

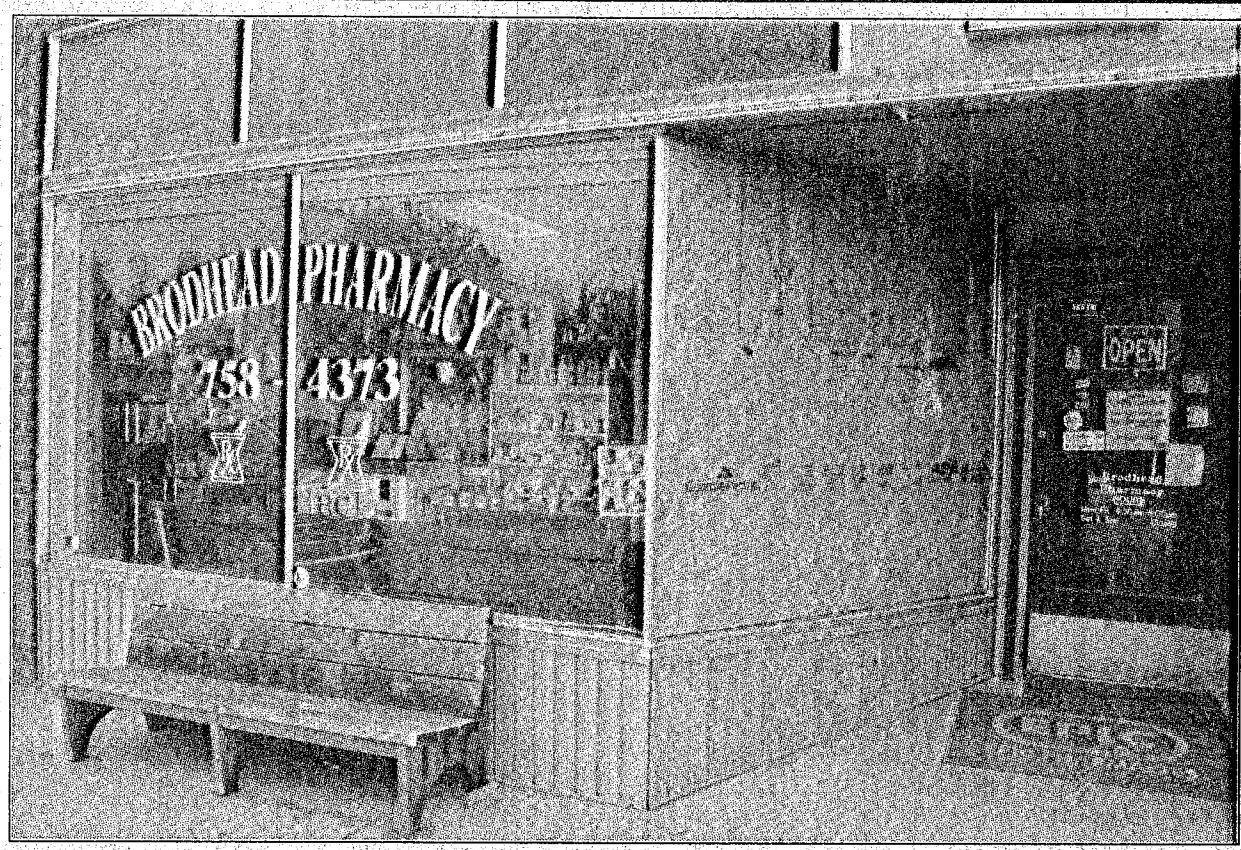
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Brodhead Pharmacy robbed Police searching for burglars after pharmacy robbery

By: Mike French
Rockcastle County sheriff's deputies are searching for a man and woman believed to be involved in a break-in at Brodhead Pharmacy, on Main Street in Brodhead Sunday morning around 3:45.

Owner, David Collins said his security system recorded the entire burglary but the suspect was wearing a mask over their face.

The video shows the bur-

glar breaking through the front window of the store with an iron spud bar. The burglar then attempted to break through the door where pharmaceuticals are kept. However, once through that door, the burglar discovered steel bars blocking the way.

After attempting to break through the steel bars unsuccessfully, the burglar then broke through an office door.

(See "Robbery" on A8)



Police are still searching for the man who broke into the Brodhead Pharmacy on Main Street in Brodhead Sunday night. Surveillance video inside the business caught the burglar (shown at left) as he broke down inside doors in an attempt to reach the drugs in the back of the pharmacy. The man finally reached the drugs and took pills worth several thousand dollars according to David Collins, owner of the pharmacy. The thief gained entry by breaking the front glass of the store. Police believe this man was working with an unidentified female who drove the get-away car, a blue Pontiac. If you recognize this man, please contact the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

20 grams of meth off the city streets

By: Mike French
Twenty grams of methamphetamine and several other drugs are now off the streets of Mount Vernon, thanks to the efforts of Deputy Sheriff Brandon McIntosh. "It's a constant fight but we can say that I got about twenty grams of

meth) off of our city streets in less than a week," said McIntosh.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office has been focusing on removing drugs from local streets and two arrests this weekend have helped, McIntosh said.

(See "Meth" on A8)

Community Action Meeting to focus on solution to growing drug problem

Enough is enough:

Every person shocked and concerned about the escalating drug addiction in our area is urged to attend a brainstorming meeting to be held at the Rockcastle Middle School Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar.

The meeting will not focus on the problem itself and the growing access to heroin, as that is a fact well established, but rather efforts will be made to generate ideas for combatting the scourge.

If you have a family member or know someone who has a drug addiction, you already know the devastation and destruc-

tion and the damage it causes.

Enough is enough! Come if you feel like something has to be done. And bring someone with you.

If you are a health care or mental health care worker, school personnel, social worker, employer, law enforcement officer, court official, recovering addict, UNITE member, childcare worker or elected official, your input could be very helpful and you are issued a special invitation to attend.

For more information, contact Octavia Sexton at 308-4203 or 256-9796.

Local beekeepers starting crusade to help honey bees

By: Mike French
The loss of the Honey Bee population in America over the past several years is estimated to cost the country over \$4 billion annually, according to national studies.

Blame for the dwindling population ranges from pesticides and fungicides to colder winters and invading species.

This drop in population is also affecting some Rockcastle County beekeepers.

"Studies have shown that 8 out of ten swarms will not survive without our help," said local beekeeper Doug Brock.

Honey bees pollinate most crops across the country and officials say over \$30 billion in crops depend upon the Honey Bee.

Rockcastle County resident Audy Faulkner has been taking care of Honey Bees for over 20 years and gave Brock his first hives to start.

"Audy is no beginner but with the loss of over 50% of his hives in 2014, we began looking at ways to save our bees," said Brock. Nationally, Honey Bee populations have decreased by over 40% in the past few years.

Sometimes the reason for the declining population is unknown. "Bees were look-

ing good but would suddenly start dying off," said Brock.

So Brock and Faulkner decided to do something about it in Rockcastle. "We have created a swarm patrol. Our association will be known as 'D. & A. Swarm Chasers' and we are going to help," said Brock.

Still, the new association needs help from everyone. "We need people to join us and become a guardian of the bees. If we work together we can help," said Brock.

Brock and Faulkner

(See "Bees" on A8)

A day in the life of a Rockcastle inmate

By: Mike French

A day in the life of a Rockcastle County Detention Center prisoner is very near the same every day, according to Jailer Carlos McClure.

About the only change is the exact times that a guard

walks the hallway ways checking on prisoners. "We can't do that at exactly the

same time everyday or the prisoners would know when we are coming," said McClure, "and that could lead to trouble."

At 5:30 every morning each prisoner is served breakfast in their cell and then the lights are turned on at 7 a.m. when the phone in each cell is turned back on, according to McClure.

Depending upon the weather and certain other factors, prisoners are escorted to a fenced-in area outside the jail where inmates may play basketball and get some fresh air.

However, McClure said that, many times, inmates

choose to stay in their cell and skip the recreational times in "the yard."

Lunch is brought to each cell between 11:30 and noon each day and prisoners spend the rest of the afternoon in their cell.

Supper is served to the

inmates between 4:30 and 5 o'clock each evening and then the lights and the phones are turned off

at 11 p.m.

Visitors are allowed and closely monitored.

The typical inmate spends the majority of their

Book signing planned for local writer

Writer Carrie Mullins of Rockcastle County will be holding a book signing event at the Amburgy & Rowe Law Office on Main Street in Mount Vernon. The event will be March 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and

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time inside their cell but some, who have been convicted of minor crimes or have not been in any trouble inside the jail, are permitted

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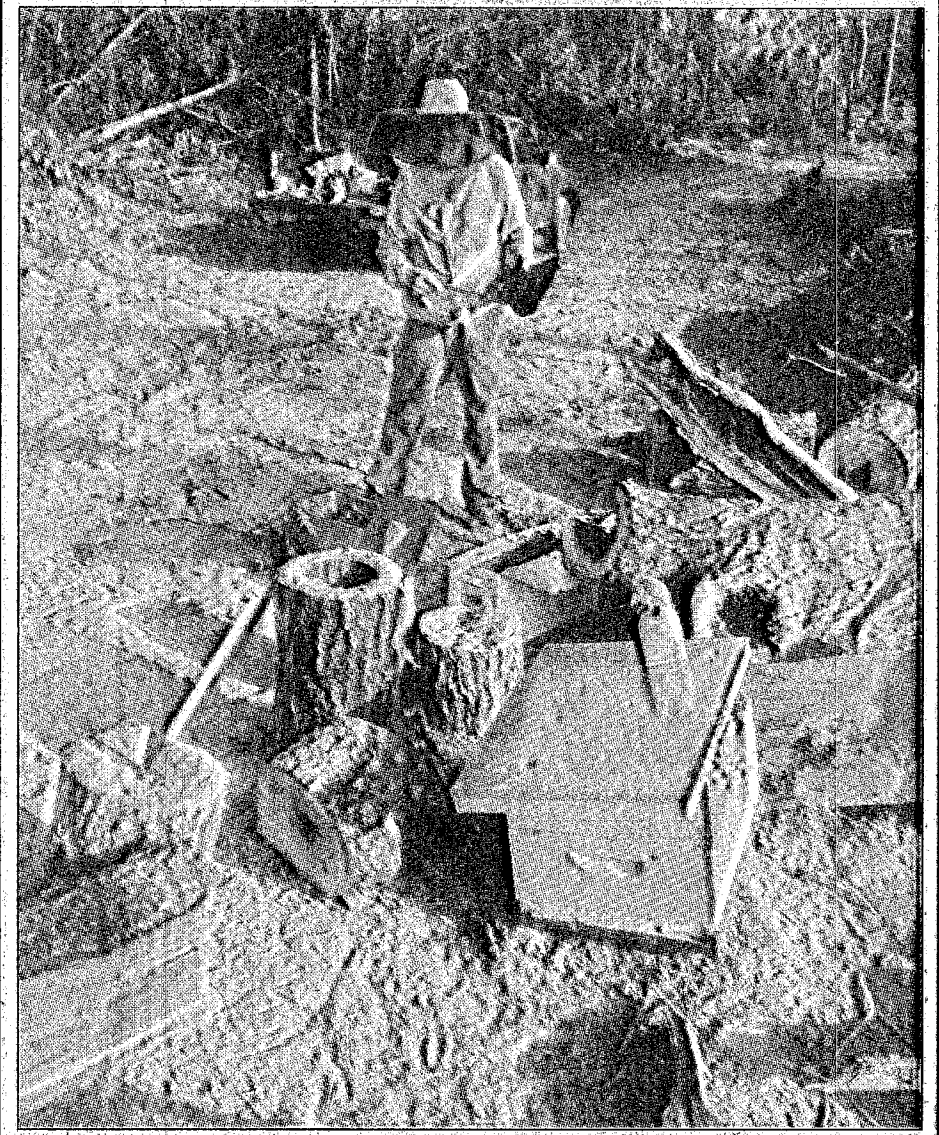
Rand Paul plans visit to county

On Friday, April 1, U.S. Senator Rand Paul will hold a Town Hall event at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, in the third floor Fiscal Court room, in Mount Vernon at 3:15 p.m.

Sen. Paul has been holding many town hall events across Kentucky and thousands of Kentuckians have attended to discuss issues facing both the community and the nation.

