

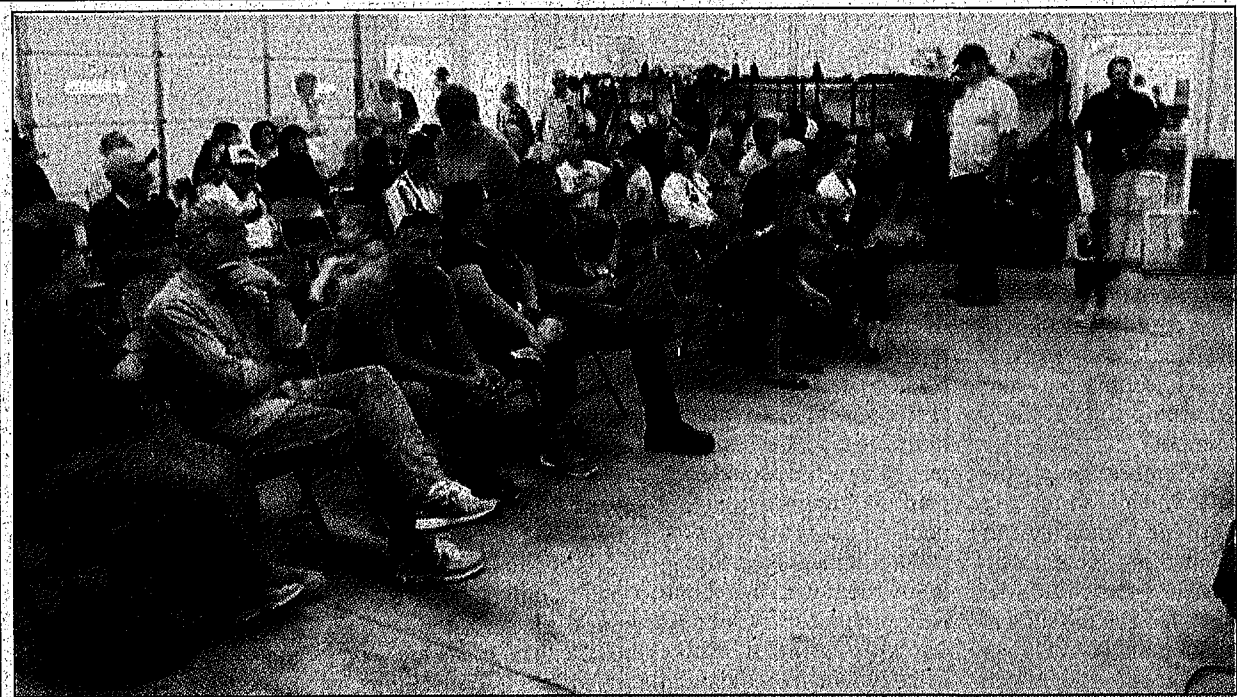
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A large crowd came out to Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department's annual Fourth of July Celebration last Saturday night at their Quail Fire Station. Level Green provided the special music and a fireworks display was held after dark. Several more Independence Day celebrations are scheduled in Rockcastle County this weekend.

Fiscal Court meets in special session Monday

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court met in special session Monday to wrap up loose ends of the 2013-14 budget.

One of the big items of the meeting was approval to pay the Rockcastle County Board of Education, \$164,180 for their share of national forest receipts spanning a period of several years.

In lieu of property taxes, the National Forest Service pays counties a set yearly sum, which varies, but has been amounting to about \$60,000 a year, according to County Treasurer Joe Clontz. The National Forest Service requires that half of that amount be given to the local board of education.

According to Clontz, former school board treasurer Richie Bray used to "visit" him when he knew the county had received their check from the NFS and claim the school's share.

However, during the last two or three years of his tenure as board treasurer, Bray did not keep up the practice and the payment to the board fell into arrears.

The present board ad-

ministration was not aware of the windfall until County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis told Superintendent David Pensol that the court would be writing the school board a big check to bring the payments up to date.

Clontz said that the board's share had been included in the 2014-15 county budget and would be paid as due.

In other business, the court transferred \$280,000 from the occupational tax account to the general fund and \$180,000 to the road fund from the general fund in order to pay the \$164,180 to the school board.

The court was trying to pay as many claims as possible before the 2014-15 budget took effect Tuesday, July 1st to make it easier to comply with the 65-35 rule.

This 65-35 rule means the current court must leave 35% of the 2014-15 budget, and any unexpected revenue received, for the incoming fiscal court to operate on from January 1 through June 30, 2015.

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Several Fourth of July celebrations scheduled in Rockcastle County

Several events are scheduled in Rockcastle County to celebrate Independence Day this weekend.

The Main Street Diner in Livingston will have an Independence Day celebration this Friday at 7 p.m.

Veterans will eat for free and free cake will also be provided for everyone in attendance. There will also be singing throughout the event and a fireworks display, sponsored by Main Street Diner, at 10 p.m.

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center will have a Fourth of July parade this Saturday at noon. The parade will begin in front of

the National Heritage Inn Hotel. After the parade, the Renfro Valley Entertainers will be performing at the Renfro Valley Village.

The annual Freedom

Celebration is this Saturday at the Brodhead Fairgrounds at 7 p.m.

The free event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists. It will include food, drinks, music and a testimonial message by Jordan Jeffers, who was the inspiration behind renown Christian musician Matthew West's hit song "Hello, My Name Is." There will also be

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Local woman charged with possession

A local woman was charged with drug possession and promoting contraband last Saturday after police made a traffic stop at the off-ramp on I-75 Southbound at the 62 mile marker in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Megan Elizabeth Stewart, 24, of Mt. Vernon.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, deputies Todd Caudill and Casey McClure stopped Stewart's vehicle at a safety checkpoint on the southbound off-ramp at the 62 mile marker. Once officers approached the vehicle, Stewart gave them a false name and date of birth.

Upon further investigation, officers discovered that Stewart had a warrant out for her arrest. Officers also found an Oxycodone pill on Stewart at the time of her arrest.

After being transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center, deputy jailers found several different pills inside Stewart's purse including methadone, hydrocodone and oxycodone.

Stewart was charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance, first degree promoting contraband, prescription controlled substance not in proper container and giving an officer a false name or address. She was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was later released on a \$5,000 10% bond.

Rockcastle ranked as 21st fastest growing economy in Kentucky

Rockcastle County was recently ranked in the top 25 of the fastest growing economies in Kentucky.

Renowned consumer research company ValuePenguin performed a professional study and

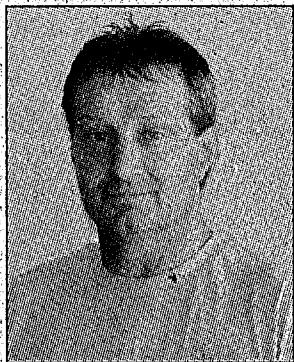
Potter files for Mt. Vernon mayor race

Mt. Vernon resident Harry Potter has filed for the Mt. Vernon mayoral race in November's general election.

Potter is an employee of the Rockcastle County Road Department and he also is the owner of Rose Hill Auto Restoration in Mt. Vernon. He is married to the former Brenda Wilds of Mt. Vernon and the couple has two children and one grandchild.

Potter is the third candidate to file for the Mt. Vernon mayoral race. Incumbent Mayor Michael Bryant, Sr. and former Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby are both candidates.

The deadline to file for mayor and council races in Rockcastle County is August 12th in the office of County Clerk Danetta Allen.



Harry Potter

ranked Rockcastle County as having the 21st fastest growing local economy out of all Kentucky counties with a population of at least 10,000.

According to the study, ValuePenguin ranked the Kentucky counties by looking at their unemployment rates in 2012 and 2014. They used the 2012 and 2014 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to calculate the percentage of improvement based on the unemployment rates in those years.

Boone County was ranked as the fastest growing local economy in the state and Pike County was ranked as the most rapidly shrinking local economy in the state.

The study further

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Governor candidate Hal Heiner coming to Mt. Vernon

Republican Kentucky Governor candidate Hal Heiner will be speaking at the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club meeting next Thursday at the Limestone Grille in Mt. Vernon at noon.

Heiner is the only Republican Party candidate, at this time, for the Kentucky gubernatorial race and the sole democrat party candidate is Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway.

However, there is a host of other republican and democrat candidates who

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Man arrested after going to police officer's house

A man was arrested for two counts of drug possession last Wednesday morning after beating on a police officer's door at his house in Brodhead.

Arrested was Derel Lee Griffin, 48, of Somerset.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Griffin arrived at Mt. Vernon Police Assistant Chief Barry Adams' residence around 6 a.m. and started beating on the front door.

Once Adams answered the door, Griffin told him that someone put an unknown substance in his vehicle. Griffin also told Adams that his automatic door locks on his vehicle would continuously lock and unlock.

Griffin told Adams that a woman who was with him was practicing witchcraft. Adams then told Griffin to come to the Mt. Vernon Police Department at 7 a.m. and he left the residence.

After Griffin failed to show up at the Mt. Vernon Police Department, Adams found Griffin sitting inside

his parked vehicle on Langdon Street in Mt. Vernon.

When Griffin observed Adams, he drove into a yard at a residence on Langdon Street. Griffin then got out of the vehicle and threw a small black plastic container on the ground beside his vehicle.

Inside the black plastic container, Adams found a zip-lock bag of marijuana, two zip-lock bags of a white crystal substance, believed to be methamphetamine and an unknown brownish powder.

Griffin proceeded to tell Adams the same stories about someone putting an unknown substance in his vehicle, the automatic door locks on his vehicle malfunctioning and the woman who was with him practicing witchcraft.

After receiving consent to search the vehicle, Adams found a .45 caliber pistol lying in the passenger seat. Adams also found five

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A Brodhead family lost six of their pets in a house fire last Thursday morning on Fort Harrod Way in Brodhead. Authorities say the home belonged to Barry and Carrie Adams. The couple was living somewhere else at the time of the fire and keeping four dogs and two cats at the home. The home was a total loss and the cause of the fire remains unknown. Officials say the couple still had some belongings at the home and firefighters were able to save some of their possessions.

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The Way I See it

By Doug Ponder

A bunch of us so-called 90s kids got together at my friend Chris Hurst's house last Friday night to watch the anticipated premier of the new TV sitcom "Girl Meets World."

The show is a sequel to the Sitcom "Boy Meets World" which aired for seven years from 1993-2000 and won numerous awards. "Boy Meets World" was about the life of a boy named Corey Matthews (played by Ben Savage) and it focused on Matthews' coming of age events and life lessons which can be applied to everyone growing up through grade school.

Some of the other main characters in the show were Matthews' girlfriend Topanga Lawrence (played by Danielle Fishel) and Matthews' best friend Shawn Hunter (played by Rider Strong).

Personally, I thought the show had just the right amount of comedy added to it and I loved how it focused on all the issues kids go through growing up and what lessons can be learned from them. To me, the show was simply awesome and I still watch reruns of it today.

So you can imagine my excitement over the new "Girl Meets World" TV show as Matthews and his former girlfriend Lawrence are now married and they are both coming back to star in the spinoff of their former show.

"Girl Meets World" focuses on the adventures of Corey and Topanga's daughter Riley Matthews (played by Rowan Blanchard) and her best friend Maya Hart (played by Sabrina Carpenter).

