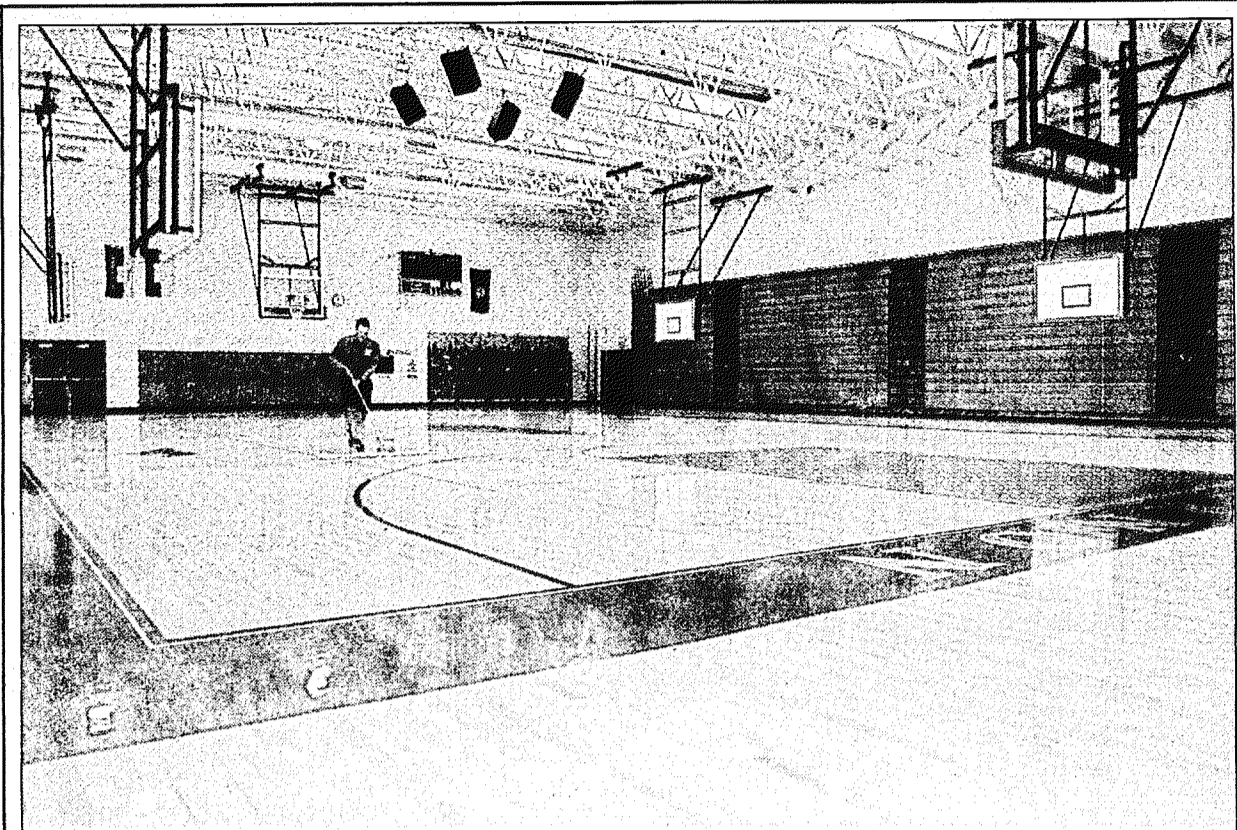


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Mount Vernon Elementary School Principal J. D. Bussell pushed a dust mop across the newly-refinished gymnasium floor at the school in preparation for the beginning of school on August 10th. The new paint was designed by Bussell and completed recently. Teachers and staff are preparing classrooms across the county during the next two weeks.

Local officer faces possible suspension

Six hour hearing held

By: Mike French
 A decision, by Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, is expected Friday concerning the possible suspension or termination of Mount Vernon Police Officer Ed Robinson.

A six-hour hearing was held at City Hall Monday as witnesses, for City Attorney Bobby Amburgey and witnesses for Robinson's attorneys Jerry Cox and William Leger, gave testimony about the complaints against Robinson.

Usually, such personnel matters are held in closed sessions and the public may not attend. However, Robinson requested the meeting be public, which is allowed by KRS 15.520, according to Leger.

Robinson has been accused of several infractions and witnesses informed Bryant, who presided over the hearing with the technical assistance of an attorney from the Kentucky League of Cities, of the events in question.

According to the complaint, Robinson was accused of providing inadequate security on June 17th of this year when Governor Matt Bevin was at the Source HOV Building and Robinson was part of the security detail.

Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush told members of the hearing that Robinson had his back turned to the Governor and was chatting with other people and therefore not able to provide adequate security.

Another complaint involved an incident when Robinson was apparently providing security at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

The complaint said that
 (See "Officer" on A7)

Wreck causes traffic to fill local streets

By: Mike French
 According to a Kentucky State Police report, a two vehicle crash, in the north-bound lane of I-75, caused the highway to be shut down for two hours Wednesday morning in Rockcastle County.

(See "Wreck" on A7)

Open Houses and orientations scheduled for all schools

First day of school for students is August 10th

By: Mike French
 The Rockcastle County School starting schedule for 2016-17 has been released. Open enrollment for

Rockcastle Adult Education will be held August 1-19. For more information, call the Adult Education Center at (606) 256-0218.

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 10 and students will attend school all day. Preschool and Head Start will begin

Monday, August 22. Mount Vernon Elementary School will hold its open house Monday, August 8. Kindergarten parents and students may meet in the school gym at 4 p.m. Third grade parents and students will meet at 4:30 in classrooms and then meet in the gym at 5 p.m. First and fourth grades meet at 5 p.m. in the classrooms and second and fifth grades will meet at 5:30 in the classrooms.

Rockcastle County Middle School's Sixth Grade Rocket Launch will be Monday, August 8 from 5-7 p.m. The seventh and eighth grade open house will be Monday, August 8 from 3-5 p.m.

Brodhead Elementary School will have a Back-To-School night Monday, August 8 from 4-7 p.m. and a Kindergarten Parent night for parents only on Tuesday, August 2 from 6-7 p.m.

Roundstone Elementary School will hold an Open House Monday, August 8 from 3-6 p.m.

Rockcastle County High School will hold an Open House Monday, August 8 from 5-7 p.m.
 (See "School" on A7)

Fiscal Court approves increased jail fees

In an effort to increase revenue at the Rockcastle County Detention Center, the Rockcastle Fiscal Court approved increases in several fees for inmates.

The action came at Tuesday's special called meeting of the court.

The booking fee was raised from \$20 to \$40 and several fees, having to do with an inmate's medical care were also added or increased, including a \$20 hospital co-pay, \$25 each lab fee and \$50 each x-ray.

While Magistrate Bill McKinney questioned whether the fees were usually paid at all since many inmates are declared indigent thereby making the fees uncollectible, County Judge/Eecutive Doug Bishop told the court that "anything we can get will help."

One method of collection mentioned was confiscation of an inmate's commissary funds to pay the fees.

The change in the jail's policy and procedures was

presented to the court by Chief Deputy Jailer James Carpenter.

The court approved the changes. EMA Director David Colson was before the court to apprise them that almost \$8,000 in funding from the

(See "Court" on A7)

2016 Little World's Fair to be held July 30 through Aug. 6

By: Mike French
 It's time once again for the annual Little World's Fair in Brodhead.

Festivities will begin on Saturday, July 30 with a fun horse show. The gates will open at 3 p.m. and the show will start at 6 p.m. with over 30 classes. Admission is \$7.

On Sunday, the Pre Teen, Teen and Miss Little World's Fair Pageant will begin at 2 p.m. in the Brodhead Elementary School. Check-in will be at noon and admission will be \$5.

All other events will have a \$10 admission and gates

will open at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesday night, admission for children under 12 will be \$5.

On Monday, August 1 the open truck and tractor pull will begin at 7 p.m.

The Demolition Derby will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, wrestling will begin at 7 and the baby and Little Mr/Miss Little World's Fair Pageant will be held. Registration for the pageant will begin at 5:30 p.m. and close at 6:45. The

(See "Fair" on A7)

Moving Wall to be here August 22nd

By: Mike French
 The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Moving Wall is expected to arrive in Mount Vernon in a little over 3 weeks.

The Moving Wall is part of a national company which has created half-sized, exact replicas of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington D.C. That wall is coming to Rockcastle County on August 22 and will remain behind the

Country Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley until August 28.

The Moving Wall is made of aluminum and finished to appear exactly like the original wall, located in Washington, D.C. and, thanks to efforts by American Legion Post 71, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the Rockcastle County Tourism Commis-

(See "Wall" on A7)

Livingston to sell preserved produce

By: Mike French
 As the only city in the state to be licensed as a "Kentucky Proud" city, Livingston is now beginning the canning of local foods for public sale.

Mayor Jason Medley said the program will benefit the entire city of Livingston and the county as well. "This is helping keep local dollars in our communities and as this grows larger, it will boost Livingston's economy and help local farmers," he said.

The city has created its own labels for the canned goods with the Kentucky Proud logo and those labels will be placed on every jar of locally grown produce.

Medley says the vegetables will be canned in the former Livingston School cafeteria and then placed for public sale.

"We are going to start out offering this 'Livingston is Proud' produce at a farmers market here in town during the Homecoming on Labor Day weekend," said Medley.

However, Medley's goals reach much higher in the very near future. "We hope as more and more people find out about our homegrown produce, we can expand and offer Livingston goods at restaurants and grocery stores."

The City of Livingston plans to
 (See "Produce" on A7)



Livingston City Commissioner Charlene Newcomb is shown canning green beans, in the former Livingston School cafeteria, to sell to the public as part of Livingston's Kentucky Proud project. The locally grown produce will be offered at a farmer's market on Labor Day weekend and city officials hope to expand to sell to grocery stores and restaurants soon.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



I grew up in a home full of practical jokers. I spent most of my youth either laughing or being the "laughee."

