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Winter storm Jonas dumps 18 inches of snow County declares state of emergency



Snow began to fall Friday afternoon as Winter Storm Jonas brought 18 inches of snow to Rockcastle County. As I-75 became snow covered, motorists became stranded before dark Friday. The interstate was eventually closed for nearly 13 hours and over 70 stranded motorists were taken to a Red Cross emergency shelter at the local middle school where they spent the night. Kentucky State Police estimated 3,000 motorists were stranded between London and Mount Vernon.



Motorists were diverted from I-75 onto Highway 25 but snow continued to build up causing roads to become impassable for those who had been rerouted. Volunteer firefighters and other emergency personnel spent the entire evening rescuing stranded motorists and treating roads.



Even fire trucks with chains and trained drivers were unable to stay on the highway after the brutal snow storm hit Rockcastle County Friday evening and Saturday. Pictured above, a Mount Vernon Fire Truck slid off of Sand Springs Road on the way to help one of the many stranded motorists.

By: Mike French
Kentucky was hit with the worst blizzard in many years last Thursday evening as winter storm Jonas moved east and left problems for thousands of Kentuckians in its wake. The governor's office declared Kentucky in a state of emergency Friday.
Rockcastle County was also officially declared in a state of emergency by County Judge Executive Doug Bishop Friday after many local residents became stranded.
"We had to move quickly. There were lives in danger in our county and the declaration of emergency provides us with the ability to legally make immediate decisions to help people," said Bishop.
Before the storm moved east, local weatherman Buddy Cox said 18 inches of snow fell in Rockcastle County and conditions continued to worsen throughout.
According to Bishop, the need to make immediate decisions forced the declaration. "Under the state of emergency, we have the power to work with contractors and other agencies of the county without having to hold meetings and discussion and wait until something passes a vote," he said. "The welfare of our (See "Emergency" on A7)

Sheriff, police slammed with calls for help

By: Mike French
The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and Mount Vernon Police Department have been swamped with calls for assistance during the recent assault from winter storm Jonas, according to Sheriff Mike Peters and Police Chief Brian Carter.
"Most of our calls were from people who had slid off the roadway and were stuck in the ditch. We tried to pull them out when we could but most of the time we had to call a wrecker service," said Peters.
Carter agreed that stuck vehicles were the reason for most calls. "We were very busy trying to help motorists who were stuck. That was the majority of our calls," said Carter.
The calls came constantly, according to Peters, and he and his deputies could barely keep up with the needs. "We were just running from one spot to another as fast as we could (See "Calls" on A7)

No January council meeting

The City of Mount Vernon will not have a City Council meeting for the month of January. The regular monthly meeting is held on the third Monday of each month. However, this month the meeting fell on a national holiday and was moved to Monday, January 25. Winter storm Jonas then covered Rockcastle County in 18 inches of snow and the meeting was cancelled for the month. The next meeting will be February 29 when the council is expected to pass the new Nuisance Ordinance for the city. The public is invited to attend.

Middle school used as an emergency shelter for stranded motorists

By: Mike French
Rockcastle County became the temporary home for many stranded motorists Friday evening, after I-75 was closed due to dangerous road conditions. Winter storm Jonas dropped 18 inches of snow on Rockcastle County and motorists were stranded for as much as 13 hours.
CSEPP Director Howell Holbrook said the county, city and school system jumped into rescue mode to help those in need.
The Rockcastle Middle School was designated as an emergency shelter and Holbrook said as many as 75 stranded motorists were rescued and spent the night on cots at the school.
Holbrook said School Superintendent David Pensol and RCMS Principal Marcus Reppert worked through the night to provide shelter for those stranded.
"Mr. Pensol and Mr. Reppert stuck right by me all night long, setting up cots and blankets and taking care of people's needs. There's a good chance that these two men saved lives this week with their dedicated work to help people," said Holbrook.
Once the school was designated as the emergency shelter, local fire fighters took to the interstate to help those in need. "Volunteer fire fighters went up and down the interstate knocking on car and truck windows. People were running out of gas and had no food," said (See "Shelter" on A7)

All 102 inmates expected back in about two weeks

By: Mike French
Repairs to the Rockcastle County Detention Center were slowed some due to the 18 inches of snow in Mount Vernon this week, according to Jailer Carlos McClure.
"Some of the work we are doing involves placing a heating unit on the roof and we can't get up there right now. This storm has slowed us down quite a bit," he said.
The building was damaged on December 23 after an inmate reportedly started a fire in his cell. All 102 inmates were moved to detention facilities in surrounding counties and 13 inmates and two staff members were taken to the hospital where they were treated and released.
38 of those housed were county inmates and were costing the county \$31.43 per day, per inmate to house them in other facilities.
Repairs were concentrated in an area so that those 38 inmates could be returned first and save the county more expense. All of the county inmates were returned to the local center about two weeks later.
As soon as the snow is cleared from the roof and workers are able to begin (See "Jail" on A7)

Carloftis files for State Rep

By: Mike French
Former Rockcastle County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis has filed the required paperwork to run for the office of Kentucky State Representative.
The Rockcastle resident filed candidacy papers Tuesday in Frankfort to run for the Republican party's nominee against incumbent State Representative Jonathan Shell. Tuesday was the final day for filing. (See "Files" on A7)

Caucus website started

The Rockcastle County Republican Party has a launched a website for voters to get more information about the March 5th Republican Presidential Caucus.
John Hughes, Republican Party Youth Chair, and a member of the Rockcastle Caucus Steering Committee, unveiled the site, http:// (See "Caucus" on A7)

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ramblings

by: perlina m. anderkin
I managed to get to work Monday and was very proud of myself. Of course, the two men who showed up to shovel my driveway Sunday (for a small fee, of course) and the fact that I have a Dodge Durango with AWD, 4 Lock and 4 Lo really helped out.

As soon as I got to the Signal, I decided that if Paige made it in, and it was iffy there for a while, her driveway is pretty steep, the very first thing, even before "Hi, glad you made it," I was going to smack her. I have told you before of her obsession with snowfalls, and the smack was for getting her wish. Okay, maybe she didn't actually wish for an 18 inch blizzard, which effectively kept me in the house for three days but, still.

I precipitated something of a family crisis Sunday when I did finally make it out. My landline has been on the fritz for several months and I haven't bothered to call the phone company because I have my cell and it keeps politicians and telemarketers from aggravating me. However, I have a hard time keeping up with my cell. Sunday, when I answered the door for the driveway cleaners, I laid it down on a table in the living room and promptly forgot about it.

I left home shortly after to run a few errands and, upon my return, my neighbor, Hope Renfro was knocking on my back door, having been dispatched by daughter Jamie, to "check on Mom."

After assuring Hope all was well, I backtracked and found my phone. Thankfully, daughter Allison, in Springfield, who had been alerted, hooked up with neighbor Josie Adams who saw me leaving home and told Allison I was heading for IGA so, all's well that ends well.

I'm glad the children keep tabs on me. Living alone, there are all sorts of disaster scenarios - falls, heart attacks, strokes, and I don't have a "I've fallen and I can't get up" necklace but

I can see that looming on my horizon.

I do want to say I appreciate Mayor Mike Bryant's decision to send snow removal equipment to Main Street to do away with the, at least, 4x4 snowbank that was keeping anyone from parking on our side of the street or, in fact even gaining access to the sidewalk.

Residents of Ashley's House shoveled the steps Monday morning, in front of our building and Daniel Boone's and it was very much appreciated. The parking space that I snagged behind RTEC earlier Monday, before the snow removal, was also appreciated as was the use of Community Trust Bank's lot.

My Jack Russells, Jax and Bandit, are completely confused by the goings on. They charged outside the first time, after the snowfall, and were traumatized, the snow was higher. Jax immediately tried to turn and come back in but had to struggle mightily to reverse directions. Now they refuse to venture out at all and I have been reduced to letting them out into the garage and that has to be cleaned up.

I'll survive but not happily. However, I'm not sure I will survive the political hoopla until November's general election.

I'm something of a political junkie but it is already tiresome and will probably only get worse as November nears.

I am undecided among two of the top three candidates. I cannot support Trump. I am afraid he is Obama's right wing version. I don't like his statement that in order to further his agenda as President he might have to "encroach on the Bill of Rights." Heck, we have that now. How about just following our Constitution? Is that so hard? Adherence to this founding document has served us well for over 200 years and should be revered instead of being rewritten as our Supreme Court, Obama and the Dems are prone to do: We sure don't need the frontrunning Republican candidate

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Being a country boy, I never minded snow storms. As a child they kept me out of school, as a teen, they kept me out of work and as an adult they kept me out of running errands.

However, I find that the older I get, the more snow storms get on my nerves.

I like to think that as a country boy, I could survive and take care of my family if there were no electric. If the electrical grid went down and we were stuck on our farm, I'd find things to eat and things to burn for heat.

But it wasn't until this particular blizzard that am beginning to doubt my preparedness.

As soon as our little, one-lane, country road became impassable, I realized that I had taken my propane heaters and propane stove to my mother's house. And though this is a little country house, the fireplace has been long boarded over.

Hmmmmmm. I realized I hadn't prepared at all this time. If our electric went out and it was impossible to get out of our farm, how was I going to provide heat for my family?

In my head I began devising options. But before I came up with any plan for living the rough way, our satellite went off and I had to go sweep the dish. Hey, I have my priorities.

After that long battle and getting our wireless surround sound back up and running, I started working on survival options again.

So as I am looking out the window and thinking (much like the non mechanic that opens the hood and looks at the motor when his car won't start and has no idea what he's looking at) I start working on plan "A" should an emergency arise.

But alas, before a plan came to mind I realized that I have to collect the coins from my iPad game each day or I lose my points. I'm on level 54 and that's difficult to get back to if I don't collect my coins. But, that's a different subject.

This survival skill thing can wait a bit. So, as long as wi fi is up and running, I'll sit on the couch and collect my coins. By the time I did all my collecting, the snow had built up so high that I couldn't get out my back door. So, okay. Back to working on my survival plan.

So my thought process went as follows, "I know where there is a huge 55 gallon metal barrel that I could build a fire in. If I could get it to the mudroom.....hey, you know what would be good? Some biscuits and brown sugar syrup."

Okay, I'll get back to the survival plan after I fix some biscuits. "Hey honey, you want some biscuits?"

Duh.

So I'll get back to survival after this. After all, I better have our bellies good and full in case the electric does go out.

We don't have a kitchen table. We sit on the couch and eat in our house. It's comfortable and warm and soft and those biscuits were so good. But, as soon as I'm through eating them, it's back to the survival plan for sure. Definitely.

So our bellies were filled and we were comfy and warm and dry as the snow fell outside and....well....a nap sure would be nice right about now.

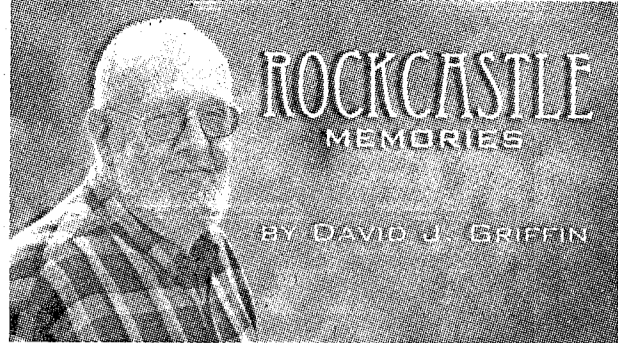
When I wake up, I'll still have time to make plans to protect my family.

So, about an hour and a half later we wake up and realize the electric is still on and I have time to drink some coffee and watch a little TV before I do my Daniel Boone impression and fight the blizzard.

If I bring that barrel in the house, it will just fill the house with smoke.

I'm going to have to find a way to get the smoke out of the house but keep the heat from the fire inside the

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Kraft Music Hall

Since Kathy and I have both retired, we find that we have no set times for sleeping, TV, eating, or most anything else. When we find a TV program that interests us, we get a snack and settle back for a "long winter's" video enjoyment. That occurred a few nights ago when we stumbled across a 1965 edition of Perry Como's Kraft Music Hall. The show aired at 2:00 am, which was just perfect for us.

I distinctly remember watching Perry on television at home with my mother and my grandparents. All three of them enjoyed Perry and his smooth voice, especially when performing well known, classic songs. The beauty of his singing style was that it appeared entirely effortless. During that time in my life, Perry released several hits that even were played on rock and roll radio. My family never missed a single show.

Perry's guests (on the night Kathy and I watched) included Lena Horne and Peter Nero. These were two major talents of the day, typical fare for the highly popular program.

Horne was famous for her incredible singing voice, her personal and classic interpretations of songs, and for her unconventional selection of pieces to perform and record. During this time in her career, she worked in nightclubs and on television, while releasing well-received record albums. Later in her career, Horne starred in a one-woman show, Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music, which ran for more than three hundred performances on Broadway.

Peter Nero, a pianist of first order, recorded his earliest album in 1961 and won a Grammy Award that year for "Best New Artist." During his career, he released a total of 67 albums and received one additional Grammy Award.

Como's career spanned more than a half-century, recording exclusively for RCA Victor after signing with the label in 1943. Perry produced numerous hit records, and his combined success on television and in popular recordings was not matched by any other artist of the time.

Como's insistence on his principles of good taste was well known. If he considered something to be in bad or poor taste, it was not in the show or broadcast. The man which viewers saw on television was the same individual that they met in the supermarket, the bowling alley, or making breakfast in his kitchen. Humility was his middle name.

Perry received the 1959 Grammy Award for Best Male Vocal Performance for "Catch a Falling Star." He also received five Emmy Awards from 1955 to 1959. He has the rare distinction of having three stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his work in radio, in television, and in music.

Before mastering his singing ability, Como's primary ambition was merely to become the best barber in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Practicing on his father, he mastered the skills well enough to have his own barber shop at the age of 14.

Como's singing style was simply part of his personality. He was considered to be "laid back" for most of his life. He kept his cool even when others around him seemed to be panic stricken. Bing Crosby once described Perry as "the man who invented casual." He died in his sleep on May 12, 2001, at his home in Jupiter Inlet Colony, Florida, six days

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Points East

By Ike Adams



The gardens I have started in January, for well over the last 50 years have, always, and continue to be, my very favorites.

January gardens do best when there's about of foot of snow on the ground, the temperature is around zero and the wind is howling at over 20 mph. You don't have to fire up the tiller, sharpen the hoe or even worry about where you put the seed basket to have a successful January vegetable garden, but you do need at least half a dozen seed catalogues from places like Parks, Twilley's, Burpee's, Totally Tomatoes, Henry Field's, etc. if you want to do it right.

Most of these seed places and dozens of others now publish their catalogues online, but, as far as I'm concerned, there is no substitute for the old-fashioned, paper catalogues that are replete with hundreds of colorful photographs of the

vegetables and flowers you need for a proper January garden. For whatever reason they simply don't do nearly as well on a computer monitor as they do on paper that you can take to bed and aggravate your spouse by keeping your nightstand lamp burning and rustling pages into the wee hours while he or she keeps muttering about not being able to sleep.

A muttering spouse is, to a January garden, sort of like a rain shower is to the one you plant in April. Both of them can interrupt your efforts but both are necessary aggravations in the overall scheme of things you have to put up with.

There was a time, well before the turn of the century when the kids and I put many hours of effort, and had great fun every January, into getting readers of this column on the mailing lists

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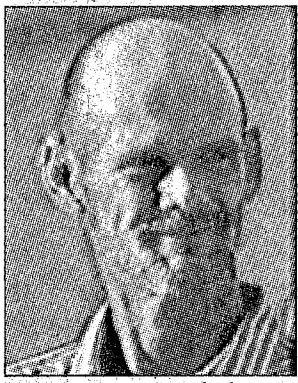
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Obituaries



Ronald Abney

Ronald "Low" Abney, 47, of Orlando, died Wednesday, January 20, 2015 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born July 8, 1968 in Berea, the son of Fred Abney of Orlando, and the late Laura Freda Cameron Abney. He worked in concrete construction, enjoyed fishing and the outdoors, and spending time with grandchildren.