So last Friday night, my friends and I were on the edge of our seats minutes before the new show "Girl Meets World" came on TV. We had already talked about growing up watching "Boy Meets World" and we built ourselves up for what we thought would be an awesome premier of the new show.

My recap of the show is very limited because we could only stand to watch about five minutes of it. But the show started with Riley Matthews and her best friend Maya Hart sitting on a window seal talking to each other. I don't even remember what they were talking about but it was probably something stupid

like clothes, makeup, boys, etc.

The window seal scene continued for approximately two minutes and to me it seemed like the scene lasted for two hours. After watching only two minutes of the show, I felt like a father who was trying to relax in his recliner after a hard day at work while his giddy pre-teen daughter and her giddy pre-teen best friend were jabbering loudly with each other on the couch next to him.

But just when I was about to lose hope and quit watching the TV show, Corey and Topanga Matthews came into the scene. But their scene was short-lived as their daughter Riley and her best friend left the house for some random crazy adventure.

Anyway, the next scene takes place in a metro station with both preteen girls dancing around amongst other people and acting foolish. Maya even starts talking and associating with some hobo hanging out next to the stairs of the metro station.

At this time, my friends and I were simply disappointed in the show. We decided to change channels and watch something else on TV so we wouldn't lose any more brain cells than we had already lost.

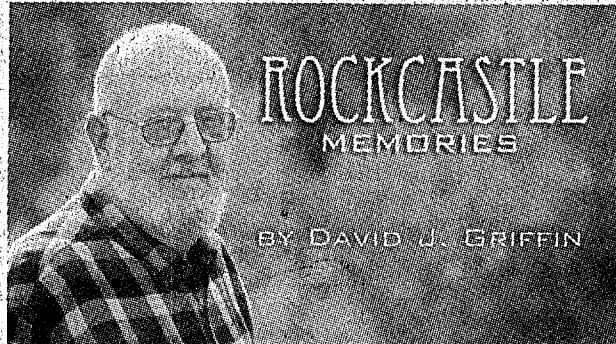
The only thing that could have made the TV show worse was if the two girls started twerking on other random people and taking selfies during the metro station scene. Truth is, they probably did twerk and take selfies, we just changed channels before it happened.

I was curious to check the reviews of the show the next day after it aired. To my surprise, the show received great reviews. Over 5.2 million viewers watched the premier last Friday night and the show had received a 7.7 out of 10 stars.

After reading a bunch of reviews and recaps, most of the criticism of the TV show's premier came from a group of online analysts referred to as the "90s kids." One online analyst, who I assume must have been a preteen, even called the group the "old fogies who grew up in the 90s."

I'm not ashamed to be considered a "90s kid" or even an "old fogy that grew up in the 90s." Us 90s kids probably something stupid

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ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

My First Panty Raid
In May of 1962, I graduated from Mt. Vernon High School and immediately left for the University of Kentucky. As a matter of fact, when I walked across the stage to receive my high school diploma, my '58 Chevy was already packed. I left Mt. Vernon on Monday morning for UK summer school.

I remember seeing the population sign on the city limits of Mt. Vernon indicating that there were 1,106 residents of the city. Little did I realize that the student population at UK was over 13,000 students; I felt lost on the huge campus. That afternoon, I carried all of my belongings into Hagan Hall and met my roommate for the first time. His name was Steve Stacy, and he was a veteran student - having completed his freshman year and was beginning his first sophomore semester.

The first thing I remember about Steve was that he had crammed as many cans of beer as possible into the cooling coils of the room air conditioner. As soon as I sat down my first load of boxes, he tossed me a Budweiser and said, "Welcome, home partner!" Unaware that I was a non-drinker at the time, he was surprised when I handed the can back to him.

Steve and I became good friends, and he provided me with good advice regarding my class selections and my up-coming schedule. We both were Biology/Chemistry majors and that, too, was very helpful. Steve took me on a campus tour, pointing out where the best eating establishments were located. Our first stop was Joe Bologna's pizza parlor. The place was crammed full of UK students, and I experienced my first Joe's pizza pie. To this day, I think it was the best pizza I had ever sampled. Steve and I ended up eating there several nights each week.

Steve loved basketball, tennis, and shooting pool.

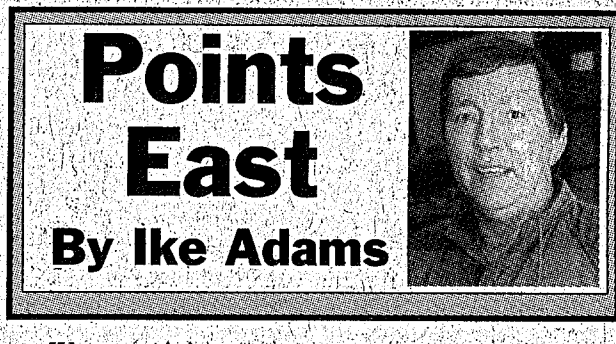
Under his bed he kept several basketballs, two tennis rackets, and a professional pool cue in a black leather box. He and I played basketball on a regular basis, and he even had me playing tennis before the summer was over. I did not dare take him on in pool because he was a master of the game. On several occasions, I watched him "run the table" on campus. He probably could have paid his tuition by playing pool.

One night as I was sitting in my room working chemistry problems for the next day's assignment, Steve came running into the room yelling - "Come on! There is going to be a panty raid at the Quadrangle!" The Quad was a group of four women's dorms with a courtyard in the middle. I had never been to such a college form of entertainment, so I grabbed my jacket and off we ran.

The Quad was just across Rose Street from Hagan Hall so we did not have to exert much energy to be on the site. When we entered the courtyard, there was a huge group of college-aged guys yelling up to the girls: "Throw down your underwear or we are coming up to get them!" Of course, the doors of the dorm were locked, and none of us was willing to do any damage in order to enter. But over the next two hours or so, it seemed to me that nearly every male student was "hanging out" at the Quads.

Before long, the Dean of Men appeared with several of his employees and each of them carried cameras. The Dean positioned himself on a large concrete wall and announced, "We are going to take photos of you, and you will have to appear in my office to explain your reasons for being here." He continued, "Any student that we recognize will be sent home." Well that was all it took for me. That alone was enough reason for me to

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Points East

By Ike Adams

We were sitting out on the front porch last Saturday afternoon when a big, red, late-model pickup whizzed by on Charlie Brown. It looked like there was a man driving and a woman riding shotgun.

Now the only things that separate my front porch from Charlie Brown Road are about 50 feet of mostly-crabgrass and clover, gently-sloping lawn and an old rock wall that keeps the front yard from sliding out into the road.

Charlie Brown is about half a mile long and runs parallel to Old Railroad Grade. The roads are separated by three dwellings, a barn and a long, narrow hay field some 200 feet wide in places. I've been told that our road was a side track in a former life back in the 19th century. Suffice to say there's no sign now that trains once ran up and down our little valley, except that we have, by far, the two straightest roads in Garrard County.

I have no idea where drivers come from or where they're going because there's only 6 families living on Charlie Brown and none of us have a lot of company. We all know the mailman, the paper guy, the UPS lady, several FedEx guys and the meter readers on a first name basis. And some fellows also run cattle on the pastureland that surrounds my place so they drive by quite often.

In fact my closest neighbors are cows. I have cattle living behind me and on both sides and I like it like that because cows are not nearly as nosy as people and they are generally much easier to get along with.

We've mostly had cows as next door neighbors for the last 25 years and only had a couple or three serious arguments that had to do with trampling my garden. Bottom line, given the choice between cows and people for next door neighbors, I'll take cows every day of the week.

Anyway, given the fact that only 6 families and a bunch of cows live on Charlie Brown Road, one would not expect much traffic, especially since the road is just one, narrow lane. But its not unusual, even on week days, for me to see as many as 25 or more vehicles pass by during the course of a front porch day.

Most of the time the vehicles, be they SUV, van, pickup, station wagon or sedan, will be at least vaguely familiar as will their occupants even though I may not know them by name. I figure that maybe it's just folks who were sitting around in Berea, Richmond, Lancaster or somewhere in between those places with nothing else to do so they decided to amuse themselves by taking a drive up or down Charlie Brown Road.

Because, often enough,

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Obituaries



Kenneth P. Owens

Kenneth P. Owens, 78, of Brodhead died Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester.

"Kenny" was born on March 8, 1936 in Brodhead, a son of the late Raymond and Martha Carter Owens. He was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church. He had been a machine operator at a Steel Mill, and he found great joy in walking and church.

Kenny will be lovingly remembered by: his children, Kenneth Ray Owens of Brodhead, Claire June Saylor of Mt. Vernon; and Edith Faye (Luke) Barnett of Mt. Vernon; his sisters, Jean Albright of Brodhead, Mary Ann (Garner) Brown of Brodhead, and Janet Taylor of Cincinnati; his grandchildren, Sydney Rae and Isaiah Brayden Owens, Michael Ray Saylor, Leslie Renee Burns, Amanda Newcomb, Amy Burdette, Hollie Gadwah, Sarah Williams and Holdan, Logan, Aniya, Nevaeh and Trinity Barnett; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harvey Paul Owens and infant Herman Ray Owens; two sisters, Marie Burton and Juanita Simpson and brother-in-law, Everett Albright.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 28, 2014 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Mark Whicker officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Casketbearers were Larry & Tim Albright, Danny McClure, Holdan, Luke and Logan Barnett. Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Charles Thomas

Charles Bradley "Dollar Bill" Thomas, 61, died Friday, June 27, 2014 at his home in Rockcastle County. He was born in Richmond, to the late Orville and Sarah Frances Thomas.

A member of the Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, he was also a member of Masonic Lodge #636 in Crab Orchard, Native Pride in Corbin, D.A.V. in Mt. Vernon, Spiritual Advisor for Intertribal Bear Society and a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 5908 in Mt. Vernon. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a self-employed truck driver.

He is survived by: his wife, Brenda Sue Wren Thomas of Brodhead; his son, Andrew Thomas of Berea; his daughters, Abbie Thomas of Brodhead and Callie Thomas of Mt. Vernon; his step-son, Larry Embree, Jr. (Ashley), of Lexington; his step-daughter, Rachel Bowling (Micky) of Richmond, 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at the Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Bro. Ron Roberts officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Rockcastle.

Pallbearers were John Collinsworth, Ed Garrison, Daniel Delaney, Walter Delaney, Chris Saylor, Micky Bowling. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Embree, Callie Thomas, Jimmy Carpenter. www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com



Alberta Carrier Johnson

Alberta Carrier Johnson, 93, of Berea died Monday June 23, 2014 at St. Joseph Berea Hospital.

Alberta was born in Jackson County, to the late Herman and Verdie VanWinkle Carrier. She attended Cruse Ridge Elementary School in Rockcastle County, was a homemaker and longtime employee of Parker Seal. She was one of the first 50 employees of Parker Seal in 1951. She was of the Pentecostal faith and a member of the Big Hill Holiness Church.