Nothing is better for the soul or the health than a good laugh and we were healthy people.

I quickly learned that if you fill a plastic glass half full of water and turn it upside down on a slick counter, the water won't leak out. I can't count the early mornings that I heard my mother pick up a glass off the counter and water splashed everywhere.

Soon, mom figured out that she could look for the water line visible through the cup. If it had water in it, instead of lifting it, she would slide it over to the sink and water would go down the drain.

So naturally, I started putting rags over the cup so the water line wasn't visible. SPLASH!

Those little poppers that shoot confetti everywhere were fun too. I would tie them to the inside of the cabinet doors and when mom would open them in the morning...BOOM!

My poor mother had a hard life because my dad supported my pranks. And in fact, helped on some of them.

The hardest I ever saw my dad laugh in my life was when he pulled a joke on my mother.

When I pulled into the driveway, dad was laughing so hard that he couldn't speak to tell us what was so funny. As we listened to him try to tell us, we got tickled at him being so tickled.

Dad always kidded mom about her family being a bunch of thieves. They weren't of course and dad loved all of mom's family. But she was very sensitive about them and if you said anything bad about anyone in her family, you were about to see her get red really quickly.

Because it bothered her so much, that's why dad thought it was so funny to call them thieves. He would be cracking up laughing as he ran out the door with mom throwing skilletts at him.

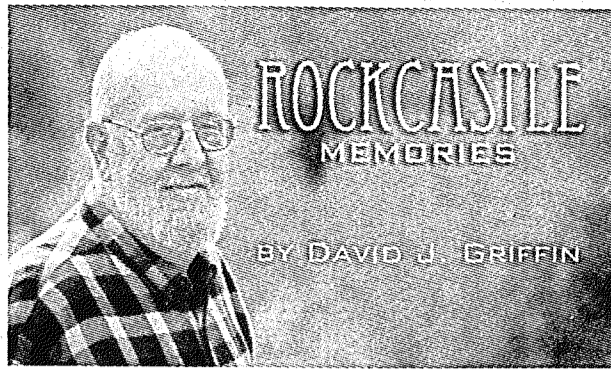
If mom said "We need a new car," dad would say "Have one of your brothers steal one," as he winked at me and laughed. There goes another skillett.

So on this particular day mom's entire family was due to visit for some holiday function. While mom was in the shower, dad took 100 post-it notes and wrote "DO NOT STEAL!" and stuck one on every lamp and table and ash tray in the house.

He was laughing because he was watching mom through the window frantically removing all the post-it notes before her family arrived.

We were really lucky that mom was a forgiving kind of lady. She had a hard life and to this day she opens the cabinets very slowly and checks every glass before she picks it up.

I guess I'm still a practical joker but I take it easy on mom these days. I think she's paid her dues.



ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

Time in the Woods

For as long as I can remember, I have loved spending time in the woods. Any regular readers of this column, friends, or family members are familiar with my attachment to nature. It all started in Rockcastle County when I was about six years old when my grandfather (Pop) allowed me to accompany him as he carefully stalked squirrels in our family's woods. My fondness for spending time in nature has never ceased during the last 60-plus years.

When I became a science teacher in 1965, I lived in a variety of communities, but I always made sure that I had a friend that would allow me access to their woods. I have hunted, fished, and hiked in the woods of Kentucky since I began teaching.

It is extremely difficult to explain exactly how being in the woods affects me. I am always very calm and relaxed as I walk through the tall trees. I believe that my blood pressure is lowered, and I have a feeling of self-confidence. My senses are busy taking in the many aspects of the natural environment. I lose all sense of time. And I know that my stress level is minimized. I concentrate on details regarding birds, animals, cool water, and the many species of deciduous trees. I am totally in my element whether it is spring, summer, fall, or winter.

An article in the July 25 edition of Time magazine called "The Healing Power of Nature" by Alexandra Sifferlin recently captured my attention. [All of the following quotes are from that publication.] It made me realize how the physiology of my body was responding to my "walks in the woods." It confirmed what I already knew to be true; but now scientific studies have provided the scientific community with supporting data. This whole concept appealed to me as a science teacher. It relates to the principles that I taught in high school for thirty-eight years.

Sifferlin summed up her ideas in the first paragraph, and I was hooked: "... a large body of evidence has shown that spending time in nature is responsible for many measurable beneficial changes in body." My own first (measurable) positive response to being in the woods was a lowering of my blood pressure. The article confirmed that from the results of a study, finding "that nearly 10 percent of people with high blood pressure could get their hypertension under control if they spent just 30 minutes or more in a park each week." Now there is an

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Points East

By Ike Adams



As Uncle Stevie Craft used to say, "If it ain't one thing set on aggravating me to death, it's half a bushel others."

I'm pretty sure I know exactly what he was talking about. I know, too, that complaining about them does not do a single thing to alleviate the aggravations and that most people are too busy coping with their own peculiar sets of miseries to be the least bit concerned about mine but I growl and grumble about them anyway.

Over the last week I've suffered through a bout with pollen allergies that none of the normal pharmaceuticals seem to do anything in the way of symptom alleviation. My eyes burn, my temples throb with pain, the inside of my throat itches and my nose runs like a mountain spring right after a long, hard rain. On top of that I've had a mild fever throughout these days when daily heat indices have hovered near or just over 100 degrees.

I sit here thinking that the heat should be plague enough so why should I be punished with all this extra misery.

I started early last week right after I'd commenced harvesting the first little cart load of bodacious sweet corn from our garden right after the dew had pretty much dried off. I stayed indoors and sneezed the rest of that day. After trying three different allergy meds, the sneezing finally abated but I'm pretty sure the meds had nothing to do with what little relief I got.

Loretta found my industrial grade paint mask and safety goggles, both of which I wore to the corn patch late that evening. I may have looked more like I was prepared to perform surgery than gather corn, but it worked and that was the last peaceful night I've had in over a week.

Because, while picking the corn, I noticed that the Babe (Campbell) beans

I'd planted with one row of corn were also ready for the first picking. Tannie Comett, who lives at Ulvah, Ky gave me the Babe Bean seed nearly ten years ago and they are the best tasting beans I've ever grown. They look sort of like white half runners on steroids but, in my humble opinion, they taste much better.

Next week we are going to give them a taste comparison with the Big John's I got from Kyle Whitaker but that's a story that will wait until then.

In the meantime, on Tuesday morning of last week, I was so excited about the prospect of having my first mess of beans this growing season that I grabbed a 5 gallon bucket and wobbled out to the garden to pick beans and completely forgot about the paint mask and goggles,

Huge mistake. All the aforementioned symptoms kept me up all that night and Loretta got very little sleep as well because of all my sneezing, gagging, hacking and coughing and, to make a long story short, it's been that way every night since then because not a day has gone by that I didn't make a trip to the garden for something and then slap myself on the forehead as soon as I got there and remembered, too late, that I wasn't wearing the necessary protection.

Then, on Sunday evening Loretta yelled at me to come and see a facebook photo of the vegetables that Joe and Connie Brown had grown in the garden behind the home next door to ours. The photo has them displaying a bushel basket more than half full of green beans and another with zucchini, yellow squash and half a dozen large, heirloom tomatoes.

"And to think they grew all this stuff in a bale of straw," my wife exclaimed.

I actually went to bed

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



The Garden Party

Dear Journal,
I've loved poetry even as a young child. I remember quite often after supper our family would sit around, on the front porch if weather permitted, and talk, tell stories, and recite poetry. Sometimes the poetry was read from a book. It really brings back such sweet and peaceful memories.

Back in the "good old days" when my maternal grandparents were growing up, who had a great part in raising me, such activity was commonplace. It was some of the limited entertainment they had. It had its advantages. It brought families together and allowed two or three generations to really know each other. Those days are now gone.

I remember my grandparents, especially my grandma, reciting very lengthy pieces of verse and

never miss a word. She could recite with such expression which only added to the experience. The poems had been memorized at least forty or fifty years prior. My great-grandfather, Henry Price, had a particularly keen mind and memory. He could recite books of poetry word for word.

My mother, Inez, was somewhat the poet. She could recite as well as write poems and was the first to really introduce me to it. She had me to memorize a handful of poems even before I was going to school. No, I can't remember very many, if any, now.

Last week, I had one of the most pleasant experiences I've had in months. Stanley and I had been invited to a poetry reading at the home of Roland and Nancy Mullins by Martha Cox. There is a small group of poetry lovers in the county who gather to read and recite poetry from time to time. I'm so glad to have been included and I'm sure Stanley is, too.

It turned out to be what I'd call a "perfect" evening. A group of about fifteen or so gathered in a very beautiful garden area with a beauty almost beyond belief. The sky was overcast with dark storm clouds gathering. Rumbles of distant thunder could be heard. There was a gentle, warm breeze kissing our cheeks as it whispered through the

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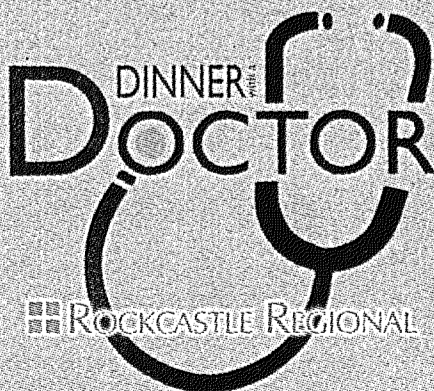
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you community...

Dear Editor,
A month ago I wrote a letter to the *Signal* asking for community help if they could, and did they ever. I don't want to leave anyone out so I won't mention many names. I know that the wonderful community pulled together for us so our sweet Bethanie can make the trip to Rhode Island to visit family while she can.

