Frankfort Report...

By Jared Carpenter State Senator

This session of the General Assembly is halfway over. Many of



eral outstanding issues in the Senate that we continue to work on in our remaining time in Frankfort.

As I have said before, defending the Second Amendment is very important to me. I am pleased SB 129, which prohibits the enforcement of unconstitutional federal bans or restrictions on ownership of semiautomatic firearms or gun registration measures in Kentucky, passed out of committee. This measure, which I was proud to introduce, now goes to the Senate floor.

The United States Supreme Court, as recently as 2010, has upheld that the Second Amendment protects individuals' right to keep and bear arms. Actions by the federal government to attack this right would not be in accordance with the Constitution. That is why SB 129 is so important- it protects Kentuckians' right to gun ownership from overreaching federal actions. It will also send a strong message to Washington that our guns are not up for grabs.

I was thrilled to have RCHS UNITE members Hannah Eaton, Sean Watkins, and Avery T. Bradshaw in Frankfort last week. Their testimonies about the effects of the drug epidemic that were aired on CNN were truly moving. We honored them, along with UNITE adviser Dusty McClure, on the Senate floor.

Recently, an overwhelming number of deaths have been resulting in Kentucky from heroin overdoses. That is why I co-sponsored Senate Bill 6. The bill allows dealers of highly-addictive Schedule I drugs such as heroin, meth, and cocaine to be charged with criminal homicide in the event of a drug-overdose death, even if they didn't sell the drug directly to the deceased. SB 6 passed the Senate and now awaits action in the House.

The Senate passed House Bill 7, a bill authorizing university bonding projects. Universities will use their own bonds at no cost to Kentucky's General Fund to renovate or build 11

critically-needed buildings. These creative building proposals not only enhance the quality of higher education in our state but also will be providing needed construction jobs. I congratulate the universities for defining a specific project list and developing a business plan with a dedicated revenue stream. It is the right approach especially after the Senate added language that these projects could not be subsidized with tuition increases. Incidentally, HB7 will be the first bill to pass both chambers.

Increasing access to nonemergency medical transportation for our most vulnerable is the intent of Senate Bill 112. This bill will increase competition among providers which hopefully will bring the costs down for those who need the service. It would also represent a significant savings to taxpayers to coordinate transportation as well because Medicaid dollars are used.

Senate Bill 39 and Senate Bill 40 both passed the Senate. SB 39 states that any expansion of Medicaid eligibility under President Obama's Affordable Care Act must be approved by the General Assembly. Similarly, SB 40 directs that the General Assembly must approve any state-run health benefit exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. I believe that policies that have such state-wide impact and are attached to such great costs should simply not be decided by one individual without the benefit of open, transparent debate. While I have my own feelings about the value of expanding government services without having a way to pay for them, this is not about me or my opinion. This is about giving true deliberation to policies that will dramatically affect how your government operates and costs and including as many people as possible in that decision. The Governor was never supposed to have a blank check to do whatever he wants.

The Senate also passed bills directed at gifted students as well as those who are struggling in the traditional academic environment. Senate Bill 109 allows high-school students who are taking Advanced Placement or similar certified college credit classes to access their KEES funds early in order to pay for them. Senate Bill 97 allows local school districts to adopt a policy requiring students to stay in school until age 18, or graduation whichever comes first, with the understanding that they would have to offer an approved alternative education program that would help meet the needs of students most likely to drop out. Local districts are best equipped to understand what kind of supports they have or can offer and that decision should not belong to a Frankfort bureaucrat. With this bill, educators are better prepared and at-risk students do not distract from the traditional educational process. Even though time is running out on this session, time is never running out on you voicing your opinion. There are several ways to contact me: my toll-free number is 1-800-372-7181 and online, I and the work of the Legislature, can be accessed viawww.lrc.ky.gov



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The Rockcastle Kiwanis club was pleased to have Shannon Franklin, a member of the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department, as its luncheon speaker Thursday, February 14th. Shannon talked about the Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon License program in which he is a certified instructor. He mentioned the increasing number of applications for the permit. The course is a one day program covering the law, safety procedures, marksmanship fundamentals, and firing range qualification. Shown in the above photo from left are: Glenda Smith, Program Chairperson; Shannon Franklin; Jim Snyder-member; and Jamie Lear-member. *Submitted by: Jim Snyder, Rockcastle Kiwanis*



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Started in 1992, WorkFest was created by Christian Appalachian Project as an alternative spring break for college students. The event attracts more than 400 students from 40 different colleges and universities and serves about 20-25 homes over a four-week period (March 5-28, 2013). Students from different colleges across the United States serve in teams to repair substandard housing and build new homes for low-income families in eastern Kentucky.

WorkFest gives students a complete and fulfilling alternative spring break that emphasizes service, learning and spirituality without the need of prior building experience. Upon arrival to WorkFest, students from participating schools are di-

vided into teams of 7-12 students and 2-3 experienced crew leaders. Students will typically serve on 1-2 homes during the week. Projects may include roofing, hanging drywall, flooring, building ramps, painting, siding, window replacement, yard cleanups, insulations, new home construction, and other efforts appropriate to the group's age and experience.

While at WorkFest, the evening programming exposes students to Appalachian music and culture. It also informs students of Appalachian history and explores the root causes of poverty in Appalachia.

CAP Mission - The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. For nearly 50 years, CAP has been measurably impacting the region. www.christianapp.org

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Clarissa Hubbard and Jimmy Gay are proud to announce the birth of their son, Xavier Cecil Gay, born January



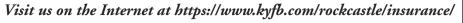
18, 2013 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. He weighed 7 lbs. 3/4 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Brenda Gay and the late Billy Gay of Mt. Vernon, Carolyn Hubbard and the late Hubbard Larry of Livingston and Katherine Johnson and Tommy Shaw of Brodhead. Great grandparents are Bernice

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2013 Redbud Trails photography contest

April is Redbud Month in Southern and Eastern Kentucky and TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY) is excited to announce the 2013 Redbud Trails Photography Contest. TOUR SEKY is calling all amateur photographers in TOUR's 49 county service region to submit their best Redbud photos. Top entries will be the featured 2013 summer exhibit at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

The entry fee is \$15. The fee includes the entry of up to three photos per contestant. Entries must be submitted by April 10, 2013. The photos will be judged on site April 19th at the Redbud Garden Party, 1:00-3:00pm, American Association Building, 2215 Cumberland Ave., Middlesboro, KY. First, second and third place winners will be featured on the tourseky.com website and press releases will be sent to each winner's hometown newspaper.

Photos must be full color and contain a Redbud tree, blossom, branch, or leaf. The photographs must be on a CD and a full color 10x8 (landscape) un-matted and unframed hard copy of the image is required. For complete contest rules and information on how to submit your photo, contact Maggie Bill, mbill@tourseky.com or 606-677-6093. The official guidelines, entry and release forms can be found on the tourseky.com homepage under downloadable forms and important information.

TOUR SEKY is an award winning initiative of Congressman Hal Rogers. The organization's mission is to educate, expand, develop and market the existing and potential tourism industry throughout southern and eastern Kentucky, while contributing to the economic, cultural growth, health and awareness, and overall quality of life of the region. For additional information about TOUR SEKY visit www.tourseky.com, or call 606-677-6093.



RCMS/RCHS Band Students perform at the 2013 KMEA District Solo and Ensemble Festival Recently students from the RCMS and RCHS Band programs performed for judges at the 2013 KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Lexington Catholic High School on February 16th. Rockcastle had over 20 performances throughout the day and recieved 17 Distinguished Rated performances and 7 Proficient Rated performances. Students have been working hard since Christmas Break on preparing various solo and ensemble performances. Some of the Distinguished performances will be featured in concert at the Rockcastle Band Boosters Annual Theme Dinner Party in April as well as the Band's 2013 Spring concerts. Congratulations to these students!

Pictured are, front from left: Megan Doan, Faith Saylor, Allison Renner, Sarah Ponder, Chelsea Helton, Shelby Ponder, Jessica Harris, Tyler Harris and Hannah Tyler. Second row from left: Jay Imaide', Dylan Hillard, Robert Davis, Jacob Rylie, Allison Estes, Presley Cromer, Levi Sparks, Jordan Smith, Shelby Brown, Kennedy Carpenter and Caitlin Daugherty. Third row from left: Hannah Allen, Marina Blevins, Jonah Pillion, Ryan Martin, Zach Hayes, Michael Brewer, Mary Weaver, Austin Helton, Shanoah Shelton and Aaron Pevley. Back row from left: Frankie Woodall, Jamie Kirby, Rylan Cromer, Amelia Berryman, Sierra Smith, and Josh Smith.

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Softball Teams Solicited

The Crab Orchard Parks and Recreation Board is seeking teams for its Men's League and its Co-Ed Open/ Church League. The men's league will start sometime in May and the co-ed team have an approximate start date of June. If interested in putting a team in, please contact Mac Dunn at 859-583-0070.

PVFD Chili Supper

Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept. will have a chili supper on Saturday, March 2, 5 to 8 p.m., with bluegrass gospel music. For more info, call 606-687-0865.

RCIDA March Meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Authority Board's March meeting will be March Tuesday, March 5th at 11:30 a.m. on the third floor (teleconference room) of the courthouse. The public is invited.

Little League Sign-ups

Little League Sign-ups will be held every Saturday at Mt. Vernon Elementary from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Costs: Baseball, \$50 - each additional child is \$40; tee-ball, \$35 per



FBLA members from left: Gabby Miller, Danielle Abed, Jesse Stallsworth, Hannah McClure, Dana Robbins, Taylor McClure, Ashley McCoy and Cassidy Daugherty delivering treats to the Respiratory Care patients.

Rockcastle FBLA celebrates CTE Month and FBLA Week

In recognition of CTE (Career and Technical Education) month, Rockcastle ATC celebrated FBLA week during February 11th-15th.

CTE involves vocational programs that provide students with employability skills and careers paths. Each day members had a special activity planned, along with dressing in a certain theme.

Monday, February the 11th was Sweatpants day (Social); everyone was invited to wear their favorite sweatpants to school. On Tuesday, members, advisors, and staff were asked to wear their business attire (Public Relations), along with promoting FBLA. Wednesday, February 13th, several



child; girls softball, \$50. Contact Jerry Saylor at 606-392-1539.

Hot Rods Sign-ups

Hot Rod sign-ups for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds will be held April 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Godfather's Pizza. Fee is \$35 (cash only) per child. Parent shirts will be available at ign-ups for \$13 plus \$1 extra per size. Season runs April 27- July 13.

VFW News

During the winter months, the post will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Teacup Cafe on Main St. in Mt. Vernon.. Everyone welcome.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

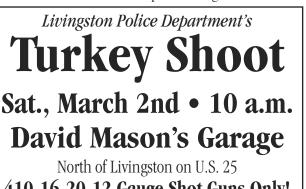
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members of FBLA delivered baked goods to the Respiratory Care Center at Rockcastle Regional Hospital (Community Service). Thursday which was Valentine's Day, members dressed in red/pink to recognize Valentine's Day colors, and also students had the opportunity to buy a "Orange Crush" for their crush. Friday the 15th, members showed their appreciation to advisors, Ashley Mullins and Vicky Castle for their help and guidance; we also wore Rocket T-shirts and had a chapter meeting.



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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Carol Blackburn, 1435 Marler Hollow. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on land belonging to William and Donna Asher, located in Sand Springs Area on School House road. Violators will be prosecuted.

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

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

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

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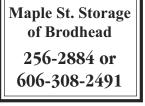
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- Common Loon (located in Business Park South) 1.)
- East View Drive (located in Business Park South) 2.)

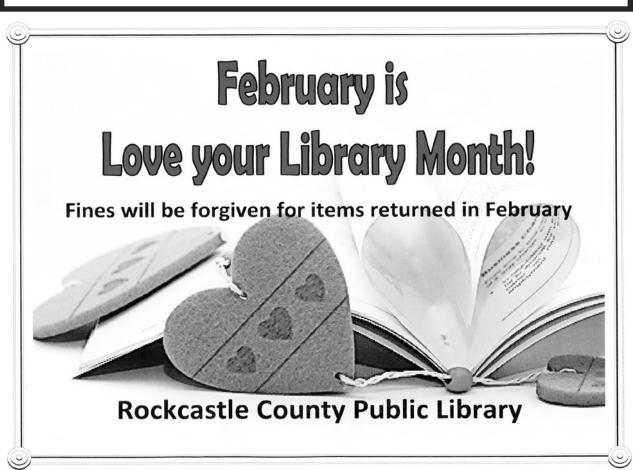
3.) West View Drive (a portion of the original West View Drive now inside the Business Park South - closed; with .092 mile of West View Drive to remain open to County maintenance)

4.) Adoption of Progress Drive into the County Roads System (present road from the intersection of U.S. 150 into Business Park South)

These first three roads were either incorporated into the Business Park South upon County purchase of the property and/or were placed on the plat of the property incorporated into Business Park South.