She is survived by her seven children: Janie Marie (Charles) Pearson of Berea, Earl J. (Mary Sue) Johnson of Lexington, Irma Lillian (Kenneth) Caldwell of Cadiz, Mary Johnson Guinn of Louisville, Acy (Carol) Johnson of Berea, Macie Johnson Clark of Naples, FL and Brenda Johnson Boyd of Berea. 21 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Johnson was very active in caring for her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E.T. Johnson, one son Ralph Johnson Jr., and two infant grandchildren, Sharon Pearson and Carrie Watson. She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Cecil Carrier, Chester Carrier, James Carrier, Letcher Foch Carrier, Ray Carrier, and five sisters, Opal Carrier Northern, Sudie Northern, Geneva Carrier Dean, Bernadean Carrier Moore and infant Imogene.

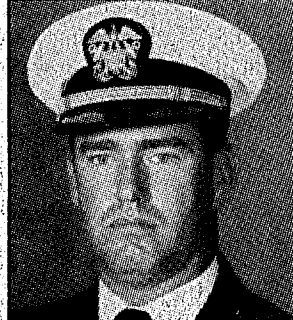
Funeral services were held June 26, 2014 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Gray and Rev. Allen Livingood officiating. Burial followed in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be her grandchildren. www.lakesfuneralhome.com



Irene Jones

Irene Jones, 91, died June 19, 2014. She was the beloved wife of the late Benny Jones, devoted mother of Joyce Edith (James) Renner, the late Virgis Jones, the late Billy Ray Jones, and the late Mary Ann (Robert) Chasteen-Bridges; cherished grandmother of Sherry Lynn (Mike) Fuller, Anna (Russell) Poynter, Terry (Terri) Renner, Rechelle (David) Nicely, Carl (Michelle) Chasteen, Susan (Joseph) Tamez, and the late Leslie Karen Jones Wilson; great grandmother of 20 and great-great grandmother of 15; dear sister of Delora (the late Ernest) Jones. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Vorhis & Ryan Funeral in Springdale, OH on Monday, June 23, 2014. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Hamilton. Condolences to www.vorhisandryan.com



Harold W. Graves

Harold W. Graves, 78, of Virginia Beach, VA, died June 22, 2014. He was born in Mt. Vernon, the son of the late Robert and Lorene Graves. He was a retired CW04 from the U.S. Navy, an avid gardener and loved taking long walks with his wife.

Left to cherish his memory are: his wife of 55 years, Barbara A. Graves whom he met while stationed in Texas; two daughters, Fonda Graves of Portsmouth and Christina Coen (Christopher) of Jacksonville, FL; four grandchildren, Alia Sullivan, Bryan Sullivan, Cayla Coen and Davis Coen; a great-grandson, Damian Bond; four sisters, Barbara Terrill, Christine Hamilton (Ray), Betty Lou Deatherage and Judy Powell (Albert) all of Kentucky; five nieces and two nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Harold W. Graves, Jr. and a brother, Bobby Joe Graves.

A graveside service was held Friday, June 27, 2014 at Colonial Grove Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be offered www.hollomon-brown.com

Cemetery Notices

Piney Grove

If you would like to donate money for mowing, send to Piney Grove Cemetery, 16 Silver St., Brodhead, Ky. 40409

Morning View Cemetery

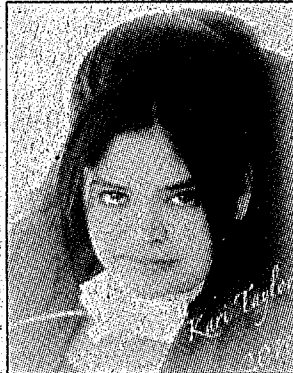
Bud Cottengim is now the caretaker of Morning View Cemetery. Please send donations to Mr. Cottengim at 67 Misty Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. A recent storm took out the fence on one side and donations are needed to repair the fence, mowing and upkeep.

Scaffold Cane Cemetery

Donations may be mailed to Avia Brock, 602 Old U.S. 25 N, Berea, Ky. 40403.

Negro Creek Cemetery

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Kari Marissa Taylor

Miss Kari Marissa Taylor, 22, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 22, 2014 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Dayton, OH on February 10, 1992 the daughter of Brian J. and Elsa Vanessa Pacamparra Taylor. She was of the Baptist Faith.

She is survived by: her father, Brian J. Taylor of Richmond; her mother, Vanessa Taylor of Nicholasville; her paternal grandfather, Wilburn Taylor, Jr. and wife Carolyn of Harlan; her paternal grandmother, Barbara Sue O'Dell and husband Tim of Union; her maternal grandparents, Crescenico and Corazon Pacamparra of the Philippines; her paternal great grandmother, Geraldine Taylor of Pathfork; and two brothers, Brett Taylor and James Jesse Taylor, both of Nicholasville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 26, 2014 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Rev. Mary Tackett officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens in Nicholasville.

Pallbearers were: Buster, Brett, Jesse, Justin, Chris and Brian Taylor.

Signal office will be closed Friday, July 4th

Hidden Among Us

The American Revolutionary War Patriots of Rockcastle

By Karen Hamm Adams

To celebrate and honor the county's American Revolutionary War Patriots and to enlighten the community about the service and sacrifice of these brave men, on behalf of the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have compiled highlights of the service of the known patriots living in the county and who applied for a pension between the years 1818 and 1842. All information was taken from the patriot's own account from his pension application and other historical documents. More information can be found on each patriot at the local library or the Rockcastle Historical Society. (Copyright pending.) If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606)256-2851.

James Dysart

Virginia

Because James Dysart's pension application is unavailable, information about this patriot was gathered from various sources including Dr. Lyman Draper's, Kings Mountain and its Heroes; Annals of Southwest Virginia; Virginia Soldiers of 1776 by Bobby Moss; The Patriots at Kings Mountain; National Park Service; NC Patriots 1775-1783; Their Own Words, Volume 2, Part 2 By J.D. Lewis; THE LONG HUNTERS. Emory L. Hamilton and local historian David Owens.

James Dysart was born in 1744 in Donegal County, Ireland; his parents dying in his infancy, he was raised by his grandfather. At the age of sixteen he sailed for Philadelphia in 1761. In 1770, James joined James Knox, William Langford, Henry Skaggs and William Pittman (for which Knox County, Skaggs Creek and Pittman Creek are named after) along with other long hunters in exploring the new territory of Tennessee and Kentucky. He eventually settled at the Little Holston, where Abingdon, Washington Co. VA now stands and became an influential member of the community. By 1775, he was married to Nancy Agnes Beattie (1754-1833). In 1772, he was a signer of the petition that called the first minister, Rev. Charles Cummings Ebbing, and Sinking Springs Church at Abingdon, VA. Rev. Cummings baptized all and married some of James Dysart's children. When Washington County, VA was organized in 1776, he became a Justice of the Court and first Sheriff of Washington County. He had a mill and owned more than 2000 acres of land scattered from the Holston to Powell Valley, mostly in small tracts.

During the American Revolutionary War, James was active in frontier service. In 1778, he held the rank of Captain of the mounted riflemen under Colonel John Carter and

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Our Readers Write

All should celebrate Independence Day....

Dear Editor,
All of us should welcome and celebrate this uniquely, pure American holiday - Independence Day - and I hope that all Rockcastle's residents will join in for the tremendous show at the Blast in the Valley the Rockcastle Fiscal Court has been proud to co-sponsor with the city and tourism board. In fact, the very first \$12,000 appropriation of our county's occupational tax was for this celebration to help remind us we should be thankful for our country's founding fathers, their personal sacrifices, and our nation's continued prosperity.

Besides, it's just a lot of fun. So I hope you can make the party!

Buzz Carloftis
County Judge-Executive

Water is unacceptable...

Dear Editor,
A couple of weeks ago, I spent two days in the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. My room was clean, the staff was very kind and efficient. The care and consideration afforded me was very good. When it came

time to take meds using my bedside water, I was appalled. The taste was simply atrocious, just like the water at home from my faucet! I cannot believe a hospital would serve that terrible water. I've lived in Mt. Vernon for nearly fifteen years and, in addition to paying a water bill each month, I've had to buy a water filter for my home and also buy bottled water to drink. It is very hard for me to understand why this has to be. Is there no solution to the water water problem we face? I find it hard to believe when I order a fountain drink from a restaurant that the taste there, but, it is unacceptable to have this problem at the hospital. PLEASE, powers that be in the town of Mt. Vernon, fix the water.

Thankfully, I had friends who brought me bottled water.

Letha French

"I See It"

(Cont. from A2)

didn't have smartphones, tablets, fast internet, social media, etc. But dagnabbit, we had a good childhood

and I will even go as far as saying we had better TV shows too.

"Boy Meets World," "Full House," "Family Matters," "Friends," "Saved by the Bell," "Fresh Prince of Bell Air," etc. These shows were not only hilarious and entertaining, but they always included sentimental moments and life lessons in them. That's what makes them unique compared to modern TV shows.

To me, the sentimental moments and life lessons are slowly fading away from modern TV shows. Some aspect of humor is still included but it's obviously not the same type of humor a 90s fogy like me enjoys.

So this current generation can have their new TV shows and whatever kind of craziness that is included in them, such as twerking, texting, snapchatting and taking selfies.

As for me, this old 90s fogy will continue watching reruns of TV shows that aired in the 1990s.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

promptly return to my dorm - I was not about to have to face my mother with the idea that I had been kicked out of college the first week on campus! I would be as good as dead if that were to happen.

As I walked across the street, I noticed that not many of the guys were leaving. The next morning, the campus newspaper, The Kentucky Kernel, had photos of dozens of students accompanying the story of the "panty raid." I picked up the paper and reviewed the photos carefully in order to make certain that my face was not included. As the story unfolded over the next few days, the Dean did actually expel several of the male students - and even a few of the girls for tossing their "undies" down to the boys gathered below. For the first time, I actually felt like a college student.

Legend states that the tradition of panty raids started on the night of March 21, 1952 at the University of Michigan when approximately 600 male students stormed a women's dormitory and confiscated underwear. Word quickly spread across the United States, and soon college guys everywhere began to participate in the escapades. News of that first raid travelled fast and made national headlines with articles appearing in the Chicago Tribune, Time Magazine, and the New York Times. The craze lasted from the 1950's through the 1960's.

Of course, by the end of the 60s, colleges on the west coast were already beginning to change dormitories into co-ed arrangements. Although it took a few years for that change to cross America, the times

had gone through some serious and challenging changes - and the fad of college "panty raids" was over. Looking back, it is hard to believe that it was perceived as something that would merit kicking a kid out of school. But it was; I myself can testify to that.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

they do just run up to the end of our road and loop back on Old Railroad, or the come up Old Railroad and loop back down Charlie Brown. And maybe it's just folks who enjoy the novelty of driving several miles on a very narrow but very straight road. But I do amuse myself by speculating as to why on earth they drive by in the first place. And you think retirement ain't fun?

The other other thing these folks always do, without fail, is either toot their horns or wave at me or both and I wave at them. If I'm sitting out there with me, we both wave back like we've known them all our lives. Of course we do that when we go to town as well. We wave at anybody sitting on their porches along the way.

If I'm in my truck, I also make a point of nodding and raising my hand to other truck drivers. When I meet somebody driving a Toyota 4WD like mine we both wave. If our trucks are the same color we toot our horns and give a little wave to acknowledge our mutual good taste and sound judgment when it comes to selecting the best trucks on the road.