You see, Bethanie is very sick and we don't know how much more time she will have with us. Most of her aunts, uncles and cousins live in Rhode Island. This is one of her wishes on her list, it's the biggest wish she has.

We would like to thank the Neurology Team, Dr. Hessler, Lisa Smithern, Jennifer Burton, Rebecca Rawlins, Regina Looney and Sherry Bullock.

Lisa and Jennifer saw my plea in the *Signal* and called to ask how they could help. Within 1-2 weeks they collected the money for the trip, we plan to leave on August third. We were just overwhelmed when Lisa called with this exciting news. Bethanie and I love them and they love us as much, you can always tell this just shows that they go above and beyond nursing care. They really do love and care about their patients.

We also want to thank Dr. Saylor, Dr. Escalante, Ronna Owens, Howard Saylor at Brodhead Pharmacy, Collins Respiratory, Rockcastle Family Wellness and Rockcastle Hospital.

Without everyone of these donating or putting up jars, this trip would not be possible. Thank you also to the one who donated the 31 Totes. This will be very useful for the trip. Thanks to anyone who gave in any way. We are so grateful and proud to live where people

still care for each other and are ready to help when there is a need.

God bless all of you for making this trip possible.
Kathleen Bretz and family
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"T.J.'s"

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tree branches. Fragrant flowers and foliage swayed to and fro as our group read or recited poetry from memory.

Soon the dark clouds began to pour a gentle rain. We had to make a frantic dash to a beautiful rustic barn to resume the evening. The rain may have dampened the dry, parched earth, but not our spirits. We continued our evening and merriment as we listened to the pitter-patter of the rain on the tin roof. We soon ate of the delicious hors d'oeuvres as the evening came to a much too-soon end.

"Points"

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thinking that was one heck of a harvest but that there was no way it had been produced in a bale of straw, as Loretta had led me to believe.

Turns out the only thing grown in the bale of straw were the tomatoes but they were very impressive.

I've shared the photo on my facebookpage for anyone who wants to see it. I figured that since I can't sleep for sneezing, I may as well get up and play on the puter where, at least, I'm not more of an aggravation than normal to my wife.

comrades forever ...

By Gerry Stegmaier
Magsm@aol.com
(The Moving Wall Company will be coming to Mount Vernon on August 22 to display the replica of the Viet Nam Memorial. The following article was submitted to help veterans and those interested understand more about the Moving Wall)

The Wall is solid, its granite face designed to resist the elements for all time. Yet, as visitors touch its surface, the Wall becomes almost fluid. Small ripples of hope and healing spread ever out-wards. Like the concentric circles created when a stone is tossed into a pond, the impact of the Wall grows and grows.

In 1982 John Devitt, a former helicopter door gunner and Army veteran, visited Washington, DC for the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and to participate in the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. This visit and experience changed Devitt's life and led to the creation of the "Moving Wall," which has since moved millions of people.

His story is one of thousands spawned by the Memorial. As Devitt explains, "When you approach the Memorial, you don't recognize what's going on. It's a visual experience that words cannot describe. . . Then suddenly, as the words inscribed on the Wall come into focus, it's so subtle, you're drawn in and it's too late. . . You're riveted and the emotions just pour forth."

This emotional outpouring and the pride of having participated in a parade honoring Vietnam veterans inspired Devitt to dedicate the next eleven years of his life to giving people all across the nation a chance to experience a similar catharsis. Originally, Devitt and his friends had hoped to create a photo mural of the Wall, but when the negatives proved unusable, they came up with another solution. The concept was simple: build a replica of the Wall in Washington which could

travel across the country, so that everyone who couldn't visit the Wall could share the experience and emotion which it evokes.

Devitt's idea was deeply personal. He had been out of work when the Wall was dedicated, and had made the trip with financial help from family and friends. "There were millions of people who would never be able to come to Washington," he realized, "I wanted them to be able see and feel what I had."

His emotions ran deep. "Before 1982 I never felt like I needed a parade or a memorial," he says. He had come to the Wall expecting to dislike it, anticipating it would be as some media stories had said, "a black gash of shame." Instead, the Wall changed his life; it gave him a new mission and sense of pride in his military service. With the help of a few friends, Devitt set out to build a movable wall. They estimated it would take \$40,000, however, pooling their savings they could only come up with \$2,500.

They decided to seek assistance in raising the necessary funds. "We had a tough time in the beginning, convincing people about what we were trying to do," explains Devitt. "The Wall is a visual thing. When you tell people you want to build a half-scale replica, they think miniature and model; they don't realize the power of Maya Lin's design." Searching for a way for the work to be completed, they sought contributions of goods and services. If they couldn't get the material donated, they could at least arrange credit terms and discounted pricing.

"We were totally surprised by the reaction of the businesses we approached. I didn't even have a credit card at the time, but when we talked to various companies and explained what we were trying to do, they were very sympathetic. Many took the job on our word." Devitt says, "I knew that once we got started, it

would pay for itself...and if it didn't, we were prepared to pay for it ourselves." He was convinced of the need for the Moving Wall.

The first Moving Wall was built of plexiglas, with each name silk-screened onto the panels.

The photographic negatives of the names were made available by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the organization responsible for building the Memorial. When new names are added to the Wall, they are also added to the Moving Wall at the end of its season. In its present form, the third generation, the Moving Wall consists of aluminum panels and is a half scale replica of the original.

In the eleven years since the Moving Wall has been in existence, it has been visited by millions of people, in over 410 locations. While the material of the Moving Wall has changed, its impact remains the same.

The Moving Wall was

first displayed in 1984 in Texas as part of the Tyler Rose Festival. "We hadn't even put up the fifth panel when a Gold Star Mother placed a beautifully decorated candle at the base of the panel where her son's name was inscribed," Devitt recalls (by michael). Just like the Wall in Washington, people began to leave mementoes, so many, in fact, that Devitt decided to have them shipped to the Moving Wall's off season home in San Jose, CA. He hopes to build a museum to display the items, but for now concentrates on making sure the Moving Wall travels to as many cities as possible.

"When you think about it," he says, "two or three million people visit the Wall every year. There are ten or twenty times that many people, who, for whatever reason, will never be able to make the trip to Washington." Scheduling the route of the Wall is a tough job

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MVHS Reunion

The annual Mt. Vernon High School Reunion will be held September 10th at the middle school. Please mark your calendar for this important date. This year, we will honor the class of 1966. If you have not been contacted by someone from your class, please contact Gayla Winstead. We want as many as possible to attend. Invitations will be coming out in the mail in a couple of weeks, so please return those as soon as possible.

Back 2 School Bash

Crossroads Assembly of God will hold a Back 2 School Bash at Brodhead Depot Park on Saturday, July 30th from noon to 2 p.m. There will be free cotton candy, snowcones, hot dogs, bounce house fun, and free school supplies while they last.

RCHS Class of 06 Reunion

The Rockcastle County High School Class of 2006 will hold their 10 year reunion on Saturday, September 24th at Cedar Rapids Country Club, beginning at 7 p.m. A purchased ticket is required to attend the catered event. Tickets are \$15 per person with spouses and guests welcome. Tickets may be purchased at rchsclassof2006.eventbrite.com.

VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Alpha Recovery

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

Historical Society Hours

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

American Legion Post 71

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

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Obituaries



LC Mink

LC Mink, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died suddenly Friday, July 22, 2016 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born December 25, 1946 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Elza Mink and John and Irene Pruitt Reynolds. He was employed by Town & Country, enjoyed collecting pipes, NASCAR, farming, and was a member of the Holiness faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Ruby Moore Mink of Mt. Vernon; three sons, Greg (Kristy) Mink of Brodhead, David (Pam) Mink of Mt. Vernon, and Brian (Candie) Mink of Salem, MO; six brothers, JD and Marvin Mink, and Delbert, Johnny, and Michael Reynolds, all of Mt. Vernon, and MB Mink of Miamisburg, OH; two sisters, Karen Bray of Mt. Vernon, and Mae Renner of Stanford; and 10 grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: four brothers, Lansford, Delno, Floyd, and Jerl Dean Mink; three sisters, Gilberta Price, Viola Bradley and Rosanna Bradley; and one infant brother, Ronnie Reynolds.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 25, 2016 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Jim Miller, Bro. Chris Davidson, and Sam and Danny Ford officiating. Burial was in the Maretburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Daniel Renner, Scott Renner, Garry Prewitt, Jr., Tommy Bussell, Glen Stewart, Garry Prewitt, Jason Roberts, Millard Root and William Denney.

Honorary pallbearers: Earl Bullock, Bud Cox, Jerry Cox, Bill Dowell, Roy Martin, Owen Mink.

Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhome.com

Celebrate Recovery

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley.

"The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take." *Max Lucado* For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap.

For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

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Wendell D. Robinson

Wendell D. Robinson, 58, of Orlando, died Saturday, July 23, 2016, at the Hospice Center in Richmond. He was born in Rockcastle County on September 6, 1957, to the late John and Gladys Robinson. On July 15, 1977, he was united in holy matrimony to his wife, Diana of 39 years. He was a carpenter by trade and enjoyed fishing as well as spending time with his grandchildren and he was of the holiness faith.

He is survived by: one daughter, Susan (Brian) McNew of Orlando; two sons, Robert Robinson and Billy (Brandy) Robinson, both of Orlando; six brothers, Donald (Katherine) Robinson, James (Edna) Robinson, Timothy (Kimberly) Robinson and Daniel Robinson, all of Orlando, and Harold (Debbie) Robinson and Lonnie Joe Robinson, both of Mt. Vernon; and four sisters, Patricia Artley, Hazel (Ray) Moore and Louise (Danny) Rigby, all of Orlando and Sandra (Jeff) Smith of Livingston. He is also survived by: nine grandchildren, Alexis (Smoo), Zach, Paige, Brooke, Emma (Sugar Doll), Kyndall, Jaxon (Mr. 20), Lyndsay and Mykah, all of Orlando; and a host of nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as one brother, John Robinson, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at the Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bro. Lonnie McGuire officiating.