Staff from the Bowling Green office will be in attendance to help members of the community who may need assistance with federal agencies or issues such as Veterans Administration, Social Security, IRS, passports, U.S. Department of Education, Military records or medals.

The event is open to the public.



Local bee keepers Doug Brock and Audy Faulkner (not shown) saved this hive of bees by removing them from a cut tree and relocating them to a safe place.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



What if everyone on earth spoke exactly the way they feel? Without regard to what they think the person they are speaking to believes or wants to hear. Just plain, pure honesty.

I think the world would be in chaos.

Though the American divorce rate is a little over 50% right now, if everyone was completely honest, that rate would be 99% if for no other reason than the "Does this dress make my butt look fat" question.

And that ever-popular "did you notice that girl in the short shorts?" With complete honesty, that right there is a frying pan to the head kind of question.

Then there's that famous question, "Do I look as good as when we first met?" How one answers this question determines whether you will have soup beans and corn bread for supper...or a bologna sandwich. And who wouldn't fib for a bowl of soup beans?

When the cop pulls someone over for speeding and says "have you been drinking sir?" If everyone were perfectly honest, how many more arrests would there be? "Yes occifer, but I'm not as drunk as you drunk I am!" Jail time!

Go to the next step. "If you are elected, will you truly decrease taxes and cut spending?" The typical politician would have to say "Well, it depends upon whether the guy that gave me \$200,000 for my campaign wants me to or not!"

"Did you delete those emails on purpose because you knew they were classified material and you were breaking the law?"

"Duh! Is the sky blue?"

And how about your friends? What if they were perfectly honest with you?

"Hey Earl, are you involved with my wife?"

"If by 'involved' you mean are we having a secret affair and stealing your money, then of course!"

And then there's family. What if all your family members were perfectly honest. "Mom, why does my brother get better stuff than I get?"

"Because he's not a jerk and never once filled my house with whipped cream." (This one is hypothetical of course.)

I almost didn't pursue a musical career because of the not-so-honest people around. Yes, I had relatives, parents and friends telling me I was a pretty decent musician and that I should pursue it.

At the same time I knew other musicians who were really...terrible. And I heard their friends and fam-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas, on a cold and stormy night, of which we only had two or three, Loretta and I heard a cat meowing on the front porch. My first and somewhat panicky thought was that Fancy Pants, our never-once-in-7-years-been-outdoors cat, had, for some reason, decided to see what life is like on the other side of the door.

Then, almost at the same time, Fancy ran over my feet, headed for the stairway as fast as her legs would work, laying paw rubber as she tried to gain traction on the hardwood floor. She used more energy and as many steps to cover a distance of 20 feet as she would have used to run a mile on a less slippery surface but when she got to the stairs, it was "thumpity-thumpity-thumpity" as she disappeared into wherever it is

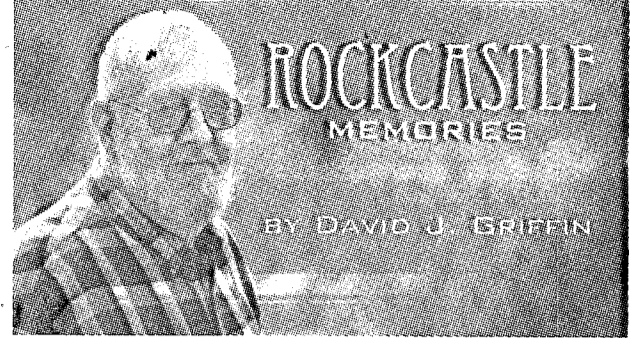
she hides when anyone or anything other than her immediate family comes on the place.

Fancy is actually a very beautiful Maine Coon but she is not sociable with anyone other than her housemates and goes to great lengths to be unseen when we have company. All of which is another story for another time because this piece is supposed to be about a cat of an entirely different color.

So, I flipped on the porch light and there, huddled up and shivering sat a half grown, multi-colored, half-starved and obviously very hungry cat. We went out on the porch and discovered that it was also starved for human attention and affection when it began, still meowing, rubbing up against our ankles.

We decided it must belong to one of our neighbors and had simply gotten lost in the thunder storm. In retrospect, I should have known that none of our neighbors would allow one of their pets to become so starved that you could count

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Patsy's Great Backyard

Spring has sprung on Furnace Mountain in Powell County. The warm weather calls for outdoor activities, such as yard games and wonderful cookouts. This season takes me back to the time when I was a teenager in Mt. Vernon.

My first cousin Patsy (Cummins) Barnett and I were good friends in high school, and she had the greatest backyard and basement of any of my friends. At the time, she lived with her family on Newcomb Avenue, close to Rockcastle Hospital.

Patsy and I, along with many of her friends and of mine, congregated at her house to take advantage of her family's professional croquet court as well as their basement pool table. When Patsy's dad (Jesse Cummins) was not using the court or the pool table, he allowed us to play at his house. "Aunt Jack," Patsy's mother, welcomed all of us into her home and made us feel comfortable.

Uncle Jesse loved croquet, and he created the fin-

est and most professional-looking court that I ever saw. It was perfectly level, covered with sand, and surrounded by railroad cross ties. The court was even lighted for night-time contests. Uncle Jesse usually reserved the court for his friends, including: Clarence Carter, Roy Winstead, Bill Cox, and others whose names I cannot recall. When these gentlemen played, the game was downright serious, most likely accompanied by small wagers. During these contests, the teenagers could only watch or go play pool in the basement.

Since all of these men worked during the day, their games were usually held at night under the lights. Patsy and her friends played during the afternoons, while the grown-ups were still at work. When I recently spoke with Patsy, she reminded me that the following were regulars at her house: Charles Bennett Farris, Jim Cox, Penny Nunnelle, Jim Barton Nunnelle, Bud Cox, and me. The croquet games we played were so much fun because of the professional court. When the men arrived to use the croquet court, the teenagers often simply moved to the basement in order to play pool. Cokes and great snacks were always provided. Patsy's house was a great place to gather for teenage fun.

Uncle Jesse loved the game of croquet so much that he also made his own mallets. With great care, he designed and created a set of mallets out of cherry wood, which were as professional looking, if not more so, than any I ever saw.

He also had one of those large "rollers" in order to keep the croquet court perfectly level. In addition, he kept a container of lime that he spread on the court to keep the weeds at bay. It is hard to explain how expertly the court was maintained. Chairs were even placed around the court in order for spectators to watch the games.

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T.J.'s Journal
by: Tonya J. Cook



Easter Memories
Dear Journal,
As the years pass, people of my age and older, so it seems, seem to live in the past as much as in the present. This is apparent to be more on holidays. We remember the good, good times when our families gathered together around a big table full of special foods reserved for special

times. The family was whole and well and most families didn't have the very best but we had all we wanted, and were appreciative and thankful for what we had. I guess the thing I miss most about those days are the ones that have now gone on...but they left very precious memories.

I recall the very first Easter I can remember. I was around three or four years old. It was on a Saturday, the day before Easter. It was a pretty spring day and Mom and I were out in the yard passing a ball between us. She didn't want me to think Easter was all about rabbits, eggs, candy, and pretty little girl dresses. She thought it was about time that I learned about a Savior and His resurrection. She explained about Jesus. I had heard of Him at Church. She told about how He died and was brought back to life on the third day, Easter. That's why we cel-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks to Perry and Amy Mink...

Dear Editor,
On March 15th, I was driving home to Michigan from visiting a friend in Georgia when I had car problems on I-75 near Mt. Vernon, Ky. My precious three-year-old Papillion, Rudy, escaped from my car and was killed on the highway.

While waiting for the AAA tow truck, my Georgia friend put me in touch with Perry's Autobody and Towing Services. It was af-

ter 8 p.m. by the time my car and I arrived but Perry was waiting for us. His mechanic immediately determined the problem with my car and tied it to collision repairs I'd had performed at ABRA Body & Glass in Cincinnati, OH on my way South a month earlier. The inner fender (splash) liner had broken loose, making a terrible noise that sounded like it was coming from the engine compartment, then fell off. Perry assured me the car was safe to drive and even took it for an extended test drive to ease my fear

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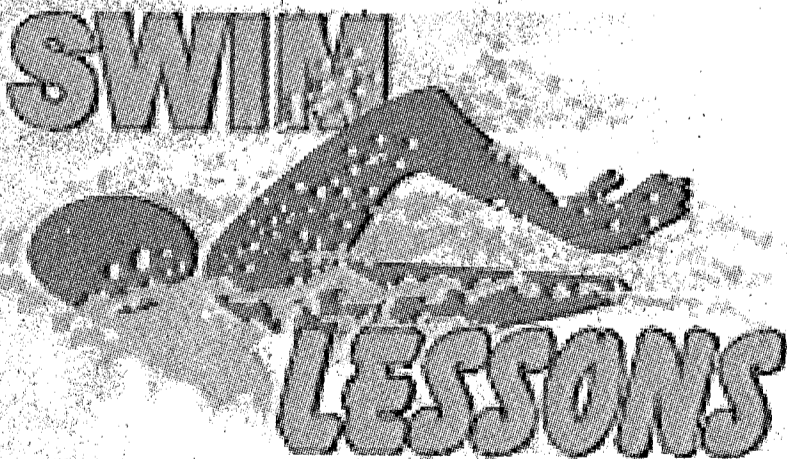
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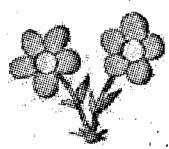
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Mable Burdette

Mable Johnson Reppert Burdette, 89, of Renfro Valley, died Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Berea. She was born in Wilmore on September 21, 1926, the daughter of George Washington and Jessie Belle Johnson. She was a member of the Buckeye Christian Church and was a retired business owner, having owned and operated local gift/antique shops for over 65 years. She loved to paint, quilt, cook, and work in her flower and vegetable garden, and was an avid reader and writer. As she often demonstrated, she loved "taking care of everyone".

She is survived by: her children, Larry Bennett Reppert of Lexington, Gary Marcus (Genevieve) Reppert of Mt. Vernon, Dolores Albright (Jim) Morris of Mt. Vernon, Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris and husband Rodger Clay of Homasassa, FL, and Kathryn Reppert (Darrell) Ensor of Danville; two sisters, Evelyn Johnson Griffin Keller of Marshall, MI and Linda Johnson McKinney of Manchester, TN; her grandchildren, Rebecca Albright Toy, Jessica Albright Leith, Michael Stephen Albright, Emily Farrah Reppert Craig, Marcus Aaron Reppert, Tanah Ensor McGuffey, Charles Benjamin Reppert, Aimee Morris Tackett, Zachary Morris, and Kimberly Morris Button; and her great grandchildren, Lauren Avery Toy, Cooper Albright Leith, Ansley Toy, Madeline Toy, Walker Carson Craig, Wyatt Kincaid Craig, Wreth Isaac Craig, Landon Marcus Reppert, Nicholas Zade Reppert, Alivia Gail Reppert, Gage McGuffey, Piper McGuffey, Skyler Morris, Tate Button, Garrett Button, and Marissa Button. Also surviving are her stepchildren, Rudy (Carol) Burdette of Brodhead, Kay (Luke) Mullins of Berea, and Jeffery K. (Treena) Burdette of Mt. Vernon.

She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Marcus Eugene Reppert; her second husband, Dr. Rudolph Burdette; a son, Charles Alfred Reppert; a granddaughter, Amanda Nicole Reppert; three brothers, Lester Mullins, Ray Jr. Johnson, and James E. Johnson; and a sister, Barbara Davenport.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Dr. Mike Bryant and Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Michael Albright, Corey Craig, Darrell Ensor, Tim Leath, Charles Benjamin Reppert, and Marcus Reppert. Honorary pallbearers were: Roy Mack Allen, Hubert Chasteen, Jr., Dwight Davenport, Leroy Griffin, Paul McNew, Rodger Morris, Herman Smith, and Dale Winstead.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



E. Christeen Cromer

E. Christeen Cromer, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 21, 2016 at UK Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Rockcastle County on September 9, 1940, the daughter of the late Raymond L. and Lissie McFerron Mink. She was a homemaker and a member of Blue Springs Church of Christ.

