

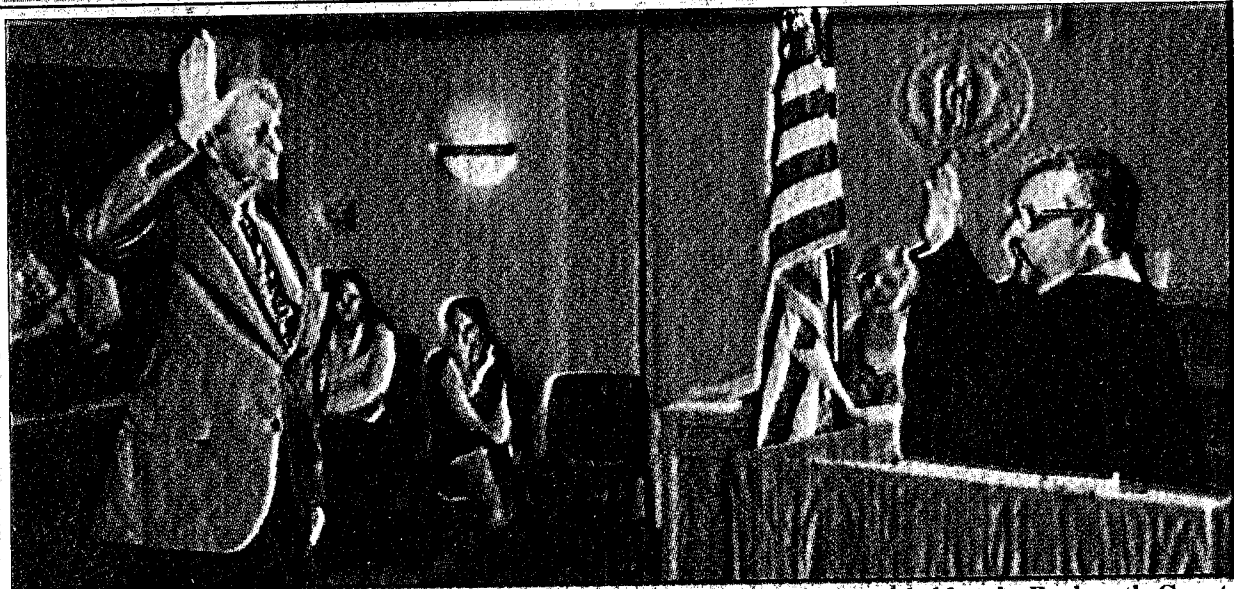
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The official swearing-in ceremony for all the recently elected county officials was held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse last Saturday. Shown above is newly-elected County Judge Executive Doug Bishop being sworn-in by Chief Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette. Bishop defeated Buzz Carloftis, who was the former county judge executive for 21 consecutive years. Shown below is the newly-elected County Jailer Carlos McClure and his staff being sworn-in. McClure defeated former Jailer James Miller, who held that office for 16 years. Other swearing in ceremonies for county and city offices are featured on B1 and B2.



At first meeting of Bishop's tenure

## Court approves raise in sheriff's monthly stipend

Newly-elected County Judge Executive Doug Bishop began his tenure as County Judge/Executive by calling a special meeting of the fiscal court on Tuesday.

As the main item of business, Sheriff's Deputy Dale McNew presented the court with an estimate of the departments revenue and expenses for 2015.

According to McNew's figures, the sheriff's office expects to receive \$245,360 in actual revenue. Besides that amount, the sheriff's

department will receive an advance from the state of \$85,000 to help defray expenses until the end of the year when the bulk of their revenue comes in from commissions on property taxes. The \$85,000 must be repaid in December or the sheriff's department cannot receive an advance the next year. Ponder's figures also include an additional \$30,000 which Sheriff Mike Peters takes out each year

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Court approves in last 2014 meeting

## Livingston school will get new gym floor

At the last fiscal court meeting of County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis' 21 year tenure, a special meeting called for Friday, December 30th, the court approved a new floor for the Livingston School gym but held off on awarding the bid for HVAC units for the school.

The court only received one bid for the engineered hardwood and adhesive for the gym floor, from Surplus Sales of Corbin. The court accepted the \$32,492.75 bid and the floor will be installed by county workers.

The bid for a new HVAC heating system for the school was also awarded, to Mobley's HVAC of Mt. Vernon, low bidder on the project, but that motion was later rescinded until warranty issues could be cleared up.

Mobley's HVAC's bid was for \$27,850 and in-

cluded a five year parts and labor warranty. However, after Carloftis contacted Mobley by phone during the meeting, Carloftis told

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## Fewer fatal wrecks in Rockcastle last year

By: Doug Ponder  
There were less fatal accidents reported on Rockcastle County roadways last year compared to recent years.

According to the Kentucky State Police fatality report, there was only two fatal accidents on Rockcastle County roadways in 2014. That number

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## SourceHOV HVAC unit and Cummins property discussed at RCIDA meeting

By: Doug Ponder

Several items of business were discussed at the monthly Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority meeting on Monday, including a broken HVAC unit at SourceHOV and the

recent issue about the Cummins property.

RCIDA Executive Director Holly Hopkins said she had received another call last week about the HVAC unit not functioning in the mail rooms of the

SourceHOV building in Rockcastle Industrial Park South. She said the cost of a new unit would be around \$9,300.

RCIDA board member Corey Craig said the board has several options on how they can pay for the new HVAC unit. He said they could pay for it out of the monthly lease payment they receive from SourceHOV or they could submit it as a part of their monthly claims to

the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Craig suggested that the board go ahead and pay for it out of the \$27,000 monthly lease payment they receive from SourceHOV. He said they could go ahead and pay \$7,000 for the month of January and the remaining portion in February when they get the bill from Leo Jones and Son.

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## Flu epidemic spreading throughout Rockcastle

By: Doug Ponder

Local clinics and doctor offices and have been full this past week as the flu and other sicknesses are reportedly spreading throughout Rockcastle County.

According to Cumberland Valley District Health Department Director Lynette Renner, there have been fifteen confirmed flu cases in Rockcastle County

since the beginning of December.

"We don't have the numbers for January yet but we do know there is currently widespread flu activity in Rockcastle County and throughout the state," Renner said. "We only keep track of flu cases, but we also hear there are a lot of

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## General Election wraps up last six months of 2014

JULY

Rockcastle County was ranked as the 21st fastest growing economy in the state.

Harry Potter, an employee of the Rockcastle County Road Department, filed as a candidate for Mayor of Mt. Vernon. He joins former mayor Clarice Kirby and incumbent Mike Bryant.

Several members from different fire departments in the county competed in a 30 hour Swift Water Rescue Technician Course in Paintsville.

Rockcastle Track and Field Coach Mark Brummett was inducted into the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

\$4,900 was donated to the WHAS Crusade for Children from the Rockcastle Regional Golf Scramble. The team sponsored by Community Trust Bank won first place in the scramble.

A large crowd, estimated at 10,000, came out for Blast in the Valley on Sunday, July 6th.

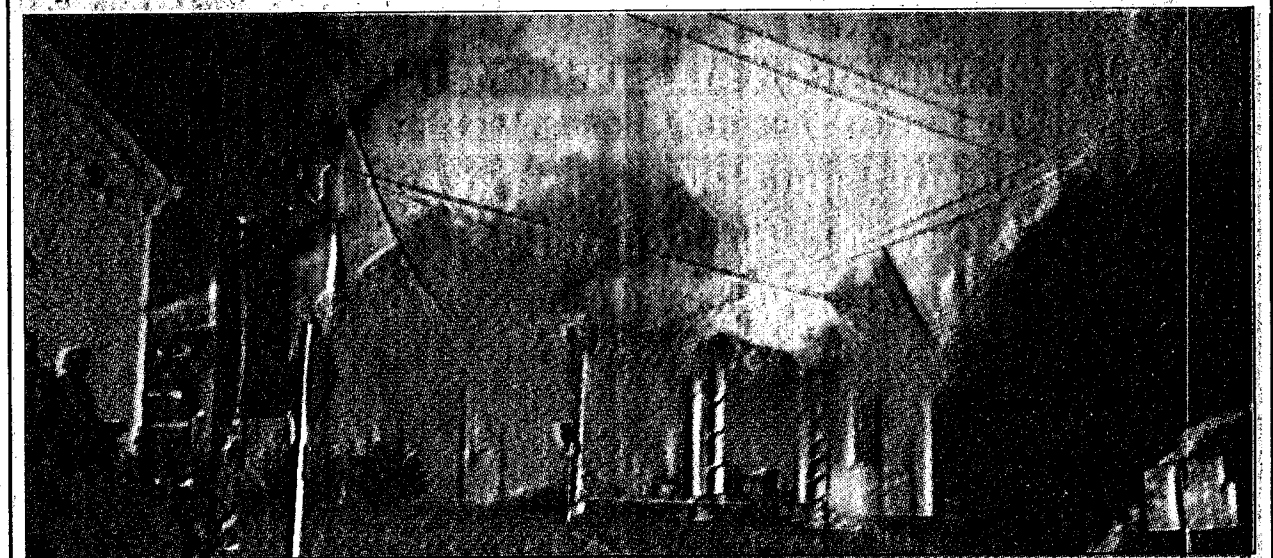
Brush Arbor Heritage crafts held the Grand Opening of their arts and crafts supply store in the Brush Arbor Village on Hummel Road in Renfro Valley.

Mt. Vernon Attorney Jerry J. Cox received the Kentucky Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award during the association's annual banquet held at the Marriott at River Center in Covington.

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Two families lost their homes in house fires this past week. In the above photo, Brindle Ridge Fire Department responded to a house fire Monday afternoon on Scaffold Cane Road in the Roundstone community. Authorities say the home belonged to Jesse Thacker and no one was home at the time of the fire. Officials say the cause of the fire is unknown and that it's still under investigation. BRFD was assisted by the Mount Vernon Fire Department and Brodhead Fire Department. In the photo below, Livingston Fire Department responded to a house fire last Wednesday night on Main Street in Livingston. Authorities say the home belonged to Jonathan and Tabitha Phelps. Officials say no one was injured in the fire and the family was not home at the time of the fire as they were staying with relatives because their hot water heater had quit working. The cause of the fire is unknown and it's also still under investigation. LFD was assisted by the Mount Vernon and Brodhead Fire Departments.



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## T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



**My Piano Lessons Dear Journal,**  
I believe it was in the fourth grade that a new avenue of education was introduced to the students in my class at the Colony Elementary School. Mrs. Fawbush, a music teacher, came to teach at the school. She was rather thin, tall, and with a dark complexion, probably of Pacific islander decent. She had raven-black hair and was probably around forty years old. Her husband pastored the First Christian Church in London. She, I'm sure, played piano for services.

She was a well of knowledge in the field of music. Not only could she play the piano, she played the guitar equally as well. Each class had a songbook with at least fifty songs to be enjoyed. Mrs. Fawbush would sometimes play her guitar and accompany us, or at other times she would play a record, especially for the songs in the book. To introduce each song, she would tell something about its background and composer. The songs were often of international flavor; patriotic, folk, and a hodge-podge of other musical offerings. You can imagine what an education one could gain by just studying the background of a selection of music, the era it covers, and what inspired the composer to set their feelings to music.

Then, one day, it happened. Mrs. Fawbush sent a letter home with the students announcing that she would be giving piano lessons after school two days a week. Of course, my mother thought it was a wonderful idea and signed me up right away.

The pupils gathered on the given days in the school cafeteria around a big upright piano, and the lessons were given. Each had to play their assignment before leaving. I really hated that.

Well, there I was, stuck with homework and piano lessons or practice every evening. What a life for a kid to endure. I finished just

in time for bed only to get up and repeat the episode over and over...

Finally, school was over for the summer and I thought for sure I was free of homework and the piano lessons at least until fall. Little did I know that Mom had me lined up to take piano lessons from a little old widow lady in our community, Mrs. "Eda" (Edith, I'm sure) Dees-Herron.

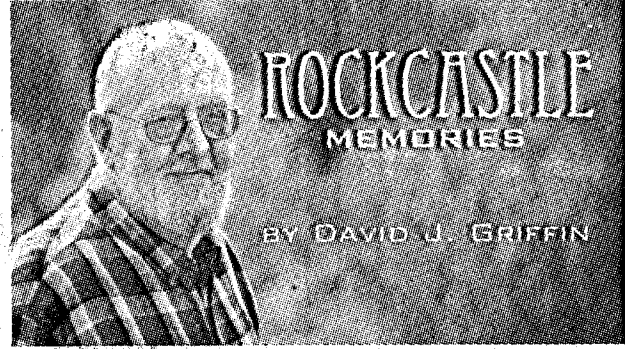
"Eda" was elderly, probably around eighty, with silvery white hair worn on top of her head in a bun, pleasantly plump, and always jolly. She was a second-generation Swiss born in this country, and she spoke fluent German, as did most in the community. Mr. Dees, her first husband, and she ran a general store. I'm not sure what her second husband, Mr. Herron, did.

My piano lessons were on Saturday and Monday evenings about 1 PM. Mom didn't want me to "lose out" while I was out of school. I remember pedaling my bike down that old dirt and gravel road past barns, gardens, and tobacco crops to Eda's house, a two-story red brick.

I remember that bike, too. It was a beautiful shade of turquoise with a silver flake in it with a silver seat. It had shiny wheels and a wire basket just right for carrying things like sheet music and the five dollars for the piano lesson. My Uncle Junior had gotten it for me a few years before when I was in first grade if I wouldn't kick up such a fuss about going to school. Yeah, it was the same bike I learned to ride at six and still rode at sixteen. I didn't have training wheels, either; he figured I'd "grow into it".

This cycle went on for about three to five years until I was in junior high, or middle school as it's called today. By this time, I could play the piano, not very well but I could play. Getting me to practice was as hard as trying to slip daylight past a rooster, so I guess one day Mom decided to give up.

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**Hunting Cottontails**  
I am reading a wonderful book that my wife gave me for Christmas. It is called *The Everlasting Stream*, authored by Walt Harrington. The story revolves around rabbit hunting and the characters who shared the annual experience on Thanksgiving Day on a farm outside of Glasgow, Kentucky.

Harrington explains how the act of hunting evolved into much more as he became life-long friends with the hunters: his dad, three of his father's friends, and eventually, even his own son, Matt. Each of the elder gentlemen (Alex, Bobby, Lewis, and Carl, Harrington's father) have unique traits that are brought to life in the yearly hunting excursions. Not only is this a particularly humorous tale of the act of finding, bagging, and cleaning of rabbits, it also depicts the life-affirming relationships within and among the group. Reading this book reminds me of the rabbit hunting that I did with my own grandfather, Pop.

Pop and I started hunting cottontails soon after he purchased my first shotgun. I was ten-years-old. As I have explained before, Pop woke me up early one Saturday morning, saying "Get up, David Joe. Today is the day you get your first shotgun. Then we are going to hunt together." He didn't have to say anything else because I was out of the bed before he even finished those two sentences.

We drove into Mt. Vernon that morning, and he purchased a 20-gauge Stevens, single-shot, shotgun just for me. As I look back, I would have to say that was one of my very favorite Saturdays. To my mind, I had become a man in the eyes of Pop, and he intended to instruct me in the skills of a hunter.

Our favorite place to hunt rabbits was just across the fence behind Pop's land and our neighbor's (Dee Ramsey) land. For years, Pop had used this exact location to gain his limit of cottontails. On our first outing, Pop directed me to stay behind him and to watch as he proceeded to find the bunnies. Little did I realize that walking through this hilly land would be so difficult. As we slowly stalked our prey, we encountered thickets of blackberry briars, honeysuckle vines, small trees, and finally, islands of broom sage. This environment was well-suited for rabbits because they could hide from their enemies. Carefully, we walked on.

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



If I live through the weekend of this writing on Saturday, January 3, I will be 66 years old on Monday so by the time you read this edition of *Points East*, it'll be too late to wish me happy birthday.

All three of my kid brothers as well as Ralph King, my buddy who is like a brother, were at my place on New Year's Day. The brothers, Keeter (Keith), Andy and Steve had chipped in for a greeting card that read, Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, which I'm pretty sure is also the title of an old Loreita Lynn hit record from the 1960's.

The bros also gave me a \$25.00 Kentucky Lottery Scratch Off ticket as a combo Christmas/birthday present. Let's just say that I hope the coming year has far more to offer in the way of luck than did that ticket and that I could have bought a lot of garden seeds, a decent hoe or had my tiller tuned up with that 25 bucks.

A certain little girl I know also has an early January birthday, which she says "Is the total pits because everybody is too wore out from Christmas and New Year's Eve to be in the mood to turn right around buy her more presents and throw another party."

So, she says, "I'm officially changing my birthday to the fourth of July because everybody will be in a good mood to buy me presents and we'll have fireworks and they'll even shoot one up that spells out 'Happy Birthday Amy!'"

"Won't that be cool?" I didn't tell Amy that I was actually hoping for some fireworks in January if Loretta is in a good mood. Loretta said that fireworks would be over forever if I put that in the paper, but it occurred to me that my birthday will have been here and gone by the time she reads the paper, so what the heck? Besides, she has a birthday coming up in May and I figure she'll have forgotten all about her threat by then.

I've been told that Rockhouse Creek was up so high they couldn't get a car across it so my Dad and the

Doctor had to swim a mule across it and ride him nearly two miles to the head of the holler so Doc Collier could attend to my birthing. I can't promise you that story is true because, even I can't remember back that far.

I do remember my first grade teacher asking where I was born when I entered school. She had us arranged in alphabetical seating order and I was the first kid in the first row. I proudly told her that, "I was born in the back room."

She started laughing, as did all the other 25 kids in her first and second grade classroom. Finally she caught her breath and explained that, "No. I meant what town were you born in?"

I told her, "I wasn't born in any town. I was born in the head of Blair Branch just over a mile on up the holler."

More laughing and gasping at my expense ensued. Then she said, "No, yet again. I meant what Post Office?"

I said, "Well we get our mail at the Jerrymar Post Office but I weren't born there."

