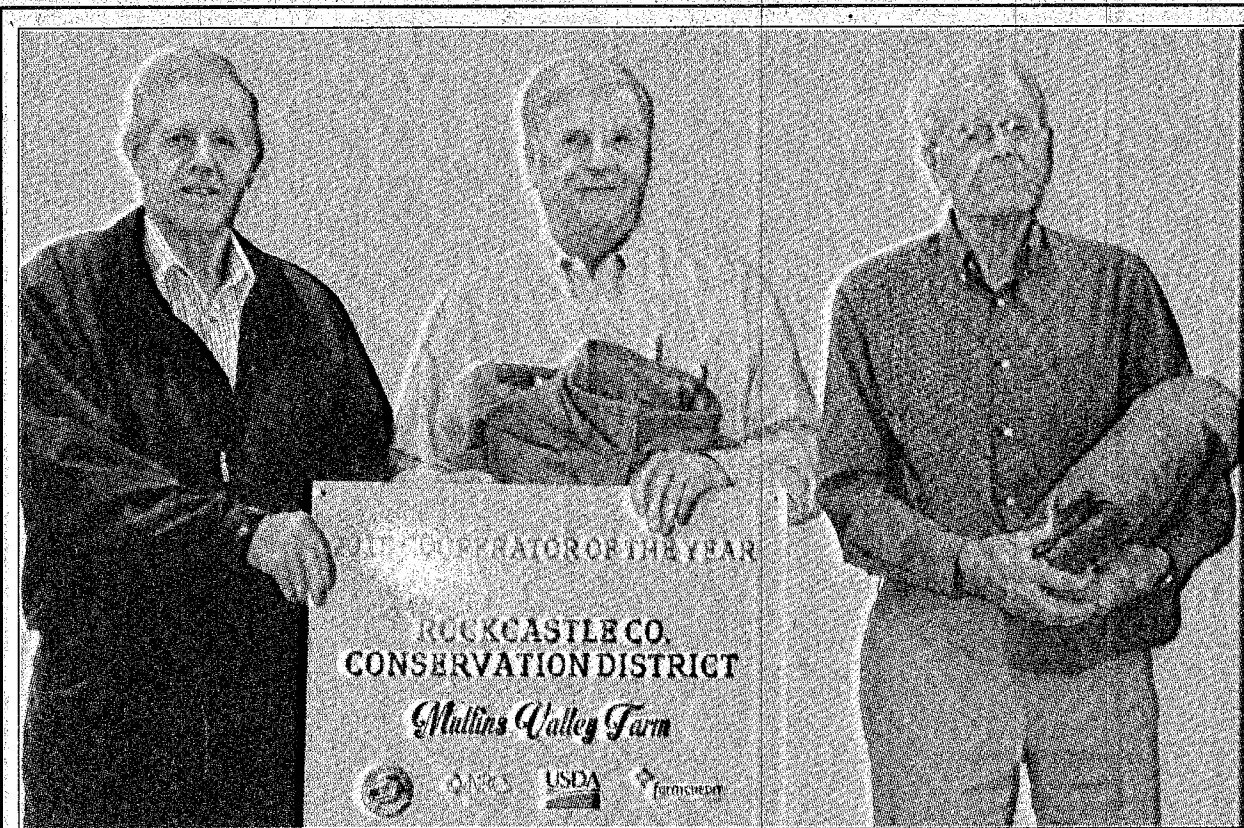


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The 56th Annual Farmers/Businessman Banquet was held Tuesday night at the Rockcastle Middle School. Shown above is Conservation District Board Chairman Tommy Harold Mink presenting Jim and Nate Mullins, of Mullins Valley Farm, the Master Conservationist Award.



The Kiwanis Club presented the Rockcastle County Development Board with the Distinguished Community Service Organization award during the annual Farmers/Business Banquet Tuesday night. Accepting the award were members of the Development Board's Executive Committee, shown above, back row from right: Livingston Mayor Jason Medley, Greta Tompkins, Tom Mills, Crystal Rush, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Stanley Cook, Tonya Cook, Tammy Cox and Judge-Executive Doug Bishop. Shown in front row from right: Kathy Robinson, Martha Cox and RCDB Director Lynn Tatum.

Kentucky's first Republican Caucus to be this Saturday

By: Mike French
 This Saturday, March 5, is the Republican Caucus at the Rockcastle County Middle School. This is Kentucky's first caucus and anyone registered as a Republican as of December 31, 2015, should vote in this caucus.

Voting will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Anyone in line at 4:00 will be allowed to vote.

All of the candidates who filed for the Republican nomination for President will appear on the ballot,

even those who have now dropped out of the race. Signs will be posted at the voting site reminding voters of those candidates who have dropped out of the race in hopes that votes will not be cast for these previous candidates. Voters are urged to only vote for a candidate that are still in the race.

All voters will be voting only for the Republican Presidential nominee this Saturday and will still vote at their normal location (where you usually vote) on (See "Caucus" on A5)

Development Board discusses many issues

The Rockcastle County Development Board held their regular meeting last Wednesday with Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop in attendance.

The group discussed the shower house planned at Lake Linville and Bryant told the board he expects to see the facility completed in about a year.

In other action, Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum introduced the concept of a "wedding team" consisting of local florists, caterers, musicians and photographers to offer various packages to couples wishing to marry at the refurbished Mullins Building in Livingston.

The board plans to create a brochure to promote building rental and the wedding team.

Tatum also informed the board that she has secured a Brownfield Grant for testing on the Dr. Parsons Building on Main Street in Mount Vernon. An assessment was

done and now phase two will begin to test for hazardous material, according to the board. Upon completion of phase two, a clean up grant may be requested by the board.

Another plan to test and remodel the remaining (See "Board" on A5)

Yard Sale season is about here

By: Mike French
 'Tis the season...to sell your stuff.

Once again, yard sale season has come to Kentucky and local residents are expected to join the thousands of Kentuckians setting their used items to anyone interested.

Several cities have put in place fees that vendors must pay for the right to hold a yard sale on their property, along with restrictions on sign placement, clean-up and parking.

However, Mount Vernon (See "Sale" on A5)

Confidential informants are big help to police

By: Mike French
 Hollywood crime shows often demonstrate the use of confidential informants to make a drug bust or complete an investigation. However, it's not only big cities which use such measures to fight crime.

A part of the success of local law enforcement officers is due to the use of confidential informants, according to local officials.

"It's a necessary evil we have to use to benefit the community," said Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds. "I don't know of any, policing agency that does not use informants from time to time."

According to Reynolds and Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters, informants are used even in the smallest of towns.

"They can be very helpful, usually on drug cases as long as we understand their motives," said Peters. "You have to keep in mind the kind of people you are trying to work with here and keep them under close supervision."

Peters said he uses two "handlers" for each informant so that there will be two different deputies who can corroborate their stories.

Usually, according to Peters, informants are those

who had been busted on a drug charge and agree to inform on other drug dealers in exchange for a lighter

sentence for themselves. "You have to keep an eye on their motives. If you aren't careful, you can get an

informant who is just trying to get rid of his competition," said Peters.

According to Peters,

once a drug dealer has been busted, if he feels the person can provide enough valuable (See "Informant" on A5)

New bills to help deter drug use

By Jared Carpenter
 State Senator

As the Senate eagerly

awaits a budget proposal from the House of Representatives, we are busy pass-

ing bills both out of committee and out of the Senate to send to our House colleagues during the eighth week of the 2016 Kentucky General Assembly.

Several meaningful bills passed the Senate this week and will now move on for consideration in the House of Representatives. Senate Bill (SB) 43 was one of the most prominent bills we passed. It creates death benefits for Emergency Medical Service personnel killed in the line of duty. This bill was introduced in honor of John Mackey, a paramedic from Jessamine County who was killed in the line of duty last year.

We passed a similar bill in SB 195, which would create death benefits for family members of firefighters who died from cancer presumed to be caused from their duties. Senate Bill (SB) 114 would update regulations on the medical authority of advanced practice registered nurses. Senate Bill 154 would clarify laws relating to physician assis-

ants, and SB 155 would amend current statute to correct the office location of the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Senate Bill 115 was passed by the Senate as well. The bill restores punishments for first-offense heroin traffickers to the previous level of a Class C felony. The Senate voted 31-6 to approve SB 115. Kentucky lowered penalties for some heroin dealers in 2011. Since then heroin use has increased significantly and overdose deaths have soared, which prompted the Senate to pass this legislation.

Senate Bill 169 is what we often call a "cleanup bill." It updates regulations pertaining to elections and duties of county clerks in order to create a more efficient and effective electoral process. Senate Bill 14 would strengthen punishment for those involved in illegal dog fighting.

We also passed Senate Bill 182, which would (See "Bill" on A5)

SB 115 will help local law enforcement

Senate Bill 115 is among several that passed the Senate this week and is headed to the Kentucky House for approval. The Bill essentially removes a previous Bill that had reduced penalties for first time heroin arrest in 2011 to a Class "D" Felony.

If it passes the Kentucky House, the first-time arrest for any amount of heroin will once again be a Class "C" Felony.

According to local law enforcement officials, the bill will serve two-fold in helping the local drug problem.

First, knowing the crime carries such a heavy penalty is expected to deter some from

becoming involved with the activity. Secondly, once one is arrested for use or sale of heroin, they will be in jail much longer and not back on the street selling the drug.

According to County Attorney Billy Reynolds, a Class "C" Felony charge carries 5-10 years in prison. The Class "D" Felony carries 1-5. However, Reynolds said statutes have limited first and second offenses to a maximum of 3 years or parole.

The new classification will provide longer terms and less room for minor sentences and police say the Bill is a first step in making a difference in the local drug problem.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Warning: Do not read

Warning labels are sometimes pretty ridiculous.

I have heard many people say America needs to be more educated to create a better, more intelligent nation. I may have found a way to accomplish that. Do away with warning labels.

I have recently come across some that struck me as rather amazing and if there is a group of people who really need these warnings, then I think we have found the problem.

Not only do some of the warning labels demonstrate the product user may be a few fries short of a Happy Meal, some of the people writing the actual label may be just as intellectually challenged.

I saw a label on a chainsaw that read, "Do not hold chainsaw by the chain." I would say that whomever tried that, didn't wind up with much firewood that winter.

We have to take a test to have a driver's license, but don't have to take a test to be a parent. Perhaps that explains the label I saw on a commercial, industrial sized washer at a laundromat that read, "do not put children in this washer."

And then, we have the wanna-be handyman who buys tools to try to keep from paying a mechanic or carpenter. A set of screwdrivers I saw recently had a label that seemed pretty clear to me. "Do not insert screwdrivers into your body." Can you imagine the guy that got home, with his new screwdrivers, then read the warning label and said, "Well darn!"

I can picture the guy at the Lowe's counter saying, "I want my money back on these screwdrivers. Where do you keep the body inserting screw drivers?"

The warning, "Do not eat" is suddenly on products of all kinds. I see it mostly on those little baggies that come with computer prod-

ucts. But more and more I am seeing that warning on things like flash drives, earrings and shoe laces. There must be some hungry people out there.

We bought an oven not long ago that was covered in warnings. I understood the need for most of them (Although I was indeed aware that the burners would get hot) but the warning that informed me that I should not dry my dog inside the oven seemed a little over the top.

Speaking of dogs, I once bought some worm medicine for a puppy I had with an interesting label on the bottle. "Use caution when operating a motor vehicle." Not sure I understand that one unless someone thought I was going to freebase my dog's worm medicine.

Then there are those warnings that I don't understand at all. One warning on an airplane reads, "If you can't read this warning, inform a flight attendant."

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ramblings....

by: perlina m. anderkin

I realized Tuesday morning that we are in our 50th year in Mt. Vernon as owners of *The Mt. Vernon Signal*.

We came here from Versailles in January of 1966, with much trepidation, on my part.

My husband, Jim, was a native of Rockcastle County, having been born and raised in the Scaffold Cane area but had been gone since joining the Air Force in 1948. We met in Versailles where he was working at *The Woodford Sun*, the local newspaper there.

We married in 1960 and already had Rick and Jamie when we moved here, with Jane due in June of 1966.

The trepidation on my part came from leaving my family and my job at Sylvania where I had been for several years and embarking upon the totally unknown. But it had always been Jim's dream to own a weekly newspaper and since his brother, Elmo, was ready to leave the business it was his chance to do what he always wanted to do.

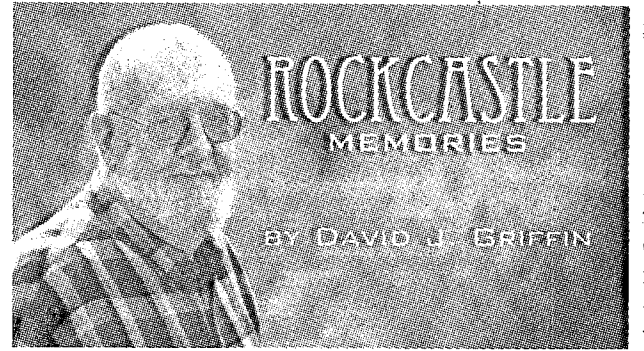
The first six months, it would have taken me about

a half hour to pack up everyone and move back home but, that opportunity never presented itself and this has been home for many years now. I have often wondered what would have happened if we had stayed in Versailles. Jim had a good job at the *Sun*, we had already bought a home there and my mother wouldn't have spent several years being really mad at me for taking her grandbabies to "the mountains."

She was so mad at me, in fact, that dad had to make the trip alone for the first couple of times to see us after we moved. But, he did and we managed to get back to Versailles as often as possible so she finally got over her mad.

I really didn't have too much time to miss Versailles since running a weekly newspaper calls for a great deal of time - it's certainly not a nine to five job. And, of course, there was

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"Beau"

For as long as I can remember, I have been a dog lover. My earliest recollection of a dog was my family's Spitz, named Frisky. He was extremely bright and would help me and my brother (Al) when we completed our chores in the afternoons after Al came home from school. At that time, I was too young for school and stayed at home with my mother (Bee) and Frisky.

I remember once when Al and I were carrying kindling into our mother's kitchen. As we entered the house, Bee noticed that Frisky was also carrying a single stick in his mouth as he attempted to do his part.

After Al left home for Georgetown College, Frisky continued to impress our family members. Once, he

brought home a brand-new man's shoe. We never did discover where that shoe actually came from; it remained a mystery. He also once approached me with a wagging tail and a wet, one-dollar bill in his mouth. He simply came up and dropped the money on the ground in front of me and looked as if he had done something wonderful. He was really amazing in his attempts to please our family. In his later years, he contracted rabies and had to be put down. I cried for days!

Over the years, I have had several dogs, but none like Frisky until Kathy and I moved to Furnace Mountain in Powell County in 1991. In 1993, we acquired our first of three Shelties, and his name was Jesse Lin.