She is survived by: one son, James Edwin Cromer of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Gail (Coy) Cromer of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Fay Mink of Mt. Vernon and Aileen Richardson of Chilton, TX; two aunts, Mattie McFerron Mink and Lela Mink; one brother-in-law, Eddie B. (Cleta) Cromer; three sisters-in-law, Bernice Mink, Irene Sowder and Wanda Jean Cromer; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Also surviving are: four grandchildren, Melissa and Randy Renner, Teri Renner, David Cromer and Tabatha Cromer; and five great grandchildren, Lara Renner, Lizabeth Renner, Zack Renner, Rayleigh Cromer and Katie Renner, all of Mt. Vernon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Garner Cromer; infant sister, Juanita Mink; and one brother, Arlie Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Barney Owens. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Cromer, Doug Cromer, Julian Cromer, Eric McCracken, Arlis McFerron, Randy Renner, and Zachary Renner.

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Donald Renner

Donald Lee Renner, 55, of Irvine, formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 21, 2016 at his home. Born in Rockcastle County, he was the son of the late Jessie Renner and Ruth Barnett Renner. He was born December 26, 1960. He had enjoyed teaching children at 4-H and instructing Conceal Carry Classes. He also loved playing the guitar. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Rev. Jackie Renner.

Survivors include a number of first cousins and close friends.

The family has chosen private services.

Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home of Richmond is in charge of the arrangements.

To view online obituary visit www.cpcfh.com

Nancy J. Couch

Nancy J. Couch, 55, of Orlando, wife of Robert Couch, Jr., died Sunday, March 27, 2016 at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Couch Family Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal. Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Rosemary Allen

Rosemary Allen, 66, of London, died Monday, March 21, 2016 at St. Joseph Hospital in London. She was born in Mt. Vernon on May 14, 1949, the daughter of William and Stella Hurley Morris. She was a homemaker, a member of Slate Lick Baptist Church, loved spending time with her family and grandchildren and enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by: her husband, Donald Allen of London; two daughters, Donna Sue and Larry Roseberry of Farmersburg, IN and Deborah Ann and Steve Harrison of South Point, OH; and four sisters, Pauline Jones of Annville, Judy Carpenter of Livingston, Linda Robinson of Brodhead, and Gail Vaughn of Annville. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Adam Hughes, Rachael Nelson, Abigail Hughes and Elijah Hughes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Jasper and Henry Morris and one sister, Imogene McQueen.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Trevor Brummett. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Michael Allen, Jimmy Clark, Jr., Adam Hughes, Elijah Hughes, James Stewart, and Jacob Vaughn.

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Benji Lawson

Harlan Benjamin (Benji) Lawson, 40, of Brodhead, died Saturday, March 26, 2016 at home surrounded by family. He was born August 31, 1975 in Mt. Vernon, a son of Barbara Sturgill Lawson Durham and Gary Lawson. He was a member of Sand Hill Baptist Church, and found great pleasure in the outdoors, particularly fishing. He had previously been employed at Henson Stone Quarry in Mt. Vernon.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Barbara Sturgill Lawson Durham of Brodhead; his father, Gary Lawson of Mt. Sterling; the loving mother of his children, Lesa Burke; his son, Christopher Toby Lawson of Sandhill; his daughter, Kayla Grace Lawson of Sandhill; his brothers, Robert Wayne Lawson and companion Anna Margaret Stevens of Brodhead and David Lee Durham of Winchester; special aunt and uncle, Kenneth and Dora Sturgill; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by a sister, Teresa Lawson Willis.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Phillip Doan and Bro. Dennis Doan officiating. Burial was in the Kirby Cemetery at Calloway.

Casketbearers were: Toby Lawson, Jay Lawson, Logan Coffey, Taylor Burke, Vernon Thomas and Roy Sturgill.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Elizabeth Woodall

Mrs. Elizabeth Woodall, 96, of Brodhead, died Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility. She was born on April 17, 1919 in Corbin, a daughter of the late Bill and Maggie Vaughn Northern. She attended Brodhead Baptist Church, and found great joy in quilting, flowers, cooking and bingo. In 1937, she was united in marriage to Leonard Woodall, and from that union came fifteen children.

Those left to celebrate her life are her children: Benny Woodall, Donnie (Carolyn) Woodall, Henry (Nadine) Woodall, Jerry (Verva) Woodall, Teddy (Kim) Woodall, Danny Woodall and Brenda Woodall, all of Brodhead, Glynn Rose Lake of Cincinnati, Oh, Betty Lou Renner of Mt. Vernon, and Patsy (Wayne) Schumacher of Fairfield, Oh; twenty

eight grandchildren; twenty five great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces/nephew, friends/neighbors.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five children: Charles "Chunky" Woodall, Leslie Woodall, Jimmy Woodall, Jenny Woodall and Ricky Woodall and a grandchild, Jason Woodall.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 31st from 6-9 p.m. and Friday, April 1st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 1st at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Thelma Lena Owens

Thelma Lena Owens, 96, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Albert Owens, died Monday, March 28, 2016 at Baptist Health Hospital in Corbin.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ by Bros. Ova Baker, Dale McNew, and Phillip Scott. Burial will follow in Lovell Cemetery at Burr.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home after 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

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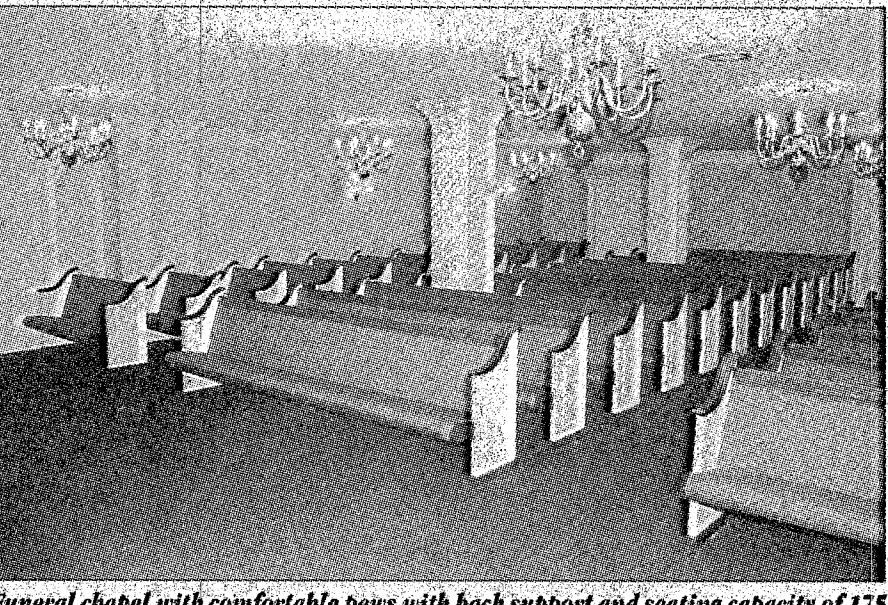
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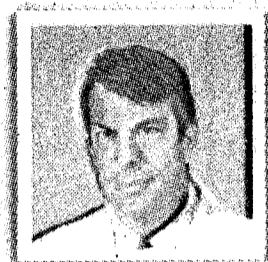
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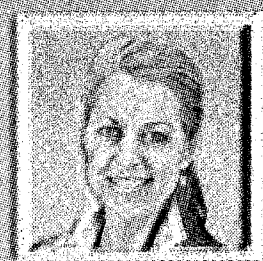
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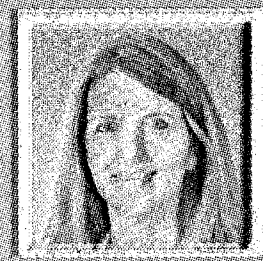
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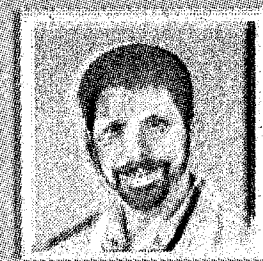
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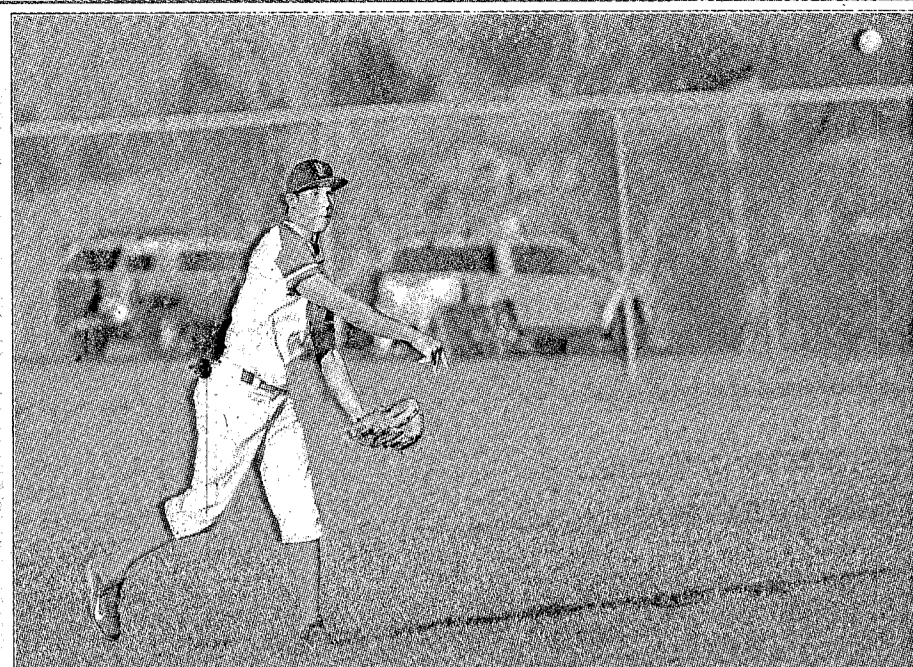


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Eldon Simpson is shown above getting a hit in Rocket baseball action. Rocket baseball will host Whitley County this Friday night at 6 p.m. and will travel Saturday to Knox Central for a 2 p.m. matchup.



The Rockcastle Rockets baseball team picked up three wins this past week bringing their record to 7-4 on the season. The Rockets beat Russell County 1-0 last Friday night, Mercer County 4-2 on Saturday and Estill County 11-2 Tuesday. They had losses to Meade County and North Laurel. Shown above is outfielder Mikey Tomlinson. (Baseball photos by Jamie Cornelius).



Senior Rocket Hailey Harper has been on a tear this past week in softball action. Harper had two homeruns and seven RBI in the Rockets' 19-6 win over Southwestern Pulaski Monday night. The Rockets will host North Laurel this Thursday night at 6 p.m. The team is also hosting a "Where's the Beach Classic" this weekend. The girls will face Bourbon County Friday night at 5:30 and Rowan County Saturday at 10:00 a.m.



Senior Amber Collins puts down a slap bunt in softball action this past week. The Rockets are 6-4 on the season with wins over Harrison County, 12-2 and Ryle, 8-2, last weekend in the Lady Raider Triangle. The girls lost a close one Monday night to Madison Southern, 3-1. They travel to Garrard County next Monday for a 6 p.m. game and will host Somerset next Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Softball photos by Minnie Kirby).

Kentucky Afield Outdoors Farm ponds and small lakes offer excellent fishing

When air temperatures crest the 70-degree mark for the first time in March, anglers swarm reservoirs and state-owned lakes to fish. The warm weather stirs up high expectations, but these anglers often return home frustrated after a fishless day.

These big waters still retain their winter cold and a few days of shirt-sleeve weather doesn't warm them up enough to get largemouth bass, bluegill or catfish active. They still feel the lethargy of winter.

Farm ponds and small lakes less than 10 acres are the perfect antidote for this situation. Their small size and relatively shallow waters warm up quicker in spring than large reservoirs sprawling over thousands of acres or state-owned lakes several hundred acres in size.

The extended warm front forecasted for this week is the ideal situation to catch the biggest largemouth bass of the year. "A lot of those largemouth bass are moving up into shallow water with these warm temperatures," said Jeff Crosby, Central Fisheries District biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "If we get a nice warm rain coming up this week, the water temperatures will jump and it will be 'katy bar the door'." The big gals are moving up right now. It is going to get hot.

Three days or more of air temperatures warmer than 70 degrees bring largemouth bass into water two feet deep or less, especially after March rains color the water. They nudge their noses right up on the bank and hide in shoreline cover, small cuts in the bank or even among clumps of shoreline grass that extend out into the lake.

Largemouth bass use objects such as stumps, rocks, grass clumps or fallen tree tops as reference points in muddy water, much as humans use objects to navigate a dark room.