Survivors are: his wife, Christina Azbill Abney of Orlando; one son, Christopher Scott Abney of Berea; one daughter, Rhonda Michelle (Brandon) Barnes of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Johnny Fred Abney of Mt. Vernon, Donald "Duck" Abney of Livingston, and Donald Fred Abney of Orlando; four sisters, Martha Morgan, Sherry Fuson, and Laura "B D" Howard, all of Mt. Vernon, and Tracey (Chris) Cook of Mt. Vernon; and two grandchildren, Davin Kurt, and Saydee Brooke Barnes.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 26, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Phillip Doan officiating. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jonathan Howard, Dennis Howard, Donald Fred Abney, Donald "Duck" Abney, Ben Jones, and Les Bryant.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com



Myrtle Kidwell

Myrtle Kidwell, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at her home. She was born October 25, 1930 in Wabd, the daughter of the late Harrison and Rachael Pruitt Stevens. She was a retired custodian at the Rockcastle County court house, enjoyed her cats and dogs, gardening, picking wild greens, and was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors are: three daughters, Peggy Lawson, Julie Blackburn, and Betty McFerron, all of Mt. Vernon; 16 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: two sons, Bobby Jean Kidwell, and James Kidwell; two brothers; and 10 sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2016 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Thomas Adkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Pallbearers are: Thomas McClure, Brady McClure, Gary Dickerson, Donald Hopkins, James Weayer Jr., and David Debord.

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Floyd Samuel Kirby

Floyd Samuel Kirby, 90, died Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Rockcastle Hospital. He was the widower of Jessie Faulkner Kirby. He was born February 26, 1925 in Lincoln County. He was the son of Milton G. and Emily McFerron Kirby. He was a farmer and a retired employee of Jenn-Aire Corporation in Indiana. He was a member of the New Hope First Church of God. He loved riding around on his farm and taking family trips and vacations. He enjoyed going to Cracker Barrel for breakfast. He never met a stranger because he would talk to anyone he came in contact with.

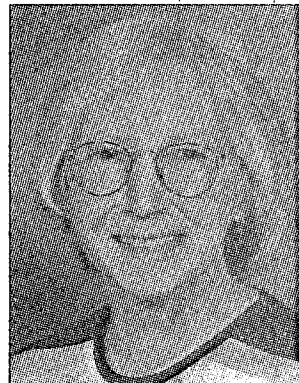
Survivors include: one daughter, Phyllis (Merrell) Lee; two sons, Butch (Teresa) Kirby and Darrell (Pam) Kirby; one sister, Flossie Cummins; seven grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; a host of great great grandchildren; and his former wife Vivian Cummins Kirby Pennington.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: four sisters, Lura Thompson, Clearsie and Lois Reynolds and Sarah Kirby; and four brothers, Estil, Basil, John and James Kirby.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. (today) Thursday, January 28, 2016 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Marshall Malone officiating. Burial will be in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of services Thursday, January 28 at McKnight Funeral Home. Pallbearers are: Butch, Darrell, Blake, Jeremy and Kevin Kirby and Merrell and Mike Lee.

Memorial contributions suggested to be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital c/o 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



Bonnie Louise Kerby

Bonnie Louise Kerby, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 21, 2016 at her residence. She was born in Rockcastle County on May 31, 1940, the daughter of Lloyd and Gracie Carpenter Blackburn. She was a seamstress and upholster for B&J Upholster. She enjoyed quilting, flowers, gardening and singing. She was also a member of First Faith Independent Church.

She is survived by: one son, Larry Kirby of Mt. Vernon; three daughters: Janie (Rick) Schmitter of Mt. Vernon, Brenda Morris of Mt. Vernon and Melissa (Kenneth) Puckett of Berea; two brothers, Dean Blackburn of Berea and Jackie Blackburn of Livingston; and two sisters, Flonnie Prather of Sand Hill and JoAnn Robbins of Goshen. Also surviving are: 12 grandchildren, Jennifer Chandler, Donald Thompson, Jr., Eliza Barnett, Bobby Kirby, Glenna Isaacs, Willie Morris, Leslie Behrendt, Paige Puckett, Raegan Puckett, Julie Kirby, Jackie Shyrock and Brandon Kirby; and 17 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her first husband, Roscoe Kirby; and her second husband, Floyd Kerby; one daughter, Wanda Faye Kirby; one grandson, Michael Kirby; and one son-in-law, Henry Morris.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. James Carpenter. Burial was in the Kirby Family Cemetery on Chestnut Ridge.

Pallbearers were: Donald Thompson Jr., Willie Morris, Dustin Barnett, Bobby Kirby, Timothy Chandler and Adrian Isaacs.

Honorary pallbearer was Brandon Kirby.

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Wanda Faye Mullins

Wanda Faye Mullins, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 24, 2016 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Mt. Vernon on November 30, 1931 the daughter of Ottie and Ella Mae Cromer Rash. She was a retired office receptionist for Dr. George Griffith and was a member of the Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Noah Mullins of Brodhead; her son, Glenn (Bessie) Whitaker of Owenton; her step-daughter, Kay (Paul) Mason of Orlando; a granddaughter, Wendy (Mark) Sowder of Brodhead; two great grandchildren, Andrew and Hannah Sowder, both of Brodhead; two step-grandchildren, Brandy (Tim) Brock of Brodhead and Brian Mullins of Mt. Vernon; two step-great grandchildren, McKenzie Todd and Noah Brock, both of Brodhead; two brothers, Harold (Janet) Rash of West Chester, OH and Billy (Jenny) Rash of Milford, OH; two sisters, June Parsons of Wildie and Macie (Starlin) Stevens of Peoria, IL; and a daughter-in-law, Brenda Mullins of Brodhead.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Edna Blair and a stepson, Keith Mullins.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 29, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Buford Parkerson and Tim McClure. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Pallbearers will be: Andrew Sowder, Mark Sowder, Tim McClure, Jerry Denny, Dale Parsons and Jimmy Parsons.

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Laura Jane Allen Dye

Laura Jane Allen Dye, 67, of Brodhead, died Monday, January 25, 2016 at Rockcastle Hospital. She was the wife of Sam Dye, whom she married April 19, 1973. She was born April 28, 1948 in Livingston. The daughter of the late Alfred and Delia Angel Allen. She was a former Metal Machine Operator.

Survivors include: husband, Sam Dye; three daughters, Frances (Stephen) Wells, Deborah Harris and Edna Dye; two sisters, Marie Tomlinson and Edna Hiter; two brothers, Eddie and Ira Allen; four grandchildren, Roger Harris, Jr., Candace and Robert Harris and Michael Murphy; and six great grandchildren, Raymon Harris, Robert Harris, Jr., Aleyah Harris, and R'Lanna Harris and Kurt Wells and Kara Wells.

She was preceded in death by: one son, Earl Eugene Gilbert; and three brothers, Willie, Elbert and Benny Allen.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon, Friday, January 29, 2016 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jack Carpenter officiating. Burial will be at Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation is at 6 p.m. (today) Thursday, January 28, at McKnight Funeral Home.

Pallbearers include: Stephen Wells, Michael Murphy, James Brooks, Josh Lewis, Tim Conner and Robert Harris.

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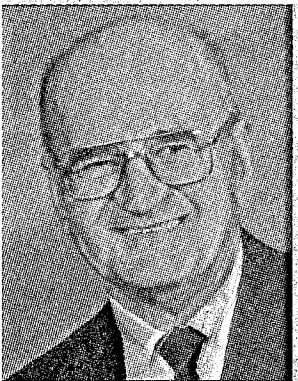
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Rev. Jasper Carpenter

Rev. Jasper Carpenter, 82, of Livingston, died Sunday, January 24, 2016 at St. Joseph London Hospital. He was born in Jackson County on April 19, 1933, the son of Huey Jack and Ercel Carpenter. He was a minister and a member of the Livingston Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by: two sons, Calvin (Carolyn) Carpenter of Mt. Vernon, and Curtis (Diane) Carpenter of Livingston; three grandchildren, Jessica Ann Carpenter and Jacob Burdette of Corbin, Joshua Cody (Nicki) Carpenter of Stanford, and Casey Jo (Joey) Miller of Mt. Vernon; seven brothers, Floyd and Doris Carpenter of Miamisburg, OH, Thurman and Sandi Carpenter of Union, OH, Jack Carpenter of Mt. Vernon, Charles and Brenda Carpenter of

Sanford, FL, and Raymond Carpenter, Bill and Debbie Carpenter, and Bentley and Lisa Carpenter, all of Red Hill; and eight sisters, Delores and Herman McIntosh of Lexington, Ellen Lamb of Waynesville, OH, Theresa and Phil Allen of Ft. Wayne, IN, Brenda Sue and Tommy Gadd of Berea, Linda Kay and Randy Alexander of Pine Grove; and Rosie Boggs, Reba Bussell, and Irene and Danny Barnett, all of London.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Mardella Carpenter; a son, Craig James Carpenter; a brother, Harold Carpenter; and his stepmother, Ida Mae Carpenter.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Pine Hill Holiness Church by Bros. Bobby Helton, Jim Miller, and Tommy Hogue. Burial will follow in Red Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the church from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, January 29.

Pallbearers are: Gilus Allen, Freddy Hatten, JD Miller, Jack Carpenter, Veltner Isaacs, Cody Carpenter and Joey Miller.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Wayne Tallant

MSgt. Wayne Tallant, USAF (Ret.), 70, of San Antonio, Texas, and a native of Rockcastle County, passed way peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

He was stationed throughout the world during his 26-year military career and was a member of a Masonic Lodge in Maryland.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Millard and Clarice Sams Tallant; his brothers, Roy and Tal and his great granddaughter, Haven.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Tallant; his children, Debbie Tallant, Steve Tallant and wife, Sabrina and Craig Tallant and wife, Lisa; grandchildren, Talisia, Shyanne, Shayne, Charlene and Hudson; brother, Richard and wife, Rita; one sister, Laura Tallant Frederick and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North in San Antonio.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fiscal Court thanks residents...

Dear Editor,
The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience and endurance during our State of Emergency this past week. The "Blizzard of 2016" gave us up to 18 inches of snow and ice. The most this area has seen in decades.

We appreciate everyone pulling together to get through this crisis. Neighbors helping neighbors is one of the reasons that make this county so special. One State Police officer even mentioned that during the I-75 closure, the stranded motorists would make sure others had fuel or water before taking what was offered.

Again, we would like to thank each and every county resident that weathered this storm with us. We can only hope Spring comes soon.

Sincerely,
Doug Bishop
County Judge Executive

Thank you...

Dear Editor,
A few weeks ago our daughter had brain cancer surgery at U.K. She is home now and will be having radiation and chemo treatments soon.

She started having a bad headache yesterday morning. My husband and I were discussing how difficult it would be if we had to get her to the E.R. with all the snow in our driveway. I asked a neighbor to ask her dad about bringing his tractor out to clear our drive. Not long afterward, I heard a motor and opened the door to see who it was. It was her dad, Doug Bishop with his tractor. Not only was it cold out but it was on Sunday also. This kind man could have stayed in his warm home and waited until later. But, he knew that we needed help and he came to help us. It took some time to clear our driveway and he didn't get in a hurry and did an awesome job.

Thank you Doug for your kindness and caring enough to go out of your way for us. God bless you and your family.

Kathleen Bretz and family
Hwy. 3245, Brodhead, KY

Write something good...

(Ed's Note: This letter was written by Mr. Lunsford on December 31st, thus the Christmas reference).

Dear Editor,
It's Christmas Time and time to say something good about something or someone. I'd like to say something good about a couple of families in Rockcastle

County. There are a lot more but I can only write about a couple a week.

I'd like to brag about the Ford family, Sam, Judy, Danny, Sue and all their children, they are nothing but the best. Devin, John, Amy, Matt, Danetta and Angie, plus all their grandchildren.

If all families were like these, we could do away with law enforcement. Everyone would go to church and be nice. God bless them and all the others like them. Now someone else write a nice letter to the editor.

I hope none of my friends get upset with me. Try writing something good about someone or something. There is too much bad news on TV, newspapers and radio. Every Wednesday night, dozens of people drive up to the paper stand at the railroad tracks to get the newspaper, trying to find out the bad news first. I know this because I do the same.

How about the good job Doug Bishop and Carlos McClure are doing as the county judge and jailer?

Don't criticize - accuse - abuse, there but for the Grace of God go you and me.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year. Good luck and God bless.

Bob Lunsford
P.S. Danny's grandson, Ben, is going to turn out to be a great auctioneer. They all attend Bible Baptist Church.

Thank You Judge Bishop...

Dear Editor,
I would like to thank County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop for helping me during the recent snow storm.

Judge Bishop took me several places I had to go and wouldn't have been able to without his help. He is a true "Good Samaritan."

Thank You Again,
Daniel Owens
Mt. Vernon

Neighbors were helpful during snow storm...

Dear Editor,
Who is my neighbor? A certain lawyer asked Jesus that question in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37).

The winter storm of last week brought families, neighbors and friends together in many communities and certainly the community of Three Links was no exception.

Many folks in our area came out with their tractors and blades and removed snow from our roads and driveways. And they all seemed to be happy to be

able to help. One neighbor helped clear the road for a total of six miles in order to transport another neighbor to the hospital who had been diagnosed with pneumonia.

Another neighbor, who was stranded more than a mile off the main road, had his road cleared. Some vehicles were pulled back onto the roadway from being in a ditch or over an embankment. One neighbor came to our house on two different occasions and cleaned our driveway, accepting nothing but a "Thank You."

Many phone calls were made from neighbor to neighbor for assurance that everyone had heat and food.

I'm sure there are other communities who can relate to these happenings with perhaps similar experiences and I believe in giving credit where credit is due.

Finally, I would like to say, Thank You, to everyone involved and for leaving the thought of what Jesus said about loving our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 19:19).

Armel Davidson
P.S. Thanks to Mike for the great articles he writes and for the tremendous job he does.

Looking...

Dear Editor,
I am attempting to locate Ashlee Cottrell in regard to our daughter, Carmen, due to a name change hearing at the Lincoln County Courthouse February 8th, 2016 at 1 p.m.

Thank You,
Jason Stull

"Ramblings"

(Continued from A-2)
threatening to do the same thing. Besides, he comes across as a braggart and a bully to me and I'm not sure his very recent transition from a liberal Democrat to a conservative Republican is trustworthy.

So, my choice, at this time is between Cruz and Rubio. I like Cruz for his defense, always, of the Constitution. I have a problem with his immigration policy actions at times and I have the same problem with Rubio. It bothers me that Rubio's top mega donor is an "open borders" advocate and Rubio's involvement with the Gang of 8's proposal that would have, in effect, provided amnesty for millions of illegals is worrisome. Cruz's past advocacy of huge increases in H1 visas also bothers me so I am still weighing the choice. I really like Huckabee or Santorum but they never got over the hump into the possibles.

The only thing I am very sure of is that I will vote for whichever candidate emerges victorious on the Republican side. When the other choices are a woman that "never sent or received classified emails" on her unsecured server or an avowed Socialist, there is no choice. Clinton's defense of the unsecured server begs the question of how did she receive classified emails? That question has never been answered or I have never heard it.

"Aces"

(Continued from A-2)

house. If I could put a metal lid over the top of the barrel and run vent pipe out the window.....wait a minute. I don't have any vent pipe. Or a metal lid.

Time to come up with option "B". "While I'm thinking, I could play with this cool drone I got for Christmas and fly it through the house," I thought.

Okay! Enough is enough. I have to be a man and plan for my family's safety.

Then, the idea hit me. I solved the entire problem and was so proud of myself. Dad would have been proud that I am planning for the future and a possible emergency.

I now had the perfect plan to keep us all warm and fed.

Plan "C". - My neighbor, Jack, has kerosene heaters and plenty of camping cook stoves. If our electric goes out, we can walk over there.

Problem solved. I guess that's the way "country boys" did it anyway. Help your neighbor in need.

But I'll have to admit, I think I'm getting a little soft.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

before his eighty-ninth birthday.

I clearly remember Perry's recordings that were released while I was a young man in Rockcastle County. My favorites include: Ave Maria (1949), Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes (1952), Hot Diggity (1956), Round and Round (1957), Catch a Falling Star (1958), and Magic Moments (1958). I have all of these songs on my iTunes library and love to listen to them on occasion. Perry will always be one of my favorite recording artists of the 50s. Like many others, his Catch a Falling Star is my favorite of his recordings.

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

"Points East"

(Continued from A-2)

of several dozen catalogues. We started out doing just garden seeds but wound up including other stuff, like beauty products, kitchen supplies and even risqué underwear.

Then, after the kids got too old to be so easily amused, I commenced feeling guilty about all the trees our hobby was killing, not to mention all the envelope stuffing I had to perform without eager assistance, so I narrowed the catalogue requests down to around a dozen or so, just for myself, because they were absolutely essential to my January garden. Loretta still wonders, to this day, what Fredrick's of Hollywood had to do with growing lettuce and kohlrabi and I still have not come up with an

easy answer other than I'm looking for something to keep the black birds out of the sweet corn.

Anyway, the January garden, to this day, still looks a lot like it did in the 1980s. It consists of a, drawn to scale, layout of the late-spring garden printed out on an 8.5 X 11 sheet of copy paper on which I can draw planting furrows and label them with whatever veggie or blossom I intend to grow there. I write down the precise variety of each one and make note of the seed catalogue and page number where I found it along with target dates for when the seeds should go into the ground.