Many of Jesse's habits and intelligence reminded me of Frisky. I think he was the smartest dog I ever met. He and I wore out several tennis balls playing fetch. His speed and dexterity were almost uncanny. He would chase that ball until he was ready to drop in his tracks.

Jesse always slept at the foot of our queen sized bed. Sometimes in the middle of the night, you could feel him lying next to your leg for comfort. He loved us completely with all the love he could muster. He lived to be 14 years old. When we had to put him down, Kathy and I both cried for days.

Several nights ago, Kathy and I were watching a re-run of the old Tonight Show, starring Johnny Carson. This particular episode aired in 1981. Johnny's main guest that evening was the famous actor Jimmy Stewart. On that show, Stewart read a

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Points East

By Ike Adams



A year or so ago, I forget exactly where it happened, I overheard two women discussing their shopping habits when one of them remarked that she much preferred Big Lots because, "you don't have to dress up to go to Big Lots like you do if you shop at Walmart."

Now I'm thinking that I may have already gotten a column out of that kernel of shopping fashion savvy, but it's a slow news day that has been preceded by a more-than-mundane week wherein the only thing that elicited a guffaw from me

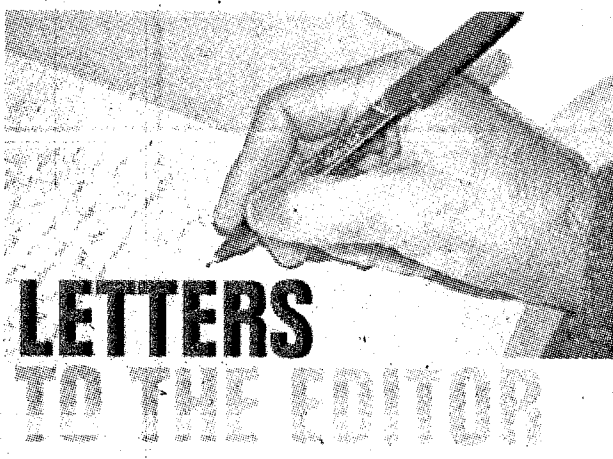
was a trip to Walmart where I noticed not just one, but two younger women shopping in their pajamas.

I consider myself pretty open-minded and absolutely nothing a teenager chooses to wear in public is apt to surprise me, but these women were in their thirties or early forties and I found their attire to be a tad off-putting.

I still see teenage boys from time to time with their pants buckled below their butt cheeks, showing off their underwear and I recall a time back in the 90s when teen girls went through a fashion phase of wearing boy's boxer shorts underwear as outerwear but I write that off as part of the normal reaction to the angst of being a teenager. Most of them grow out of it.

I will also admit that, from time to time, I am guilty of running to the mail box in my PJs. Joe Brown, much to my chagrin, has even caught in my long johns a time or two. However, I always look up and down the road and turn my better ear (I don't have a good one) in both directions

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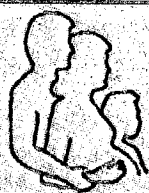
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“Memories”

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poem that he himself had written about his golden retriever named Beau. Beau's story reminded us about our relationship with our beloved Jesse. Time and space will not allow me to recite the entire poem, but here are the stanzas that touched me so because they reminded me of our Jesse Lin. He never came to me when I would call. Unless I had a tennis ball, Or he felt like it, But mostly he didn't come at all. We are early-to-bedders at our house - I guess I'm the first to retire. And as I'd leave the room he'd look at me

And get up from his place by the fire. He knew where the tennis balls were upstairs, And I'd give him one for a while. He would push it under the bed with his nose And I'd fetch it out with a smile. And there were nights when I'd feel him Climb upon our bed And lie between us, And I'd pat his head. And there were nights when I'd feel his stare And I'd wake up and he'd be sitting there And I reach out my hand and stroke his hair. And sometimes I'd feel him sigh And I think I know the reason why.

He would wake up at night And he would have this fear Of the dark, of life, of lots of things, And he'd be glad to have me near. And now he's dead. And there are nights when I think I feel him Climb upon our bed and lie between us, And I pat his head. And there are nights when I think I feel that stare And I reach out my hand to stroke his hair, But he's not there. Oh, how I wish that wasn't so, I'll always love a dog named Beau. When Jimmy Stewart finished reading his poem, Johnny Carson and Ed

McMahon were both wiping away the tears. I looked at Kathy, and we both were trying to hold back from really sobbing. All of us were so moved by Stewart's passionate delivery. It is impossible for me to think of that wonderful poem without getting sentimental about my Jesse Lin. He will always be loved.

Only a dog lover can truly understand the depth of emotion between a dog and his master. It is an unconditional love, and it runs both ways. My, what a blessing the good Lord gave us when he made dogs!

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

“Points East”

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to see if I can hear a vehicle approaching in the distance before running the mail box gauntlet. I do not do it to be seen and, in fact, I try hard not to be seen even though I am not horribly embarrassed when I do get caught. Which is to say that I am not ashamed to go out in public for fear of encountering someone who had caught me in my pajamas or long johns. Loretta might be embarrassed because of me, but she usually gets over it pretty quickly. And both of us have been guilty of an-

swering the door in our sleepwear and even having a cup of coffee with morning visitors, still decked out in our pjs, with someone who showed up at the house before we were properly dressed. At least two sister-in-law have seen in my long johns and none of us died of embarrassment.

But shopping in your pajamas and acting like you're well dressed? Maybe I am becoming an over-sensitive prude in my old age because it simply does not feel right and, in fact, makes me feel just a smidgen uncomfortable. On the other hand it

is no more embarrassing than seeing an old man on the beach with no behind and no musculature to speak of and belly fat from where abs might once have been flopped down over the front of his black, tight Speedos. Some of us simply can't pull that off anymore which is not to suggest that I ever could.

Nor do I mean to suggest that everything that is in fashion ought to be. If I were a high school principal and one of my female students showed up for classes in one of those see-through dresses these young

girls wear on shows like The Voice and American Idol, I'd loan her a raincoat and send her home to put on something decent. A lot of this latest trend in women's fashion seems to be a game of Am I wearing underwear? Some of the kids competing on the talent contests apparently aren't, or at least there's not much of it if they are.

In the meantime wearing pajamas to do your grocery shopping does little to support the notion that you need to dress up better when you shop at Walmart than you do when you go to Big Lots.

“Ramblings”

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the advent of several children after we arrived. After Jane's birth in '66, she was followed by Paige in '68, Sara in '71, Travis in '80 and Allison in '85.

So you can imagine how busy we always were between following several children around to their various activities and still trying to put out the paper.

Looking back, I am glad we made the decision we did. I just get aggravated at times that old age has arrived. I am not well suited to leisure time so I have decided that as long as I can drag myself to the Signal, I will. To be honest, it's for only about four-five hours a day at most but I like to still think I can contribute.

I have decided that to lower the stress in my life I will stay off Twitter and watch as little news as possible. As for the Republican debates, forget it. I refereed too many fights among children when mine were young to be able to sit back and watch grown children exchange personal insults and avoid detailing their policies for running our country.

I am sick at heart to think that our general election may be between a New York liberal with a “yuge” ego, posing as a conservative, and an elitist politician who, in my opinion, should be wearing a striped jumpsuit and peering out from behind bars.

So, like all sensible people, I have decided to quit fretting about that over which I have no real control. I will vote my preference and “the Devil take the hindmost” as my mother often said.

But, as I have often said, for the past almost eight years, don't blame me when, after four years under the presidency of either one of them, our country bears little or no resemblance to the “land of the free.”

“Letters”

(Cont. from A2)

Those which visited us were very complimentary of our school and our community. This would not have been possible without each and every one of those listed above.

Thanks,
Barry Noble,
Assistant Principal
Athletic Director
Rockcastle County High School

Vote in the March 5th Republican Presidential Caucus...

Dear Editor,
The League of Women Voters works to engage citizens in the democratic process and wants to alert Kentucky Republicans about the Saturday, March 5 Republican Presidential Caucus. The caucus is a new and unfamiliar process for Kentucky and we want to be

sure citizens understand this will be THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY for Republicans to cast their ballot for Republican Presidential candidates.

Kentucky voters must have been registered as Republicans by December 31, 2015, to be eligible to vote in the caucus, Saturday, March 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time. Voting locations differ from usual polling places, so check the Republican Party web site for the location in your county. (tpk.org/caucus/)

The only candidates on the Caucus ballot will be those running for president for the Republican nominee. Primary elections for all other candidates will be held Tuesday, May 17.

Be sure your voice counts! Vote in the March 5 Caucus.

Terry Naydan and

Nita Smith
Co-Presidents
Kentucky League of Women Voters

Looking for genealogy info...

Dear Editor,
I am hoping to get in

“Aces”

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Another one I saw recently read, “If you can't read this warning, do not use this product.” Uhhmmmmf...

Then there are those warnings that would decrease the population without them. Our hair dryer has a label telling us not to blow dry our hair while in

touch with any members of the Maddox family. I am seeking genealogy information.

Please contact me at: pmpurdy36@icloud.com or phone 513-576-0907.

Any information would be appreciated.

Patricia Purdy
Ohio

the shower. Thanks for that.

All in all, this politically correct, lawsuit fearing, cover-my-butt society has gone overboard trying to protect themselves from ignorance.

What good is a warning label anyway? People still don't obey them. After all, you read this headline and still read the column didn't you!

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Brodhead Alumni Banquet
The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held at the Brodhead Elementary gym on Sat., April 2nd at 6 p.m. This year honor classes are: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Ladonna's Catering of London will be provided the meal. \$20 per person and reservations should be made by March 20th. Send checks, made payable to Brodhead Alumni, to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

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. Call Republican Chair Doris Cromer at 606-308-9704 for assistance.

RCHS Class of 2006 Reunion
Time has flown by and plans are being made for our class reunion. Volunteers are needed to get the planning started. If you're interested in being involved with the committee, please make plans to attend our first committee meeting at Rockcastle County Middle School on Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

MVFD Fundraiser
The Mt. Vernon Fire Department is holding a fundraiser. For a donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a free 8x10 color portrait (a \$30 value). Pictures will be taken at the MVFD in the near future. All funds collected will be used for operation of the fire department. Volunteers for the department will be going door-to-door soliciting these donations and will have identification.

PVFD Bean Supper Fundraiser
The Pongo Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Bean Supper Fundraiser on Saturday, March 5th from 5 to 8 p.m. Featured entertainment will be the Level Green Bluegrass Band. Menu: beans and corn bread, fried taters, fish cakes homemade desserts and all the trimmings! All you can eat. Come on out and have supper with us. Everyone welcome. Adults \$7

KPR Meeting Set for March 8th
The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, March 8th at the Golden Corral Restaurant (next to Wal-Mart) in London. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting following. Guest speaker will be Larry Totton, legislative liaison for KPR. He will lead a discussion on current legislation before the general assembly which could affect the Kentucky Retirement Systems. Any retiree (and their spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-877-0079.

Free Community Lunch
To show their appreciation for community leaders, Freedom Baptist Church will have a Free Community Lunch on Thursday, March 10th from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. There will also be prizes and giveaways! Please RSVP to 606-256-2922.

Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans
American Legion Post 71 would like to contact Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to: PO Box 1467, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by no later than March 18, 2016 or send info to info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814.

Free Bikes for Perfect Attendance
Clifford Collins Backhoe will be presenting a bicycle to a boy and a girl from RCMS with perfect attendance for the spring semester. The presentation will be made twice a year in the fall and spring semesters. For more information, contact Marcus Reppert, RCMS Principal at 256-5118.

Hot Rod Sign-ups Begin
Hot Rod Sign-ups for 3,4 and 5 year olds will be held the first and second week ends of April at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child. Adult shirts will be available for \$13 (extra dollar per x) at the sign-up. The shirts this year will carry a picture of the late Anthony Reams' car. Hot Rod coaches teach the basics of the game but the main objective is to have fun. The season begins the last Saturday in April. There will be a picnic the second week end of July to end the season.

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.

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Obituaries



Dealie Barnett

Dealie Barnett, 92, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 22, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth South Hospital in Edgewood. She was born March 24, 1923 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Ballard and Sallie McGuire Owens. She was a retired grocery merchant, enjoyed gardening, quilting, shopping, reading her bible, mowing grass, raising chickens, and was a member of the Roundstone Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one daughter, Geneva (Chuck) Long of Dry Ridge; one sister, Shirley (Ralph) Carpenter of Mt. Vernon; one grandchild, Scott (Tammy) Long; and two great grandchildren, Trinty Faith, and Joshua Zavier. A large and loving family, and community of loving friends also survives. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Barnett.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Fairview Baptist Church with Bro. Vaughn Rasor officiating. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Scott and Tammy Long, Trinity and Joshua Long, Trevor Barnett, Conner Barnett, Eddie, and Jan Barnett, Bodie Barnett, Nikki Roy, Lily Wood, Greg Carpenter, Anthony Carpenter, Jim and Jeanett Drew, Wayne Wilson, and Jeanette Wilson.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home.

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

Leonard Barton

Leonard Barton, 88, of Orlando, died Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Thompson Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 4, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Jack Stallsworth. Burial will follow in Briarfield Cemetery.

Friends may call between 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Beatrice Moon

Beatrice Moon of Brendham, TX and formerly of Jackson County, died Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Brendham, TX. She was a housewife, and the daughter of the late Bob and Josie Pheltner Brewer.

Survivors are: her husband, Roger Moon of Brendham, TX; two brothers, James Brewer of Corbin and Scott (Marlene) Brewer of Richmond, IN; three sisters, Patty Brewer of Mt. Vernon, Mae Lee (Benny) of Santa Fe, TX, and Janie Powell of Indianapolis, IN; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: one brother, Bud Brewer; one sister, Vicie Scott; and one nephew, Roger Rector.

Memorial services for Mrs. Beatrice Moon will be conducted Saturday March 5, 2016 in Brendham, TX.



Lorene Kirby

Lorene Kirby, 89, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 28, 2016 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. She was born at Pine Hill in Rockcastle County, on May 26, 1926, the daughter of Harmon and Rebecca Mink Jones. She was a retired trayer for Parker Seal Corporation. She loved quilting and enjoyed her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by: three sons, Jerry (Bonnie) Kirby of Richmond, Benny Kirby of Mt. Vernon, and Dennis (Peggy) Kirby of London; a daughter, Phyllis Kirby of Berea; a sister, Betty Ramsey of Richmond; three grandchildren, Jennifer Kirby of Mt. Vernon, Nathan Kirby of London, and Brooke (Tim) Austin of Richmond; and a step great grandchild, Victoria Austin of Richmond. Also surviving are two nephews, Don Ramsey and Donnie Ray McClure, and a niece, Devonda Flannery.