Parallel the bank with a brown and orange shallow-running, square-billed crankbait and retrieve it as slowly as the lure allows. A 4-inch green pumpkin-colored lizard rigged weightless with a 3/0-worm hook and crawled slowly along the bottom is deadly in this situation.

A 1/8- or 3/16-ounce black jig paired with a black and blue trailer also excels as does a 4-inch boot-tailed grub in the pumpkin pepper color. These lures work well in both murky and clear water.

Banks that fall off quickly into deeper water are best for fishing a parallel retrieve for largemouth, with the dam face being the paramount choice on small lakes.

March rains that cloud the water also pull largemouth into shallow waters in coves on small lakes and the upper end of farm ponds. Any isolated cover on the shallow flats should be probed with the jig and trailer combination, the lizard or the grub. Cast on the bank and gently pull the lure into the water to avoid spooking fish.

Stealth is vitally important to fooling largemouth

bass in water a foot deep. Walk softly, keep low and wear drab colors, even if the water is muddy. Careless anglers who stomp around the shoreline may notice V-shaped wakes heading off toward deeper water formed by largemouth bass spooked from their shallow lairs. These fish won't bite again for hours.

Bluegill anglers can find great sport in early spring on farm ponds or small lakes. Water clarity dictates how and where to fish.

Murky to muddy water means anglers should fish small in-line spinners or 1-inch white or yellow curly tailed grubs near any available cover. Many farm ponds are simply gouged out bowls in the ground and have little to no fish holding cover. Simply cover water with these lures until a bluegill strikes.

In clear water, fish redworms near cover either on the bottom or suspended under a bobber, threaded on a No. 6 Aberdeen hook. Bottom fishing works best on bright days.

The new soft baits designed for panfish that broadcast scent work extremely well fished on the bottom or to tip a 1/32-ounce yellow feather jig fished near cover and suspended under a bobber.

Prolific breeders, keeping and eating bluegill benefits the pond or small lake and provides a tasty, nutritious meal as well.

Channel catfish move toward the shallow flats of the upper end of a farm pond or small coves in the section farthest from the dam in a small lake during a March warm front. Rains that tint the water with runoff draw huge numbers of catfish into these spots, gorging on worms flushed into the pond or lake. Nightcrawlers threaded onto a 4/0 circle hook and bottom fished in these areas can lead to some of the fastest catfish action of the year. Dead minnows, chicken livers or commercial prepared stink baits all work for channels in small lakes and farm ponds in murky water or clear.

The warm winds of March are here. Forgo the big lake and hit a small lake or farm pond instead. Remember, the new fishing license year began March 1 and you must now purchase a new one before fishing in 2016.

Author Lee McClellan is a nationally award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine.

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Forest Service increases watch for illegal taking of slippery elm bark

Over the past several years, the market for medicinal herbs has been on the rise. One of the products in demand is the bark from slippery elm trees (*Ulmus rubra*).

The inner layer of slippery elm bark contains a gel-like substance that is presumed to be a soothing agent for sore throat, gastrointestinal problems, and skin irritations.

"Each year, we have seen a steady increase in the number of slippery elm trees being stripped of their bark," said Forest Botanist David Taylor with the Daniel Boone National Forest.

"For these trees, it's a death sentence. The trees die within a year once their bark has been removed, since the inner layer of the bark provides for the flow of nutrients that sustain the tree."

The taking of slippery elm bark from trees on national forest land is illegal. Under the 36 Code of Federal Regulations, "removing any timber, tree or

other forest product, except as authorized by a special-use authorization, timber sale contract, or Federal law or regulation" is prohibited (36 CFR, Section 261.6h).

"The theft of natural resources from national forest lands can lead to a species' demise," added Taylor.

"As an example, ginseng has been illegally removed from public lands in the eastern United States for decades, causing serious decline and even extirpation of this plant in some forest areas."

Other forest products commonly removed from national forest lands include timber, mosses and lichens, wildflowers and rocks. None of these resources can be taken without a permit.

To help prevent the illegal taking of natural resources on national forest lands, the public is encouraged to report the theft of forest products by calling 859.745.3100.

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"Bees"

(Continued from front) suggests that anyone who sees a swarm of bees, call them immediately. "We are offering this as a free community service. People should call us. We know how to take care of bees and can move them to a safe place where the bees will be

happy, happy, happy," said Brock. In association with the national and state bee keepers associations, similar groups are forming across the country and Brock and Faulkner are doing their part for the local bees.

"Albert Einstein said that when the honey bees all die out, humans will follow in four years. And they are dying out every year now," said Brock. Anyone who see a swarm of bees in the wild or in a building, should call

Brock at (606) 386-1890 or Faulkner at (606) 758-8635 or email at cdougbrock@hotmail.com.

Someone will come to the bee hive and remove them free of charge. Brock and Faulkner each

completed the Biannual Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Association class in Beekeeping in 2015.

"Inmate"

(Continued from front) to participate in the local work-release program. "Most inmates want to participate in that because it's a chance to get outside," said McClure. The local detention center has 10 cells of differing sizes. Some cells hold up to 20 inmates while the smaller cells hold only two. Which prisoner is lodged in which cell is determined by illness and whether the prisoner could be a danger to himself or others.

There is also a suicide watch room where a single inmate may be kept and monitored throughout the day. There are also unscheduled, surprise inspections occasionally of the cells for the protection of the inmates. In fact, McClure sometimes enlists the help of the Mount Vernon Police Department K-9 unit to search each cell for contraband. While McClure and his

assistants work hard to keep his prisoners safe, he maintains a discipline and regiment during rehabilitation. "There's a delicate balance here between taking care of our inmates and protecting their safety and providing for real needs while not making it a pleasant place to be," said McClure. "Jail is not supposed to be a motel room with room service. It has to be a place where people do not want to go."

"Robbery"

(Continued from front) only to find there was no way into the pharmaceutical area from that office. Finally, the intruder used the iron bar to break the roll-up window and then crawl over the counter. According to pharmacist Howard Saylor, drugs were taken that are valued at several thousand dollar but the inventory is not complete and a list of everything stolen has not been finished. Collins said there have been several attempted break-ins at the local pharmacy but none had been successful until now. According to Rockcastle County sheriff's deputy Brandon McIntosh, an unidentified woman driving a blue Pontiac was seen by witnesses driving by the pharmacy just as the burglar was finished to pick up the intruder. According to McIntosh, the car was seen heading towards Highway 1505 after the burglary and only mo-

ments before McIntosh arrived at the scene. "These people know there are no police in Brodhead and they have to come from Mount Vernon. They know they have plenty of time. Especially if they have someone sitting on Highway 150 watching for the police to show up," said Collins. McIntosh said there are no leads as to the perpetrators at this time but the investigation is underway. "We are looking for a white male about 5-10 with a medium build and a woman. We are getting descriptions from witnesses," said McIntosh. Collins said he is gathering information as well. "We are getting descriptions and information all the time. But all I want is a name," he said. "Then I'll take care of it." Collins said there was a considerable amount of damage to the building and

he plans to install steel bars on every window and door.

"Meth"

(Continued from front) Upon serving a warrant on Jack Coleman, 30, of Mount Vernon, a search of Coleman and his vehicle, turned up meth and other drugs, including Suboxone, and around \$700 cash. Coleman was charged with Trafficking a Controlled Substance first degree/first offense, Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd degree, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Resisting Arrest. Bond had not been set at press

time. While on a domestic Violence call, McIntosh said he spotted a bottle of pills in the home of Cecil Thacker, 48, of Mount Vernon. Upon a search of Thacker and the premises, officers discovered nearly 10 grams of meth, according to McIntosh. Thacker was arrested and charged with Assault 4th Degree, Trafficking a Controlled Substance, first

degree/first offense, Possession of a Controlled Substance first degree/first offense, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Tampering with Evidence. Bond was not set at press time. "We are making a difference in the drug problem in our community and we will

not stop," said McIntosh. Deputies expect more calls now that summer is approaching. "It never fails. As the temperature rises, we get more and more calls. The warmer a night is, the more calls we tend to get," he said. "And that time is getting closer."

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The Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Association (LCBA) held an area meeting open to the public last week. Pictured are from left: David E. Gilbert, President of the LCBA; C. Douglas Brock, member of the 2015 Beekeepers Class of LCBA which is a biannual bee school sponsored by the LCBA and member of LCBA; Dr. Tammy Horn Potter, Kentucky State Apiarist who started Coal Country Beeworks and works with coal companies to modify their reclamation with pollinator habitats; Audy Faulkner, member of LCBA and completed the 2015 Beekeepers Class; and Ray Tucker, Jr., a member of LCBA and the 2016 President of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association. (Photo by Tony Saylor)

"Book"

(Continued from front) the public is invited to attend. The book, *night garden*, was recently published by Old Cove press in Lexington, Kentucky and was Mullins' first novel.

Cards of Thanks

Gary Higgins, Sr.

The family of Gary Higgins, Sr. would like to thank Dowell and Martin for going above and beyond as always. A special thank you to Bro. Gary Reppert for his words and Rhonda McFerron for sharing her beautiful voice in song.

Also a special thank you to each and everyone who cooked, sent cards, phoned, prayed for us or any other gesture of kindness. We deeply appreciate each and everyone of you and all you have done.

Words cannot express how thankful we are to all of you. Tina, Kenny, Debbie, Teresa & family

Phillip (Pete) Gene Lark

The family of Phillip (Pete) Gene Lark would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, and condolences that were received. We would also like to thank Owens Funeral Home for the great service and kindness that was given. Also we would love to thank B.J. Bradley and Jon Burdette for the wonderful message.

We sincerely thank you, The family of Phillip (Pete) Gene Lark, Jr.

Cemetery Notices

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

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Tract 4 is 9.4 acres and is primarily pastureland with an abundance of road frontage along East Fork Rd. There is a creek for stock water.
Tract 5 is the largest of the tracts being 26.1 acres, most of which is cleared pasture & crop land. This tract has over 560 feet of frontage along Hwy 1249 and has city water.
This tract is improved with a frame house that has living room, kitchen/utility combination, dining room, 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. The house has fuel oil furnace, masonite siding, metal roof, carpet, hardwood in the dining room & vinyl in the kitchen.
In addition to the house, this tract has a barn & storage building.
Tract 6 has 10.3 acres that is mostly pastureland. It has over 980 feet of road frontage along Hwy 1249. City water is available.
Auctioneer's Note: Here is a rare opportunity to purchase a small tract with a few acres or the entire 68 plus acre farm at your own price conveniently located close to town. This will be a multi-par auction giving you the opportunity to buy any single tract or a combination of tracts.
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Livingston Spring Clean-up is success

Two volunteer groups lend a hand

The outdoor activity season is now upon us and Livingston is getting ready to greet people that want to bike, hike, canoe, tube, horseback ride, cave and rock climb. ASPI (Appalachian Science in the Public Interest) our close partner in trail development and instructor about gardening - Grow Appalachia sponsored two groups of volunteers from New York State University of Fredonia. Tish Weaver of ASPI scheduled them to work in Livingston two days.

Lynn Tatum of The Rockcastle County Development

Board organized materials and tools for several projects in Livingston Trail Town. On March 22nd the first team tackled painting the shelter behind City Hall which will become another outdoor Space2Create in the near future. They also installed a sign post for a new trail "The Boils". The second group spent the day clearing The Boils Trail, pulling weeds at the trailhead, sweeping debris up around the school and gymnasium. Both groups worked to install a new message center at the trailhead which will

display a revised map that shows our new Fish Point trailhead and The Boils trail.

Service learning volunteer organizations like to send their people not only to help communities but also to learn from their service work.

The students were given a tour of the school, gymnasium and future playground area and we explained how we are working to make Livingston a tourist destination. The students were very interested in our Trail Town efforts and pleased to help us ready for the new season.



Students from New York State University of Fredonia.

I-75 widening funding included in HB 304

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative

As we close in on the final week of the 2016 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, myself and my colleagues are working day and night to finish up business and turning on our focus on passing a timely and fiscally responsible budget.

The best news to come out of Frankfort in the last few days concerns a part of the transportation bill. I am proud that HB 304 included funding for a project that is critical to Rockcastle County. As you know, I-75 has been a frequent source of trouble, with weather-related accidents (and others) often causing mass traffic issues. I've worked with Governor Bevin, Senator Carpenter, and the House Leadership to secure funding to widen I-75 to include more lanes. This project, upon completion, will better serve the many people in my district who travel on the interstate each and every day.

