tammy Doan was hired as a classified substitute.

**“Storm”**

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and electric repaired.

In fact, in two different places on US 25, near the Madison County line, electric lines were broken and on the road way after the heavy snow broke trees that fell on the lines.


Many homes in Rockcastle and Madison County were without electric, and some reportedly still are but, luckily, the temperatures have not reached far below freezing at night and water lines have not burst except for a few cases.

Bishop called all the county fire departments to help with sawing trees and opening roadways and crews attacked the issue throughout the day Monday.

Some residents, in the Flat Gap area, measured 12 inches of snow in their yard.

The storm closed schools here Monday and Tuesday and more snow Tuesday night closed school again Wednesday.

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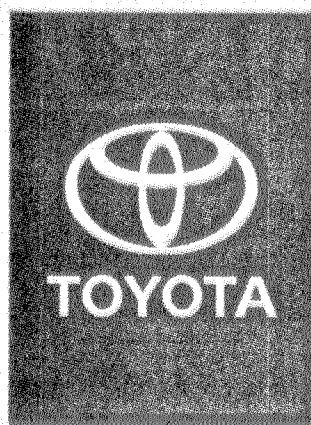
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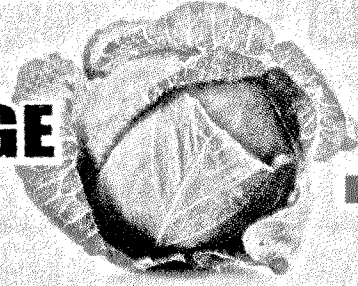
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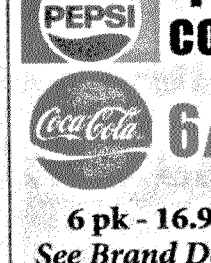
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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, March 15, 2018

## Local students team up to help promote beekeeping

Local honeybee farmer, C. Douglas Brock, recently realized he had a problem. He had 150 honeybee boxes to put together and paint before the swarms start back in the spring and the problem needed to be fixed since Honeybees have a crucial role in the pollination of crops.

So, Jeff Draper, Rockcastle County Area Technology Center teacher and Les Scalf, RCHS art teacher, teamed up with Brock to help promote beekeeping both locally and throughout the state, and help with the construction and painting of the 150 boxes at the same time.

Brock asked them, if as a class project, they would have students assemble and paint the beehive boxes, using their artistic talent so the boxes could be used to show at the local farmer's market and out in the field harvesting honey.

This gave Mr. Draper's Electrical Technology (Construction 2) class the opportunity to put technical skills into real life practice. Students, under the supervision of Mr. Draper, assembled and built the 150 bee boxes.

They used technical skills such as: reading and following blueprint instructions, measuring as well as using hand and pneumatic tools.

They also exercised 21st Century Soft Skills such as: teamwork, leadership, time management and work ethic.

"Rockcastle ATC would like to thank Doug Brock for the opportunity to serve local business owners and to learn more about the vital role honeybees have in our environment," Sherman Cook said. Cook is the Rockcastle Area Technology Center principal.

After the boxes were built, RCHS Art students got busy with their part of the project, painting the boxes.

"The students had fun selecting ideas for different designs and painting the

beehive boxes to make them visually appealing," said Scalf.

The Art students will be painting and selling some boxes next year to reach out even further to beekeeper communities nationwide.

"I am thrilled that RCHS has been able to collaborate with our very own local honeybee farmer Doug Brock to promote and help in some way to save our honeybee population," RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly said.

"I remember when Mr. Brock rescued a swarm of bees that had settled on the front entrance about 35 feet above the front door of our high school in May of 2017. I still use the honey produced from that hive," Mattingly said. Brock named that beehive the RCHS and placed it in his bee yard in Mareburg.

Mattingly went on to say, "I am also honored that our high school Art classes were asked to paint the honeybee hives that Mr. Brock will be using to save the bees. All of their designs were outstanding and I am so proud to have them displayed throughout the state. I hope this collaboration will continue in the future and will impact our county in a positive way."

Brock plans on displaying the boxes at the Rockcastle Farmer's Market in 2018, the Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Assoc., the Kentucky State Honeybee Assoc. and Queen Bee Breeders Assoc. of Kentucky.

Besides the 20 gallons of paint the Brock donated, he also donated jars of honey to all the winners with the best painted beehive box.

First place winners were Hannah Zanet, Leah Woodall and Makayla Singleton. Second place: Kennedy Carpenter, Drake Callahan and Makayla Robbins. Third place went to Savannah Bullock, Samantha Bullock and Amber Silva. Honorable mention was given to Tyler Robinson, Brooklyn Bullock and Destiny Isaacs.



Art students shown with the painted beehive boxes were Hannah Zanet, Leah Woodall, Makayla Singleton, Kennedy Carpenter, Drake Callahan, Makayla Robbins, Savannah Bullock, Samantha Bullock, Amber Silva, Tyler Robinson, Brooklyn Bullock and Destiny Isaacs. Shown with the students are Doug Brock, Art teacher Les Scalf and RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly.



Honeybee farmer Doug Brock showing off the honeybee boxes to Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles at the 58th Annual Farmers/Business Banquet Monday night.