The people who sped by on Charlie Brown last Saturday, however, did not wave back or even let on like they noticed us. They were going way too fast but nobody has kids here anymore and our grand kids are not around that often, so we didn't pay it too much mind the first time, even though I wondered how they managed to turn back onto Old Railroad without taking out Billy Conner's mailbox at that rate of speed.

Then about ten minutes later, here they came again, going at least 50 mph on a road unsafe at more than 10. I waved again but they didn't even see me and they sped by so fast I couldn't tell what make the truck was because these late models all look alike to me these days. It could have been anything. Cherry Red is close as I can come.

Loretta said, "Maybe they've lost a dog or something."

I said, "Nope they've lost their brains if they ever had any and on top of that, they don't have any manners." In other words we can understand stupid, but there's no excuse for bad manners.

Loretta said, "If they go flying by here like that again, I'm calling the law."

And if she hadn't done it, I would have.

July 15th is deadline for spay/neuter grants

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is offering grants totaling \$150,000 to help Kentuckians spay and neuter their pets.

"It's important to spay and neuter pets as a matter of public safety and for the well-being of the animals," Agriculture Commissioner James Comer said. "This is a very popular program that helps control the population of unwanted animals in Kentucky."

Fiscal courts and 501(c)(3) organizations more than three years old are eligible to apply for the grants. Eligible applicants may use funding to hold a spay/neuter clinic or run a voucher program.

Grants are limited to a maximum of \$5,000. The program is funded by sales of Kentucky's spay/neuter license plate. The Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board also accepts donations to the program.

Applications must be filled out completely and mailed to Spay/Neuter Kentucky Program, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 500 Mero Street, 7th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Applications must be post-

marked by July 15. For more information, or to download an application, go to the Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board's website address at www.kyspayneuter.com. To get a spay/neuter license plate, ask your county clerk when you renew your vehicle license.

Reach Rockcastle completes Main St. Upgrade Project

Members of Reach Rockcastle, a First Baptist Church volunteer group, completed their second upgrade project on Mt. Vernon's Main Street.

On Saturday, June 28th the volunteer group did paint prep work, cleaned the windows and awning of the Jones building.

Their mission is to help the City of Mt. Vernon improve the appearance of downtown Main Street. They hope to take on a different project once a month. This program was created by Pastor Neal Thornton.

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KPR Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees will meet Tuesday, July 8 at The Golden Coral Restaurant in London. Meal time will be noon with the meeting to follow. An organizational meeting for the coming year will be held and Humana's new vitality program will be discussed along with new information given concerning the retirement system.

Gum Springs School Reunion

The Gum Springs School Reunion will be held at the Pongo Fire Station on Saturday, July 26th, beginning at noon. Everyone attending Gum Springs Grade School is invited to come and enjoy old times with old friends. A collection will be taken for use of the fire station that day. Please bring a covered dish. Hot dogs and buns and paper products will be provided. Please mark your calendar for July 26th at noon. Hope to see you there.

RCHS Class of '04 Reunion

The RCHS Class of 2004 Reunion will be held Saturday, August 9th, beginning at 6 p.m. at Cedar Rapids Country Club. The meal will be catered and music provided. The cost is \$16 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. RSVP to 606-308-4044 or rchs2004classreunion@gmail.com or send check to: Reunion, P.O. Box 185, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 made out to Allison Carney, Special Acct.

Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 has scheduled a reunion for September 20, 2014. We are still searching for several classmates that we are not connected with on Facebook. If you are a member of this class, we would love to hear from you soon. Please call Donna at 606-453-2469 or Vickie at 606-308-4750.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

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

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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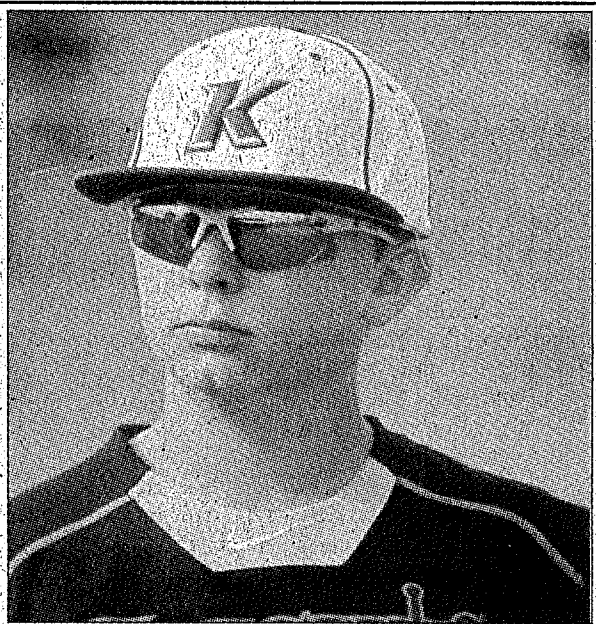
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Congratulations to Rylee Denney of the 11u South Kentucky Knights on making the USSSA Great Lakes Regional All American Team. Rylee competed at a tryout in Cincinnati in May and was selected as 1 of the top 2 performers at the tryout. On June 17th, Rylee was selected by a committee of former college and pro players and scouts to represent the Great Lakes Region this July in Orlando, FL at the ESPN Wide World of Sports baseball complex. Rylee was selected out of more than 40 players in the 11u age group from the states of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio. Good luck to Rylee and the rest of the Great Lakes team as they compete in the tournament.

"Hidden"

(Cont. from A3)

later served under Virginia Colonel William Campbell at the Battle of Kings Mountain, SC. During this battle, James was badly wounded in the left hand, which crippled him for life. James is listed today on the Kings Mountain Memorial Monument at the National Military Park in NC. In 1781, he was made a Major and then Colonel and served under General Nathaniel Greene's Continental Army in the Battle of Wetzell's Mill, Guilford County, NC against Bonastre Tarleton's Loyalist troops.

After the war, Dysart returned to his home and business and prospered. Later, he was elected to represent Washington County in the Virginia House of Delegates. In 1800, he was defeated in his bid for reelection and had suffered backlash from voters for voting against the Alien and Sedition Act. With mounting debts, Dysart applied for and received a land grant in Kentucky. In 1806, the aging James, having been broken by surety debts, moved to Rockcastle Co. KY with his wife, three sons and three daughters and settled on 1,500 acres near Jones Creek. There he built a two story log house named Brook Hall.

In December 18, 1806, Colonel James Dysart received a pension in the amount of \$120.00 for his service to his country. In 1810, he was named a member of the board for the Rockcastle Academy. In 1815, he was elected to a seat in the KY House of Representatives.

James was described as a "large, square-built, course featured man weighing two hundred pounds, fond of books and newspapers, and a professor of the Christian religion." James died on 26th May 1818 at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Agnes, followed in 1833. They are buried in the Dysart/Kirtley Cemetery.

James and Agnes had six children: Eleanor (24 September 1776VA-4 July 1830) married William Carson (12 July 1778VA-28 July 1830, Rockcastle Co. KY). He served as a deputy sheriff in 1792 in Washington Co. VA and a Representative of Rockcastle County from 1816-1826. He was also a trustee to establish Rockcastle Academy. They had no children. Samuel (14 October 1778-30 December 1831) married Ann Meeke (1780VA-1834) on 24 September 1800. They had nine children: Jackson, Johnson, Thomas, William, James, Samuel, Madison, Hardin and Elizabeth. John Beattie (10 November 1780VA-1 March 1858MO) married Jane Logan (1784-5 June 1850 MO). He was Rockcastle's School Commissioner in 1840. They had nine children: Nancy, William, Mary, Jerusha, John, James, Eleanor, Josiah and Catherine. They are buried at the Dysart Cem-

etry in Andrew Co. MO. Frances "Fanny" (23 March 1785VA-27 February 1831) married John W. Cowan (4 December 1783VA-3 June 1860 Pulaski Co. KY). They had nine children: Ellen, James, Polly Ann, Jackson, Nancy, Eleanor, Caroline, Samuel and Frances. Johnston "John" (22 February 1787VA-5 August 1826) married Polly "Mary Ann" Cowan. He served as Sheriff and Representative of Rockcastle. Johnston served as Captain of the 5th Co. 11th KY Mounted Volunteers under Colonel William Williams in the War of 1812 and later as Lieutenant of the 2nd Regiment of Jennings KY Volunteers. He fought in the Battle of the Thames. He and Polly had five children: James, Louisa, Andrew, Agnes and Samuel. He is buried in the Dysart/Kirtley Cemetery in Rockcastle County. Elizabeth (11 December 1791VA-29 March 1879MO) married Charles Campbell Carson (18 July 1786VA-18 March 1863MO) on 10 February 1814. They had five children: Nancy, William, Eliza, James and Johnston. Charles served as a Lieutenant in the 5th C. 11th KY Mounted Volunteers in the War of 1812 with his brother in law Johnston Dysart. Buried at the Feuquay Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Joseph Dysart is a recognized patriot of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"Court"

(Cont. from front)

The amount the court may spend (65%) of the budget is higher for the first six months because of fixed expenditures (insurance, etc.) which come due in the first six months of the fiscal year, Carloftis said.

During the meeting, the court also approved the payment of a claim for \$5,288 for improvements to the outside of the Brodhead Senior Citizens building and a claim for payment to the county's election commissioners.

The senior citizens building is used by the Rockcastle County Board of Education which takes care of any remodeling needs inside the building.

The \$5,288 claim was for new vinyl siding and trim, posts and soffit replacement, etc.

"Heiner"

(Cont. from front)

are expected to file for the top state office. The primary election for state offices will be May 19, 2015 and the general election will be held November 3, 2015.

Heiner is a Louisville businessman and former Louisville Metro Council member.

The public is invited to attend the event. Heiner's campaign workers will have yard signs available at the event.



Happy Sweet 16 "Sweetie Pie" We love you very much! Gran-Gran & Papaw

"Arrested"

(Cont. from front)

and one-half hydrocodone pills on Griffin at the time of his arrest.

Griffin was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and tampering with physical evidence. He was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was later released on a \$7,500 cash/property bond.

"Fourth"

(Cont. from front)

fireworks after dark. For more information about the Freedom Celebration call 606-256-4571.

The Fourth of July celebrations will conclude with the annual "Blast in the Valley" this Saturday in Renfro Valley.

The event will feature inflatables for the children, beginning at 3 p.m. and live musical entertainment, beginning at 4 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Medley Boys, Wild River, Blind Ricky, County Wide and various other Renfro Valley entertainers.

Concessions will also be available at the event and the fireworks display will be held at dusk.

The event is a joint effort of the Mount Vernon/Rockcastle County Tourist Commission, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Mt. Vernon.

For more information about Blast in the Valley call 606-256-9814.

County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis said Rockcastle Countians will be able to have private fireworks displays. However, he said the U.S. Forrest Service has banned people from possessing or shooting off fireworks in the Daniel Boone National Forrest.

"Economy"

(Cont. from front)

showed that Rockcastle County had an unemployment rate of 8.9% in 2012 and 7.5% in 2014 with 239 jobs created during that time span.

For more information about the study visit <http://www.valuepenguin.com/kentucky-fastest-growing-local-economies>.

Signal office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday!