In addition to her parents, Harmon and Rebecca Jones, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Kirby, and a sister, Margie McClure.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 2, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ova Baker. Burial followed in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Roger Smith, Don Ramsey, Donnie Ray McClure, Franky McClure, Nathan Kirby and Mack Renner.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary



Barbara Jean Hughes

Barbara Jean Hughes, 66, of Orlando, died Friday, February 26, 2016 at her home. She was born in Lexington, on June 15, 1949, the daughter of Wallace and Anna Frances Hornbeck Combs. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Harold Hughes, Sr.; three sons, Phillip Hughes of Orlando, Harold Hughes, Jr. of Northwood, NH, and Christopher Hughes of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Terry Combs, Gary Combs, and Jimmy Combs; and two sisters, Anne Marie Stokely and Penny Gay. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Eric Hughes, Derick Hughes, Phillip Hughes, Jr., Jeremy Collier, Hannah Hughes, Emily Hughes, Caleb Hughes, and Ryan Hughes and two great grandchildren, Carson Hughes and Zoey Hughes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Wally Combs and Eddie Combs and a sister, Marsha Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Evergreen Memory Gardens in Lexington.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary



Jeffrey Wayne Smith

Jeffrey Wayne Smith, 56, of Brodhead, died Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington. He was born October 19, 1959, a son of the late Earl Smith and Edna Pauline Bradley Smith. He worked at Hitachi for 29 years as a forklift operator. He enjoyed yard work, gardening and was of the Baptist faith. On November 1, 1983, he married Donna Gayle Delaney.

He is survived by: his wife, Donna; his step-son, Jason Lee Lear of Brodhead; step-grandson, Jase Lear; brothers, Eugene (Betty) Smith of Cincinnati, OH, Donnie (Roxanne) Smith of Louisville, and Roger (Cassie) Smith of Corydon, IN; and sisters, Barbara (Daryl) McFerron of Mt. Vernon, Linda Fisher of Cincinnati, OH, Carolyn Damrell of Berea and Lisa Reams of Mt. Vernon. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Larry Smith and Harold Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Don King, Randy Ash, Dave Durrett, Brian Smith, Roger Linville and Kenny Bratcher.

Family requests donations in Mr. Smith's memory be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Jeffrey Clay Martin

Jeffrey Clay Martin, 53, of Three Links, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 26, 2016 at Baptist Health in Richmond.

He was born in Berea, to Darlene Davis Martin and the late Gene Martin. He was employed by Enersys Corp. and loved farming and cattle. He was a member of Three Links Christian Church. His love for the Lord and his family was the most important things in his life.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Judy Martin; his mother, Darlene Martin; his sons Justin Clay (Becca) Martin and Joshua Adam Clay Martin; one daughter, Jeanette (Jeff) Bowles; five siblings, Ann (Russell) Barron, Marita (Dallas) McGuire, Jerry (Debra) Martin, Ruth (Dennis) Venable, David (Shawnda) Martin; two grandchildren, Easton Clay and Anna Beth Grace Martin; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Three Links Christian Church with Bro. Grant Martin and Bro. James Ballinger officiating. Burial was in the Phillips Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Justin Martin, Josh Martin, Jerry Martin, David Martin, Matt Martin and Dawson Martin.

Honorary bearers were: Grant Martin, James Ballinger and Mike Lopez. Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Jean Albright

Jean Albright, 74, of Brodhead, widow of Everett, mother of Tim and Larry Albright, and Teresa Lawrence and Shonna Westerfield, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Visitation will be held (today) Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 6-9 p.m. with funeral services conducted Friday, March 4, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Betsy Jones Ramsey

Betsy Jones Ramsey, 80, of Middleburg, Florida passed away Thursday, February 18, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

She was the daughter of the late George and Margie Jones of Brodhead.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Nicky, Ronnie, Tracy and Jay. She also leaves three grandchildren and three great grandchildren, her sisters, Barbara (Ray) Carnert, Kathlyn Bishop and Janie Crews and her brothers, Don (Carolyn) Jones, Billy (Marietta) Jones, Frankie and Jimmy Jones.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward Jones and Delbert Jones and brothers-in-law, Billy Bishop and Jerry Crews.



In Loving Memory of Donna Denise Harper McCool 12/14/71 - 3/2/14

Almighty God in Heaven, I beg of you today, Give me courage and strength To continue to pray. The burdens are heavy, And I am so weary, It's hard to smile and Act like I'm so merry. Always so heartbroken, But looking to You above I miss my lovely daughter, Her beautiful smile and love. Please continue to give me strength

To encourage her son, To teach to love, To be there for each battle he's won.

I could never thank You enough for all You are, To love us, keep us safe To know we are in your care. I know You have a plan, And you will intervene To help us Lord With love more than we've seen.

We are thankful We have a God of Love. I pray that soon, I will be home above

To live with you, Almighty God, Forever and always.

So keep me praying with Harper the rest of my days: Donna, you are never out of my mind, day or night. Within my heart, I know Lord It's Your Will, You're always right.

Love From Mom (Written by Bernice Beasley) 3/2/16

Bids Wanted by McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Board is now accepting bids for the 2016 upkeep and mowing season. All bids must be sealed and mailed to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and must be received by April 6, 2016. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Briarfield Cemetery

Briarfield Cemetery is accepting donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery and mail to Tim Robinson, Briarfield Cemetery, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando or see Dean Carpenter or Tim Robinson. All donations greatly appreciated.



In Memory of Kimberly Childress Born Leap Year of 1956 and was "15" years old on February 29, 2016 Miss you so much, Love, Jessie

New Date: March 15


Be a Queen of Hearts

Please join us for a heart health event focused on making you a queen for the night. This FREE event features guest speakers, a free gift, massages, door prizes, educational booths, a heart-healthy meal, and more!

Tuesday, March 15

Rockcastle Middle School • 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jana Bray at 606.256.7880 or j.bray@rhcc.org by Friday, March 11.


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“Informant”

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information to cause the arrest of several other “bigger dealers” or help to bust a “drug ring,” then he asks permission from the court to lower or drop the charges against the informant in exchange for the information. “It’s a double-edged

sword sometimes having to make deals with criminals, but sometimes you have to weigh the good you can do for the community against just keeping this one person locked away,” Peters said.

Reynolds agreed that there are some who do not agree with using confiden-

tial informants. “It can leave a bad taste in your mouth working with people like that. But we have to consider the overall good for the community.”

Peters said the local sheriff’s department typically uses three to four informants per year. “It can be

very dangerous for the snitch,” he said. “If a drug dealer finds out they are about to get busted because this guy is helping us, he’s not going to be very forgiving.”

Peters said occasionally informants are a huge benefit to law enforcement.

“When we have a really good one, who is giving us big names and going out on drug buys, we have to protect him the best we can.”

According to local officials, informants have helped with several busts within the county over recent years and more will

come as confidential informants may be used at any time.

One of the benefits, according to one official who asked to remain nameless, “the next time a drug dealer hands off a baggie of meth, he may have no idea who he’s talking to.”

“Board”

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areas of the Livingston School will have to be presented and approved by the Rockcastle Fiscal Court, according to Judge Bishop.

The board has also requested an ARC Grant for the painting of a mural and creating vignettes in the proposed Livingston School Museum.

Members of the board announced that there will be eight riders from the Daniel Boone Society following the Boone Trace Trail on May 25. According to Tanya Cook, board member, the riders will be camping out for two nights and will take part in a Livingston History Day before advancing down the trail. The riders will be dressed in pioneer style clothing.

The board also discussed coming up with a fund raiser to purchase playground equipment for the new Livingston Park area. A Jackson County RECC Roundup Grant has been submitted to cover some of

the cost.

Members of the board also discussed the Redbud Ride which is coming through Livingston on Saturday, April 23. Citizens are encouraged to help welcome the estimated 500-800 bike riders as they visit the area.

The first planning session for this event is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Momma’s Treats Restaurant in Livingston.

The board, along with Vitalize Mount Vernon, are beginning to plan a city-wide spring clean up for Mount Vernon. Anyone interested in participating in the event should contact Lynn Tatum at 308-4646.

At the closing of the meeting, Bishop informed the board that approximately 200 new jobs are coming to Mount Vernon via Oxford Government Consulting. Bishop told the board that the company is now taking applications at oxfordgc.com or by calling (240)392-4192X6.

“Bill”

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change the license renewal date for grain storage businesses and for grain dealers from August 1 to July 1 of each year in addition to revising penalties relating to grain storage violations. Another passed agriculture-related bill is SB 191 which would reorganize the State Fair Board to 17 members. Senate Bill 191 also mandates the State Fair Board meet at least 10 times per year. It would require the State Fair Board to hold an annual fair on the state fairgrounds and operate the Kentucky State Fair and World’s Championship Horse Show and the National Farm Machinery

“Sale”

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has no yard sale restrictions and anyone may hold their own yard sale anytime.

The fifth annual US 25 Yard Sale is scheduled for June 2-4 and the highway in Rockcastle County is expected to be lined with vendors.

The US 25 yard sale is the fourth largest in the country and stretches over 500 miles, including Rockcastle County.

Local vendors interested in participating in the event are urged to call (606) 256-9814 and in Livingston call (606) 453-2061.

There is also a Facebook page centered on the event if you search US25YARDSALE.

Little League sign ups are underway now for all ages 4-12. Call 308-4761 for registration form.

Frankfort Update...

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative

This week in Frankfort, I worked along with other House Republicans to promote something we all value, transparency in government.



Our caucus attempted to bring the first House reading on Senate Bill 45. This bill requires public disclosure of retirement benefits from any public retirement system for all current and past legislators, myself included.

SB 45 passed the Senate earlier this session by a margin of 38-0. Unfortunately, the bill has not had the same success in the House. However, it is important for Kentuckians to have the ability to know what their elected officials are doing in Frankfort, and that includes the public pensions they will be collecting. Public pension transparency remains a priority of mine, and I will work to see positive action on this important issue.

Also concerning pensions, last Monday I attended a press conference with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce aimed at highlighting the seriousness of the state’s \$36 billion pension crisis. Many years of failed leadership has led to this crisis, and tough decisions must be made in Frankfort to right the ship for our teachers and other public employees. A new website was launched to help provide the public accurate information on the state’s pension crisis: www.kypensioncrisis.com.

Tuesday was a discouraging day in Frankfort with Planned Parenthood holding a pro-abortion rally in the Capitol. Following their event, Democratic Leadership in the House allowed a prayer that was incredibly partisan and supportive of abortion. This was not a prayer offered to the God that I pray to, and I know this does not reflect the values of the people in Rockcastle County.

The Senate passed the first House Bill of the 2016 Regular Session this week. House Bill 175, a peace officer bill, passed unanimously and will now head to the Governor for signature. It will be only the second piece of legislation signed into law by the Governor so far this session.

Wednesday was my committee day as both

Banking and Insurance and Local Government met. The highlight of Banking and Insurance this week was passing HB 408, which requires insurance companies to make a “good faith effort” to locate beneficiaries of life insurance policies. This issue has been in the news some lately, and the bill was in response to Governor Bevin’s decision not to pursue legal action in a related case.

The budget process seems to go on forever, perhaps too long for many. But the work of our subcommittees, which has been ongoing for several weeks now, is a reminder that the process is working as it should.

The Executive Branch budget is typically not voted on by the House budget committee until after the first week of March, as was the case during the 2012 and 2014 sessions. That is expected to be the case again this session. The budget subcommittees are expected to meet up to that point and possibly beyond.

Education is always at the top of our list for funding in a budget session, however this year is particularly challenging because of the more than \$30 billion pension liability Kentucky faces. K-12 education comprises around 44 percent of all state General Fund spending, with post-secondary education claiming a share of around 14 percent. The next largest share of General Fund spending goes to health care—or, specifically, state Medicaid—which claims around 13 percent of General Fund appropriations.

On a more personal note, last week we marked National Future Farmers of America Week. As a proud former member of FFA, this is something that is near and dear to my heart. FFA was extremely important in helping me develop many skills, and gave me many opportunities and relationships that I wouldn’t have had otherwise.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues facing our Commonwealth during the 2016 Regular Session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via email at jonathan.shell@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov.

Show.

The last day to introduce new Senate bills is March 3. We hope to move all bills originating in the Senate over the next two weeks and will start considering House bills after that.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181. You can also review the Legislature’s work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

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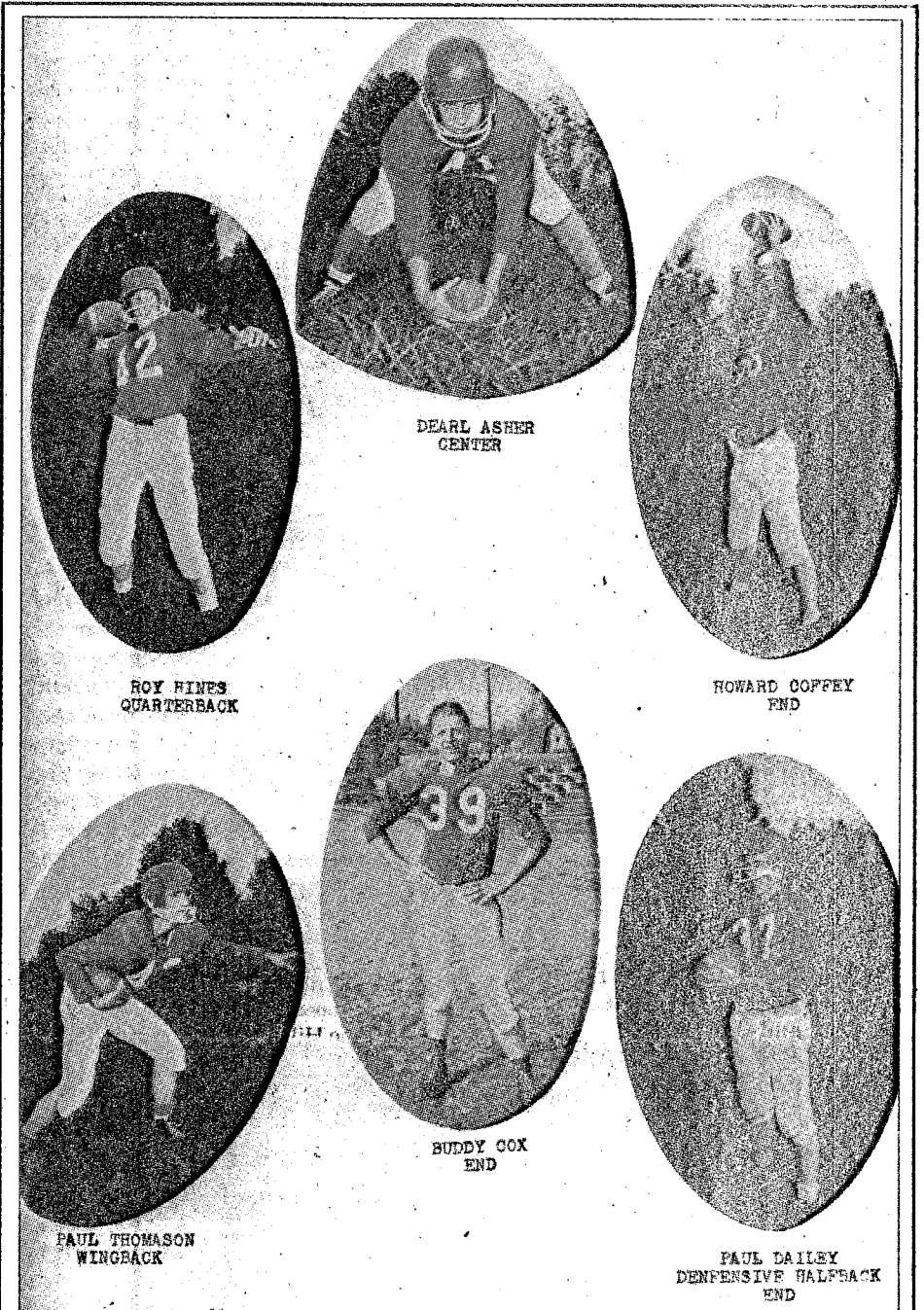
Tuesday, May, 17th for US Senate, US House and Kentucky House candidates.