Casketbearers were: Robert Robinson, Billy Robinson, James Robinson, Steve Robinson, Randy Mickey, Clayton Alexander, Dan Wilson and Brian McNew.

Honorary casketbearers were: Zach Robinson, Jaxon Robinson, brother-in-law Bill Alexander, Donald Robinson, J.E. Robinson, Daniel Robinson, Harold Robinson, Joe Robinson and Tim Robinson.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Card of Thanks

Doris Cash

The Doris Parrett Cash family would like to thank those who helped us in any way during her recent sickness and death.

Thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food and support.

A special thanks to Dr. G.W. Griffith, Dr. Karen Saylor, the ER doctors and all the staff at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Also a special thank you to Pine Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church for your support, to Brenda Kendrick and Julie Phillips for the beautiful music and to Randy Clifford, Joe Lambert and Bro. Alan Dodson for the special words at the funeral service.

Dowell-Martin Funeral Home and Sparks Flowers and More, thank you for the loving care you showed us. We are so blessed with family and friends.

Doris Parrett Cash Family



Ioma Anne Miller Hayes

Ioma Anne Miller Hayes, 80, of Dry Ridge and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the BereaHealth & Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Estill County on July 5, 1936, the daughter of Owen Witt and June Wilson Embry. She was a retired merchant and a member of Maretburg Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her children, Bro. Clyde (Tonya) Miller of Berea and Elizabeth Anne (Greg) Pyles of Dry Ridge; two brothers, George Embry of Fairfield, OH and Gary (Karen) Embry of Trenton, OH; a sister, Judy (John D.) Bowling of Hamilton, OH; and five grandchildren, Jarrett (Mallory) Hamm, Jeriah Hamm, Caitlyn Miller, Collyn Miller and Matthew (April) Pyles.

She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Clyde Miller; her second husband, Ray Hayes; a son, Charles David; and a daughter, Deborah June Hyden.

Funeral services were held July 27th at Maretburg Baptist Church by Bro. Wayne Harding. Burial followed in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Colin Miller, Jarrett Hamm, Tim McGuire, Steve Mink, Greg Pyles and Matthew Pyles.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Gladys Roberts

Gladys Roberts, 89, of Brodhead, died Sunday, July 24, 2016 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born June 16, 1927 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Ernest and Lauviece Holman Clark. She was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church and found great joy in sewing and quilting. She was a homemaker who worked at Cowden Manufacturing and Department store in Cincinnati, OH. She loved the land and had been a farmer for years. On May 19, 1946 she was united in matrimony to Nathaniel Roberts, who predeceased her in death, and from that union came two sons, Sammy and Teddy.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Teddy Roberts of Brodhead; grandchildren, Jessica, Theresa, Elizabeth, Katherine, Michael and Angela; a sister, Ann (Cecil) Hampton of Renfro Valley; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends/neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Sammy Roberts and a brother, Earl Clark.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker and Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in Oakhill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Jenny Lou Wasson

Jenny Lou Hamm Wasson, 73, of Nancy, and formerly of Crab Orchard, died Sunday, July 24, 2016 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. She was born on January 31, 1943 in Lexington, a daughter of the late Dalmas Hopper Hamm and Dora Stacy Hamm. She was a member of Ottawa Baptist Church and Eastern Star where she served as Treasurer for many years. She found great joy in photography, gardening and being a homemaker. On June 10, 1972 she was united in holy matrimony to Marvin Wasson, and from that union came: Marlene, Zaundra, Nancy, Martha, Annitta, Shamo, Shawn, and Joe.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 43 years, Marvin Wasson of Nancy; her children, Marlene Wasson and Zaundra Swanson, both of Jabez, Nancy Wasson of Clay City, Martha (Barry) Morton of Andersonville, TN, Annitta Lykins of Franklin, OH, Shamo (James) Creech of Stanton, Shawn (Lesley) Hudge of Peebles, OH and Joe Sparks of Nada, and granddaughter she raised as her own, Johnna Kennon of Clay City; 24 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; a sister, Lillian Joyce Hamm of Lexington; an uncle, Alonzo (Anna May) Hamm of Brodhead; nephew, David Wayne Hamm of Lexington; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her brother, Dalmas Wayne Hamm; infant sister, Ruth Mae Hamm; and three infant great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Wednesday, July 27, from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. An Eastern Star Service was held at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Mickey Hyder officiating. Burial will follow in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Larry Bengel, Tracy Spicer, Shawn Hudge, Randy Morefield, David Hamm and Kaleb Howard.

Honorary casketbearers are Johnna Kennon and Ben Parks.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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RCHS Class of 1986 Reunion

Rockcastle County High School Class of 1986 will hold their 30th year class reunion on Saturday, August 20th from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Rockcastle Middle School in advance, \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. \$30 per person at the door (if possible, please pre-pay by August 6th for planning purposes).

Mail ticket money, name and information to: RCHS Class of 1986, P.O. Box 1986, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. You can also give your ticket money to Dana McKinney, Rhonda Childress or Jamie Cornelius.

KHC Rental Assistance ends this Friday

The Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program will accept applications for the Housing Choice Voucher program through Friday, July 29th at 5 p.m. The Online Application Portal will be available during this time only. The Online Application Portal will assist customers in creating an account so they can complete and submit an application.

Those interested in applying should go to www.kyhousing.org under Rental, Rental Assistance Portals, Waiting List Portal. We encourage everyone wanting assistance to register online using the portals. Applications are accepted in the order they are received.

Paper applications will be available at KHC's offices, 1231 Louisville Road or 1047 US Hwy 127 South, Suite 1, in Frankfort. Applicants may also request a paper copy be mailed directly to them by calling KHC toll free at 877-552-7368 or 502-564-9946.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

JENNI'S MEATLOAF

My cousin Jenni was so excited about my book—suggesting titles for chapters and sharing her memories and recipes. Sadly, Jenni lost her battle with cancer April 15, 2014. She loved her family, her friends, and her God with a passion. I know her loving legacy lives on in her children and grandchildren.

1 small onion
1 large green bell pepper
2 eggs
2 pounds of lean ground beef 80/20 or higher
1 pound of Jimmy Dean® mild sausage
1 cup of bread crumbs plain (I like Progresso®)
2 cups of Hunt® catsup, divided
1 tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce
1 and 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
Preheat oven to 350°. In a blender puree and liquefy diced onion and bell pepper leaving no pieces or chunks. In a large mixing bowl mix eggs, ground beef, and sausage until sausage is mixed well with ground beef. Add bread crumbs continuing to mix well. Add onion and bell pepper from blender along with 1 cup catsup and the Worcestershire sauce to mixture; mix well. Place in 2 meatloaf-bread

pan. (I like the nonstick ones) or shape meatloaves into oblong pans of your choosing. Spread remaining cup of catsup over top of meatloaves. Cover pans with foil. Bake 2 hours. Uncover; bake another half hour.

MUM'S MEATLOAF

1 and 1/2 pounds ground beef
2 tablespoons tomato catsup
1 egg
12 saltine crackers, crushed
1 small onion, chopped
1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce, divided
Pepper
Salt
4 medium size potatoes, peeled and cut into wedges
Preheat oven to 350°. Gently mix ground beef, 2 tablespoons catsup, egg, 3 tablespoons of tomato sauce, cracker crumbs, onion, salt, and pepper together. Pat gently into an 8- or 9-inch iron skillet, forming a round loaf not touching sides of skillet. Pour the rest of tomato sauce over meat loaf. Rub potato wedges with oil. Place around meat loaf forming a "fence." Bake at 350° for 1 hour 10 minutes. When done, remove from oven and let sit for 15 minutes. Remove meatloaf and potatoes from pan with slotted spatula.

Upcoming Reunions

McHargue Reunion

The McHargue Reunion will be held Saturday, August 6th at Pine Hill Baptist Church with lunch served around noon.

Bring a covered dish and join families and friends.

Take Exit 59 to US 25, about 5 miles from Mt. Vernon or Livingston to Lime Plant Road.

Todd/Gatliff Reunion

The Todd/Gatliff Family Reunion will be held Sunday, August 7th at the Berry-Ramsey Park on Wildie Road. Potluck lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Come visit with family and friends.

Kelley Reunion

The Kelley Family Re-

union will be held Saturday, August 6th at the Livingston School cafeteria.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served around noon.

Bring a covered dish and join us for a fun day at the school.

Coffey Reunion

The Coffey Reunion (descendants of Arthur and Gattie Coffey), will be held Saturday, July 30th at 3138 Hurricane School Road.

Bring a covered dish. Lunch served at 1 p.m.

Falin Reunion

The Falin Reunion will be Saturday, August 13th at Pine Hill Baptist Fellowship Hall. Lunch served around noon. Bring covered dish and join the family.



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How to get ready for the next four years for college bound students

(StatePoint) Many college-bound students and their families underestimate the cost of college. Indeed, 31 percent of students who left school without completing a degree reported they did so due to financial reasons, according to recent National Center for Education statistics.

Beyond rising tuition rates, there are many expenses to consider -- books, class materials, room and board, cell phone plans, and incidentals -- to name a few.

With nationwide student debt at \$1.3 trillion and growing, according to the National Student Loan Debt Clock, the importance of financial planning and establishing good money habits can't be overstated.

Students can more confidently take on college and beyond with these helpful tips from the "Get College Ready" experts at Wells Fargo:

Paying for College

The first step all students should take toward funding college is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Then, use free resources to investigate other funding. Some scholarships can be found on sites like tuitionfundingsources.com, the largest database of scholarships in the US.