### WRFD Soup Bean Supper & Pie & Cake Auction

Western Rockcastle Fire Department will host a fundraising soup bean supper and pie and cake auction this Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. on Hwy. 70.

Soup Beans and fixings will be \$5 per plate. Anyone wishing to donate something to auction can do so by contacting a member of the fire department and bringing it with you to the soup bean supper. Politicians welcome. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and have fun with us.



Seniors at the Rockcastle Area Technology Center working on the beehive boxes are pictured above front row from left: Doug Brock (Local Honey Producer) Shyanne Thomas and John Lear. Second row from left: Brandon Smith, Dylan Messer, Shetarra Prickett, Matthew Gadd, Ryan Carpenter, Hayden Thacker and Kayla Farrow. Back row from left: Jacob Sparks, Marshall Cain, Kyle Cash, Dillon Long, Hunter Rigby, Andrew Spoonamore, Sherman Cook (Principal) and Jeff Draper (Instructor).



Juniors at the Rockcastle Area Technology Center working on the beehive boxes are pictured above front row from left: Doug Brock, (Local Honey Producer) Kayla Cope, Sydney Draper and Samantha Newcomb. Back row from left: Jameson Burdine, Johnathan Reynolds, Taylor Smith, Joshua Mason, Javan Hasty, Rant Saylor and Jeff Draper (Instructor).

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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Deeds Recorded

Diane and Bryan Boggs, Melissa and Ethan Eversole, Kim berly and William Denny, Janet and Anthony Rader and Lori and Mark Parsons, property in Rockcastle County, to Troy Kyle Williams and Caleb Walton Williams. Tax \$24.50

Donnie Childress, property on Hwy. 1229, to Shawn Childress. No tax

Eugene N. Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to Norman Clouse. Tax \$70

Jerry and Debbie Owens, property in Northern Rockcastle County, to Jeff Alexander. Tax \$6

Jerry and Debbie Owens, property on Copper Creek Road, to James Gilbert. Tax \$11

Ralph S. Mullins, property in Mt. Vernon Park Subdv., to Debbie Hellard. Tax \$35

## District Civil Suits

Heights Finance Co. v. Danny Smith, \$1,607 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery

Asso. v. Heather Douglas, \$4,008 plus claimed due. C-00050

## District Court

Mar. 5-7, 2018  
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone  
Cierra C. Bailey: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, bench warrant (bw) issued.

Brittany G. Baisden: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, no operators/moped license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, disregarding traffic control device, traffic light, license suspended for failure to ap-

pear (fta).

Robert Simpson Brown: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, improper display of registration plates, improper equipment, one headlight, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Daniel Carl: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Dallas Matthew Cope: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, improper display of registration plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Amy L. Cromer: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Bethany L. Greene: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Chandler Holt: assault, bw issued for fta.

Darren Wayne Kidd: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.

Melissa A. Kirby: fines/fees due (\$278), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Donna K. Riley: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.

Speeding: Brittany N. Ferrell, William W. May license suspended for fta; Adrianna Danielle Reams, Dale William Mastin, action slip.

Kendell Browning: failure to maintain insurance, \$500 fine, suspend \$450 on condition; no/expired registration plates, \$50 fine plus costs; DUI and giving officer false name, 90 days (each count), probated 24 months on condition.

Seth T. Taylor: public intoxication, four days in jail.

Curtis L. Broughton: theft by unlawful taking, 10 days in jail/costs merged.

Thorin W. Houk: public intoxication, 5 days in

jail/costs merged.

Jessica Renee Carr: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no operators/moped license, instructional permit violations, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Tommy Collins: assault, probation violation (three counts), bw issued for fta.

James Robert Daniels: license to be in possession, \$50 fine plus costs.

Gary Denny: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.

Liesla L. Howard: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Justin Wayne McCracken: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Aaron D. Medley: failure of owner to maintain

required insurance/security, \$500 fine/\$450 suspended plus costs.

Merissa Seals: probation revocation, 90 days imposed/balance probated for 24 months on condition.

Joshua Turpin: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$500 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 24 months operator license suspension, 30 days in jail.

Monica Renee West: failure to produce insurance card, failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, instructional permit violations, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Neal Kendall Anders: violation part 383 fed. safety reg. commercial driver license, license suspended for fta.

## In 2017

# Historic number of lives saved by organ donations

2017 was a groundbreaking year in national and local efforts to save lives through organ donation. In the Kentucky region, 2017 marked the second highest number of lives saved. Thanks to 108 heroic organ donors and their families, 361 organs were recovered and transplanted. 330 tissue donors healed thousands of patients.

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

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

"As your circuit court clerk, I am dedicated to serving our community each and every day. Partnering with this lifesaving mission is one of the many ways we can help others. I'm proud of our deputies for asking every person obtaining a license or ID if they would like to donate \$1 to increase education about donation. We also ask everyone to join the Organ

Donor Registry. It only takes a moment to say 'yes' and be hope for patients in need," explains Eliza Jane York, Rockcastle Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

In 2017, 2,417 generous Rockcastle County residents donated \$1 for public education about donation. In total, 5,687 Rockcastle County residents have joined the Organ Donor Registry. All registered donors are a bold symbol of hope to those waiting.