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Gospel Sing

Jim Miller will hold a Gospel Sing at the Black Barn Music Show at Conway (in front of Conway Grocery) on the first Friday of each month (April through September) at 7 p.m. All singers welcome.

VBS at Crossroads

Hey kids! Join us for Vacation Bible School "Gangway to Galilee" Amazing Grace Adventures, July 14-18 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Crossroads Assembly of God, Brodhead. For more info, call 606-365-1367.

VBS at Scaffold Cane

"Discover, Decide, Defend." The Investigation Begins (1st Peter 3:15) at

Scaffold Cane Baptist Church during our Vacation Bible School July 7-11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday night, July 11th will be VBS Family Night with a cook-out.

Bro. Chris Cobb is pastor.

Philadelphia United Baptist Events

Sat., July 5, the church will be selling food at the car show by Crab Orchard school. Come out and support us.

Sat., July 12th, the church will be at Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon and the Praise Singers will be featured.

Church every Sunday 10 a.m. to noon; Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Church Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The church is located at 834 Bryant Ridge Road. Pastor is Gordon Mink.

Fellowship Meeting

There will be a Fellowship Meeting at Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church on Mon., July 7th at 7 p.m. with Bro. Jack Carpenter. Everyone invited.

Reunions

Hayes Reunion

The Thomas C. Hayes, Jr. Family Reunion will be held Sunday, July 6th at Logan Hubble Park Shelter No. 2. Come and bring a covered dish. Dinner will be served around 1 p.m.

Phelps Reunion

The Phelps Family Reunion will be held at Kentucky Christian Assembly on Sat., July 5th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish and join us for a day of fellowship and fun.

All family members and friends are welcome.

For more information, call Sheary Phelps Caldwell at 606-308-1886 or 606-758-8617.

Miller Reunion

The Miller Family Reunion will be held at Maple Grove Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 12th.

Families of the late Bill and Susie Miller, John and Mary Miller, Oliver and Harriett Miller, Orville and Idie Miller, Irvine and Lettie Miller, Tarrie and Maggie Gray would like to invite you and your family to come and spend the day with us.

For more information, call 758-4489.

Hansel Reunion

The Hansel Reunion will be held at Quail Park on Saturday, July 12th, beginning

at 16 p.m.

Stewart-Leger Reunion

The Stewart-Leger Reunion will be held Sat., July 5th at Flat Rock Church.

Bring a covered dish. Everyone welcome.

Bullen Reunion

The Dewey B. and Flora Bullen Reunion will be held Sunday, July 13th at the Bullen Farm at Roundstone.

Family and friends are invited to come and bring a covered dish.

There will be a silent auction and dessert auction.

Lunch will be served at noon or 1 p.m.

Thompson Reunion

The Thompson Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 19th at Quail Community Park. Lunch will be served at noon.

Mullins & Friends Reunion

The Family of the late Edith and C.P. Mullins ask all relatives and friends to attend the "Mullins and Friends" Reunion Saturday, July 12th at Fairview Baptist Church shelter, 520 Fairview Loop Road, Mt. Vernon.

The reunion will begin at noon. Bring a dish and come fellowship with us.

For more info, call 606-256-4212.

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



The Almost-forgotten "Tater" Wagons

Dear Journal,

Today has been dark and cloudy since early this morning when I got out of bed. Showers and thunderstorms were predicted for later in the afternoon. The weatherman was correct in his forecast; there have been periodic showers most all day, with a distant rumble of thunder.

It has been the most perfect stay-at-home Sunday I've had in a long time. I've had a chance to work on and finish a couple of projects I had started, lounge at my leisure, watch TV and even take a little nap. With a steady rain falling and all the dark clouds, who couldn't help but sleep?

The house is so still and quiet, as I lay stretched across a couch in the living room. The rain was really coming down, and then I heard a rumble of thunder in the distance. Then my thoughts turned to a phrase I had almost forgotten: "Listen! The 'tater' wagons are coming!" Oh, my! That took me all the way back to my childhood days growing up back home.

When I was growing up our family had a little ritual when summer storms would blow their way into our area. The doors and windows had to be shut as we didn't have air conditioning. Air conditioning was only available, in a few places of business. Then the appliances were turned off and unplugged, so the lightning wouldn't "run in" and set the house on fire. Finally, after the mad scramble was complete and all was secure, we all gathered in one room to wait for the storm to pass.

In order to pass the time,

we would tell stories of things long past or just something made up. Being of Irish descent in part, one of the favorite stories was that of the "tater" wagons in the old days of Ireland.

I can imagine a harvest day in Ireland with little thatched-roof cottages covering a lush countryside. Stone fences defined the farms, and on those farms grew the crops to sustain life.

Among the most important vegetables grown was the potato, long known to have kept Ireland from starvation at one time.

At the time of harvest, the "taters" were loaded on little carts or wagons, and taken to be stored during the long, cold winter. As the "tater" wagons rolled along the little dirt roads, the "taters" bumped against each other to make a sound similar to rolling thunder.

Isn't it funny how a rumble of thunder can take you back many, many years?

Free guided tours at Artisan Center

On Saturday, July 12, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer visitors free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans," and the lobby exhibit, "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration."

"Repurposed & Recycled" features works by over 40 artists and includes pieces made from a wide variety of recycled materials, from antique lightning rods to scrap paint to dehydrated tree frogs.

The lobby exhibit covers the history of Kentucky bourbon and production of this unique drink with details showing the location of Kentucky distilleries with tours and products made from recycled bourbon barrels.

These free, guided exhibit tours will be led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff, who will talk about the exhibit, the artists and individual works. Staff will answer questions about the techniques and various processes used in the objects featured. This tour will be

given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

In addition, on July 12, Karen Brown-Levy, of Louisville, will be demonstrating how she creates her hand-built clay jack-o-lanterns from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov.

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Bible Talk

Paul in Gal. 6:7-10 gives us God's immutable laws of Planting and Harvesting. Let us consider this powerful and sobering text this month in our study.

God's Law of Harvest - "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap." vs.7. The law is immutable or unchangeable. Do not be deceived about the matter, as Paul tells us. Some will be deceived thinking they can sow to the flesh all their lives and then go to heaven. What you plant is what you reap! You plant corn, and you get corn in the harvest. You plant beans, and you get beans in the harvest. We understand the natural realm, even so we can understand the spiritual realm also. "For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap."

Sows to The Flesh - There are only two kinds of planting we can do as humans: we can sow to the flesh or we can sow to the Spirit. Doing the works of the flesh would be what Paul described back in Gal. 5:19-21. "Now the works of the flesh are clearly revealed, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, fightings, jealousies, angers, rivalries, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkennesses, revelings, and things like these; of which I tell you before, as I also said before, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Sadly, too many spend their life in living after the flesh, the way of sin.

Sows to The Spirit - We can also choose to sow to the Spirit. That is, living a life after the teachings of the Holy Spirit. It would be doing things like what Paul describes in Gal. 5:22-26. "But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law. But those belonging to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become glory-seeking, provoking one another, envying one another." We must not become weary in well doing and faint or lose heart. We can quit hearing, believing and obeying the Lord and fall from the grace or favor of God.

The Harvest Will Come - Depending on what we have planted, that is what we will reap. If we have sown to the flesh, we will reap corruption. Eternal punishment is the just punishment for our sins and transgressions. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Rom. 6:23. The harvest for sowing to the Spirit is life everlasting, "But he sowing to the Spirit will reap life everlasting from the Spirit." This is the gift of God bestowed on us by His grace. His grace must be accepted by faith and obedience to His word, Eph. 2:8, Heb. 5:8-9. So the question for each of us is: Are we sowing to the flesh? Or are we sowing to the Spirit? We are always happy to study the bible with those who want to learn the word of God. Contact us if we can assist.

We invite you to worship with us at the Providence church of Christ. 758-8524
 Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40am & 6:00pm; Wednesday 7:00pm.
 Our Web Site: www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

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Several members from different volunteer fire departments in Rockcastle County completed a thirty hour Swift Water Rescue Technician Course in Paintsville and Prestonsburg recently. The course covered multiple aspects of water rescue such as shore-based operations, boat accident rescue and automobile accident water rescues. Shown above front row from left are : Josh Hayes (Brodhead Fire Department) and Randy Bussell (Mt. Vernon Fire Department.) Back row from left: Helen Pollock, Shawn Pollock, Jack Navarre and Kevin Navarre, all from the Livingston Fire Department and Brian Bullock and Larkin Prewitt, both from the Brodhead Fire Department.



Production of bike safety and trail video underway
The Rockcastle County Development Board, Inc. applied and was granted a Paula Nye Bike Safety Grant several months ago. On June 28th, filming began with mountain bike riding on the Wildcat Mountain Run. Nickki Helton, who is from Rockcastle County and works for KET, was hired to produce the video which will be shown in the Livingston Visitor Center. Small clips from this filming will also be used on the webpage, etc. to showcase the trails. Several locals volunteered their time Saturday, June 28 and Sunday June 29th to ride and be filmed. The completed production will include footage of the trail, Wildcat Mountain Battlefield information and parking lot area, Rockcastle River and McKee Road Bike Trail.

Taking extra classes will help finish college quickly

Taking more classes each semester you're in college will help you finish your degree earlier, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). That's especially important if, like many people, you'll need federal or private student loans to help pay for your education. A full-time load for undergraduate students is generally considered 12 credit hours per semester. Associate's degrees usually require 60 credit hours to finish, bachelor's degrees 120 hours. If you take 12 hours each semester, you'll need five semesters to finish an associate's degree and 10 semesters to finish a bachelor's degree. But what if you take 15 hours per semester? Most colleges won't charge you any more for 15 hours than they do for 12 hours. Taking 15 hours means you'll finish an associate's degree in four semesters and a bachelor's degree in eight semesters. And that can save you hundreds, even thousands of dollars in tuition and fees. When you're planning your schedule, think about taking that extra class each semester. The sooner you earn that degree, the sooner you can start job hunting in your field. KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 67372.



Let YOUR Voice Be Heard

Please join us in a Community Discussion regarding the Face of Aging, Aging Services and Long Term Care. Don't let your community go without a voice. Please let us know your thoughts on what changes need to be made and how we can better assist the needs of your community.



July 8th	1:00-3:00pm	London	Laurel Co. Older Persons Activity Center
July 9th	1:00-3:00pm	Harlan	Harlan Co. Senior Citizens Center
July 23rd	2:00-4:00pm	Brodhead	Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center
July 24th	2:00-4:00pm	Barbourville	Barbourville Health and Rehab Center

Hosted By: Cumberland Valley Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living
For Directions or Further Information, Please Call: 506-864-7391

NOTICE TO Rockcastle County Taxpayers

Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk pursuant to KRS 422.130, announces that the 2013 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Mt. Vernon Signal on July 09, 2014. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is available for public inspection during the hours of Monday-Wednesday and Friday 8:30-4:00, Thursday 8:30-6:00 and Saturdays 8:30-12:00 at the County Clerk's office located at 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

This list may also be inspected on the Rockcastle County Clerk website beginning July 09, 2014. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is rockcastlecountyclerk.com.

The tax sale will be held on August 13, 2014 beginning at 10 AM. Priority participants must register their priority lists with the clerk's office by July 29, 2014 and newly interested participants must register with the county clerk's office by August 2, 2014. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office any time prior to the tax sale. Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.