Making a trip to help me during the last full week of session was Laurel Yates and Jordyn Pennington, two outstanding students who both did a terrific job serving as pages on the House Floor. Laurel Yates' mother, Amy, brought her to the Capitol. Jordyn's great-aunt, Regina Burton, and her grandmother, Jeleta Bradshaw, made the trip with Jordyn.

The budget is at the forefront of the legislative conversation at the moment. In addition to it, we are working hard to get some more good bills through the legislative process, which we hope will ultimately end with the Governor's signa-

ture of approval. There are bills it is also important to stop.

One bill that needs to be passed focuses on two of the most important issues facing the Commonwealth: Our broken pension systems, and transparency in government. Senate Bill 45 would be a good first start to confront both of these issues. This legislation would open up the pensions of legislators to public disclosure, giving taxpayers a look into the sometimes lucrative retirement benefits that members of the General Assembly receive. This bill has already passed the Senate unanimously, with complete bipartisan support, and passed through the House State Government Committee. While multiple members of the majority party cast nay votes on this common sense bill, it was still able to go through with bipartisan support. We are still holding out hope that Democratic Leadership will allow a full vote on this bill, which truly represents the principles of transparency and accountability.

I was pleased to support legislation supporting our teachers and retired teachers. HB 1 pledges a commitment to funding the retirement benefits of our teachers. Knowing how vital teachers are in building our communities and ensuring the best future possible for our children is why I voted for HB 1.

We debated two pieces of legislation that I vehemently oppose: House Bills 5 and 6. Both of these bills would expand Obamacare in Kentucky, a law that has reduced choices on the insurance market and driven up costs for Kentucky families. While they both passed, they stand no chance of passage in the Republican Senate and would also be ve-

toed by Governor Bevin.

One bill that passed the House this week on a bipartisan basis is the so called "DUI lookback" bill. SB 56, which is now headed to the Governor's desk, expands the look-back window for prior drunk driving offenses from five years to 10 years, for sentencing purposes. This bill would put into place additional deterrents to prevent those who drive recklessly from harming our children and families, a principle that rises above partisan politics.

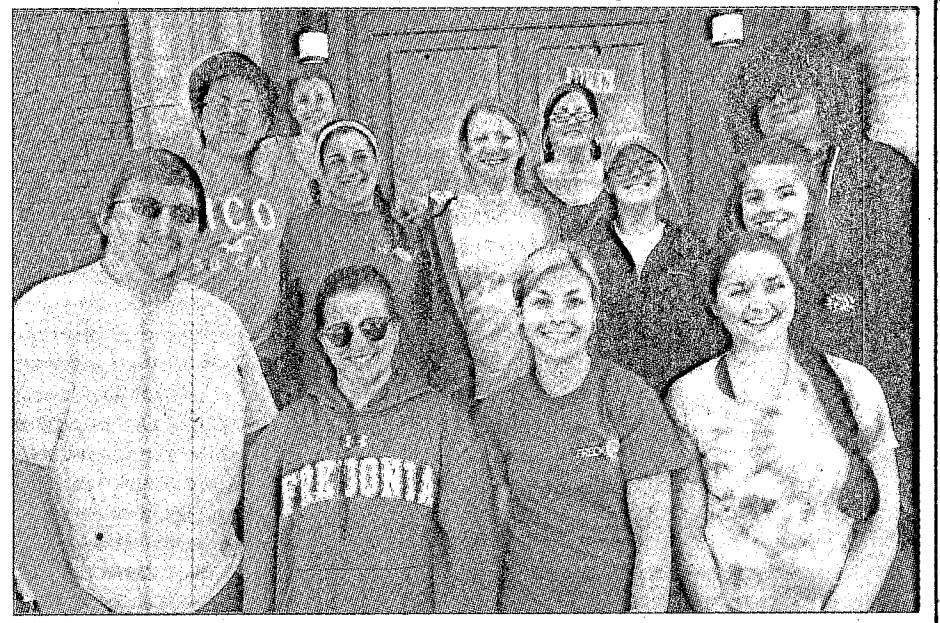
I was very disappointed by the judicial branch budget that passed the House and continues to make its way through the legislative process. Hampering an equal branch of government in such a severe fashion is irresponsible. I opposed the judicial budget and believe reversing the cuts should be a priority in budget negotiations.

The Senate passed an executive branch budget which strongly concurs in many ways with Governor Bevin's proposed budget. While there are some differences, their budget commits to the conservative principles of fiscal responsibility, long-term budgeting, and protecting the most vulnerable among us while still cutting waste and abuse in government. Since there are such serious disagreements among the House and Senate, leadership of both bodies are meeting daily in Conference Committee, in order to hammer out a compromise budget to send on to the Governor.

Let me know your comments and concerns on issues facing our Commonwealth during the 2016 Regular Session at:

1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via email at

Jonathan.Shell@rc.ky.gov.



Unfunded pension system is priority in Senate Budget

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

Addressing Kentucky's underfunded pension systems was the top priority in the Senate's version of House Bill (HB) 303, the state's two-year budget, which passed the Kentucky Senate on March 23.

One major difference between the Senate's budget and the House's budget they passed last week is structural balance. That means that our budget does not use one-time funds to pay for recurring expenses. We are also dedicating more funding to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS), in addition to more funding for the Kentucky Retirement Systems' (KRS) nonhazardous fund than both the Governor and House combined.

We are dedicated to funding our pension systems, especially to that of KRS, which is dangerously underfunded. Unlike the House, we are setting aside \$250 million for a permanent fund. Of that permanent fund, \$3 million would

be used to commission an external performance audit of the KTRS while holding the remaining \$247 million to address the pensions upon completion of the audit. In total, 100 percent of the permanent fund will be used to address the pension crisis once the audit, which will be used to identify areas of failure in the system, is completed.

The Senate budget also provides \$372.5 million for the Budget Reserve Trust Fund, which is the highest amount in the Commonwealth's history. This fund provides for unexpected expenses such as natural disasters, SEEK reductions, economic development, and other such events.

One of our main goals in this budget is to cut our state's long-term debt. By moving forward with certain budget reductions and reducing bond use in project payments, we hope we can reduce the strain on our children's financial situation in years to come.

While debating the budget, we also passed a number of bills through the Senate this week:

• Senate Bill (SB) 299 is a proposed constitutional

amendment that would give the Kentucky General Assembly, if approved by Kentucky voters, the ability to set parameters to allow people convicted of certain low-level felonies the right to vote. This amendment would be put on the ballot in November in order to give the citizens of Kentucky the right to decide.

• House Bill (HB) 38 would establish regulations for ziplines, a growing attraction across our state, in order to create universal safety standards for the popular pastime.

• SB 256, relating to military service, would allow for any high school student participating in basic training required by a branch of the United States Armed Forces to be considered present for all purposes for up to ten days.

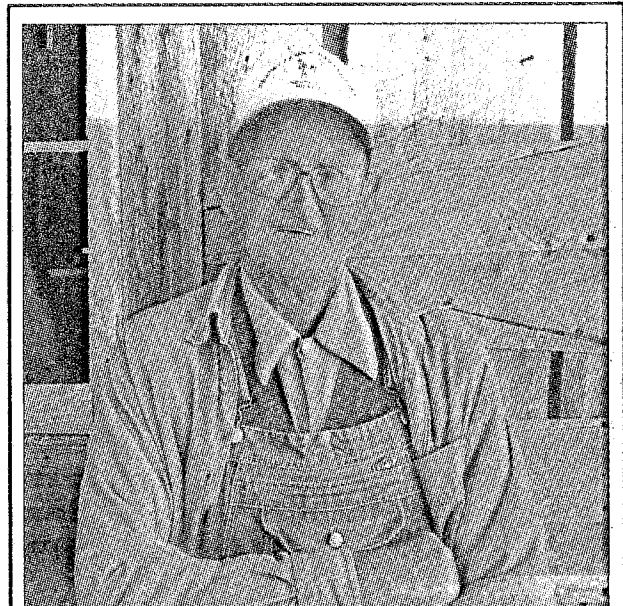
• SB 245, also known as the "real ID" law, would align Kentucky with federal identification laws. This bill would give Kentuckians the option to attain a federally-approved Kentucky driver's license that could be used for domestic air travel; current Kentucky driver's licenses will no longer be a

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Leadership Rockcastle 2016 Class begins program...

This group makes the 13th consecutive Leadership Rockcastle class and the kick-off was a trip to Frankfort to visit with officials and tour the State Capitol. Both representatives, State Senator Jared Carpenter and House Representative Jonathon Shell met the group upon arrival and took time to speak to the members. Later in the day, since they were both in session, Leadership Rockcastle had gallery passes and was recognized by both houses. During lunch they met with Regina Stivers who was recently appointed as Deputy Secretary of KY Tourism Heritage Arts. This year the class includes from left: Lynn Tatum, facilitator; Mary Gregory; Joe Rush; House Representative Jonathon Shell (gave tour of House floor); Rebecca Payne; Hazel Jackson; Chere Swinney; Frank Baker; Adam Stallsworth; Calvin Meece. Not pictured: Carrie Mullins, Sharon Heath and Lyn Femrite.



Happy 100th Birthday

Joe Abney

Born April 3, 1916

Cards welcomed

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

World Finance Corporation v. Lisa Mink, \$2,169.72 plus claimed due.

World Finance Corporation v. Antonia Michelle Weaver, \$3,238.76 plus claimed due.

World Finance Corporation v. Shaun Anderson, \$3,576.20 plus claimed due.

Unifund CCR, LLC v. Michael D. Lear, \$2,444.47 claimed due.

Valley View Apartments v. Whitney Whitaker, forcible detainer complaint.

Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Andrew J. Ashton, \$4,283.46 plus claimed due. C-45

Deeds Recorded

Roy and Pamela Martin, real property located on Owens St., to Connie S. Hunt. Tax \$47.50

Waylon and Melissa Mink, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stephen Mink. No tax

Robert L. and Dorothy J. Shepard, real property located on Little Clear Creek Rd., to Charlie and Patricia Tackett. Tax \$19.00

Roger and Rebecca Isaacs, real property located in Sunset Place Subdivision, to Roger and Rebecca Isaacs and William L. and Barbara S. Fain. No tax

Deborah Newland, real property located in Rockcastle County, to John Jay and Carol Ann DeBoard. Tax \$1.00

Glenn and Retha Thompson, real property lo-

cated on West Main St., to Matthew and Holly Bryant. Tax \$139.00

Circuit Civil Suits

Gregory Scott Durham v. Amy Lynn Fryer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ally Bank v. Jeffrey T. Gooch, \$19,853.30 plus claimed due.

Lendmark Financial Services LLC v. David Acridge, \$5,684.57 claimed due.

Adam Daugherty v. Desiree Fitzpatrick, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Lacey M. Damrell-Garrison, complaint for child support and medical support.

Citizens Bank v. Lola Harrison Asher, et al, \$16,895.81 plus claimed due. CI-78

Marriage Licenses

Amanda Lee Martin, 25, Brodhead, unemployed, to **Eddie Griffin, Jr.**, 30, Brodhead, Kentucky Auto.

Tonya Denise Branscum, 46, Brodhead, banker, to **Tommy Wayne Adams**, 48, Brodhead, framer.

Tammi Diann Petre, 50,

District Court

March 9, 2016
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Nathan Gadd: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 365 days/probated 24

months on condition/no violation; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition/no violation, concurrent; criminal trespassing-3rd degree, \$50 fine/plus costs.

Jacob E. Jasper: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, \$500 fine/suspended \$400 on condition/comply with Future Hope 24 mos./plus costs; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition/no violation.

Christopher S. Jones: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days/concurrent/plus costs.

Gregory Austin Phelps: speeding, \$20 fine/plus costs/converted to 4 days in jail; driving on suspended license, 5 days in jail/concurrent.

March 14, 2016
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Bertie Abney: fines/fees due (\$198) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Steven B. Ashworth: fines/fees due (\$168) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua D. Bengé: fines/fees due (\$143) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Tonya M. Bosley: fines/fees due (\$286) bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Mark E. Bradley: fines/fees due (\$668) bw issued for fta/14 days in jail or full payment.