All voters will also still vote on Tuesday, November 8th in the General Election for all races at your usual location.

The purpose of the caucus Saturday is only so that Rockcastle Countians can help decide the Republican candidate that will be running for office in November.

One of the benefits of the caucus, according to organizers, is that Kentucky voters will help establish frontrunners in the campaign making the state important to the nominating process.

Officials say a sign of success is the fact that Donald Trump, Marco Rubio and Ben Carson have all brought their campaign to Kentucky this week in an effort to gain votes.



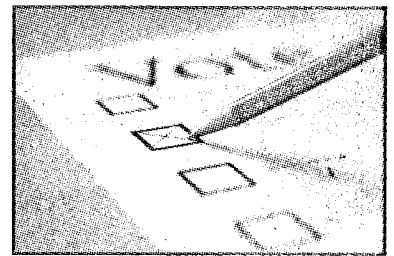
Blast From The Past...

This week’s photo is of the 1961 Red Devil Senior Football Stars of Mt. Vernon High School. If you have a photo for Blast from the Past, contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-3860187.

Attention

Rockcastle Republicans

What you need to know about voting



THIS SATURDAY:

All Republicans registered by 12/31/15, bring your photo ID to Rockcastle Middle School between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to vote in the Republican race for **PRESIDENT**. Vote and leave.

Tuesday, May 17th:

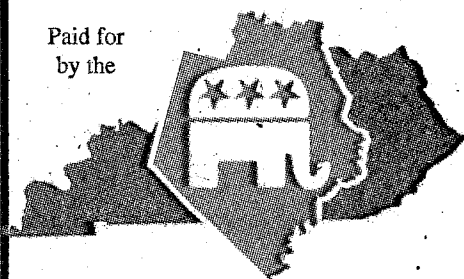
Go to your normal precinct (where you always vote) to vote in primaries for US Senate, US House & KY House.

Tuesday, November 8th:

Go to your normal precinct to vote in the General Election for ALL races (Example: Republican nominee vs. Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders).

For questions, contact Doris Cromer, Chairwoman of the Rockcastle Republican Party.

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SPORTS

Lady Rockets lose to Maroons by one

The Lady Rockets dropped a heartbreaker to the Lady Maroons from Pulaski County last Wednesday night by one point 66-65.

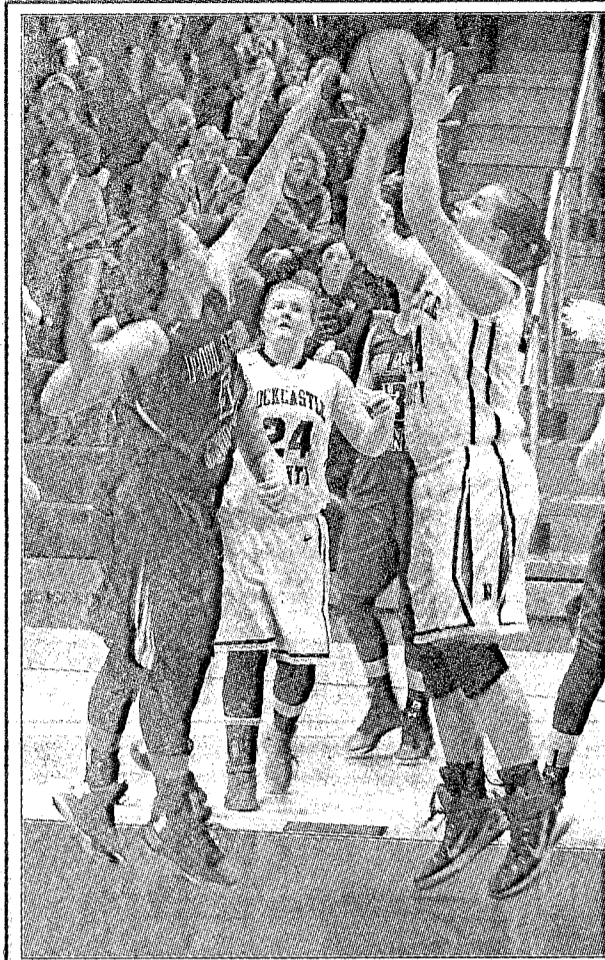
The Rockets had battled from behind the entire game, trailing 13-9 at the first quarter stop, 36-29 at the half and 52-40 at the end of the third quarter.

They got down by 17 midway through the third quarter and were down 59-46 with five minutes to go in the game when the Rockets took fire, outscoring the

Maroons 17 to 9 to cut the lead to two at 65-63.

With nine seconds to go in the game, a Lady Maroon stepped to the free throw line and sank one of two for a three point lead. The Rockets rebounded the ball and Mahala Saylor went the distance, passing up the three point attempt, to get a lay-in just before the buzzer sounded. Saylor was apparently hoping for a foul but the whistle didn't blow and the Lady Rockets had fallen

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Eighth grader Kenzie Himes came off the bench to lead the Lady Rockets with 15 points in their loss to Pulaski in the finals of the 47th District Tournament.

In Region 12 Opener

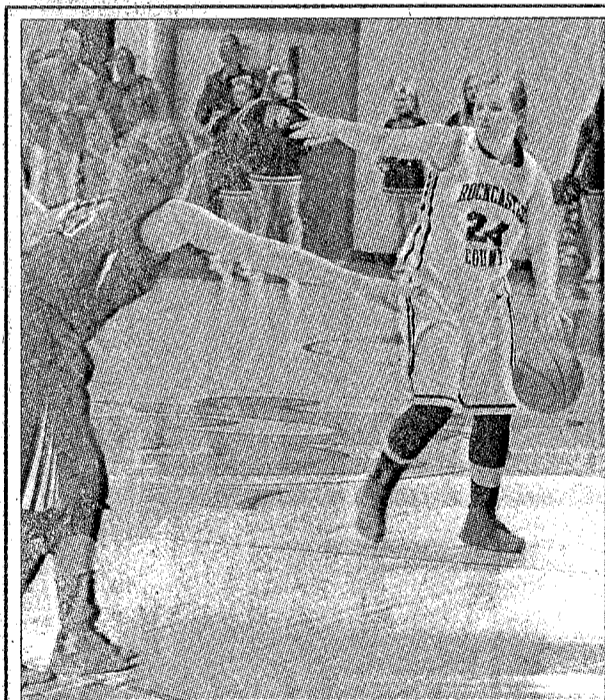
Lady Titans defeat Lady Rockets 68-47

The 6th ranked in the state Lady Titans of Mercer County handily defeated the Lady Rockets in the opening game of the 12th Region Tournament at Lincoln County Tuesday night, 68-47.

The Lady Rockets got down 17-1 in the first quarter but battled back to within four at the half, 40-36.

However, in the second half, the Lady Titans took control, outscoring the Lady Rockets 28 to 11 for the final 68-47.

Juniors Hope Kelley and Mahala Saylor were the only two Lady Rockets in double figures with Kelley taking high point honors with 15 to Saylor's 11. Other Lady Rockets scoring were Ashley McKinney with 6, Emine Barker got 4, Jayna Albright hit the only three point basket for her team, Maddy Bullen got 2 and Kenzie Himes 1.



Junior Mahala Saylor directs the offense for the Lady Rockets during the 47th District Tournament championship game last week. The Lady Rockets lost to Pulaski County 66-65. Saylor had 14 points in the contest.

Rockets lose to Casey in district finals 72-59

Although the Rockets had lost to the Casey County Rebels by two at RCHS, in their first meeting of the season, and won at Casey in their second matchup, last Wednesday night it was a different story as the Rockets fell to the Rebels, 72-59 in the 47th District championship game.

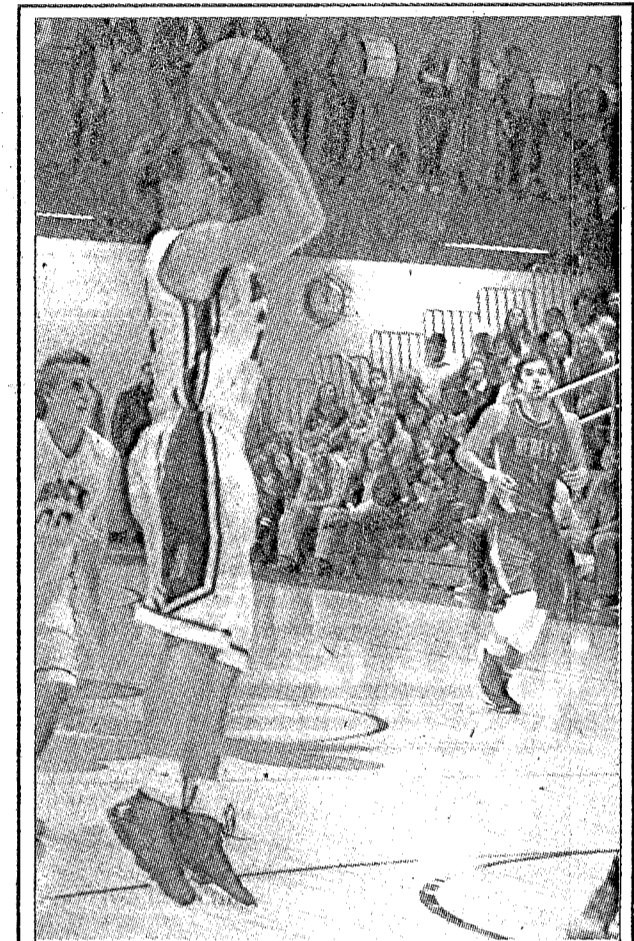
The Rockets took a hard blow early in the game when their big center, junior Lucas Gentry, picked up his sec-

ond foul with 3:56 remaining in the first quarter, limiting his action thereafter.

The Rockets were down 15-9 at the end of the first quarter, 34-29 at the half but had fought back to within two at the third quarter stop 50-48.

Casey got the first basket of the fourth quarter but Carson Noble then got a three point basket to pull his

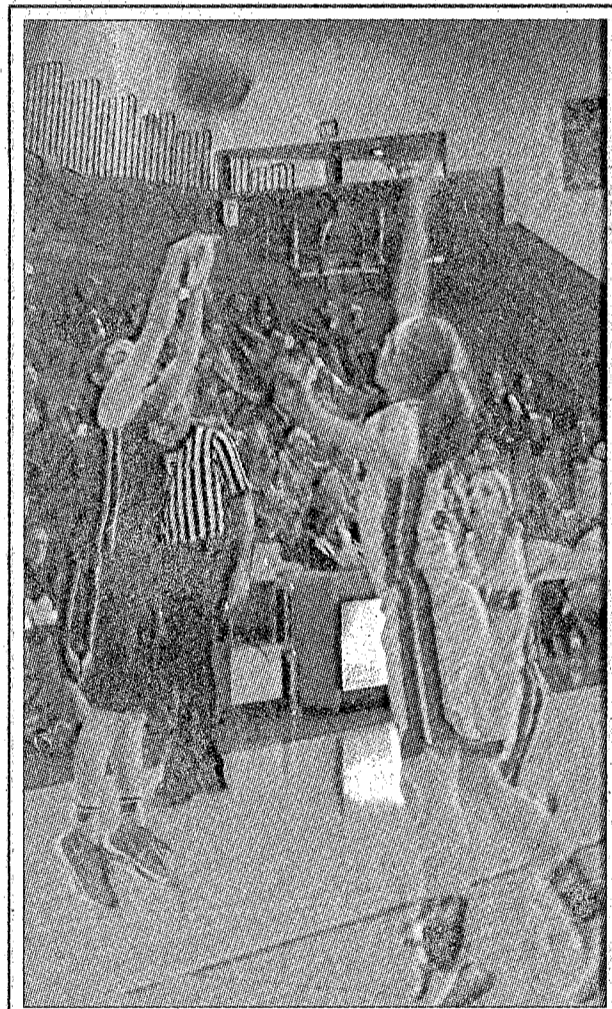
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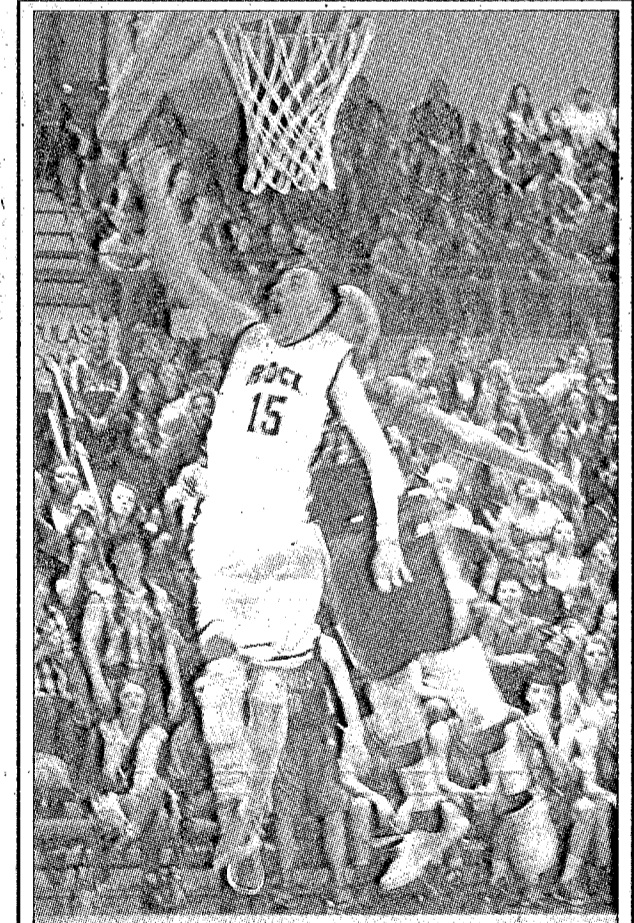
Junior John Cornelius puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' 72-59 loss to Casey County in the championship game of the 47th District Tournament held at RCHS last week. Cornelius scored 12 points for the Rockets.