Some delinquencies-although they have been advertised-will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504 (10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at (606)-256-2831.

Payment agreements can be made through the County Attorney's office. Please contact Casey at (606)-256-2730 if you wish to set up such an agreement.

In the event that you bought or sold property in 2013 and are unsure whether the tax bill has been paid please contact us.

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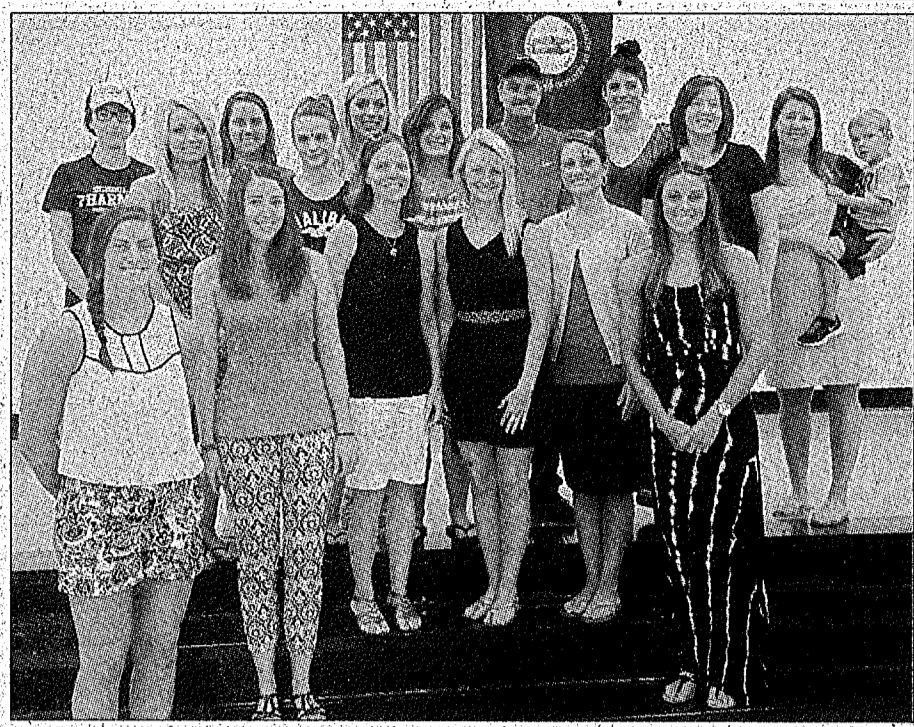
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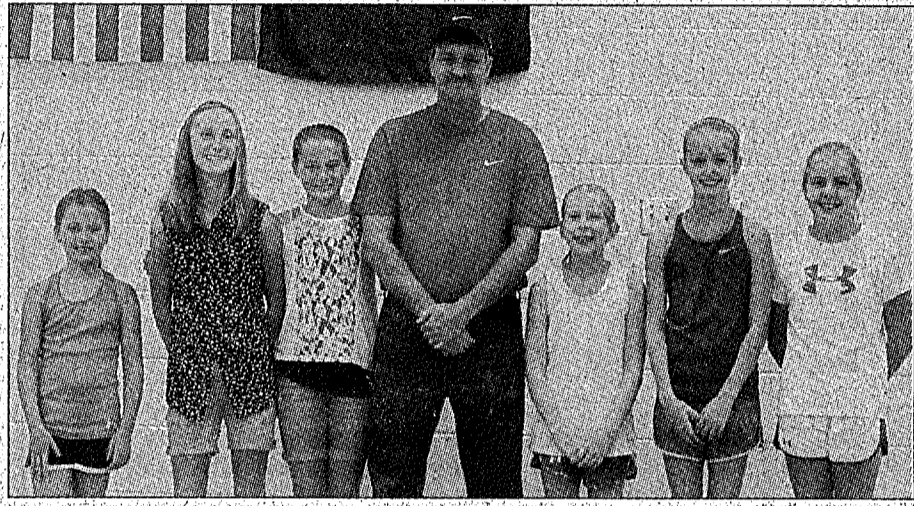
Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, July 3, 2014



Former and present athletes gathered to honor Coach Mark Brummett's recent induction into the Track and Field/Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame, held Sunday, June 29th at the Rockcastle County Middle School. Above, former track members with Brummett. Below, present track members with Brummett.



Coach Mark Brummett honored

Former and current athletes gathered at Rockcastle County Middle School Sunday, June 29th to celebrate the success of Rockcastle Track and Field and Cross Country and to honor long-time coach Mark Brummett.

Brummett just completed his 21st year in coaching at Rockcastle County High School, 17 as Head Coach of the girls' program.

Coach Brummett was named the Girls Class AA Coach of the year in 2001 and 2005 and, during those two years, was named Overall Girls Coach of the Year.

In January of 2014, Coach Brummett became the first, and only, coach in Rockcastle County history to be named to a Hall of Fame when he

was inducted into the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

During his tenure at RCHS, the girls have won an impressive 16 regional titles, 10 in track and field and six in cross country. They have also finished as runner-up in region six times in track and field and three in cross country.

The girls program has won seven Indoor State Championships and finished runner-up twice. Since 2001, the outdoor team has finished in the top eight at state meets in 12 years. That includes top four in nine seasons and they are two time state runner-up.

The girls cross country team was state runner-up in

2004 and placed third in 2005, just seven points from winning it all.

Individually, the girls program, under Coach Brummett, has had over 50 indoor and outdoor state champions and over 50 runners-up in their individual events.

During the same time, Brummett has had nearly 100 regional gold medalist, and over 60 silver medalist at region level.

The program has had three finalist for Female Track Athlete of the year or Miss Track. Samantha Smith, Michaela Hunter and Heather Hammond (Hamilton) with Heather winning the award in 2005. All three were named Class AA Female Track Athlete of the Year.

In addition, Samantha Smith, Morgan Thacker and Amy Johnson won numerous Indoor Field Event Athlete of the Year awards. Morgan and Samantha dominated the award for five years with Morgan winning 2006-08 and Samantha in 2009 and 2010.

The girls program, under Coach Brummett, has won over 60 All-State Track and Field and Cross Country awards, and at least that many All-State academic awards.

Coach Brummett's best have also had great success on the collegiate level with two of them, Cheyenne Carmack Haste and Heather Hammond Hamilton earning Academic All-American status. Both were members of legendary Coach Bill Long's Western Kentucky University team.

Rockcastle Regional golf scramble donates \$4,900 to WHAS Crusade

Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center held its 11th annual charity golf scramble to benefit WHAS Crusade for Children on June 25th. Cedar Rapids Golf Course hosted the ten teams for a day of friendly competition and charitable spirit. Overall, the event raised \$4,900.

WHAS Crusade for Children wasn't the only winner of the day. The team sponsored by Community Trust Bank won first place, with a final score of 53. Playing on behalf of Community Trust Bank were Mike Blunt, Chris Blunt, Kelli Blunt, and Kellen Wilson. Taking second place was the team sponsored by Central Body Service, with a final score of 54. Playing for Central Body were David Eaton, Andrew Pensol, Jesse Mahaffey, and Zack Gentry. The teams sponsored by Citizens Bank and UK HealthCare finished with a tied score of 55, which resulted in a tie breaker of closest to the pin from 100 yards. Trent Clark won the

playoff, landing one within three feet of the pin and securing third place for the Citizens Bank team. Playing for the Citizens Bank team along with Clark were Brandon Young, Joe Young, and Jim Clontz.

The event would not have been possible without the generous support and time of many people and sponsors of the lunch, teams, holes, beverage carts, and goodie bags: MEDHOST; Central Body Service; Citizens Bank; Community Trust Bank; Dean, Dorton, Allen, & Ford PLLC; Rockcastle Regional Hospital; Surge Promotions; UK HealthCare; UK College of Health Sciences; Banners, Signs & Etc.; Bissell's Inc.; Bluegrass Biomedical Inc.; Coffey & Ford Attorneys at Law; Good Neighbor Pharmacy; Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum; KHA Solutions Group; Rockcastle Regional Dietary Services; Rockcastle Regional Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, & Speech Therapy; Rockcastle Family Care,

Rockcastle Family Wellness, & Rockcastle Pediatrics & Adolescents; Seneca Medical; Vanhook Architectural Services; MESA of TeamHealth; Wiser Strategies; UK Physician Liaison; Rockcastle Regional Community Relations; Cedar Rapids LLC; Fayette Graphics; Hospice Care Plus; and Rockcastle Professional Pharmacy.

The WHAS Crusade for Children was established in 1954 by WHAS-TV with a mission to provide agencies, schools, and hospitals the resources and equipment necessary to help better the lives of special needs children.

Since 1990, Rockcastle Regional Hospital has participated in various fundraisers to raise over \$109,284.00 for the Crusade. To date, Rockcastle Regional has received \$551,577.94 from the Crusade. This money has been used to purchase two trip vans, portable ventilators, a specialized bathtub, and numerous pieces of equipment and therapy materials.



The team sponsored by Community Trust Bank won first place, with a final score of 53, in the recent Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center charity golf scramble to benefit WHAS Crusade for Children. Playing on behalf of Community Trust Bank were Kellen Wilson, Chris Blunt, Kelli Blunt, and Mike Blunt.



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The teams sponsored by Citizens Bank finished third in the recent Rockcastle Hospital charity golf scramble with a score of 55. Playing for the Citizens Bank team were Jim Clontz, Joe Young, Trent Clark and Brandon Young.

Low-income nutrition coupons available for Farmer's Market

Two local organizations are supporting the Rockcastle Farmer's Market while assisting low-income residents.

The Rockcastle Senior Citizens Center has been provided a Kentucky Department of Agriculture Grant for 162 low-income senior adults to receive vegetables from the Farmer's Market. Senior Citizen's staff will take applications Friday, July 11th at 7 a.m. at the Senior Center on HWY 25 South. Please have proof of income, age, and residency available at the time of submitting an application. If more than 162 apply, a waiting list will be developed should additional funds become available later this summer.

The Rockcastle Health Department is providing (WIC) Women Infant and Children clients with free nutrition coupons as well. If you are a WIC client or qualify, please see the Health Department Staff for assistance.

The Rockcastle Farmer's Market will get underway Thursday, July 10th at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at their Richmond Street location across from Richmond Street Eye Care.

This year's locations are: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Richmond Street location. Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Brodhead Fairgrounds, plus 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Livingston.



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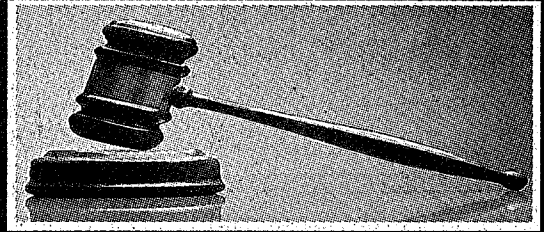
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Betty Hensley, et al vs. Sabrina Hensley, custody petition.

JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Donald McWhorter, et al, \$70,468.53 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Frank L. Fain, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Bradley Wesley, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Norma Slavey, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Kyle Barnett, complaint for

medical support. Elvis Gordon Hayes vs. Angela Renee Carpenter, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jessica Rose vs. Donnie Rose, petition for dissolution of marriage. Velocity Investments LLC vs. Judy Conn, \$5,686.36 plus claimed due. CI-00140

District Civil Suits

Midland Funding LLC vs. Fred Young, \$1,449.67 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. James Thacker, \$3,611.31 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Heather Lear, \$2,489.34 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Colton Isaacs,

\$725.53 plus claimed due. Heights Finance Corp. vs. Donna Clemmons, et al, \$2,723.45 plus claimed due. C-00086

Deeds Recorded

Edward and Eliza Barnett, property on the waters of Copper Creek, to Thomas E. Spencer, Jr. Tax \$136

Earl Hallock, property at foot of Old Gauley to Jerry E. and Anna Mae Morris. Tax \$40

Joan P. Garrison, et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Jennifer P. Hand. No tax

Uta Faye McCauley, property in Rockcastle County, to Jessé David McCauley. No tax

Susanne Mullins Thacker, property in Rockcastle County, to Eddie W. and Amy Todd. Tax \$240

Lois Renee and Ronald Burdette, property on Brodhead/Conway Road, to Lewis and Gail Reams. No tax

William C. and Elizabeth C. Kirby, property in Rockcastle County, to Iroquois Valley Farms LLC. Tax \$120

Timothy and Charlotte Azbill, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Azbill. Tax \$70

Terry McMillan, property in Rockcastle County, to Terry and Marlene Lawson. Tax \$6

Louise B. Allen, Trustee, property in Rockcastle County, to 1841KY Maplegrove Partners LLC. No tax

Glenn Sandefur, Tom and Karen Hishon and John Hishon, property on

Crooked Creek, to Darrell W. Hager and Christie Lea Green. Tax \$130.

Konaur Capital Corp., property on Lilac Circle, Mt. Vernon, to Martha Epperson and Charles Smith. Tax \$35

Carl and Melody Smiddy, property on Old Backbone Ridge Rd., to Patrick Hupp and Robin Carol Lamb-Hupp. Tax \$12.

Not the One

The Michael Mink listed in the June 19th issue of the *Signal* in the circuit court news is not Michael Mink of Calloway.

Marriage Licenses

Rhonda Michelle Abney, 23, Mt. Vernon, factory to Brandon Kurt Barnes, 25, Mt. Vernon, UPS. 6/19/14

Theresa C. Hunter, 55, London, housewife, to Charles Edward Hunter, 73, London, retired. 6/20/14

Sarah Mackenzie Smith, 18, Crab Orchard, Sun Tan City to Patrick Tanner Childress, 22, Brodhead, Sherwin Williams. 6/25/14

Jesse Gray Mills, 21, Brodhead, student to Rodney Shane Jones, Jr., 24, Brodhead, machinist. 6/26/14

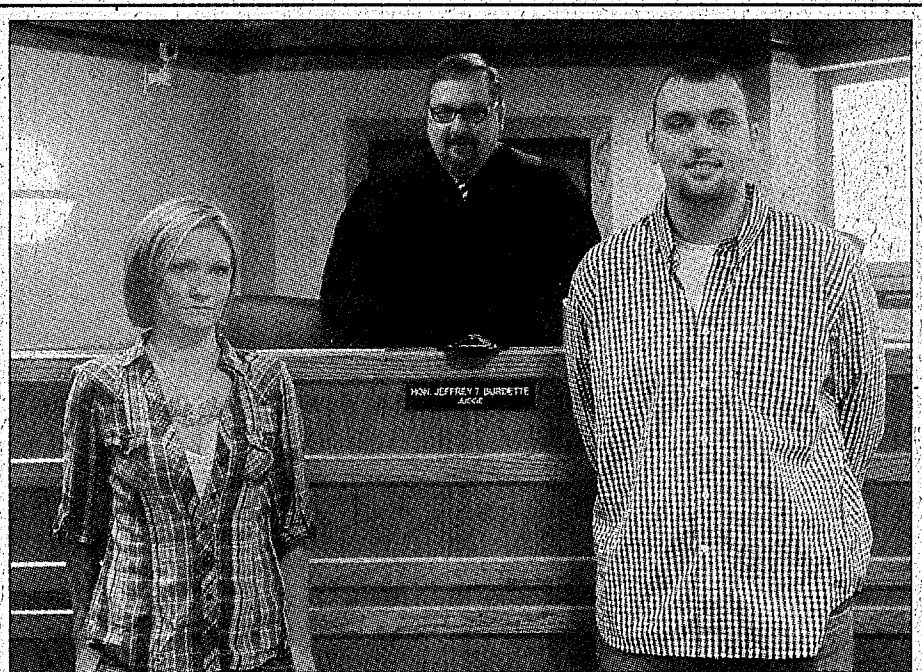
Signal office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day

Two graduate drug court

The Rockcastle County Circuit Drug court held their annual graduation on June 3rd. Zachary Ramsey and Natasha Issacs graduated the program after 18 months of hard work and dedication to sobriety. Chief Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette presided over the graduation and praised the graduates for their dedication to sobriety and a commitment to a better life.

Drug court is an alternative to incarceration for non-violent drug offenders who do not have drug trafficking charges. Drug Court participants must complete the 18-24 month program that includes weekly counseling sessions, weekly court appearances, 3x weekly drug screens, 2x weekly AA/NA meetings, full time employment or full time education, and community service projects. Judge Burdette expressed how proud he was of the graduates and also how thankful he was of the Drug Court Team who oversees their progress. He expressed a special thank you to team members: Amy Yates, Bruce Ross, Connie Cable, Roxanna Robinson, James Miller, and his fellow Circuit Judge David A Tapp who along with Judge Burdette presides over the Drug Courts in Rockcastle, Lincoln, and Pulaski counties.

Judge Burdette and judge Robert Gillum started the Circuit Drug Court in Rockcastle and Pulaski counties in 2004.



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LITTLE WORLDS FAIR AUGUST 2-9, 2014

Aug. 2 - Fun Horse Show - 6:00 PM
Gates open 3:00PM - Admission \$7

Aug. 3 - Beauty Pageants- 3:00PM
Location - Brodhead Elementary School - Admission \$5

Aug. 4 Demolition Derby - 7:30PM
Gates open 5:30PM - Carnival opens 6:00PM - Admission \$10
- Laser Tag included with admission -

Aug. 5 - Lawn Mower Pull- 7:00PM
Gates open 5:30PM - Carnival opens 6:00PM - Admission \$10
Kids Night - Kids 12 and under \$5
- Laser Tag included with admission -

Aug. 6 - Wrestling - 7:30PM
Gates open 5:30PM - Carnival opens 6:00PM - Admission \$10
- Laser Tag included with admission -

Aug. 7 - KOTTPA Truck Pull- 7:30PM
Gates open 5:30PM - Carnival opens 6:00PM - Admission \$10

Aug 8 - KTPA NAPA Gold Pull- 7:30pm
Gates open 5:30pm - Carnival opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10

Aug 9 - Mud Races - 7:00pm
Gates open 5:30 pm - Carnival opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10
Brodhead Firefighters Memorial Run 5K/2Mile Walk - 8:00AM
Day of Registration Starts 7:00AM
Pre Registration \$15 - Day of Registration \$20



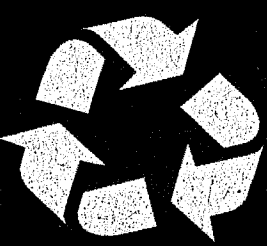
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Redwood House. Two bedrooms, one bath on 1 acre lot. Stove and fridge furnished. Gas and electric heat. Located off Hwy. 150 between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead. \$450 month/\$450 deposit. No pets. Credit check and reference required. Now available. Shown by appointment. Call 606-256-8156 before 7 p.m. 27xntf

2 Bedroom Trailer. No pets. Security deposit required. 859-358-3560. 20xntf

For Rent: Trailer in Mt. Vernon. 256-9183

Duplex in Brodhead. All appliances furnished. Call Patty. 758-9666. 17xntf

Duplex in Brodhead. Call Amy Nicely 256-8700. 15xntf

Trailers and house in Brodhead. No pets. 758-8922. ntf

Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications: For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510. 36ftn

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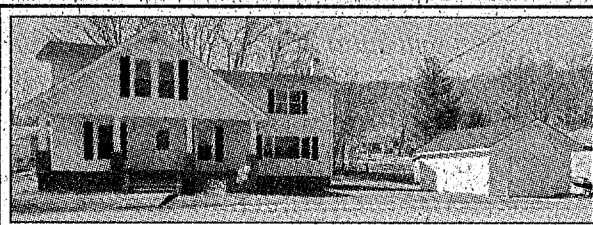
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Posted

Posted: No hunting, trespassing, 4 wheelers or ATVs of any type on land belonging to Cecil and Judy King on Hwy. 22549 (White Rock Road) on property known as Ridgeview Estate. Violators will be prosecuted. 24xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or 4 wheelers on property belonging to William Johnson and Bill Parker (formerly owned by Barbara Setser) and located on Hwy. 490, Mahaffey Hollow Road, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 13x26

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. 24xntf

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. (1/15/15)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Carol Blackburn, 1435 Marler Hollow. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for injuries or deaths. (3/7/14)

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

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

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

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

Yard Sales

Yard Sale: Friday only, July 4th. Sunnydale Estates. 9 a.m. to ? Lots of everything. Priced to sale. Horseshoes, clothes, toys, pictures -- lots more!

Cash Family Yard Sale: Saturday, July 5th, 8 a.m. to ? Corner of Wallin St. and South Main St., Brodhead.

Barn Yard Sale: Fri. and Sat., 9 to 5. Rain or shine. Gary and Vicki Scott's home on Gum Sulphur Road. Collectibles, clothes, dishes and misc.

Yard Sale: Friday, July 4th. 607 Carpenter Subdv. Road at dead end. Rain cancels. Clothes, shoes, purses, dishes, pictures, end tables, arrowheads, nail guns, cedar chest, bench, lots of odds and ends.

Yard Sale: Thurs., July 3rd. Nothing over 50c. Old Sigmon Loop.

Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, 8 to 3, both days. Ridgeview Subdivision on Hwy. 2549 (first section of Old 461).

First Carport and Yard Sale in 3 years. 5 families at the home of Birdie DeBord at 20 Lawrence Lane, behind S&T Store, Mt. Vernon. Fri. July 4, 8 to 5 and Sat., July 5, 8 to 2. Boys clothing-szs 6 to 16, young men's, including Aeropostle and Levi Jeans, ladies shoes, all sizes, young women's sizes, petite to plus, Aeropostle tops and jeans, szs 7-9, other clothing all sizes. Movies, curtains, purses, knick-knacks and furniture. Two Bunkie Boards for bunk beds, new 8x12 carpet, topper with tool boxes for long truck bed and lots of household items. Don't miss this one. Rain or shine.

Yard Sale: Fri., July 4th, 2925 Copper Creek Road. Approx. 3 miles off Hwy. 150. Moving sale. Fabric, craft items, sewing notions, lamps, purses and women's clothing. Some furniture, twin size box spring, baby items, books, household items -- too much to mention. Priced to sell.