So Ordered by the Fiscal Court on this, the TWENTY-FIFTH Day of FEBRUARY, 2013.

Buzz Carloftis, County Judge-Executive Patricia Martin, Fiscal Court Clerk



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Notice of Public Hearing: Under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting will be held on March 7, 2013 at 6 p.m. at Livingston City Hall, 9226 Main St., Livingston, Ky. 40445. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss an application to the Recreational Trails Program for funding of the proposed Livingston Trailhead Project. Anyone with a significant support or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Recreational Trails Program, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capitaal Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, Ky. 40601 within two (2) weeks of the date of the meeting. 11x1

Notice is hereby given that Jeff A. Laswell, 365 Gentry-Laswell Road. Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed administrator of f the estate of Mary E, Laswell on the 20th day of February, 2013. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jeff A. Laswell or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford PSC, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August

21, 2013 at 11 a.m. 11x3 Notice is hereby given that Billy Rovy Cummins, 1785 Hwy. 1326, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executor of the estate of Lorene Cummins on the 4th day of February, 2013. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Billy Rovy Cummins or to Hon William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 5, 2013 at 11 a.m. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that Melinda S. Wells, 9959 Ellis Rd., Saint Jacob, IL 62281 and Melody S. Goodin, 5526 Battle Training Rd., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701 have been appointed co-administrators of the estate of Randell D. Scott on the 11th day of February, 2013. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Melinda S. Wells and Melody S. Goodin or to Hon. John D. Ford, 45 E. Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Aug. 12, 2013 at 11 a.m. 10x3

Notice is hereby given that Precia Bowling, P.O. Box 88, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Kermit Dwight Bowling on the 13th day of February, 2013. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Precia Bowling or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Aug. 14, 2013 at 11 a.m. 10x3

Notice is given that Ralph B. Shearer and Harold E. Shearer have filed a final settlement of their accounts as co-executors of the estate of Dorothy E. Martin, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held March 18, 2013, at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 11x1

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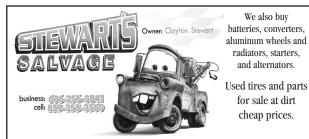
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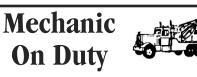
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Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis signs a proclamation recognizing February 16th - 23th as National FFA Week. First row from left: Allison Burdette, Charity Adams, Judge Carloftis, and Elizabeth Lawrence. Back row from left: Erica Clouse, Tiffany Bowman, Kyle Peacock, Larkan Prewitt, Bethany McKinney, Mary Bishop

Minds in the Middle

Applications for the Rogers Explorers program are now available. The Rogers Explorers spend three days and two nights on campus at some of Kentucky's top colleges and universities over the summer. Experts will guide participants through hands-on assignments that encourage creative thinking, teamwork and build leadership skills. The program is available to 8th grade students interested in science, math, and technology. Interested students need to see Mrs. Cromer for

more information. Applications are due ASAP.

The RCMS softball team has red short-sleeved Rocket t-shirts for sale in the office. The cost is \$10.

Our PTSA fundraiser has begun. If you haven't yet, check out the awesome stuff the kids are selling from Mixed Bags. Don't let the name fool you though. There is much more than bags, including cell phone covers, scarves, tablet cases, tumblers, picture frames, and lots of other neat merchandise at reasonable prices.

RCMS yearbooks are in limited supply. The cost is \$35. If you would like one, but have yet ordered, do so soon!

Congratulations to the archery team on their performance last Saturday at the regional tournament in Somerset. The team has now qualified to participate at the state tournament.

The end of the grading period will be March 14th. Mark your calendars now to attend open house on March 19th.



On Thursday February 21st, some RCMS students took a tour of KET studios in Lexington. While there the students participated in a course on green screen training and film editing. The students toured the studio and were shown around the control room by Nicky Helton, native of Rockcastle County. These students have a particular interest in the area of media production. This was an awesome opportunity for our students provided by GEAR Up Appalachia. Pictured are, from front: Logan Miller, Dylan Spoonamore, Sierra Mercer, Emme Barker, and LaurynCarpenter. Second row: Jordan Smith, Logan Taylor, Trevor Sweet, and Christian Mink. Back row: Kim Reed, Heaven Davidson, Savannah Goff, Makayla Pennington-Lopez, Emily Deubel, Lucas Jones, Brittany Cash, Tara Mink, Sarah Poynter, Hope Kelley, and Maggie Franklin.

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Rockcastle FFA Chapter celebrates 2013 National FFA Week

Written by: Candice Bishop and Sarah Pigg

During the week of February 16-23, 2013, the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA Week.

This year's theme was "Grow", and it celebrated more than 80 years of FFA tradition throughout the nation.

FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural education and handson learning, they are preparing for the more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

National FFA Week was sponsored by Tractor Supply Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation and annually encompasses February 22, George Washington's birthday.

Several of our members traveled to the Rockcastle County Court House to meet with County Judge Executive, Buzz Carloftis. After the FFA Week Proclamation was signed, it was only a

short time until blue and gold festivities were underway.

> Throughout the week, our chapter celebrated by holding several events. On Monday, there will was an FFA Movie Day. The featured film was I Am Legend, and KFC will be catered the event. Admission was two dollars for students and three dollars for adults.

> Tuesday through Friday, students were encouraged to participate in Theme Days. Tuesday's theme was Blue & Gold Pride, Wednesday was Cowboy Up/Hat Day, Thursday was Overall Overhaul, and Friday was Camo Day.

In appreciation for all of their hard work, the FFA supplied cake for the entire RCHS faculty and staff or Wednesday.

Also, each day, quiz questions and public service announcements concerning the FFA we announced at RCHS and on WRVK. Participants were encouraged to submit answers daily, and out of the correct answers, a winner was drawn at random.

FFA Week 2013 was a complete success, but it wouldn't have been possible without the support of our teachers, farmers, and community! Thank you for believing in us!

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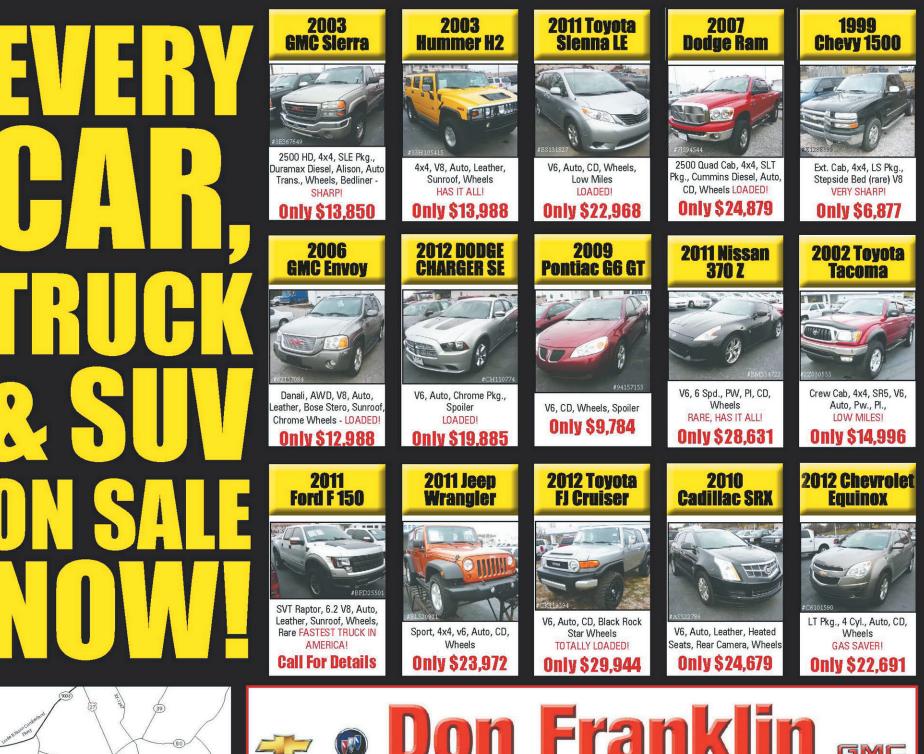
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Farmers/Businessman **Banquet held Tuesday** at RCMS

Joe C. Bullen was inducted into the Rockcastle County Agriculture Hall of Fame at the Farmers/ Business Banquet held Tuesday night. Shown in the above photo are Rockcastle County Conservation **District Board Vice-Chairman Roy Reynolds and** Chairman Tommy Harold Mink presenting Bullen, at right, a plaque for his dedication and service for the promotion and advancement of agriculture in Rockcastle County. Shown at right is 2013 Miss Kentucky Jessica Casebolt who was the guest speaker at the banquet. (Other awards will be featured in next week's issue.)



Rockcastle Schools receives bill after large insurance trust dissolves

By: Doug Ponder The financially troubled Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust recently completed their assessments of all 174 Kentucky school districts for money that is

owed to the disbanding agency.

KSBIT announced their totals on their website last week and they listed the total assessment for the Rockcastle County Board of

Mt. Vernon Council has short monthly meeting

Education at \$147,588.

The total assessment for surrounding counties are: \$167,911 for Garrard County, \$255,914 for Jackson County, \$1,118,605 for Laurel County, \$450,801 Lincoln County, for \$1,044,199 for Madison County and \$520,072 for Pulaski County.

sessed current and former members who were in the insurance program between 1990 and 2011.

Assessments were based on a formula that considered each districts premium amount paid, past claims and number of years they participated in the program. Each school district will get to choose if they want to pay their bill in a lump sum or on a ten or twenty year repayment plan. KSBIT was originally created in 1978 to provide coverage under self-insured pools which allowed school districts to combine their resources and share the risk. The trust went on to become one of the leading insurance trusts in the state that provided low cost insurance to the state's school districts in (Cont. to A5)

Integrity Mold & Die bought by French company

Thursday, February 28, 2013

In what may prove to eventually be an economic shot in the arm for Rockcastle's economy, an announcement was made recently that Integrity Mold & Die Ltd. of Mt. Vernon has been purchased by Plasdtisud SAS, a French manufacturer of injection molds that specializes in the packaging market.

According to Dwight Looney, one of the three founders of Integrity Mold, along with Kyle Thompson and Rick McGraw, the first step for his company will be integrating Plastisud's technology into their process. "Our goal is to expand," Looney said "and, in the long term, this will be good for Integrity and for the community.'

Plastisud has more than 200 employees and annual sales exceeding \$50 million. The company specializes in tooling for closures and thin wall packaging and has a 130,000 square foot production plant, equipped with 10 injection presses.

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RCHS teacher seriously injured in farm accident

By: Doug Ponder

A RCHS teacher was seriously injured in a farm accident last Friday after a cow knocked him down and trampled him on his farm.

Tony Saylor, 50, of Brodhead was tending to a newborn calf when the mother cow charged at him and headbutted him in the chest. The impact knocked Saylor to the ground causing the cow to trample and "wallow" him for approximately 15 yards until he came to rest under a fallen tree at the edge of the woods on his farm. Once Saylor came to rest under the tree, the cow retuned to the field with her newborn calf.

According to Saylor's wife Becky, Saylor had called her at work about thirty minutes before the accident and told her that one of their cows had calved on a hillside toward the back of their farm near the woods. Mrs. Saylor said Saylor told her that his phone's battery was about to

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With no items on the agenda under old or new business, the Mt. Vernon City Council was able to adjourn their regular monthly meeting twenty five minutes after it started Monday night

Mayor Mike Bryant told

Local man arrested for arson/assault

By: Doug Ponder

A Conway man was arrested for arson and assault Sunday night after he attempted to set his house on fire while his family was still inside the home.

Arrested at the scene was James Brian Hatcher, 50, of Conway.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Joe Rush responded to a residence on Buffalo Hollow Road around 10:30 p.m. after receiving a complaint of someone trying to set a house on fire while people were still inside the home.

Once Rush arrived, Hatcher's wife told him that Hatcher became angry and violent after she asked him about their money issues.