Kentucky's Registry rate has grown quickly in recent years due to strategic public education efforts and new regional training programs. This year's trainings featured keynote speakers Derek Fitzgerald, heart recipient and IRONMAN and Shannon Adkins, donor mom. Eight trainings were held in four cities across the commonwealth

Owensboro, Frankfort, Paintsville and Somerset. Nearly 700 people attended representing 85 circuit court clerk's offices.

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

significant event to happen since my transplant is the birth of my daughter, because while I received the gift of life, she is a true miracle."

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

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

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

There is no age limit or health requirements for registering as a donor. Everyone can register at [www.RegisterMe.org](http://www.RegisterMe.org) or when you obtain your driver's license or state ID.

Today, nearly 115,000 children and adults are on the national waiting list for their gift of life.

# Easter Egg Hunt

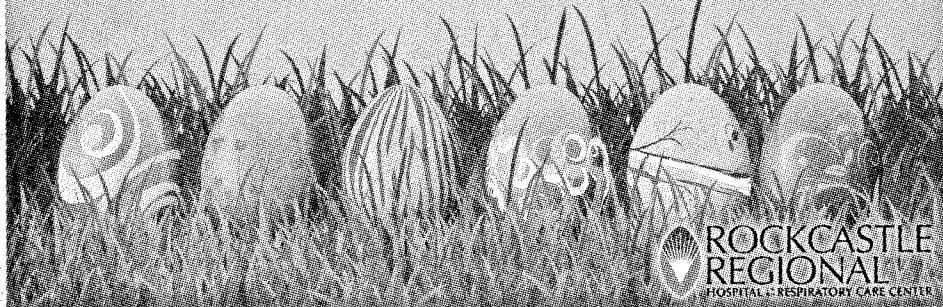
March 24, 2018  
Mt. Vernon Elementary School

## Two Events:

**Egg-stra Special Egg Hunt:**  
(For kids ages 11 & under who may need special accommodations)  
Registration at 11:45 am • Egg Hunt at 12:00 noon

**Egg Hunt for Ages 11 & Under:**  
Registration at 1:45 pm • Egg Hunt at 2:00 pm

For more information, call Kayla Rowe at (606) 256-7767.



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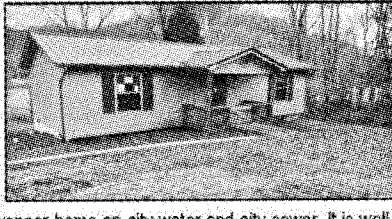
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### GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 11:00 A.M.

2324 HAMMONDS FORK ROAD, MOUNT VERNON, KY 40456 OF HOUSE AND LOT  
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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 \$0,907.35, with accrued interest of \$4,999.41, through August 30, 2016, 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, 2016. Interest is accruing on the unpaid principal balance at the rate of \$7,297.50 per day after August 30, 2016, 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. 6:17-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



# CHURCH NEWS

## Free Bible Courses

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

## Let the Bible Speak

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

## Rockcastle County

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### Fellowship Meeting and Revival

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church will hold a Fellowship Meeting and Revival March 19-21 with Bro. Ernie Wyatt evangelist.

Bro. Jim Miller and congregation welcome everyone.

### Gospel Singing

New Life House of Worship will have a Gospel Singing March 18th at 11 a.m., featuring The Praise Singers from Irvin. The church is located at 7350 Hwy. 643 in Crab Orchard. Everyone welcome.

## Benefit Singing

Sand Hill Baptist Church will hold a Benefit Singing March 17th, beginning at 6 p.m.

All proceeds will go toward the funeral expenses for Boyd Powell.

## Easter Events at First Christian

**Good Friday** will be commemorated at First Christian Church on Friday, March 30th at 7 p.m. We would ask that all enter and exit with solemnity, but remember our Lord's saving sacrifice with joy, too!

**First Christian will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ** on Sunday morning, April 1st at 11 o'clock.

We want to invite all to come and praise God with us for the gift of life our Lord bought for us that wonderful Resurrection morning!

The church is located at 160 West Main St., Mt. Vernon.

For any questions or a ride, please call 606-256-2876.



On Wednesday, March 7, Roundstone Elementary students Logan and Jasper Rogers joined Rep. Jonathan Shell as pages on the floor of the House of Representatives in Frankfort, where they got to see the legislative process up close. Logan and Jasper were joined by their parents and brother on the floor after the House adjourned. (LRC Public Information)

## An encouraging word:

Something Good Is About to Happen



By Howard Coop

It was a long time ago, but I remember it well. In an English class in high school, we, with Miss Glee's guidance, were studying William Shakespeare's famous play, Julius Caesar. About the only thing I remember from that experience was a line in Scene II, when the Soothsayer said to Caesar, "Beware the ides of March." Those words, referring to March 15 in the old Roman calendar, were, as they were spoken, a reminder to Caesar that his life was in serious danger, for something bad was about to happen. Since sitting in that class long ago, I have always remembered the ides of March and thought of them as an omen of something bad about to happen.