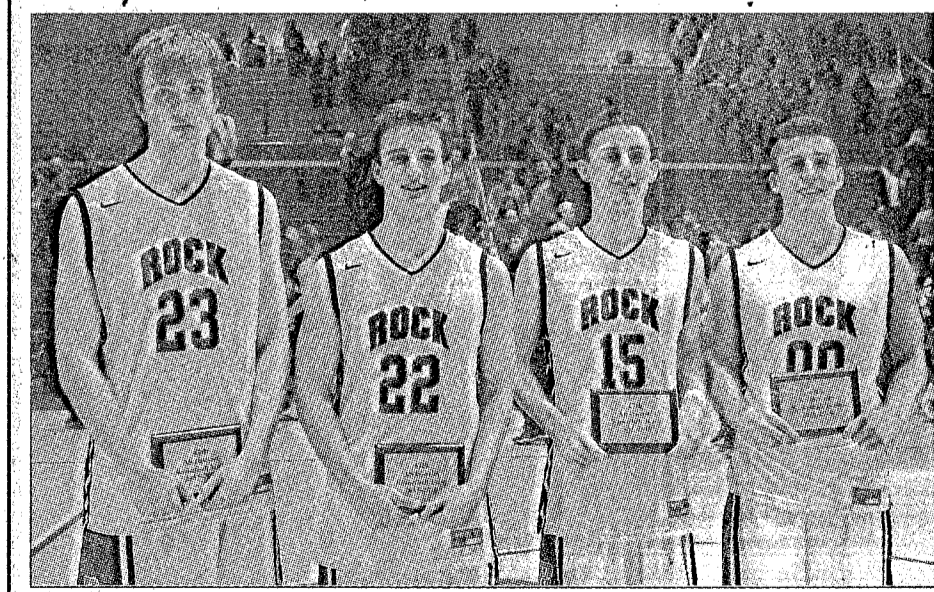
Members of the Lady Rockets named to the 47th All District Basketball Team were, from left: Ashley McKinney, Mahala Saylor and Hope Kelley.



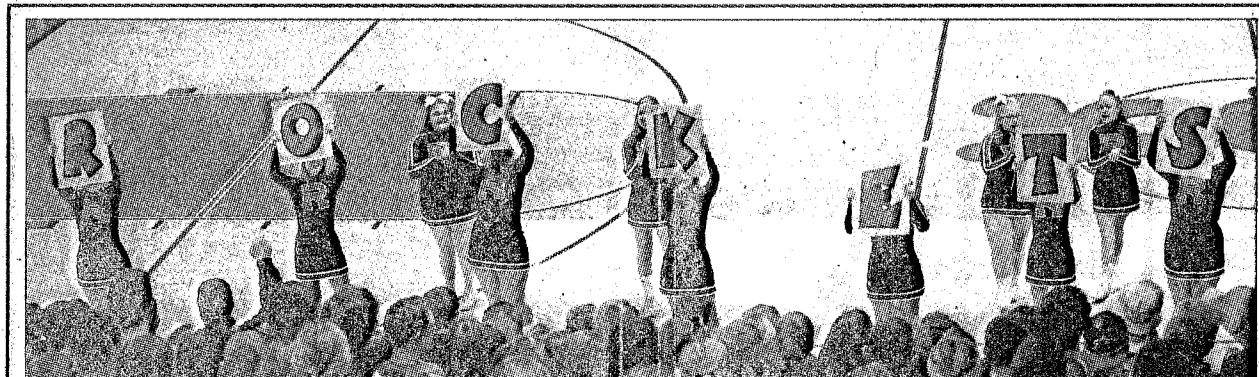
Junior Hope Kelley goes for two of her team high 15 points in the Lady Rockets first round loss to Mercer County Tuesday night in the 12th Region Tournament held at Lincoln County. The Lady Rockets ended their season with a 16-14 record.



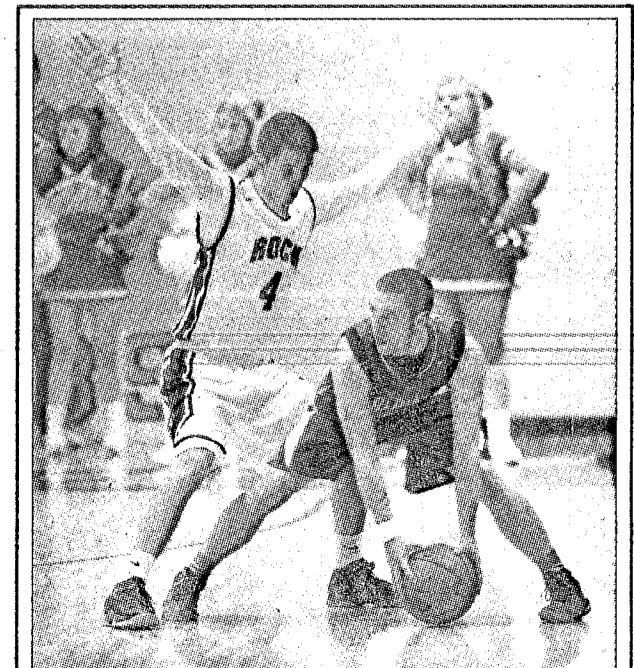
Senior Dylan Rowe puts in a lay-up off a fast break in the Rockets' loss in the championship game of the 47th District Tournament held at RCHS last week.



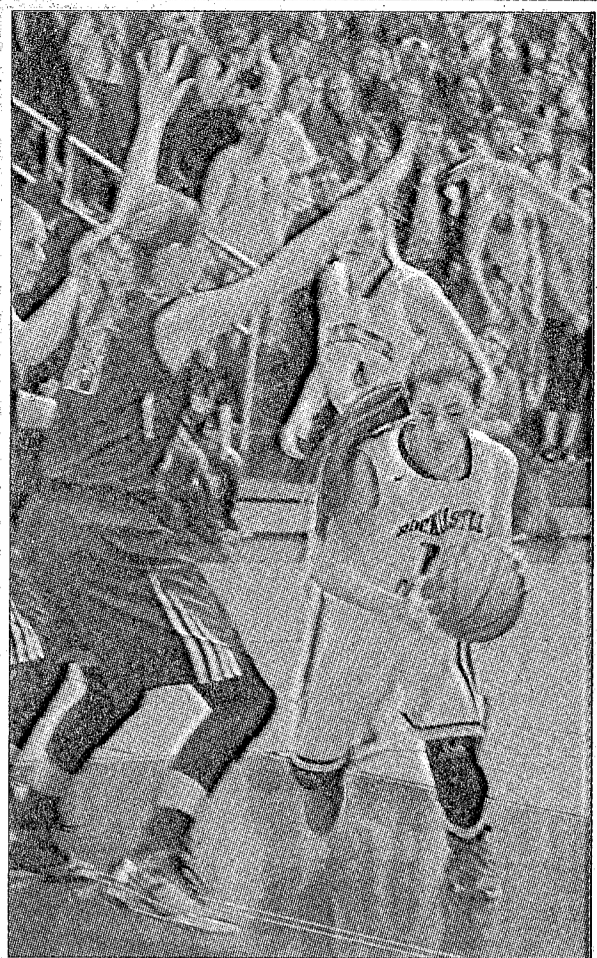
Members of the Rockets named to the 47th All District Basketball Team are shown at left, from left: Lucas Gentry, John Cornelius, Dylan Rowe and Carson Noble. The Rockets were scheduled to open 12th Region Tournament play Wednesday night taking on Mercer County at Pulaski County High.



Rocket cheerleaders led the Rocket Rowdies in a cheer during a timeout of the Rockets loss to Casey County in the 47th District Tournament championship game held last week at RCHS. Photo by Jamie Cornelius.



Senior Zach Loudermilk applies defensive pressure during the Rockets' loss to Casey County in the championship game of the 47th District Tournament held at RCHS last week.



Senior Morgan Renner works her way to the goal in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski in the finals of the 47th District Tournament last week. Renner scored 13 points for the Lady Rockets.

Morgan finishes fourth in Men's Bowhunter for UC

The University of the Cumberlands (UC) Archery Team had a great start to their indoor season on Saturday, shooting in the Inaugural Collegiate Indoor State Tournament in Ashland. Along with UC, there were five other schools represented; Union College, Midway University, Kentucky Christian University, Campbellsville University, and Eastern Kentucky University.

The tournament consisted of 7 divisions including Women's Recurve, Women's Bowhunter, Women's Compound, Men's Basic Bow, Men's Bowhunter, Men's Compound, and Men's Recurve all shooting for a possible perfect score of 600.

JD Morgan of Mt. Vernon placed 4th with a 573 in the Men's Bowhunter Division.

Head Coach Kris Strebeck commented, "I'm very happy with the outcome of the State Tournament. We had several that hit PR's and that is what you want to see at a tournament. Now, we will go back to work for the next two weeks to gear up for Indoor Regionals/Nationals."

The UC Archers will be competing in the USIAC Indoor Nationals on March 4th-6th in Ashland, Kentucky.

"Rockets"

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team to within one at 52-51. It was 58-55 when turnovers cost the Rockets four Rebel baskets in a row and suddenly it was 67-55 with two minutes left in the game. From there, the Rebels went five for six from the free throw line for the final 72-59.

The Rockets, who are usually high percentage from the charity strip, went 8 for 15 to Casey's 10 for 14.

Gentry, despite his foul troubles, was still high point man for his team with 17, including six for six from the free throw line and one three basket; Noble got 13; John Cornelius had 12; Jordan Hawkins came off the bench to score 8; Thomas Burdette got 5 and Dylan Rowe and Zach Loudermilk scored two points each.

The Rockets were scheduled to take on the Mercer County Titans in regional action Wednesday night after press time of the *Signal*.

The Titans are ranked eighth in the state in the Dave Cantral Rankings.

"Lady Rockets"

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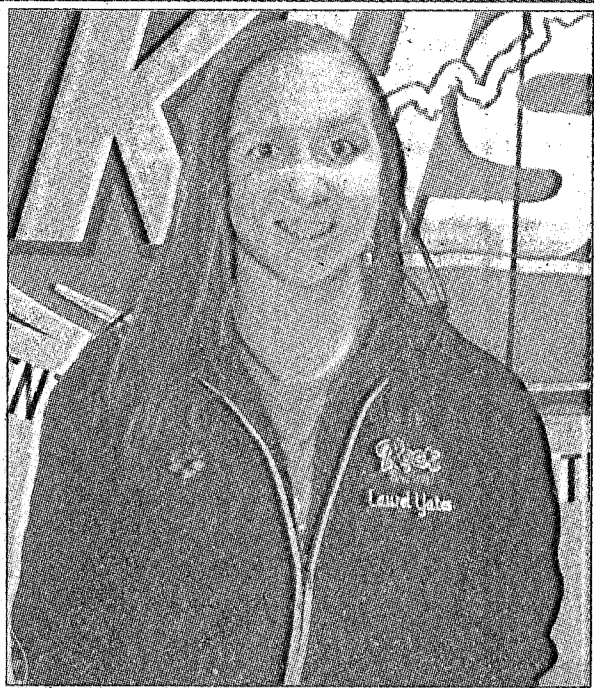
to Pulaski County for the third time this season.

One of the problems for the Rockets was that starting center Ashley McKinney picked up her second foul at the 6:56 mark of the first quarter and saw limited action thereafter, although senior Morgan Renner was the only Lady Rocket to foul out with 1:22 left to go in the game.

However, eighth grader Kenzie Himes came off the bench to replace McKinney and was the leading scorer for her team with 15 points.

The Rockets turned the ball over 19 times in the game to the Lady Maroons 14 and hit 17 of 23 free throws to Pulaski's 15 of 22.

Other Rockets scoring were: Saylor with 14; Renner 13; Hope Kelley got 12; Jayna Albright 5 and Emmé Barker, Maddy Bullen and Emily Adams, 2 each.



7th grader Laurel Yates concluded her historical year for the RCHS swim team by competing at the KHSAA state championship this past weekend. Laurel improved upon her seed placement of 38 to finish 33 out of 40 competitors in preliminaries. She was of the youngest competitors there and one of only three seventh graders competing in the 100 freestyle. Laurel recorded her fastest time of the year at 56.84. She is the school record holder in the 100 freestyle.

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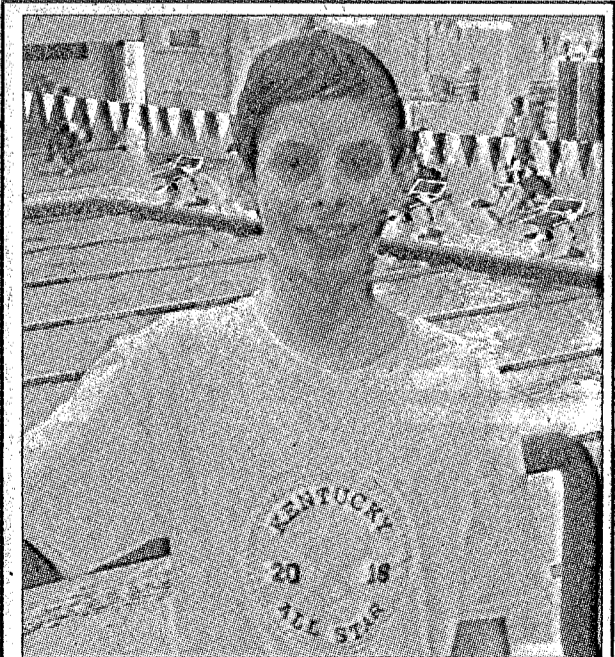
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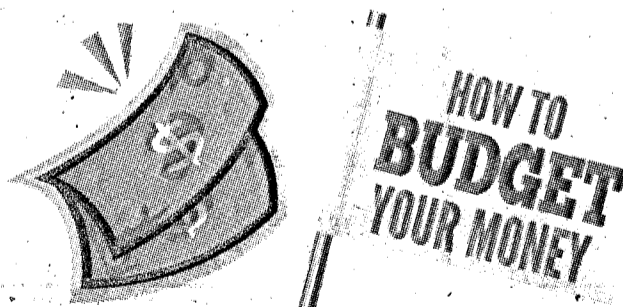
by no later than March 18, 2016.



Mt. Vernon Elementary 5th grader Silas Durham was selected to represent the state of Kentucky at the Mid-States All Star Swim Meet in Indianapolis, IN this past January. Silas competed against swimmers representing 5 other states in the 1650 yard freestyle event. Not only a great swimmer, Silas represents his class as a MVES student council member and has made the Principal's List consistently at MVES. Silas is the son of Conley and Jennifer Durham and proud big brother of Piper Durham of Brodhead.