Robert G. Brown: fines/fees due (\$183) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

John Bullock: fines/fees due (\$168) bw issued

for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Ashley Bussell: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Ashley D. Bussell: fines/fees due (\$308) bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or full payment.

Joseph Cameron: fines/fees due (\$138) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Greg S. Damrell: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition/no violation/no contact with city park/concurrent/plus costs.

Angela R. Daugherty: fines/fees due (\$143) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Travis A. Debord: fines/fees due (\$463) bw issued for fta/10 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua L. Dooley: fines/fees due (\$108) bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua L. Fetters: fines/fees due (\$718) bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or full payment.

Christian Florez: fines/fees due (\$193) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Carolyn Jean Foley: no operators/moped license, license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Derrick J. French: fines/fees due (\$168) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Derrick J. French: fines/fees due (\$268) bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Billy R. Gadd: fines/fees due (\$288) bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Jennifer Sue Glovak: operating motor vehicle under/influence of alcohol/drugs, 1st offense, \$200 fine/\$375 service fee/plus costs/license suspended 30 days/ADE.

John Houk: fines/fees due (\$173) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Kayla A. Johnson: public intoxication controlled subs, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, promoting contraband-2nd degree, bw issued.

Robert C. Kelley: fines/fees due (\$179) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Robert F. Kidwell: fines/fees due (\$643) con-

vert to 14 days to serve in lieu of fines/costs.

Speeding: Johnny F. Meadows: \$30 fine; no/expired registration receipt, \$25 fine/plus costs; **Kelly Dean Whitaker**: \$25 fine/plus costs; **Kelsi Anne Begunch**: fta/license suspended; **Gary W. Lewis**: fta/license suspended; **Donald Richardson**: fta/license suspended;

Kevin Joseph Mink: fines/fees due (\$143) bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment.

Matthew E. Partin: speeding, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jacob R. Pearson: fines/fees due (\$218) bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

David A. Robbins: no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.

Triston Cole Robinson: fines/fees due (\$173) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Jeremy R. Salyers: fines/fees due (\$169) bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Jason E. Smith: fines/fees due (\$233) bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

Amanda M. Stahl: rear license not illuminated, failure to produce insurance card, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Trans., bw issued for fta.

John B. Stamper: no/expired Kentucky registration plates, no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, failure to produce insurance card, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Trans., bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Vernon L. Wilson: TBUT or Disp Shoplifting, 60 days/probated 24 months on condition/no contact with Family Dollar/plus costs.

Christopher M. Wright: speeding, failure to wear seatbelts, bw issued for fta/1 day in jail or full payment.

Douglas E. Crawford: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg. Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Matthew H. Decker: failure to wear seatbelts, part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, fta/license suspended.

Darling A. Murphy: part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, bw issued for fta.

William N. Vanwinkle: failure to wear seatbelts, fta/license suspended.

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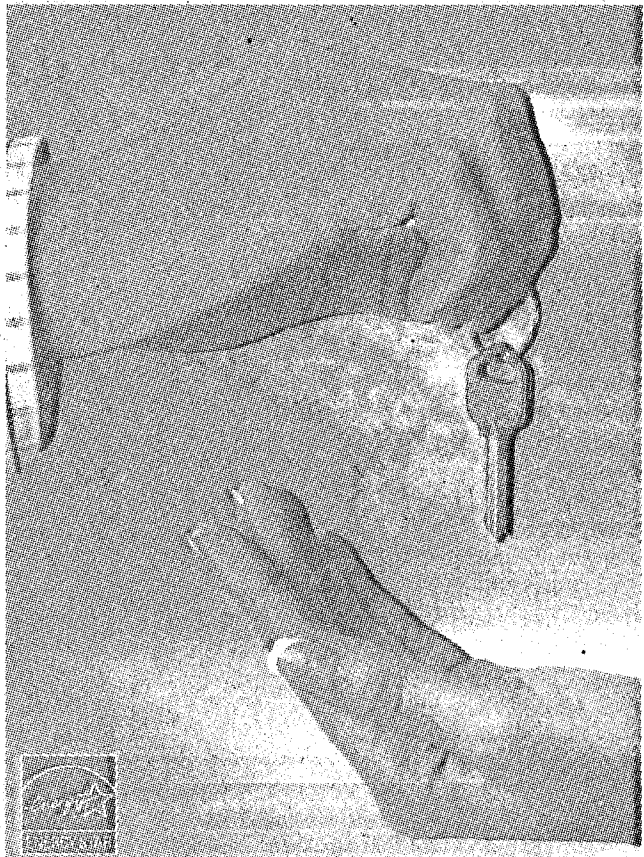
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The Rockcastle Animal Shelter, along with the Fiscal Court is proud to announce that we will be conducting a lottery drawing for FREE SPAY/NEUTERS to be performed at the Rockcastle Veterinary Clinic!!! To be eligible to enter the drawing you must first be a resident of Rockcastle County. Second, you must bring your drivers license to the shelter during our normal operating hours (7a.m. till 3p.m. Monday-Friday) and fill out a ticket with your information and the pets information that you desire to have spay/neutered. NOTE, ONLY 1 PET PER PERSON MAY BE ENTERED FOR THE DRAWING.

The deadline to enter for the drawing will be at noon on April 6th, 2016, at which time the drawing will be conducted and the winners will be notified by phone call. If you have any questions you may contact the shelter @ 606-256-1833. GOOD LUCK and remember, only you as pet owners can prevent the problem of pet overpopulation.

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4-H Sewing Project participants from Roundstone Elementary School. Pictured are front from left: Abby Burdette, Kamryn Hall, Ashleigh Abney, MaKenzie Crain, Morgan Crain and Briely Fowler. Second row from left: Kalice Collins, Makayla Coffey, Corey Coleman, Katie Denham, Hannah Robinson and Destiny Bullen. Back row from left: Marlana Miller, Haley Sanders, Abby Owens, Brooke Abney, Hayden Bullens, Avery Bullock, and Hayden Philbeck.



Students Compete at Kentucky HOSA Conference

On March 17th 6 HOSA members from the Rockcastle Area Technology Center traveled to Louisville Kentucky for the 2016 Kentucky HOSA Conference. These highly motivated students competed in leadership and skill competitions. Senior Caitlyn Whitt competed in nursing assistant, Juniors Jaiden Barnes, Chelsea Barnett, Abby Bray, and Arie-Anna Lawson competed in HOSA bowl and placed 2nd out of 15 teams, and Sophomore Joy Frith competed in research persuasive speaking.

Health Science instructor Rhonda Childress is very proud of these members for their hard work, as well as, their professionalism displayed during the 2 day convention. She would also like to thank Darrell Allen for organizing the transportation for the group. The HOSA Bowl team will have the opportunity to compete at the National HOSA Conference in Nashville Tennessee in June 2016.

Minds in the Middle

Thanks so much to all of the parents who attended Parent Teacher conferences last Thursday!

The Scholastic Book Fair will continue through April 1st in the Media Center.

Congratulations to our recent kind kids of the week: Thomas Ligon, Madison Bryant, Noah Brock, Jaclynn Chadwell, Rachael Reed, Nichole Griffin, Sebastian Tulanko, Tyler Howard, Halee Burdette, J.J. Clouse, Savanna Sweet, Leann Tankersley, Caitlin Long, Kyle Coffey and Camden Mink.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stewart's 6th grade Voyagers homeroom on winning the attendance race for the

Poynter takes National honors

Anna Poynter competed in the International Public Debate Association, IPDA, National Tournament March 5th - 7th in San Diego, California.

She competed as a first year student on the Junior Varsity team at the University of the Columbians in Williamsburg.

Poynter received the honor of National Champion in her division.

The team won the Quality Award-Division 2 and National Debate Champs.

Anna is a 2015 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

TriCounty Conquer 5K

Cumberland River Victims Services will be hosting the 5th annual TriCounty Conquer 5K on Saturday, April 16th, at the Engineer Street Bridge Gazebo in Corbin.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K will begin at 9 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to walk or run to help raise awareness for victims and survivors of sexual assault.

Door prizes to follow the 5K. Registration forms are available on the Cumberland River Victims Services FB page, online at signmeup.com/11135 or by calling 528-5286. Early registration deadline is April 9th.

second week in a row. Coming in second place was Mrs. Little's 6th grade Enterprisers and in third place was Mrs. Hopkins' 7th grade Adventurers. 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.

Any 7th or 8th grader interested in trying out for the RCHS cheerleading squad needs to pick up a tryout packet in the front office. Try-outs are scheduled for April 4th-8th at the high school. All required materials must be turned into Coach Tara at RCHS no later than the first day of clinics. Please let her know if you are unable to attend the clinics.

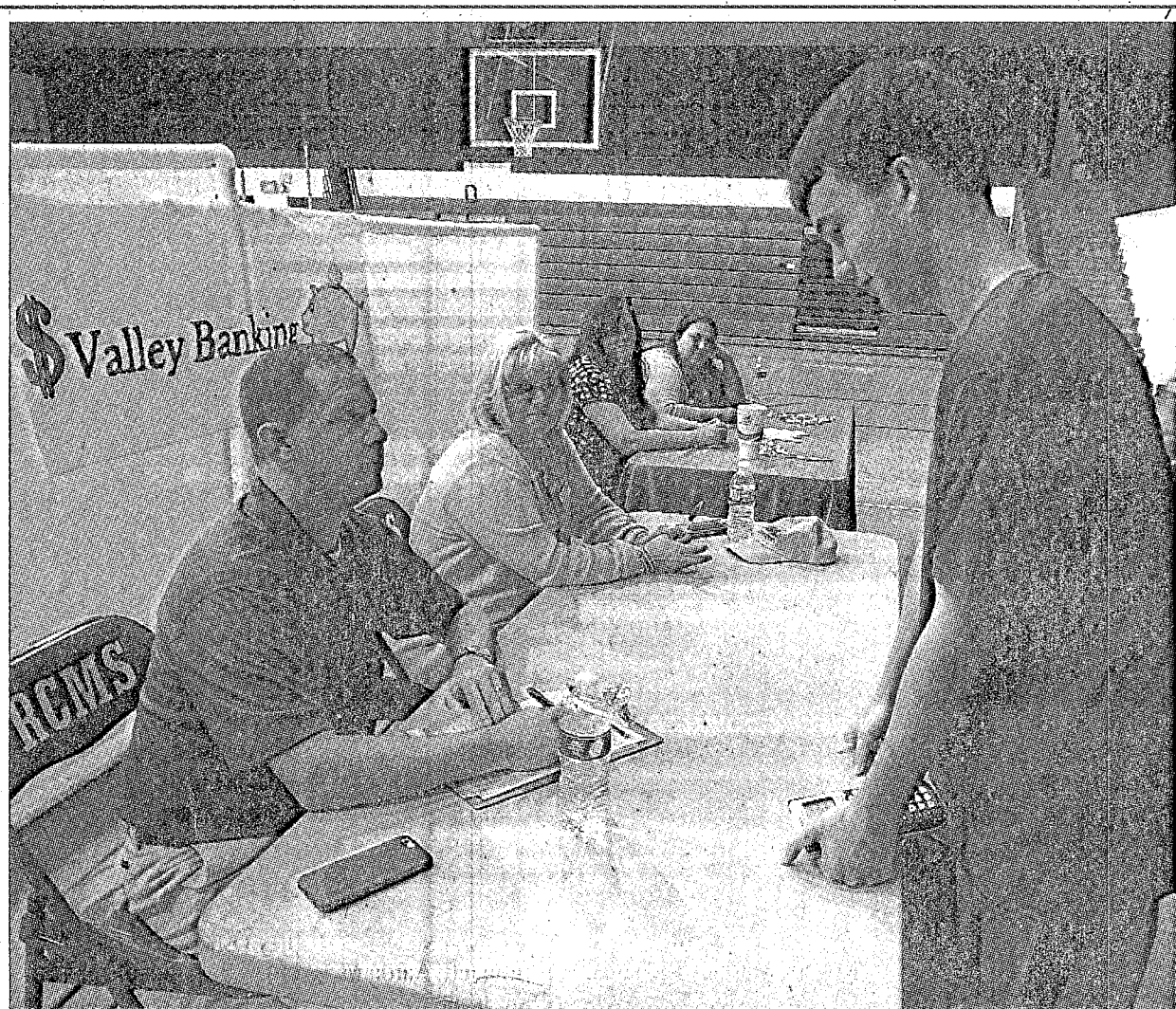
Time is running out to order your yearbook. The cost is \$35. Additional forms are available in the office if needed.