But the ides of March can mean more if we allow them to do so. The middle of the month, as the ides of March are, is here, and it has always meant something more to me. It is a good omen, a sign of something better to come. I truly believe, as a good friend of mine wrote in a beautiful song, "Something good is about to happen!" And I remember that many centuries ago one wise in the ways of nature wrote, "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of the doves is heard in the land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance."

The world around us is rapidly changing, and what a change it is! Laying aside the drab colors of winter, it is becoming green, beautiful, and alive. The days, cold and dreary, of winter are behind us, and the days, warm and pleasant, of spring are here. And we, at least most of us, are genuinely delighted.

But there is more. Not everything in life will be pleasant, but we can be positive. We can live and believe that "Something good is about to happen!" And it will!

## Essay winners announced in Grandparent of the Year Contest

Melissa Mullins, a 5th grader at Roundstone Elementary School, is this year's county winner of the Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest sponsored by AARP Kentucky and the Rockcastle Retired Teachers Association.

Melissa received a check for \$50 from the RRTA. She, along with her honored grandparent, Mrs. Melissa Kelley, and teacher, Mr. Harold Woodall will be luncheon guests at the RRTA April meeting.

Parker Kidwell, Brodhead Elementary and Anna Chaliff, MVES fifth graders were their respective school's winner and each received a check for \$25.

The annual essay contest, open to all 5th grade students, is meant to highlight the importance of Grandparents in the nurturing and rearing of today's children.

Congratulations and thank you to all students and teachers who participated.



Pictured from RES are from left: 5th grade teacher Harold Woodall, Retired Teacher Betty Lou Adams, Rockcastle County and RES School and County Essay winner Melissa Mullins, Retired Teacher Judy Maples and RES Principal Chris Bishop.



Pictured from BES are from left: Principal Derrick Bussell, BES School Essay winner Parker Kidwell, 5th grade teacher Patsy Alcorn, Retired Teachers Betty Lou Adams and Duina Arnold.



Pictured from MVES are from left: Retired Teacher Betty Lou Adams, MVES School Essay Winner Anna Chaliff, 5th grade teacher Thomas Coffey, Retired Teacher Linda Clontz and Asst. Principal Anthony Coffey

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## Climax Christian Church

### Series: What is a Christian Church?

In our last article, we examined baptism from the perspective of typology. Today we will look at another OT example of an event that prefigured baptism.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all at the same spiritual food, and all drank from the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, in the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted."**

There are two points from the above passage that we will try to deal with in the space allotted.

First, is the subject of their baptism in the Red Sea which is a type for us. We will note that the Egyptians had enslaved the Israelites and essentially owned them. Now they were under severe physical bondage from which they could not escape. We are also under a bondage from which it is impossible for us to escape from: SIN. They called upon God for deliverance and God sent them a deliverer: Moses. We also have a deliverer: Jesus.

The Egyptians refused to let them go even after the plagues God sent upon them. God as a result took their firstborn as the redemption price for their freedom. God gave us His Firstborn Son, Jesus, as our redemption prize.

Pharaoh let them go and sent his army after them. God had sent the people to the Red Sea. At the side of the Red Sea they were trapped. The sea was on one side and Pharaoh and his army on the other. They were not yet free of their bondage. They must still be delivered. Note carefully that even though they had called upon God previously they were not yet free.

God caused a great wind to part the sea and they crossed to the other side on dry land. When the Egyptians tried to cross they were drowned. The Israelites were finally free from their bondage. Paul equates this to our Christian baptism at which time, and only when, we are finally free from the bondage of our sins. Note that in last week's article we talked about how Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the flood which destroyed sinful flesh on the earth. The same principle applies to our example today: baptism is what the scriptures state it is for: the removal of sin and for the receiving of the Holy Spirit.

The second point of the above passage that we will try to deal with is this: even though the people were baptized and free from their Egyptian bondage most of them did not make it to the Promised Land. Paul uses their example to warn the church that they too could lose their salvation.

There are a number of groups today which teach once in grace always in grace, or once saved always saved. The above passage is a contradiction to that teaching.

We will note that there is nothing outside of ourselves which can separate us from the love of God. In other words, nothing can take away our salvation, but we have the freedom to turn away from God if we choose to do so. God does not force us to live for Him. One of the tenets of Calvinism which many churches follow is that God determines who is saved and that in His choosing those people cannot be lost.

In Verse 12 of 1 Cor. 10 Paul states this: therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. What can we fall from? The answer is grace.

**Hebrews 10:26-27.** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

There is only one sacrifice sufficient for our sins: the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. If we sin willfully knowing what Christ did on the cross for us there is no hope, we are lost.

**Hebrews 6:4-6.** For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakes of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Paul also writes that God forbid that a person sins so that grace may be about.

To close we encourage each reader to consider the warning Paul gave to the Corinthian church. We must endure in the faith till the end if we are to receive our crown of righteousness.