By that time, Mrs. Ison had laughed herself out, so she simply said, "You mean Jeremiah." She pronounced it Jera-my-yah.

When she finally got to the kid sitting behind me, he had caught on the post office drill but he also said he was born at Jerrymar and promptly had his pronunciation corrected. This went on for several kids until she finally gave up and realized that she was never going to get any of us to call our post office anything other than Jerrymar!

By the time we reached third grade, our teachers were even telling people that they taught school at "Blair Branch, there in Jerrymar."

When we finally got to high school, eight years later, our English teachers literally forced us to commence saying, "Jera-my-yah." But, as recently as New Year's Day, 2015, my brothers and I were talking about some car wrecks that happened in, "that bad curve there in front of the Jerrymar Post Office."

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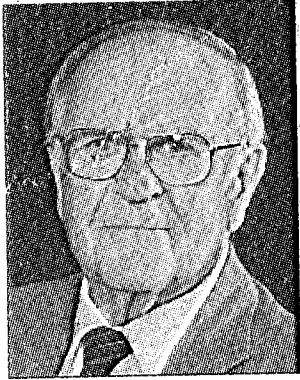
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# Obituaries



## Bro. Raymond Flynn

Bro. Raymond Clayton Flynn, 95, went home to meet his Savior, Jesus Christ at the Baptist Health Hospital, Richmond on January 5, 2015. He was born November 11, 1919 to the late Edgar Preston Flynn and Mary Elizabeth Cox Flynn. He was the fifth child of six children. He was raised on a farm in Wagersville in Estill County. He is preceded in death by his parents and all siblings. On August 16, 1940, he was united in marriage to Rebecca Catherine Sparks who was a lifelong, devoted companion, friend, encourager for 68 years. She preceded him in death on March 9, 2009. Raymond served in the U.S. Navy for a short period.

He leaves behind two daughters, Joyce Rae Laswell (Ronald now deceased of December 21, 2014) of Morrow, OH, and Madonna Jean (Carlos) Cash of Brodhead. He has four grandchildren, Martha (John) Hutton, Kelly Laswell, Ronald Clayton (Beth) Laswell of Warren County, OH and Michael Terry (Jennifer) Cash of Brodhead. There are five great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

He gave his heart to the Lord, August of 1939 and surrendered to the ministry in January of 1953 when he made a public declaration of this call. He worked for the L&N Railroad for several years before attending Clear Creek Baptist School and graduated with a three year certificate on May 27, 1957.

He pastored churches in Kentucky until he retired from full time pastorate November 11, 1984. God continued to use him as interim pastor from May, 1987 until March 09, 2009 to be a caregiver to his wife. From that time he has given himself to be a servant of God up to his parting of his life. The love and relationship he shared with Jesus Christ penetrated into everyone around him, as well as immediate family. He leaves behind many friends, family and adopted family. He contributed his long life of 95 years first of all to God, his willingness to be a servant of God and the years he had with his loving devoted wife.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jim Craig and Bro. Randy McPherron officiating.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 8, from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Raymond and Catherine Flynn Scholarship Fund at Clear Creek Baptist School. In care of Ottawa Baptist Church.

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Ted Durham

Ted Durham, 77, of Eubank, husband of Edna, departed this life on Monday, January 5, 2015 at his residence after a long illness.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, January 8, from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 9, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with the Bro. Tommy Miller and Bro. Danny Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in the Birch Lick Cemetery in Jackson County.

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## Bonnie Coffey

Bonnie Coffey, 89, of Renfro Valley, died Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born October 31, 1925 in Mt. Sterling, the daughter of the late Floyd and Angella Maple Witt. She was a retired drug clerk, and was a member of the Wildie Christian Church.

Survivors are: one step-daughter, Suella (George) Barto of Pennsylvania; one niece, Sharon (Jack) Hay of Jeffersonville; one great niece, Tisha Raper of Mt. Sterling; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Coffey.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Shanon Franklin officiating. Burial was in the Machpelha Cemetery in Mt. Sterling.

Send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)



## Bernice Thomas

Bernice Bullock Thomas, 67, widow of Lonnie Thomas, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at Baptist Health-Lexington. She was born October 7, 1947 in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of the late Daniel and Stella "Bea" Taylor Bullock. She was member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and found great joy in reading and the computer. On December 22, 1966 she was united in matrimony to Lonnie Thomas and they enjoyed 44 years of marriage prior to his death.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter-in-law, Angela Winstead Thomas of Brodhead; her only grandchild, Emilee Brooke Thomas of Brodhead; brothers, Kenneth (Ola) Bullock of Alexandria and Roger (Sharon) Bullock of Brodhead; sisters, Glenda Bullock of Brodhead, Carol Martin of Corbin, and Jeanette Ramsey of Loveland, OH; sister-in-law, Carol Bullock of Brodhead; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Lonnie Lee Thomas and brothers, Everett and Emmon Bullock.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 27, 2014 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. James Poynter officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Brian Napier, Darrell Melton, Jeff and Eric Bullock, Charlie Bullen and Damon McGuire.

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## Clara Mae Ivik

Clara Mae Ivik, 97, mother of Wayne Henson, died Thursday, January 1, 2015 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead. She was born May 18, 1917 in White Oak, a daughter of the late George W. and Bertha Gilliam Owens. She had been a homemaker and waitress at Virginia & Westward Ho Cafeteria in Dayton, OH. She found great joy in yard sales and visiting with her family.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Wayne (Laverne) Henson of Livingston; grandchildren, Bertina Ruth (Steven) Collins, Paula Ann (Tim) Drifmeyer and Roger Wayne (Pam) Henson; great grandchildren, Aaron, Amanda, Emily, Sam, Gracie, Ryan and Madison; great great grandchildren, Noelle, Regan and Oliver; her sister, Nina Jean Fossi of New Jersey; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husbands, Clyde Henson and George Ivik; brothers, Lawrence, Billy Ray, Paul, Ralph and infant George Owens; and sisters, Lucille, Beatrice, Inez and infant Helen.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Condolences to the family made be made to her online registry at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

# Card of Thanks

## Billy Medley

From the family of Brother Billy Medley, we would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the kindness everyone has showed during his passing. To the people who brought food, gave money, sent flowers, braved the weather and stood in the long lines, those who couldn't wait and had to leave, we thank you so much. It proved Billy's life he lived here, on earth. He took care of people and they surely took care of us during our time of mourning.

Thank you to the Livingston Holiness Church, Morning View Church, Calloway Holiness Church, Faith Chapel Holiness Church, Camp Ground Holiness Church, Sand Hill Baptist Church, St. John's Church, Mareburg Baptist Church.

For food, flowers, and donations we would like to thank Dix River Festival, Livingston Lion's Club, City of Livingston, Pam Burdette and family, Jackie, Richard, Joel Onkst and family, Pete, Mary, Jacob and Gail Newcomb; Jay Anderson, Kelly and Kenneth Coffey, Shirley Carpenter and family, Orville and Bernice Burkhardt and family, Doug and Loretta Mink and Justin Mink. Ronnie and Melissa Owens for the donation to Livingston School in Honor of Billy. Stan and Diane Baker. Mt. Vernon IGA. The City of Mt. Vernon and City of Brodhead for the presence of their Mayors. The Livingston Main Street Diner and crew. Charlie and Doris House. Eric and Amy Childress and family for the Gideon Bibles placed in Billy's honor. Shane and Nancy Hibbits. Shawn and Angie Hibbits. Eldon and Jessie Hibbits. Dan and Linda Hibbits. Dr. Eppmanuel Yumang's office and staff. Lifeline and Hospice. Geraldine Mink, Dale Ponder, Terrell Medley, Rat Bond, Stanley and Tonya Cook, Mike and Christy Smith, Inas and Charles

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Echo of London, Ky for the beautiful tributes they printed in the paper. Thanks to Renee Mason and CAP for all they done for us and for Renee being with us on the last day of Billy's life.

Thanks to the Livingston Fire Department for the help with parking, the escort of Billy to the cemetery, and the wonderful meal they provided after the funeral along with the help of the community. Also thank you to Delno and Carlos McClure and Carl Swanigan for the escort.

Thanks to the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for the beautiful job they did for Billy and all their services. They were truly our friends and we will never forget them.

Thanks to the Preachers who attended and to those who had a part in Billy's funeral. Brothers Burgess Daugherty, Jim Miller, Dennis, Elzie and Vernon Doan, Arthur Hunt, Jasper Carpenter, Dean Carpenter, Bill Mink, Jack Carpenter, Gordon Mink, Ron Roberts, Tommy Miller, Lonnie McGuire, Tommy Owens, Virgil Bustle, Tommy Hogue, Steve McKinney, Bill Carpenter, Kenneth Cornelius, George Renner, George Poynter, Wayne Henson, David Durham and Allen Hensley. Thanks to the Honorary Pallbearers Shane and Shawn Hibbits, Estill and Ernest Cromer, Bill Cash, Tim Jones, Jonathan Bond, Bob Lee McClure, Joey Daugherty, Josh Rickles, Joey Sparks, Tommy Lee Wagoner, Pete Gray, Mike Bullock, and Mike Smith. Thanks to the singers Mattie Miller, Earl Smith, Dennis Doan, Michael Smith, Phillip Doan and the Doan family, Anthony, Jamie, and Jason Medley.

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### Successful Back Pack Program Drive

Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York and her employees, in conjunction with Grateful Bread Food Pantry, recently completed their First Annual Food Drive. \$1,500 in cash and 160 pounds of food for the Back Pack Program in Rockcastle County was raised. Shown in the photo from left: Eliza Jane York, Renita Blanton, Sami Alcorn, Brittney Mullins, Brenda Miller, Stephanie Allen, Kim Denny, Marcia Olinger and Joyce Allen.

### Kentucky Afield Outdoors

## Forecast for 2015 calls for fishing

At about the time when the winter boat show season starts to crank up, the annual fishing forecast for Kentucky's major fisheries arrives as another welcome diversion from the winter doldrums.

Produced by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, it's a valuable resource for anglers who want to be in the know and plan ahead. The forecast is available online at fw.ky.gov.

The 2015 edition highlights new and expanding fisheries and late winter and early spring hot spots. A special section makes it easy to identify where the best fishing can be expected for each species while the new up-and-comers section spotlights lakes and rivers that showed improvement last year. For instance, the forecast for crappie has improved from good to excellent at Lake Cumberland, Cave Run and Fishtrap

lakes in 2015. Here are a few other fisheries-related items to follow in 2015.

Hatchery Creek restoration: Anglers know the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam as a world-class trout fishery. An improved Hatchery Creek will be another reason to visit the area.

Fed by the outflow from Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, located at the base of the dam, the creek is being transformed through a project undertaken by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

It includes construction of a new channel to divert the creek away from a heavily-eroded ravine that deposits sediment into the Cumberland River below Lake Cumberland. The new channel will meander for more than a mile below the upper rip-rap area of the

creek through riffles and pools before emptying into the river. One of the goals is to create stream conditions that foster natural reproduction of trout.

Construction began in August.

"I would say we're doing very well and making good progress," said Mike Hardin, Assistant Fisheries Director for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Ideally, we'll finish up most of the work by spring, or summer and hopefully have enough of a growing season that we can let some vegetation get established and grow to stabilize the site before turning water loose in it."

Stocking will be dependent upon the natural migration of trout from the river into the new creek from the time the project is completed to the time the new channel opens to the public.

Anglers can track the progress of the Hatchery Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Project by visiting Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website. On the homepage, click the "Fish" tab and choose "Hatchery Creek Stream Project" from the dropdown menu.

Improving fish habitat at Cave Run: The project to improve fishing at Cave Run Lake by increasing the amount of habitat available for fish will see two more areas completed by the summer of 2015. Much of the work will be similar to this past year with cedar trees, cable spoofs, stake buckets and other structure being placed in the water to attract fish.

"We also have a few new things including large concrete culverts and hardwood stumps," said Tom Timmermann, northeastern fisheries district biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We really hope to increase the size of the materials we're using now that we know some of the limitations of the habitat barge and our crews."

The first phase of the large-scale habitat project

created two nearly mile-long reefs from Stoney Cove near the dam to Adam's Point and in the Clay Lick area in 2014.

Scott's Creek, Warix Run and Zilpo Flats are potential sites for the 2015 work, which will improve another roughly two miles of shoreline. Project leaders will take angler preference into consideration before making a final decision.

More information about the Cave Run Lake habitat project, including a map that includes GPS coordinates for fish attracting structures, is available on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website.

New mentoring program: Learning to fish can be an intimidating and frustrating experience when you have little or no experience, and no one to coach you along. A new mentoring program developed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will strive to help accelerate the learning curve.

The Angler's Legacy program is slated to launch this spring and will be geared toward people ages 16 and older with limited or no previous fishing experience. Skill-building courses will range from basic to complex. Information about the program will be available online at fw.ky.gov.

"Our hope is that those who participate will gain the technical skills and confidence to adopt a lifelong fishing tradition," said John Gutzeit, Aquatics Education Administrator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "In the long term, the goal of the program is to develop into a self-sustaining mentoring program for new anglers."

Author Kevin Kelly is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Get the latest from Kelly and the entire Kentucky Afield staff by following them on Twitter: @kyafield.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank you...

Dear Editor,  
I would like to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the recent Back Pack Program drive my office conducted in conjunction with Grateful Bread Food Pantry. We raised \$1,500 and 160 pounds of food for the

program.  
A big thank you to: Joe Lambert and Joseph Lambert of Lambert & Lambert Law Offices, James "Bear" Bradley, Howard Saylor, the Rockcastle Co. Kiwanis Club, Bill Kelsey, Mt. Vernon Lions Club, Charlie Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fain, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Price, Ashley and Shelby Newland, Limestone Grille, Jan Walton, Sabrina's Hair Design, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allen, The Mt. Vernon Signal and WRVK Radio Station.  
Again, Thank You for all your help,  
Eliza York  
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### Cloud working for ESPN

Shawn Cloud is living the dream for anyone in broadcasting working for ESPN as a Camera Assistant. Cloud will be traveling all over for games that are broadcasted on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU. He will be working a lot of games at UK and Louisville as well as some College basketball games in the surrounding states.

Cloud is the son of George Cloud and Alice Taylor. He is a 2003 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

### Financial Aid Tip of the Month

## State offers numerous student aid programs

Kentuckians needing help with college costs may be able to take advantage of the student aid programs administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). They include the:

- Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Kentucky students earn KEES awards by making good grades in public and private high schools. They can earn more by doing well on the ACT, Home-schooled and GED students can earn KEES awards based on their ACT scores.
- College Access Program Grant. This grant can be used at the state's public colleges and many of Kentucky's private colleges. It is based on need.
- Kentucky Tuition

Grant. Also based on need, this grant is available to students attending the state's private colleges.

•Go Higher Grant. This program provides funding for adult students who attend college on a part-time basis.

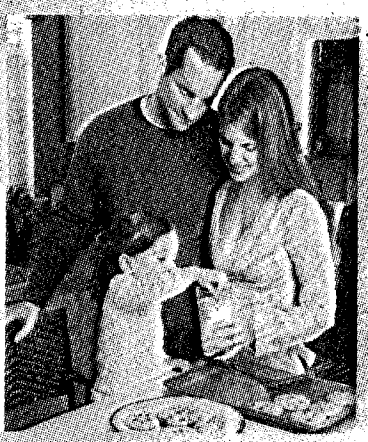
Except for KEES, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA, to apply for these awards. Some also require a separate application.

For complete details about these and other student aid programs, visit www.kheaa.com and click on the Paying for College tab.

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov.

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**Bookmobile Schedule**  
Mon., Jan. 12th: No service. Tues., Jan. 13th: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla. Wed., Jan. 14th: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

**FAFSA Workshop**  
RCHS will host a FAFSA Workshop for seniors and/or their Parents/guardians on Jan. 12th from 4 to 7 p.m. Keith Ritchie, a representative from KHEAA, will assist parents in completing the required online financial aid form and answer questions. The workshop will be held in the downstairs computer lab at RCHS. Seniors and their parents are urged to attend this informative session.

**RCHS Grades Notice**  
Grades for RCHS students will be sent home with students on Friday, January 9th.

**BIT Upcoming**  
The Brodhead Invitational Tournament (BIT) will be held Friday, January 23rd through January 24th for 5th grade boys teams. All former BIT players, cheerleaders and coaches are invited to attend to play an exhibitin game and be recognized.

**Health Dept. Hours**  
Beginning Monday, January 5th, the Rockcastle County Health Department will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

**CCFFG Meeting**  
Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 15th at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. Please use back door.

**Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting**  
The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, January 13th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will follow. Guest speaker will be Connie Pettyjohn, from the Kentucky Retirement System, speaking about our health insurance. Any retiree receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or at kentuckypublicretirees.org.

**DAR Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

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

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

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grille. 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 Grille. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

## “RCIDA”

(Cont. from front)

“It’s not a matter of if we need to fix it or not. We have over a \$3 million investment and a \$9,300 expense,” Craig said. “We can be upset that the units have gone bad like they have but that’s spilled milk, we can’t cry over it and it has to be fixed.”

Hopkins agreed with Craig and said the fiscal court is going to be overwhelmed and thought it would be best if the board paid the expense out of pocket.

The board voted unanimously to pay for the HVAC unit by withholding the appropriate amount of money from the SourceHOV lease payments for the next two months.

Craig also brought up the issue of the Cummins property that was discussed at the RCIDA meeting last month and said he wanted to “offer some context” on the issue since he wasn’t able to attend last month’s meeting.

Craig said that during his seventeen years on the board, the only time he recalled the property being discussed in an RCIDA meeting was sometime in 2007 or 2008, when Plasticware was in the former Anchor packaging building and they were looking at the Cummins property for a possible expansion.

“I communicated with the Cummins family about selling or leasing it. Sketches were drawn up to turn it into a parking lot and there were also several other scenarios but they all fizzled out and fell through,” Craig said. “That was the only time that property was discussed and it was with full participation of the Cummins family.”

However, Craig said a lot of rumors were spread after the RCIDA meeting last month that the RCIDA had a secret agenda for the property and that was not true at all. He said he wanted to bring that up and make it clear that the rumors being spread were not accurate.