After confronting him about the money, she said Hatcher started throwing stuff in their bedroom and shoved over a large metal

the council that there were several projects underway but that deadlines had not been met that would enable the council to take action.

One of them involves the water tank project and the city is now in negotiation for land needed for a new tank to be located near Northside Baptist Church. 2.4 acres are being negotiated for, Bryant said, on which probably a new low profile tank would be erected for easier maintenance.

Bryant also told the council that the annexation issue was still in process with the city having received a legal opinion on what constitutes an industry, as opposed to a business. This distinction was necessary because industries cannot be automatically annexed without their consent. The mayor said he hoped that the package of benefits of being in the city limits would convince the industries involved to choose annexation.

Bids for the repair and upgrade of the city's sewer plant are being taken through March 6 at which time action by the council will be required.

Bryant also gave an update on remodeling efforts at Lake Linville Boat Dock on which Bryant said progress was continuing.

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KSBIT announced earlier this month that they will be ceasing their operations on June 30th due to a prolonged deficit. KSBIT as-

Conway woman receives million dollar settlement **By: Doug Ponder**

A Conway woman recently received over a three million dollar award from a life-threatening crash that happened over two years ago.

Angela Merritt, 43, of Conway will receive a \$3,638,888 settlement from Super Service, Incorporated after one of their drivers rear-ended Merritt at the intersection in front of the Rockcastle County High School on January 24, 2011.

Merritt was stopped at a red light at the intersection when the Super Service semi-truck plowed into her at 55 mph and pushed her car approximately 200 feet. The Super Service driver told police that he saw Merritt stopped but his brakes failed when he applied them. Authorities said the semi-truck hit Merritt's car so hard that the entire trunk ended up in the back seat of her car.

The Super Service driver was not injured but members from Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue had to extricate Merritt from her vehicle.

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18th Annual Kiwanis Club radio auction starts Friday

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club will be hosting their 18th annual charity radio auction on Friday, March 1st from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday March 2nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items to be auctioned off include Renfro Valley tickets, sports memorabilia, oil changes, Porter paint, tools, knives, coins, healthcare products, restaurant certificates, candles, salon products, swim memberships, Longaberger baskets, home décor, photo sessions and tanning packages.

The auction will be broadcast by WRVK 1460 radio station. You can place your bid by calling 606-256-0009.

By: Doug Ponder

A 2007 Rockcastle County High School graduate has become a well-known mixed martial arts fighter in Kentucky.

Harry Hunsucker, 24, of Richmond, competed last Saturday in Bowling Green against Louisville MMA fighter Jesseray Childrey for the Hard Rock MMA Heavyweight Championship.

Hunsucker ended up losing the match by submission but he still earned praise and recognition from Bluegrass MMA who said Hunsucker gave Childrey "one of the worst beatings that's ever happened in the cage."

Hunsucker dominated the fight in the first round as Childrey took a bloody beating at the hands of Hunsucker. However, toward the end of the second round, Childrey was able to get Hunsucker on the ground and secure a rear-naked choke hold causing Hunsucker to tap out.

The loss dropped Hunsucker's professional MMA record to 6-2. He also has an amateur record of 2-1 before he started fighting professionally.

Hunsucker began his MMA career two months after graduating from RCHS when he fought in his first match in a competition at Russell Springs in June 2007.

"I had a lot of friends doing it and I figured it was

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MMA fighter Harry Hunsucker

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ramblings.

by: perlina m. anderkin I was taken severely to task about a news story I printed last week about the Pine Hill Holiness Church canceling their Saturday night service.

Another parishioner, evidently on the winning side of the issue, asserted that the article was one sided and belonged on the editorial page and not as a news items.

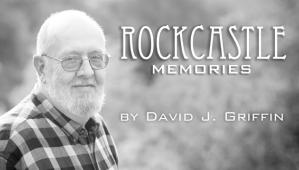
Guilty as charged. The story did present only one side of the issue but, contrary to what may be widely believed, we are not required to present both sides of a news story. Every comment in the story was attributed to a parishioner in the church, who disagreed with the decision and she gave her reasons why. We have a letter to the editor column for dissenting opinions and encourage its use by anyone with another opinion on any matter.

I don't know how the word Sequestration applies to the controversy raging in Washington -- I could look it up but that's a lot of trouble. I do know that I am getting tired of hearing the term. It seem we have a government that doesn't like to deal with any problem so their answer is to wait until they have 30 minutes left before the end of the world and then spend that time demagoguering the other side. These "cuts" are not actual cuts but only less of an increase in future spending, reportedly amounting to \$85 billion in a \$3.6 trillion budget (or $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cents from each dollar).

They were signed into law some time ago by Pres. Obama who threatened a veto if anyone, meaning the Republicans, tried to stop them. Now, he evidently thinks it is to his political advantage to paint the Republicans as scrooges who are trying to kill babies, old people and the poor.

One of my questions is how have they arrived at a \$3.6 trillion budget figure since they haven't passed a budget for what, four years? I have said it before and I'll say it again, if families operated like the government and kept spending borrowed funds instead of living within their budget, they would have been out of business long ago.

I fully expect the Repubs to cave on this issue even though they shouldn't. Sometimes, you just have to pay the piper.



"King of the Hill" While recently driving home from a trip to Winchester, I noticed a large sawdust pile by the side of the road. The huge mound reminded me of a similar site near my grandparents' home in the Pine Grove section of Rockcastle County. Pop and Mommie Katie lived on a gravel road, and the sawdust pile was located about half-way between their house and the "Jim Davis property" on up the lane.

Several years before I was old enough to venture into the woods by myself, a logging company successfully established a saw mill between the two properties. When I was older, several of the boys in my neighborhood loved to gather at the dust pile to play. One of our favorite games was "King of the Hill," and we fought vigorously to gain the top spot on that mountain of sawdust.

I was always amazed at the temperature of that mound that was stored in the woods near the gravel road. If you carefully walked on the surface, the temperature of the wood was normal. If you dug deep into the particles, you could feel that the temperature rose higher and higher. If you put your entire arm into the wood, it was so hot that you almost could not tolerate the heat.

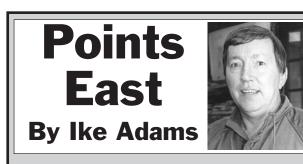
My brother Al had told me a story of a sawdust pile

that actually caught on fire by way of spontaneous combustion. Every time I played on that pile of wood, I remembered the story and kept my eyes wide open for any sparks or smoke that might occur. I was diligent in my observation of the pile, which I suppose was actually making our play safer.

I remember one Saturday afternoon when the game became rather difficult. On that particular occasion, a couple of the older neighborhood boys took part in our game. Paul Hansel and Glenn Cromer joined the younger boys - Kenneth Hansel, Earl Benton Cromer, Billy Ramsey, and me to determine who could gain the pinnacle of the wood pile and maintain the King's position. Paul was the first to reach the king's spot, and as hard as we could try; we could not un-seat him from his throne. Just when we were almost ready to concede his victory, Glenn sneaked up behind Paul and tossed him down the steep bank of the chips. You could have heard the applause of us youngsters all the way down that wooded lane.

Since the younger boys were unable to defeat the older guys, Paul and Glenn decided that they would permit two of us to take our place at the top to see if we could defend our territory.

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It's a sad time on Blair Branch, this week. It's also a sad time, at least for me, here in Paint Lick.

I've just received word that my childhood school buddy and playmate, Truman Caudill, passed over to the other side last Friday.

Those of you who have kept up with this column over the last three decades may recall that I have mentioned Truman on several occasions, mostly having to do with getting into trouble with my elders by being hood-winked into breaking one rule or another or by doing something so patently ridiculous that it should have be against the rules.

Truman, in his youth, was Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn rolled into a single piece of pie.

He was three years older than me. I was in second grade and Truman was in fourth when his parents, George and Lydia ("Lidy") Caudill, bought the old Joe Adams homestead and moved from Richmond, Indiana back to the very head of Blair Branch and the roots of their raising.

My mom and Lidy had been childhood friends and they behaved like sisters. Dad and George became fast friends almost overnight. Truman, however, was an only child and it showed. He had the only bicycle on the holler. He had an ultrasleek, 6 feet-long, Western Flyer bobsled with steel runners and a steering apparatus. The rest of us had wooden sleds made from scrap lumber we'd scavenged here and there.

He had a vast collection of comic books which included the entire set of Classics Illustrated and the very latest issues of GI Joe, The (Cont. to A4)

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The Old Hag Strikes Again: Evidence of the Old Hag Syndrome

It is a hot summer night, the moon is full, a quiet breeze makes its way across the hills and valleys, making sheer curtains flutter through an open bedroom window. This may picture a most peaceful setting, but to one about to experience the frightful grips of the "Old Hag", it is sheer terror.

I was in my mid-teen years and the night was too hot to sleep, leaving me to lie in bed staring at obscure shadows in my room produced by the full moon outside. As most families of the era, we didn't have air conditioning, but I did gain a little relief from a gentle breeze rippling a pair of white sheer curtains in my room, sweeping across the room only to exit on the other side. It was at least 2 or 3 AM by now and I heard footsteps pacing in the living room and coming up the hall toward my room. Mom and I were the only ones in the house, so I assumed it was her not being able to sleep, either. Plop, plop, plop...up the hall and back to the living room and then again and again for what seemed like an eternity, but wasn't but fifteen minutes or so in reality. Finally, the steps entered my room and I expected to see the silhouette of Mom soon to appear in front of the windows. What a surprise. It wasn't Mom, but a bluewhite formless mist, something similar to a cloud, that began to drift toward my bed. In a few seconds it had condensed into about a fourby four-feet mass, and had settled over my torso. I wasn't so afraid as I was in wonder. The the fear began. This mass was trying to kill me. Lying in my bed, I tried to get up...then to just turn over, but I couldn't. The harder I tried, the heavier the mass got. I was pinned to the bed. The the pressure and choking began. I couldn't breathe, not even a small breath; I couldn't get out a whisper much less a call for help. I relented that I was definitely going to die. It may seem strange, but people must do a lot of thinking when death is certain. I supposed in my mind how horrible for Mom to find me lying here dead in the morning, the anguish she would suffer, and the guilt of not

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being able to have helped me. The worst of it was that she wouldn't know I'd been killed by this thing on my

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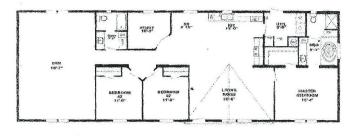








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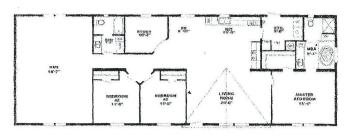
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Obituaries



William A. "Bill" Mink

William A. "Bill" Mink, 69 of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Baptist Health Care Hospital in Lexington. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 9, 1943, the son of Albert and Minnie Renner Mink. He was a retired Police Chief and Police Officer for the city of Mt. Vernon, a Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff and a Rockcastle County Deputy Jailer during his career in law enforcement. He was also a member of Central Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his wife of 48 years, Mary Louise Mink of Mt. Vernon; three sons, James W. Mink of Mt. Vernon, Timothy W. Mink of Lexington and Charles E. (Mindy) Mink of Northwood, OH; one daughter, SelenaG. Mink of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Lorene Ponder of Richmond; five grandchildren, Danielle Childress, Taylor Mink, Christian Mink, Ford Mink and Emmett Mink and one great grandchild, Lily Childress.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Eddie Mink and James Lewis Mink; one sister, Mary Ann Mink and one grandchild, Christopher Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 22, 2013 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Mark Eaton. Burial followed in the Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Barry Adams, Matt Bryant, Lafe Owens, Mike Peters, Nathaniel Price, Ed Robinson, Joe Rush and Coby Smith. Honorary pallbearers were: Mike Bryant, Joe Bussell, Gary Cromer,



William David Laswell William David Laswell,

80, of Orlando, died Thursday February 21, 2013 at the Terrace Nursing Home in Berea. He was born on January 15th, 1933 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Lee and Bessie Abney Laswell. He was a welder, a great artist, loved horses, enjoyed traveling and cars, and was a member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Lola Bullock Laswell of Orlando; two sons, Mark Laswell of Mt.Vernon and David Laswell of Orlando; three daughters, Shayla Brown of Orlando, Misty Brooks of Georgetown, and Sherrie Laswell of Berea; three sisters, Trula Seay and Edna Burton, both of Danville, and Kay Bullock of Orlando. Thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, James, Walter, and Jerry Laswell, one grandchild, and by two great grandchildren.