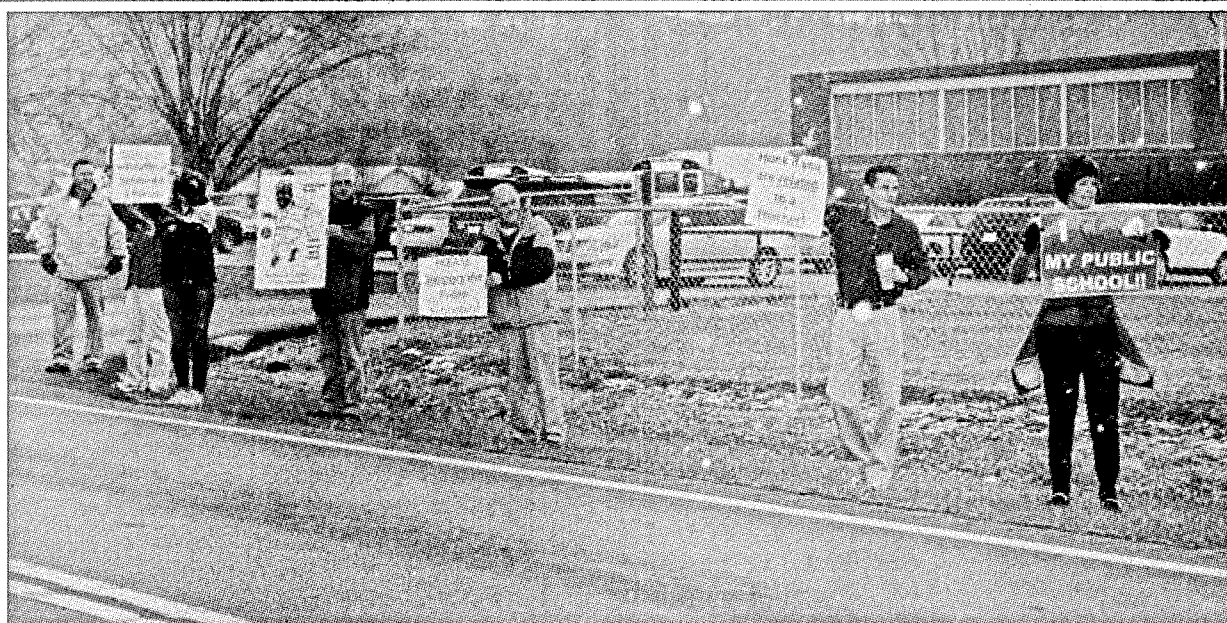
We will close with this thought. It was not until they had been baptized in the Red Sea that God would give His people the Ten Commandments. For us today, the Ten Commandments have a different purpose and meaning to the Christian than they do for the person outside of Christ.

For more information or answers to your questions you may write to Minister, Climax Christian Church, 7258 McWhorter Rd., London, KY 40741 or call 606-843-7390. We also like to invite you to come and worship with us at the Climax Christian Church each Lord's Day at 11 a.m.

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## Rockcastle Rallies Against Pension Reform

On Thursday, March 8th, current and retired staff members, parents, students and community members rallied to show opposition to the current pension reform bill and to show support for the Kentucky public education system.

"Promises were made to us by the Commonwealth, and those promises need to be kept," said Erin Grace, a teacher at Rockcastle County High School and the President of Rockcastle County Education Association. "We need, as a state, to keep funding our schools. The services our kids need and the people who devote their working lives to providing those must remain a top priority and not be seen as a burden," Grace added.

In the top left photo are those rallying in front of Roundstone Elementary and in the bottom left photo are teachers, staff members, students and community members rallying in front of the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Rallies were also held at Mt. Vernon Elementary, Brodhead Elementary and the Rockcastle County High School.

### Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



#### ELAINE'S BANANA BREAD

1 stick butter (softened at room temperature)  
1 and 1/2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs  
2 ripe mashed bananas  
1 cup whole buttermilk  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 and 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup nuts (crushed walnuts or pecans)  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a flour a large loaf pan. Cream together butter, sugar, vanilla, eggs, bananas, and buttermilk. Mix together flour, salt, and soda; gradually add to creamed mixture. Add nuts. Thoroughly stir nuts in by hand. Pour into prepared pan. Cream about one hour or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean.

#### BANANA SPLIT DESSERT

1 can (14 to 16 ounce) crushed pineapple  
1 small jar maraschino cherries  
1 tub (8 ounce) Cool Whip®  
1 can Eagle Brand® milk  
1 can strawberry pie filling  
3 bananas, chopped  
1 prepared pound cake  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1/2 cup chocolate sundae sauce  
Drain pineapple and cherries, but reserve juices. Combine Cool Whip® with Eagle Brand® milk. Fold in the pineapple, strawberry

pie filling, and bananas. Set aside. Slice the pound cake in enough slices to cover bottom of 9 x 13 container or a clear bowl. Quickly dip the cake pieces in the reserved cherry and pineapple juice, just enough to moisten them. (You probably won't use all the juice.) Layer cake in dish. Spread the Cool Whip® mixture over the pound cake. Sprinkle nuts, drizzle chocolate, and place cherries on top in a pretty pattern. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

**BANANAS FOSTER GRATIN**  
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
3 tablespoons water  
1 tablespoon dark rum  
2 teaspoons butter  
4 ripe bananas  
1/2 cup chopped almonds  
Heat oven to 450°. Stir together sugar, water, and rum in a large skillet over medium heat; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring constantly, 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in butter. Slice bananas. Add to brown sugar mixture in skillet, tossing to coat. If skillet has an over proof handle, place in oven for 10 minutes or until bubbly. Otherwise pour into a greased 1-quart baking dish; bake as with skillet. Remove from oven and sprinkle with almonds. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream or flavor of your choice.