It's also helpful to know how much money you'll need. Most school websites offer a net price calculator that can help you arrive at a realistic estimate.

If necessary, look into Federal Direct PLUS loans, which can cover up to 100 percent of remaining education-related costs.

"College-bound students and their families should review grants, scholarships, and loans from a wide variety of sources," says John Rasmussen, head of Wells Fargo's Personal Lending Group, which is also the nation's second largest private student lender among US banks. "After making careful comparisons, they should borrow only what they need."

A handful of private student lenders defer loan repayments until after students leave school. In the case of Wells Fargo, this date begins a full six months later -- and if new graduates need time to find a job -- the bank can extend the repayment start date up to a year.

Cost-saving opportunities exist whereby students can consolidate loans or re-finance into loans with a lower interest rate. These actions can help students significantly reduce costs associated with their debt.

With all funding sources, it's critical to be aware of application deadlines and the terms associated with assistance, whether it's GPA maintenance for scholarship eligibility or an interest rate.

Managing Money

For many students, college is an opportunity to manage money for the first time. Fortunately, students today have financial planning tools that previous generations did not enjoy.

Young people can leverage their technology confidence to manage money by signing up for mobile banking and then setting up account alerts to avoid over-drafting. Online budgeting and expenditure-tracking tools can help students form sound financial habits and monitor savings.

Building Credit

Good credit gives you more financial freedom and choices down the road. Start building good credit while you're still in school. Pay bills on time, don't open too many lines of credit and keep balances low. Whenever possible, pay more than the minimum each month. Check your credit history often.

Free resources that can help you plan for college can be found at wellsfargo.com/getcollegeready.

Are you ready for college? Preparation is about more than test-taking and achieving solid grades -- it also means preparing financially for the next four years and beyond.



Pokémon turn up everywhere—from grocery stores to hospitals. But they're also appearing at electric substations, drawing players into dangerous situations.

Electrical safety warning for Pokémon Go players

Jackson Energy and other utilities are reminding players of Pokémon Go to stay away from electric substations, power plants and other electric equipment. The new smartphone-based augmented reality game sends players to real world places to "catch" Pokémon.

Pokémon turn up everywhere—from grocery stores to hospitals. But they're also appearing at electric substations, drawing players into dangerous situations.

"Electric utilities cannot control where the Pokémon appear, and players should make sure they catch their Pokémon from a safe distance," said Jackson Energy

Safety Director Brandon Long. "Any game or activity that distracts people from the possible dangers around them and potentially brings them in proximity to our electric equipment and lines is a major concern for all us."

Remember these important electrical safety tips from Jackson Energy as you try to #CatchEmAll:

Never touch electric equipment, including transformers and power lines.

Never touch a downed power line. Assume all lines are energized and dangerous.

Never climb utility poles.

Never enter an electric substation.

Tips and tricks to save on back-to-school items

(StatePoint) Whether your kids are school playground-bound or college-bound, the back-to-school season can be an expensive time of year. Families with children in grades K-12 plan to spend an average \$673.57 while college students and families with children in college plan to spend an average of \$888.71, according to a National Retail Federation 2016 annual survey.

Where are their dollars going? The top five back-to-school supplies searched for are Crayola ColorStudio iMarker, BIC Pencil Xtra, TI 84 graphing calculator, Brita filtration water bottle and Crayola Washable Erase, according to Qmee, an online shopping companion.

So how can you save on these popular items and more when shopping?

"Whether it's a calculator, backpack or dorm furniture, before making a purchase, it's important to do your research. Educated shoppers always get the best deals," says Jonathan Knight, Co-Founder and CEO, Qmee.

Shopping online is the best way to save time and be sure you're getting a good deal, says Knight, who recommends a few strategies for how parents can get more bang from their back-to-school buck:

- Price check: Price comparison tools can help you know for sure whether you're getting the best deal on any given item. These tools automatically research what you're searching for to show you the best prices available.

- Use coupons. These days you don't need to spend hours scanning the paper with scissors. Online coupons and discount codes can help you save big at checkout. Before clicking "Purchase," always verify whether any such deals are avail-

able.

- Connect: Brands are looking to connect with their consumers online. In some cases, you can earn cash for your everyday searches by clicking on relevant ads. Likewise, by sharing your valued consumer opinion through surveys, many brands will reward you with cash.

- Use shopping tools: Download a free browser app which will automatically allow you to earn cash for your everyday searches, and also find the best coupon codes while you shop online. For example, online search and save companion Qmee unobtrusively becomes part of your browser to work with search engines and commerce sites such as Google, Bing, Amazon and Walmart, to help you search for what you want, compare prices, secure discounts and offer opinions while earning cash. It's a good tool to help college kids stick to a budget while shopping for everything from books to dorm supplies. For more information or to download, visit Qmee.com.

Back-to-school shopping for students of any age can be expensive, but with the right knowledge, there are plenty of ways to save time and money.

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Roundstone Elementary Parent SBDM Nomination Form

July 26 - August 9, 2016

Parent members of the Roundstone Elementary SBDM Council must be the parent, stepparent, or foster parent, of a child who will be enrolled at the school during the term of office. Legal guardians are also considered parents if the child lives with them. Parent members may not have a conflict of interest as defined by KRS Chapter 45A, which deals with doing business with the district. They must not be Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, relatives of Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, and members of the district school board or spouse of district school board member. Parents employed at other schools in our district and their relatives may serve as parent members of our council. For this purpose "relative" is defined as either a "father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law."

The Parent Teacher organization shall oversee the election of two parents to serve on the council. These parents shall be selected during the month of May each year. All parents (except those previously excluded) who will have children attending Roundstone Elementary School during their term shall be eligible to be elected to serve on the council. All parents who will have children attending the school are eligible to vote in the parent elections.

The term of office begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017.

All terms of office for teachers and parent council members shall be for one year with re-election permitted as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. No term limits shall be imposed on members who are nominated and elected to consecutive one-year terms. (KRS 160.345)

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that individual to see if they would be willing to serve. Then complete the information below and return this form to Mrs. Sandy Bullen or Roundstone Elementary by Tuesday, August 9, no later than 3:00 PM. Ballots may be completed by the individual that is eligible to vote in the main office on Wednesday, August 10, from 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM.

I would like to nominate,

Last Name First Name Phone

as a parent member of the Roundstone Elementary SBDM Council for the school year 2016-17.

Signature Date

RCHS Freshmen Orientation

August 9th
8:00-10:00



Please call 256-4816 for more information

“Court”

(Continued from front)

state EMA office to the county was again going unspent. Colson said that the county's yearly allocation of \$15,692.25, used for his salary, fuel and maintenance and office expenses was amounting to only a little over \$7800, leaving the same amount on the table in the 2014 fiscal year.

The grant is a 50/50 grant which means the county has to match any funds spent for the program.

Colson told the court that fiscal year 2015 was shap-

ing up to be the same as last year and asked the court to allow him to apply to the state EMA office to use the funds toward a new vehicle for his use. Colson said he was currently driving a 2000 Jeep with over 107,000 miles on it and which failed him when he tried to take an EMA officer on an inspection of snowstorm damage in the county last winter.

The vehicle in question is a 2016 4WD Chevrolet Silverado 2500 with a regular cab which can be bought for a state contract price of \$26,439.

However, application for the special project has to be made by July 31st. The court approved the application and purchase, contingent on the application being approved, but asked that Colson find out if expected surplus funds from FY16 could also be used toward purchase of the truck which would cut the county's share down to \$13,220 or half of the total cost.

Magistrate Shannon Bishop agreed with the proposal, saying that the worst case scenario would be that the county, which would hold title to the truck, would

obtain the vehicle for around \$19,000 if the state did not approve the special project for more than one year.

It was also noted by Colson that the county would be in danger of having their funding from the state cut if all available funding is not used each year.

“Wreck”

(Continued from front)

The report said Trooper Keegan Bray responded to the accident near the 53 mile marker and discovered 55-

As a first item of business, the second reading and final approval of an amendment to refinance over \$3.5 million, in county obligations with KACo, for an improved interest rate. The refinancing would bring the interest rate to 2 1/2% on all the notes, which presently vary from 4% to 4.223%.

As of June 30, 2016, the

county's indebtedness stood at \$6,813,665 principal.

As a final item of business, the court transferred \$100,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund from where \$65,000 will be transferred to the detention center, \$5,000 to the LGEA account and \$10,000 to the 911 account.

incident and all parties were wearing a seatbelt.

Police say clean up crews worked for two hours clearing the interstate while traffic was routed onto KY 909 and then US 25 in Mount Vernon.

Assisting on the scene was Vehicle Enforcement Officers, KSP and Rockcastle EMS.

Officer Bray is continuing the investigation.

year-old Ralph Chestnut, of London was operating a tractor trailer when he collided with another tractor trailer operated by Herman Black, 58, of Huston, Texas.

Chestnut was transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital and later to the UK Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Police say drugs or alcohol are not suspected in the

“Officer”

(Continued from front)

Robinson handcuffed a nurse while on duty as “horseplay.”

However, City Attorney Amburgey said complaints had been made by at least two patients who witnessed the event.

A third complaint said that Robinson's arrest record had fallen significantly over the past few years.

Robinson's attorneys argued that he had been injured in 2015 and was off work for four months.

According to Leger, he is pleased with the hearing. “I think it went well. Robinson wanted the meeting to be open so the public could hear everything. We are pleased with how it went,” he said.

In a statement issued Wednesday, Mayor Bryant said “The city allowed Lt. Robinson to have an open hearing at his request on the matters involved. I am reviewing the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing and am drafting my findings.”

“Produce”

(Continued from front)

purchase local produce from local farmers and then sell the product at many different venues.