The 4-H Talent Show will be at MVES on April 7th. Students can contact the County Extension office for more information.

Congratulations to the Academic Team for their showing at yesterday's Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville. The Quick Recall team won two tournament matches and made it to third round where they were ranked in the top 16 teams in the state before they lost to Gray Middle School from Northern Kentucky. The following students placed in written assessments making their final ranks some of the highest overall in the state: Aden Amburgey placed 20th in Arts and Humanities. Kristen Taylor placed 22nd in Language Arts. Drew Bullock placed 12th in Social Studies. Ellie Robinson placed 30th in Arts and Humanities. Jonathan Cain placed 14th in Science. Brexton Cromer placed 20th in Social Studies.

Congratulations to members of the RCMS Band who performed with the RCHS Concert Band at the KMEA District Concert Band Assessment Festival on Tuesday. The band scored an overall rating of proficient as well as earning

a distinguished rating in sight reading. RCMS members who performed include Lizzie Dixon, Allie Pheanis, J.J. Clouse, Katherine Coffey, Andrew Didelot, Shelbie Baker, Chandler Batchelor, and Nora Pulliam.



RCMS 8th graders participated in Dollars & Sense Day last Tuesday. John Adams and Joan Edgington from Citizens Bank helped Joseph Frith set up a bank account. Ashley Reynolds and Sandy Durham from Community Trust were also available to help students with their banking needs. Thanks to Citizens Bank for providing lunch for the volunteers and to Community Trust for providing breakfast. Jenny Ellis prepared the fabulous lunch.

ATTENTION:

The following is an invitation to bid on the harvesting of the hay from the property belonging to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) located on Hwy. 2549 known as Rockcastle County Business Park South for the years 2016-2018. The subject property is approximately 70 acres. The contract will be awarded to the highest per acre bidder (based on 70 acres). The contract for the hay is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The hay must be cut a minimum of 2 times-once in the Spring and once in the Fall each year
2. Once the hay is cut it must be moved from the field within 2 weeks (weather permitting)
3. Any area that cannot be mowed for hay, must be bush hogged a minimum of 2 times-once in the spring and once in the Fall
4. No member or direct family member of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority or the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is eligible to bid on the contract
5. In the event the RCIDA sells a portion of the property to an industrial prospect in the middle of the contract, the person awarded the contract would be refunded monies on a pro-rata basis. Example: the person awarded the contract bids \$1 per acre and has paid the RCIDA \$70 and hasn't cut the hay yet. The RCIDA sells 10 acres, the person awarded the contract would be refunded \$10 or if the hay had been cut once the person would be refunded half of the pro rata amount or in the case of this example \$5.
6. All expenses incurred by the successful bidder on the property, i.e. fertilize, etc., are done so at the successful bidders own risk. None of these expenses will be reimbursed by the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority under any circumstances.
7. The successful bidder will be required to pay the contract amount in full by May 1st of each year during the 3 year term.
8. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted.
9. All bid sheets should be sealed in an envelope and returned to Attention: HAY BID--Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority at the Rockcastle County Judge Executive's office on the second floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse by 11:00 a.m. Monday April 4, 2016. Bid sheets should be returned in person.
10. The bids will be opened at approximately 12:00 p.m. Monday April 4, 2016. The successful bidder will be notified via contact information provided below.
11. In the event that the successful bidder becomes in default of one of the above mentioned terms and conditions at any time during the term of this contract, the contract will be taken from that person and awarded to the next highest bidder.
12. The bid should be made for one year and then that amount will be required by May 1st each of the 3 years of the term.

I _____, agree to all of the terms and conditions
(Print name)
listed above and I bid and agree to pay \$ _____ per acre for the 70 acres of hay.

Signature _____ Date _____
Phone Number _____ Address _____

****This bid sheet must be completed and returned by 11:00 a.m. April 4, 2016. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted. The RCIDA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to choose the bid that is most advantageous to the RCIDA.**

RCHS

SBDM Parent-Member Elections

Attention All RCHS Parents!

It is time to elect parent representatives to serve on the RCMS SBDM Council.

The council is a chance to learn about our school, work closely with teachers and help make our school even more successful than it is now.

The parents members are elected by parents.

They receive training and will serve from July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017. The parent election will be held on May 3, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the RCHS Library.

Submit your nomination in writing, signed, to the principal by 3:00 p.m. April 15, 2016.

I nominate _____ to serve as a Parent Member of the Rockcastle County High School SBDM Council for the 2016-2017 School Year.

Signed: _____

Anyone who is the parent/guardian of a child who will be enrolled in Rockcastle County High School for the 2016-2017 school year is eligible to serve on the council or to nominate someone to serve on the council.

Parent members of the council cannot be relatives of Rockcastle County High School staff members.

Forms may also be picked up at the high school.

RCMS Honor Roll...

Enterprisers - John Asher, Jesse Bradley, Ashley Brenda, Laney Bryant, Makayla Bullock, Caleb Cameron, Heather Carroll, Heaven Clines, Bailey Cromer, Kenya Cromer, Natalee Dillingham, Alexis Elam, Ethan Fain, Noah Fain, Kristen Fletcher, Travis Flint, Granville Graves, Alyssa Hacker, Emma Hackworth, Keira Hodgins, Hannah Isaacs, Katelyn Johnson, Katline King, Jetta Lear, Bobbi Lovell, Reina Lykins, Jailey Martin, Maggie Mason, Lazarus McClure, Anna McCoy, Azlynn McFerron, Elizabeth Mikeworth, Mallory Morgan, Daniel Mullins, Jayden Nicely, Haylie Owens, Taryn Powell, Timothy Puckett, Gary Ramsey, Chelsea Roberts, Lindsey Robinson, Silas Shaffer, Seth Sizemore, Eric Sparks, Melanie Vanwinkle, Carson White, Taylor Whittemore, Hunter Zanet.

Voyagers - Destiny Adams, Joey Alcorn, Bryson Atkin, Kenny Ballinger, Chelsey Barnett, Sophie Begley, Caitlin Blanton, Kayli Blevins,

Brent Bradley, Caroline Brickley, Landen Broadus, Azlan Brock, Alexandra Burke, Mathew Chasteen, Riley Childress, Zachary Coffey, Reece Coguer, Ethan Cotton, Isaiah Dehart, Elizabeth Denny, Landon Dillingham, Kaidean Doan, Leann Doan, Allison Dunn, Olivia Fugate, Chance Gampfer, Brett Gardiner, Landon Gentry, Dalton Gibbs, Hannah Goff, Garrett Hamilton, Erin Hoover, Drew Hopkins, Natalie Long, Karalinn Loudermilk, Paige Lovell, Candace Mahaffey, Allison Martin, Keaton Martin, Kylie Martin, Emily Maupin, Dalton McGuire, Journey McGuire, Cindy Moore, Christian Moore, Madalyn Morgan, Joel Newcomb, Tanner Osborne, Courtney Payne, Gracie Payne, Thomas Ramsey, Lara Renner, Elizabeth Renner, Ellie Robinson, Blaine Rohrer, Courtney Rowe, David Russell, Jake Sanders, Darby Smith, Jamason Smith, Haley Thacker, Savannah Thacker, Devin Tillett, Natalie Tolle,

Samson Weaver, Patrick Webb.

Adventurers - Haley Allen, Sarah Allen, Alexis Brasher, Aliah Bray, Courtney Brown, Madison Bryant, Tristan Bullens, Alexa Bussell, Nick Chasteen, Riley Clark, Jacob Cook, Amy Cornelius, Callie Delph, Tyler Graves, Blake Halcomb, Erin Hindman, Lindsey Jones, Dalton Lefler, Aliyah Lopez, Jacob Mason, Chris McCoy, Madison McIntosh, Kerrigan Medley, Justin Mink, Makayla Pash, Gentry Phillips, Lena Pyland, Kyra Ramsey, Morgan Robinson, Elizabeth Ross, Hannah Ruppe, Micah Sparks, Sean Sweat, Aiden Thompson, Jenna Wells, Chris Whitehead.

Shooting Stars - Jacob Anglin, Jasmine Ashcraft, Jessalyn Burton, Kelsy Carlton, Audrey Childress, Allison Coffey, Karina

Coffey, Kyle Coffey, Casey Coleman, Bethany Cromer, Dillan Cromer, Bailee Deborde, Haley Dyer, Austin Eaton, Megan Ellis, Taylor Hall, Ashton Hansel, Jordan Harper, Faith Harris, Valerie Kendrick, Thomas Ligon, Alyssa Lunsford, Seth Lykins, Reece McGuire, Andrew Mink, Shawn Murphy, Hannah Neeley, Elisabeth Owens, Noah Parkey, Jacob Pennington-Lopez, Andrew Phillips, Erica Pigg, Connor Price, Delanie Reynolds, Taylor Sloat, Devona Smith, Laurel Yates, Madison Yates.

Challengers - Vashaun Alexander, Aden Amburgey, Riley Betsworth, Logan Bowman, Ashlyn Brock, Kaylee Brock, Aiden Cain, Aaron Clark, Amy Clark, Hope Clontz, Autumn Courtney, Jonas Cox, Carly Cromer, Rylee Denney, Joseph Frith, Grace Gardiner, Haley

Graves, Brandon Houk, Sadie Howard, Seth Hughes, Jacob Hunt, Andrew Hurt, Kelsey Isaacs, Tatum Isaacs, Dakota Kirby, Walker Lay, Callie Lewis, Elijah Miller, Logan Noel, Brianna Owens, Braden Parker, Heaven Pearson, David Peavie, Emily Ponder, Jaylon Ponder, Kaitlyn Santo, Reese Sherrow, Cassie Smith, Bryce Smith, Lebrana Sparks, Hannah Suffridge, Leann Tankersley, Bentley Taylor, David Thacker, Emilee Thomas, Trevor Todd, Alex Vanzant, Lydia Walker.

Comets - Hannah Abney, Bailey Allen, Elizabeth Barron, Selicity Broadus, Makayla Browning, Matthew Browning, Ravyn Bullens, Cameron Bullock, Drew Bullock, Logan Bullock, Selena Burdine, Kaleb Burns, Jonathan Cain, CJ Cameron, Jayden Carpenter, Jacklyn Chadwell, Dylan Chandler, Wesley

Clark, J.J. Clouse, Katherine Coffey, Brexton Cromer, Gracelyn Cromer, Andrew Didelot, Tori Dotson, Kylee Fain, Nichelle Ford, Noah Forrester, Valerie Franklin, Brylee Gill, Jalyne Goff, Nichole Griffin, Katelyn Helton, Kiaya Hensley, McKinnzie Himes, Jonah Hosier, Will Isaacs, Eva Jackson, Madison Jasper, Morgan Johnson, Shaketha Kates, Blayne Kelley, Caitlyn Long, Jacob Loudermilk, Daniel Mason, Holly Miller, Ashton Monk, Dawson Nicely, Gracelyn Owens, Dalton Pash, Eli Price, Jeriann Price, Colby Price, James Renner, Kaleigh Richards, Chase Roberts, Hayden Robinson, Justin Robinson, Devyn Seaberg, Katelyn Singleton, Jacklyn Stephens, Savanna Sweet, Zack Taylor, Josh Thacker, Angel Turner, Paige Waddles, Cynthia Wells, Tristan Winstead.

RES Honor Roll...

3rd - 9 weeks
K - Clark

Aaliyah Abney, Kylee Ashcraft, Cayden Durbin, Jason Durham, Bobby Hensley, Marrison Hester, Alyssa Howard, Taylor Jones, Leighton Jones, Matthew Moore, Deserae Northern, Beatrice Robinson, Danika Sizemore, Grace Williams.

K - Williams

Austin Baker, Jasper Bloom, Sallee Brehmer, Kortney Coy, Abby Dees, Katelyn Hagen, Evan Hayes, Kellan Kirby, Deus Newcomb, Nova Newcomb, Jasper Rogers, Lacey Seals, Kinley Shearer, Taylor Sizemore, Elizabeth Sturm.

1st - Atkin

Trinity Abney, Lydia Begley, Jordan Bradley, Nolan Bryant, Lidia Flores, Ryan Hoskins, Payton Lake, Aedan Owens, Logan Poynter, Alexis Reagan, Natalee Reed, Coleson Reppert, Arrahlyn Richards, Logan Saylor, Sophie Saylor, Jesseca Thomas.