### Subscribe to the Signal

**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II  
Civil Action No. 17-CI-00021**

**Pennymac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff**

**Jeff S. Carpenter, Rebecca Carpenter and Commonwealth of Kentucky- Finance and Administrative Cabinet Defendants**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 9, 2018 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND 55/100 (\$141,415.55) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, March 23, 2018  
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA Map #023C-02-007  
93 Hemlock Circle, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being the same property conveyed to Jeff S. Carpenter and Rebecca Carpenter, husband and wife, executed by EW Todd, LLC, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company and recorded in Deed Book 250, Page 267 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

#### The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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3. The purchaser shall pay the 2018 local, county and state property taxes.
4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
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**John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I  
Civil Action No. 17-CI-00153**

**Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union f/n/a Appalachian Federal Credit Union Plaintiff**

**Joey R. Causey, Ellen Causey, Hannah G. Smith a/k/a Hannah G. Dalton, unknown spouse of Hannah G. Smith a/k/a Hannah G. Dalton, Daniel S. Steinburg, unknown spouse of Daniel S. Steinburg and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Revenue Defendants**

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Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA Map #046NW-06-011  
97 N Dailey Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being the same property conveyed to Joey R. Causey and Ellen Causey, husband and wife, by deed dated June 22, 2010 and recorded in Deed Book 231, Page 83 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

#### The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

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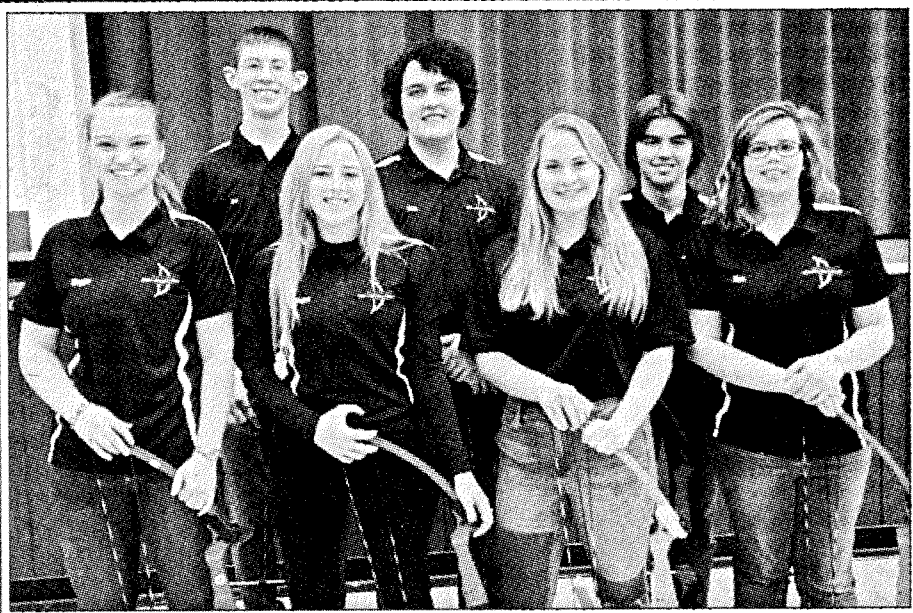
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Seven RCHS Seniors competed in their final regular season archery tournament at Pulaski County High this past Friday. Pictured are seniors Maggie Franklin, Joseph Cowan, Megan Taylor, Sam Brickley, Rebekah Lake, Jackson Cromer and Kim Wheat. Thanks to them for all of their dedication. They will compete for RCHS one last time at the NASP state tournament in Louisville on March 30th.

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Curves: Solving Awkward Angles in the Landscape

Working with an odd shaped space, rather than a traditional rectangular house on a rectangular lot, can have some challenges. Rather than living with a peculiar angled space, how about creating a unique yard using that odd element to advantage? There's nothing special about mimicking everyone else's yard, anyhow.

Plants are the simplest of solutions to this problem. Either a plant that is simply a t t e n t i o n - g e t t i n g gorgeous—or one that hangs over or hides the awkward corner or angle.

Adding circles and curves can be the solution. How about a circular patio,

or a kidney shaped one, or even one like a piece of pie if that is what works with your yard. For that far corner of a yard that might have a point like the top of a pyramid, try some curved raised beds with trees and/or shrubs to completely obscure that bothersome corner. Changes in textures, adding height or excavating for a sunken garden are also ways of distracting from an odd layout.

Other instances can call for additional angles to make an eyesore blend in. The odd shaped pergola, or the look of modern art for a wall hanging trellis can duplicate crazy angles and make them look like they were part of the plan from the beginning.

A rolling hill can be ter-

raced, or excavated for a flat spot and a retaining wall added at the point of transition.

Winding pathways can also help manage a steeper area.

Big empty spots where you don't want a big tree can have some large unusual display that draws people out to look closer. Yard art, water features, firepits, archways, or a partition with plants creating a new "room" can help with solving for those awkward angles. Maybe a huge rock garden with the center being built up six feet or more so certain areas are "naturally" obscured. (Out of sight, out of mind.)