“As a member of this board that is not how I want to do business,” Craig said. “Our track record has been that we go directly to people or organizations and have conversations with them personally, instead of mentioning it in a meeting and have those people involved discover it first in the local paper.”

Hopkins agreed with Craig and said that the Cummins family was under the impression that the board voted on the issue at last month’s RCIDA meeting. She said the deed was from the RCIDA and that it was only brought up by former County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis but that rumors spread after the meeting that the board had actually voted on it.

“I think business should be done professionally and face-to-face. We have a lot of properties in the county that I promote that we don’t own such as the former grocery store in Brodhead,” Hopkins said. “If anyone calls I share everything with them. If we only promote the buildings or property we own then we are in trouble.”

Hopkins went on to say that nothing should ever be done with the property until someone wants it. She said that if it went to court that nothing would happen because of the statute of limitations.

“My question all along was if it was an issue years ago then why didn’t they resolve it,” Hopkins said.

In other business, Hopkins said that CSEPP is still in the process of moving everything into their new building in Industrial Park South. She said they are moving in some offices, but that the Rockcastle 911 center still hasn’t moved in.

She said they expected to be completely moved in this spring.

Hopkins also said that there were some repairs that still needed to be completed at the former Anchor Packaging building. She said she thinks those things need to be fixed before they have a drone company take pictures and videos. She said she is supposed to meet with County Judge Executive Doug Bishop to discuss it with him and would have more details to provide to the board at next month’s meeting.

## “Flu”

(Cont. from front)

people who have been diagnosed with strep throat and similar sicknesses.”

Renner said that the Center for Disease Control is still advising everyone who hasn’t received a flu shot this year to get one as soon as possible. She also said people should take all the precautionary measures necessary to avoid getting the flu.

“The flu vaccine is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and the majority of health insurances. It’s also only \$28 for a vaccine and is very inexpensive compared to other medicines or vaccines,” Renner said. “But nothing takes the place of good common sense. Always wash your hands, don’t shake hands with other people and always disinfect the surfaces around you.”

The CDC recommends that everyone get the flu vaccine and take the correct dosage of antiviral drugs if your doctor recommends them. The CDC also recommends avoiding close contact with sick people, washing your hands often with soap and water, disinfecting surfaces or objects that may be contaminated with germs and avoid touching your face with your hands.

The CDC lists Kentucky as one of twenty-nine states reporting widespread flu cases. There were only four states reporting widespread flu cases at this time last year.

Several hospitals throughout the state are currently restricting visitors that have flu-like symptoms. The closest hospital to Rockcastle County that is restricting hospital visitors is Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

LCRH Community Relations Director Susan Wilson said they are restricting visitors under the age of 12 and visitors who are having flu-like symptoms. She said LCRH created the extra restrictions because they are trying to prevent any flu transmissions to their hospitalized patients.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital Community Relations Coordinator Jana Bray said there are currently no extra visitor restrictions at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Despite the increased number of flu cases in the state and county, Rockcastle County Schools Director of Pupil Personnel Becky Isaacs said that student attendance had actually increased on Monday and Tuesday from what it was before schools were closed on Christmas break.

“We were averaging about ten percent of students missing school across the district for the month of December before the Christmas Break. That number was down to six percent on Monday and Tuesday,” Isaacs said. “The break seemed to help with students being home which gave them a chance to get better. We were glad to see that attendance was back up after the break.”

Although attendance had increased, Isaacs went on to say that they are still taking all the precautionary measures they can to help prevent the spread of flu and other sicknesses.

“Our faculty and staff

are doing everything they can to prevent the spread of sicknesses by making sure everything is clean and disinfected in the schools,” Isaacs said. “So far things seem to be on the upswing and attendance is up. We are hoping things stay that way.”

For more information about how to prevent or treat the flu, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## “Court”

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in January to meet expenses of the office until the advance is received.

The estimated receipts did not reflect the county’s monthly contribution, which was \$8,619 monthly from July to December of 2014. This is, of course, in addition to the county paying the sheriff’s matching social security and medicare, health insurance, retirement, workmen’s compensation, liability insurance, audit expenses, etc.

McNew gave the court several variances on what the sheriff’s office’s revenue/expenses would be for 2015, depending on the county’s contribution. They ranged from \$510,844 (for four road deputies and no salary increase), with the county’s contribution set at \$12,145 a month to \$547,742 for five road deputies and an increase of 25¢ an hour for all employees and a contribution of \$14,939 monthly from the court.

The court chose to increase their monthly contribution to \$12,519 monthly which allows for four road deputies and 25¢ per hour rate increase for all employees (including office workers and bailiffs).

Bishop commented that the requested increase should have been anticipated (by the court) given that the sheriff’s department added an extra deputy and the court paid his salary while he was training at Richmond. “We made a commitment,” Bishop said.

The court then set the maximum salary for the sheriff’s office at \$255,000 for 2015.

The court also rehired all county employees, a requirement every four years.

## “Floor”

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the court that the five years was a personal warranty from Mobley.

Mobley told Carloftis that the units in question were residential units and only a one year warranty was given by a manufacturer when a residential unit was installed in a commercial building. A commercial unit cannot be installed at Livingston since the building does not have three phase electrical service.

Carloftis made a motion to approve Mobley’s bid which was seconded by Magistrate Ralph Allen. Magistrate Gary Burdette voted yes on the motion and Magistrates Lee Earl Adams and Bill McKinney voted no but the motion

carried.

However, the discussion over warranty issues continued and, later in the meeting, the motion was rescinded until more information as to exactly what was covered by the warranty could be determined.

Also during the meeting, the court also rescinded an earlier motion to award a bid to Berea Top Shop for cabinets for Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York’s office. The court accepted a bid for around \$9,000 from Berea Top Shop earlier in December but later found out that those cabinets would be made from pressed wood. The court rescinded that bid and accepted a bid from Asher Cabinets of Mt. Vernon for \$11,800. Those cabinets will be made from solid wood.

Carloftis presented the court with five claims, totaling \$4,965 which covered advances he had made to the county from personal funds in the late nineties.

Carloftis said that at the time, several projects were in danger of being stopped because the county simply didn’t have the funds to cover the expenses. “We don’t have that situation anymore,” Carloftis told the court. “We couldn’t borrow any money because we did not have enough revenue coming in. I applaud former county judges and magistrates working under the conditions they did.”

Carloftis’ claims were for \$2,265 he had paid Mike Cameron so Cameron could purchase materials to begin working on renovations at the jail; \$450 and \$250 to the Owensboro Jail and Madison Co. jail, respectively for housing juveniles and \$2,000 to Gaye Barnett of Mt. Vernon Pre-Cast for work on the Copper Creek Slide reconstruction. Carloftis had documentation of all the advances, including his cancelled checks.

The only item questioned was Carloftis’ payment to Barnett, for a FEMA project in which the county had to pay for the project’s expenses before being reimbursed by FEMA. For one thing, Carloftis’ check was made out to Barnett, who was the owner of Mt. Vernon Pre-Cast and, secondly, whether the county got reimbursement from FEMA for the amount Carloftis paid.

The court decided to check the minutes of the court meetings during that time to see if it could be determined if the county had received reimbursement from FEMA for the \$2,000 but did approve reimbursement, with Magistrate Burdette voting no, to Carloftis for the remaining claims totaling \$2,965.

During the meeting, the court also approved a proclamation bestowing the title of County Historian on David Owens.

Carloftis noted at the beginning of the meeting that the Dec. 30th called meeting made almost 900 meetings of the fiscal court during his tenure, the longest almost nine hours. “This is one part of the job I will not miss,” he said.

# Two arrested for drug possession

Police arrested two people for drug possession in two separate incidents this past week.

In the first incident, a London man was arrested for drug possession and drug trafficking last Friday when police responded to a shoplifting complaint at a business in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Marty Leslie Vaughn, 41, of London.

According to Mt. Vernon Police Department, officers responded to the business after receiving a shoplifting complaint. When officers arrived, they found several unpaid for items from the business on Vaughn. Officers also found two prescription bottles containing a large amount of Neurontin and hydrocodone tablets.

Officers noted that both prescription bottles weren’t in Vaughn’s name and that both had been filled last Friday. Officers said the Gabapentin prescription was filled with 90 pills and only 85 pills were left in the bottle. Officers also noted that the hydrocodone prescription was filled with 60 pills and only 15 were left in the bottle.

Officers also found a cellophane wrapper containing six Diazepam tablets on Vaughn at the time of his arrest.

Vaughn was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking and illegal possession of a legend drug. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$25,000 cash/property bond.

In the second incident, a local man was arrested for meth possession last Saturday after police attempted to locate an alleged stolen vehicle on Shandon Lane near Brodhead.

Arrested was David Anthony Spoonamore, 34, of Brodhead.

According to state police reports, officers received information that the alleged stolen vehicle was spotted on Simpson Road in Crab Orchard. However, the vehicle’s owner later informed officers that Spoonamore had returned the vehicle to his home on Shandon Lane and that they gave Spoonamore permission to use the vehicle.

Once officers arrived and stepped inside the home to speak to the vehicle’s owner, they noticed fresh muddy footprints leading to a bedroom.

After receiving consent to search the residence, officers found Spoonamore hiding inside the bedroom closet. Officers also found two Tizanidine pills and a small baggy containing suspected crystal meth.

Spoonamore was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and prescription controlled substance not in a proper container. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.

## “Fatals”

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was down from four fatal accidents in 2013, thirteen fatal accidents in 2012 and eight fatal accidents in 2011.

Although the amount of fatal accidents was down for Rockcastle County last year, the statewide number was up in 2014 at 661 fatalities from 638 fatalities in 2013.

Sheriff Mike Peters said that his office is pleased with the lower number of fatal accidents that were reported on Rockcastle County roadways last year.

“It’s bad enough when we have to respond to injury accidents and it’s even worse when it’s fatal accidents,” Peters said. “But the fact that we have had fewer fatal accidents the past few years, is reassuring to all of us.”

Peters said that his office will be patrolling the county roadways in full force to help cut down on the number of accidents. He said they will be looking for drivers who are speeding, texting while driving, driving impaired, not wearing their seatbelts, etc.

“We will be patrolling in areas where the most fatal accidents have happened, especially Hwy 150 and Hwy 461,” Peters said. “We want to make sure the roadways stay as safe as they can be for drivers.”

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## COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Rockcastle County’s CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

Application Period: January 5, 2015 – February 5, 2015 No applications will be accepted after February 5, 2015.

Application Availability: Rockcastle County Conservation District or Rockcastle County Extension Service Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For More Information: Contact: Sandy Whitaker at 606-256-2525 ext. 3 or Tom Mills at 606-256-2403.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

# Rockets beat Somerset in double OT

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Rockets won a 64-61 overtime thriller Tuesday night against the Somerset Briar Jumpers.

Sophomore John Cornelius originally sent the game into overtime in the fourth quarter when he drilled a three-pointer to tie the game at 50-50 with 22 seconds left on the clock. The Rockets went on to hold off the Briar Jumpers with a 64-61 win in double overtime.

The Rockets double overtime win came after a similar game last month when Somerset beat the Rockets 109-101 in double overtime.

The score remained within five points for the majority of the game, with the Rockets leading 19-17 at the end of the first quarter, behind 13 first quarter points by sophomore Lucas Gentry, and led 29-28 at the half.

After halftime, the Rockets held off a 6-1 run to retain a 44-42 lead at the end of the third quarter. The score in the fourth quarter went back and forth until Cornelius drilled the three in the final seconds to tie the game at 50-50.

The first overtime proved to be a defensive battle as both teams only scored six points each with a score of 56-56. In the second overtime, the Rockets pulled away from the Briar Jumpers with a final score of 64-61.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore Lucas Gentry with 26 points, Cornelius was next with 14, senior Dakota Hasty had 8, senior Sam Pensol and sophomore Carson Noble had 6 points each, junior Dylan Rowe got 4 and senior Blake Mullins 2.

The Somerset win came after a tough 75-65 loss to

the Casey County Rebels last Friday night.

The game featured seven lead changes and ties that all came in the first half. Casey County led the Rockets 19-14 at the end of the first quarter but the Rockets had cut the lead to 35-34 at half-time.

The second half was all Casey as the Rockets never led or tied the score for the remainder of the game. The Rebels led the Rockets 59-47 at the end of the third quarter and they put the game away in the fourth quarter for a final score of 75-65.

The Rockets were led by Pensol with 23 points, Gentry was next with 21, Cornelius scored 14, Noble had 6 and senior Carter Blanton got 1.

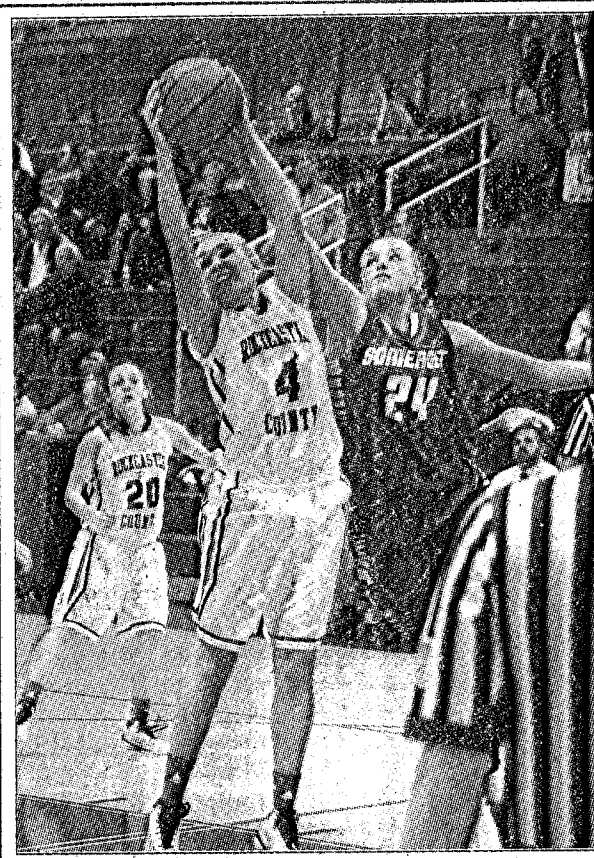
Head Coach Benny Blanton said that he is glad the Rockets got a much-needed district win against Somerset on Tuesday night.

"The Somerset win was a good overall win for our team. It was also a good grind-out win as they played through a lot of adversity," Blanton said. "We got some bad calls but we played through them. We took care of the ball and only had four turnovers in the game."

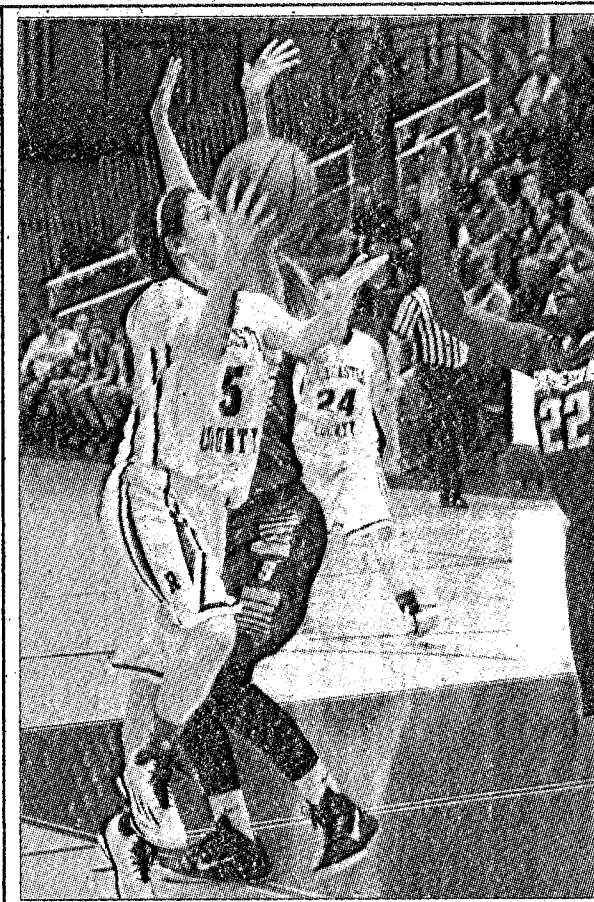
The Rockets next game is this Friday night when they travel to Somerset to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the game is at 7:30 p.m.

The Maroons are 10-6 on the season and 2-0 in district play. Blanton said this Friday night's game is a must win for the Rockets who currently have a 1-2 record in district play.

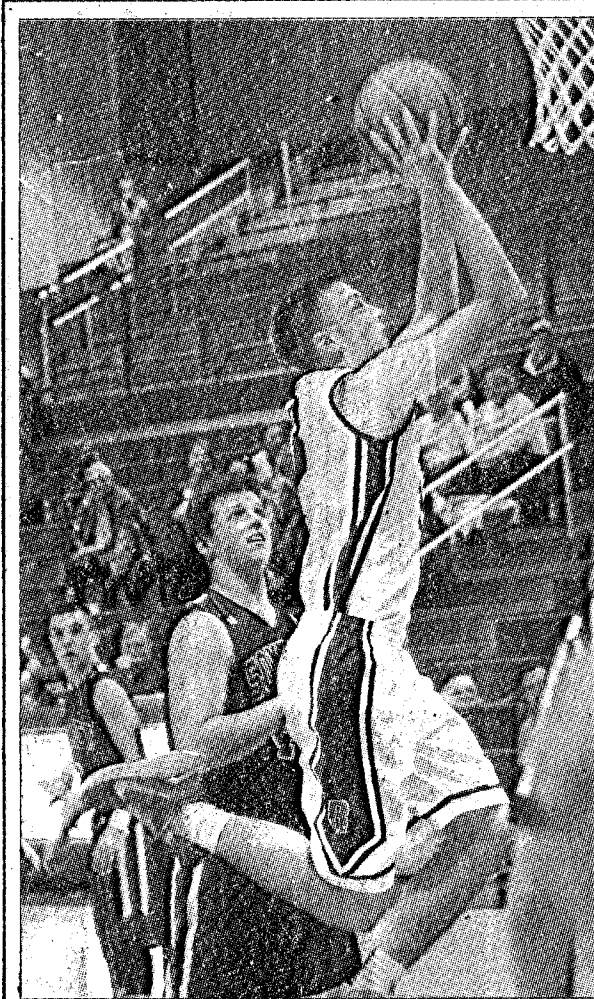
"They are a different team than they were last year and they like to play half-court," Blanton said. "They have some big guys in the middle and they will be a challenge for us inside. We will have to play at 100 percent to stay in the game and have a chance to win."