Services were held February 24th, 2013 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Laswell and Bro. Jason Brooks officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donald Brown, Hunter Laswell, Vincent Lawson, David Laswell III, Josh Laswell and Dennis Brown.

Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.





Donnie Ray Moberly

Donnie Ray Moberly, 62, of Lancaster, and formerly of Brodhead, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Baptist Health Care in Lexington.

Donnie was born in Brodhead on January 9, 1951, the son of the late Paul and Dessie Bishop Moberly. He was an auto detailer, enjoyed baseball, softball and University of Kentucky basketball. Earlier in life, he was a member of the Brodhead area softball team. the Waterdogs. He was also a member of Two Coats Ministries in Lancaster.

He is survived by: his wife, Sue Moberly of Lancaster; three children, Donnie Ray (Judith) Moberly, Jr. of Richmond, Michael Shawn (Lavonne) Moberly of Bardstown and Christopher Scott (Tina) Moberly of Berea; four step-children, Ernest (Cathy) Lear of Stanford, Hubert Lear of Lancaster, Peggy Lear of Lancaster, and Jennifer (Evan) Seagraves of Lancaster; seven brothers, Ronnie Moberly of Ohio, Paul (Sandra) Moberly, Jr. of New Albany, Indiana, Terry (Crystal) Moberly of Lancaster, Stevie (Crystal) Moberly of Honea Path, South Carolina, George (Nancy) Moberly of Lancaster, Ricky (Debbie) Moberly of Danville and Tim Moberly of Stanford; five sisters, Norma Jean (Charlie) Brown of South Carolina, Brenda (Mike) Hasty of Lancaster, Kentucky, Sheila (Mike) Smith of Anderson, South Carolina, Tammy (Mike) Carpenter of Lancaster and Lisa (Bo) Evans of Mount Vernon; fifteen grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neigh-Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: three brothers: Roger, Jeff and Larry Moberly, and one grandchild, Zachary Moberly. Services were held Friday February 22, 2013 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ernest Lear and Bro. Gene officiating. Chapman Burial followed in the Negro Creek Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the funeral fund for Donnie Ray Moberly at P.O. Box 658, Brodhead, Kentucky 40409. Casket bearers were: Johnny Boone Saylor, Jef-frey K. "Bucky" Burdette, Clayton Cash, Anthony Asher, Ryan Riddle and Dan Gutenson. Honorary casket bearers were former Waterdog teammates.



Elsie Shivel

Mrs. Elsie Shivel, 91, of Berea and formerly of Mt. Vernon and widow of Rev. Charles E. Shivel Sr., died Thursday, February 21, 2013 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born February 3, 1922 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Mart Owen and Lula Jane Southard Cromer. Mrs. Shivel was a homemaker and later worked at Gibson Greeting Card Company in Berea. She was a member of the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church. Her life was characterized by a kind heart, a loving spirit and an abiding faith.

She is survived by: three sons, Charles (Sandy) Shivel Jr. of Big Timber. MT, David Shivel of London and John W. (Debbie) Shivel of Bowling Green; one daughter, Jane (Wallace) Campbell of Berea; six grandchildren, Amy (Dennis) Fourish, Charles E. Shivel III, Brian Edwin (Rhoda) Campbell. Carlo David Shivel, Olivia Carr Shivel and Matthew Shiveland; two great grandchildren, Kaitlyn Fourish and Dennis Fourish Jr.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Rev. Charles E. Shivel Sr.; three brothers, Joe, Bert and Elmer Cromer and three sisters, Vina Harmon, Ella Rash and Eva Robbins.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 24, 2013 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Rev. Randall Adams and Rev. Darrell Regan. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brian Campbell, Wally Campbell, Walter Cash, Amy Fourish, Robert French, Carlo Shivel, Matthew Shivel and Olivia Shivel.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Donna Gail Cummins

Donna Gail Cummins, 49, of Waynesburg, died Monday, February 18, 2013 at University of Kentucky Medical Center. She was born in Broughtontown on February 2, 1964, the daughter of the late Tom Kidd Jr. and Wanda G. Hodge Caldwell.

She is survived by: her husband, Joseph Henry Cummins; one son, Justin Michael Blake Cummins; one daughter, Valerie Nicole Cummins, all of Waynesburg; five brothers, Danny Kidd of Indiana, Richard Caudill, Jeremy Caldwell, Gary Caldwell and Karl Caldwell, all of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Vicki (Dalmas) Doan and Angela Gentry, both of Mt. Vernon; twenty one nieces and nephews and twenty seven great nieces and great nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her stepfather, Jerry Caldwell; one brother, Michael Caudill and three sisters, Connie Kidd, Patricia Blevins and Michelle Bowman.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Morris & Hislope Funeral Home.

Burial followed in the Friendship Cemetery, Broughtontown.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.morrisandhislope.com





Karl Mason

Karl Mason, 59, of Latonia, Ky. died Friday, February 8, 2013 at his home.

He was a Sales Representative for various Dental Labs and prior to that he worked with L & N Railroad, a member of Rosedale Baptist Church, an avid Horse Racing fan, UK Basketball fan and just loved all sports in general.

He is survived by his wife, Donna McVay Mason; his mother, Norma Jean Mason; daughters, Shannon (Randy) Mason-Leggett and Missy (George) Tomlin; son, Brandon (Pam) Mason; seven Grandchildren, Tyler, Samantha, Cori, Austin, Cash, Morgan and Megan; grandmother, Gladys Mason; sisters, Deloris (Duane) Mullins, Gail (David) Hurst, Tina (Rick) Rothfuss and Sarah Mason and his beloved dog Casey.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Bobby Gene Mason and his grandparents, Bro. George and Sarah Murphy and George Mason, Sr.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at Connley Brothers Funeral Home in Latonia. Memorials to: The Karl Mason Benefit Fund C/O Any Fifth Third Bank.

Online dondolences at: www.connleybrothersfuneralhome.com.



Mike DeBord, Billy Dowell, John Guilfoil and Karen King. Visit www.DowellMartin.com to

view online obituary



Raymond Blackburn

Raymond Blackburn, 34, of Livingston, died Tuesday February 19, 2013 at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. He was born on January 17, 1979 in Mt.Vernon, the son of Jackie Lee and Georgeanna Denney Blackburn. He enjoyed collecting football cards, 4-wheeling, spending time with family, and was a former Rockcastle County Rocket football player.

Survivors besides his parents are: four sons, Jonathan and Jackie Blackburn, both of Livingston, Henry Brewer of Jackson County, and Justin Michael Denney of Mt.Vernon; two daughters, Aaliyha and Mary Grace Blackburn, both of Mount Vernon and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jonathan Lee Blackburn and by his grandparents, Lloyd and Grace Blackburn, and George and Martha Denney.

Services were held Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Sand Hill Baptist Church with Bro. Tommy Miller officiating. Burial followed in the Sand Hill Cemetery

Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home. Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Donald Saylor

Donald Joseph Saylor, 56, of Clarksville, TN, died Thursday, February 21, 2013. He was born May 18, 1956 in Berea, the son of Dewey Estill and Stella Mae Ingle Saylor. He was a nurse/staff development educator at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital. He was a US Army Veteran and member of Bethel Baptist Church in Cunningham, TN.

He is survived by: his mother, Stella May Aker of Brodhead; one son, Joseph Seth (Beth) Saylor of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Sasha Legg of Tipton, IN and Allison Saylor of Vine Grove; two brothers, Larry (Carol) Saylor of Atlanta, GA and Kevin Saylor of Brodhead; and one sister, Stella Marie Newcomb of Brodhead. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Laura Beth Saylor, Lucas Saylor, Julianna Legg and AdaraLegg. He was preceded in death by his father, Dewey Estill Saylor.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Cunningham, TN by Bro. Bob Heisinger. Burial will be in Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Condolences may be made at marvineowensfuneralhome.com.

Card of Thanks

Shandra Gentry Rowe

The family of Shandra Gentry Rowe would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of the love, kindness, prayers and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon them during this time of mourning. May God Bless You!

David Rowe, Glen and Glenda Gentry

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Our Readers Write

Enjoy David Owens' articles... Dear Editor,

We just wanted to let you know how much we enjoy the Signal. We especially enjoy the Blast From The Past pictures and the historical articles of Mr. Owens. We look forward to each edition. We cut out every Blast from the Past photograph and the historical articles to save in our scrapbook. I really liked the article on Rockcastle's Rocket. Mr. Owens' research is so thoroughly deep and he has a way with words few people have. To think we are only one of two schools in the nation that has a nuclear weapon as a mascot. I think that is the bomb! Will these pictures and articles be printed in a book? If so we would like a copy.

Joe and Kathy Higgs London, KY

Thrilled with **Ponder's** column... Dear Editor,

Having read Doug Ponder's column of Feb. 14th, I was so thrilled! His honesty and sincerity is to be commended. It isn't always easy to be so open about one's spiritual journey, but

Doug showed no fear. I have encouraged everyone I know to read this column. Thank you, Doug, for allowing us to see what a fine person one can be even though they are young.

Sincerely and with the highest regard, Doris E. Wright

Enjoyed Eight Gables Hotel article...

Dear Editor,

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A cousn sent me a copy of the paper from Thursday, January 17, 2013 containing the article on the Eight Gables Hotel. I enjoyed very much reading about the history of the hotel. William G. and minerva Nicely were my great grandparents and Hubert and Ann Nicely were my grandparents. My mother was Hubert and Ann's oldest child.

Toward the end of the article, I noticed an error. The article states that Ann Soper Nicely was Hubert Nicely's widow and sold the hotel. Actually, Ann died October 20, 1931 and Hubert died October 6, 1956, many years after Ann's death.

I would be very interested in knowing the source(s) of information for this article. I plan to write a book about the Nicely side of my family when I finish some current projects. My father's mother, who lived on the Irvine Road outside Richmond her whole life, kept a diary from 1898-1901 that I edited and published with the Jesse tuart Fundation in Ashland, Ky. It is for sale in the Kentucky Heritage Store on the highway at the Berea exit. I can't remember the exact name of the store.

I would appreciate very much your sending me your sources for the history of the Eight Gables Hotel.

Sincerely, Deborah Nelson-Campbell

Ed's Note: Local historian David Owens was the author of the Eight Gables Hotel article. He may be reached at 606-256-9870.

Mt. Vernon's use of tourism tax unfair to other restaurants...

Dear Editor,

I wish to comment on your articles published in the Signal on February 14, 2013 and February 21, 2013, concerning the improvements that have recently been completed on Renfro Valley Marina and Restaurant and also on the utility water quality.

It was implied that most of the improvements were paid for by the new leasers (the Ratliffs) when, in fact, all except maybe the new bait house, are being funded from the "tourism tax" levied on food purchased at local restaurants (also on motel rentals) to the sum of approximately \$200,000. This appears to me to be a gross conflict of interest as the

property (Renfro Valley Marina) is solely owned by the City of Mt. Vernon. Collecting this tax places the other restaurants in the area at a competitive disadvantage, especially as these funds are being used to fund their competition!

Another point I woud like to bring to your attention. The next time you have a few hundred thousand to spend, I could make a case that it would be much better spent on technology to try to improve the public utility water quality. As many of our tourists complain about the public drinking water, this would also be a boom to the local citizens. We could all use bottled water.

Another point I would like to make -- it doesn't sound like really good business management to spend in excess of \$200,000 on the marina in hopes of recovering \$42,000 over five years in lease fees on the property.

The article of February 21st attempted to sugarcoat this, however, I think Mayor Bryant stuck his foot in his mouth with the statement that the population of Rockcastle County is too ignorant to discern the difference between good quality water and "junk water." The only water I have tasted worse than this public utility water is the bad water spring in Death Valley, California and the sulfur water from some wells in North Conway, Kentucky.

It's nice to have your opinion of your electorate's intelligence known!

I acknowledge that I don't vote in Mt. Veron. However, I use the utility water from Lake Linville and occasionally eat at local restaurants.

> Sincerely, Everett S. Owens

"Points East" (Cont. from A2)

Lone Ranger, Red Ryder, Superman etc. But the thing about Truman was that he'd loan just about anybody anything he had. And for a period of some 5 years, he was literally my big brother. From second grade through sixth, we spent a lot of time in each other's homes. He had an old guitar and I never ever tired of hearing him play Wildwood Flower, mostly because that's the only tune he knew back

ready given up homesteading and gone back to the factory. He was home for holidays, vacations and frequent week-ends, but living mostly alone in the head of Blair Branch with an adolescent son was more than Lidy could handle. Their moving broke both my mother's heart and mine.