Curved benches, curved stacked stone walls, curved formal or informal hedges, a curved arbor with vines on it, are some of the ideas I have to make away with an odd angled drive, yard, fence, etc.

Sharp angles in walkways or paved areas can sometimes be softened with stones. Rather than square paving stones, how about a masonry patio with random flagstone in a mosaic pattern? Concrete corners at 60 or 110 degree angles can be abrasive to the psyche. Perhaps un-patterned or rounded pieces of stones worked into a usable patio or walk area can take the eye from seeing the harsh angle so much.

Stacked stone retaining walls, filled with good soil for flowers, gardening, herbs, etc. can be built in lots of shapes, especially utilizing curves. I find they work wonders, especially for the informal landscape.

While we are on the topic of a new raised bed, I'd like to make a plain suggestion. You can grow about anything in a raised bed, even if the rest of your yard won't grow anything much. All by filling the raised area with the right type of dirt for the things you intend to plant.

One more idea is a specimen plant. A tall skinny tree, a weeping tree, or one trained to a wall or as an espalier.

Plants can be art, either through shearing or selecting the perfect tree or shrub for the job. That perfectly pyramidal tree may not be the one you should buy if your house and yard don't have much symmetry

The author is a landscaper.

Email:

pondbuilder@hushmail.com or visit www.rockcastles.net

## Learn the signs of a scam and how to avoid them

Not long ago, scammers used traditional calls and mail to our homes to make contact with unsuspecting consumers in an effort to carry out their crimes, but

as technology has advanced, scammers have too. From dialing our smart phones, to texting, emailing and employing social media, scammers have just as many

tools at their disposal as we have ways to communicate. That's why it's more important than ever that consumers educate themselves.

During National Con-

sumer Protection Week, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company reminded customers of tips to help them identify scams and avoid falling prey to potential perpetrators. The utilities' efforts come in partnership with those of fellow members of Utilities United Against Scams – a collaborative made up of more than 100 natural gas, electric and water utility companies across the country and Canada. Members of the group work across the utility industry and with regulators, law enforcement and other telecommunications partners to help stop scams targeting utility customers.

Signs of Potential Scam Activity:

- Threat to disconnect: Scammers may aggressively tell the customer his or her utility bill is past due and service will be disconnected if a payment is not made – usually within less than an hour.

- Request for immediate payment: Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card – widely available at retail stores – then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment to his or her utility company.

- Request for prepaid card: When the customer calls back, the caller asks the customer for the prepaid card's number, which grants the scammer instant access to the card's funds, and the victim's money is gone. LG&E and KU work

with law enforcement investigating these types of crimes, and offer the following SAFE advice to residential and business customers:

- Secure your personal information: LG&E and KU will never call and ask for credit or debit card numbers or other personal information.

- Always remember you have bill payment options: LG&E and KU offer customers a variety of official payment options. A complete list can be found at here.

- First check with LG&E and KU if you're suspicious: Customers who receive a suspicious live phone call, an email or letter should call LG&E and KU which will always verify official communications. LG&E customers should call 502-589-1444 (outside Louisville at 1-800-331-7370); KU customers should call 1-800-981-0600.

- Enlist the help of authorities: In addition to contacting the company, customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with scammers, should report it to their local police department.

The Federal Trade Commission website also offers helpful tips for protecting personal information.

Visit [utilitiesunited.org](http://utilitiesunited.org) for more information and tips about how consumers can protect themselves from scams.

## Frankfort Update

By Jonathon Shell  
State Representative

House Acts on Road Plan, Welfare Reforms, & Pro-Life legislation

With passage of a two-year funding plan for Kentucky's transportation systems, the House has now sent its two biggest responsibilities for this year's session over to the Senate, well ahead of schedule.

The road plan and state budget are the two documents outlining how Kentucky will appropriate the billions of dollars of revenue it collects. In our passage of a road plan that allocates over \$2.5 billion in state and federal funds, we have displayed our commitment to improving safety, better maintaining our roads and bridges, and promoting economic development.

House Bill 202 lays out a funding package for Kentucky's roads and bridges, and one that focuses on improving our current transportation network while also making new investments that will strengthen Kentucky's infrastructure. The plan was crafted in a responsible manner, and passed with bipartisan support.

Statewide, this plan invests more than \$365 million in pavement management, a start towards catching up on a \$1 billion resurfacing backlog. It also addresses Kentucky's growing list of structurally deficient

bridges, putting forth more than \$545 million over two years to repair and replace bridges in 103 Kentucky counties.

A welfare reform which I co-sponsored also passed the House. House 363 is aimed at rooting out fraud and abuse with the Medicaid and food stamp programs. The bill would make the process of reviewing and tracking information regarding eligibility more efficient, in order to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens are prioritized when it comes to receiving public assistance.

The bill ensures that only the truly needy are receiving benefits, and that those who do not qualify or are abusing the system are removed. It will also allow us to work with other states to prevent recipients from receiving benefits from multiple states.