Junior Ashley McKinney gets a rebound in the Lady Rockets win over Somerset Tuesday night. McKinney had a big game last Friday night in the Lady Rockets win over Casey County scoring 25 points.



Sophomore Hope Kelley goes up for two points in the Lady Rockets 58-46 victory over Somerset Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets are now 3-0 in district play.



Sophomore Lucas Gentry goes up for two of his 26 points in the Rockets victory over Somerset Tuesday night. Gentry got the Rockets off to a strong start scoring 13 of his points in the first quarter. He also scored 21 for the Rockets in the loss at Casey County last Friday night.

# Lady Rockets beat Casey and Somerset

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets are now 3-0 in district play with two wins over district foes in their last two outings.

Last Friday night, the Lady Rockets journeyed to Casey and came away with their second district win of the season 65-56 behind a hot night for junior Ashley McKinney's 25 points.

The Lady Rockets were down 24-13 at the first quarter stop and 32-25 at the half. However, an 11 point third quarter for McKinney helped her team to tie the score at 45 all at the third quarter stop. In the fourth, the Lady Rockets got 10 free throws and five baskets to pull away for the 65-56 win.

Besides McKinney's 25; sophomore Mahala Saylor got 16; sophomores Hope Kelley and Emily Payne had 9 each and sophomores

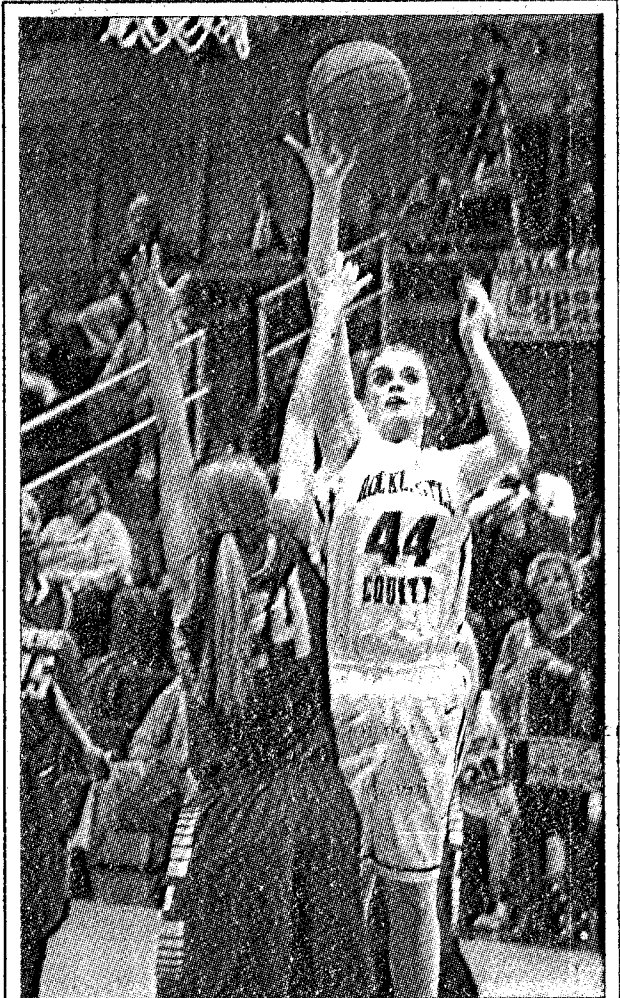
Jayna Albright and Emme Barker got 3 each.

On Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the Somerset Lady Jumpers for a return match of a game the Rockets won in Somerset early in December. This time was no different as the Rockets got their third district win 58-46.

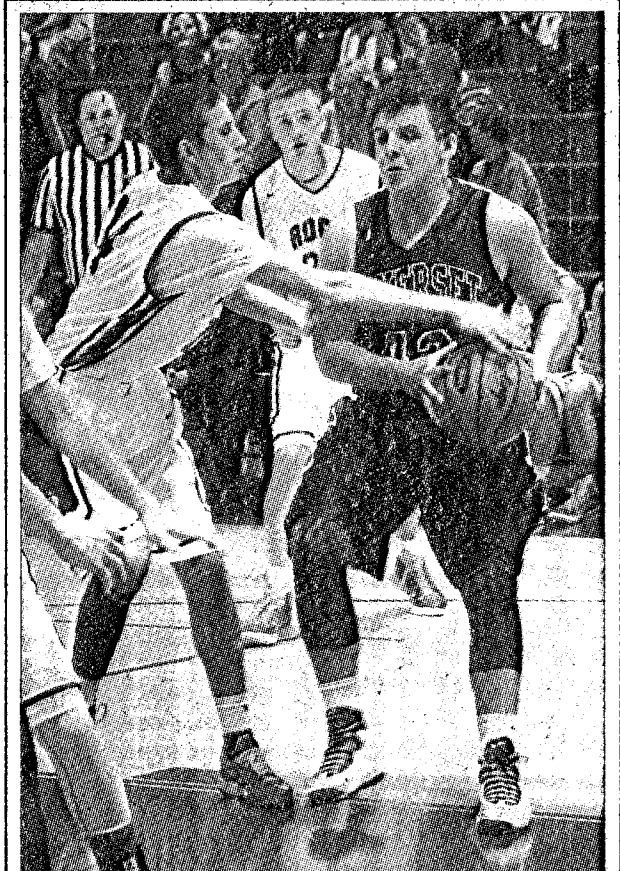
Saylor led the scoring for her team with 20 points; Payne got 15; Barker and Albright had 8 each; McKinney got 4 and Kelley 3.

The Lady Rockets are now 7 and 9 on the season, already having bested their winning total from last season of five.

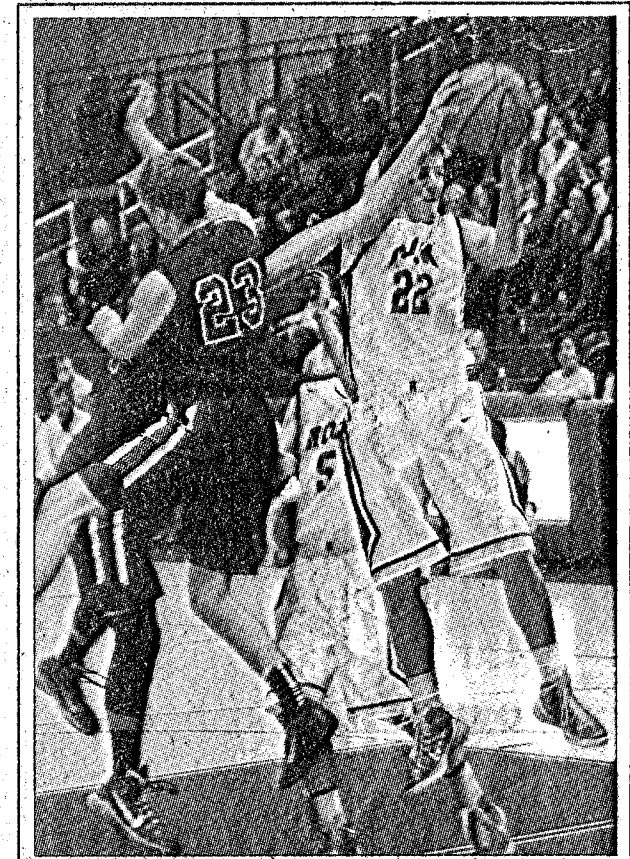
Friday night, the girls and boys team will journey to Pulaski County for another district matchup with the Maroons. On Tuesday night, the girls and boys will host East Jessamine.



Sophomore Emily Payne goes for two of her 15 points in the Lady Rockets 58-46 victory over Somerset Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets are now 3-0 in district play and will travel to Somerset Friday night to take on district foe Pulaski County.



Senior Carter Blanton fights for the ball in the Rockets win over Somerset. The Rockets continue district play as they travel to Somerset this Friday night to take on the Pulaski Co. Maroons.



Sophomore John Cornelius grabs a rebound for the Rockets in the double overtime win against Somerset Tuesday night. Cornelius hit a three-pointer with 22 seconds to send the game into the first overtime and had 14 points in the contest.

## Mid-winter is a great time to hunt rabbits

Outdoors enthusiasts of a certain age well remember their grandfathers extolling the virtues of fried rabbit, declaring it superior to filet mignon and better than any restaurant meal you could buy.

Many hunters scratch around for something to get them afield during that dull period from Christmas until the first warm winds of spring. Grab a shotgun, don some brush pants, a hunter orange vest and walk an overgrown fencerow to jump a rabbit.

"The rabbit population is still really good, we have a lot of rabbits in Kentucky," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist for the Ken-

tucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Hunters should find good winter rabbit hunting across the state."

Mail carriers in rural areas help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by recording rabbits they see while driving their daily mail routes. "Last year, we had our highest mail carrier survey since the early 1980s," Robinson said. "They were down a little this year, but there are still plenty of rabbits."

Late December and January are great rabbit hunting times. Robinson hunted rabbits this past week and did well, harvesting several. "Even if you don't have a dog, you can

still hunt rabbits successfully," he said. "Kick around some cover and you can jump some rabbits up." Robinson and his hunting group had their best success in woody cover. "This cover grows more important for rabbits as the weather gets colder," he explained. "We found our rabbits in blackberry thickets, in small creek drainages, along fencerows and in wood lots near fields."

He also said rabbit hunters without dogs must be quick on their feet. "You don't have the set-up time that you do with dogs," Robinson said. "When you get near the cover, be prepared for a quick shot."

Don't give up on a rabbit if it bolts from thick cover and you don't get a shot. "That rabbit is likely close by," Robinson said. "Hunt the next decent cover you come across. A rabbit is not going to run farther than it has to. They hide quickly."

Cedar thickets make excellent rabbit hunting spots on cold, windy days or when snow blankets the ground. Thick stands of young cedar offer a windbreak as well as hiding cover. Make sure to stop and wait periodically when hunting cedar thickets. "Being still makes them nervous and they will flush,"

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# “Review”

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Contractors began reconstructing the Dix River Bridge in Brodhead at a cost of \$540,750, provided by the state transportation cabinet.

A tractor-trailer accident on I-75, involving methylene chloride, closed north and southbound lanes for several hours.

Kentucky gubernatorial candidate Hal Heiner spoke at a Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meeting.

A Pulaski County man was found severely beaten at an abandoned rock quarry on Mullins Station Road in Mt. Vernon. Derek Kisse of Somerset was found by two men who were searching for brass bullet casings in the area. The next week, another Pulaski County man, Jason Dewayne Gambrel, was arrested and charged with attempting to murder Kissee.

Robert Crawford finished first and Paul Rose second in the Wildcat Mountain Triathlon held during Rockcastle River Days. Bryan Mahaffey placed first and Megan Bond second in the Biggest Fish Contest. Several other scheduled events had to be cancelled because of inclement weather.

More than 100 marijuana plants were seized and destroyed in two separate raids.

Work began on I-75, reducing both the north and southbound lane to one lane between the 58 and 66 mile markers.

### AUGUST

The Little World's Fair opened and a large crowd came out for Kid's Night.

Five-year-old Amberly Northern was killed in a four wheeler accident at her home on Cook Road in Climax.

RCMS junior James Clay Ballinger graduated from The Center for Rural Development's Rogers Scholars program.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court approved the purchase of 43+ acres, directly across the bridge at Livingston for \$40,000.

Rockcastle children began the 2014-15 school year on August 13th with the first break scheduled for Labor Day, September 1st.

Mark Buras, a member of the Brodhead City Commission, withdrew his candidacy for Mayor of Brodhead.

Dollie Bussell Krahenbuhl celebrated her 105th birthday.

The Rockcastle County Board of Education began discussion about participating in the Community Eligibility Provision which allows high poverty schools to offer both breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of their parents or guardians income. To date, the school board has not approved participation in the program.

The Rockcastle County 4-H Land Judging Team captured Junior Champion at the 2014 Kentucky State Fair. Joy Frith won Junior Champion, placing over 45 competitors.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care received the 2014 Women's Choice Award for the second year in a row.

The annual Livingston Homecoming was held.

It was announced a new FM radio station is scheduled to go on the air in Rockcastle and several surrounding counties, WKUR 94.9 FM will be a 24/7 country music radio station.

State Senator Jared Carpenter (R-Berea) was awarded the 3rd Annual Chamber MVP Award from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Melissa Brock received the “Mission of Hope Advocacy Award” at the 8th annual “Celebrate Life” cancer survivor dinner held on August 21st. The award is presented by the Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center and recognizes those who make a difference in their community through their commitment to cancer prevention, raising awareness and support of those fighting the disease.

### SEPTEMBER

Livingston Homecoming was held and Dell Ponder served as Grand Marshal. Joel Hurley was recognized as “Citizen of the Year,” Paul Senters for Business of the Year and Mike Smith as a

“Special Friend of the City of Livingston.”

The first hemp crop since WWII was harvested in the county and plans were being made to expand the crop to 500 acres within two to three years.

The renowned bluegrass gospel band Locust Ridge was nominated for a Dove Award by the Gospel Music Association. Rockcastle native Greg Bullock, who now lives in Sevierville, TN, is a vocalist for the band.

The Rockcastle Rockets football team got their first win of the season, beating the West Jessamine Colts 45-6.

RCMS Senior Callie Asher, daughter of Anthony and Julie Asher of Mt. Vernon, was crowned Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen. Runners-up were: Cheyenne Morgan, Chelsey King and Kendra Dees. The Rockets won the bowl game 35-14 over South Laurel.

A large crowd came out for the third annual Hunger Awareness March in downtown Mt. Vernon.

Seven people were indicted for promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Jail. The seven were among 27 True Bills returned by a Rockcastle Grand Jury.

Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds announced that his office issued 21 arrest warrants for flagrant non-support offenders.

Matthew and Noelle Green of Tallahassee, Florida opened an organic food and livestock feed store in Livingston. They are currently selling several types of feed and plan to expand, in the spring, to selling organic meats.

It was announced that Barbara M. Castleberry, PhD, will be inducted into the Livingston School Hall of Fame at the annual school reunion in October.

The Rockets football team got their third win in a row by defeating the Whitley County Colonels 33-28.

The Rockets volleyball team got their sixth win of their season by defeating Somerset.

The RCMS girls cross country team placed a close second at the Southern Harrier Classic in Somerset, losing by only two points to Green County. RCMS 7th grader Tori Dotson won her varsity race at the meet in her first ever 5,000 meter race.

The annual Mt. Vernon High School Reunion was held with the Class of 1964 being honored.

The Rockets football team got their second loss of the season at the hands of Pulaski Co. 61-14.

The Rockets boys golf team won the CKBC regular season South Division Championship. Three Rockets were named to the 1st Team All Conference for the South Division. They were: John Cornelius, Sam Pensof and Cade Burdette. Cornelius finished the year as the CKBC Regular Season Player of the Year.

### OCTOBER

According to a survey by the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, Rockcastle County's unemployment rate dipped to 6.9% for August 2014, compared to 7.3% in August 2013.

Arson was suspected in two adjacent trailers which caught fire on Pine Hill Circle in Mt. Vernon.

Amelia Eversole was crowned Homecoming Queen and Tate Clements, Homecoming King during festivities at halftime of the Rockets football game against Perry Central. The Rockets beat Perry Central 22-20. Members of the homecoming court were: Aaron McNabb and Kali Lay, Paul Holbrook and Sierra Mercer and Sarah Roberts and Cameron Brown.

The Rockets golf team placed 5th in regional play with Cade Burdette turning in an impressive 76.

The Lady Rockets golf team finished 7th in their regional tournament. Hannabeth Owens shot a 73 for second place individually.

The RCMS girls cross-country team won the Wayne County Invitational with a perfect team score. The team is ranked number one in Class 2A, Region 5.

The RCMS girls 6th grade and under team won the Wayne County Invitation for their third win of the season. They had three of the top five runners in the Wayne County Invitational.

The Marching Rockets finished second in Class AAA-1 competition at the 2014 Corbin Marching Classic Invitational. They also won Best Colorguard in Class.

A large crowd came out for the annual Bittersweet Festival. Grand Marshalls for the parade were Charles and Bobbie Saylor.

The Rockcastle County School District went from 57th statewide to 66th in statewide test results for the 2013-14 school year. The district is classified as “needs improvement/progressing.” Mt. Vernon Elementary made the largest improvement in the district with a 6.9% gain from the previous year.

A severe storm system moved across the county bringing severe thunderstorms, heavy rains, high winds and quarter inch hail. 3.52 inches of rain was recorded in the Roundstone community with over two inches falling in Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, Livingston and Climax.

The RCMS boys cross country team placed first at the Boyle County Invitational.

RCMS 7th grader Victoria Dotson beat the all-time RCMS varsity record for a 5,000 meter race at the Greater Louisville Classic. Victoria placed 21st out of 268 runners and is ranked second in Region 5. Teammate Sierra Mercer is ranked 4th.

The RCMS girls cross-country team placed 21st overall at the Greater Louisville Classic and 7th among Class 2A schools. The top four teams were from out of state.

Cade Burdette shot a one under par 70 to win the Middle School State Championship.

A text message, containing a bomb threat, was received at the high school, shortly after school was in session. All students and faculty were taken to the Rockcastle County Middle School gymnasium and a state police bomb canine was brought in to search the building. Nothing suspicious was found and students and faculty returned to the building around 1:30 p.m.

U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell spoke at an event at the Limestone Grille where he gave a legislative update and spoke about his upcoming election.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers came to Rockcastle County High School to officially launch the “Give Me A Reason” program which provides parents with free drug testing kits for the 2014-15 school year.