I keep the garden layout on one clip board and a stack of photo-copied order blanks from each of the sev-

eral catalogues on another so that I can fill them out as I "plant" the January garden. Unfortunately, by the time I'm finished "planting", the order blanks total out at way more in cash requirements than I could scrape up without taking a second mortgage on our house. And I can kinda understand how the clipboards banging around might keep Loretta from sleeping as soundly as she would like to.

Needless to say, by the time the weather outside is warm enough to work the soil, I have to scale the garden back to a pittance of its original intent and the spring garden rarely looks anywhere near as good as it did in January when it was covered, knee-deep, in snow.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor must be no more than 400 words without prior arrangements having been made. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials. Letters must be in the Signal office before 4 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week's publication. All letters must include the author's name, signature, address and telephone numbers. Illegible letters will not be considered for publication. Letters not meeting these guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions or to make arrangements for a letter exceeding the word limit, contact the editor at 256-2244.

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Republican Presidential Caucus
On Saturday, March 5th, Kentucky Republicans will vote on their nominee for President. Rockcastle Republicans will vote at the Rockcastle County Middle School between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Absentee ballot applications can be found at www.rpk.org/caucus and the application must be submitted by February 19th. Call Republican Chair Doris Cromer at 606-308-9704 for assistance.

CVFD Chili Supper Rescheduled
Due to the snow, the Climax Volunteer Fire Department's Chili Supper has been rescheduled to Friday, January 29th at 6 p.m. at the fire station.

Free Community Meal
A free community meal will be served on Saturday, January 30th from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Please join us for soup and sandwiches, desserts, fun and fellowship. Sponsored by the RAKB Community Mission Team.

CVFD Chili Supper
Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a Chili Supper on Friday, January 22nd, beginning at 6 p.m., at the firehouse. Everyone is invited. Other foods and dessert will be available.

Alpha Recovery
Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take." Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery
Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

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 Grill. Everyone is invited.

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

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

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Pines, Spruce, Firs and Cedars—Landscaping With Conifers

Almost anywhere in America one can look out a window or along the highways and see pine trees. Spruce, fir, hemlock, and cedars may also be in the picture. Junipers, arborvitae, taxus, and certain other trees are nice large evergreens, but are not cone bearing. And, technically, ginkgo is considered a conifer, though you wonder if the botanist who decided that was having a bad day. Stately evergreen conifers add much beauty and usefulness to our yards, our forests and the whole earth, and this is never more evident than during the winter when deciduous trees are barren.

Pines give us lumber, pulpwood for paper (for the office, the classroom, and when you gotta go), turpentine and other distillates for varnishes, antiseptic and cleaning uses. The pine cones and boughs are used for decorations. And the seeds are preferred by many birds and wild animals. Pine "nuts" are a delicacy; seeds of certain varieties of pine trees, such as pinyon pine, Swiss stone pine and Korean stone pine, are enjoyed by humans, too. The shade in summer, the protection from wind in winter (especially useful to birds that do not migrate southward when it gets cold), and the musical sounds of the breeze coming through the pine trees are all benefits we enjoy from pines.

The world's oldest known trees are Bristlecone pines. Ancient trees can tell us a lot about our world from the past, like the climate, years of calamities, and the like. A lot of people are yapping endlessly about global warming (I really think it's more about global control and ways to collect more taxes), but Eric the Red and his son Leif settled on Greenland before 1000 A.D.

and started a colony as farmers for a few years. Leif Erickson (Eric's son) discovered Vinland or Newfoundland. If it wasn't warmer then in that part of the North Atlantic Ocean than it is today, farming on Greenland would not have been possible. Trees found in swamps or the bottoms of cold lakes in the north—lost by accidents probably by loggers of the time—have preserved many old growth trees which we can still do research on today.

The white pine is overused by homeowners who want a fast growing evergreen. After 40 years when it is eighty feet tall and a threat to fall on the house, it doesn't seem to have been such a great idea. But, I've seen a grove of white pines, with all the lower limbs cut off, allow wind to blow under them and really cool off a seating area in summertime. They have their place in a modern landscape. Just use discretion.

Austrian pine, Japanese black pine, Ponderosa pine, limber pine and Scots pine are other pines one may encounter in people's yards. As mentioned earlier, the stone pines are dwarfish, and even provide tasty seeds if you beat the birds and squirrels to them. And many a yard has a dwarf mugho pine.

Hemlock (tsuga canadensis), is a very lovely tree that works well in many yards. It's not so fast to become too large, and it can even grow successfully in shade of other large trees. With hemlock, too much heat (don't plant it on the south side of a house with a brick wall for instance) can keep hemlock from doing well, as can soil that has too much alkalinity, such as limestone soils of the bluegrass. There is also the woolly adelgid insect to be concerned about.

Spruce trees (picea), especially Norway spruce, white spruce and blue spruce are very useful landscape



Blast From The Past...

The week's photo is of the 1972 Dairy Day Parade on main street in Mt. Vernon. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-256-9870.

plants. They are more tolerant of sweet limestone soils than most pine or hemlock. They also hold up well in windstorms, their pyramidal frames seeming to deflect winds. They make a super place for birds to hide in winter storms.

Fir trees (abies) are better for areas where summers are cool and damp, or at least nights aren't so muggy. Most firs can take really cold temperatures, but there are also some that can't and which thrive only in very specific climates. Among those for Kentucky, and parts of Tennessee and North Carolina, are white fir or concolor fir, Canaan fir, and the Turkish fir. Some of the most beautiful cones are born on fir trees.

Cedars (cedrus) are either Atlantic cedar, Cedar of Lebanon, or Deodar cedar. These are the true cedars, and make giant, stately trees...although they can look rather skinny in their youth. Junipers, which produce seeds and not cones, are often called cedars, including the "red cedar" of the eastern states. Cedar lumber is usually from juniper trees in the United States. Atlantic cedars are blue, and are the hardiest. Cedar of Lebanon will survive 20 below, and Deodar cedars will do well to 5 or 10 below zero Fahrenheit.

The monkey puzzle tree is a conifer. And also has tasty nuts. This tree is for places that stay above zero in winter. It's a very spiny tree, with large cones and edible seeds. As I mentioned, ginkgo is considered a conifer. And there are other cone bearing trees, but these are primarily what one will find for consideration in the landscape.

Those who want natives, the Virginia pine, the hemlock and red pines may be collected from the wild and moved to your yard. But, hemlocks are for sale at nurseries for reasonable prices, and the local pines are not the best to place in the front yard.

For the collector, the experimenter, or the person who has to have something different, there are garden centers who cater to a high-end clientele that will carry a number of exotic evergreen trees. (Slow growing trees always have a higher price because of so many years somebody has invested in growing it to a good size for sale. Rare ones will also command a premium price.)

Landscaping that showcases large evergreen trees, especially the conifers, seems not to need a recommendation as it speaks well of itself. Everyone loves a stately evergreen tree in the right place. Consider one or several of these lovely trees next time you are planning some landscaping; the kids, the birds and squirrels and other wildlife will all be happy you did.

The author is a landscaper. Pondbuilder@hushmail.com or www.rockcastles.net

Arts Council accepting applications for Al Smith Fellowship Emerging Artist Award

Applications are being accepted by the Kentucky Arts Council for the Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship and the Emerging Artist Award for individual artists. The current application cycle is open to writers of fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry, and choreographers.

The Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship program supports Kentucky artists engaged in creating work of high quality and recognizes creative excellence among professional artists. Fellowships are unrestricted \$7,500 awards.

The Emerging Artist Award is a \$1,000 unrestricted award to early career, professional Kentucky artists who demonstrate excellence and creativity in their work. Murray poet Carrie Jerrell received an Al Smith Fellowship in 2015, and said the award translated to more time she could spend doing research and finding inspiration for a book of poems she is writing on the mythology and reality of the American west.

Guidelines for the Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship and the Emerging Artist Award applications can be found at the arts council's website. Applications are judged by a panel of independent arts professionals on artistic excellence and professional achievement.

The application deadline for both awards is Feb. 16. Interested parties, or those who have questions or need more information,

should contact Tamara Coffey, individual artist director, at 502-564-3757, ext. 479, or tamara.coffey@ky.gov.

An encouraging word:

A Poignant Reminder

By Howard Coop



Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, will be here in a few days. Lent, that forty-day period not counting Sundays that ends at Easter, is observed in various ways each year by millions of people around the world.

The etymology of lent is interesting. It is the shortening of lencten, an Old English word that means "spring" or "the lengthening of the days in the spring."

Lent has meant much to Christians, and for centuries, they have observed the special season. The observance of Lent can be traced back to the second century A.D. At the time of Irenaeus, a second century bishop of the church, the period of Lent "was very short, but very severe." Those observing it "ate nothing for 40 hours between the afternoon of Good Friday and the morning of Easter."

The season has been referred to in many ways. For some, it is a period of "retrospection in the light of the Gospel of the crucified and risen Lord." So, to observe

the season, some people, as a means of exercising self-denial or self-discipline, give up for the forty-day period certain foods or pleasures which they enjoy with the expectation of resuming them when the season of Lent is over.

For others, Lent has come to be more. It is a time of introspection during which they look inward into their hearts and minds to analyze the self, and on the basis of that analysis, they make changes not for a specific number of days but changes that are enduring. These changes involve eliminating some things from life and adding some other things that will properly align life and enable it to move forward in the right direction.

Lent may be observed in one way or another by many, and it may be disregarded by some. But one thing is sure: Lent is a poignant reminder that life can be going in the wrong direction. Changes that align it are necessary.

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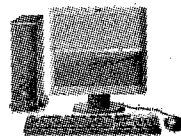
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• Email Basics Part 1
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Session Three (Monday, February 29, 2016):
• Email Basics Part 2
• Microsoft Word Part 1
Session Four (Wednesday, March 2, 2016):
• Microsoft Word Part 2

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Rockets beat Eagles; now 15 and 8 on season

The Rockcastle Rockets upped their season record to 15 wins, against eight losses, Tuesday night by defeating the Madison Southern Eagles 77-72 in a close game throughout.

The Rockets had to overcome a first quarter 23-16 deficit for the win and they did. The Eagles were up 38-37 at the half but, in the third, the Rockets came back to take the lead 56-55.

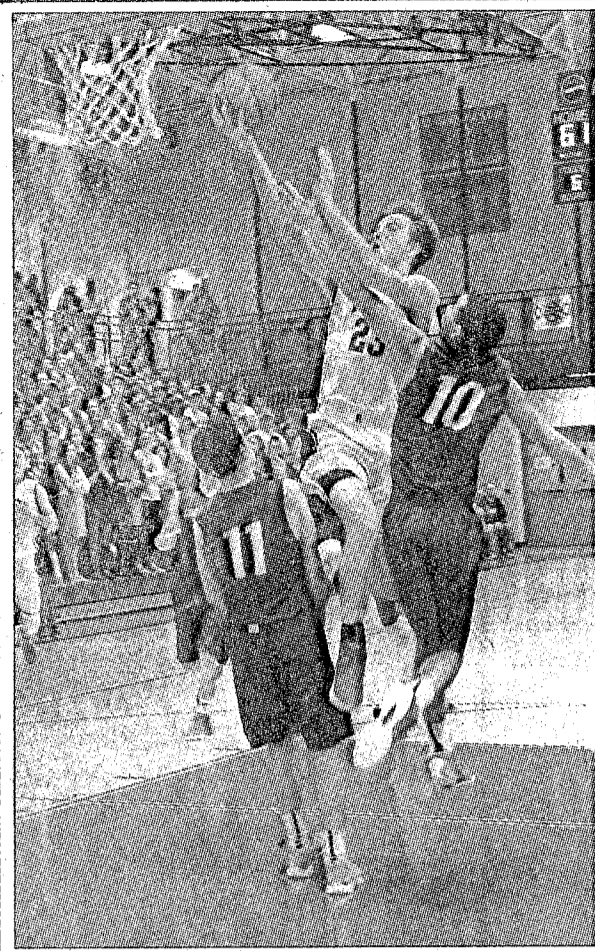
In the fourth quarter, junior Lucas Gentry scored 10 of his game high 26 points, including a three basket and going four for four from the free throw line. Senior Dylan Rowe added a three and hit five of six free throws, which combined with Gentry's points, accounted for 18 of their team's 21 fourth quarter points.

In the game, the Rockets hit six three point baskets to Southern's eight, and went 21 for 33 from the free throw line to the Eagles seven for 15.

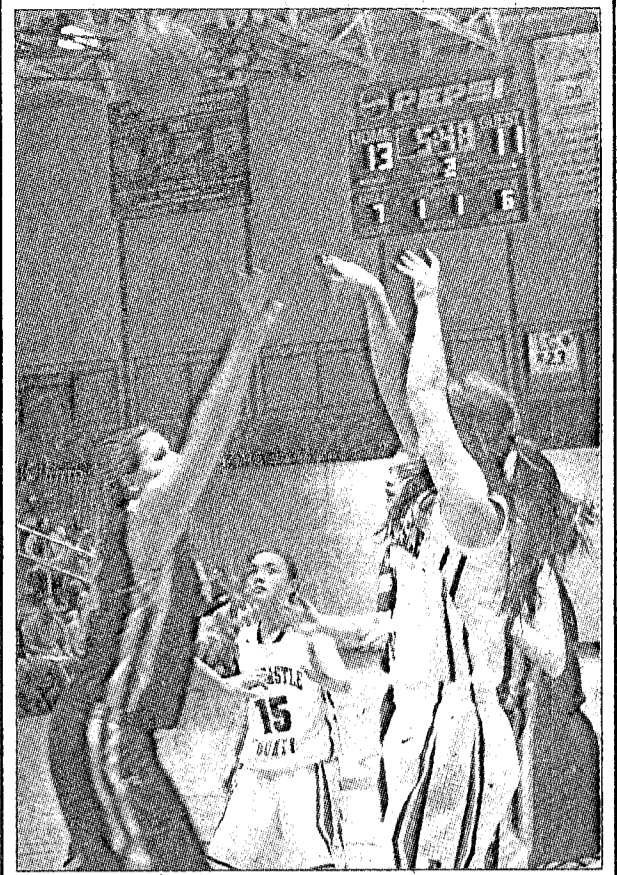
Besides Gentry's 26, Rowe got 17; John Cornelius and Carson Noble each scored 12 points with nine of Cornelius's points coming in the second quarter when he hit two threes and three free throws. Thomas Burdette added six points and Jordan Hawkins got one.

The Rockets have a big district game coming up Friday night at Pulaski County as the Maroons will be looking to avenge an earlier loss to the Rockets. Rockcastle is currently in first place in the district with Pulaski in second. A win by the Rockets Friday night would give the Rockets the number one seed in the upcoming district tournament which will be held Feb. 21-25 at RCHS.

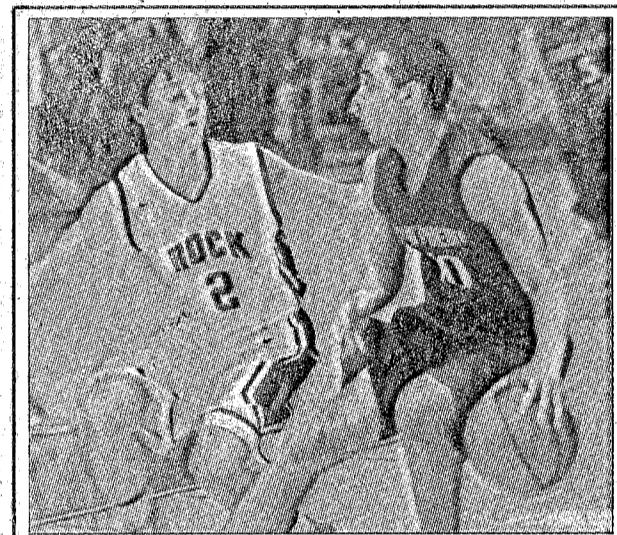
Following the PC game, the Rockets will host McCreary Central next Tuesday night.