In the mid sixties, George retired. He and Lidy built a new home and moved back to Blair Branch. In the meantime Truman had become an 18wheeler Jockey, running coast to coast out of central Indiana.

He went through a couple of marriages that didn't work but produced a couple of boys, Georgie and Jimmie, that George and Lidy raised in their retirement.

Truman finally returned to Blair Branch to stay in the late seventies. The wives were gone and the boys pretty much grown. Somewhere along the way he had learned every truck-driving song known to man and he had become a very talented musician. His unique guitar style will always be known as the "Truman Lick". His mastery of the 5-string banjo was sort of a cross between Ralph Stanley and Grandpa Jones.

He married my classmate from first through twelfth grade, Margie Blair, and she often accompanied him in that big rig as they rode across the country. He became fast friends again with all three of my younger brothers and anytime that I went home, we'd find time to play music until my fingers bled.

We started calling each other about 20 years ago late in the evening on Christmas Day. Sometimes those calls would last three or four hours, but over the last few years they became shorter and shorter. Neither one of us had done much to brag about and we'd pretty much worn the old tales out.

Last Christmas, when the phone rang about 8:00 P.M., Loretta winked at me and said, "That'll be Truman", and, of course it

The call lasted maybe thirty minutes. I didn't tell Loretta and Truman didn't tell Margie, but he and I both knew that call would be our last one.

kitchen door. I can hear her now, "David Joe, you take off those clothes before you come into this house!" As I walked into the house with my sawdust-covered attire tucked under my arm, she promptly directed me to the bathroom to clean up before going into my room. While I made myself presentable, she always took my clothes to the front porch and shook off the sawdust and then carefully placed them into

the clothes hamper. Fighting to be King of the Hill was a dirty business just the way boys like it.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 -Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions. You can also ask questions

concerning my new book, View from the Mountain.)

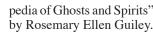
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chest.

The end was certain and I began to convey in my mind to the mist that if you were going to kill me, go ahead, but just be quick about it. I stopped resisting and gave up the fight. As soon as the mist realized that it had won the fight, it was gone in the blink of an eye.

Several years passed and I was probably about 30 years old when I was reading about something I had almost forgotten. I suddenly realized that I had been visited by by the "Old Hag", a phenomenon that happens to about 15% of the population and has been documented since ancient times.

This can happen during the day or night, and has occurred the world over. In the second century, Greek physician, Galen, believed it was caused by indigestion, according to the "Encyclo-



The victims awake to find that they can't move or speak, feel a great weight on their chests, and sense an evil presence about them. The victims, however, are able to see, hear, and feel.

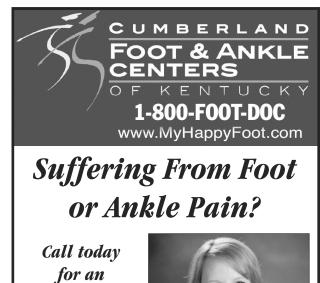
The theory comes from a superstitious believe that a witch or old hag rides the victims' chests. That explanation isn't taken very seriously nowadays but many contribute the occurrence to ghosts or demons.

The experience is most frightening to the victims as they are paralyzed but have use of their senses. The "Old Hag" is often accompanied by strange smells, the sound of approaching footsteps, apparitions of weird shadows or glowing eyes, and the weight on the chest making breathing impossible. Often the victim loses consciousness according to authorities on the subject.

Next week, we will take another look at this strange phenomenon.

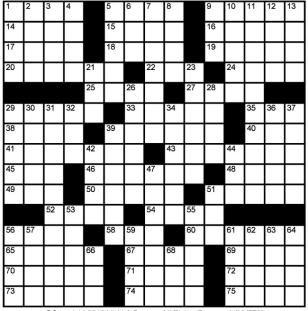
Source: About.com-"Paranormal Phenomenon" (Remember, I'm always looking for a bit of Rockcastle history. If ou have a story to tell, and all of us do, please contact me at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net)





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It was over a mile and a half from Truman's house to Blair Branch Grade School, downhill all the way, and unless there was a deep snow on the ground, Truman rode his bike to school. It had a big basket between the handle bars for his books and lunch box even though I doubt that Truman ever took a book home from school in his life.

Truman was the polar opposite of "academically motivated" but a genius in his own right. The only thing he had to use a pedal for to get to school was to apply the brake and kids would draw straws to see who got to push his bicycle back up the holler. The best bobsled run on Blair Branch was from Truman's house to just below John Adams, a distance of some 400 yards. Truman would ride his brought-on sleigh down the mountain and three of us would pull it and him back to the top so that we could have a turn.

Carlos and France Adams and I would take turns chopping Lidy's kindling with Truman's hatchet and we'd pack in his coal for a chance to shoot his BB guns. And we loved him for it.

My birthday is January 5 and Truman's was January 8. For several years, Mom and Lidy would host a birthday party for the two of us. Kid's on Blair Branch, in those days, were not expected to give birthday presents to one another. We'd just get together for cake and sometimes ice cream if the mines were working.

The summer after my sixth year of school, Truman and his Mom moved back to Indiana. George had al-

"Memories" (Cont. from A2)

Kenneth and I quickly volunteered for the venture to become Kings of the Hill. We situated ourselves with our backs together so that we could see in every direction. Over and over we were challenged, and for a short time we were successful. Glenn and Paul then decided to storm the summit from two different directions; their plan worked well. Kenneth went down the bank in one direction, and I was tossed in the opposite direction. I can still see Paul and Glenn celebrating their victory

Every time I played on that sawdust pile, my mother would make me take off my clothes and socks before entering our house. She could tell from the smell when I approached the appointment with Dr. Jamie **Settles** Carter



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A 2007 Rockcastle County High School graduate has become a well-known mixed martial arts fighter in Kentucky. Harry Hunsucker, 24, of Richmond, right, competed last Saturday in Bowling Green against Louisville native Jesseray Childrey for the Hard Rock MMA Heavyweight Championship. Hunsucker ended up losing the match by submission but he has earned praise and recognition from Bluegrass MMA who said Hunsucker gave Childrey one of the worst beatings that ever happened in the cage.

"Fighter"

(Cont. from front)

something I would be interested in," Hunsucker said. "I remember thinking I was some tough guy and luckily I won my first match by technical knockout."

After winning his first match, Hunsucker said he became too confident in himself and thought he was a great MMA fighter even though he was physically exhausted for a couple of weeks. However, Hunsucker said he received a much needed reality check during his second match. "My second fight was a



different story from my first. I got put in the cage with a legit fighter who broke my arm and choked unconscious," me Hunsucker said. "After my first match, I felt a sense of pride and got a little too confident in myself. I'm glad I lost my second fight because it was a much needed reality check for me."

While taking time off to heal his broken arm, Hunsucker said he realized that he needed to train more before his next fight. After his broken arm was healed, Hunsucker said he made one of the best decisions of his career when he started training with Elite Martial Arts and Fitness owner Will Schneider.

'Schneider was actually the referee for my first fight and I would run into him occasionally at other fights as well," Hunsucker said. "He offered to help train me and to help me develop into a more solid fighter.'

After a few months of training with Schneider, Hunsucker said that he offered him an assistant instructor position at the Elite Martial Arts and Fitness.

"I was an assistant instructor for about a year until he offered me a full time position as manager and program director," Hunsucker said. "I was stoked and it has been such an awesome opportunity to help people train in martial arts. I have truly been blessed."

Hunsucker said that he owes a lot of his success to his former Derby City Truck

Stop boss Evelyn Mitchell

and his former educators

Barry Noble, Keith Graves

have had the success he had in life if it wasn't for his mother Janet Fleming Busenlehner and his trainer/ boss Will Schneider.

"These guys were my biggest support system in my overall martial arts training and my pursuit as a MMA fighter," Hunsucker said. "They always kept me in check and were always supporting me even when I didn't necessarily deserve it."

Hunsucker said that his future plans are to help grow and commercialize Elite Martial Arts and Fitness across the state. He also says that he plans to continue as an MMA fighter but that he will never look past his next match.

"Schneider taught me to never look past my next fight," Hunsucker said. "As a manager at ELITE I plan on pursuing martial arts as a lifelong career but as a MMA fighter I will always take it one match at a time."

"Insurance"

(Cont. from front)

areas such as property, liability and workers compensation insurance.

Superintendent David Pensol said that he was going to recommend that the school board pay the amount in a lump sum instead of the ten year or twenty year option. He said if the school board chooses the ten year option it will cost \$17,277 a year for a total of \$172,770 and that if they chose the twenty year option it will cost \$10,721 extra for a total of \$214,420. "I believe we have the money available right now and I am going to urge the school board to pay it in one lump sum," Pensol said. "That way we don't have to pay any extra money with the ten or twenty year financing options.' Pensol said their assessment amount is smaller than a lot of other school districts because they realized years ago they could have lower premiums for the same type of coverage with other companies instead of KSBIT. "We have not been with them since the early 1990s and that is why our assessment amount is smaller than others," Pensol said. "We realized years ago that we could broker out our insurance in order to get the lowest quote and we will always take the lowest bid for the

highest amount of insurance coverage."

Pensol went on to say that he believes they will not have to make any budget cuts or eliminate any school programs in order to pay the \$147,588 bill.

"It's unfortunate to hear that a lot of other districts with higher amounts are going to have to make drastic cuts to their budget in order to pay their bill," Pensol said. "We are very fortunate that we won't have to do that here in Rockcastle County.'

"Council"

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"The Ratliffs (current leassees) have done a lot of work," Bryant said. "I'm really encouraged by what's being done. This will be a good asset for our city."

The mayor also noted that applications for police chief are being taken through February 28th.

As one of the last items of business, Mayor Bryant noted the passing of former city police chief Bill Mink. "I want to go on record to express appreciation for his service to the city," Bryant said.

Major Barry Adams gave the council the police activity report for January. The report listed:

35 total arrests, 29 warrants served, 5 DUI arrests, 3 drug charges; 6 other criminal charges; 11 investigations opened; 20 noninjury accidents; 6 injury accidents; 12 traffic citations issued; 3 criminal summons served and 419 total calls for service.

The Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue report was also given. This report listed the department as being paged to the following:

3 accident with injuries and possible entrapment, 7 accidents with injuries, 1 tractor/trailer accident, 3 vehicle fires, 4 structure fires, 3 brush and grass fires, 5 fire and smoke alarm activations, 1 mutual aid to another fire department, 1 rescue of an elderly couple due to icy roads.

"Integrity" (Cont. from front)

"Plastisud already is an international company, exporting 80 percent of its molds to the five continents,

"Teacher"

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die and that he wanted to tell her where he would be so she wouldn't be worried if she tried to call him when she came home from work.

Saylor then went to where the cow had calved and gave her some feed while he checked on the newborn calf. Mrs. Saylor said that he wasn't concerned with the cow bothering him because it was the sixth time it had calved and that it had always been a calm cow. However, while the cow was walking toward the feed, it suddenly turned

around and charged him. After the incident, Saylor managed to take his cell phone out of his pocket and called his wife with the remainder of his battery. Mrs. Saylor said that when she answered all he said before his phone battery died was "oh God come help me, I am beat to pieces."

Mrs. Saylor said she and some of her coworkers rushed to their farm to look for Saylor. Once they arrived at the back of their farm, the cow tried to charge them as well.

"The cow started to charge at us so we had to go a different way to get around it," Mrs. Saylor said. "I knew he probably couldn't verbally answer us so I yelled for him to make some kind of movement or anything to try to help us locate him."

Mrs. Saylor and her coworkers eventually found Saylor curled up in a ball underneath a fallen tree and next to some thorn bushes. By this time, the Brodhead Fire Department, Rockcastle EMS, several family members and numerous other friends had already responded to the scene and they managed to carry him to an open field to wait on a medical helicopter.

'Shortly after finding him, I remember looking up and seeing over fifty people there to help him," Mrs. Saylor said. "They all did a great job in helping Tony to safety and we can't thank them enough for all their good deeds.'

Saylor was airlifted to the UK Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries which included a total of twelve broken ribs, and a fractured collarbone. Saylor's collarbone and some of the ribs were also broken in multiple places. However, doctors said that none of Saylor's injuries would require surgery as they should naturally heal.

doctors told him that it could be months before he will fully recover from his injuries.

"He is still in a lot of pain and he keeps discovering new bruises every day," Mrs. Saylor said. "The main concern is for him to not get pneumonia. Doctors told him to take deep breaths to prevent it but that is hard to do with numerous broken ribs and a fractured collarbone."