Yard Sale: Fri., July 4th and Sat., July 5th, 8 to 4 at the home of Sherri Turner, 105 Lair St. Rain cancels. Lots of name brand clothing, newborn to 2T, car seat, toys, several riding toys, shoes, adult clothing and much more. Given by Sherri Turner and Betty Wright.

3 Family Yard Sale
July 10, 11, 12
9 a.m. to ?
Lots of clothes, shoes, children's and boys' clothes, some tools, Hot Wheels, old fire engine trucks, new tile, Wii games, old movies, purses, wooden picture frames, twin size bedspreads. More to look at. Come and browse. 6320 S. Wilderness Road, toward Livingston, on the right past Pine Hill Holiness Church. Signs will be posted. Rain cancels.

Multi-Family Garage Sale: Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the home of Angie Hendrickson, 285 Solar Drive, Mareburg. Baby items, girls (infant to size 6), boys' clothes (all sizes), men's and women's clothing (all sizes), large variety of household items and much more. Given by Angie Hendrickson, Nancy Bussell, Gina Bussell, Carrie Alcorn and Monica Hurst.

2 Family Yard Sale: 4888 Willailla Road on Hwy. 70. Tools, clothes, 5 ft. woods mower, paddle boat, lots more. There's something for everyone. Thurs., Friday and Sat., 9 to ?

Big Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, 8 to 5, on 1505, 75 Little Hurricane Branch Road, Conway area. Watch for signs. Antiques, collectibles, tools, glassware, bicycles, toys, girl's blue jeans, lawn furniture, clothes, etc.

Yard Sale: Saturday, 9 to noon at 117 Clubview Drive (beside Mareburg). Lots of ladies brand name and designer clothes, sizes 0-12. Most items \$3 or less.

Huge, Multi-Family Yard Sale: Houston Point Sudv., about 1 miles past Cedar Rapids Country Club. This Friday and Saturday, 8 to ? Baby boy clothes, size newborn-18 months; boy's sizes 10-12, girl's sizes 5-7. Men's and women's clothing, all sizes. Name brand clothing, including Under Armour, Nike, Ralph Lauren, Loft, Dri-Fit Men's polo shirts, Children's Place, Gymboree and too many more to list. Lots of toys, books, dance attire, Boyd's Bears, luggage, household items and much more. Given by Sherrie Creech, Breanna Adams and Brittany McClure.

Yard Sale: 7 Old Somerset Road (Fairground Hill). Plus size clothing, old furniture, glassware, a little bit of everything. This Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to ?

Yard Sale: 605 West Main St., Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to ? Clothes (Women's, boys and girls), shoes, purses, books, movies/DVDs, Thirty-One, Bath and Body Works, Victoria's Secret, Tupperware products and gas grill.

5 Family Garage Sale: 220 Lovell Lane. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to ? Lots of nice name brand clothes, quilts, tables, lamps, heaters, back massager, foot massager, sheet sets, lamp shades, men's, women's and children's clothing, jewelry -- too much to mention. Lots of nice gallery pictures, like new sweeper. Coming from Mt. Vernon, turn onto Williams St., go to four-way stop, turn left on Lovell Lane.

Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, 8 a.m. to ? Rain or shine. Highway 2108 at Mareburg. Go approx. one mile, turn left on Clubview Dr., 3rd house on left. Signs will be posted. Treadmill, AB lounge, two PS2 game consoles, 50 PS2 games, DSI w/10 games, portable DVD player, 19 inch TV, TV stand, golf club set, 20 inch boys motorcycle bicycle, men's clothes - szs med-large including namebrands, AE, Hollister and Aeropostale; men's xl; women's szs 2-10; boys 10-12, purses, toys and much more.

Three Family Yard Sale: 1680 Mt. Zion Road, Brodhead. This Saturday, 8 a.m. to ? Early birds welcome. All kinds of various items.

Yard Sale: Sat., July 5th, Conway on U.S. 25 at Snyder Grocery. Clothes, shoes, accessories, knick-knacks, books and more. Women's sizes S-L, men's sizes L-4XL.

Garage Sale: Friday, July 4th, 8:30 am - 3 pm and Saturday, 8:30 am - 12 noon. At the home of Sam Ford on the Wabd Jones Rd. From Mt. Vernon, take Hwy. 461 toward Somerset approx. 6 miles and turn right onto Old 461 Loop 1, proceed about 1/2 mile and turn right by the Candle Shop. Proceed 2 miles. At the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church follow the road that goes over the hill. Items include: white toddler bed, white full bed, twin bedding, ivory king duvet cover, toys, sit and standup stroller, high chair, Even Flo' stroller, DVDs, baby clothes, children's clothes, men and women clothing, home decor and misc. items.

Huge Yard Sale: Friday, 8 to 1, Saturday, 8 to 12. NEW

furniture, table and chairs, cribs, futon, accent chairs, recliner, reclining love seat, glider and ottoman, double stroller, king/queen headboards, NEW area rugs 8x10s \$55, 5x7s \$35, NEW office desks, other home decor, scarves, women's and kids shoes, flip flops, women's name brand clothes, girl's clothes, newborn-2t, girl's clothes, size sm.-lg., toys, tools, cash and credit card accepted. 5.7 miles from 461-150 intersection toward Somerset, right on Level Green Access Road. Signs will be posted. Call 606-308-1285 with questions.

Yard Sale: Saturday only, Maple St., Mt. Vernon, by big red barn at home of Bill Cash. Call 308-2491 for more information.

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Single Sealy Ergomotion Bed, similar to hospital bed. Used about two months. Cost \$1500, asking \$800 firm. Call 606-758-4236 and leave message. 28x1

2007 Pontoon boat. Four cycle Mercury engine. Great shape. Asking \$6,000. Call 859-248-7701. 28x1p

Topsoil For Sale in Mt. Vernon Industrial Park. Call 859-625-8014. 24x4

Notices

I will not be responsible for debts made by anyone other than myself. Benny Rader. 28x1

The City of Mt. Vernon will be accepting sealed bids for FY2015 asphalt to be laid on city streets. We will accept bids anytime during business hours at City Hall, 125 Richmond Street, or the mailing address is: City of Mt. Vernon, P.O. Box 1465, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. The envelope

needs to be clearly marked sealed bid. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. We will accept bids July 3rd through July 18th at 5 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that Gina McCollum, 2600 Peggy Flats Road, Paint Lick, Ky. 40461 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Dorothy H. Brock on the 25th day of June, 2014. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gina McCollum or to Hon. Robert McCollum or to Hon. Robert McClelland, P.O. Box 54654, Lexington, Ky. 40555 on or before December 29, 2014 at 11 a.m. 28x3

Notice is hereby given that Kelly R. Hale, 2451 Rainbow Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230 has been appointed executor of the estate of Bobby R. Hale on the 11th day of June, 2014. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kelly R. Hale or to John D. Ford, Coffey and Ford, P.S.C., 45 East Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 15, 2014 at 11 a.m. 26x3

Notice is hereby given that Catherine Scott, P.O. Box 31, Livingston, Ky. 40445 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Richard Earl Overbay. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Catherine Scott or to the Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by December 22, 2014 at 11 a.m. 27x3

Notice is hereby given that Steven Rumsey, 1157 Hur-

ricane, School Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Guardian of Steven Blaine Rumsey, a minor, on the 16th day of June, 2014. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Steven Rumsey or to Hon. John B. Adams, Adams & Venters, P.O. Box 35, Somerset, Ky. 42502-0035, on or before December 22, 2014 at 11 a.m. 27x2

Notice is given that Rhonda E. Hayes has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the estate of Malachi Anthony Hayes, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held July 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 28x1

Notice is given that Rhonda E. Hayes has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of Jada Faith Hayes, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held July 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 28x1

Notice is given that Rhonda E. Hayes has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of William Anthony "Tony" Hayes, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held July

23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 28x1

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Found: Male dog with orange collar in Chestnut Drive/Paul St. area. Call 308-3711 for info. 28x1

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Officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources want it to be a fun and safe experience for everyone.

"There's nothing better than a day on the water," said Zac Campbell, the department's boating education coordinator. "It's a great way to spend quality time with your family and friends. But a great day on the water can turn tragic in a matter of seconds."

"Always be prepared with your safety equipment. Have a float plan and make sure you're watching out for everybody on board."

The increased boat traffic on a holiday weekend makes for more congested waterways and leaves less room for error.

Boat operators are advised to pay close attention to navigational rules and to drive cautiously in crowded areas. Scan the water around you, looking for swimmers, tubers, skiers, personal watercraft operators and floating debris.

"Even if you do everything properly, you still have to watch out for the other guy," Campbell said.

July was the leading month for boat accidents nationwide last year, according to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2013 Recreational Boating Statistics report.

Operator inattention was the top contributing factor in boating mishaps last year followed by improper lookout, operator inexperience and excessive speed, according to the North American Safe Boating Campaign. Alcohol use was the sixth highest contributing factor in boating accidents across the country last year.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife conservation officers will be out in full force over the holiday weekend to help ensure the safety of those on the water.

Conservation officers will be on the lookout for impaired boaters but also checking that boats are equipped with the required safety equipment.

"Especially life jackets, which are proven to be a vital tool in saving lives on the water," said Maj. Shane Carrier, boating law administrator with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Before leaving the ramp, or dock, check that you have the following:

- * Registration numbers and decals properly displayed
- * Registration receipt on board

- * Wearable life jackets for each person on board (children under the age of 12 must wear a life jacket in the open part of a boat that is underway)
- * Throwable flotation device
- * Fire extinguisher
- * Horn or whistle
- * Lights (red, green and 360-degree white lights)

All boats must display the proper navigation lights when underway between sunset and sunrise. The 360-degree white light must be displayed at all times when anchored during this period. It is especially important around congested areas such as marinas or fireworks displays on the water.

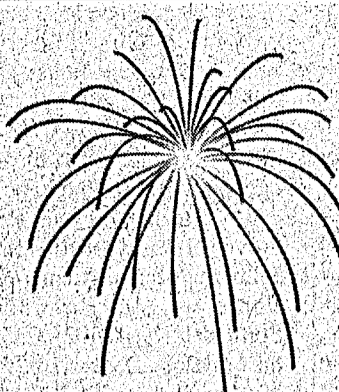
"As the operator you're responsible for everybody's safety on board, including your own," Campbell said. "After the fireworks are over, it might be a good idea to stay put a little while and let the boat traffic clear out."

"Sometimes it's really difficult to see which direction boats are moving. Be careful. Be attentive. Don't be a distracted operator. If you have enough people, get a spotter to help you out by being a lookout while you're driving."

Statistics show that people who have taken a boater education course are less likely to be involved in a boating accident, Campbell said.

In Kentucky, children ages 12-17 years old who operate a personal watercraft or boat with a 10-horsepower motor or greater must have a safe boating certificate.

Boater education courses are offered in person around the state at no charge and online for a fee. All in-person courses require online pre-registration. For more information, including course schedules, visit Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website at fw.ky.gov.



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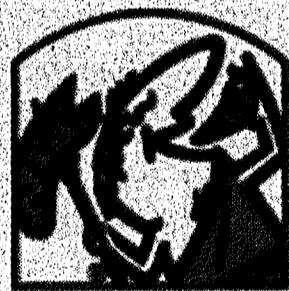
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