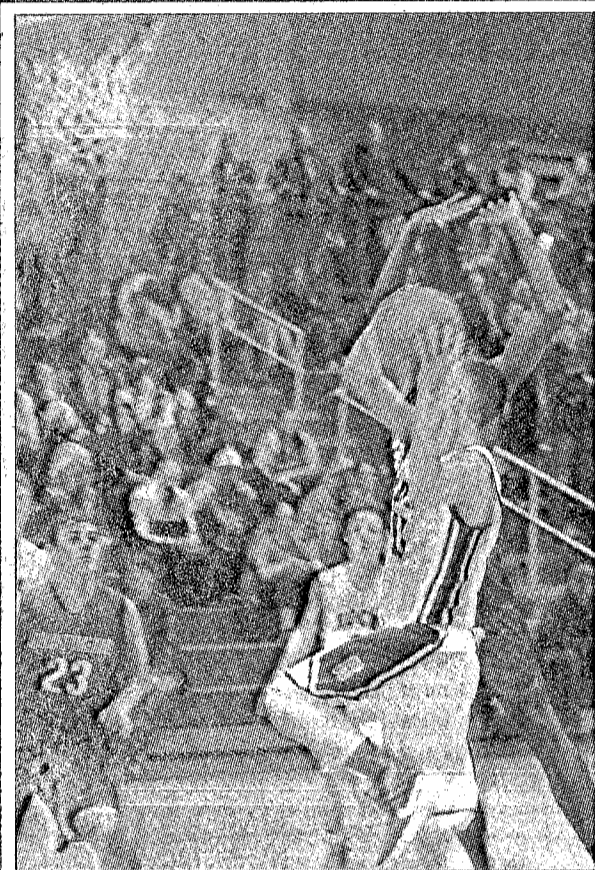
Junior Lucas Gentry goes for two of his game high 26 points in the Rockets' 77-72 win over Madison Southern Tuesday night. The win brings the Rock's record to 15-8 on the season.



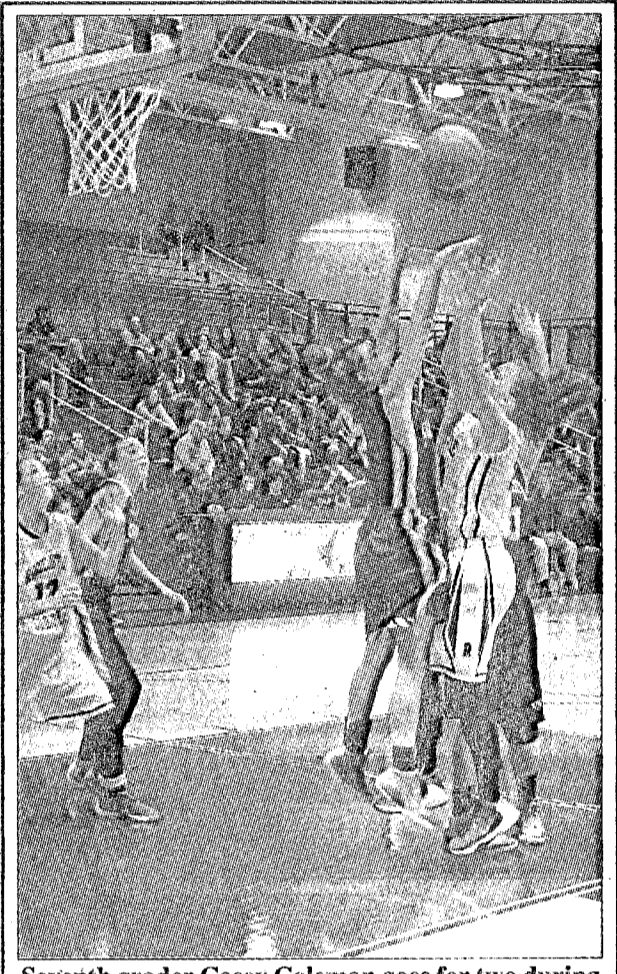
Emily Adams puts up a jump shot in the Lady Rockets' 61-54 loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. The loss brought the girls record to 13-9.



Junior Thomas Burdette applies the defense during the Rockets' victory over Madison Southern Tuesday night. Burdette scored six points on the night.



Senior Dylan Rowe goes for two of his 17 points in the Rockets' victory over Madison Southern Tuesday night. The Rockets and Lady Rockets next game is Friday when they travel to Pulaski County.



Seventh grader Casey Coleman goes for two during the Lady Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night.



Junior Maddie Bullen goes for two of her eight points in the Lady Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets travel to Pulaski County Friday night.

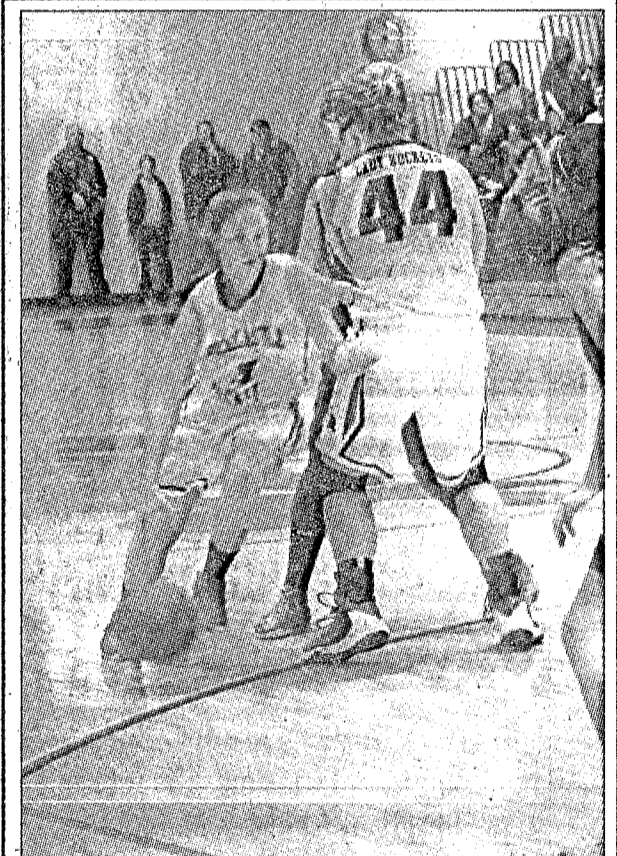
Lady Rockets lose to Lady Eagles

Free throws proved the difference in the Lady Rockets 61-54 loss to the Madison Southern Lady Eagles Tuesday night. The Lady Eagles scored 24 of their 61 points at the free throw line with the Lady Rockets only getting 10 points at the charity strip.

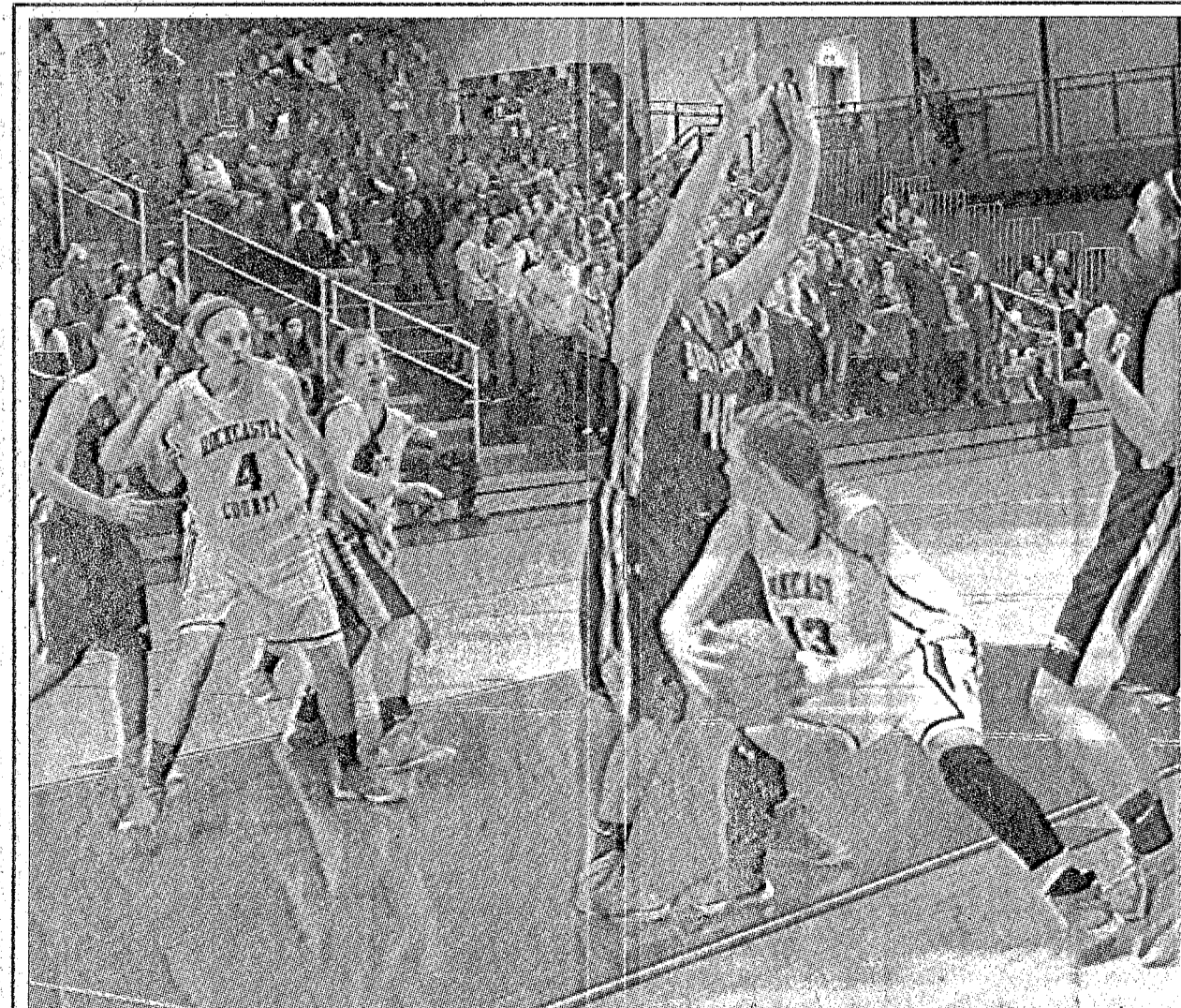
The Rockets were up two at the first quarter stop and down 26-21 at the half. They managed to battle back in the third, behind seven points from junior point guard Jayna Albright, to within one at 40-39 but the Eagles hit 13 of 16 free throws in the fourth to seal the win.

Junior Hope Kelley took high point honors for her team with 12, followed closely by Albright with 10. Mahala Saylor got 9; Maddy Bullen 8; Ashley McKinney 7; Emme Barker 4 and Kenzie Himes 2 to round out the scoring.

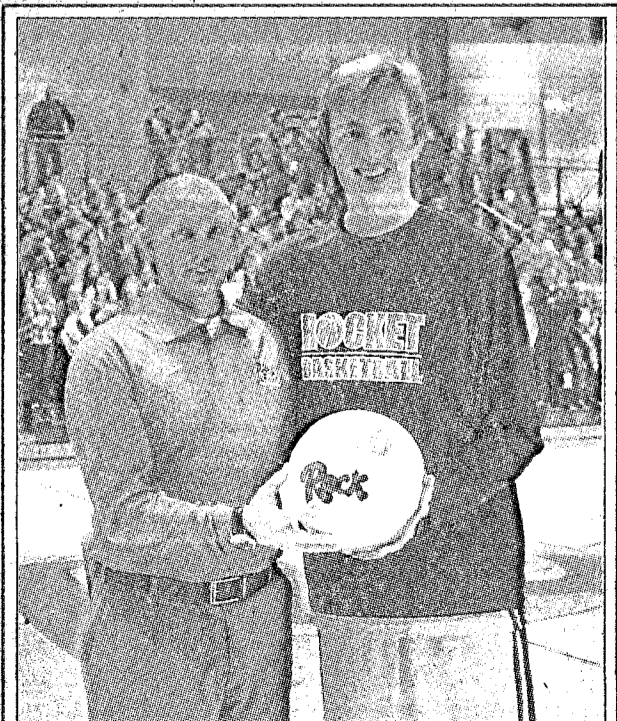
The Lady Rockets will play the Pulaski County Lady Maroons in a doubleheader with the Rockets this Friday night and will then host the Clay County Lady Tigers Monday night.



Eighth grader Kenzie Himes sets a screen for junior Lady Rocket Emme Barker during the Lady Rockets' game Tuesday night against Madison Southern. Barker scored four points for the Rockets and Himes added two.



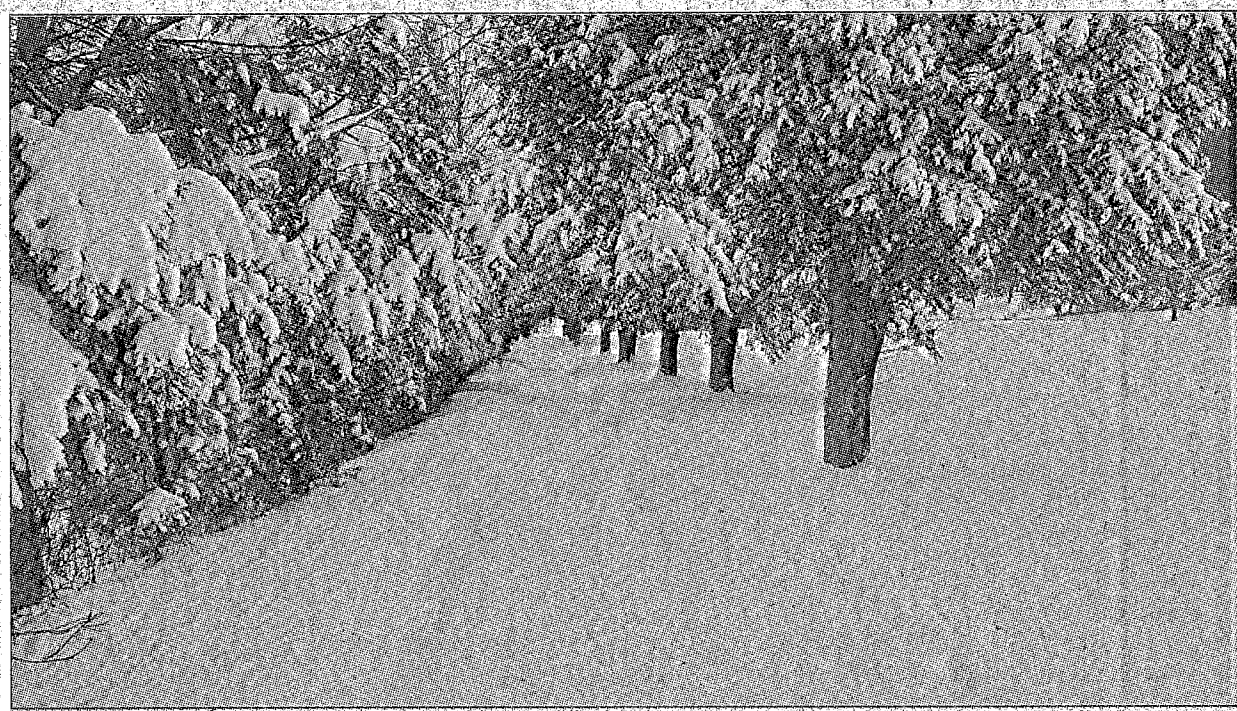
Senior Morgan Renner looks to pass to fellow senior Ashley McKinney during the Lady Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets travel to Pulaski County Friday night to take on the Lady Maroons.



Gentry joins 1,000 point club

Rocket Head Coach Benny Blanton presented junior Lucas Gentry with a basketball recognizing his entry into the 1,000 point club at RCHS. Gentry scored his 1,000th point during a game over Christmas break.

Snow blankets county



Although the snow storm caused trouble for thousands of Rockcastle residents this past weekend, it also blanketed the area in a white covering and provided beautiful scenes throughout the county. This photo was taken by Gary Gentry on Strawberry lane Saturday as the snow reached 18 inches deep.

“Calls”

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go. We were swamped and there weren't hardly enough of us to go around," he said. "It was a mess."

Cater said officers attempted to push most vehicles out but some officers also shoveled them out. "We just did whatever we had to do to get vehicles off the road," Carter said.

Peters said it was also a

little frustrating for him and his deputies. "You know, people had all the warning in the world that this storm was coming. And then at the last minute they decide to jump in a car and take off. Of course they get stuck and want to fuss at us for not getting there soon enough. You would think people would have paid attention to

three days worth of warnings," he said.

Peters said he saw some very helpful emergency responders throughout the blizzard. "The fire department and emergency management worked tirelessly for people," he said. "They even took people who were on dialysis to their appointments. It was nice to see so

many dedicated emergency service people doing everything they could to help others."

There were also some surprises to deputies. "How on earth did a tractor trailer truck get off at exit 76, go through Cartersville and end up stuck on Copper Creek Road? People are going to have to stop trust-

“Emergency”

(Continued from front) citizens was at risk and we didn't have time to meet and vote to help someone."

Under the declaration, as provided by KRS 39B.070 and 45A.380, the judge executive can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to: a) performance of public work; b) entering into contracts; c) incurring obligations; d) employment of permanent and temporary workers; e) utilization of volunteer workers; f) rental of equipment; g) purchase and distribution, with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities; and h) appropriations and expenditures of public funds.