Since the project is just getting underway, Medley said several local farmers have been donating produce to the city to help jumpstart the program.

“So far, through donations and volunteer workers, we are building a good supply for the farmers market,” he said.

City Commissioner Charlene Newcomb is the canning coordinator and does most of the canning in the kitchen.

“I love Livingston and I love canning. I enjoy this and it all goes back to the city,” said Newcomb.

Medley says this project will help in many ways. “The farmers get to sell their product to us, the

city gets to sell it with our own labels and everyone wins while local dollars stay right here.”

The city is currently accepting donations from anyone who may have green beans or tomatoes to donate to help get the project growing.

“Fair”

(Continued from front)

pageant will begin at 7 p.m.

The Kentucky Outlaw Truck Pull will be held Thursday at 7. The ATV mud runs will begin at 6 p.m. and the regular mud runs will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday.

There will be more mud runs Saturday night. Everyone is invited.

“Wall”

(Continued from front)

sion and many other volunteers, it will be on display here. Though there are copies of the Moving Wall, the one coming to Rockcastle County is the original one built and that is by design.

Local officials specifically waited for the original wall to be available.

The “Moving Wall Company” who built the wall and delivers it to communities across the nation has very specific guidelines about how the wall is to be handled and the

effort to have the wall visit Mount Vernon has been a long one

The 253 foot long Moving Wall will be displayed for five days and the opening ceremony is expected to be held on August 18 at 6 p.m.

The site will be open 24 hours per day and there will be volunteers on hand from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day. These volunteers will hand out brochures and help visitors find particular names on the wall.

Back-to-school tips when you are on a budget

(StatePoint) Between new clothes and new school supplies, back-to-school season can put a strain on household budgets.

In 2015, families planned to spend \$630 on back-to-school items, according to the National Retail Federation, and this year's numbers are also expected to be pricey. With a little planning, your family can get the most out of your school shopping budget -- by taking advantage of sales, comparison shopping, buying in bulk and simply by making sure you don't buy things you already own.

Here are some smart ways families can reduce costs as students head back to class this fall.

End-of-Season Sales
Take advantage of end-of-season sales to stock up.

This concept may not help you this fall, but it's a great habit to adopt now for long-term savings. You can stock up on summer clothes now and great fall items once the weather gets chillier. Stores will be offering deep discounts and clearance prices on items that eventually will come in handy for next back-to-school season. Remember to take into account that kids grow quickly!

Add it Up
Bigger ticket school supply items can cost you a pretty penny if you don't comparison shop.

For example, required tools like a high-quality graphing calculator can come with a price tag of \$75 or more! Get more for your money with an affordable model, such as Casio's fx-9750GII, which retails for under \$50. It offers use-

ful features like a high resolution screen and compatibility with a personal computer. It is also permitted to be used in such major tests as the ACT and the SAT. More information about calculators can be found at CasioEducation.com.

Take Stock and Buy in Bulk

Don't buy things you already own, and take advantage of bulk discounts for the stuff you need! Before making your shopping list take stock of what school supplies you already have in your closets -- and your child's backpack -- from the last school year. From scissors to folders to unused or partially used notebooks, you may already have many things your kids need for the year ahead.

For those necessities that kids will need all year long -- such as tape, paper, pens, pencils, markers and more -- take advantage of bulk sales at discount stores and online retailers. Buying more now can save you cash in the months ahead.

Go Green

Brown bags, plastic baggies and plastic silverware are small expenses that add up quickly. Instead, opt for reusable lunch container alternatives and a one-time ex-

pense. It's not only good for the planet, but kids will get on board if you let them pick items that speak to their sense of style. You'll also save yourself trips to the store!

Don't let back-to-school make a hefty dent in your wallet. At the store, take advantage of great deals and also consider different ways of eliminating perennial expenses.

“School”

(Continued from front)

School will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for new students August 1 and 2. Freshman orientation will be August 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and freshmen will attend all day.

A breakfast and a lunch will be provided free to all Rockcastle County students during the school year. However, in order to keep this program going in the future, each household should fill out the household income form that will be brought home by each student.

Only one form is needed per household even if you have more than one child in the school system.

According to officials at the school, the completion of this form is vital to keeping the free lunch program available in the future.

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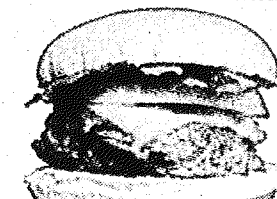
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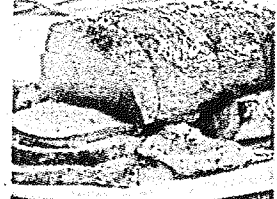
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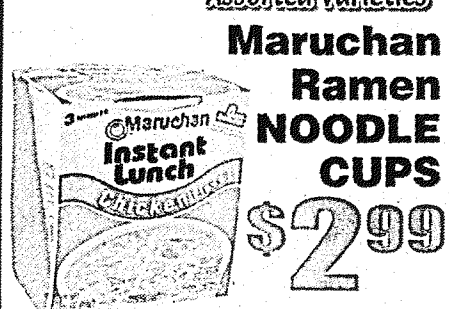
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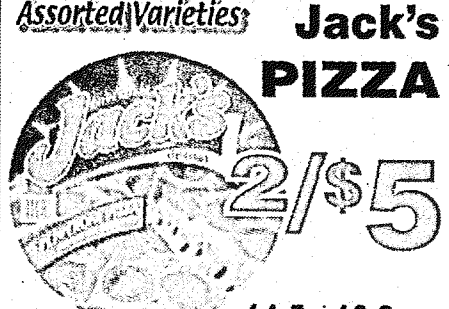
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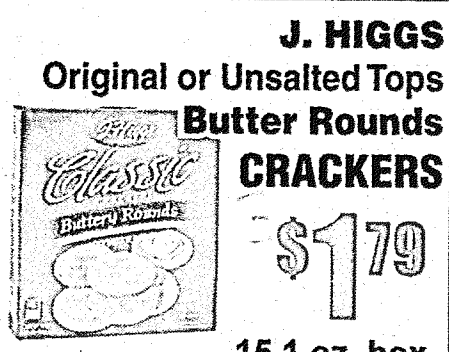
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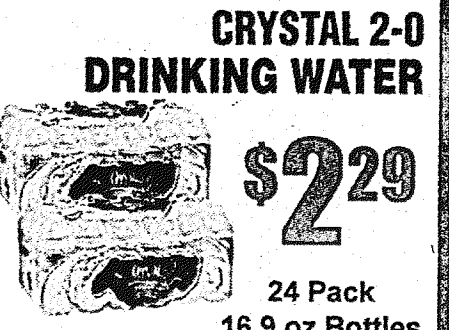
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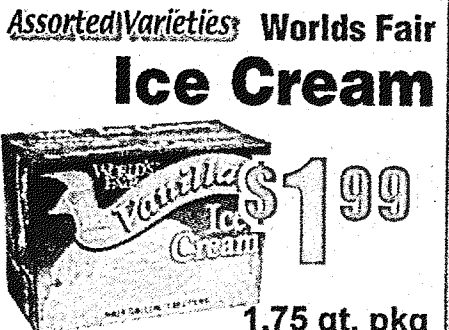
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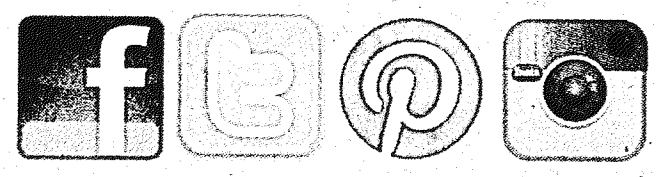
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Second Section

Thursday, July 28, 2016



Walking Trail at Lake Linville

A new walking trail can now be enjoyed at Lake Linville. The quarter mile trail, known as Eagle's Nest Trail, begins at Space 2 Create and winds in front of the scenic wetlands and ends at the parking lot beside the ball field. Thanks to Frank Baker and his team, water has been diverted from this wet lowlands area so you should be able to walk the trail all year. Be sure to keep your eyes open — you just might see an eagle.



Walls & Bridges

The Moving Wall, a portable replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, is one veteran's tribute to the sacrifices made by his fallen comrades.

By Michael Oricchio,
staff writer
San Jose Mercury News
(7/16/90)

Everything seemed to come together for San Jose native John Devitt when he attended the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. nearly eight years ago.

Not until then did the former Army helicopter door gunner realize that anyone wanted to recognize the sacrifices made by more than 58,000 of his dead brothers in arms.

Not until then did the recurring problems he'd been dealing with since serving in Vietnam from '67 to '69 cease. For years he had suffered from violent temper flares, the sweats, bad

dreams and the boredom of going from an intense, adrenaline-pumping existence to normal workaday life.

"That's why I wanted to do something. People really did care and I wanted to let other vets know they care," says the 41-year-old Devitt. "I wanted to capture that spirit I felt in Washington, D.C. and sort of spread it around and share it with people who couldn't get there."

To do that, he got together with a couple of friends in January 1983 and spent 22 months and about \$28,000 in donations building the Moving Wall, his original, aptly named half-scale plexiglas replica of the memorial in Washington.

These days, there are two Moving Walls that tour around the country during the year.