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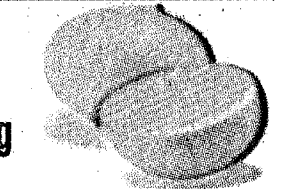



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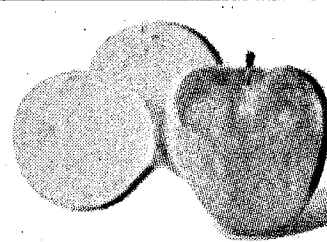
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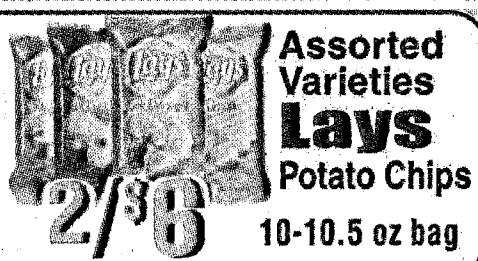
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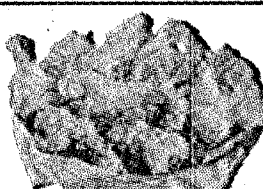
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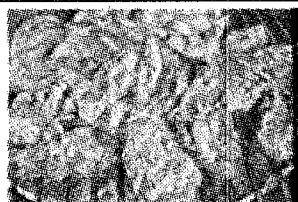
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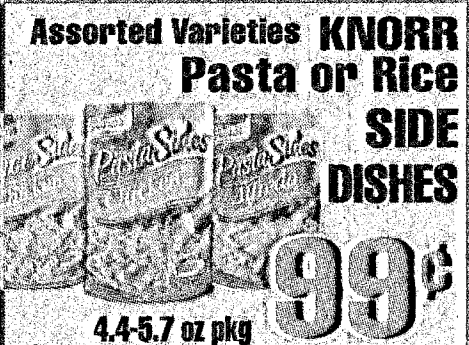
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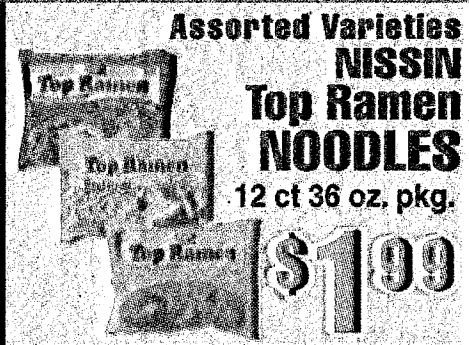
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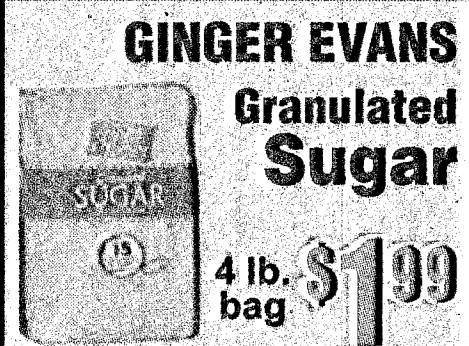
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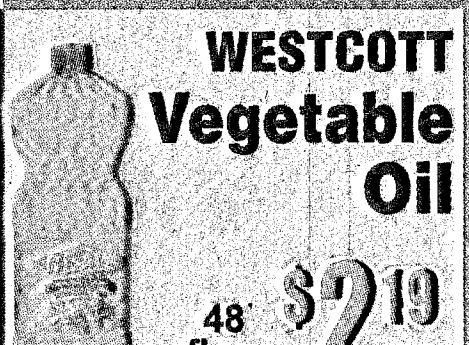
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Drug epidemic destroying youth at alarming rate

Submitted by
Nancy Mullins

The political candidates, the pundits, and the press have for months focused obsessively on issues like the imminent physical threat Isis poses to U.S. citizens from possible future Syrian immigrants (and other emotionally-spiked, hot-button topics).

So fixed on Trump's continuous outrageous behavior and immature antics, the media has failed to bring to our attention that his rhetoric has no substance, no real plan.

(One would have thought that the Republican Party, after 8 years of hating Obama, would have had time enough to organize and put forth a more viable candidate.)

For instance, I have yet to hear concern or remedy for one of the most serious national problems, the drug epidemic which is killing and destroying lives at an alarming rate, especially of American youths.

Maybe when the citizenry are led to worry obsessively about a possible threat from outside, they will forget or ignore the shocking numbers of people being destroyed from what is happening to our society from within.

The numbers of disengaged, unemployed urban youth are shocking. The numbers of drug-related deaths and crimes are staggering. The numbers of children abandoned by parents are shameful. The numbers of failing inner city schools are soaring.

Why aren't these problems and issues being addressed?

Most of the candidates seem not to know they exist. Only one or two have made brief mention of these.

The press, who (instead of assessing the needs of the country and being them to the forefront of the political discussions), play one candidate against the other and ask the same tired questions and get the same (related or unrelated) answers at debate after debate. And when the debates turn unruly and childish, news "re-hashers" excitedly tell us the "energy" blew the roof off.

I would like to hear some serious, new, intelligent, innovative ideas as how to address the important issues, if indeed they have thought about anything beyond what to say to get elected. And I am not talking about a plan to pump money into a failed so-called "war on drugs".

This isn't just a problem in a few areas of the country that affects a few people. The candidates and the press have to be aware of this. It's one of the most serious problems facing us as a nation.

When each major city in the country has literally hundreds of thousands of young people labeled "disengaged" or "disconnected", according to a recent KET documentary, leaders at all levels had better pay attention because such a burgeoning population spells disaster for the future of a nation whose wannabe leaders are engaging in outrageous public name-calling, bullying, and degrading, disrespectful behavior. While some of the candidates' antics are so ridiculous as to be thought funny, it is actually a scary time.

Isis is, of course, a

threat. We all know that, and the country had better be wary, but we had better also be wary of the threat from within.

The statistics are alarming.

* The number of disconnected or disengaged youth between the ages of 18-24 in New York City alone (according to Rootcause.org) is at least 316,000. Across the nation in the 25 most populated cities, nearly 6 million or approximately 1 in 7 fall into this category which applies to those unemployed, not in school, and with or without a high school diploma. The city with the highest rate of disconnected youths is San Bernardino (18.8%), followed by Detroit and Charlotte.

* According to the 2015 DEANational Drug Threat Assessment, the leading cause of death nationwide was drug overdose. Deaths from drug overdose was up 7% to a total of 47,000 superseding deaths from all types of motor transportation. This statistic does not include drug abuse related deaths such as heart failure, stroke, accidents, etc.

(According to Dale Kirby, who works closely with the many-faceted drug prevention program called Unite in Pulaski County, "There will never be an accurate record of all the deaths, crime, and devastation caused by the abuse of narcotics. The only person who really has

tried to make a difference in the drug problem in this area is Hal Rogers.")

* Approximately half of the deaths from overdose was caused by heroin and prescription pain killers.

* Death from prescription pain killers was twice that of homicides.

* The number of opioids prescriptions has quadrupled during the period from 1999 to 2013.

* The use of opioids during pregnancy can result in drug withdrawal syndrome in newborns called Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) which causes lengthy and costly hospital stays. According to a new study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an estimated 21,732 babies are born with this syndrome in the U.S. In 2012, a 5-fold increase since 2000.

The main message put forth by Hitler was that he was going to "make Germany great again", and more recently Putin's message has been that he is going to "make Russia great again." So when I hear Donald Trump say repeatedly that he's going to "make America great again", I feel a chill up my spine. I think "we the people in order to form a more perfect union and prepare for the common defense" need to start paying attention to the decay from within while keeping a keen eye on threats from outside.

In Rockcastle County

PRIDE awards \$1,000 for environmental education

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE announced today that a total of \$1,000 was awarded to Mt. Vernon Elementary School and Eastern Rockcastle Water Association for hands-on environmental education projects during the 2015/16 school year.

The funding was awarded through the PRIDE Environmental Education Grant Program. It was made possible by a grant to PRIDE from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky (TMMK).

Overall, PRIDE awarded \$32,253 to schools that applied for the grant program across 42 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. The grants can be used for a variety of educational activities that help students appreciate and care for the environment and to serve their community.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School was awarded \$500 to buy supplies for its environmental education program. Students use the greenhouse and outdoor classroom to conduct science experiments, and they operate a school-wide recycling program.

They will conduct an energy study with compact fluorescent lightbulbs purchased through the grant.

The Eastern Rockcastle Water Association will use its \$500 grant to inform its customers how to use water efficiently, for the good of the environment and for lower water rates. With its monthly bills, it will mail a one-page information sheet and reminder list about how to use less water at home.

"I want to congratulate the grant recipients and thank the educators who are leading these projects,"

said PRIDE's Tammie Wilson.

"Our region is blessed with incredible natural resources, so it is important that every generation learns how to be good stewards," Wilson said. "PRIDE has been working in the schools for almost 20 years now, and we hear so many stories of children who changed their families' habits on litter and recycling. Environmental education is making a difference in our region."

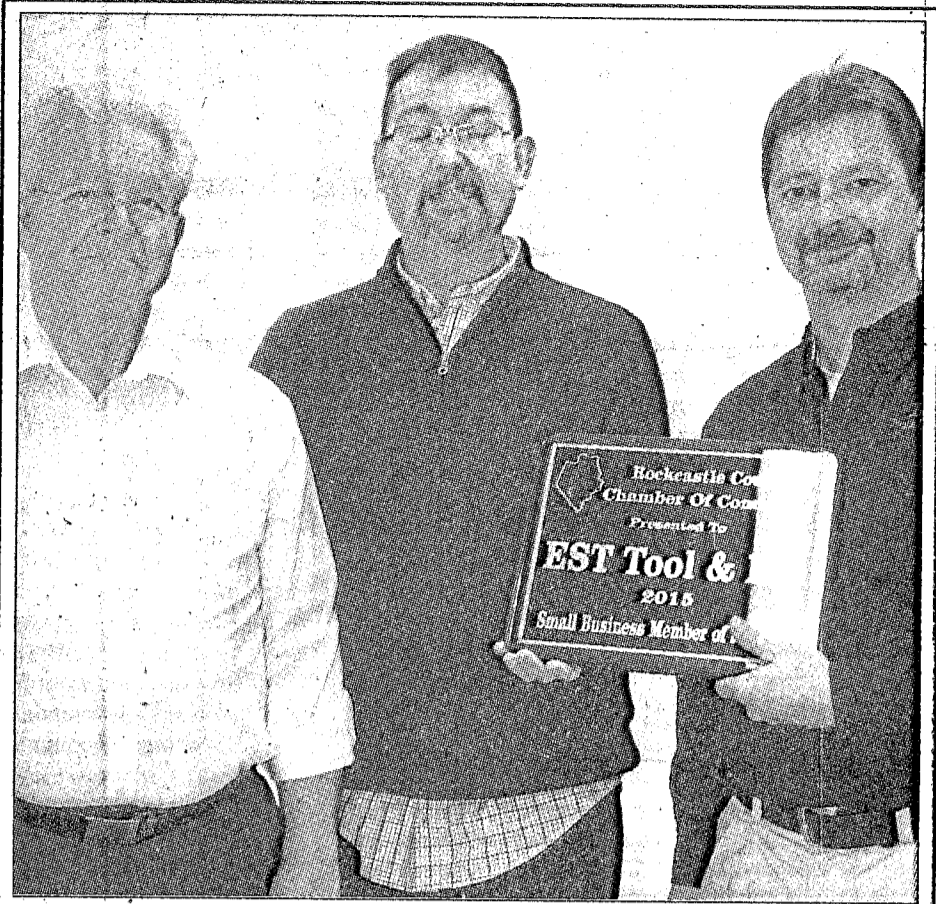
"Beyond that, hands-on nature projects really help students learn a variety of subjects," she explained. "The environmental education activities give them a chance to apply what they are learning in math and science and other classes. That means they understand and remember their lessons better."

Since 1997, PRIDE has awarded 1,533 grants that impacted 745,575 students across the region. Schools have used PRIDE funds for a wide variety of activities, such as starting recycling programs and building outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wetlands and greenhouses.

Promoting environmental education is one of the key missions of PRIDE, a non-profit organization. The other two missions are cleaning up the region's waterways and removing solid waste problems. Founded in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late General James E. Bickford,

PRIDE works alongside citizens, teachers and elected officials to improve the region's environment and quality of life.

For a complete list of grant recipients, please visit www.kypride.org.



Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce President Steve McKinney, center, presented Eugene and Steve Taylor, of EST Tool & Die, with the Small Business Member of the Year award during the annual Farmers/Businessman Banquet held Tuesday night at the middle school.

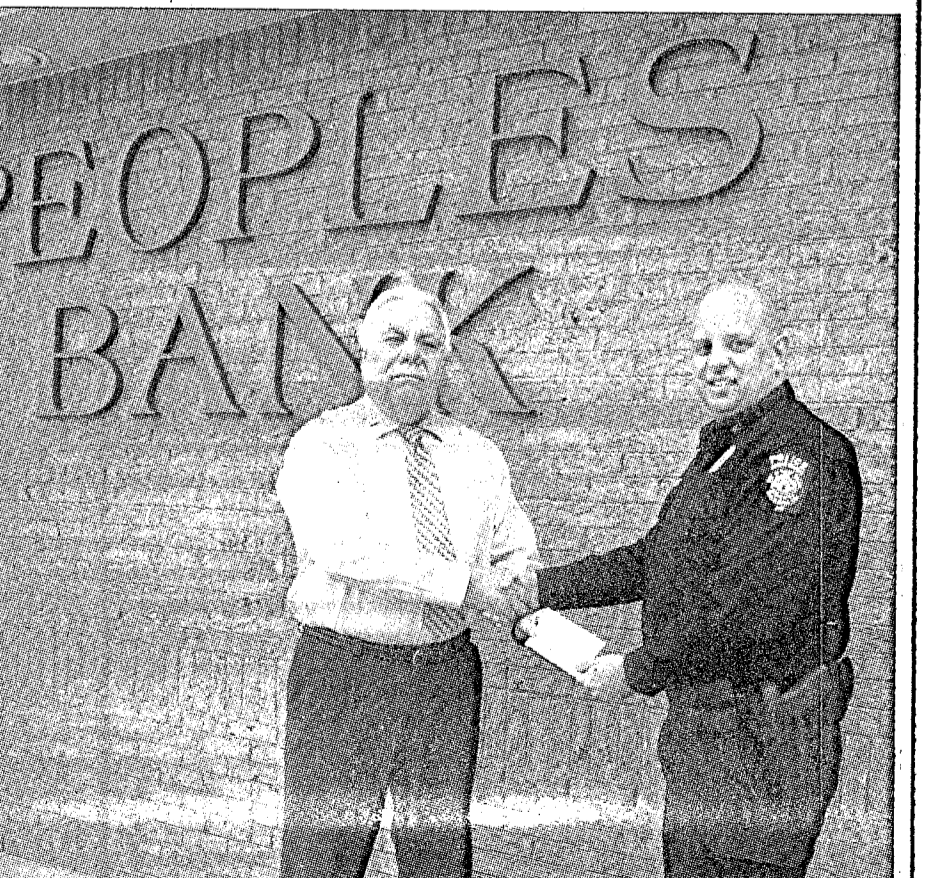


Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club member James Miller, left, presents Kathryn Pope with the Distinguished Community Service Individual award during the Farmers/Businessman Banquet held Tuesday night.