Mt. Vernon Elementary, Rockcastle County Middle School and Rockcastle County High School were among 14 anti-drug UNITE Clubs in school across the Fifth Congressional District named “Clubs of the Year” for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments during the 2013-14 school year. The RCMS Unite Club has won the Middle School Unite Club of the Year for five years in a row.

The Rockcastle Rockets football team beat Russell Co. 40-13 to go 5-2 on the season.

The RCMS boys cross-country team placed first in the Pulaski County Invitational and the Mercer Co. All-Come's tournament.

The Lady Rockets volleyball team beat Boyle County and are now 12-12 on the season.

The RCMS girls 6th grade and under team won the Pulaski County Tournament.

The RCMS girls cross-country team won two meets at Mercer County. RCMS continues to be ranked first in Region 5.

County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloffis filed as a write-in candidate for that office. Carloffis was defeated in the May Primary by Doug Bishop.

The Red Balloon Memorial Launch was held at the football field during halftime of the UNITE Bowl at which the Rockets lost to Knox Central 26-7.

The Lady Rockets volleyball team lost to Casey County in their last regular season game and finished the season 12-13.

A large crowd came out for the 25th annual Civil War Reenactment of the Battle of Camp Wildcat on Wildcat Mountain.

An Open House and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held for the new \$3 million Emergency Operations and 911 Dispatch Center building in Rockcastle Industrial Park South.

The Rockcastle Rockets football team defeated Clay Co. 42-26 to go 2 and 1 in district play.

The RCMS girls cross-country team won the sophomore state championship at Masterson Station Park in Lexington. They defeated Class 3A state power Henry Clay for the team title.

The RCMS girls 6th and 7th grade basketball teams finished the Commonwealth Middle School Conference undefeated in league play and won the conference championship in a tournament played at Estill County.

### NOVEMBER

Incumbent County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloffis lost his bid for re-election via a write-in campaign. Carloffis got 1,744 write-in votes to Doug Bishop's 3,077.

Mike Bryant won re-election as Mayor of Mt. Vernon over challengers Clarice Kirby and Harry Potter.

Carlos McClure, who beat incumbent Jailer James Miller in the May Primary, defeated Democrat challenger Rick Brummett 3,589 votes to 1,301 in the general election.

U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell carried Rockcastle and the state in his race against challenger Democrat Allison Grimes.

State Senator Jared Carpenter easily won Rockcastle with an almost 3,000 vote margin over Democrat candidate Michael Cope.

Debra Hembree Lambert won her race for first division Court of Appeals, unseating incumbent Michael Caperton.

Incumbent Court of Appeals Judge James Lambert won his race by a large margin, defeating challenger Paul Henderson.

Incumbent Family Court Judge Marcus Vanover defeated his challenger Bruce Wayne Singleton, 2,386 to 1,032 votes.

A large crowd attended the annual City of Mt. Vernon's Halloween on Main despite rain and cold weather.

The RCMS Girls Track Team won the Class 2A Region 5 championship held at Mercer County. RCMS 7th grader Tori Dotson won the Class 2A Region 5 Championship individual title. The team and Dotson will now participate in the state championships at the Kentucky Horse Park.

RCMS freshman Grant Isaacs qualified individually for the Class 2A State Cross-Country Championships to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The Rockets football team lost their last regular season game to Wayne County 28-14.

The Marching Rockets finished their 2014 season with a strong win at the US Bands Southern States Championship, held in Chattanooga, TN. The Rockets were first place champions in Class 1A as well as earning several caption awards, including best music, best visual, best overall effect and best colorguard in class.

A large crowd came out for the announcement of the 2015 Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Inductees. They were: Montgomery Gentry, The Mooglooms, Doctor “Doc” Howard Hopkins, Pete Stamper, Larry Cordle, Clarence Spalding and The Backstreet Boys.

Kentucky Agricultural Commissioner and Republican Gubernatorial Candidate James Comer was the guest speaker for the annual Veterans Day Celebration held Tuesday at RCMS.

The Rockcastle Rockets football team beat Marion County in the first round of playoffs 28-7, their first playoff win since 2011.

RCMS 7th grader Tori Dotson finished 9th for RCMS at the Class 2A State Cross Country Championships. Tori ran the fastest time ever for an RCMS girl in state competition. She was named to the KTCCCA All-State Team. She, along with RCMS 8th grader Kensie Sheffield, will compete for Team Kentucky at the Youth National Cross-Country Championships in Nashville, TN later in November.

RCMS freshman Grant Isaacs shattered his all-time

personal best mark by 24 seconds and finished 9th among all freshman boys at the Class 2A State Cross-Country Championships.

The RCHS girls' cross-country team placed 6th at the Class 2A State Cross-Country Championships in Lexington.

Rockcastle County got their first “snow day” of the season as a result of a storm system that pushed through the county.

Rockcastle Fiscal Court voted to buy needed equipment for five fire departments in the county with a \$280,000 loan from KACO.

It was announced that EST Tool and Machine in Brodhead will add 8 to 12 employees within the next year.

The Rockets football team ended their playoff season with a 43-20 loss to Lexington Catholic in the second round.

A retirement party for PVA Margaret Offutt was held. Offutt retired the first of December after serving in that office for 33 years. Deputy PVA Janet Vaughn was elected to fill Mrs. Offutt's position.

County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloffis presented retiring County Dog Warden Buck Farthing with a plaque of appreciation for his 20 years of service.

The road construction project on I-75 was completed the last week in November.

RCMS cheerleaders participated in their first ever KAPO regional competition, in the 12th Region, and placed first. They will now compete at the state competition in January at Eastern Kentucky University.

A Mt. Vernon native, Alvin Carpenter and his wife, Marilyn, announced they plan to donate \$2 million as the lead gift for the renovation of the Haupt Humanities building at Transylvania University.

RCHS librarian Janet Wells was named Kentucky's Outstanding School Media Librarian.

### DECEMBER

PVA-Elect Janet Vaughn was sworn in as Rockcastle County PVA by Chief Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette.

Richard Austin Tillery, 18, of Conway was killed in a single vehicle accident on Hwy. 25 near the Rockcastle/Madison County line.

A large crowd attended the Livingston Christmas Parade and the children visited with Santa Claus afterwards.

Eastern Kentucky University sophomore guard Michaela Hunter was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for women's basketball.

University of Louisville women's basketball senior Sara Hammond was named to two prestigious preseason awards lists. Hammond was named to the John R. Wooden Award Preseason Top 30, in addition to being selected to the prestigious Wade Watch List, which was announced by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Ben Lake, a 2012 graduate from Rockcastle County High School was named All-Association First Team -- Offense by the UAA (University Athletic Association) in the sport of football. Lake plays for Washington University in St. Louis.

Benjamin Tyler, 13, son of John and Sandy Tyler of Brodhead, earned his Life Rank from the Boy Scouts of America.

The Rockets boys basketball team lost their season opener to North Laurel 76-63. The girls team also dropped their first game of the season to Danville 62-52.

Mt. Vernon and Brodhead held their annual Christmas Parades. Grand Marshalls for the Mt. Vernon Parade were County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloffis, former PVA Margaret Offutt and Jailer James Miller.

A water/sewer rate hike was discussed at a meeting of the Brodhead City Commissioners. The hike is necessary to enable the city to qualify for a \$1.2 million grant/loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

Former RCHS Lady Rocket and current Louisville Cardinal Sara Hammond was honored, during the Lady Rockets game against Lincoln County. Hammond's #00 jersey was retired and she was also honored for being a member of the 1,000 point

club. Hammond scored over 2,000 points during her high school career and is the all-time leading scorer for the Lady Rockets.

Lincoln Hines won first place in the third annual Livingston Community Lions Club's “Rockcastle's Got Talent” show. Christy Tyree won second place, Christopher Longhurst won third and Celia Shaffer won the People's Choice Trophy, decided by audience applause.

Linda Ashley was presented the Women in American History award and a medal at the Daughters of the American Revolution's Christmas Dinner. Outgoing County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloffis was also presented with a plaque from the chapter for his continued support throughout the years for the DAR.

JROTC Cadet Addison Atkin received a first place for his solo exhibition routine at the Alvin C. York Drill Meet. The Varsity Color Guard placed fourth overall at the event and the Academic Team placed 4th overall.

The Rockcastle Rockets are now 1-3 on the season after losses to Lincoln County 83-61, a win over Barbourville 74-73 and a loss to Mercer County 81-45.

The Lady Rockets fell to Lincoln County in overtime 59-57, lost to North Laurel 68-48 and then to Mercer County 66-32.

A local man was arrested on an indictment warrant for the murder of an elderly Ohio woman in 2012. Arrested was Daniel Ray French, 56 for the murder of Barbara Howe, 87, of Monroe, Ohio.

The fiscal court established a board to oversee and operate the former Livingston School building which is owned by the county.

Eastern Kentucky university awarded nationally acclaimed garden designer Jon Carloffis an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at their Fall Commencement.

The Rockets boys basketball team beat Estill County 54-47 and then lost to Somerset in double overtime 109-101.

The Lady Rockets beat district foe Somerset 58-52 and then lost to Estill Co. 54-46 and to Garrard Co. 49-36.

University of Louisville Cardinal Sara Hammond was selected to the prestigious 2014-15 Naismith Trophy list.

# “Rabbits”

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Robinson said.

The Bluegrass Region and the mountains of eastern Kentucky hold the highest rabbit densities, but practically any wildlife management area in Kentucky offers decent rabbit hunting.

“Some of our smaller off-the-beaten-path wildlife management areas don't get as much hunting pressure and have good populations of rabbits,” Robinson said, “especially those outside the Louisville, Lexington and northern Kentucky corridor.”

Shotshells loaded with No. 6 shot make an excellent rabbit load. Most rabbit shots are fairly close when hunting without dogs in winter. An improved cylinder choke works fine. When hunting with dogs, a modified choke is a good choice. Don't over-choke your shotgun and damage the tasty rabbit meat.

“You will be more successful hunting with dogs,” Robinson said. “A lot of dog owners are looking for someone to hunt with them. It is worth a try to ask to join them. If you have some access to land to hunt and they have dogs, you can make a partnership.”

Rabbit season closes Jan. 31 in the Eastern Zone. The season closes Feb. 10 in all counties west of and including Hancock, Ohio, Butler, Warren and Allen. The daily bag limit is four rabbits.

Robinson asks rabbit hunters to participate in the Hunter Cooperator Survey and fill out a hunting log. This log provides valuable population information to biologists so they can make more informed decisions regarding rabbit management. Participants receive a small gift and a copy of the annual survey. Hunters can find printable hunting logs on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov. Click on the “Hunt” tab, then the “Game Species” tab.



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Thursday, January 8, 2015

## Rockcastle Regional recognized as 2013 Top Performer

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has been recognized as a 2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by The Joint Commission for attaining and sustaining excellence for pneumonia care. Rockcastle Regional is one of only 1,224 hospitals throughout the country to receive this distinction. Only 36.9% of accredited hospitals earned Top Performer status for 2013.

The organizations named Top Performer of 2013 status were recognized in "America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety," the 2014 annual report of The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

The Top Performer program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions, including pneumonia.

"We understand what matters most to our patients is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through

evidence-based care processes," said Stephen A. Estes, president and CEO of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. "We are proud to be named a Top Performer as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff."

Recognition in The Joint Commission's Top Performer program is based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the previous calendar year. This year's program results are based on data that were reported for 2013.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

For more information about the Top Performer program, visit [http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top\\_performers.aspx](http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx).

## Snowball Express kicks off County-wide Stride Series

Come out and join Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center for the fourth annual Snowball Express on Sunday, January 27 at Brodhead Elementary School. This event will feature a 2-mile run/walk beginning at 2:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m.

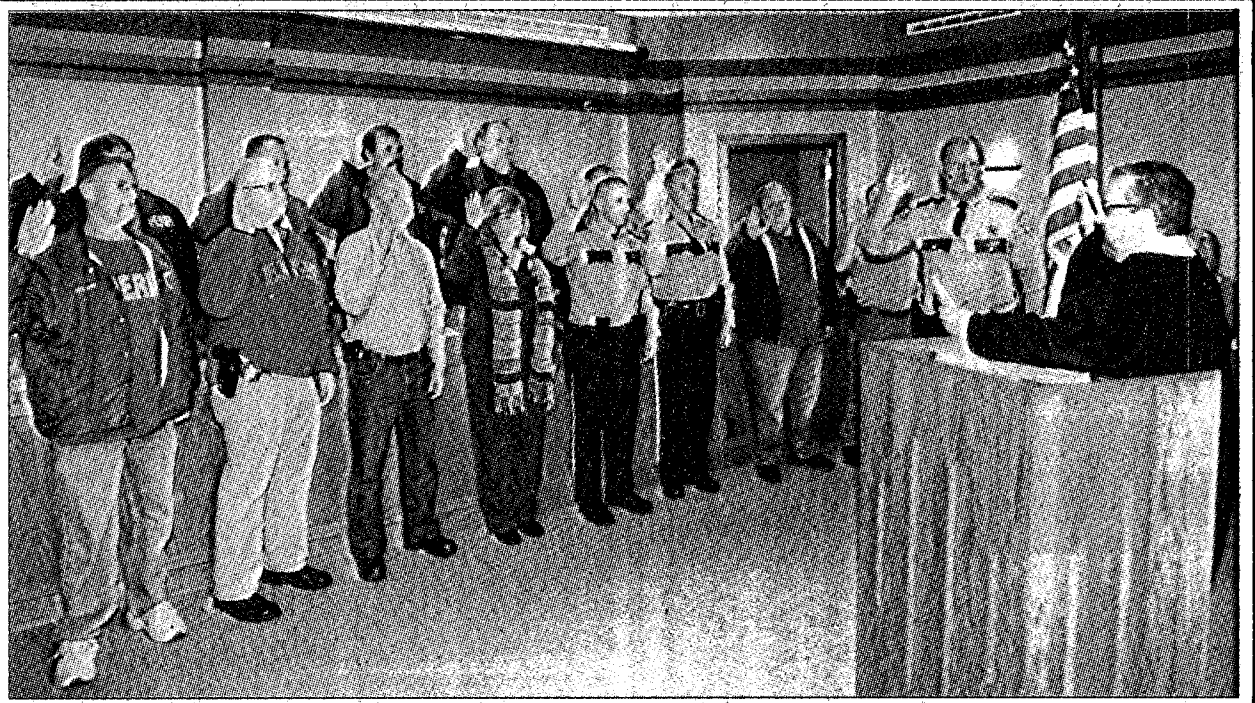
The Snowball Express is the first run/walk to kick off the 2015 County-wide Stride Series. The 12-race series in 2014 raised \$15,096 for various charities and had a total of 2,047 participants. All proceeds from the Snowball Express will benefit Rockcastle County's Relay for Life.

You can pre-register online at <http://www.rockcastleregional.org/race/january/race-info/> until January 19 for \$15 or drop-off your registration at Rockcastle Regional Hospital by noon on Monday, January 19. Race day registration fee will be \$20. T-shirts will

be given to race participants; however, please pre-register to guarantee your shirt. Shirts will be available on race day in limited sizes and quantity, while supplies last.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female race winner, as well as the top three finishers in each age group: 12 & under, 13-17, 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70+. Walker awards will be given to the top 3 male and female walking finishers.

In case of inclement weather, cancellation notices will be posted on the County-wide Stride Facebook page or you may call (606) 256-7767 to hear a recorded message. Registration fees are non-refundable. For questions or more information, contact Kayla Rowe at (606) 256-7767 or by email at [kayla.rowe@rhrcc.org](mailto:kayla.rowe@rhrcc.org).



Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters, far right, along with his deputies, was sworn-in during ceremonies held at the Rockcastle Courthouse last Saturday, January 3rd. Handling the swearing-in duties was Chief Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette.



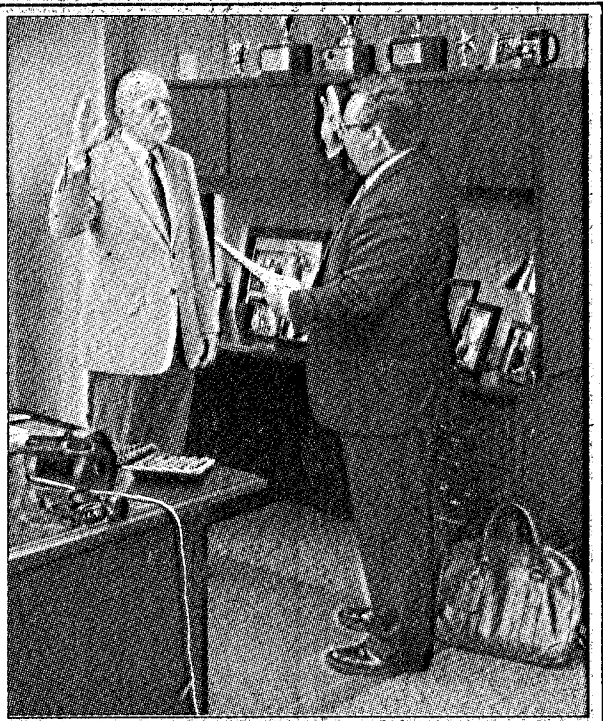
Rockcastle County Magistrates took their oath of office during ceremonies last Saturday at the Rockcastle Courthouse. Judge Jeff Burdette swore-in magistrates, from left: Mike McGuire, Shannon Bishop, Gary Burdette, William Denny and Bill McKinney.