According to Hal Holbrook, Director of Rockcastle County CSEPP (Chemical Stockpile Emer-

gency Preparedness Program), he is filing the paperwork to extend the state of emergency until Friday at the request of Bishop.

Bishop said the extension is needed for many local residents. "I'm not certain how long we will keep the state of emergency in place but there are still people in need," he said.

In fact, according to Bishop, as of Monday, there were still some resident trapped inside their homes. "Some of the back roads have snow drifts that are higher than the tractors we would use to clear them. We have to get to people to help them," he said.

Bishop said city and county workers are working tirelessly to help those in need and will not stop until the snow emergency is over.

Becky Bussell, Brodhead City Clerk, said the City of Brodhead hired local contractors to clear the streets. "We are in pretty good shape now but it took until Tuesday to get everything passable," she said.

“Shelter”

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Holbrook. "The situation was about to become very dangerous for those stranded."

Some motorists were transported to the makeshift shelter by volunteer fire fighters or police and others were able to get off the ramp and drive to the shelter. "Thanks to the quick, hard work of the city and the county, our roads and the school parking lot were clear enough to get them here and parked," he said.

According to Holbrook, volunteers provided a snack to those who utilized the shelter and a lunch on Saturday. "Off duty firefighters and city and county workers and officials simply made the difference in life or death," said Holbrook. "Some of those stranded had kids in the car and were in serious need."

The interstate was closed from the 58 mile marker to the 68 mile marker and was not reopened until 7 a.m. the next day.

"All of those people stranded, and all of the citizens of Rockcastle County, owe a huge word of 'thanks' to Mr. Pensol, Mr. Reppert, emergency service workers, volunteer firefighters, Judge Bishop, the mayors and everyone who were working so hard," said Holbrook.

“Caucus”

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rockcastlerepublicans.com/ earlier this week.

According to Hughes, all Republicans are encouraged to visit the site, review Caucus information, and sign up to receive more information closer to March 5th.

"Helping select the next President of the United States is an exciting oppor-

tunity. Everyone please go to the website and sign up to get involved!" Hughes said.

The Rockcastle Republican Presidential Caucus is Saturday, March 5th at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Go to <http://rockcastlerepublicans.com/> for more information.

“Files”

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The office covers Rockcastle, Garrard and part of Madison County.

Carloftis was the County Judge Executive for five consecutive terms covering over 21 years, the longest anyone has held the office since 1850, according to Carloftis.

He has lived in the county since age four and has both a bachelor's and master's degree in political science.

"I thoroughly enjoyed serving as judge executive at the grass-roots level," he said. "This is where real friends and neighbors are found."

Carloftis believes having a representative from this county would be a benefit to Rockcastle. "The last time Rockcastle had a representative from this county was when Danny Ford represented us so ably," said Carloftis.

Carloftis is seeking support in the May primary elections and says he is committed to the endeavor. "I will do my dead level best to represent everyone in these counties in the legislature," he said.

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ing GPS," said Peters.

According to Peters, deputies are still finding cars that were simply left in the road blocking traffic. "In many cases people just got out of their car and left it sitting there in the road," he said deputies plan to try to contact the owners of abandoned cars but if stranded vehicles are not moved very soon, Peters said he will have to call a wrecker service to remove them.

However, things are just beginning to slow down according to the sheriff. "There are still a lot of storm-related calls coming in but it is just now beginning to slack off some."

Carter said some of his officers had to work overtime Saturday but that calls are now getting back to normal.

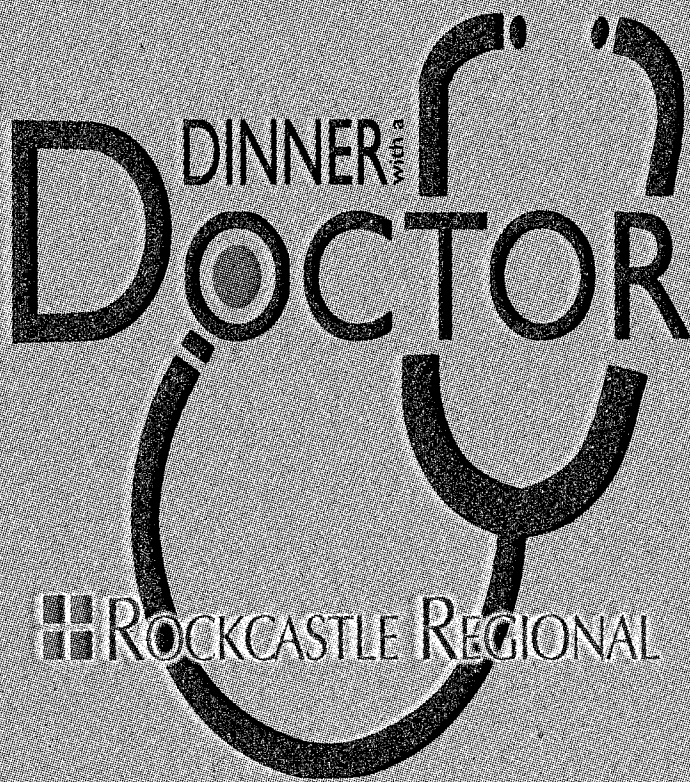
“Jail”

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repairs again, McClure said he believes all inmates can be returned soon. "We are doing the inside work while the snow is holding us up outside. We are replacing ceiling tiles and working on duct work while we are held up," he said.

All 102 inmates are expected to be back in the local center in two weeks, according to McClure. "It might not be exactly the same inmates that were here when we had the fire, but most of them will be the same," said McClure.

"I believe all the repairs will be done in two weeks. That's our goal and I think we can do it," said McClure.



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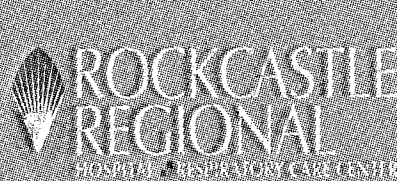
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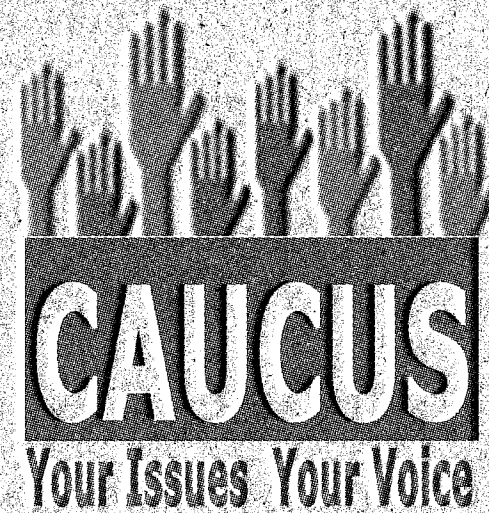
To sign up, please call Jana Bray at 256-7880 by Wednesday, January 27.



Attention

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You have until February 19, 2016 to request an absentee ballot for the March 5th Republican Presidential Caucus



You may VOTE absentee if you meet one of the following conditions:

- You are an active duty member of the military and stationed outside the county
- You will be at least 70 years of age on the day of the caucus.
- Due to a medical condition or disability, admission to or residence in a healthcare facility, you would face undue hardship to vote in person.
- You are a student who does not currently reside in Rockcastle.

Get your application for an Absentee Ballot at www.rpk.org/caucus or call Republican Chair Doris Cromer at 606-308-9704 for help.

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What you need to know about winter driving

(StatePoint) Winter can be an especially perilous time to be on the roads. Snow, ice, fog and longer nights present challenges to drivers that can lead to crashes.

People do less driving in winter, yet we have more crashes per mile driven. Some 10,780 people were killed in car crashes between December and March in 2013 -- fully one-third of

the total for each year. Non-fatal collisions also occur with greater frequency in winter months.

You may be an ace behind the wheel when the sun is shining and roads are dry, but driving in winter weather can be a different story. Drivers need to recalibrate and adjust their driving for winter road conditions.

"Travel can be treacherous when roadway surfaces are compromised during winter storms," says Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council (NSC). "The good news is that in-vehicle technologies can help drivers by providing advance warnings and preventing loss of control."

NSC and the University of Iowa recently partnered to launch a campaign called MyCarDoesWhat, to educate drivers about vehicle safety technologies designed to prevent crashes. The MyCarDoesWhat campaign offers three major pieces of advice for driving in wintry conditions:

- **Slow down.** This is the golden rule of winter driving. Drivers frequently underestimate how long it takes to brake and how difficult it can be to steer on slippery roads.

- **Do not use cruise control** when driving on slippery surfaces. It will diminish your control over the car and reduce your reaction time in the event of a skid.

- **Bridges and overpasses** freeze before roadways, so be alert in cold weather when approaching a bridge.

While a careful and skillful driver is always a vehicle's best safety feature, many safety technologies can help prevent or reduce the severity of winter-related crashes.

They include:

- Anti-lock braking systems (ABS) help drivers maintain control by preventing wheels from locking up. Your ABS works differently than traditional brakes, and requires you to drive differently too. It delivers and releases precise braking pressure to each wheel as needed, so you shouldn't pump the brakes when you have ABS. Just hold them down firmly and look and steer in the direction you want to go. They may buzz and vibrate when the ABS has activated.

- **Traction control** helps you accelerate without spinning out on slippery surfaces.
- **With electronic stability control**, your car's computer helps sense when you may be losing control around a corner or curve and can stabilize your car if it begins to veer off your intended path.
- **Adaptive headlights** adjust to changing roadway conditions -- such as curves -- to provide optimum illumination along the roadway during the long winter nights and periods of low daytime visibility.

"Driving in snow and ice requires much more focus on the conditions and an ability to adapt to an ever-changing, slippery environment," says Daniel McGehee, director of the Transportation and Vehicle Safety Program at the University of Iowa.

Research shows that most consumers are unsure about how some potentially life-saving vehicle safety technologies work. To get better acquainted with your car's features and learn important winter driving skills, visit MyCarDoesWhat.org on Twitter and Facebook for videos and tools.

With the right knowledge and skills, you can make your winter journeys safer.



On January 8-10, Silas Durham was one of 13 boys ages 11-12 selected to represent the Kentucky All-Star swim team. The Mid-States All-Star Championship was held at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis Indiana. Silas competed in the 1650 meter freestyle where he set a personal best time of 20:26.62. Kentucky's All-Star team placed 3rd. Other states invited to the meet included Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Missouri. Silas is a member of the Lake Cumberland Swim Team in Somerset.

Alternative cold and flu remedies to try this season

(StatePoint) While flu and cold are common to every region of the world, different cultures have developed their own solutions to tackle the all-too-familiar and dreadful symptoms.

Today it's thought that 70 percent of your immune system lies in your digestive tract, so many of these alternative healing methods rely on food for its curative properties. While some alternative treatments have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration for efficacy, many people swear by them. If you are suffering this cold and flu season, incorporating these remedies into your get-well plan could be worth a shot.

- **In Japan:** Hot green tea is poured over a crushed ume, which is an alkaline-rich Japanese pickled plum. Drinking this "umeboshi tea," full of iron and potassium, is said to help ease fever associated with the flu.

- **In the Dominican Republic:** A paste of honey, finely chopped onion and garlic, and the juice of at least half of a lime, is taken before bedtime. The garlic and lime juice, rich in vitamin C, boosts immunity.

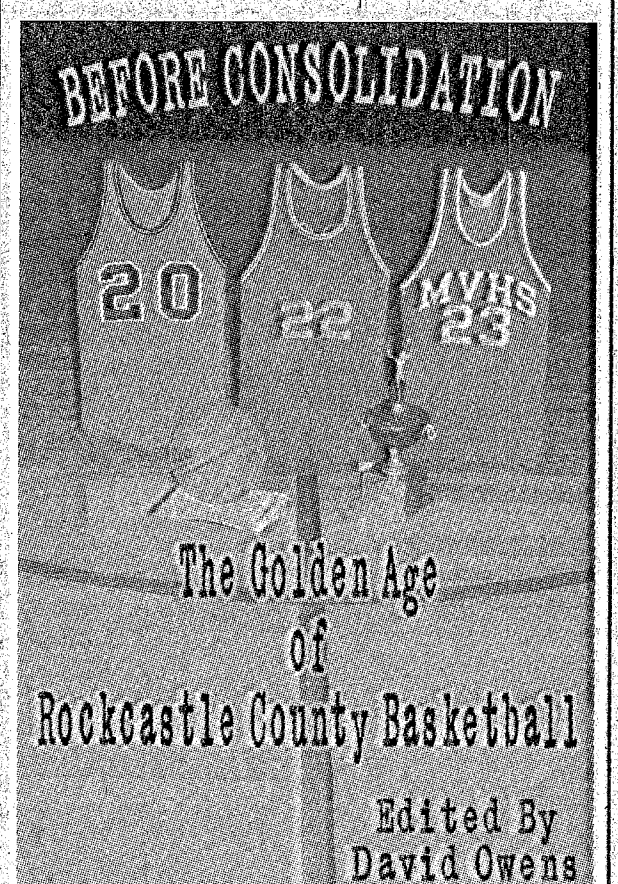
- **In France:** For those with the flu, a homeopathic approach is taken using Oscillocoquinum. This unusually named medicine has been a favorite flu fighter of the French for more than 70 years. Clinical studies show that it reduces the duration and the severity of fever, chills, fatigue, headache and body aches. It is recommended that you take it at the first sign of flu symptoms.

- **In China:** A restorative dish is made from healing fritillaria bulbs (Chuan bei mu) and an Asian pear. The center of the pear is scooped out to form a bowl. A teaspoon of honey is mixed with fritillaria extract, which is then poured into the pear. The covered dish is steamed for 45 minutes to create a warm elixir to soothe the throat. For maximum effect, a honeysuckle and licorice root tea chaser provides added immune support.

- **In South America:** A plate of sliced onions is placed on a nightstand overnight. The scent from a freshly chopped onion helps break up mucus and congestion, just as it causes the eyes to water and nose to run while cooking. Loaded with sulphur compounds, onions also improve circulation.

For more helpful tips about the flu, visit www.Oscillo.com for access to a four-part podcast series "Tackling the Flu, Naturally." Experts explain how the flu virus works in the body and why having a strong immune system is so important; how flu spreads; when children should stay home from school; and more.