1st - Noe

Noah Cain, Liam Carr, Madison Cromer, Ethan Kidwell, James Nagel, Sadie Osborne, Layne Poynter, Jaycee Ramey, Caleb Wilson, Chloe Wilson.

2nd - Craig

Joyce Brehmer, Jaydon Bowles, Katelyn Barron, Abby Didelot, Brianna Hensley, Hannah King, Ella McKinney, Samuel

Moore, Hunter Pingleton, Luke Poynter, Hunter Riddell, Samuel Rowland, Issac Turner.

2nd - Pensol

Julissa Alcorn, Nathan Alexander, Logan Bullock, Walker Craig, Steven Engle, Colin Hamilton, Ally Hayes, Emma McCoy, Jaden Melton, Cailee Mullins, Chance White.

3rd - McKinney

Jasmine Alcorn, Bethany Chasteen, Bailey Hensley, Makyla Hester, Kali Jones, Ayley McClure, Ison Newcomb, Carter Powell, Bryce Vance, Brandon Wright.

3rd - Peavie

Dalton Webb, Jace Rogers, Markley Richards, Gracie Peavie, Chloe Morris, Will Miller, Andrew Messinger, Haley McClure, Jaziley Lamb, Isaiah Kirby, Xander Bloom.

4th - Fairchild

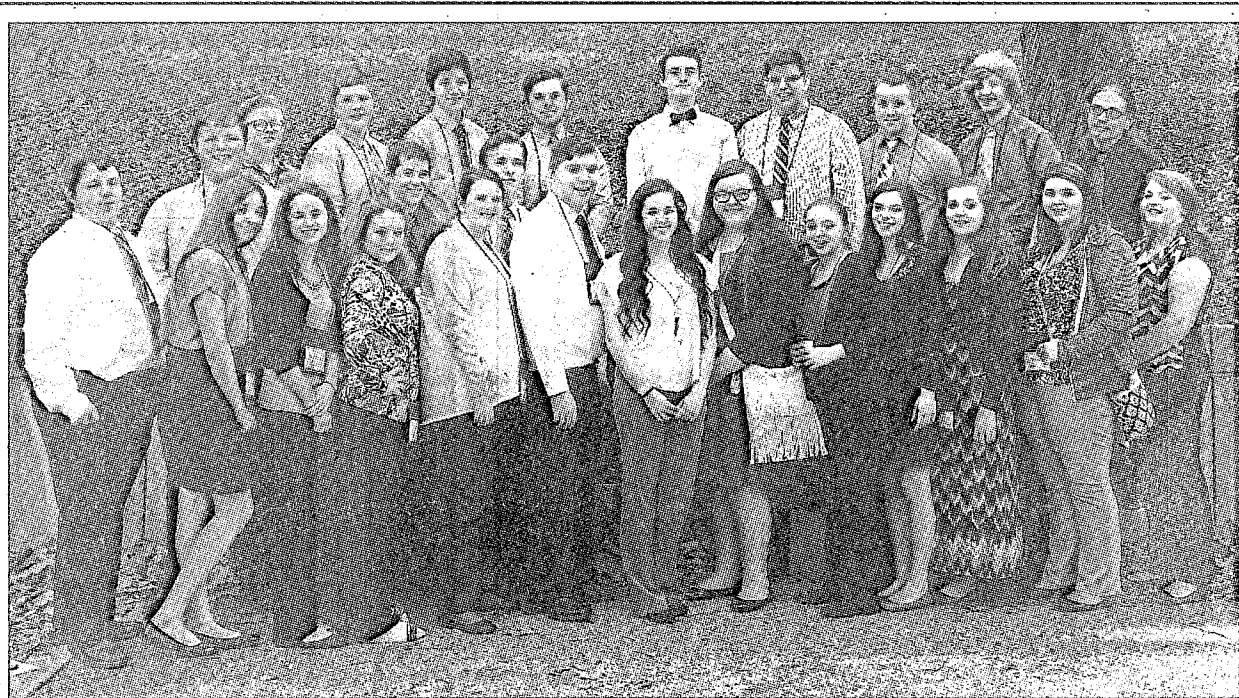
Destiny Bullen, Alison Bullock, Corey Coleman, Kelsey Coy, Kamryn Hall, Kylie Isaacs, Alexis Martin, Inan McFarland, Kamryn Medley, Hayden Philbeck, Emily Thacker.

5th - Hurst

Natalie Alexander, Dylan Brown, Evan Burdette, Ethan Chandler, Mackenzie Moore, Hannah Robinson.

5th - Woodall

Brooke Abney, Hayden Bullens, Avery Bullock, Kylee Burns, Destiny Webb, Daniel Wilson.



FBLA members attend regional competition at ECU

Submitted by: Kristen Day

On Thursday, March 10, members of the Rockcastle Chapter, Future Business Leaders of America attended the Region 6 competition on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. Six members placed at competition, Aaron McNabb, Brad Taylor and Zach Loudermilk placed second in sports management, Destiney Osborne placed second in FBLA Principal and Procedures, and Kristen Day and Austin Mills placed second in E-business. These members move on to state competition held in Louisville at the Galt House on April 18th through the 20th. Pictured from left are: Hannah Mullins, Caroline White, Tiffany King, Rebekah Hurley, Logan Jett, Brooke Castle, Madison Stewart, Destiney Osborne, Kristen Day, Sarah McGuire, Desirae Miller and Kristina Hayes. Second row from left: Aaron McNabb, Andrew Spoonamore and Ethan Vanzant. Back row from left: Laney Poynter, Bailey Taylor, Jesse Smith, Brad Taylor, Zach Loudermilk, Tyler Napier, Austin Mills, Jordan Chasteen and Calan Cromer.

Book signing planned for local writer

Writer Carrie Mullins of Rockcastle County will be holding a book signing event at the Amburgy & Rowe Law Office on Main Street in Mount Vernon. The event will be March 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. The book, *night garden*, was recently published by Old Cove press in Lexington, Kentucky and was Mullins' first novel.

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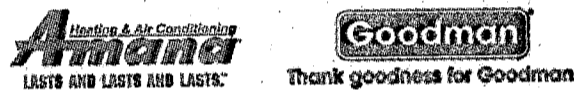
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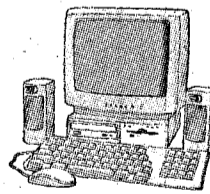
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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

NACHO CHEESE BALL
2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup salsa
2 tablespoons chopped parsley or cilantro
2 to 3 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons lemon juice
4 cups Mexican Blend shredded cheeses
Extra salsa for serving
Mix all ingredients except extra salsa. Let chill for 3 hours. Roll into a ball or mold into desired shape and place on large serving platter. Pour some salsa around the cheese mixture and serve with tortilla chips.
OR place cheese ball in a premade large taco salad tortilla bowl. Drizzle with salsa. Serve with chips.
OR make into bite size ap-

petizers by placing a teaspoon of cheese mixture on a tortilla. Put a small amount of salsa on each and serve.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL
2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, at room temperature
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
1 teaspoon milk or pineapple juice
1 small can crushed pineapple, well drained
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 cup chopped green onion
Chopped pecans or walnuts
Assorted crackers
Mix all ingredients except nuts and crackers. Divide into two balls. Wrap each

in plastic wrap and place in refrigerator. When ready to serve, roll each ball in the chopped nuts to cover. Serve with assorted crackers.

APRICOT KIELBASA SLICES

This is a good recipe to make ahead for a party. An hour before serving, put into crock pot, turn on high to reheat. Serve in crock pot. 1 pound fully cooked kielbasa or Polish sausage, 1/4 inch slices
1 jar (12 ounces) apricot preserves
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
In a large skillet, brown sausage; drain and set aside. Add the remaining ingredients to skillet; cook over low heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Return sausage to pan; cook for 5 to 6 minutes or until heated through. Serve warm.



Kiwanis Club member Eliza York's guest for the club's March meeting was guest speaker Livingston Chief of Police Travis Richardson. Richardson spoke in regard to a grant the Livingston Police Department received from the USDA to purchase a new police vehicle. The awarded grant is a 75/25 match grant. Currently, the police department is seeking monetary donations to assist in meeting the required additional funds. The new vehicle will assist all of Rockcastle County citizens and visitors during inclement weather events or other situations that may require four wheel drive. If you or your organization would like to donate, contact the City of Livingston at 606-453-2061. Shown with Chief Richardson are, York, left, and Rose Brown, right, Kiwanis Club President.

Mt. Vernon Message

After-School enrichment continues on each Monday from 3:15 until 4:30.
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.
There will be no school on Friday, March 18. Have a nice long weekend!
Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 31 from 3:30 until 6:00. Please watch for details.
Spring Book Fair is this week.
Our MVES 3rd and 5th grades were able to watch "KY Chronicles" an interactive dramatic journey through Kentucky's early history somewhat up to present day. This was made possible through a grant through "Delta Dental Making Smiles Happen® Arts in Education Initiative".
The student in the first picture is Ian Chadwell, playing the part of the "lost explorer" found in Mammoth Cave.
The next picture is Makenzie Lopez, left, and Kylee Fletcher, right. They are shown helping to "keep score" as to why Ky remained a neutral state that did not leave the Union during the Civil War.

"Pensions"

(Cont. from B1)

valid form of ID for airline travel in 2018. The process for our current driver's licenses will remain and obtaining one of the new licenses is completely optional.
• HB 309 would allow the state of Kentucky to use public-private partnerships, also known as P3s, as an alternative funding method for economic development projects. At least 35 other states have already enacted similar legislation, which includes all seven states surrounding Kentucky.
• HB 115 would encourage the diagnosis and treatment of colon cancer across Kentucky.
• HB 59 would help protect victims of violence by making it harder for their abuser to obtain their current address of residence.

• HB 4 would increase the penalties for trafficking synthetic drugs.
• HB 184 would provide an alternative principal selection process for county school districts in a county with a consolidated local government.
After being debated on and finalized between members of the House and the Senate, the budget will be sent to Governor Bevin to be approved - or vetoed. Once Governor Bevin gives final approval during his 10-day veto period, the House and the Senate will have one more opportunity to make final changes.
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 or email me at Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

Rockcastle County Library Facts

By: Pam Chaliff

There is currently a Facebook discussion concerning the nice library in Lancaster. I believe this is the Garrard County Public Library. Some of the comments have reflected that Rockcastle County has been left out once again.
We do not have a brand new library with all the bells and whistles that some of the surrounding counties have. If memory serves me correctly, a few years ago when we asked for signatures on a petition to raise tax rates for the Rockcastle County Public Library we were not able to get enough signatures to increase our tax rate.
The Rockcastle County Public Library is not in debt a few million dollars as some of our neighboring library districts are.

The Rockcastle County Public Library is open 47 hours per week, has bookmobile service, access to e-books via the library web site and access to 50 popular magazines via Zinio through the library web site: www.rockcastlelibrary.org.
The local public library has nine of the ten fiction titles that appear on the current New York Times best seller list. We also have a collection of some of the classics that are being assigned for reading in advanced placement English classes. We have these titles placed in a "special collection" so that they are easy to find. The library offers inter library loan service for titles that we may not have. The library has access to many other public libraries in the state of Kentucky as well as academic library holdings.
The library has thirteen public access computers and four laptops that can be used in the library. You can access wi-fi at the library via any of your mobile devices. I believe that our library although not the newest is certainly able to compete with local area libraries with the services that we provide!
Just some stats for comparison purposes:
Garrard County Public Library revenues for the 2013-2014 fiscal year: \$612,951.00; Jackson County Public Library revenues for '13-'14 fiscal year: \$418,196.00; Laurel, \$2,797,161.00; Madison, \$2,971,743.00; Pulaski \$2,489,000.00.
Yes, those figures for Laurel, Madison and Pulaski County are over two million! Rockcastle County Public Library's revenues for '13-'14 fiscal year were \$328,454.00.
These figures were taken from the 2013-2014 KDLA statistical report for public libraries.
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Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office will provide trash pick-up and disposal, safety vests and signs for safety.
If you can help with Roadside Clean-up at any time in April, please call
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Rockcastle County Recycling Center
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The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).
The following items may be recycled:
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Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.
Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:
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