Mrs. Saylor said that her heart was touched by everyone in the community who said they are praying for Saylor's speedy recovery. She said that she wanted to thank everyone who has showed their support for her husband and her family during this tragic event.

"I want to thank everyone for their prayers and ask that they continue to pray for Tony," Becky said. "But most of all I want to thank our awesome God for watching over him as it could have been much worse."

"Settlement"

(Cont. from front)

She was airlifted from the scene to the UK Medical Center due to her injuries which included a broken disc in her spine, head trauma, several lacerations, several broken ribs and two bruised lungs.

A Rockcastle County jury returned the verdict in favor of Merritt last Monday. Merritt was represented by attorney Liddell Vaughn of Louisville.

"Arson"

(Cont. from front)

safe that struck her in the leg. She said her husband also went into their son's bedroom and turned over his dresser while screaming profanities at him.

While Hatcher's wife and son were attempting to go downstairs, Hatcher reportedly tried to set the stairs on fire by lighting a piece of paper and laying it on one of the steps. However, Hatcher's son put the fire out before it could spread throughout the rest of the house.

Hatcher then found a lighter and attempted to set the front door on fire by spraying an aerosol can into the open flame. Hatcher told Rush that he was just trying

to scare them and that he

had no intention of setting

with third degree arson and

fourth degree assault. He

remains lodged in the

Rockcastle County Deten-

tion Center on a \$5,000

cash/property bond.

Hatcher was charged

the house on fire.

Russell Springs, Ky. Contact: Bud Smith @ 270-576-2708 or Bryan Smith @ 606-271-7520



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CEO Jean-Luc Giraud said. "With the addition of Inegrity, we now have a more robust global presence.'

Integrity Mold was founded in 1989 in Berea and moved to a 25,000 square foot facility in the original Rockcastle Industrial Park in 2000 to a building built for them by Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. Since 2000, they have leased the building but recently purchased it from Kentucky Highlands for \$998,000. Looney said a 500 foot footer was poured for the original building and only 200 feet of the original footer was used when the building was constructed. This will aid in future plans for expansion of the company, Looney said.

Integrity currently has 25 employees and sales averaging \$5 million annually.

Mrs. Saylor said that her husband was able to come home Monday and that the



Benefit Service

There will be a benefit service, for the family of Floyd Renner, at Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church on Sat., March 2, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Gospel Singing

There will be a gospel singing at Lighthouse Baptist Church on Sat., March 9, beginning at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be the Cross Carriers from Indiana. The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea. Everyone is invited.

Felowship Meeting

There will be a fellowship meeting at Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church on Monday, March 4th, beginning at 7 p.m. Bro. King will be preaching. Everyone welcome.



Brindle Ridge Fire Department and Brodhead Fire Department responded to a barn fire Monday on Hurricane School Road in Mt. Vernon. Authorities say the barn belonged to Thomas Wagner and that the cause of the fire is unknown. The barn was a total loss.

RCHS boys and girls fall in first round of district tourney

Both the Rockcastle boys District Tournament play and girls basketball teams last week and both fell to went down to defeat in 47th

their counterpart from



Sophomore forward Amelia Eversole shoots a layup during last Thursday night's 56-52 district tournament loss to Somerset. The Rockets also lost to Somerset last Wednesday night 75-40.



Lady Rocket sophomore Alaina Coguer dribbles around a Lady Briar Jumper defender during last Thursday night's 56-52 district tournament loss to Somerset.

Somerset.

The boys lost on Wednesday night 75 to 40. The Rockets came out cold and found themselves down 7 to 0 before Corey McPhetridge hit a 3. McPhetridge went on to score the Rockets first 9 points. Sam Pensol added a basket in the first quarter while the Briarjumpers were putting 20 points on the board.

for the Rockets who could

only connect on 4 of 13 at-

only Rocket in double fig-

ures, scoring 12 ponts for

his team; Ashton Arvin

scored 8 points; Pensol 5;

Mason 4; Dakota Hasty 3

and John Curtis Wilson and

Rockets

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tion to the 47th District All-

and Sara Adams were

named for the Lady Rock-

ets and junior Josh Mason

and sophomore Sam Pensol

were selected from the

Season Team.

Four Rockets were honored recently by their selec-

Seniors Michaela Hunter

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McPhetridge was the

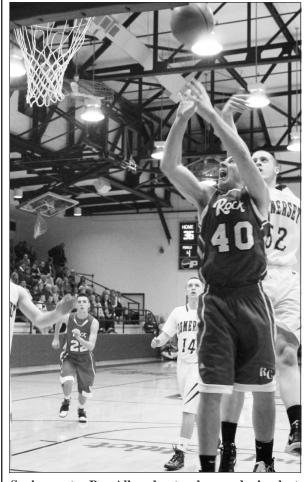
tempts.

Three straight turnovers to begin the second quarter put the Rockets down 27-11 before Josh Mason got a basket, the only score of the quarter for his team, and the Rockets were down 36-13 at the half.

Things got worse in the second half as the Rockets turned the ball over nine times, for a total of 16 turnovers in the game, and the cold shooting continued even to the free throw line



Junior forward Josh Mason attempts to block a shot during last Wednesday night's 75-40 loss to the Somerset Briar Jumpsers. Mason and sophomore guard Sam Pensol were selected to the 47th District **All-Season Team.**



Senior center Ben Allen shoots a lay-up during last Wednesday night's 75-40 loss to Somerset.Allen battled a knee injury all season after coming down from a dunk awkwardly during Rocket Madness at the beginning of the season.



Junior guard Corey McPhetridge attempts a hook shot during last Wednesday night's 75-40 loss to Somerset in the first round of the district tournament. McPhetridge was the only Rocket in double figures with 12 points.

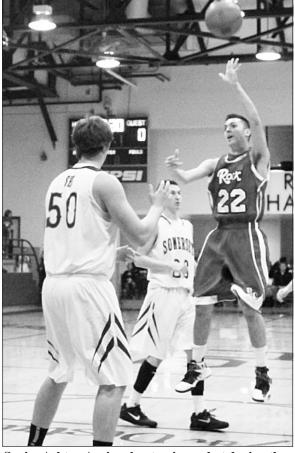




Rocket senior Michaela Hunter shoots a jumpshot during last Thursday night's 56-52 district tournament loss to Somerset. Hunter led the Lady Rockets in scoring with 26 points. Hunter and senior guard Sara Adams were named to the 47th District All-Season team.



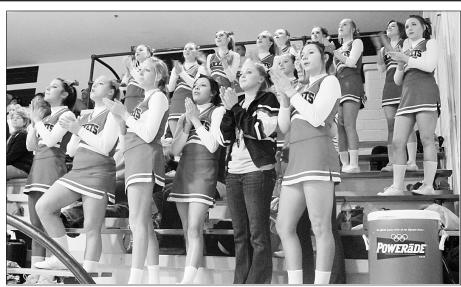
Lady Rockets Amelia Eversole, Emily Miller and Kayla Reynolds go for a block during last Thursday night's first round district loss to Somerset.



Senior Ashton Arvins shoots a jumpshot during the **Rockets 75-40 loss to the Somerset Briar Jumpers** last Wednesday night. The Lady Rockets also went down in defeat to Somerset Thursday night 56-52.



The RCHS band provided school spirit last Thursday during the Rockets first round district game against the Somerset Briar Jumpers. The RCHS Band also traveled to the Lady Rockets first round district game last Thursday against the Somerset Lady Briar Jumpers.



The RCHS cheerleaders cheered their team on during the Lady Rocket's nailbiting loss to the Lady Briarjumpers. The RCHS cheerleaders also cheered at the Rockets first round district game last Wendsday night.

<u>RCMS looking for 7th overall, 6th for RCHS</u> Girl's track teams prepare to defend indoor state titles

The 2013 indoor track season is soon coming to a close for the RCHS and RCMS girls' track teams. Both teams have had very successful indoor seasons so far, having competed at the University of Kentucky, Corbin, and three times at Mason County.

After a successfully competing at UK, along with an abbreviated meet at Corbin due to the weather, the RCHS girls' team got everything on track at their first meet at Mason County. The team defeated a very talented Bryan Station team by a score of 112-108 for the win.

The girls' 3200-meter relay team of 8th grader Sierra Mercer, as well as sophomores Rachel Cain, Tanika Chasteen, and Alyssa Cox, got the meet off to a great start and finished 4th overall with a time of 12:01.35.

Junior Alyssa Allen followed that with a great performance in the 55-meter hurdles, Alyssa placed 4th overall in 10.18 seconds. Alyssa won triple jump with a great season's best jump of 32'5.5". She also placed 2nd in high jump with a leap of 4'6" and 4th in long jump with a distance of 14'3.5".

Junior Lacey Gastineau had a career best performance in the 55-meter dash, blazing her way to a 4th place finish in a personal best 7.82 seconds. She also finished 2nd in the 400meter dash with a fast time of 1:05.99. 8th grade teammate Jennifer Mercer also placed 7th in the 400 in a solid 1:10.41.

Alyssa Cox had two career best performances in the distance events. In the 1600-meter run, Alyssa finished 2nd with a personal best time of 6:05.05. She later followed than with a very impressive effort in the 3000-meter run, also run a personal best time of 12:10.57, while finishing 2nd overall. Her 3000-meter time qualified her as one of only 12 that get to compete in Class 2A for the indoor state championship in the event. Sophomore teammates Rakhi Patel placed 6th in the 3000 and Samantha Bustle finished 7th.

8th grader Katelynn Hensley won long jump with a very impressive season's best jump of 14'11.25" and also placed 3rd in triple jump with an indoor personal best of 31'3.75".

Sierra Mercer won the 800meter run with an amazing personal best effort of 2:38.43.

Freshman Tori Phillips placed 2nd in long jump with an incredible personal best leap of 14'6". She also placed 7th in high jump, tying a season's best effort with 4'4".

Sophomore Hannah Mercer finished 8th in shot put with a season's best throw of 23'11". The girls' 1600-meter relay

team placed 1st with a great race and a time of 4:42.94.

The RCMS girls' team also had a great meet, tying for 1st place with Royal Springs, both with 105 points. RCMS had several girls competing with the varsity team or the competition wouldn't have been as close. Several individuals had outstanding scoring performances for RCMS.

The girls' 3200-meter relay team placed 1st with an awesome team performance and a season's best time of 13:18.96. Team members included 8th grader Alysa Goodman, 5th

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The RCMS girls' 1600-meter relay team shattered the Kentucky all-time indoor state record in the event this past weekend at Mason County, winning with a time of 4:40.51, over 10 seconds better than the previous all-time best mark. Team members included (left to right) – Arie-anna Lawson, Jennifer Mercer, Sierra Mercer, and Katelynn Hensley. The girls are also ranked among the favorites in many individual events this weekend at indoor state.



grader Autumn Courtney, 3rd grader Kylie Martin, and 3rd grader Karalinn Loudermilk.

8th grader Jennifer Mercer won the 55-meter hurdles and established a new RCMS indoor record in the process. Jennifer finished the race in 10.02 seconds, which was also a Mason-County and an all-time Kentucky indoor record in the event. 5th grader Autumn Courtney finished 6th with a time of 12.31.

Jennifer placed 2nd in the 55-meter dash with a personal best effort of 7.94 seconds. 8th grader Mikaela Sadler placed 3rd with a personal best time of 8.34 seconds. Arie-anna Lawson also made the top ten, placing 8th overall with a personal best of 8.59 seconds.

Mikaela Sadler won the 400-meter dash with an awesome time of 1:11.49. 8th grader Arie-anna Lawson was a close 2nd, finishing with an impressive 1:12.43. Finishing in the top ten was 8th grader Katelynn Hensley - 4th (1:13.7); 7th grader Jordyn Powell - 7th (1:18.16), and 8th grader Taylor Bullock - 9th (1:19.06). 3rd grader Allie Martin led all Rockcastle elementary competitors with an 18th place finish and 3rd grader Karalinn Loudermilk was 22nd.

In long jump, Mikaela Sadler once again led the way with the win, finishing with an awesome leap of 13'6". Arieanna Lawson placed 3rd with a great jump of 12'9.25". Taylor Bullock placed 4th with a leap of 12'1". 8th grader Michaela Barron finished 5th with a jump of 11'3.5". Autumn Courtney placed 6th (11'0.5"), Karalinn Loudermilk 8th (9'9"), and 3rd grader Allie Martin 10th (8'11"). Autumn also placed 2nd in triple jump with a personal best jump of 26'10".