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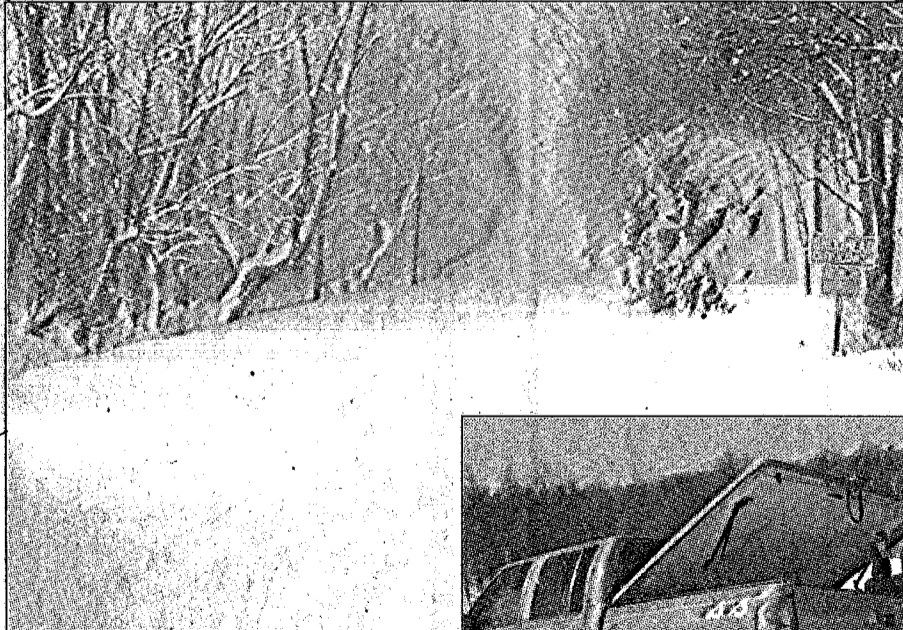
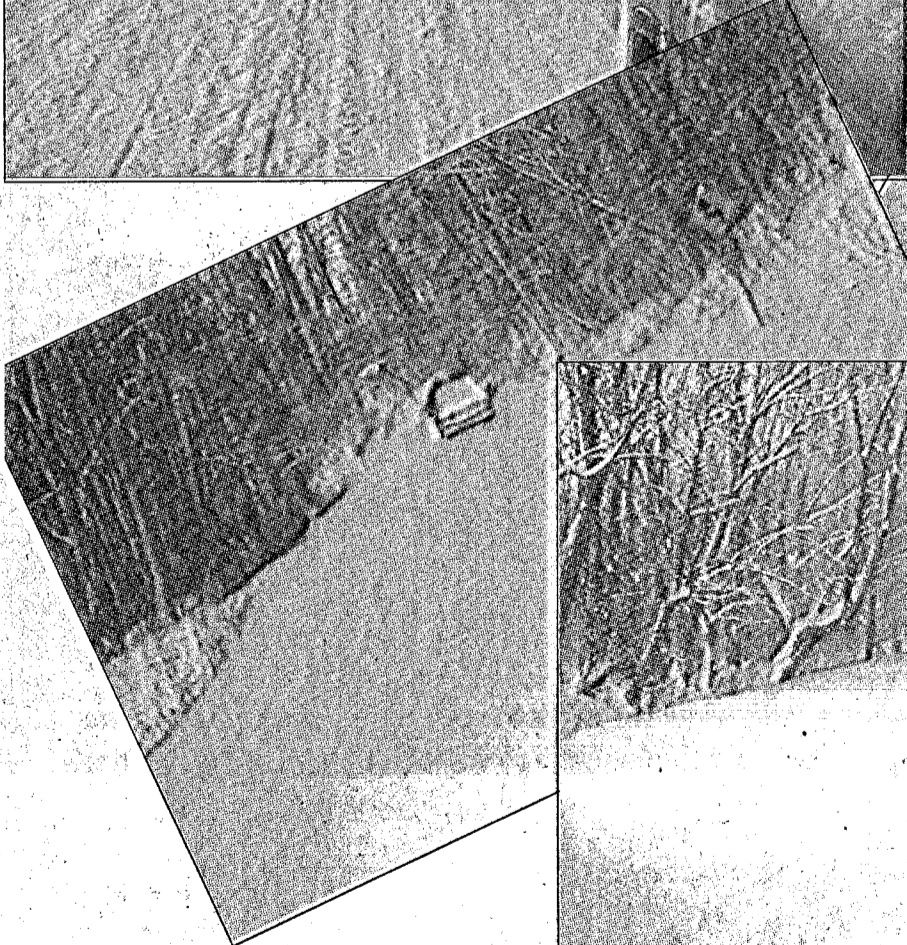
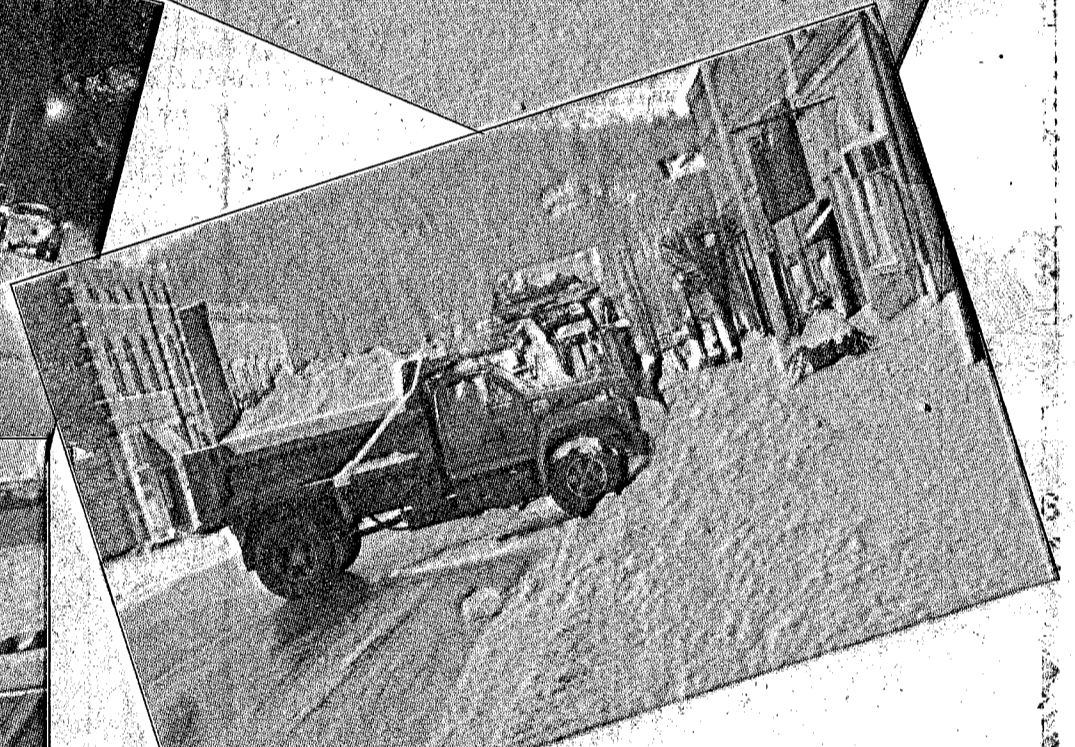
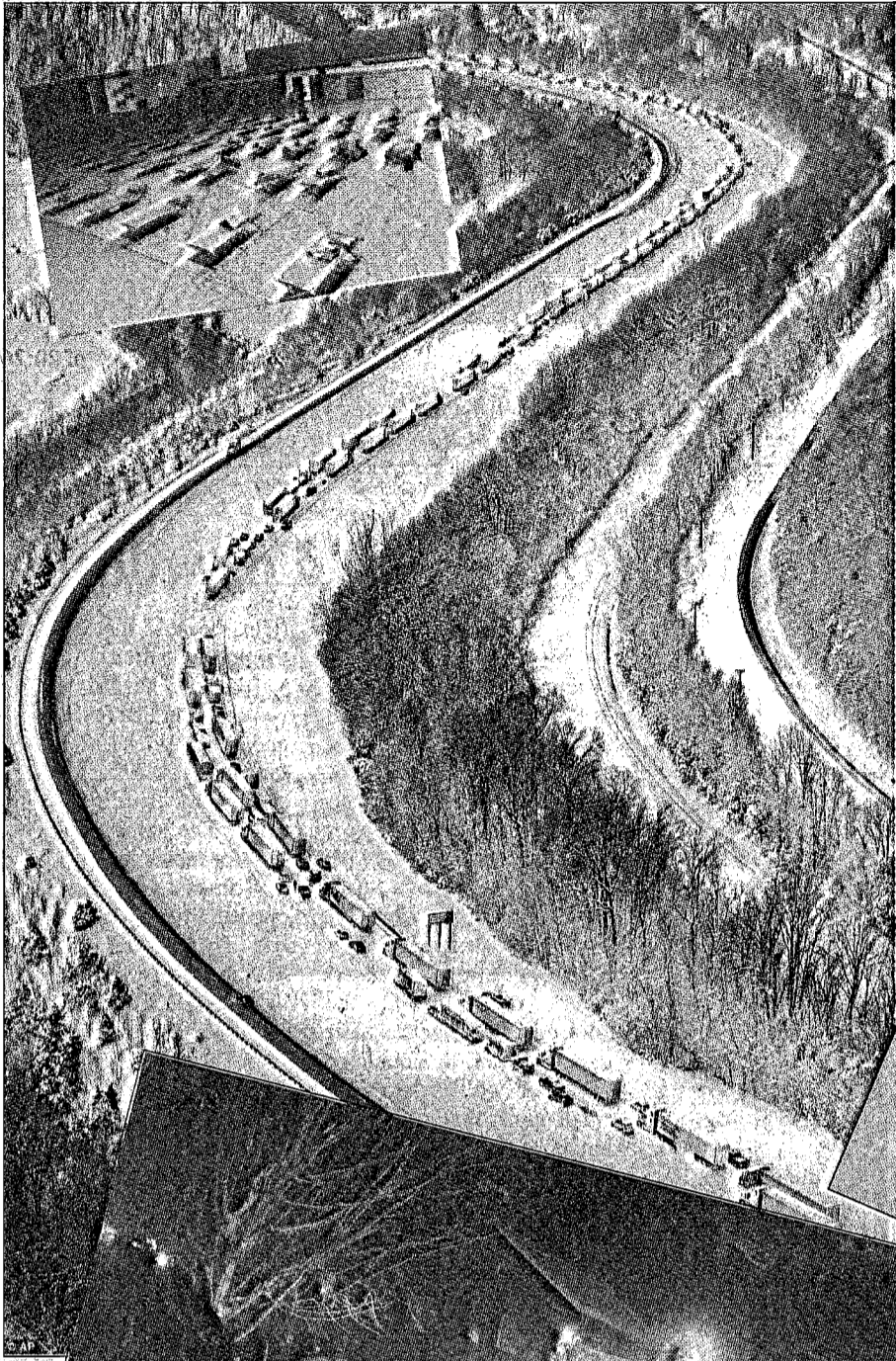
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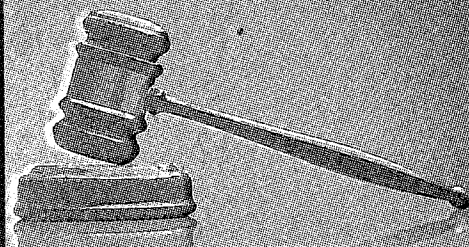
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Winter storm drops 18 inches of snow

Winter Storm Jonas left 18 inches of snow on the ground in Rockcastle County this past weekend as motorists were stranded throughout the state. An emergency shelter was established at the local middle school and over 70 stranded motorists spent the night as I-75 and most other roads were closed. Local emergency services, county workers, and volunteer firefighters worked tirelessly rescuing stranded motorists and getting residents to safety. Kentucky and Rockcastle County were declared in a state of emergency. The local state of emergency is expected to last until Friday as some drifts are still covering roads in certain areas. These are some of the photos taken locally by local residents. The aerial photo at left was taken from a social media page of Jay Hackler.





News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Assoc. LLC v. Betty York, \$1,918.59 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Assoc. LLC v. Gail Lake, \$2,526.43 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Assoc. LLC v. Tracy Faulkner, \$812.95 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care v. Donald V. Couch, \$633.89 plus claimed due. C-00009

Circuit Civil Suits

Brittany Nicole Roberts v. Rufus Harold Roberts, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Blueshine LLC v. Kathern Lynn Miller, et al, \$403.90 plus claimed due.

Blueshine LLC v. Roger Stepp, et al, \$318.62 plus

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Tax Ease Lien Investments I, LLC v. Boyd D. Courtney, et al, \$333.70 plus claimed due.

Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Ashley Ashton, \$6,645.68 plus claimed due.

Kerri Abrams v. Walter B. Abrams, complaint for child support and medical support.

Jason Allen v. Veronica Bray, et al, motion for temporary custody and time-share. CI-00016

Deeds Recorded

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc., property on Bryant Ridge Road, to Cortney Cheyenne and Keith J. Vance. Tax \$66

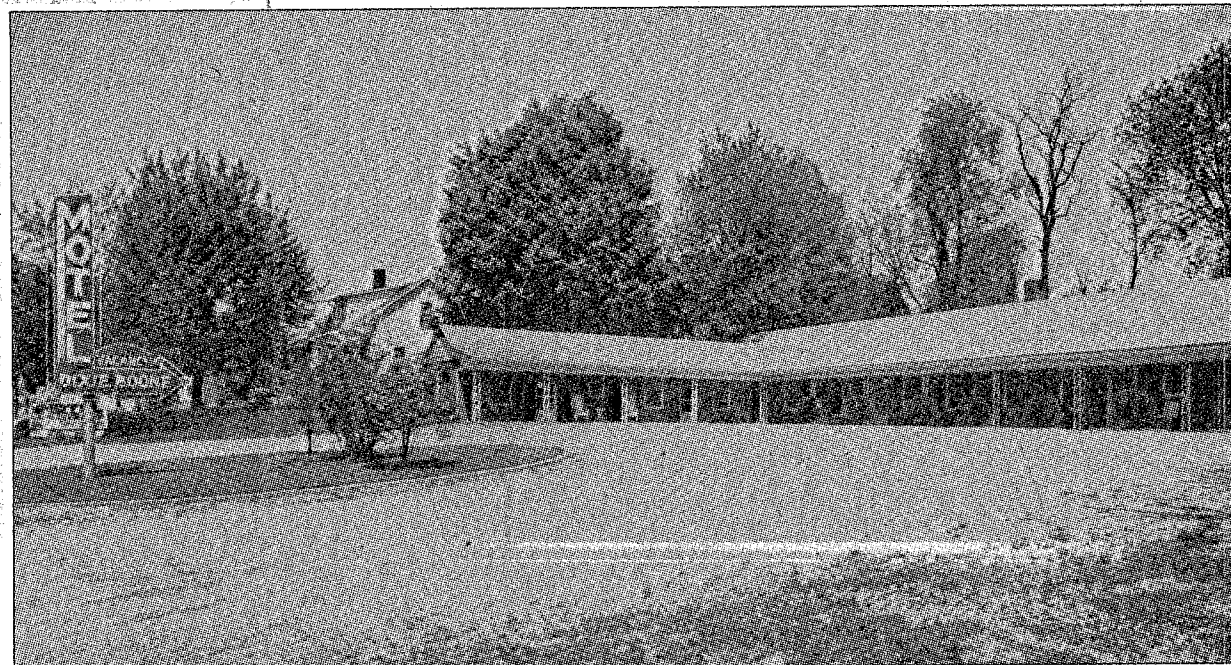
Toni Baker, property on Albright St., to Dale and Joyce Lark. Tax \$23

Claude Stephen and Julie Wagner, et al, property on east bank of Long Branch, to Misty L. Blevins-Stepp. Tax \$15

Freddie Lee Renner, property on Level Green Road, to Ricky Wayne and Virginia A. Miller. Tax \$15
 Barbara Gregory, property on waters of Roundtone Creek, to Paul Griffin. Tax \$35

George D. and Lois Faye Hayes, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephen T. and DeAnna L. McFarlin. Tax \$27.50

Brenda D. Estes, property on Sweetwater Road, to Jeffrey and Kayla McClure. No tax



Blast From The Past...

This week's photo is of the Dixie Boone Hotel which was located on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-386-0187.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Snow opens windows into the world of wildlife

Newly fallen snow has a way of awakening the spirit of adventure in kids and grown-ups alike.

It's also nature's tattletale.

As such, a fresh blanket of snow opens a window to new discoveries by revealing which animals inhabit the landscape around us and how they use it during the winter months.

Animal tracking in the snow exercises the body and mind, and it can be fun for the entire family.

Laura Palmer, furbearer biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, suggests carrying a guide to animal tracks as well as a ruler that will show up clearly in photographs. A basic pocket guide to animal tracks may be printed from the department's website at fw.ky.gov.

When you find a track, take note of the shape, number of toes, the presence or absence of claw marks, the shape of the heel pad and the length of the animal's stride. Keep a journal for personal reference and comparisons.

"Animal tracking doesn't only include looking for animal tracks," Palmer said.

"There are many other signs that animals leave to let you know they are in the area: bear scratches on trees, squirrels stripping bark from trees for pest building, deer rubs, scat, slides made by a river otter or beaver, fresh vegetation cut around a pond and stems left in water from muskrat."

Observing wildlife and their movements provides clues about their habits, where they den or bed, what they eat and whether the animal travels by hopping, bounding or striding, she said.

As an added bonus, the exploration of animal tracks can lead to unexpected discoveries.

Newly fallen snow helps make antlers shed by deer easier to see. Male deer may drop their antlers any time from November to May, but the peak period stretches from late December through early March.

For hunters, antler size provides insight into the number and quality of bucks that made it through the hunting seasons. Deer tracks also reveal what deer eat when food is scarce as well as travel corridors and bedding

areas. "Movement is going to be different in winter than it is in the fall but the more you know about how deer move around a piece of property, the more effective that makes you," said David Yancy, deer biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "That's information that you can file away for later."

Archery deer season ended Jan. 18, closing the book on a record-setting deer season overall in Kentucky, but other opportunities for small game and furbearers remain available. Consult the Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide or Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website for season dates.

Some grouse hunters like the snow because it helps close the gap on the elusive birds. Squirrels also will remain active with snow on the ground.

"Snow can make quail hunting difficult because they'll try to wait it out as long as they can," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "If you've got a lot of snow on the ground, birds are probably not going to be just out walking around in

fields because that exposes them to predation.

"If you target thick, woody cover like fence rows and brush piles and shrub thickets, you have a better chance of finding some birds. The same could be said for rabbits as well."

Some state parks host opportunities to view wildlife from January into March. Offerings include bald eagle, elk and sandhill crane viewing tours. More information about those opportunities is available at parks.ky.gov.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife also provides on its website a listing of wildlife viewing sites at various wildlife management areas across the state.

There is more to the snow than snowmen, racing sleds downhill or shoveling driveways. Take the opportunity to get a close-up look at what often goes unseen in nature.

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 Kevin and the entire Kentucky Afield staff by following them on Twitter: @kyfield.