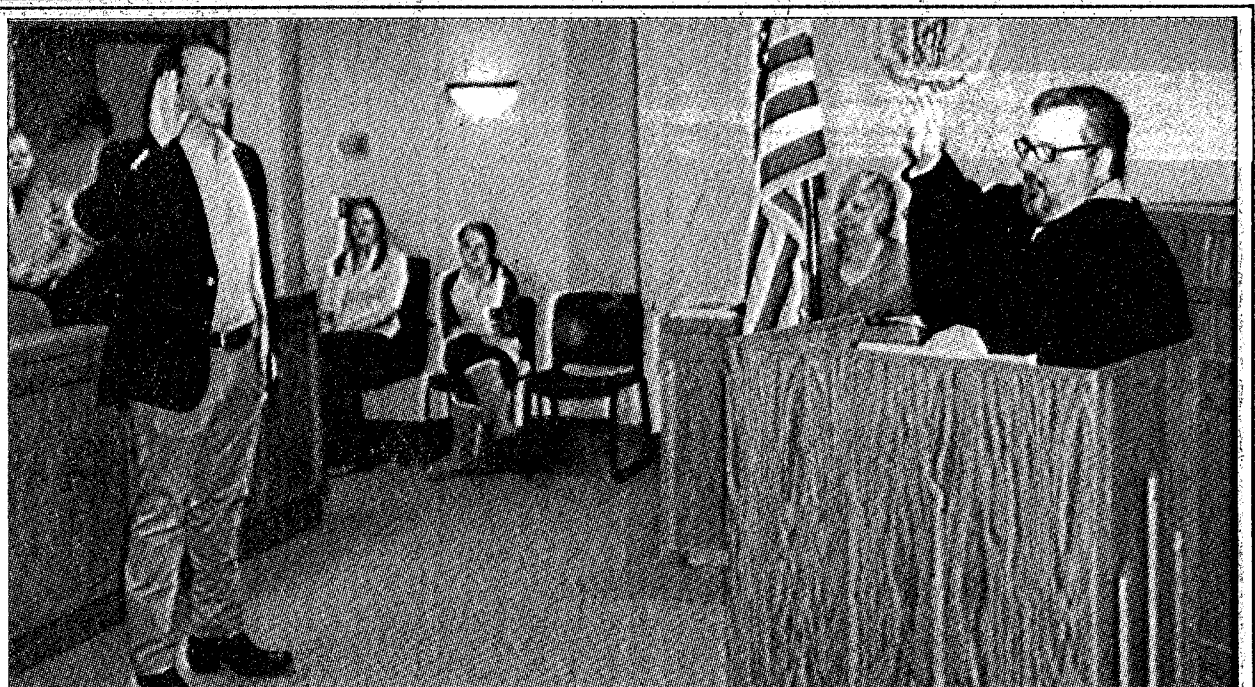
Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen, far right, and her deputy clerks, from left: Jessica Smith, Sonya McGuire, Becky Mays, Mattie Miller, Tina Gibbs and Anita Moore, were sworn-in by Judge Burdette during ceremonies last Saturday at the Rockcastle Courthouse.




Buzz Carloftis swore in the newly-elected Brodhead Commissioners and Mayor Walter Lee Cash on Wednesday, December 31st. In the photo are, from left: Dallas Todd, Keith Graves, Mayor Cash, Ronnie Cash and Ricky Kirby.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant was sworn-in last week by Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette.



Judge Jeff Burdette swore-in State Representative Jonathon Shell.



## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### Circuit Civil Suits

Central Bank and Trust Co. v. Thomas L. Dees, \$5,050.47 plus claimed due.  
Discover Bank v. Dewey F. Pigg, \$13,955.72 plus claimed due. CI-00002.

### District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Johnathan Rowland, \$988.37 plus claimed due. C-00277

### Deeds Recorded

The Faulkner Family Trust, property on KY 1249, to Roosevelt McGuire, Jr. and Holly Jané McGuire.

No tax  
Community Trust Bank, property in South Ridge Estates, to Larry Christopher Newcomb. Tax \$16

William and Barbara S. Fain, property in Rockcastle County, to Lavada Ruth Blevins. No tax

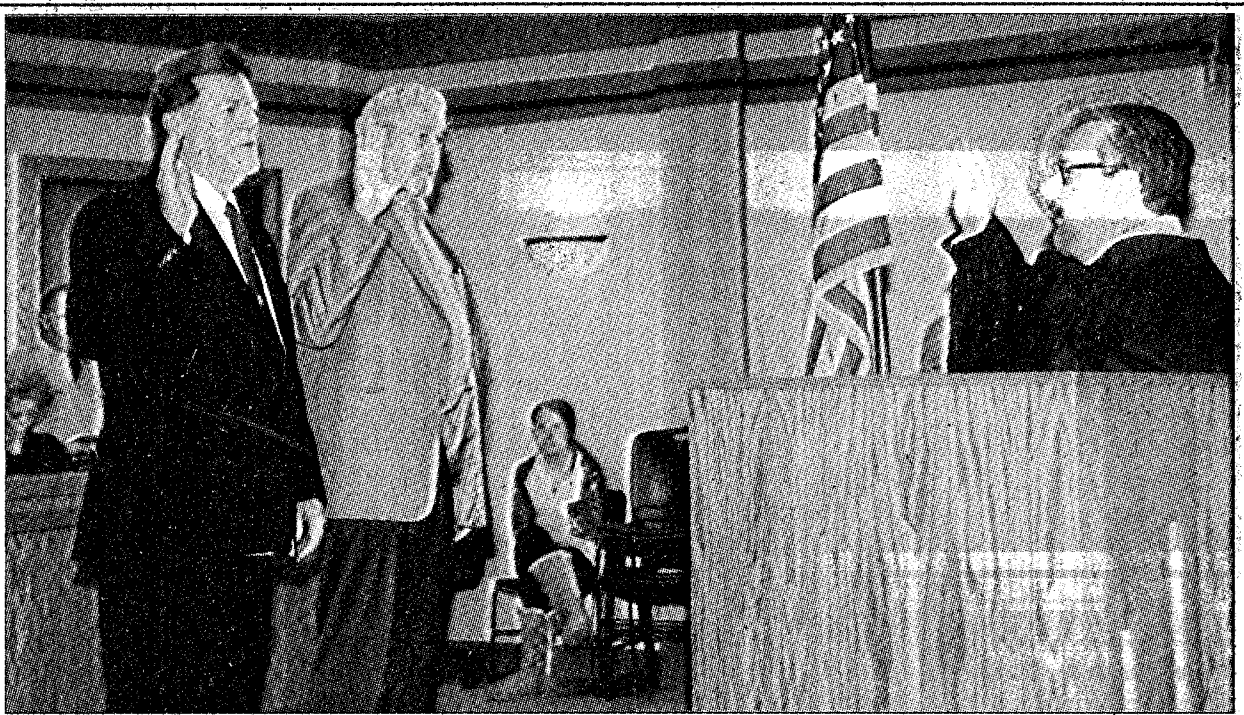
Judy and Carlos Cameron, property in Mt. Vernon, to Janice G. Poynter. No tax

Bob and Darlene Baker, property on Old Hummel Road, to Robert Bruce Baker. No tax

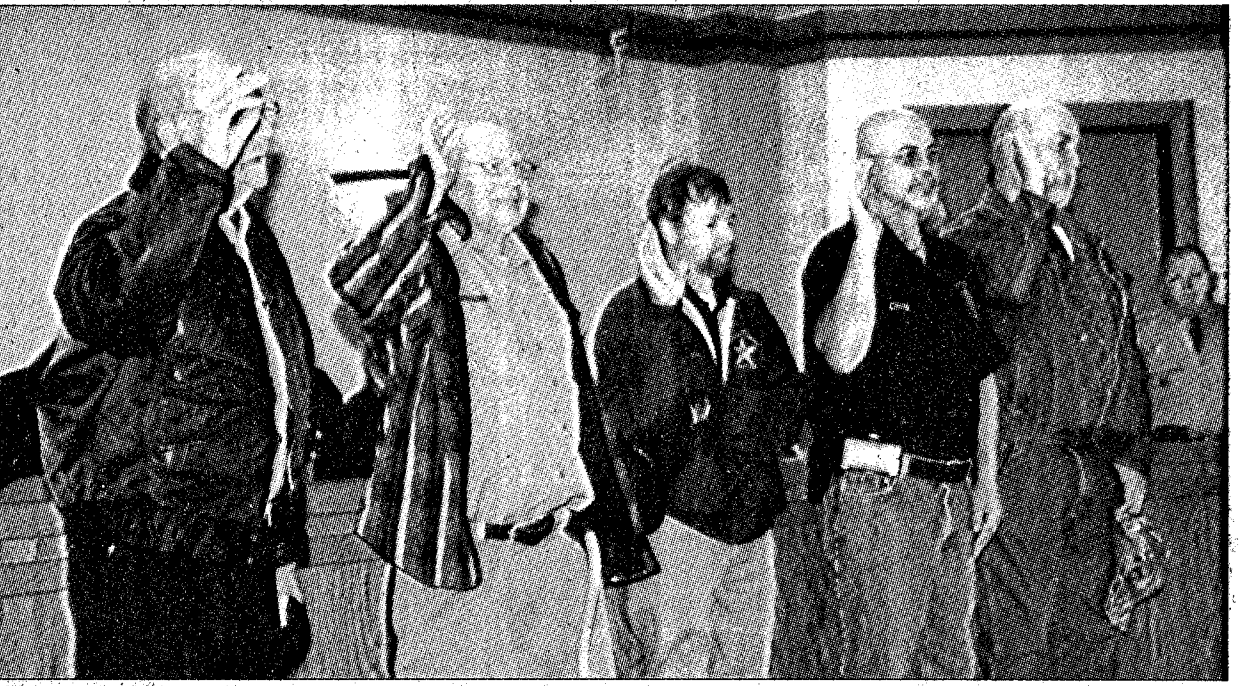
Cecil and Judy King, property on old U.S. 150, to Douglas and Eva Dicken. Tax \$70

Wilma Hayes Carl and Earnest Carl, Jr., et al, property in Ottawa to Verla Rose Hayes Mink and James L. Mink. No tax

Wilma Hayes Carl and Earnest Carl, Jr., et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Robert and Charlotte Hayes. No tax



Rockcastle Coroner Marvin Owens, left, and Deputy Coroner Bill Dowell, were sworn-in by Judge Jeff Burdette.



Constables sworn-in are shown, from left: Joe Bussell, Delno McClure, Leonard Dale Miller, Chris Mason and Frank Maples.

# Prepare for cold weather as temperatures plummet

New Year's 2015 arrived less than a week ago, but already it's sending temperatures in the area plummeting. With single digits temperatures and subzero wind chills expected by mid-week, Kentucky Utilities Company encourages customers to prepare for the extreme cold.

•Have your furnace checked by a certified professional to make sure it's in peak operating condition. Remember to check your filter each month and replace it as necessary, based on the manufacturer's recommendations. A dirty filter will slow air flow, making the system work harder to

keep the indoor air temperature at a consistent, comfortable setting.

•Seal leaks and gaps around your home with caulk, spray foam, or weather-stripping to keep the warm air in and the cold air out.

•Build an emergency kit that includes a battery-powered radio, flashlights for everyone in the family, fresh batteries for any devices, first-aid kit, and over-the-counter and prescription medications. A list of more essential emergency kit supplies can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

•Always operate a portable generator safely and outdoors to allow for

proper venting. It's best to consult with a qualified, licensed electrician and review the manufacturer's instructions before installing the generator.

•Strong wind, snow and ice accumulation can sometimes cause tree branches to break and fall into power lines. Stay away and consider all fallen wires dangerous.

•KU customers should call 800-981-0600 to report a downed wire or power outage. And, KU customers can also report an outage online at [lgeku.com](http://lgeku.com) after registering their account.

•Be sure to use LG&E and KU's outage map on your computer or smartphone, [www.lgeku.com/storm](http://www.lgeku.com/storm), to receive near real time information about outages throughout our system, a summary of outages by zip code and county, and estimated restoration time.

#### Heating Assistance

•Community Winterhelp, the utility's primary heating assistance program, is available to customers who have difficulty paying their heating bills during the winter months.

•KU is once again matching residential customers' donations to the

program, \$1 for \$1, creating a greater pool of funds to help those having a tough time keep their families comfortable during the frigid conditions.

•With the match in effect from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, the utility encourages customers to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the program by making a monthly pledge or a one-time contribution. Even rounding up a payment to the next whole dollar makes a difference.

#### About the program

•Community Winterhelp is a third-party nonprofit organization, typically a Community Action Agency, that helps customers in financial crises pay their heating bills.

•Eligibility for heating assistance benefits is determined by the Community Winterhelp nonprofit organization. The program assists families in dire financial situations and lack of resources, leaving a family with no heat or the immediate prospect of no heat; and families with a family member who is elderly, very young, seriously ill or disabled. Neither KU or LG&E plays a part in determining eligibility.

•Families in need of as-

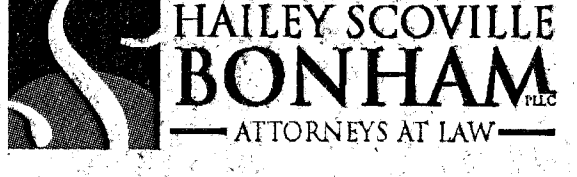
sistance will be interviewed by Community Winterhelp service part-

ners and should contact the agency to apply for funds.

## Kentucky Crossword #664


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

- ACROSS
- 1. Hey, there!
  - 5. Identifying mark
  - 9. Glances over quickly
  - 14. Four Corners state
  - 15. Lotions additive
  - 19. Leisurely walk
  - 17. Ocean menace
  - 18. Chaplin prop
  - 19. Foreword, for short
  - 20. Kentucky's is for party affiliates only
  - 23. Not only that...
  - 24. Swedish rug
  - 25. Fragrant ointment
  - 28. C.E.O.'s degree
  - 30. Gaucho's weapon
  - 34. Nabisco cookies
  - 35. Lawman Eep
  - 37. Baflo! abbr.
  - 38. Kentuckian
  - 41. Invertebrate at the top of a flag raising
  - 42. Surrounding glass
  - 43. Archaeological site
  - 44. Heels
  - 46. Like some phone nos.
  - 47. Except #
  - 48. Prefix with cycle
  - 51. Seed coat
  - 53. Kentucky's slogan
  - 59. Beauty shop
  - 60. Palm known for its fruit
  - 61. Workbench attachment
  - 62. Makes level
- DOWN
- 1. Hose site
  - 2. Asterisk
  - 3. Pseudonym of H. Munro
  - 4. Kentuckian, inventor of "Gonzo" journalism
  - 5. Large, wedge-shaped bone
  - 6. Silas House novel, "Quill"
  - 7. First-rate
  - 8. It holds the line
  - 9. Hot
  - 10. Cambridge grad, maybe
  - 11. Italian wine area
  - 12. Detective Waite, or Johnash Co. area
  - 13. Any day now
  - 21. Panhandle sig.
  - 22. Muse with a lute
  - 25. Extremely successful
  - 26. Road marker
  - 27. Pick up
  - 28. Talkative one
  - 29. It may be stolen
  - 31. Former M.L. shortstop, Kentuckian
- BEARD
- 32. Property claims
  - 33. Vast chasm
  - 35. Race's end
  - 36. Root vegetable
  - 39. Sensational
  - 40. Louisville-based university
  - 45. Coach who led Kentucky Wesleyan to NCAA Div II title in 1968
  - 47. Bearish
  - 49. Dentist's directive
  - 50. Columbia, KY is this county's seat
  - 51. Brings into play
  - 52. Church section
  - 53. Rain, as colors
  - 54. Glasgow gal
  - 55. Mammoth Cave's largest river
  - 56. Kentucky author, Alpo Hogan
  - 57. Mother of Horus
  - 58. Williams and Kennedy
- SOLUTION TO KY663
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**28th Judicial Circuit**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II**  
**Civil Action No. 13-CI-00177**

**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**Not In Its Individual Capacity,**  
**But Solely As Legal Title Trustee**  
**For LVS Title Trust 1** Plaintiff

**V.**

**Joshua Blair and Jennifer Lovell** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 14, 2014 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$125,585.44) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, January 23, 2015 Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Lot Number 34 of the Mountain View Estates as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 4, page 69 in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mount Vernon, Kentucky. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Joshua Blair, single, and Jennifer L. Lovell, single, from Joshua Blair, single by deed dated July 19, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 212, page 450 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

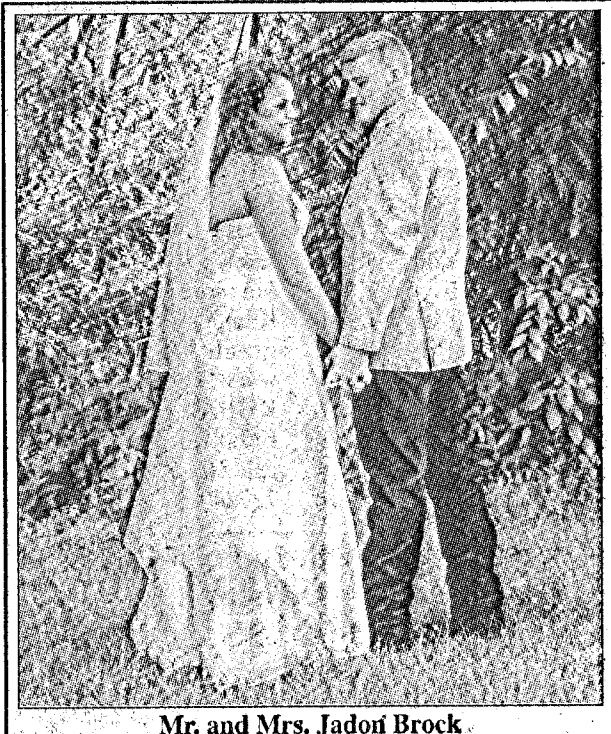
**The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:**

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have a force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2014 local, county and state property taxes.
4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

**John D. Ford**  
**Master Commissioner**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Clerk**

## Asher - Brock vows said

Carly Alexis Dowell Asher, daughter of Anthony and Julie Asher, and Jadon Douglas Brock, son of Douglas and Debbie Brock, were united in marriage Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. Brother Dan Gutenson officiated at the double ring ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. Jadon Brock.

Escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white strapless, fit and flare A-line gown with a beautiful split back skirt with beaded lace detail on the bodice, skirt and chapel train. Her shoulder length veil was edged with sequins. She carried a beautiful pink rose bouquet.

Callie Asher was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Niki Phelps, sister of the groom, Carly Winstead, Sarah Woodall and Kristen Baker, friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Luree Gabbard, cousin of the bride, Autumn King and Keeley King, cousins of the groom.