6th grader Samantha Douglas won shot put with a throw of 24'1.5", while 7th grader Autumn Davidson placed 3rd with 23'8.5".

The girls' 1600-meter relay team won with an awesome effort of 5:05.45.

Next for RCMS was another meet at Mason County, while the varsity team was off for winter ball. RCHS had a few competitors that didn't attend winter ball. Amy Johnson placed 2nd in shot put with a season's best throw of 32'1.25". Tori Phillips placed 5th in long jump (13'5.75") and 6th in high jump (4'6"). Hannah Mercer placed 12th in shot put (23'7").

The RCMS girls' won their second meet in a row, defeating Georgetown Middle and a high school shot put for the competition. Samantha Douglas placed a close 2nd in 20'0.5".

The girls' 1600-meter relay team of Mikaela Sadler, Arieanna Lawson, Jennifer Mercer, and Sierra Mercer won the race and nearly broke the all-time Kentucky record in the event with an awesome time of 4:52.56.

Both the varsity and middle school teams finished up the regular season this past weekend in Mason County. The high school team struggled somewhat due to illness but still managed a 7th place finish. The team was also missing key middle school members who competed with the middle school team.

The 3200-meter relay team of Sierra Mercer, Rachel Cain, Tanika Chasteen, and Bryonna Cromer ran a season's best time of 11:21.9, breaking their old season's best mark by 39 seconds. The team qualified as one of only 12 schools that get to run the event at indoor state this Saturday.

Alyssa Allen placed 8th in the 55-meter hurdles with an exceptional time of 10.15 seconds. Alyssa placed 6th in triple jump with a great effort of 31'7". She also finished 9th in long jump with 14'4" and 4th in high jump with a leap of 4'6".

Lacey Gastineau placed 8th in the 55-meter dash with an impressive new career best time of 7.81 seconds. She also placed 9th in the 400 in 1:07.53.

Amy Johnson placed 2nd in shot put with a great throw of 31'5.75". Hannah Mercer placed 12th in shot put with an indoor personal best throw of 26'5.25".

Rachel Cain placed 7th in the 3000-meter run with a season's best effort of 12:58.95.

Katelynn Hensley finished 8th in long jump with a leap of 14'6.5" and 10th in triple jump with an effort of 29'9.25".

Tori Phillips placed 5th in high jump with 4'6" and 12th in long jump with a leap of 13'6.75". Nikki McGuire also tied for 12th in long jump with an effort of 13'6.75".

The girls' 1600-meter relay team of Bryonna Cromer, Tanika Chasteen, Tori Phillips, and Lacey Gastineau finished 8th with a great time of 4:45.35.

The RCMS girls' team remained undefeated at Mason County this indoor season with a 110-68.5 victory over 10 other teams including rival Royal Springs. Royal Springs also boasts the fastest short Courtney shattered her previous best mark, placing 3rd overall with a great time of 11.18 seconds.

In the 55-meter dash, Jennifer Mercer placed 3rd with an exceptional time of 8.03 seconds. Mikaela Sadler blazed her way to a 5th place finish with an impressive time of 8.35 seconds. Arie-anna Lawson placed 11th with a personal best 8.50 seconds.

Lanna Prewitt won the 3000-meter run with an exceptional effort of 14:06.84. Lanna ranks # 2 all-time at Mason County for that distance. She also finished 10th overall in the 1600 with a time of 7:06.44.

Samantha Douglas won shot put with an awesome personal best throw of 25'8.75", while Autumn Davidson threw an impressive 24' and placed 3rd.

Sierra Mercer had a career best performance in the 400meter dash, placing 2nd overall with an awesome time of 1:06.17. Katelynn Hensley finished 4th in 1:10.00, Arie-anna Lawson 5th in 1:10.14, Jennifer Mercer 6th in 1:10.35, Mikaela Sadler 7th in 1:11.38, and Taylor Bullock 18th in 1:16.50. The times were personal indoor bests for many of the girls.

Sierra also ran very well in the 800-meter run, winning with a time of 2:47.27, (4x400 Meter Relay 1) 4:40.51.

In long jump, Mikaela Sadler achieved an awesome new career best mark of 13'11" and placed 2nd overall. Arieanna Lawson jumped a season's best 13'0.5" and placed 3rd. Taylor Bullock jumped a season's best 12'5" and placed 4th. Michaela Barron finished with a season's best jump of 11'5.5" and placed 7th. 3rd grader Allie Martin finished 15th with an impressive new personal best jump of 9'8.75".

Autumn Courtney was the only triple jumper for RCMS, finishing 1st overall with a great effort of 25'4.25".

The RCMS girls' 1600meter relay team shattered the Kentucky all-time indoor state record in the event, winning with a time of 4:40.51, over 10 seconds better than the previous all-time best mark. Team members included Jennifer Mercer, Arie-anna Lawson, Katelynn Hensley, and Sierra Mercer.

Both RCMS and RCHS will compete this weekend at the 53rd Annual Mason-Dixon Games Indoor State Track and Field Championships in Louisville.

The RCMS girls' team has won the last four indoor state championship titles and will be seeking their 5th in a row and 7th overall. Several competitors have great opportunities for individual state titles. The 800-meter relay team will have a great chance to break the alltime indoor state record in the event. If she can outdistance her talented teammates, Katelynn Hensley will go after former RCMS athlete Heather Hammond's long-standing record in long jump. Katelynn's best performance this season is only 2" away.

The RCHS girls' team is hoping to recover from illness in time to defend their title from last year. As of this past Monday, four of the teams' top athletes were out. The girls' have won five of the last six indoor state titles and will be looking for their 6th overall. The team has many individuals with chances to win individual titles and should be in contention for relays as well if they get healthy by week's end.

RCMS will compete on Friday with competition beginning around 5:00, while RCHS competes in Class 2A on Saturday at 12:00.

"District" (Cont. from A6)

Tyler Harper 2 each. Lady Rockets 52 Lady Briarjumpers 56

The Lady Rockets fell to the Lady Briarjumpers in a close game 56-52.

Senior Michaela Hunter scored 7 of the Rockets 11 first quarter points and put her team ahead 11-10. But, a three pointer, their third of the quarter, at the buzzer, gave the Briarjumpers a 13-11 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter, the Briarjumpers were down 18-17 but then sank two threes in a row to take a 23-18 lead and a 25-21 lead into halftime.

The Briarjumpers extended their lead to eight, 31-23 in the third quarter before the Rockets came back to cut the lead to two at the third quarter stop, 36-34.

Early in the fourth, Hunter picked up her fourth foul, one of eight called on the Rockets in the period. The Briarjumpers went on a 10-3 run and were ahead 48-37 when Kayla Reynolds scored 7 points, Hunter added a three and Amelia Eversole got a basket to cut the lead to one, 53-52 with 11 seconds to go. Hunter then fouled out of the game and the Briarjumpers made four straight free throws to take the 56-52 win.

In all, the Rockets hit 7 of 10 free throws while Somerset got 15 of 26. Hunter picked up 26 points to lead her team in scoring, along with 5 steals and 7 rebounds; Eversole got 11 points; Reynolds 7 and Emily Miller and Alaina Coguer added 4 each.

RCHS senior Amy Johnson unleashes a throw at Mason County this past Saturday. Amy is one of the top ranked throwers in Class 2A.



RCHS junior Alyssa Allen competes in the 55-meter hurdles at Mason County. Alyssa is ranked in the top ten in Class 2A in triple jump, high jump, and the 55-meter hurdles.



RCHS junior Lacey Gastineau gets off to a fast start in the 55-meter dash. Lacey is one of the top ranked competitors in both the 55 and 400-meter dashes in Class 2A.

nine other teams by a score of 118-76.

The girls' 3200-meter relay team of 6th grader Kensie Sheffield, Jordyn Powell, 8th grader Callie Powell, and Karalinn Loudermilk placed 3rd with a season's best time of 12:36.72.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Jennifer Mercer dominated the competition placing 1st in 10.11 seconds. 7th grader Emily Deubel placed 6th in 13.22 seconds.

Jennifer Mercer also finished 2nd in the 55-meter dash with a great time of 8.04 seconds. Sierra Mercer placed 3rd in 8.22 seconds, a personal best. Mikaela Sadler ran a personal best 8.30 seconds and placed 3rd. Arie-anna Lawson placed 5th with another personal best time of 8.52 seconds.

Sierra Mercer led the way in the 400-meter dash, placing 1st with an amazing effort of 1:07.59. Katelynn Hensley placed 3rd in 1:10.59, Jennifer Mercer 4th in 1:10.95, Mikaela Sadler 5th in 1:10.97, and Arieanna Lawson 7th in 1:15.04. Sierra also won the 800-meter run with a great time of 2:41.41.

Katelynn Hensley won long jump with an exceptional indoor personal best of 15'6", just missing the all-time Kentucky indoor record of 15'8" held by former Rockcastle track athlete Heather Hammond. Katelynn will have one more chance to break the record at the upcoming Mason-Dixon Games. Mikaela Sadler placed 2nd with an awesome new personal best leap of 13'9". Arie-anna Lawson placed 4th with a jump of 12'10", Taylor Bullock was 5th with 12'2.75", Michaela Barron placed 7th with 10'11", Kensie Sheffield finished 7th with a personal best of 10'7.5", and Karalinn Loudermilk finished 10th with a great jump of 9'2.5". Katelynn also won triple jump with an awesome effort of 29'2".

Autumn Davidson won shot put with a great throw of 20'6.25" despite having to use sprinter in the state, the daughter of America's all-time fastest man and the # 2 sprinter in the world all-time, Tyson Gay.

Jennifer Mercer narrowly missed breaking he own alltime state indoor 55-meter hurdles record, finishing a great race in 1st place with a time of 10.07 seconds. Autumn

RCHS and RCMS archery teams advance to state finals

of Members the Rockcastle County High School and Middle School National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) met this past week in Somerset at North Middle School for their regional competition. Our archery students represented our county well at the meet. Both the middle and the high school teams scored well enough to advance to the Kentucky NASP state finals which will be held at the International Convention Center in Louisville on March 18th and 19th of this year.

Coach John Chadwell and Assistant Coach Janetta Begley are quite proud of their high school students. The students exemplified leadership, sportsmanship, and all around good form during the tournament. Officials from NASP complemented both of our Rockcastle County middle and high school teams for their etiquette and good sportsmanship during the tournament. Middle school Coach Gerald Alexander and Assistant Coach Michael Lovell are very pleased with their archer's progress during the current season. Their students have advanced in their archery technique and skills and are

good representatives of Rockcastle County.

The coaches should be commended for their voluntary efforts in helping our archery students to gain skills that they can use for a lifetime. Thanks to these coaches, students have learned the correct archery form and shot execution steps necessary for mastery of this exacting sporting competition. They have also learned necessary safety strategies needed for archer success. By advancing to the state level, students have demonstrated that they have mastered the 11 steps necessary for archery success. Those steps needed for archer success are stance,

nock arrow, drawing hand set, bow hand set, pre-draw, draw, anchor, aiming, shot set-up, release, and followthrough or reflection.

Community sponsors that help make the program possible are: Phillips's Truck Repair and Service of Orlando, People's Bank of Mt. Vernon, and our RCHS Archery Coaches for helping with our RCHS team shirts. Also contributing are PBK Bank and the National Wild Turkey Federation for their donations to the middle school archery team. Their generous donations helped teams to purchase required shirts for the competition.



Every Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at MVES Costs: Baseball - \$50, \$40 ea. additional child Tee-Ball - \$35 per child Girls' Softball - \$50 per child You can also pick-up and drop-off applications at Jack's Hardware

Last day to sign-up is March 6th

Contact Jerry Saylor for more info. 606-392-1539





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Thursday, February 28, 2013

Second Section

St. Patrick's Day 5k run/walk scheduled

Join Rockcastle Regional Hospital on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center for our first St. Patrick's Day 5K run/walk. Put on your brightest green duds and come out for the best way we can think of to celebrate this holiday: by exercising! You may run or you may walk, but we insist that you have fun! Also, we're missing one mischievous leprechaun and might need your help spotting him. Proceeds of this race go to the March of Dimes.

The race starts at 2:30 p.m.; registration begins at 1:30. The fee is \$12 for pre-registration (by noon on Monday, March 11) and \$15 on race day. Tee-shirts guaranteed to all who pre-register and will be given away to race day registrants, in limited sizes, while supplies last. Go to rockcastleregional.org/countywidestride to register. Awards will be given to the overall fastest male and female runner, the fastest male and female walker, and the top three finishers, male and female, in age division categories.