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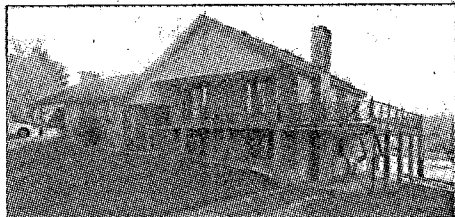
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Due to health reasons and having moved, the Hammonds have decided to sell their properties for absolute high dollar.

Tract 1: Lot 21 consists of a large corner lot measuring approx. 118 x 68 x 130 x 178 x 192.

It is improved with a lovely, spacious brick tri-level ranch style house. Floor plan consists of a family room w/ brick flue, bedroom, & bath on the lower level. First floor has large living room w/ brick flue, kitchen w/ oak cabinetry, formal dining room. The top floor has 3 bedrooms and bath. The house has electric heat, carport, deck, large level garden area. Beside the house, there is an 18x36 brick detached garage w/ a 8x36 attached shed.



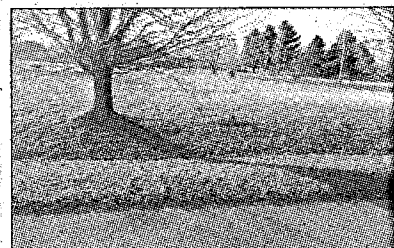
Tract 2: Lot 20 lies adjacent to Tract 1 and also fronts on Club View Dr. It measures 130x206 x 130x192. Restricted for your protection.

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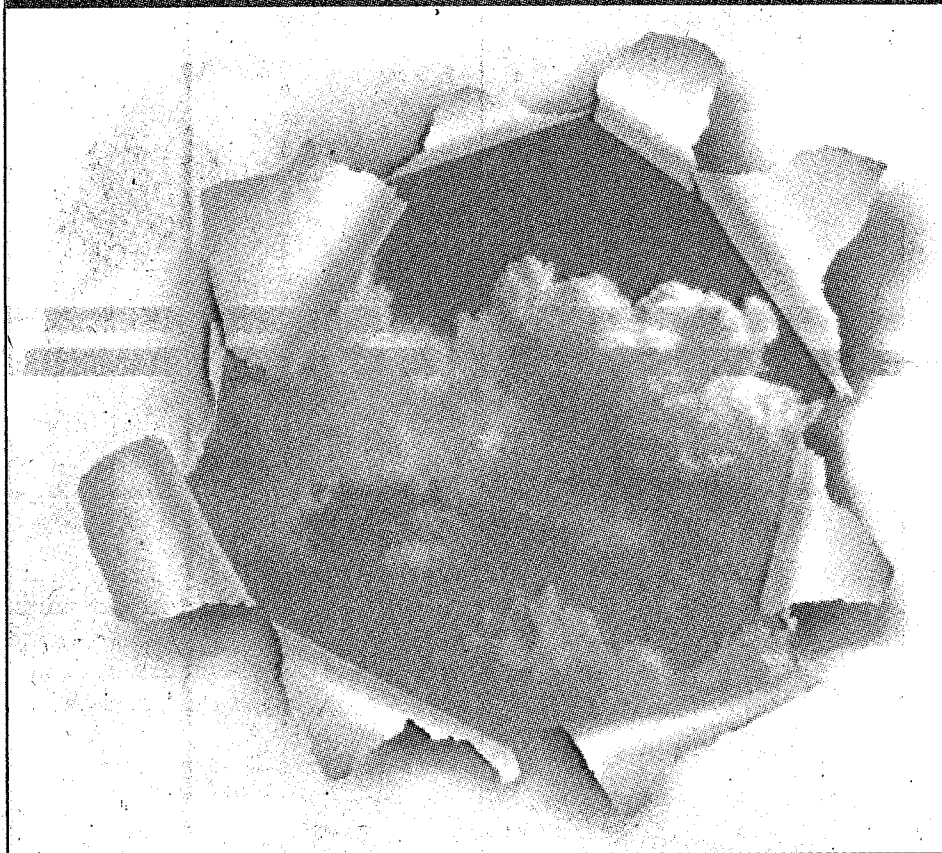
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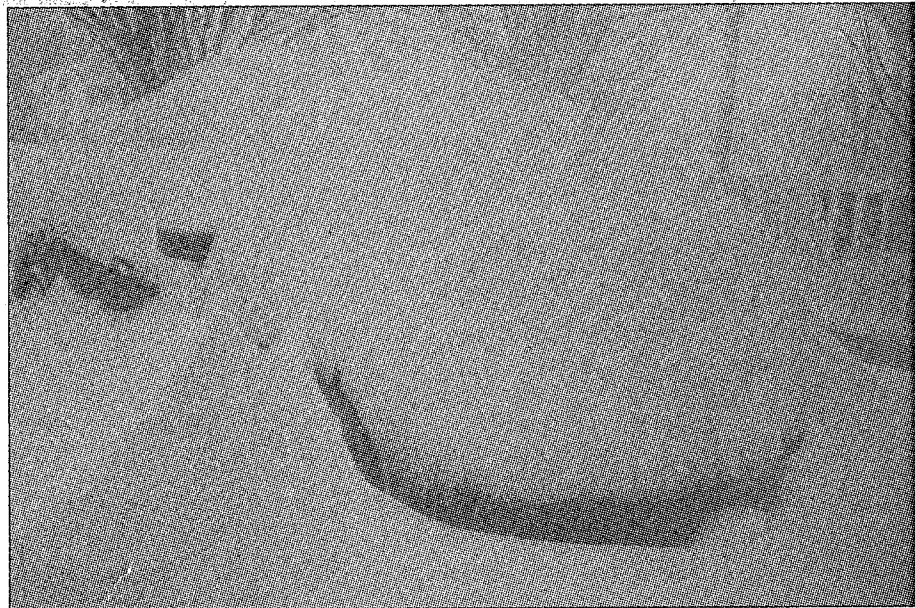
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Winter Storm Jonas slams Rockcastle with 18 inch snow



Cars were covered and stranded all over the county after Winter Storm Jonas dropped 18 inches of snow in the area. Local residents such as Scott Mays, of Chestnut Grove Road (below), shoveled sidewalks and roofs trying to make pathways. Roads were blocked for several days and local emergency services worked tirelessly to rescue stranded motorists and help patients make it to the doctor appointments for treatments.



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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") on January 29, 2016 in Case No. 2016-00028, an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 for approval of an amended compliance plan ("KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan") for the purpose of recovering the capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning August 31, 2016 under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR, also known as the environmental cost recovery surcharge. The total capital cost of the projects in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan is estimated to be \$678 million.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to build and upgrade equipment and facilities that produce energy from coal to operate in an environmentally sound manner. Specifically, KU is seeking Commission approval of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of Phase II of the landfill at the E.W. Brown Generation Station ("Brown"), and to close coal-combustion-residual ("CCR") ponds and construct new process-water facilities at Brown, the Ghent Generating Station ("Ghent"), and the Trimble County Generating Station. Each construction project is a component of KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan.

KU is also seeking an order declaring that CCR pond closures at the Green River Generating Station, Pineville Generating Station, and Tyrone Generating Station are ordinary extensions of existing systems of the usual course of business.

Lastly, KU is seeking an order approving an amended compliance plan for purposes of recovering the costs of new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the federal Clean Air Act as amended, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new rule on the Disposal of CCR from Electric Utilities, the Mercury Air Toxics Standards, and other environmental requirements that apply to KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. In addition to the projects described above, additional projects in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan include installing improvements to the Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization systems on Ghent Unit 2 and installing improvements to the mercury-related control equipment of Ghent Units 1-4, thereby allowing additive injections to mitigate mercury emissions. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU is seeking recovery at this time is estimated to be \$640 million. Additional operation and maintenance expenses will be incurred for certain projects in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan and are costs that KU is requesting to recover through the environmental surcharge in its application.

The impact on KU's customers is estimated to be a 2.06% increase in 2016 with a maximum increase of 3.35% in 2019. For a KU residential customer using 1,146 kilowatt hours per month, the initial monthly increase is expected to be \$2.16 during 2016, with the maximum monthly increase expected to be \$3.52 during 2019.

The Environmental Surcharge Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Public Service Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Environmental Surcharge Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for consumers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2016 Environmental Surcharge Plan and Application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2016-00028. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown, however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony will be available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.ige-ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after January 29, 2016.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Election Results
County committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in.

Donnie Hurst of Brodhead was elected to represent LAA #2.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are comprised of local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community. All recently elected county committee members and alternates take office on January 1, 2016, and join the existing committee.

For more information about county committee and the election process, please contact your local FSA Office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date:

February 10, 2016 8:00 A.M. at Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center

Office Closure Schedule

The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates for observance of a Federal Holiday:

January 18TH - Martin Luther King Day

February 15th - President's Day

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Deadline to sign LIP application = February 1, 2016

Farm Operating

Loans-Direct = 2.625%

Farm Ownership

Loans-Direct = 3.875%

Limited Resource Loans = 5.000%

Farm Storage
Loans=7 yr =2.000%, 10 yr=2.250%, 12 yr=2.375%

Commodity
Loans=1.625%

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Sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.
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Total of 4 Sessions

Session One (Monday, February 22, 2016):

- Basic Computer Functions
- Internet Basics

Session Two (Wednesday, February 24, 2016):

- Email Basics Part 1
- How to use storage devices (i.e. Flash Drives)

Session Three (Monday, February 29, 2016):

- Email Basics Part 2
- Microsoft Word Part 1

Session Four (Wednesday, March 2, 2016):

- Microsoft Word Part 2

Stop by the Library to Register today!

Requirements:
Must be registered for class and have a Library Card or Register for one when you sign up.

ABSOLUTE ON-SITE & ONLINE Auction

of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fain's
25.79 Acres, Brick House,
Guns & Personal Property

Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:30 am
Red Hill section, Rockcastle County

Directions: From Main St. (US 25) in Livingston, turn onto State Hwy 1955 and proceed 1.6 miles, turn right on Blackbear Lick Lane. Property is immediately on right. Auction signs are posted.

Mr. & Mrs. Fain have decided to relocate due to health reasons and have authorized our company to sell this prestigious home and property at absolute auction.

MULTI-PARCEL AUCTION: The property will be offered in tracts utilizing the multi-parcel method and selling in the manner that reflects the best returns for the sellers. This concept gives each and every prospective buyer the ability to purchase his or her individual tract or combination.

Tract A: consists of 5.73 acres most of which is cleared crop and pasture-land. This tract is improved with the above pictured brick house. The house has living room with fireplace, family and dining room combination, kitchen with beautiful oak cabinetry, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a full basement. The home has hardwood flooring throughout, heat pump plus cable heat, thermopane windows, shingle roof, and wood burning stove in the basement plus much more.

In addition to the house, there is a nice metal garage building measuring approx. 24 x 32. It has electric and concrete floor. There is also a storage shed.

Tract B: consists of 18.94 acres. This tract is primarily woodland with some good marketable timber. This tract also offers several nice building or mobile home sites.

Tract C: consists of 1.12 acres. It has some cleared land and woods. This tract also has an older barn.

NOTE: The purchaser of any single-family residence built before 1978 has a period of ten days to inspect the property for the presence of lead based paint. The inspection period is January 19th through January 28th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day post inspection period.

In addition to the real estate, the following personal property will also be available:

Guns: New England 410 & 22 barrel - Black Powder 36 cal. - Remington 30.06 742 deluxe - Roger P95 9 mm w/ 2 clips - Rossi 22 - Keltec 9 mm.

32x28 Portable carport - Arctic Cat 4 wheeler - 14ft fiberglass fishing boat w/ trailer - Craftsman 42" lawn mower - 3 cylinder, diesel, 4 wheel drive tractor - 4ft bush hog - 4ft scraper blade - 25 horse Johnson motor - 2-8ft aluminum porch posts - 2-16" truck rims & tires - 24ft fiberglass ladder - 16ft aluminum extension ladder - 6ft aluminum ladder - Hitachi miter saw - wood/coral burning stove - hedge trimmer - Coleman stove - wheelbarrow - animal trap - 2 bicycles - 3 speed girls bicycle - Sunbeam grill & warmer - Christmas deer & lights - 4 maple dining room chairs - antique Frigidaire refrigerator - Janyu Linn baby bed & mattress - 19 inch TV & stand - maple rocking chair - 2 kerosene heaters - Electrolux shampoo carpet cleaner - and much more!

Pick-up Date: Monday, February 1st from 2 pm - 6 pm.

Auctioneer's Note: This will be a multi-parcel auction, which gives the buyer an opportunity to buy any or all tracts. When combined, there is a total of 25.79 acres. Call today to schedule an appointment to view this outstanding property.

BUYER'S PREMIUM: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine final sale price on both real estate and personal property.

TERMS: Real Estate: 20% down day of sale with balance due within 30 days in the form of cash or check. Personal Property: Payment due in full day of sale in the form of cash, check, MasterCard or Visa with an additional processing fee.

Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.

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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.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Tuesday night, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-Centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m., music at 6:45 p.m., followed by a Celebrate Recovery lesson or an amazing testimony of a transformed life! At 8 p.m., you can join a small group discussion. All sessions are designed to provide the strength to overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups. Large group at 7 p.m.

Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing! Child care and transportation provided. Call 606-256-5577.

Revival at

McNew Chapel

McNew Chapel Baptist Church will be in Revival February 1-5 at 7 o'clock nightly.

Bros. Jerry Ballinger and Eric Pheanis invite everyone.

Gospel Singing

Lighthouse Baptist Church will hold a Gospel Singing on Saturday, February 13th, beginning at 6 p.m. featuring the Adams Family from Ohio.

The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.

Fellowship Meeting

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church will hold their monthly Fellowship Meeting on Monday, February 1st, beginning at 7 p.m.

Bro. Randal Adams will be preaching.

Bro. and Sister Donald King invite everyone.

Spring planting is near

Join Arbor Day Foundation and receive 10 blue spruce trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Kentucky who joins the Foundation in February 2016 will receive 10 Colorado blue spruce trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

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

"The blue-green hue and distinctive shade of Colorado blue spruce trees will help beautify Kentucky for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of Kentucky's existing Tree

City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

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

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

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29, 2016, or visit arborday.org/february.



Drug Tip Hotline
1-866-424-4382
Toll-free Treatment Help Line
1-866-90-UNITE

An encouraging word:

Hope Springs Eternal

By Howard Coop



A look at the calendar is revealing, and, maybe, a bit amusing. Ground Hog Day is just around the corner.

Most folk greet Ground Hog Day with a bit of humor. They kid each other about staying inside lest they see their shadows. They do so because folklore says that on that day the little brown marmot arouses from a long winter nap and goes outside his den and looks around. If he sees his shadow, he returns to his den and sleeps comfortably through another six weeks of bad weather. However, if he does not see his shadow, he remains outside the den, and for the next forty-two days, the weather will be better.

The ground hog may, or may not, accurately forecast the weather for the remaining days of winter, but one thing is sure: On that day, the sun in its annual journey northward will have reached the midway point between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. While it may not be notice-

able, the average daily temperature will be easing upward ever so slowly, and winter will be half over. Although the north wind may be howling and snow may be blowing across the lawn, we know in the depth of our being that better weather is ahead; spring is a few weeks away.

This whimsical day from folklore brings a lift to life in the middle of winter, but it is more: It is a reminder of the optimistic spirit in the human heart. Because of that spirit, we look beyond the moment, regardless of how bleak it is, and expect better things to come.

There is a better way to face life. Virgil, the ancient Roman poet who lived in the first century B. C., said, "Endure the present; and watch for better things." And Alexander Pope, an English poet of the eighteenth century, wrote, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." Regardless of circumstances at the moment, we can be optimistic about life.

Attorney General warns of "Federal Warrant" scam

Calls from a 'Sergeant Joe Crews' say consumers have a federal warrant against them

Kentuckians are being targeted over the phone by scam artists claiming to be a "Sergeant Joe Crews" who can help them resolve a federal warrant that has been issued against them.

Attorney General Andy Beshear is warning consumers not to fall for this scam, the latest in a series of scams that his Office of Consumer Protection is tracking across Kentucky.

"These scam artists are using fear to prey on Kentuckians," Beshear said. "If you receive the call, hang up."

Beshear said law enforcement does not contact Kentuckians over the phone concerning federal warrants and would never ask for money. Beshear is asking consumers not to engage these callers and to contact his Office of Consumer Protection at 888-432-9257 or their local law enforcement agency.

The Office of the Attorney General began receiving consumer complaints about this scam last week.

After reaching out to the Kentucky Sheriff's Association, the AG's office found local law enforcement agencies have received calls from consumers regarding this scam.

Beshear said this scam is similar to the "IRS Scam" or the "Payday Lender Scam" where scam artists tell callers there is a warrant for their back taxes owed or there is an unpaid loan from a payday lender.