Flower girls were Haven

King and Taylor King cousins of the groom. Creed Gabbard, cousin of the bride was the ring bearer.

Attending the guest register was Quenton Bishop, friend of the bride.

Ben Allen, friend of the groom, served as best man. Oother groomsmen were Zach Poynter, Tim Nicely, Kenton Adams, and Brian Phelps, friends of the groom. Will Bishop, cousin of the bride, was junior

groomsman. Ushers were the bride's uncles, Shannon Bishop and Brent Gabbard.

Music was provided by pianist, Lisa Ross, vocalist was Angie Bishop, aunt of the bride and 29 Strings bluegrass band provided music and vocals for the lighting of the unity candle. Debbie Brown, cousin of the bride, was coordinator for the wedding. Jamie Isaacs and Blessed Bee were the photographers.

Reception was held at the Red Barn in Renfro Valley. Music was provided by The Band Tangent and catering by Carol Sims of Dolly Sods Catering.

Jadon and Carly residing at their home on Copper Creek. Jadon is employed at Hendrickson and Carly is employed at Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Walmart as a pharmacy technician and is a student at EKU.

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## 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 of 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 or the Children of American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606) 256-2851.

### Mourning Roberts

Virginia  
Mourning Roberts was born on 15 July 1758 in Virginia and died 21 September 1833 in Rockcastle County, KY. According to his pension application, he gave the following account of his service on 30 October 1832 in Rockcastle Co. KY at the age of seventy

four:  
Mourning enlisted in the Army of the United States as a private about the last of February or first of March 1777 in Albemarle County, VA and served in the 14th Regiment of the Virginia Line under Colonel Charles Lewis, Major Abraham Buford and Captain Robert Marks. He was marched to Fredericksburg and from there to Alexandria and then onto Middlebrook in the state of New Jersey.

His enlistment was for a term of three years, but he was discharged on or about the 8th January 1778 due to illness. He served ten months and some days. He received his discharge from Brigadier General George Weeden. Major Abraham Buford gave a supporting affidavit for Mourning Roberts on 3 October 1832 in his application for pension.

Mourning was allowed a pension at the rate of \$33.33 annually commencing on 4 March 1831 for his service as a private for ten months in the service of Virginia. No information on Mourning's spouse or children was given in his application. He married Elizabeth Harding (1778-1837) on 21 December 1785 in Albemarle Co. VA. Sometime between 1790 and 1800, the Roberts moved from Albemarle Co. VA and settled in Madison Co. KY as his is listed in the Madison Co. Tax List of 1800.

Mourning died on 21 September 1833 in Rockcastle County and is buried at the Viers-Ogg Cemetery in a marked grave. Elizabeth's final resting place is unknown. The Roberts had at least eight children during their marriage as shown by the 1810 and 1820 Census. However, only three names are known. The known children of Mourning and Elizabeth were: Elizabeth Roberts (April 1791-11 April 1875IN) married William A. Hardin on 11 August 1833. They had at least seven children: Nancy, Elizabeth, Stephen, Lewis, William, Mary and James. Elizabeth and William are buried at the Abner Creek Cemetery in Danville, IN. John Roberts (15 December 1802-1 August 1881 Rockcastle Co. KY) married Margaret Duncan (1 April 1797 Garrard Co. KY-5 December 1875 Rockcastle Co. KY). They had one child, William James Roberts... John and Margaret are buried at the Viers-Ogg Cemetery in Rockcastle Co. KY. Sarah Roberts (1805-1860) married James A. Loman (1803-before 1870) in 1824 Madison Co. KY. They had two children, James and Julie Ann.

As of date, no descendant of Mourning has joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. He would be considered a new patriot for the organization.

## At Kentucky Artisan Center

# Local artist demonstrates folk art painting Saturday

On Saturday, Jan. 10, Janice Harding Owens, of Mount Vernon, will demonstrate folk art painting from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

A native of Rockcastle County, Owens comes from a family of creative quilters and painters. In the 1980s she began painting the wooden works created by her husband, Ron. Eventually Owens began to paint on boards, and in 1989 painted her first canvass with acrylics. When folk art collector John Irvin saw Owens' work, he arranged for her to have her first exhibition of paintings at Central Bank in Lexington in 1991. She has since had painting exhibitions in numerous states, including Connecticut and Wisconsin, and in Washington, D.C.

With children in her household, Owens chose to work with water-based acrylic paints to avoid the harsh smell of turpentine and to achieve a faster drying process. She often bypasses sketching the painting first, saying, "Sometimes I just go at it with the paint, as by the time I sketch something in, I could have painted it!"

While commissioned paintings require Owens to render a specific image, her own landscapes often come from her imagination. She takes photographs of her surroundings and looks at other images for reference before juxtaposing them in her own unique way.

Works by Owens are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, 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, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is 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. A special exhibit, "Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Feb. 28, 2015. The lobby exhibit, "Kentucky Murals by Frank W. Long," showcases murals located in Kentucky painted by Long (1906-1999). For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center](http://www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center), or go to the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov).

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



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# Mt. Vernon Message

## School News

MVES Student Council will meet on Friday, January 9 at 12:35.

Buster the Bus for School Safety will be here Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15.

## MVES UNITE News

The UNITE Club is doing a needs drive, Pair Up Against Drugs, beginning Monday, January 12 and ending on Friday, January 22. If you would like, you can donate new or gently used sweatpants or elastic waist pants for our FRC. We are in need of pants that can be adjustable to meet the

needs of our diverse student body. Sometimes jeans can be difficult to fit because of their stiffness and length, therefore, sweatpants and/or elastic waist pants are better suited.

Also, there will be no school on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

## School Closings and Early Dismissal

School closing and early dismissal of school due to inclement weather will be announced on radio stations and four television stations. They are as follows:

- Radio - WRVK (AM

1460), WVLK (FM92.9), WBUL (FM 98.1), WLAP (AM 630), WKQQ (FM100.0)

•Television - WLEX (Channel 18), WKYT (Channel 27), WTVQ (Channel 36) and WDKY (Channel 56).

If possible, the closings will be announced the evening before the closing date. If the determination cannot be made the day prior to the closing date, every possible effort will be made to reach a decision by 6 a.m. The announcement will be made no later than 6:30 a.m.

If the need for early dismissal does occur, please do not call the school. Our phone lines must be kept open for emergencies.

## FRC News

FRC Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13 at 12:00.

## Local graduates of Campbellsville

Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, told 210 undergraduate and graduate students in two commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 12 in Ransdell Chapel to live by fellowship, leadership and scholarship words on the university seal.

Local students graduating were:

Starla Elaine Bond of Mount Vernon, received a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations. Bond graduates summa cum laude with honors and as Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and College Graduates. She is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and is the daughter of Kathy Bond Tyree of Mt. Vernon.

Kimberly Elaine Gibson of Brodhead received a Master of Social Work.

## SCC Dean's List

Somerset Community College recently released the fall 2014 dean's List. The fall 2014 semester concluded in December. In total, 592 students were named to the list.

Local students were:

Brodhead - Jason Brock, Justin Caldwell, Cali Parker, Anthony Saylor.

Lividngston - Andrea Coffey, Heather Kirby, Billie Tankersley.

Mount Vernon - Samuel Alcorn, Brianna Burdette, Christopher Decker, Clarissa Hubbard, Amy Johnson, Charles McFerron, Kirbie Reynolds, Bethany Robbins, Cassandra Taylor, Caitlin Wilson.

Orlando - Krista Stewart.

To be a member of the dean's list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student at Somerset Community College. A full-time student must take 12 credit hours during a semester, excluding developmental classes.

## Public meeting on fisheries issues

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will conduct a public meeting Jan. 15 to discuss fisheries issues affecting western Kentucky.

While the primary focus will be on crappie and bass fishing in Barkley and Kentucky lakes, officials will also provide updates on Asian carp, habitat projects, catfish and paddlefish. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife employees also want to hear from the public on these topics.

This meeting is being held at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Convention Center in Gilbertsville at 7 p.m. (Central time).

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## Filing FAFSA early gives students better chance at state grants

Kentucky students planning to attend an in-state college or university this fall should file the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. Filing early increases a student's chance of receiving a state need-based grant administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.gov.

A student attending a college or university in Kentucky may qualify for a College Access Program

(CAP) Grant. To qualify, a student must show financial need and be enrolled at least half-time toward an associate's or bachelor's degree.

A student attending a Kentucky private college or university may qualify for a Kentucky Tuition Grant (KTG) in addition to a CAP Grant. To qualify for KTG, a student must show financial need and be enrolled full-time.

Funding for CAP and KTG is limited, with awards made on a first-come, first-served basis. Award

amounts for the 2015-16 academic year will be set in the spring.

For more information about CAP and KTG, view the KHEAA-administered programs under the Paying for College section on www.kheaa.com or email grants@kheaa.com.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, 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. 6-7372.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**28th Judicial Circuit**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I**  
**Civil Action No. 14-CI-00187**

**Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.** Plaintiff

**V.**

**Deshonna F. Moore, et al** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 26, 2014 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND 52/100 (\$40,150.52) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, January 23, 2015 Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to herein as an "Iron Pin Set" is a set 1/2" diameter rebar eighteen (18") in length, with a blue plastic cap stamped G. Holman, P.L.S. 1837. All bearings stated herein are referred to the magnetic meridian as observed Nov. 19, 2007 along the East line of the tract described herein.

Beginning at an iron pin set, an existing corner of Kenneth Taylor D.B. 100, page 509, said iron pin bears North 7 degrees 48 minutes 31 seconds West, 331.62 feet, South 77 degrees 34 minutes 50 seconds West, 20 feet to a stone, a corner of Johnny Taylor D.B. 087, page 637, & in the south R/W of Ky. 328 (20 feet from center).

Thence with the line of Kenneth Taylor the following call: Thence North 82 degrees 40 minutes 58 seconds East, 350.35 feet, to an iron pin set in the line of Leroy Brown, D.B. 130, Pg. 019; Thence with the line of Leroy Brown the following call: Thence South 2 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds West, 137.03 feet; to an iron pin set, a new corner of James E. Taylor D.B. 100 Pg. 507; Thence severing the property of James E. Taylor the following calls: Thence South 85 degrees 45 minutes 48 seconds West, 114.93 feet; to an iron pin set; Thence North 10 degrees 35 minutes 01 seconds West, 108.89 feet; to an iron pin set; Thence South 82 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West, 205.88 feet; to an iron pin set; Thence North 7 degrees 48 minutes 31 seconds West, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINS 0.489 ACRES more or less.

This tract is subject to all easements, right of ways, covenants & restrictions of record in existence.

The real property is improved with a 1999 Clay Mobile Home, Serial No. CAP007349TNAB.

Being the same property conveyed to DeShonna F. Moore, single, from James Taylor, et ux. by quit claim deed dated May 27, 2008 and recorded in Deed Book 222, Page 172 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property and mobile home shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have a force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2014 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The successful bidder shall at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on any improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the court-appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court.
10. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

**John D. Ford**  
**Master Commissioner**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Clerk**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky • 28th Judicial Circuit**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I**  
**Civil Action No. 14-CI-00195**

**Citizens Bank** Plaintiff

**V.**

**Carl Wayne Sowder and wife Brenda K. Sowder and Whitley County Stone, LLC and Hi-View LLC** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 31, 2014 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE DOLLARS AND 01/100 (\$178,879.01) bearing interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum (\$29.66 per day) from October 15, 2014 until the date of judgment, plus post judgment interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum, from the date of this judgment until paid in full, plus Plaintiff's attorneys fees in the amount of \$5,300.00 and Court costs in the amount of \$537.08 plus as Special Master Commissioner fees and other expenses of sale, I will offer at public auction the real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly described herein. The sale will occur:

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street - Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, January 23, 2015 Beginning at the Hour of 2:00 p.m.**

### Description of Property:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in a drain in the northern right of way of State Highway 2549 (Old 461) and in the southwestern most corner of DeBorde property, thence along said right of way S 50 degrees 24' 26" W 60.94 feet to a nail in said right away; thence leaving said right of way and following the center of the Old Freedom Road the following courses and distances: N 7 degrees 54' 41" W 79.21 feet; N 3 degrees 53' 50" E 165.33; N 4 degrees 6' 10" E 204.54 feet; N 30 degrees 08' 33" W 142.85 feet; N 24 degrees 47' 47" W 141.85 feet; N 3 degrees 40' 5" W 299.29 feet; N 8 degrees 58' 24" W 38.97 feet; N 12 degrees 56' 36" W 133.20 feet; N 13 degrees 2' 9" W 123.85 feet; N 5 degrees 33' 17" W 48.82 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving that cent of Old Freedom School Road S 75 degrees 16' 4" E 57.08 feet to a post, thence along a line with Mrs. Walter Sowder N 46 degrees 29' 25" E 591.33 feet to a walnut; thence along a line with Jim Bowling the following courses and distances: S 31 degrees 23' 44" E 100.65 feet to A post; S 26 degrees 15' 32" E 597.47 feet to a wild cherry; S 23 degrees 42' 10" E 130.53 feet to a sassafras; S 07 degrees 23' 27" E 416.27 feet to a post in the northern right of way of State Highway 2549 (Old 461); thence leaving said right of way and following the center of a drain the following course and distances along a line with DeBorde: S 73 degrees 48' 16" W 178.97 feet; S 79 degrees 06' 15" W 36.25 feet; S 82 degrees 01' 46" W 54.38 feet; S 85 degrees 25' 11" W 126.33 feet; N 79 degrees 00' 18" West 94.53 feet; S 82 degrees 41' 24" W 66.93 feet; S 07 degrees 25' 35" W 27.96 feet; S 02 degrees 20' 13" W 74.76 feet; S 08 degrees 41' 31" W 36.59 feet; S 21 degrees 21' 23" W 99.52 feet; S 25 degrees 59' 14" W 92.67 feet S 18 degrees 39' 46" W 68.23 feet; S 12 09' 25" E 37.31 feet; S 07 degrees 07' 25" W 55.95 feet to an iron pin in the northern right of way of State Highway 2549 (Old 461), said iron pin being the point of beginning, and containing 18.308 acres, more or less, according to survey by Charles Douglas Mullins, RLS 2773, dated June 6, 1990.

There is further conveyed unto Grantees, their heirs or assigns, a 16 ft. wide easement for ingress and egress to the above-described property from State Highway 2549 (Old 461), said easement being approximately 95.10 feet in length and being show on the plat drawn by Charles Douglas Mullins dated June 6, 1990. This easement crosses the DeBorde property.

There is excluded however, that portion of the above conveyed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for right of way purposes by deed dated July 6, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 120, Page 511 in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

**PARCEL B**

TRACT NO. 1- Bounded on the west by the lands of John McKinney; on the north by the lands of Tract #2 herein; on the east by the lands of R.V. Brock and on the south by the lands of Walker Cummins and William Payne, and containing 75 acres more or less.

TRACT NO. 2- Beginning at a black walnut in line of W.M. McKinney, Alice Simpson or Henry Henzman and George Brown; thence with McKinney's line to a cedar and water oak pointer in line of W.F. Sowder and W.O. McKinney; thence an eastward course about seventy (70) rods to a stone set up in a conditional line between W. F. Sowder and E. M. Cummins; thence a northeast course a straight line about thirty five (35) rods to a hickory in Lewis line thence a westward course with said Lewis line to the Lewis and Henzman corner thence with the line of the Henzman or Alice Simpson, a westward course, to the place of beginning, and containing twenty five (25) acres more or less.

There is excluded however, that portion of the above conveyed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for right of way purposes by deed dated July 6, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 120, page 511.

Mortgagors obtained title to Parcel A by deed dated November 10, 1993, executed by Jerry Cummins, et ux., and recorded in Deed Book 152, page 164 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Mortgagors obtained title to Parcel B by deed dated July 8, 1997, executed by Carl Wayne Sowder, et. ux., and recorded in Deed Book 166, page 531 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

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

1. The subject real property (Parcel A & Parcel B) shall be sold separately.
2. Parcel B shall be sold first and it shall be announced before the sale of Parcel B that Parcel B is being sold subject to the terms and conditions of the lease dated November 1, 2004. (See Exhibit 1 attached to Hi-View LLC's answer, counterclaim and crossclaim).
3. Parcel B shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash or upon credit of 30 days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty (20%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of the sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.
4. Parcel A shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash or upon credit of 30 days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of the sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.
5. The buyer(s) shall have the privilege of paying all of the purchase price in cash or paying the bond before maturity by paying the principal amount thereof together with all interest accrued thereon to the date of said payment.
6. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale (subject to the priority set out elsewhere in this judgment).
7. The buyer(s) shall pay the 2014 Local, County, State and School taxes on the property and each year thereafter.
8. The buyer(s) shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of sale.
9. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the Plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required and the property will be conveyed to the Plaintiff in due season upon payment of the expense of sale.
10. Upon confirmation of sale and distribution of proceeds the parties shall release their liens of record against the real property or the Special Master Commissioner is authorized to execute a release on behalf of the parties releasing their respective liens.
11. This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, and all other covenants and conditions of record and otherwise shall be sold "AS IS."

**Jerome S. Fish**  
**Special Master Commissioner**

# CHURCH NEWS

## Free Bible Courses

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

## Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

## King to Preach

Bro. Donald King will be preaching Saturday, Jan. 10th at 7 p.m. at the Berea Gospel Tabernacle.

On Tuesday, January 13th, at 7 p.m., Bro. Brian Smith of Ohio and his 11-

year-old son, Dakota, will be singing and preaching at the church.

Pastor Ralph Chasteen invites everyone to attend these services.

Berea Tabernacle is located at 231 Berea Road.

## Gospel Singing

Lighthouse Baptist Church will have a Gospel Singing on Sat., Jan. 10th, beginning at 6 p.m.

Featured singers will be The Singing Cupps from Williamsburg.

The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.