This is the 3rd race of the 2013 County-wide Stride series. For more information, contact Susan Turley at (606) 256-7746 or s.turley@rhrcc.org.

Participants requested for Development Board

The Rockcastle County Development Board is the sponsor of the Leadership Rockcastle program which is beginning its 10th class on March 16th. Presently, there are openings available for individuals that want to be involved in county progress and quality of life issues. Meetings are held once a month and graduation takes place in October. The graduating class becomes members of the Rockcastle County Development Board. Please contact Kathy Robinson, Chairperson @ 256-2730 or Lynn Tatum @ 256-8007 or 308-4646.

The Development Board is looking for individuals that would like to include their artwork in panels that will be displayed in downtown Mt. Vernon. The artwork will reflect the seasons spring/summer, fall and winter. For more information how you or your organization can get involved, please contact Courtney Hale @ 392-9264 or Lynn Tatum @ 308-4646.

Spring will arrive soon and the Development Board and City of Livingston is looking for individuals that would like to clear some paths along the Rockcastle River. In a recent meeting with Mayor Jason Medley, Elaine Wilson stated that after a trial trail run in April, the Governor and First Lady will come to Livingston by early June to designate Livingston as a Trail Town. If you are interested in this project, please contact City of Livingston, Trish at 453-2061 or Lynn Tatum at 256-8007 or 308-4646.

Development Board member Courtney Hale is developing a list of local musicians that we can promote this summer at various locations. If you are a musician or musical group that would like to participate, please contact Courtney Hale @ 392-9264.

CAP Workfest is Spring Break alternative

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), A nonprofit, interdenominational Christian organization serving people in need in Appalachia through self-help human ser-

native spring break for college students. The event attracts more than 400 students from 40 different colleges and universities and serves about 20-25 homes standard housing and build new homes for low-income families in eastern Kentucky.

WorkFest gives students a complete and fulfilling al-



The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony last Wednesday for Achieve Training Center on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon. The new Mt. Vernon business is locally owned by Registered Nurse Alicia Bullock who will teach nurse aide classes to the citizens of Rockcastle County. Nurse aide classes are offered in a two week program and following the program students will be able to take the state exam to become a nurse aide. Shown above from left are: Alisha Felker, Megan Denney, CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook, Kristopher Mayfield, chamber board member Steve McKinney, William Sammons, Shaketha Sammons, Chamber Treasurer Corey Cole, Chamber President John Adams, Chamber Executive Director Derek Adams, Alicia Bullock, Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis, Trish Bullock, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Jill Medely, chamber board member Jenny Sweet, RCIDA Executive Director Holly Hopkins.

Rockcastle Regional takes part in Patient Safety Awareness Week

In an effort to raise awareness and encourage the engagement of patients, families, health care providers, and the public, Rockcastle Regional Hospital has announced its participation in the 2013 Patient Safety Awareness Week campaign, Patient Safety 7/365.

Patient Safety Awareness Week is an annual education and awareness campaign for health care safety led by the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF). Each year, health care organizations around the world take part in the event by prominently displaying the campaign logo and promotional materials within their organizations, creating awareness in the community, and utilizing NPSF educational resources with hospital staff.

Patient Safety Awareness Week, which NPSF created in 2002, will be recognized March 3-9, 2013. This year's theme, Patient Safety 7/365, highlights the need for everyone to understand the importance of focusing on patient safety all year round. The 7 days of the campaign also serve as time to recognize the range of work being done to improve health care safety worldwide.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital will engage staff, patients, and the community through educational and awareness-building activities specific to patient safety.

priority for us," said Stephen A. Estes, president and CEO of Rockcastle Regional Hospital. "We implement best practices and constantly measure our progress to make sure we're on target with our patient safety goals. And our team-based approach means all of our employees – from nurses to front office employees -- play an important part." For example, each time

"Patient safety is a top

they leave a patient room, housekeepers make sure the patient has ready access to the call bell, according to Traci Bullens, RN. "The key is to have everyone on board and aware of potential safety issues and opportunities for improvement," she said.

"Patient Safety Awareness Week sheds light on our efforts," Bullens continued, "but it also reminds us that our goals are best achieved when our patients and community are also engaged in the process."

For more information about Rockcastle Regional Hospital, visit www.rockcastleregional.org. For patient safety comments or concerns, call Traci Bullens at 256-7762. For additional info. on Patient Safety Awareness Week, visit www.npsf.org.

ELI accepting applications through March 15th for RCHS entrepreneurs

The Center for Rural Development's Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) is accepting applications through March 15 from aspiring high school student entrepreneurs in Rockcastle County looking to develop their business and entrepreneurial skills.

program participants, high school students receive the skills they need to start working toward that goal and pursuing their career goals.'

ELI focuses on developing creativity, teamwork, and business and leadership skills. At the beginning of the week, participants divide into teams and work together throughout the week on a business concept that can be directly applied to Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The concluding event will be a team competition, where team members pitch their business concepts to a panel of regional business leaders acting as potential investors. The winning team members of ELI's Business Concept Competition earn scholarship opportunities within the region. Application forms for the 2013 summer session of ELI are available online and may be downloaded at http:// centertech.com/leadership/ eli/. All applications must be completed and mailed to The Center for Rural Development, 2292 South U.S. 27, Suite 300, Somerset. Ky., 42501, by the March 15th deadline.

The program is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 9-14. All lodging, meals, and program expenses (with the exception of transportation to and from the program site) are free to participating students. "ELI gives high school students a unique opportunity to work and learn from some of the region's top business leaders and entrepreneurs," said Stephens. "Participants get to see what it takes to operate a successful business venture, concentrating on all aspects of that business." For more information on ELI, contact Delaney Stephens at 606-677-6000 or youth@centertech.com.

vice programs since 1964. www.christianapp.org

Started in 1992, WorkFest was created by Christian Ap-

over a four-week period (March 5-28, 2013). Students from different colleges across the United States palachian Project as an alter- serve in teams to repair sub-

Rockcastle students honored in Frankfort

Last Wednesday three Rockcastle County High School students were honored by the Kentucky General Assembly

Senior Hannah Eaton, Junior Sean Watkins, and Sophomore Avery T. Bradshaw received citations from both the Kentucky State Senate and House of Representatives. The three students, all members of Operation UNITE, recently particpated in an CNN special highliting the prescription drug problem in Rockcastle County and throughout Eastern Kentucky.

The students, along with their UNITE adviser Dusty McClure, received the citations for their ongoing efforts to address the drug problem facing their community and region of the state. They were also recongnized in the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee, chaired by Senator Jared Carpenter, and by the Senate Republican Caucus.

Senator Carpenter and State Representative David Meade arranged for the group's visit and sponosred the citations in their respective chambers.

ternative spring break that emphasizes service, learning and spirituality without the need of prior building experience.

> Upon arrival to WorkFest, students from participating schools are divided into teams of 7-12 students and 2-3 experienced crew leaders. Students will serve on 1-2 homes during the week. Projects may include roofing, hanging drywall, flooring, building ramps, painting, siding, window replacement, yard cleanups, insulations, new home construction, and other efforts appropriate to the group's age and experience.

> While at WorkFest, the evening programming exposes students to Appalachian music and culture. It also informs students of Appalachian history and explores the root causes of poverty in Appalachia.



Three Rockcastle County High School students were honored last week by the Kentucky General Assembly. Pictured are Avery Bradshaw, Sean Watkins, Hannah Eaton, and State Senator Jared Carpenter on the floor the Kentucky State Senate. (Photo courtsey of LRC)

The one-week summer youth leadership program is open to high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors within The Center's 45county primary service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The institute gives participants an indepth look at what it takes to start their own business ventures- from the four basic principles of marketing to reading financial statements.

"The purpose of ELI is to build future business leaders and entrepreneurs in our region," said Delaney Stephens, youth programs coordinator and community liaison for The Center. "As

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Interested in participating? Call Rodney Weaver at 256-2195 ext. 5525

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Hazel Elaine Simeon vs. Yves Day Charles Simeon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs. Daniel Lees, et al, \$6,459.07 plus claimed due.

Joyce Cross vs. Ronald Klein, et al, complaint.

Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Joyce C. Begley, \$9,457.01 claimed due.

PBK Bank vs. Lloyd Hayes, \$23,664 plus claimed due.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance vs. Glen S. Burr, et al, \$46,451.70 plus claimed due

Citifinancial Inc. vs. Nanna Griffin, \$10,637 plus claimed due. CI-00048



Portfolio Recovery Asso. vs. Kim Honeycutt, \$972.40 plus claimed ldue.

Convergence Receivables vs. Crystal M. Collins, \$1,863.77 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory are Center vs. Jill M. Martin, \$1,115.95 plus claimed due.

Castle Village Apartments vs. Crystal York, forcible detainer complaint. Ephraim McDowell Re-

gional Medical Center vs. Rick Stevens, \$2,251.00 plus claimed due. C-00043



Dallas H. and Ruby Lee Brock, property on Copper Creek Road, to James Brock. No tax

Dallas H. and Ruby Lee Brock, property on Copper Creek Road, to Beverly Ann Brock. No tax Dale

and Sandra Whitaker, property in Hunter Ridge Subdv., to Joann C. Randolph. Tax \$129.

Kevin Isaacs, administrator, property on Flat Gap Road, to Antonja Kristie Dooley. No tax.



Lavina Marie Debord, 32, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Arthur Ansel Bailey, 34, Mt. Vernon, masonary. 2/15/13

Brook Ashley Wilder, 28. Mt. Vernon, Winterwood, Inc. to Robert Nicholas Thomas, 27, Mt. Vernon, Winterwood, Inc. 2/16/13

Erica Smith, 19, Orlando to Jonathan Wynn, 20, Orlando, farmer. 2/19/13

Ashley Nichole Bales, 29, Berea, SRNA to Brian Keith Poynter, 32, Mt.

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Cora Jane Ann Smith, 20, Mt. Vernon, housewife to Freddie Ryan Moore, 22, Mt. Vernon, factory. 2/21/13



Feb. 20, 2012

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless David Lee Durham:

criminal trespassing, 90 days/probated two years on condition.

Speeding: Christopher S. Mulins, \$100 fine and costs; Thomas W. Daniels, II, paid; Eric Perry, Charles M. Sappah, license suspended for fta; Jonathan L. Courtney, \$18 fine and costs;

Casey J. Hammack: speeding, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Robert Hopkins: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.

Joseph O. Johnson, Jr: operating vehicle w/expired operators license, \$100 fine and costs.

Jennifer I. Jones: disorderly conduct, \$100 fine (suspended) and costs.

Ralph Isaacs: expired license plates, \$25 fine; expired registration, \$25 fine (suspended) plus costs.

Joseph Brandon Bell: violation of Kentucky EPO/ DVO, sentencing order entered.

Ramealia Brown: alcohol intoxication in public place, paid.

Misti A. Coffey: theft by deception, \$20 fine and 20 days/probated 24 months on condition plus restitution.

Dorothy M. Collie: theft by deception, \$20 fine and 20 days/probated 24 months on condition plus restitution.

Donald E. Damrell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Joseph M. Daulton: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine and costs. Robert L. Flannery: terroristic threatening, bw isued for fta. Linda N. Gadd: fines/ fees due (\$208), bw reissued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full. Jody Gibson: speeding, \$40 fine and costs; failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$1000 fine/\$900 suspended on condition. Rocky Lear: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, no/expired registration plates, no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to

appear (fta). Randy McCreary: alco-

hol intoxication in public place, order entered. William Pace: hindering prosecution, \$200 fine and

90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Billy R. Phelps, Jr: theft by deception (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Robert D. Robinson: criminal possession forged instrument, sentencing order entered.

David M. Sachs: no/expired registration plates receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security, bw issued for fta/ license suspended

Barbara A. Singleton: failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine and costs.

Delora M. Wagers: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine and costs.

Joshua L. Weaver: failure of non-owner operator to

maintain required insurance, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta/li-

cense suspended. Donald Willis: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, \$100 fine and costs.



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Catalog 3: "Vehicles and Equipment" will end at approx. 2:30 p.m.

Catalog 4: "Farm Machinery, Track Hoe Buckets & Backhoe Buckets" will end at approx. 2:45 p.m. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter. For additional information, contact the selling agents.