One of the most important bills on this session saw action on Monday when we passed a pro-life measure banning a violent form of abortion that is far more common than it should be. House Bill 454 prohibits an abortion that results in the dismemberment of the child greater than 11 weeks old. Pro-life legislation is a priority for me, and I will seek to move these bills through the House for as long as I am in a leadership position.

We also passed a bill that is of particular importance to Rockcastle County.

House Bill 348 begins the process of judicial redistricting, adding a Family Court Judge to the 28th Circuit, which includes Rockcastle County in addition to Lincoln and Pulaski counties. This is among the most overburdened circuits in the Commonwealth, with an existing Family Court Judge covering the caseloads of nearly three judges.

A large amount of cases come through this circuit, and adding a new judge will help provide relief and allow the judicial process better serve our citizens. This bill also sets into place a research effort to determine the way forward for statewide redistricting, so that our court system better reflects Kentucky's population and caseloads across the state.

Please reach out to me on issues of importance to you. I read all of my emails and hear about every phone call to my office, each of which provide valuable input that impacts the legislative process. It is my privilege to serve you in Frankfort.

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

### Scammers posing as Law Enforcement officials

## Con artists demand immediate payment

In a new scam alert issued by Attorney General Andy Beshear, Kentuckians are being warned of scammers posing as law enforcement officials demanding payment and threatening arrest via text messages.

Kentuckians in Greenup, Jefferson and Montgomery counties have recently reported losing more than \$110,000 after they thought they were sending payment to an official law enforcement agency.

Beshear said Kentuckians are now reporting a number of text messages from con artists identifying themselves as prosecutors or police officers who claim a lawsuit and arrest warrant have been issued and un-

less Kentuckians call within 30 minutes to make a payment, they will go to jail for six months.

Beshear said the best way to avoid the scam is to know that no law enforcement office would ever send a text message to demand payment or threaten arrest.

"We are constantly working with our many partners to track down and hold accountable anyone who wrongly uses the name of a law enforcement agency to threaten or hurt Kentucky families," Beshear said.

Beshear said his office launched a direct text messaging and email service, Scam Alerts in 2016. Scam Alerts al-

lows the office to send messages to Kentuckians when new and trending scams are reported in Kentucky. To sign up to receive Scam Alerts, text the words KYOAG Scam to GOV311 (468311), or enroll online at [ag.ky.gov/scams](http://ag.ky.gov/scams).

Beshear issued a Scam Alert in October 2017, to warn Kentuckians of a lottery scam that used the name of the Office of the Attorney General to try and scare Kentuckians into sending money over wire transfer.

Beshear has also warned Kentuckians of other law enforcement impostor scams, including the jury duty scam and sheriff's deputy scams.

## New FastTrac group coaching start up courses

FastTrac, an intensive six-week course for people considering launching a new business, will be offered in Berea this spring.

The course will be led by Jennifer A. Reis, a small business owner and creative entrepreneurship educator. It is scheduled from March 26 through May 3, and will meet primarily through video conferencing. The digital curriculum allows participants to engage with the course content and exercises from any Internet connection and then dial into a live discussion session with speakers and coaches. Potential entrepreneurs interested in FastTrac are encouraged to attend the free, informational Open House on Thursday, March 15

from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the new Berea City Hall, located at 212 Chestnut Street in Berea. The course facilitator and business coaches will be on-hand to answer any questions.

The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) is partnering with the Kauffman Foundation and the City of Berea's Economic Development Department to offer the FastTrac Program. Participants take a new venture concept, or a current business idea, and work through the program that goes from general entrepreneurial mindsets and ideation to refining and launching the enterprise. Participants work on their business at their own pace and are encouraged to participate in

live discussions. Speakers will focus on topics including small business management, marketing and branding, financial sustainability, and other relevant entrepreneurship issues.

The FastTrac course is scheduled for six weeks on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, starting March 26 and ending on May 3. The first in-person session will take place at Berea City Hall. The course costs \$25, and can be paid online or by the first course session. Register by March 26 at [loans.maced.org/fasttrac](http://loans.maced.org/fasttrac) or email Paul Wright at [pwright@maced.org](mailto:pwright@maced.org).

For more information call the MACED Office at (859) 986-2373.

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## Posted

Posted: No trespassing on private property of Carl M. Mowbray, 2204 Hammonds Fork Road, Mt. Vernon. This includes voyeurs, snoops, peeping toms and dogs.

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47ftn

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

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

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Notice is given that Dora Fay Rash has filed her Final Settlement as Guardian of Michael Wayne Bullock II, a minor. A hearing on said settlement will be held April 9, 2018 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to settlement must be filed before this date. 9x1

## LEGAL NOTICE

### The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, common teasel, multiflora rose, amur honeysuckle, poison hemlock, mare's tail, Japanese knotweed, and kudzu.

Property owners actively treating noxious weeds on private property may submit an application to request the eradication of nuisance weeds found on adjacent state-owned right of way. Contact your local district highway office to request an application. Visit [transportation.ky.gov/contactus](http://transportation.ky.gov/contactus).

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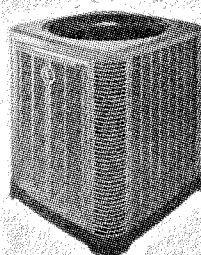
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