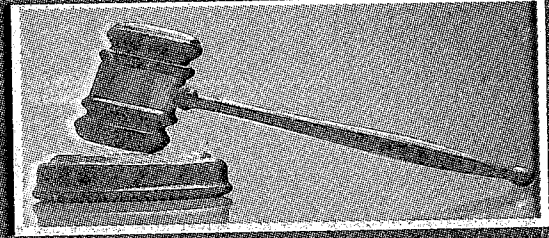
Tom Mills, at right, was the 2015 inductee of the Rockcastle County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Presenting the award to Mr. Mills and his wife Cloye is Conservation District Board Chairman Tommy Harold Mink.

Gift to local police



Kenny Robinson, Branch Manager of Peoples Bank in Mount Vernon is shown giving a check for \$500 to Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter. Robinson said his bank is please to support the local department and the bank is proud of our local police force. Carter said the funds will be used to purchase needed equipment and he appreciates the support of Peoples Bank.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Billy R. Barron, et al v. Daniel Baker, complaint.
 Deloris Jean Burns v. Gary Lee Burns, Sr., petition for dissolution of marriage.
 KFBMIC v. Freddie Dale Noe, complaint.
 Pinnacle Bank v. Kimberly Oglesby, \$13,075.08 plus claimed due.
 Pinnacle Bank v. Melissa Jarvis, \$16,021.09 plus claimed due.
 Lisa Marie Duncan v. Jason Dewayne Duncan, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 William Joseph Miller v. Cassandra Deanne Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00048

District Civil Suits

Jim or Ruth Lunsford v. Jennifer Owens, et al, forcible detainer complaint.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Matthew Carpenter, \$1,286.03 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Kenneth Coffey, \$1,251.22 plus claimed due.
 Springleaf Financial Services of America v. Jeremy Calder, \$3,680.37 plus claimed due.
 Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care v. Mitzi Ashley, \$530.60 plus claimed due.
 LNVN Funding LLC v. Jason Robinson, \$756.52 plus claimed due.
 LNVN Funding LLC v. Sean Smith, \$609.61 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Kristina Blevins, \$6565.22 plus claimed due.
 First Financial Credit, Inc. v. Sarah Logue, et al, \$3,784.18 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Betsy Shafer, \$1,536.45 plus claimed due.
 Fort Logan Hospital v. Jeffrey Carpenter, \$715.69 plus claimed due. C-00029

District Court

Feb. 12-22, 2016
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Nicholas M. Cundiff: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and reckless driving, 5 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived (each count).
 Steven Pitman: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 5 days in jail/to serve/costs waived (each count).
 Nakota Clifford: disorderly conduct (two counts), assault, criminal mischief, fleeing or evading police, terroristic threatening, false statements and concealment of facts prohibited, menacing, resisting arrest, public intoxication, obstructing governmental operations, domestic violence and abuse, court notice issued for failure to appear (fta).
 James Cotton: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, theft by unlawful taking, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.
 Shawn P. Davidson: failure to wear seat belts, improper/no windshield, license suspended for fta/bw issued.
 Stevie W. Denney: alcohol intoxication (two counts), \$50 fine/converted to 20 hours community service work/each count.
 Amie L. Hale: theft by failure to make required disposition of PRP, bw issued for fta.
 Johnnie W. Hurt: criminal mischief and violation of conditions of release, 60 days/to serve/each count/costs waived.
 Kathleen J. Phillips: speeding, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.
 James C. Robbins: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to produce insurance card, possession controlled substance (two counts), fail-

ure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta.
 Robert Russell: public intoxication controlled substance, \$50 plus costs.
 William R. Sandlin: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.
 Jacob D. Stewart: receiving stolen property, 90 days in jail/to serve concurrent w/ state sentence; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Eddie G. Vanwinkle: fleeing or evading police, sentencing order entered.
 William G. Williams: fleeing or evading police, sentencing order entered.
 Speeding: Theodore R. Barker, Collin D. Cass, Tabitha L. Clark, Britney M. Thompson, license suspended for fta; Joseph A. Hatton, Anthony R. Powell, Kila A. Cable, Christopher C. Cunningham, action slip; Manuel A. Ugalde, court notice sent.
 Ima Cotton: failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, license suspended for fta.
 Dakota Scott Baldwin: possession of synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

Nakota S. Clifford: menacing and public intoxication, bw issued for fta.
 Evelyn Clines: no tail lamps, \$25 fine plus costs.
 Corey A. Coots: one headlight, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta.
 Elliott J. Dooley: failure to wear seatbelts and 8 other charges, bw issued for fta.
 Yadira G. Herrera: alcohol intoxication in a public place, bw issued for fta.
 Jonathan Earl Houk: public intoxication, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (two counts), bw issued for fta.
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der influence of alcohol/drugs, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, improper registration plate, no operators/moped license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.
 Pearl Pitman: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; no/expired registration receipt, \$25 fine.
 Albert F. Seals: traffic, all others, license suspended for fta.
 Gary Smith: traffic, all others, license suspended for fta.
 Kelvin D. Sullivan: traffic, all others, license suspended for fta.

Oscar L. Emerick III: failure to wear seat belts, action slip.
 Luis A. Gonzalez, Jr.: failure to wear seat belts, Part 391 of Fed Safety Regs - Qualification of Drivers, license suspended for fta.
 Charles Marlow: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
 Amber A. Medley: speeding and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, action slip. Terry L. Shelton: Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, \$12.50 fine; Pt. 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, \$12.50 fine plus costs.

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Free booklet helps students, parents plan for college

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 It can be used by students ranging in age from middle school to adults. Parents and counselors can also use it to help their students plan and pay for college.
 The booklet includes information about careers, college preparation, state and federal financial aid, tips for parents, online resources and a template for setting up a personal college plan.
 Students and families will also find detailed information about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program. The

booklet shows the steps involved in applying for federal student aid and provides guidance on borrowing student loans.
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 KHEAA is the state agency that administers KEES, need-based grants and other programs to help students pay for college.
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 For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
 DATE: February 9, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Citizens, Joseph and Linda Harris, as owners of Valley High Farms, LLC, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of Cane Branch Rd.

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of Cane Branch Rd, and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

Beginning at the property line of Joseph and Linda Harris, as owners of Valley High Farms, LLC and continuing to the end of the current county maintenance, which is a distance of 0.452 miles.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of Cane Branch Rd. proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: March 8th, 2016
 TIME: 1 pm
 LOCATION: Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway affected, and published two (2) times in the *Mt. Vernon Signal*.

This the 19 day of February, 2016.

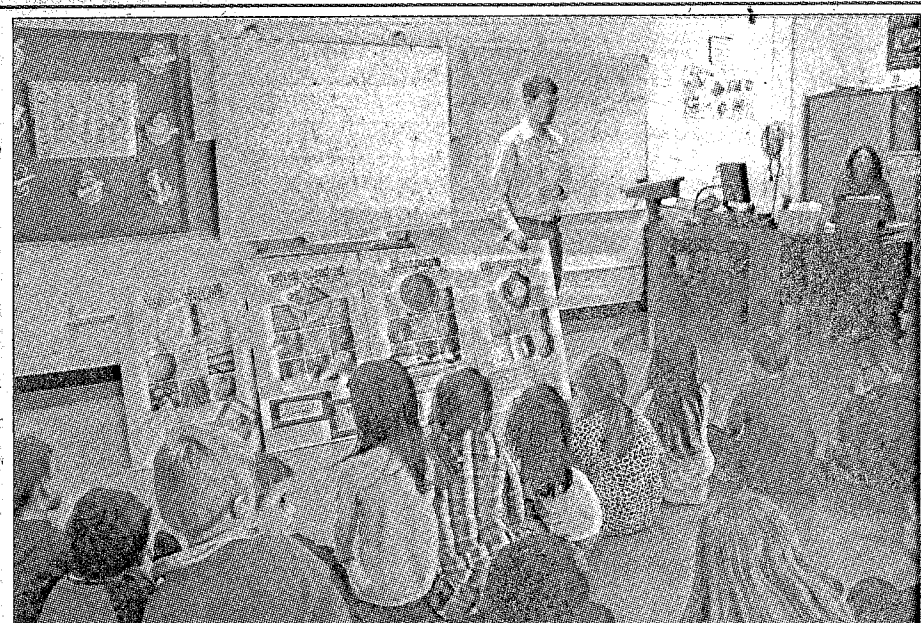
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The 5210 Fair at Roundstone Elementary School was held Thursday, February 25th. While parents were meeting with teachers the students were participating in a 5210 Fair. 5210 Healthy Numbers for Kentucky Families is a campaign to help families strive for optimal health by eating 5 fruits and or vegetables a day, by watching 2 hours of less of tv or other screen time, by participating in 1 hour of active play each day and by drinking 0 sugary drinks.

At the 5210 Fair students learned that here is the equivalent of 19 1/2 sugar cubes in a 20 ounce Mt. Dew. They learned how fruits and vegetables provide colorful phytochemicals that build our immune systems. There were a variety of activities provided to getting their hearts beating and their faces smiling.

A big thank you for all who made the 5210 a great success: Southern AHEC, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, WellCare, Rockcastle County Health Department, and ECU Nursing Students. Below, Sherry Spragens shares a "Rethink your Drink" display with Roundstone students.



Minds in the Middle

Spring picture orders are due on Friday.

8th graders need to turn in their last \$10 deposit for the 8th grade trip by Friday. We thank all of the 8th grade parents who sent in food items for the dance on Friday. \$950 was raised!

Congratulations to our recent kind kids of the week: Tori Dotson, Melanie Vanwinkle, Demarcus Robinson, Seth Sizemore, Reina Lykins, Carson White, Jonah Eaton and Mallory Morgan.

Congratulations to 7th grade Special Education Teacher Mrs. Kim Holcomb on receiving a 2016 Campbellsville Excel-

lence in Teaching Award.

The winner in our latest Box Tops race is the Voyagers team with 3,029 box tops collected. In second place was the Enterprisers with 1,900 and in third place was the Comets with 1,480 followed closely by the Shooting Stars with 1,318. Thanks for collecting!

Congratulations to Miss Reynolds' 7th grade Adventurers homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Coming in second place was Mrs. Stewart's 6th grade Voyagers and in third place was Mrs. Sadler's 7th grade Shooting Stars. Don't forget that

all students who are present every day from February 1st to the end of school will be in a drawing for a new bicycle.

Thanks to Clifford Collins Backhoe Service for donating one girl bike and one boy bike. It's just one more reason to be at school each day!

Time is running out to order your yearbook. The cost is \$35. Additional forms are available in the office if needed.

ESS takes place each Thursday now. Transportation is provided.

Our Youth Services Center is in need of shoes for students. A donation of a pair of new shoes would be greatly appreciated.

Scholarships help high school students take dual credit classes

Kentucky high school juniors and seniors have until May 15 to apply for a scholarship to help pay for dual credit classes taken at a Kentucky college or university.

The Mary Jo Young Scholarship, named for a former member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), provides assistance with tuition and textbook expenses for up to two classes each semester. Scholarships can only be used in the fall and spring semesters.

To be considered, students must be in grades 11 or 12 during the 2016-2017 academic year. They must have at least an 18 ACT composite or earn at least a 2.5 GPA during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Priority is given to students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch.

The application is available on www.kheaa.com. Students must apply through their www.kheaa.com account.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based

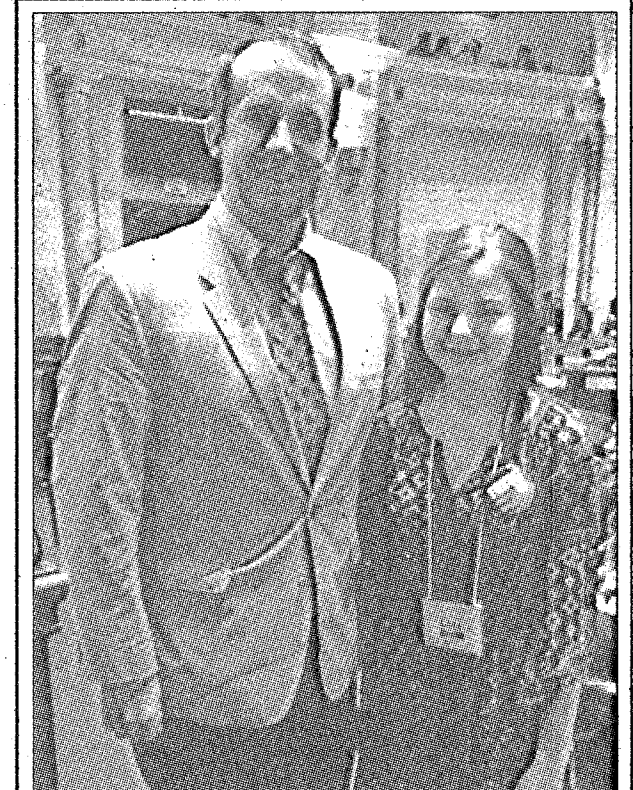
grants and other programs to help students pay for college.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information

about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com;

Write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602;

Or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.



After sharing about the importance of the Youth Services Center to our school, RCMS 8th grader Kylee Fain was awarded the opportunity to serve as a legislative page in Frankfort on Tuesday. Kylee spent the day with Representative Jonathan Shell getting a firsthand look at how our state government works. Thanks Kylee for representing our school in such a positive way!

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group is free and open to anyone facing cancer – patients, family members, and friends. The support group offers the opportunity to learn more about cancer and how to cope with the challenges a cancer diagnoses brings.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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Local FFA holds Greenhand Ceremony



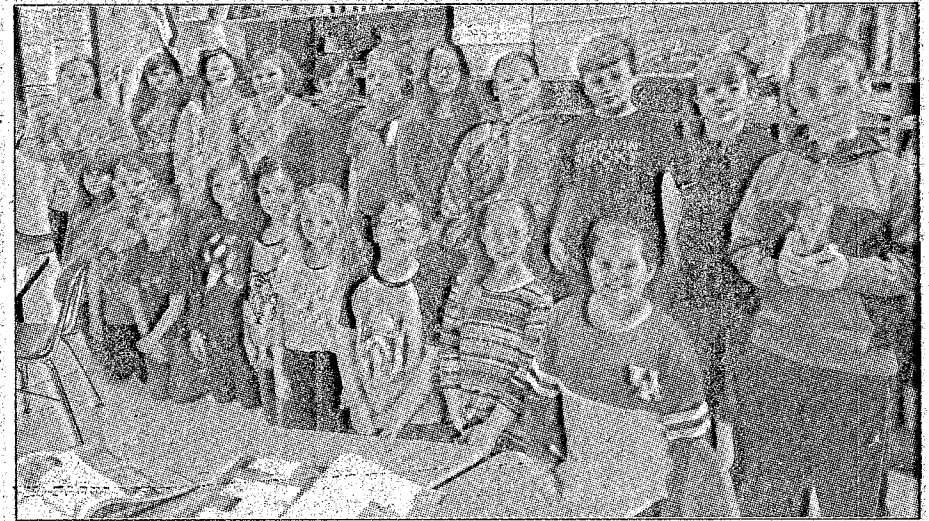
Pictured at the Greenhand Ceremony are front from left: Daya McGuire, Tiffany McGuire, Hope Holbrook, Hannah Denny, Autumn Davidson, Kensie Sheffield, Hallie Hines, Sydney Hines, Jahaizza Lodewkys, Destiny Isaacs, Nikki Renner, Bailee Stamper and Heather Miller. Back row from left: John Bishop, Josh Martin, John Cromer, Cole Ballinger, Jarrett Burke, Dalton Durham, Seth Gabbard, Sebastian Poynter, Elisha Blanton, Josh Mason, Connor Robinson, Rant Saylor and Isaac Sexton.