One of the critical missions of the Office of the Attorney General is to help Kentucky families and seniors recognize and avoid scams. Beshear has recently warned consumers of a scam involving phone calls to Kentuckians claiming they had won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes and another scam targeting victims of financial fraud.

"In my two weeks of office already I am seeing a large number of attempts by scammers to take Kentuckians' money," Beshear said. "Our best defense is making sure the public is aware of these scams and not falling victim to their claims."

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SLOW COOKER SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

I specified Kraft products because they are certified gluten-free.

2 boxes (8 ounces each) Philadelphia® cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup half-and-half

1 tablespoon finely chopped onion

1 garlic clove, minced

1 box (10 ounce) frozen chopped spinach, drained and chopped

1 can (26 ounce) artichoke hearts, drained, rinsed, and chopped

1 cup Kraft parmesan cheese, shredded

2/3 cup Kraft Monterey jack cheese, shredded

Combine cream cheese and half-and-half in a bowl until well blended. Add remaining ingredients except Monterey jack cheese; stir well. Pour mixture into crock pot sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Cook on HIGH for 1 and 1/2 hours to 2 hours or until warmed through. Sprinkle with Monterey jack cheese.

SLOW COOKER TACO SOUP

This recipe comes from AnnaBelle, a good friend and my cousin.

1 pound chicken, ground beef or any meat

1 onion, chopped

1 can (16 ounce) pinto beans

1 can (16 ounce) cannellini (white kidney) beans

1 can (11 ounce) Rotel® tomatoes with chilies

2 cans (14 ounces each) diced tomatoes

1 can (4 ounce) diced green chilies

2 cups water

2 tablespoons taco seasoning mix

1 package Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix

Cook meat and drain. Shred, if needed. Do not drain beans, tomatoes, or chilies! Add all ingredients to crock pot. Stir. Cook on HIGH for 2 hours or LOW for 4 hours. Keep on LOW until serving to keep hot. Garnish with sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped green onions, or tortilla chips.

SLOW COOKER HOT CHOCOLATE

2 cups heavy cream

1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk

3 cups milk chocolate chips

6 cups of milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large slow cooker combine all ingredients and stir. Cover with lid and cook on LOW for 2 hours, whisking every now and then to combine the melted chocolate chips with the milk. Ladle into mugs and serve with marshmallows or whipped cream.

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Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhbp@gmail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor: Eugene Webb

Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's
Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., &
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Don Stayton
Associate Pastor/Youth:
Bro. Jeremy Ellis
Secretary: Jo Roberts
Music Director: Dan Dull

Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Gary Reppert, Doug Hawkins
Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.
606-308-2794
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Bride of Christ Church
100 High St. Mt. Vernon
Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
606-416-7136
606-379-6335

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. &
7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study
5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAS & GAs
Mission Friends and
Creative Ministry

Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian Church
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead

758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249
(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Tim Owens, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Terry Thornton, Minister

Climax Holiness Church
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Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at
7 p.m.

Conway Missionary Baptist
116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship

11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Donald King
606-355-7595

Crossroads Assembly of God
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Steven Vanhook, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Dixie Park Cornerstone
700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service
6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Vanwinkle, Pastor

Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church
Sunday Evening Service
6 p.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAS and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Razor, Pastor
606-256-3722
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Neal Thornton, Pastor

Jesse Wright,
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website: www.fbcmvky.org
email: fbcmvmon@newwave.net

Sunday Services: 8:20 a.m.,
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606-256-2876
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Jack Stallworth, Pastor

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Meeting & Youth/Children
Classes 7 p.m.
www.freedombsbc.com
email:
pastor@freedombsbc.com
Pastor: David Sargent
606-256-2968

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Assembly of God
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Tim Hampton, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer
7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study
7 p.m.

Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop
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Sunday 6 p.m.
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Gary Parker, Pastor

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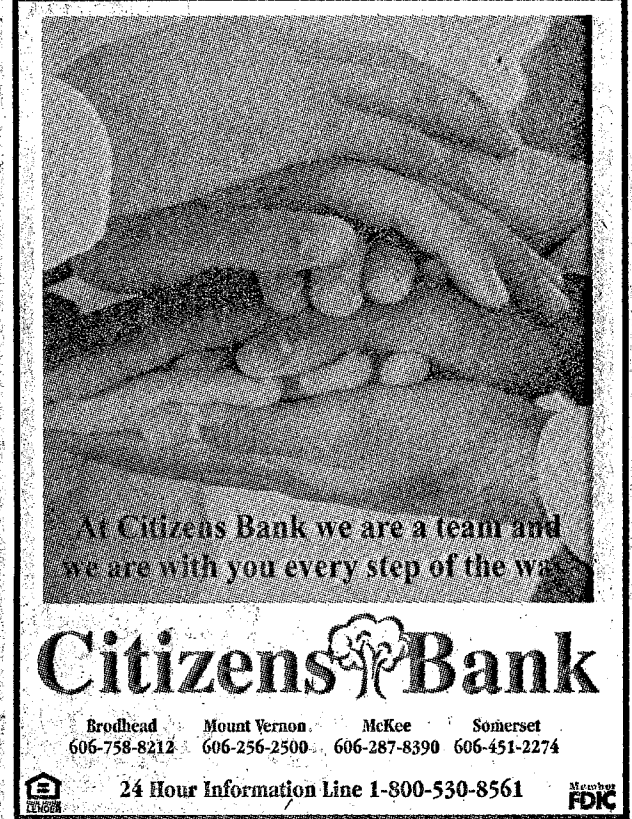
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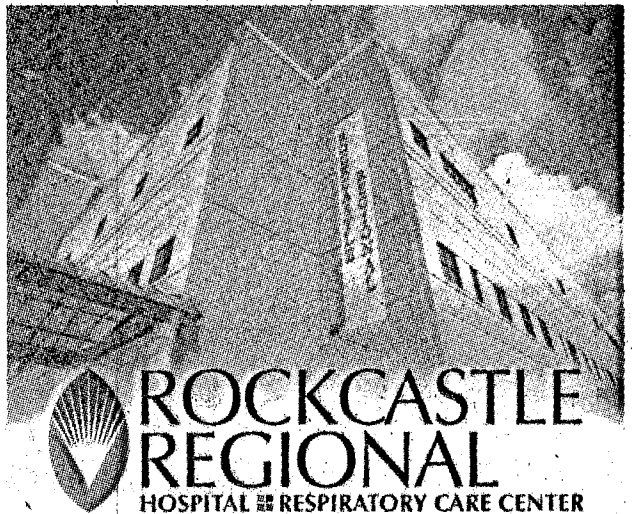
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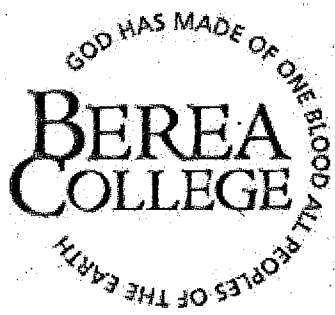
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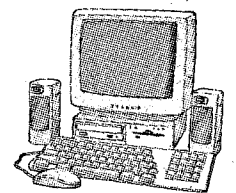
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Legislative Update...

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

Although week three of the General Assembly was shortened due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the inclement weather Friday, the Kentucky Senate passed significant bills and welcomed visitors who braved the snow in Frankfort.

On Tuesday we passed two of our priority bills: Senate Bill (SB) 4 and SB 10. Senate Bill 4 would require those seeking an abortion to have a face-to-face, in-person counseling session with a physician 24 hours prior to the procedure. This effort to promote the rights of the unborn passed with bipartisan support.

Senate Bill 10 would move statewide constitutional elections to even-numbered years. Final passage of SB 10 would save the Commonwealth and its counties an estimated \$20 million per election cycle. Research has also shown that hundreds of thousands of additional Kentucky voters participate in elections during even-numbered years, as opposed to odd-numbered years. The measure would not extend Governor Bevin's current, four-year term.

Also on Tuesday we passed SB 45 which creates transparency in the public retirement system.

On Wednesday we welcomed participants for "Kentucky Arts Day," hosted by the Kentucky Arts Council. Artists from across the state came to celebrate Kentucky's rich arts heritage. On the Senate floor, we proudly honored the recipients of the Governor's Awards in the Arts.

We also unanimously passed SB 52 on Wednesday which would allow veterans to receive a provi-

sional teaching certificate upon the completion of certain criteria. This bill would not only encourage veteran participation in the civilian workforce but also would relieve some of the burdens our veterans face while making that transition. We also passed SB 56 which would increase the DUI "look-back" window from five to 10 years in order to discourage repeat offenders. Senate Bill 81 passed as well; this bill would create identifiers for students from military families in order to support those students and keep them from falling through the cracks in the education system.

On Thursday we welcomed the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers (KAM) to the Capitol for their annual "KAM Day." Senate Bill 60 and SB 68 passed the Senate on Thursday. Senate Bill 60 creates additional protections for the vulnerable child victims of sex crimes during a continuous course of conduct. Senate Bill 68 would not hold property owners responsible for dog bite incidents caused by irresponsible tenants' dogs.

As these winter storms come through, please remember to stay safe and take every precaution. Do not forget to check road conditions by calling the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet at 511, and stay tuned for weather updates from the National Weather Service.

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HASKAPS, Honeyberries
and Sweetberries

How often do you find a new fruit at the grocery or the farmers market? Have you ever tasted a haskap?

This new berry to the market has been enjoyed in Russia and Japan for generations, and by Canadians for quite some time. The edible honeysuckle, haskap, honeyberry, or sweetberry (depending on who you ask) is a new crop that has not been seen in stores where I live. However, I have planted some in Madison County and Pulaski County in Kentucky, and have had opportunity to sample these tasty berries. I encourage you try them.

The closest comparison I can think of is a blueberry. Maybe a huckleberry. But, it is sweeter, a bit like honey or cooked prunes or maybe a tree-ripened fig. The seeds are tiny like in a banana, the berry is oval to long and cylindrical, and the color of a blueberry. A clamshell full at the supermarket would appear to be blueberries if you were gazing from a couple aisles over.

The plant is a rather attractive shrub about 4 or 5 feet tall and wide, some have leaves of a blue tint, some fuzzy. Right away, you know it's not a blueberry, for blueberries are finicky about where they grow and how acidic the soil. Not so with the edible blue honeysuckle; it can handle rich or poor soil, and pH from 4 to 7.5, so if you can grow a tomato you can grow honeyberries. A beginner should be able to grow the haskap successfully—if they plant two or several different varieties for purposes of pollination. Not all varieties bloom at the same time, which is why more than two varieties might be necessary. There isn't the fall color of the blueberry bush, but it's spring and summer attractiveness and ease of growing should put this plant at or near the top of an edible landscaping

planting. Think boxwood or spirea, and add delicious berries.

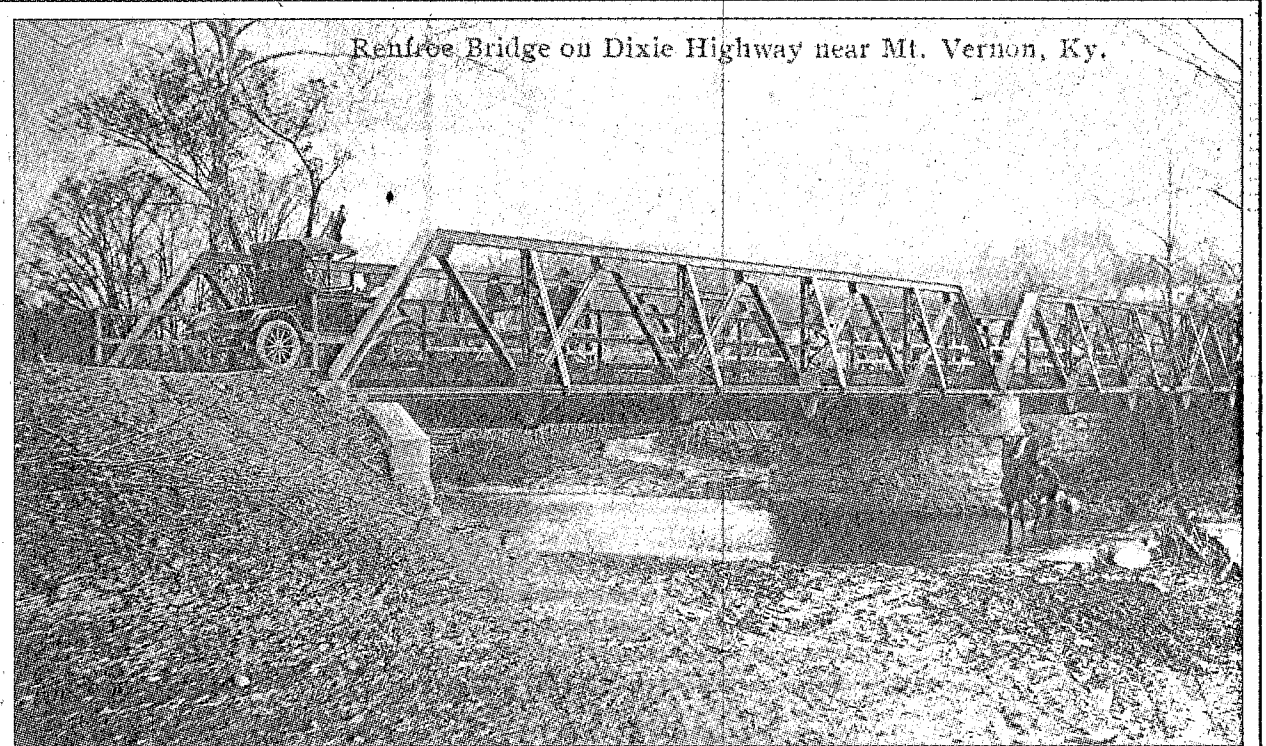
The plant is well behaved, native to the northern parts of North America, and produces berries or fruits not only delectable, but also very rich in vitamin C and antioxidants. (Oranges, strawberries, even pomegranates are not as nutritious.) It has a high brix and sufficient tannins to make good homemade wine also, for those interested.

Grown both on farms (orchards) and by home gardeners as well as in the wild in Canada, Russia and Japan, and a few other locations more recently, including England, Switzerland, Czech Republic, and in Oregon and Arkansas there are trial plantings in the United States. I bought my first plants two years ago from Sweetbriar Farms in Tennessee. Several mail order nurseries now sell them in the catalogs you find in your mailbox about January every year. (I'll be planting more myself this spring.)

The wild *Lonicera caerulea*, subspecies 'edulus' is quite variable, and some are tasty and some not so much. Breeders in Russia, University of Saskatchewan, and in Arkansas, Oregon and Nova Scotia are working on improved hybrids with improved characteristics. The plants are hardy to minus 47 Celsius, or USDA zone 2.

With a tasty fruit that is useful for many purposes, ripens before or with strawberries, and is almost as low maintenance as growing weeds, I am recommending all my readers and clients try growing a few of these delectable edibles in the landscape or garden at your place this year. Paradise sometimes is having dessert without cooking or going shopping—just reach out and pick some from the garden or flower bed.

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Renfro Bridge on Dixie Highway near Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Blast from The Past...

This week's photo is of the original bridge over Big Renfro Creek on Dixie Boone Highway near Renfro Valley. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-386-0187.

T.J.'s
Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook

The Big Snow

Dear Journal,

It's the subject on everyone's mind: the "big" snow. For almost a week, it was forecasted and it has finally arrived. The fear of what might happen drove most people to almost panic.

Now, the snow has come and reality has set in. The grocery stores are full of the panicked population and the shelves and dairy cases are almost picked clean. Stanley said that the trip to the grocery for supplies reminded him of a "Black Friday" sale at Walmart.

Almost everything in the state is closed. Even with all of the closings, there have been a lot of wrecks, "fender-benders", and "bumper-thumpers". Then there are those who "fish-tailed" and slid into the ditch.

One of the worst fates during the bitter cold and deep snow is "cabin fever". I've been inside for exactly one week today. It is trying at times but I've tried to stay busy and pass the time. Stanley had to miss work on Friday when it was so bad. That lifted my spirits. We've been snowed in together and got reacquainted. It's usually "run here or there", but there was to be no running anywhere this weekend.

My heart really goes out to those who have to work in conditions like these, especially those in health care, emergency personnel, state and county workers who clear the roads, and the list goes on. I remember the days when I was working in health care. I slid into work, sometimes had to stay all night at the facility, and even being transported to and from work by the National Guard.

Since we can't do anything about the "big" snow, anyway, we might as well enjoy it the best we can. Enjoy its beauty, especially with the full moon shining "on the breast of a new-fallen snow". Catch up on all of those half-done projects. Get reacquainted with our families. Do other activities we've delayed doing for so long, and don't forget to pay special attention to our outside pets and neighbors who may need help.

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