A third serves as backup in case there's a booking

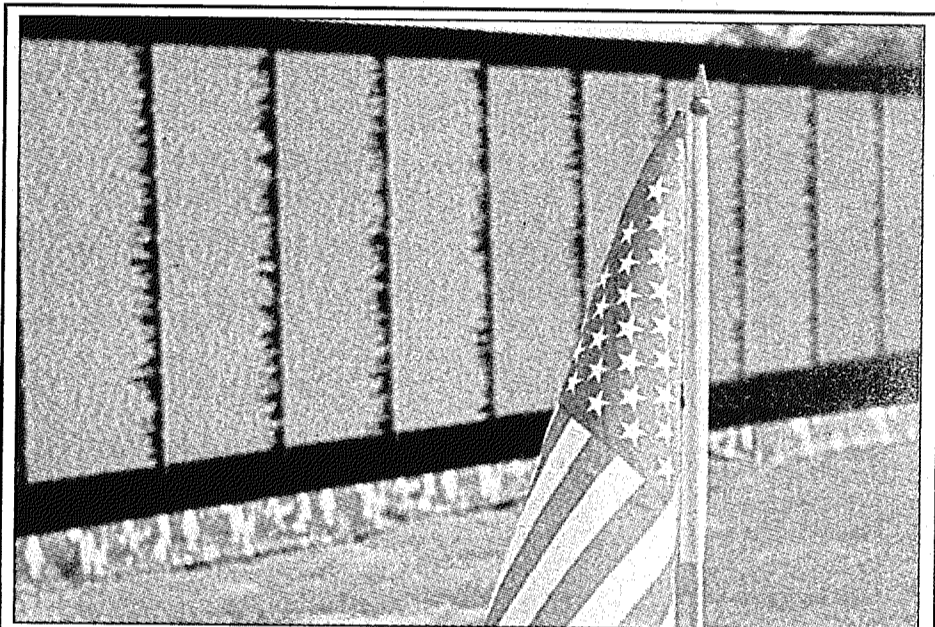
problem. Now, however, that third replica is on display at San Jose's Municipal Rose Garden, at the corner of Dana and Naglee avenues, until its two-week appearance there ends Saturday.

Gone for almost a year, the Moving Wall has returned to the city where both creator and creation were born.

"After having traveled all over the country with it," says Devitt, "it's good to bring it home and let people know it's still going on."

Since the original Moving Wall made its first appearance in Tyler, Texas, it and its two counterparts have been refurbished. Currently, each measures 250 feet long, 4 feet tall at each end and six feet tall in the center. Each is made of aluminum with the 58,175 names of the American dead

(Cont. to B4)



The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Moving Wall is coming to Rockcastle County in August. An opening ceremony will be held August 18th at 6 p.m. The Moving Wall will be on display August 22nd through the 28th in Renfro Valley.

Welcome

Dr. Bethanie Hammond returns to Rockcastle County



Bethanie Hammond, M.D.

Dr. Bethanie Hammond is returning to her native Rockcastle County to practice medicine at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Joining the radiology team located in the Outpatient Services Center, Dr. Hammond will be providing specialized patient care in Breast Imaging following her extensive radiology training.

Dr. Hammond is board-certified in diagnostic radiology and fellowship trained in breast imaging. She chose this specialty in medicine "not only because it plays an integral role in the healthcare team, but also because it combines the technological advances of sophisticated imaging modalities with the personal, genuine touch of individualized patient care."

Dr. Hammond, who focuses on lifelong learning and continued dedication to patient care, says "I am a team player who places patients first and my goal is to deliver the best medical care possible."

Dr. Hammond is looking forward to this next phase of her medical career. "I'm thankful and excited to join the Rockcastle Regional team in providing quality care to my hometown and surrounding communities."



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Marriage Licenses

Megan Holly Lovett, 26, Mt. Vernon, teacher to David Stephens Eller, 27, Mt. Vernon, nurse. 7/18/16
 Birdie Mae DeBord, 73, Mt. Vernon, retired to Joseph Monroe Albright, 84, Crab Orchard, retired. 7/19
 Samantha Ilene Vanhook, 26, Brodhead, SourceHOV to Scotty Lee Hellard, 36, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 7/19/16
 Teresa Diane Witten, 49, Orlando, Mathis Insurance to Steven Raymond Greenwell, 43, Orlando, carpenter. 7/19/16

District Civil Suits

Autovest v Aquil H. Muhammad, \$1,414.35 plus claimed due.
 Joyce Lark v. Terry Newcomb, forcible detainer complaint.
 Bank of America v. Edwin B. Evans, \$4,352.52 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Teresa Vanwinkle, \$694.94 plus claimed due. C-00109

Circuit Civil Suits

Tammy Hutchinson v. David Carl Bowlin, et al, complaint.
 Gerald Browning v. Marlin Chupp, complaint.
 Shannon Griffith v. Angela Griffith, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Reddia Gadd v. Matthew Gadd, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Springleaf Financial Services, Inc. v. Johnny Mackey, et al.
 Curtis Lee Cotton, et ux v. Jeffrey C. Howard, verified petition for permanent custody.
 Thomas Poynter v. Tammy R. Boggs, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Thomas Poynter v. Nathan Boggs, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Darrell Alcorn v. Amber

J. Babor, complaint for child support and medical support.

Lincoln M. Alexander v. Robert L. Alexander, complaint for child support and medical support.

Justin W. Hoskins v. Michele Bowling, complaint for child support and medical support.

Amber Moore v. Antho0sny S. Moore, complaint for child support and medical support.

Independent Capitol Holdings LLC v. Tabatha E. Reed, et al, \$1,831.06 plus claimed due. CI-00203

Deeds Recorded

Gary L. and Lavena F. Gregory, property on Slaty Branch Road, to Gary L. and Lavena F. Gregory, Trustees.

Robert D. Banks, Jr., property on Conway-Crab Orchard Road, to Janet A. Madden and Shevon J. Madden. Tax \$15

Brenda Caudill, property on Brodhead-Chestnut Grove Road, to Steven and Marsha Caudill. Tax \$125

Jeanie Lynn Renner, property on Lower Drive, Mt. Vernon, to Lonnie A. and Norma Jean McGuire. Tax \$10

Sondra Mullins, property on waters of Roundstone Creek, to Clifford Lee Mullins. No tax

Rick Saylor and Travis Lee Eller, property on Copper Creek Road, to James Henry Barron. Tax \$14

Earl and Judy Phillips, property on West Main and Quarry Sts., to Greg and Paula Cowan, Robert and Julie Phillips and Billy and Christy Phillips. No tax

Adam Hensley and Jonathan Hensley, property in Maple Grove Subdv., to Ronnie Hensley. Tax \$50

Phyllis Hines and William T. Hines, property in Rockcastle County, to Doyle L. and Helen L. Ramsey. Tax \$94

Richard Hysinger and Shana Hopkins, property in Copper Creek community, to Richard Hysinger. No tax

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
 Edible Landscaping: Part 1—The Basics for Starters

Edible landscaping, or landscaping with edibles, can have a variety of meanings to different people. Some think of raised beds and garden rows and fruit trees everywhere, and some think of a landscape like any other but with a few food-producing plants added in among the petunias and boxwoods. However you look at it, the trend continues to grow. I encourage the reader to consider it if you haven't already.

Edible landscaping is good landscaping only when the principles of landscaping are followed. For instance, sizes, shapes, colors, symmetry that compliments the home or the yard, have to be kept in mind if the look is to be professional and pleasing. Hardscaping is important; perhaps more than ever. The sidewalk, the deck, the urn at the door, the trellis, the pergola, garden storage area, all the usual elements need to be considered. Perhaps even emphasized (for there may be seasons of the year when the edible landscape just does not look great).

Think of the hardscaping, then add trees and other visual skeletal items. Then some small trees and shrubs. Then some perennials. Finally, deal with where annuals like tomatoes or cabbages might be grown. Having a sketch, a line drawing, even a bubble drawing or free-handed sketch can be helpful. Get the shapes of the walks, patios, decks figured out. Next where would a tree look best? Then, how about some blueberries, hazelnuts or honeyberries instead of boxwoods or spirea? How about some raised beds...filled with traditional vegetables like carrots or onions?

When the design is done, then, what tree looks good at the corner, or on either side of the entry? Instead of a birch tree, will a service-berry work? Instead of a sweetbay magnolia, will a pawpaw or jujube work and give the same structural look, but with added benefit of providing blossoms and food? Rather than a viburnum shrub, how about a hazelnut (or one of the edible viburnums...viburnum trilobum, viburnum opulus <not the one with "sterile" in the cultivar name>, or nannyberry viburnum or black haw viburnum), or maybe a edible honeysuckle bush? Daylilies are edible, so no adjustment for them, plant where you like.

Groundcovers that are

edible might include bear-berry or teaberry (kinnickinick and gaultheria). Also edible creeping raspberries and cranberries. The idea is to have a good functional landscape, including mulch, that is also utilizing edibles either sparingly or to have nearly everything be an edible in some way.

For the trellis, rather than wisteria or trumpet creeper, how about grapes, or blackberries or hardy kiwi vines?

For the flower pot or large pottery, perhaps a sweet potato plant, some chard or nasturtium, some chives, maybe even a dwarf blueberry?

For a shade tree, there could be a beech or chestnut, perhaps? A pecan or hickory. Or a full sized pear or apple tree. And putting a sweep of green bush beans interspersed with some euonymus or juniper bushes could look good as pansies or marigolds, could it not?

Think of the edible landscaping as good looking landscaping that is functional first. Then think of it as what is edible that I can put in that spot that meets the test.

And think of rows of corn and pole beans as a plot of traditonl garden out behind the house or the back lot somewhere.

With these ideas to get you thinking and organized, we will follow up soon with one or more articles on various edibles and combinations, and how they may be substituted for more traditional landscape plants.

We shall look at common vegetables and fruits that everyone knows, and ideas on where they might be worked into the landscape. Also, we shall take a look at

more exotic vegetables and flowers that you may not have even heard of, or at least not thought of previously as being edible.

You can have a landscape that you can eat. It can even look amazing.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Visit www.rockcastles.net or email rockcastles@gmail.com Ideas and suggestions and your questions are welcome.