Nolan Ryder Cecil was born December 2, 2014 at Women's Hospital St. Joseph East in Lexington. He

weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Michele Barnes and Nathan Cecil. *Congrats!! on the birth of your son. He is a blessing to everyone. Love, your family*



## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

There's nothing like a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day. Either one of these two soups can certainly chase that chill away.

### QUICK CHICKEN CHILI

2 cans (14 oz each) chicken broth  
1 can (14.5 oz each) tomatoes, undrained  
1 can (about 14 ounce) white beans

1 can (about 15 ounce) chicken breast

1 teaspoon chili powder

1 can (4 ounce) chopped green chilies

1 cup tortilla chips, broken

Shredded Cheddar cheese,

sliced green onions, cilantro

sprigs and chopped peeled avocado, optional

Combine broth, tomatoes with their juice, white beans, chicken breast, chili powder, and the chopped green chilies in medium saucepan.

Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low.

Simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Top with tortilla chips. Garnish with cheese, onions, cilantro and avocados, if desired.

### CROCK POT CHICKEN CHILI

2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1 medium onion, chopped

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped

1 tablespoon chili powder

2 tablespoons olive oil

4 garlic cloves, minced

4 cans (15 ounces each) white beans, rinsed and drained

3 cups chicken broth

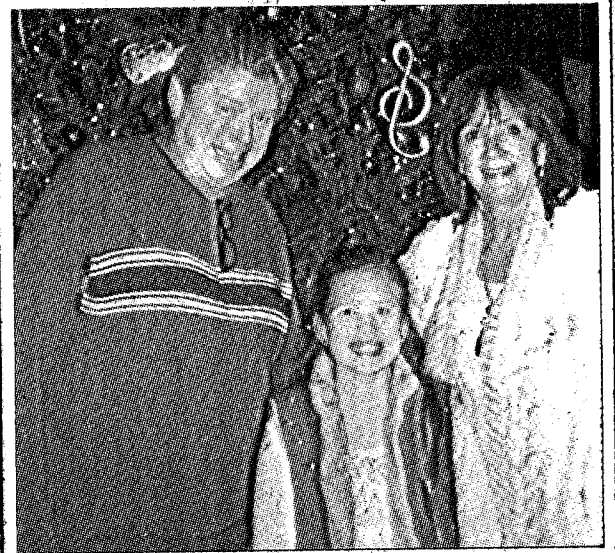
1 cup salsa

1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

Sour cream and minced fresh cilantro, optional

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the chicken, onion, jalapeno, oregano and cumin in oil for 3 to 4 minutes or until chicken is browned and vegetables are crisp-tender. Add

garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Transfer to a 5-quart slow cooker. Add beans, broth, and salsa to slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 3 to 4 hours or until heated through. Stir before serving. Sprinkle with cheese. Garnish with sour cream, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips, crackers, or cornbread.



The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club celebrated Christmas at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Mya Hunt, 9, daughter of Jeff and Angie Hunt of Mt. Vernon, was the club's guest for dinner and entertained with three songs. Mya recently competed in the Woodsongs program and won, performing with Leann Womack. She is shown in the above photo with her father, Jeff and aunt, Connie Hunt. *Thank you, Mya, for sharing your God-given talent with us.*

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Looking Out at the Landscape (From Inside Where It's Warm)

With the coldest weather of the season upon us, pushing aside the drapes and looking out into the yard sounds more appealing than taking an adventure outdoors. As a child I loved to play in the snow awhile. With the passing of years, that eagerness to get out in the cold has diminished. But just because I am inside does not mean my mind and thoughts don't wander outdoors. If you have the option of staying inside during the coldest days, you understand about looking out the window or door and dreaming of what you'd love to do when the weather warms or when spring returns.

Maybe you would love to see a big evergreen tree where you currently see the neighbors' are home. Or wouldn't it be nice to have a little waterfall and stream to watch the birdies get a drink and splash around?

Maybe a sunken garden, where you are less obvious when you want to relax or get some sun in the backyard. In the cold times, if you venture outside, wouldn't that firepit or fireplace or that pizza oven be nice to stand close to?

Perhaps you dream of a patio or a deck. Maybe an upstairs balcony. Or wouldn't it be nice to have a walking path in your own yard, and not have to pass down the block where the dogs bark every time you go for a little exercise. I am dreaming from inside while the ground is frozen this week, and you may be doing the same.

Tired of watching commercials or the same-old, same-old on TV, I turn it off and my mind goes to things I'd love to be doing in the

outdoors. My place or someone else's. I'd love to be planting, building, trimming, picking berries, even raking leaves—too many days indoors can mess with your sanity!

A mountain stream, like the little ones I used to wander through the woods and see when I was a child. I miss those times. Children, spend some time in the woods, in a park, by the lake or on the beach. I don't know that I've ever heard anyone say, "I wish I hadn't taken a wilderness hike or a stroll on the beach".

Anyhow, as you look outside on a cold day, you may dream of trees and grass turning green again, you may be thinking of weekend cookouts or just sitting beside the frog pond and having a cup of coffee, at least I imagine this is you since it's my own perspective on wintery days.

The bees and butterflies and hummingbirds, perhaps they catch a whiff of your perfume and check you out too, then they wander back to the flowering shrub or bed of blossoms.

As you stare outside, maybe you holler at your honey, "...wouldn't it look lovely to have a (fill in the blank with something you dream of) in our yard.....?"

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Comments welcome. Web: www.rockcastles.net

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## Join Arbor Day Foundation and receive 10 flowering trees

Residents of Kentucky can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2015.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns, and three white flowering dogwoods.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Kentucky lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are

perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

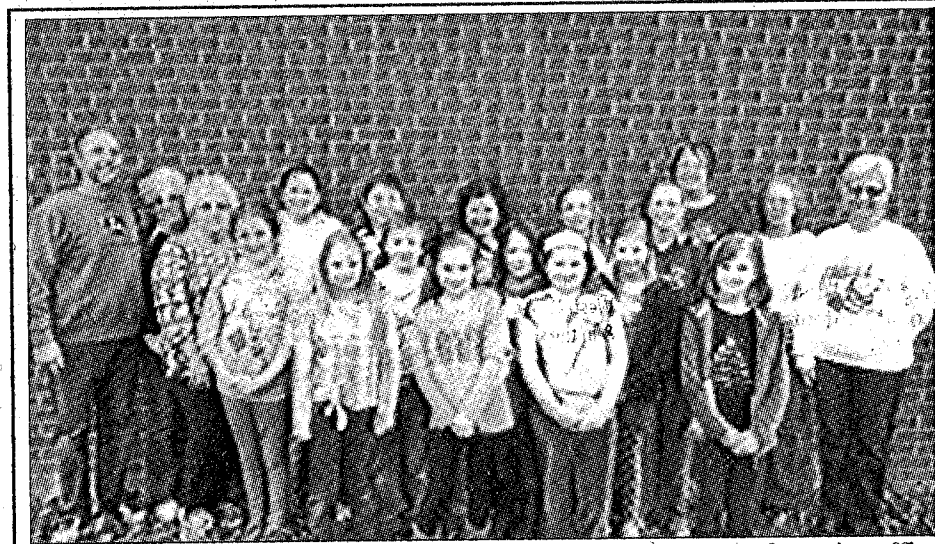
The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2015. Kentucky residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.



These Brodhead Elementary students received a special reward from Ms. Satca, in the Family Resource Center, for having perfect attendance August through December. Pictured are: Addison Carter, Isabella Clouse, Sawyer Yates, Nicholas Sponamore, Tanner Osborne, Austin Polk, Zaydan Barnett, Anthony Goodin, Kristy VanWinkle, Trinity Smith, Gabe Halcomb and Kaitlyn Carter. *Keep up the great work!*



13 Youth attended a Santa's Workshop at the Rockcastle County Extension office on December 23rd. The youth made six Christmas gifts for family members and friends. Brenda Saylor, Nutrition Assistant, and John McQueary, 4-H Agent, were assisted by Extension Homemaker volunteers including Carolyn Collins, Janice Hager, Bessie Hopkins, Elaine Murphy and Lydia McLemore. Also assisting were Kacy Day and Kathy Price.

## Bible Talk

Our studies this month and next month are the eight beatitudes from the sermon on the mount.

**Blessed are the Poor in Spirit** - In Matthew 5:3, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*" The word "poor" can be used in two senses: one who is not wealthy but who has the basic necessities of life, and other is one who is completely in poverty and destitute of even daily necessities. We must see that we are spiritual bankrupt in the sight of God, Rom.3:23, Is.64:6. Until we see our great need for God and how destitute we are without Him, we will not seek Him as we should.

**Blessed are they that Mourn** - Matthew 5:4, "*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*" Jesus is teaching us about the need to have godly sorrow for our sins, a broken and contrite heart. "*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death*" 2Cor.7:10. Yes, we must mourn and lament about our sins, for the broken and contrite heart will be moved to repentance. When we turn to the Lord, we will be comforted by finding the forgiveness of God.

**Blessed are the Meek** - Matthew 5:5, "*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*" Meekness is not weakness. The word "meek" literally means power under control. In Numbers 12:3 we read, "*Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.*" Was Moses some sort of weakly, wet noodle, who was spineless? No, he was a man of great strength, passion and power, yet he was under God's control! That is what the Lord seeks in us, to come under his control and his guidance.

**Blessed are they that Hunger and Thirst** - Matthew 5:6, "*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*" Let us illustrate the point. If a person were to hold you under water; after about 60 seconds what would be your desire? Paying off your car? Taking a vacation? Painting your house? Getting rid of a few wrinkles? Or would it be the desire to get a breath of air? Yes, this would be our burning desire! Even so, we must have this burning desire and thirst for righteousness. Peter said, "*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby,*" 1 Pet.2:2.

Would you like to study the Bible sometime? Let us know. We are happy to set up a class with you.

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.  
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## For Rent

**2 Bedroom House** on Lower River Road, Livingston. \$300 month/\$200 deposit. 606-386-9218. 2xntf

**2 Bedroom Mobile Home.** No pets. 256-2972. 2x2p

**2 Bedroom House in Mt. Vernon.** Central heat/air. \$375 month/\$375 deposit. Serious inquiries only. 256-4754. 2x1p

**2 Bedroom Home in Mt. Vernon.** 2 Bedroom trailer in Brodhead. No pets. 758-4729. 50xntf

**Trailer.** Deposit required. 859-3580. 48xntf

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

**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. 361fn

**For Rent**  
Maple St. Storage of Brodhead  
256-2884 or  
606-308-2491

## Property For Sale

**3 Bedroom/2 Bath Home** with garage just north of Mt. Vernon on 7 1/2+ acres. Ready to move into. \$150,000 firm. Serious inquiries only. Shown by appointment only. 606-308-3669 or 606-308-1689. 2x4p

**1 1/2 Acre Trailer Lot.** City water. 859-358-3560. 40xntf

**2BR/2BA 1450 sq. ft.** Selling for \$89,900. Rick Szaks, Broker. 859-255-7777. Lincoln Real Estate, Inc. rickszaks@aol.com 18xntf

**Between Mt. Vernon and Somerset:** 5.7 wooded acres for \$31,500. Near Berea - 10.2 acres \$31,900. Owner financing available. Call Dwight at 859-331-4888. 8xntf

**Lots in Castle Ridge Subdivision.** Use same entry way as Bible Baptist Church. All lots have city sewer and underground utilities. starting at \$12,900. 606-256-5692 • 256-4504 • 308-3730. 50x1

**Mobile home lots,** located in Sunnyside Mobile Home Park. 1/2 acre lots - \$500 down and \$100 per month. Call 606-256-5692 or 606-256-5648. 50x1

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## Posted

**Posted:** No trespassing at 330 Caff Road. Not responsible or liable for bodily injuries or accidents or damage to personal property. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x2p

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Eugene and Edna McKinney, 48 Pokeberry Lane off Sand Springs Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 2x2p

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing, hunting or ATVs on land belonging to Al and Barbara DeChameau on Poplar Gap Road land Poplar Gap Church Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 2x5p

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing at 1435 Marler Hollow. Not responsible for bodily injury. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x24p

**Posted:** No trespassing on property belonging to Charles Delph at 20 Smith St. in Brodhead. Not responsible for accidents. 42x13pd

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

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

**Posted:** No trespassing on 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. (1/21/16)

**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 471fn

**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 Bengé property).

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

## Motor Vehicles For Sale

**1998 Toyota Camry.** Four cylinder, new front tires. Asking \$1,950. Call 606-308-3126. 2x1p

**2007 Honda Accord EX,** V6, auto, leather, power seats, sunroof, navigation system, satellite radio. Runs and drives good. \$6,495. Call 606-386-1364 or 606-392-9119. 50x5p

## Miscellaneous For Sale

**For Sale:** Couch (makes a bed) and a half bed. 256-0226. 2x1p

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The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is accepting applications for **Full-Time Health Environmentalist I** at the Rockcastle County Health Department. Starting Salary: \$12.15 + \$15.17/hr negotiable with additional experience. Grade 15. Applications and full listing of qualifications may be obtained at the Rockcastle County Health Department, 120 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY OR online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/LHD.htm> Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business Monday, January 5, 2014 to Rockcastle County Health Department. Resume will not substitute for completed application. Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants will be required to submit to a drug screening test and background check.

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**Notice:** On January 24, 2015, at the hour of 9 a.m., I will sell the contents of Unit #29 and Unit #58 of the Perry and Amy Mink Properties, LLC the premises located at 110 Old Somerset Road, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. All purchases shall be in cash and the property shall be removed on the date of sale. 2x1

**The Housing Authority of Mount Vernon** has developed its Five Year Agency Plan in compliance with The Quality Housing and Compliance Act of 1988. It is available for review at The Housing Authority Administration office, located at 50 Lovell Lane, Mount Vernon, Ky. The authority's hours of operation are Mondays 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays 4 to 6 p.m. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 at 4 p.m. 1x2

**Accepting Bids:** The Brodhead Fire Department/ City of Brodhead is currently accepting bids for a

5500 Series Truck for the purpose of a Prime Mover for our structural collapse equipment. Secondary purpose the truck will have a skid unit on the bed for brush fires. Bid specifications can be obtained at the Brodhead City Hall. Bids will be accepted until January 23, 2015 at 4 p.m. at the Brodhead City Hall. Bids must be marked 2015 Homeland Security Grant on the envelope and the bid sheet. Bids will be accepted by the following methods only: Courier (UPS, FedEx, etc.) Brodhead City Hall, 7 West Main Street, Brodhead, Ky. 40409. Mail: Brodhead Fire Department, P.O. Box 465, Brodhead, Ky. 40409. Hand Delivered: Brodhead City Hall, 7 West Main St., Brodhead, Ky. 40409. For questions, or to obtain a specification sheet, please call the Brodhead City Hall at 606-758-8635 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 2x2

**Notice is hereby given that** John W. Burke, Jr., 8414 Ferndale Road, Louisville, Ky. 40291 has been appointed administrator of the estate of John W. Burke.

Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John W. Burke, Jr., on or before June 22nd, 2015 at 11 a.m. 1x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Sarah G. Miracle, 985 South Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Gary Miracle II, 103 Lynne Drive, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Gary L. Miracle. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sarah G. Miracle and/or Gary Miracle II or Hon. Michael S. Fore, P.O. Box 725, Richmond, Ky. 40476 on or before June 22, 2015 at 11 a.m. 1x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Randall Lewis Himes, 89 Old Sigmon Loop., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Carolyn Sue Mink, 58 Alpha Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 were appointed co-executors of the estate of Jack Dale Himes. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Randall Lewis Himes and/or Carolyn Sue Mink or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 15th, 2015 at 11 a.m. 2x3

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## LOCAL HEALTH NURSE II

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is accepting applications for a Full Time **Local Health Nurse II** positions for Rockcastle County Health Department. This position is located in the local county school system and is a ten (10) month (partial year) position. If unable to obtain applicants at LHN II level, the agency may then consider filling position with a LHN I.

**General Duties include:** This position serves under the direction of the Nurse Supervisor of the local health department. Responsibilities for this position include, but are not limited to: perform work with increasing independence and may assume minimal mentoring of LHN I nurses. Conduct nursing assessment for students, families and school personnel as appropriate using PPHR service guidelines. Develop and implement a plan of care based upon identified health risks. Provide basic nursing care to the client consistent with the PPHR, Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice. Establish policies, procedures and licensing laws: Document services provided to the client according to standards of the PPHR and Administrative Reference (AR). Maintain confidentiality and privacy according to guidelines. Work closely with school interdisciplinary team and apply problem solving strategies to accomplish job tasks. Participate in specialized or program specific clinics. Participate in educational counseling and teaching activities for individual students and educators. May assist coordinator of a specific program and offer mentoring to staff.

**Minimum Education, Training or Experience for LHN II:** See special requirements and one (1) year of Registered Nurse (RN) experience.

**Substitution for Education, Training or Experience:** BSN or Masters Degree in Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Education or Public Health may substitute for one (1) year of experience.

**Special Requirements:** (Age, Licensure, Regulation, Etc.) Must have RN license in Kentucky or compact state.  
**Starting Salary:** \$14.78/hr (Grade 18)

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**Minimum Education, Training or Experience for LHN I:** See special requirements.

**Special Requirements:** (Age, Licensure, Regulation, Etc.) Must have RN license in Kentucky or compact state or provisional license in Kentucky; meet all requirements of KRS 314.041 and approval to practice as Registered Nurse Applicant (RNA).  
**Starting Salary:** \$12.15/hr (Grade 15)

**Applications** may be obtained at the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, P.O. Box 158, 470 Manchester Square Shopping Center, Suite 200, Manchester, KY 40962 (606) 598-5564 or the local health department or <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/lhdapp.htm>

Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business on Monday, January 12, 2015 to Cumberland Valley District Health Department in Manchester. **Applications will be accepted past the deadline date for both classifications for future and ongoing position vacancies as they occur.**

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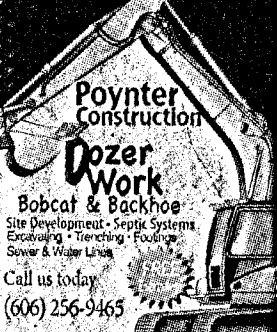
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