Submitted by Reporter Sierra Sturgill
 On November 9, 2015, our local FFA Chapter held their fall Greenhand Ceremony. We would like to thank Debbie Johnson for providing the refreshments. We would also like to thank our guest speaker, Lewis Mink, who is a former Rockcastle County FFA Member and officer and is now employed at Locust Trace.

The Greenhand Degree Recipients are as follows: Austin Allen, Jeremiah Allen, Cole Ballinger, Jasmine Barron, John Bishop, Elisha Blanton, Janie Bowman, Kevin Burdette, Jameson Burdine, Jarrett Burke, John Cromer, Autumn Davidson, Hannah Denny, Dalton Durham, Seth Gabbard, Allison Green, Javan Hasty, Katelynn Hensley, Hallie Hines, Sydney Hines, Hope Holbrook, Zachary Hopkins, Shaylin Howerton, Destiny Isaacs, Kelsey Jefferson, Rebekah Kersey, Logan Kidwell, Jahaizza Lodewkys, Jonmark Loudermilk, Joshua Martin, John Mason, Daya McGuire, Tiffany McGuire, Emma Miller, Heather Miller, Jordan Nicely, Sebastian Poynter, Nikki Renner, Johnathan Reynolds, Connor Robinson, Hunter Sargent, Rant Saylor, Isaac Sexton, Kensie Sheffield, Bailee Stamper, James VanWinkle, Larry VanWinkle, Elijah Vaughn, and Woodrow Williams.



Ms. Kami's MVES class at Pizza Hut.



Mrs. Jennifer White's class each wrote a thank you note to Mr. John Holbrook. Mr. John Holbrook carved each student in Rockcastle County a keychain resembling the larger works seen in this picture.

Brodhead Elementary Academic Team places first in District Governor's Cup



Congratulations are in order for Brodhead Elementary Academic Team, as they placed 1st in the District Governor's Cup competition on Saturday, February 27th. The District tournament was hosted at Brodhead Elementary, and there was lots of support shown for our team. This is the second year in a row that Brodhead Academic Team has won the championship. Students competed in the areas of Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Arts and Humanities, Composition, and Quick Recall. (See below for individual student results.) We are very proud of the team and wish them luck as they move on to compete in the Regional Governor's Cup hosted at Waco Elementary on Saturday, March 12th.

Individual student results: Composition - Kaitlyn Burgin-1st place, Ella Bussell-2nd place, Callie Creech-3rd place; Arts and Humanities - Madalyn White-1st place, Makinlee Goff-2nd place, Kaitlyn Burgin-3rd place; Language Arts - Callie Creech-2nd place, Isabella Whitaker-5th place; Social Studies - Samuel Burdine-1st place, Leah Taulbee-2nd place, Savanna Santo-3rd place; Science - Samuel Burdine-1st place, Hunter Day-2nd place; Math - Hunter Day-1st place, Ella Bussell-2nd place, Jacob Mills-5th place.

Pictured front from left are: Makinlee Goff, Callie Creech, Samuel Burdine, Madalyn White, Isabella Whitaker and Ella Bussell. Back row from left: Ezekiel Graves, Hunter Day, Jacob Mills, Leah Taulbee, Savanna Santo, Kaitlyn Burgin and Mrs. Breanna Adams (coach).

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Archery practice is each Monday from 3:15 until 4:55. Brownies (2nd & 3rd Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.

Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.

Mrs. Jennifer White's class each wrote a thank you note to Mr. John Holbrook. Mr. John Holbrook was kind enough to carve EACH STUDENT IN ROCKCASTLE COUNTY a keychain.

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Rockcastle Middle School would like to thank Ms. Jennifer Hardin, local hair stylist for providing free haircuts to Middle School students. Our students were very appreciative for the time she took out of her busy schedule to come and give them a new look! Thank you Ms. Jennifer!

Kiwanis Club Radio Auction

Friday, March 4
 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 5
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Posted

Posted: ABSL Properties, located at 370 Hiatt Lane in Wildie. No hunting, fishing, four wheelers or ATVs. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x4p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Novin and Glenna Stanton at 9298 Lake Cumberland Road (461). Violators will be prosecuted. 9x3

No Trespassing on the properties owned by Levi and Chastity Northern (especially properties off HWY 1912). 8x4p

No Hunting or Fishing, without written permission on Iris Young property on KY 3245. 6x4p

No Trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road. 6x5

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for

any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x51

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

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

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

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. (1/21/16)

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

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

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

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 251fn

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Notices

Notice is hereby given that Kermit Rudolph Burdette, Jr., P.O. Box 98, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, Jeffrey K. Burdette, 275 Redbud School Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Karen Kay Mullins, 10789 N. Wilderness Rd., Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Kermit Rudolph Burdette, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kermit Rudolph Burdette, Jr., Karen Kay Mullins and Jeffrey K. Burdette or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford, P.S.C., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 8, 2016 at 11 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Sam Dye, 2800 Bowling Ridge Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409, has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Laura Dye, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sam Dye on or before August 22, 2016 at 11 a.m. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that Mark Freeman, 5908 Deerfield Rd., Milford, Ohio 45150, has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Agnes Parnell, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mark Freeman or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or

before August 3, 2016 at 11 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that James Paul Carr, Jr., 3585 Kemp Rd., Beaver Creek, OH 45431 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Robert Earl Carr, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said James Paul Carr, Jr., on or before August 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. 8x3

Notice is hereby given that Blaine McHargue, 1239 Blue Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the

Estate of Carol Berniece McHargue, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Blaine McHargue or to Hon. Bobby Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 24, 2016 at 11 a.m. 9x3

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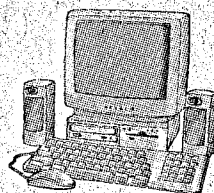
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LG&E and KU warn customers of scammers

It should come as no surprise that scammers are getting more and more sophisticated, but a new scam targeting Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities customers is taking things to the next level. This latest scheme uses a recording of the utilities' automated phone system to make the scam sound more authentic. LG&E and KU never calls customers requesting phone payments.

In an effort to help thwart off potential perpetrators, LG&E and KU are reminding customers of tips to help avoid getting swindled and to guard against scams that could be associated with our company.

Several utility fraud schemes have swept the nation in recent years targeting both residential and business customers alike. One involves a caller who claims to be a utility employee and asks for immediate bill payment by credit card or prepaid money card. If the targeted customer does not cooperate, the caller threatens to disconnect the person's electric or natural gas service. In another, customers receive emails, from what appears to be their utility provider, stating a past due amount and directing them to click a link. In recent days, a caller leaves a message directing the customer to a fake number that's been set up to sound like the LG&E and KU automated phone system and provides a billing and payment menu option. Even the Caller ID, in some cases, has been altered to reflect the call is coming from an LG&E and KU number when it is not.

LG&E and KU offer the following SAFE advice to residential and business customers:

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

information. Nor do the utilities ask their customers to go to a specific retail outlet to purchase pre-paid cards to make a utility bill payment.

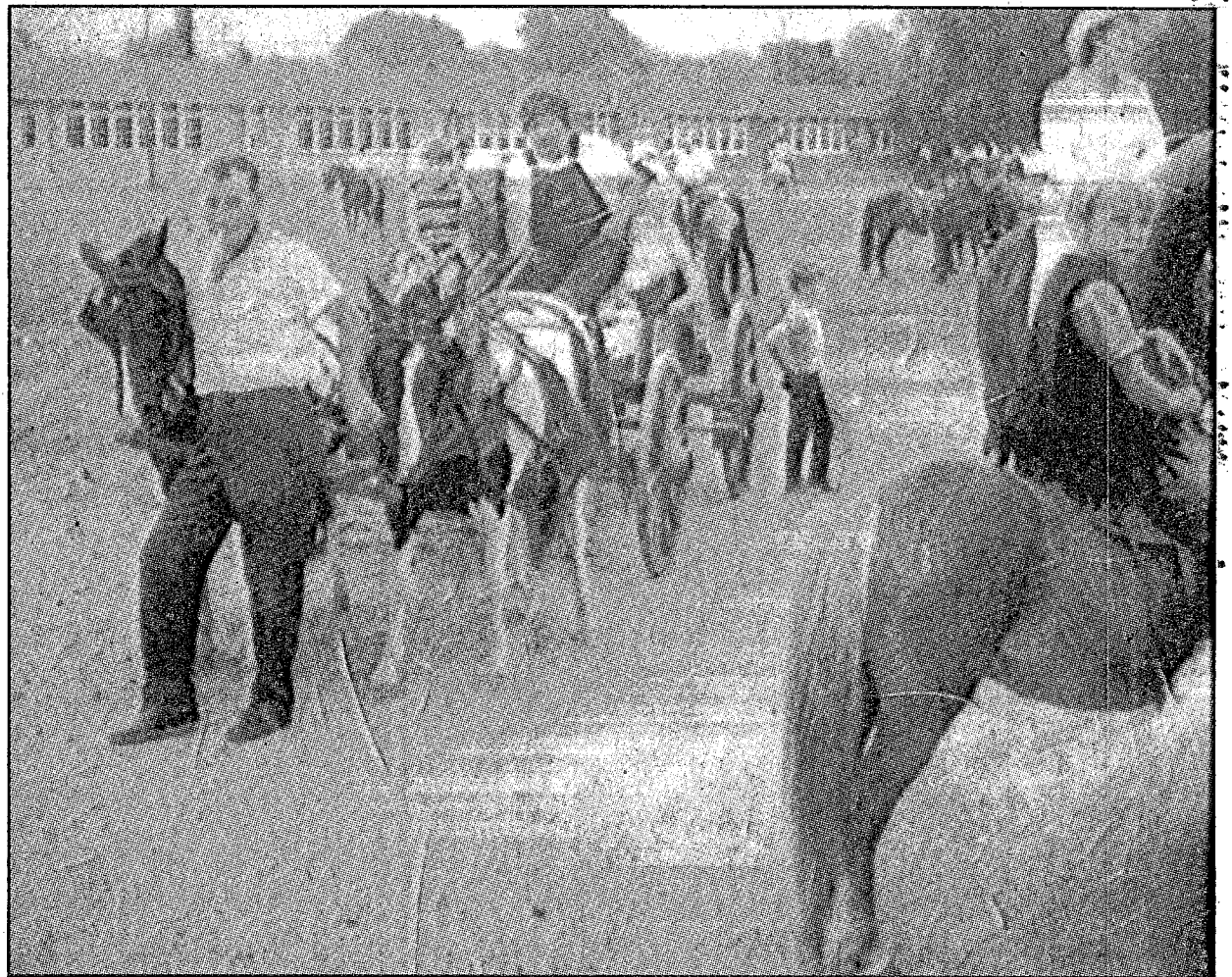
- Always remember you have bill payment options: LG&E and KU offer customers a variety of official payment options. A complete list can be found here.

- First check with LG&E and KU: Customers who receive a suspicious phone call, voicemail, email or letter should contact LG&E and KU directly using the company's official contact channels. The utilities will always verify official communications. LG&E customers should call 502-589-1444 (outside Louisville at 1-800-331-7370); KU customers should call 1-800-981-0600.

- Elect to receive billing notifications through MyAccount: Customers can choose how and when they would like to receive timely reminders about their monthly bills by signing up for billing notifications.

While there are many reasons the utilities may visit a customer's home or business, including to read the meter, respond to a report of an outage or to inspect equipment, in-person contact at a customer's home or business never involves collecting payment for a monthly bill.

LG&E and KU encourage customers to always obtain positive identification in the event someone appears at their door stating they are there on any company's behalf. LG&E and KU employees and contractors carry authentic company ID badges which show the companies' logos. An employee ID card always has the employee's name and color photograph on the front as well. If a customer is ever in doubt, they should call the official contact numbers above for verification.



Blast From the Past

Willard Nicely of Brodhead submitted this photo from Dairy Day in June of 1970. Mr. Nicely said the ponies in the photo were bought in 1964 from Jack Noe of Mt. Vernon and were named after Jack's wife and Jesse Bradley's wife, Ada and Nellie. Mr. Nicely's brother is standing in front holding the ponies and Junior Nicely, the man driving the wagon is "Candy Man." His mother, Mammy Nicely and sister, Dora James are riding in the wagon, along with several of his nieces, nephews and friends. The lady on the horse is Bonnie Hysinger and the little boy in front is her son, Richard Hysinger.

Free booklet helps students, parents plan for college

Kentuckians planning for higher education will find "The College Circuit," a booklet published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), to be a useful resource.

It can be used by students ranging in age from middle school to adults. Parents and counselors can also use it to help their students plan and pay for college. The booklet includes information about careers, college preparation, state and federal financial aid, tips for parents, online re-

sources and a template for setting up a personal college plan.

Students and families will also find detailed information about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program. The booklet shows the steps involved in applying for federal student aid and provides guidance on borrowing student loans.

To request copies, email publications@kheaa.com or use the order form on www.kheaa.com.

KHEAA is the state

agency that administers KEES, need-based grants and other programs to help students pay for college.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information,

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Rockcastle Family Wellness is pleased to welcome Dr. Rebecca Hammond to their practice.



Dr. Rebecca Hammond has returned to her native Rockcastle County to practice medicine. "I am coming home to care for people I know and grew up with," said Dr. Hammond.

Joining the physician team at Rockcastle Family Wellness, Dr. Hammond takes a holistic approach to patients and medicine. "There are many things that affect health and I try to empower the patient to maintain and improve their own well-being."

A board certified physician since 1996, she chose to specialize in family practice because she wanted to be able to care for all ages. The 1977 Rockcastle County High School graduate earned both her bachelors of science degree in nursing and medical degree from the University of Kentucky, before completing her residency at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, GA in 1996.

Dr. Hammond is excited about this next phase of her medical career and the opportunity to care for those in the county. "I have been a physician for over 20 years now, and I have learned that patients can make a tremendous improvement in their own health with the knowledge and help we can give them. I want to share with them what I have learned so they can become their own best healer."



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