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Rockcastle FFA Chapter attends Leadership Training

During the week of July 4th, the 2016-17 Rockcastle County FFA Officer Team attended the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg. During this week, students gained important leadership and communication skills by participating in classes such as an officer's class, chapter planning hour, special interest classes, and group athletics. Further, the officer team was able to develop teamwork skills through participation in a ropes course, volleyball, and water-ball. The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter was represented well at camp. Autumn Davidson represented the chapter as the nominee for Camp Council, while Trevor Sweet served as the delegate from the Rockcastle Chapter on the Camp Council Nominating Committee. Savannah Goff sang "I Told You So" during the Camp Talent Contest. Michaela Barron, Autumn Davidson, and Sydney Hines were selected as part of the camp all-star volleyball team. Hope Holbrook placed second in the FFA Quiz Contest and advanced to the state finals that will

take place during the Kentucky State Fair. Each week of FFA Camp, the top 10% of students attending are selected to receive leadership awards. Several Rockcastle FFA students were among that 10% attending the fourth week of FFA Camp. Savannah Goff received one of these leadership awards. Further, the top 3% of that top 10% is selected to receive the highest honor that a student can achieve at camp: an Outstanding Leadership Award. Rockcastle FFA was proud to have the most students within this top 3% of any other FFA chapter attending camp during the same week. Jarrett Burke, Josh Martin, Pamela Miller, and Trevor Sweetall received Outstanding Leadership Awards. The Rockcastle County FFA would like to thank the Rockcastle FFA Alumni Association for providing \$100 per student towards the \$150 student camp fee. In addition, we would like to thank the Kentucky FFA State Alumni Association for providing two full camp scholarships for two of our members.

The Rockcastle FFA Officer Team attended the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg. Pictured front from left are: Michaela Barron, Hope Holbrook, Allie Renner, Kensie Sheffield, and Hannah Denny. Second row from left: Pamela Miller, Tiffany McGuire, Autumn Davidson, Sydney Hines, Daya McGuire, and Caleb Ballinger. Back row from left: Cole Ballinger, Josh Martin, Austin Kirby, Elisha Blanton, Savannah Goff, Logan Miller, Jarrett Burke, Andrew Joshua McKinney, and Trevor Sweet.



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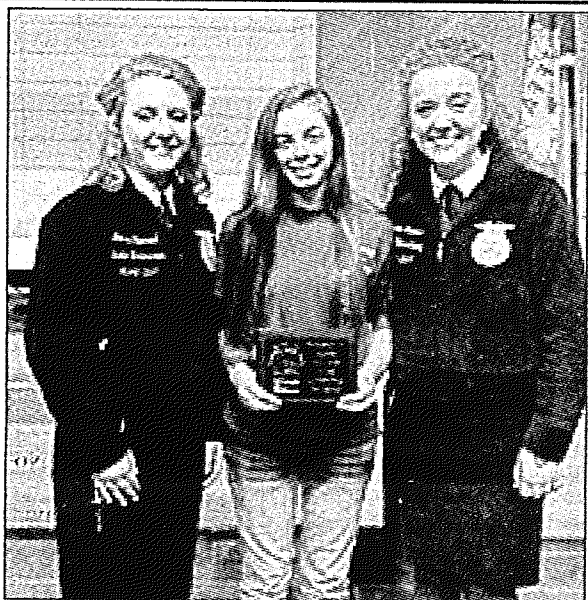
Receiving their Outstanding Leadership Awards were from left: Kentucky FFA State Treasurer Jenna Harrod, Pamela Miller, Josh Martin, Jarrett Burke, Trevor Sweet, and Kentucky FFA State Secretary Gracie Furnish.



Pictured are Kentucky FFA State Treasurer Jenna Harrod, Savannah Goff receiving a Leadership Award, and Kentucky FFA State Secretary Gracie Furnish.



Volleyball All Stars Autumn Davidson, Michaela Barron, and Sydney Hines.



Kentucky FFA State Treasurer Jenna Harrod, Hope Holbrook receiving her second place FFA Quiz plaque, and Kentucky FFA State Secretary Gracie Furnish.

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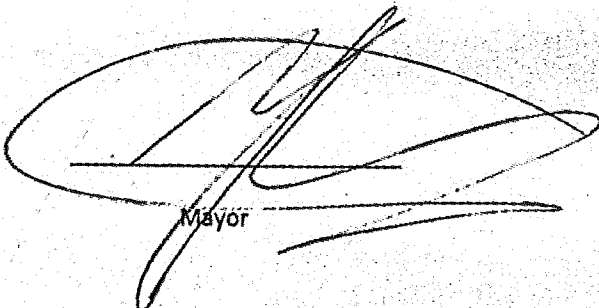
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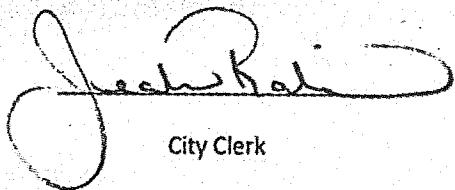
SECTION ONE: Motor vehicle dealers may conduct temporary off site sales or display events ("tent sales") within the City of Mount Vernon upon the following conditions:

1. The motor vehicle dealer shall hold a proper business license to sell motor vehicles within the city.
2. The dealer shall specifically comply with the conditions set forth in 605 KAR 1:06, Section 2, a copy of which is attached hereto and is the same as written here in full.
3. Display events may be held up to three (3) times per year not to exceed fifteen (15) consecutive days.
4. Sales events may be held up to three (3) times per year not to exceed five (5) consecutive days.
5. There shall be a twenty five (25) dollar permit fee for each display event and sales event.
6. The site and dealer shall comply with all proper business regulations and requirements.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage and publication. Introduced and publicly read on this the 20th day of June 2016. Publicly read and approved on second reading on this the 18th day of July 2016.

Adopted this the 18th day of July 2016.


 Mayor


 City Clerk

CHURCH NEWS

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

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

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

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

Fellowship Meeting
Crab Orchard Pentecostal Fellowship meeting will be Monday, August 1st, beginning at 7 p.m. Bro. Scott Adams will be this month's speaker.

Bro. and Sister Donald King and congregation invite all.

Back To School Bash
Crossroads Assembly of God will hold a Back to School Bash on Saturday, July 30th from noon to 2 p.m. at the Brodhead Depot Park.

There will be free cotton candy, snowcones, hot dogs, bounce house fun and free school supplies, while they last.

Macedonia Baptist Homecoming

Macedonia Baptist Church will hold their 2016 Homecoming on Sunday, July 31st. We will be having "Old Fashioned Days" with dinner on the ground served at noon.

Special guest speaker will be Bro. Randy McPherson. Special singing after lunch will be by Will Reynolds and others.

Please join us and receive a blessing and good fellowship.

Berea Tabernacle Special Service

Bro. Jimmy Miller from Livingston will be the guest speaker for a service Friday, August 12th at 7 p.m. at the Berea Gospel Tabernacle, 231 US 25.

Pastor Eugene Webb and congregation welcome everyone.

VBS/Back to School Bash

You are invited to our annual VBS/Back to School Bash at Crosspoint Church, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt Vernon on Saturday, August 6th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be lessons, crafts, puppets, a cookout, inflatables, face painting and free school supplies.

Come and enjoy the fun. For more info, or transportation, call 859-302-5454.

Philadelphia Baptist Church Events

- Open Singing at the church the last Sunday of each month. Everyone welcome.

- The church goes to the Brodhead Nursing Home the first Sunday of each month for a 10 a.m. service with a 6 p.m. Sunday service at the church.

- The Praise Singers will be at Brodhead Nursing Home on Sat., August 6th at 1 p.m.

- The church will be having a yard sale in September. If you have anything to donate, leave at the church or call Myrtle Laws, Clerk 606-355-2779 or Bro. Gordon Mink 606-308-5368. Anything is appreciated.



Bullen Reunion

Around 100 family members and friends attended the 2016 Bullen Reunion (Dewey B. and Flora Wolfe Bullen) on July 10th. Attending from out-of-state were Carlos and Kay Hurst Rodriguez of Woodbury, Minnesota and Jessie James Bullen of Indiana. Everyone brought dishes of food and desserts and enjoyed the day. May God bless and keep you all safe until next year.

"Wall"

(Cont. from B1)

in Vietnam silk-screened upon black panels, which are supported by metal braces driven into the ground. All told, these sheetmetal replicas cost about \$60,000 each, the money raised through donations.

But the emotional price that came with building them was probably much higher.

"It was pretty hard dealing with it on a daily level - just all those names," says Devitt.

"It didn't seem like we were ever going to finish. There were times when I wanted to just get into my truck and leave," he adds. "I never left. I just said, 'Let's go for it.' And that meant stop when you finish or die trying."

When he started, Devitt thought the original replica would just be a weekend project. Shortly after he started, however, he decided to give up his maintenance work at a half-dozen San Francisco apartment buildings and devote all of his time to the model.

Eventually Devitt, who is single, could no longer afford his Mission District apartment and took to sleeping in his car or at the homes of friends.

"He's so dedicated to those 58,000-plus fellows on that wall. That's been his life," says his 68-year-old father, Mike Devitt, a former arson investigator for the San Jose Fire Department.

"It's like an artist," adds his dad, who now lives in Capitola. "How can I put it? Like an artist."

At first glance, his son the artist - who graduated from James Lick High School in 1966 - looks like a freeze-frame still in someone's old photo album of the Sizzlin' '60s.

A black baseball cap sits atop his long, muddy brown hair flecked with gray, which hangs halfway down his back in a ponytail. A splotchy beard hides half his face, while big black plastic aviator-style glasses cover the rest.

His tall, lanky frame is clothed in the uniform of the

day: black Vietnam vets t-shirt with an American bald eagle on it, faded Levis and black sneakers. He wears an AMVETS ring given to him at an appearance and three bracelets with the names of MIAs etched on them.

"Underneath that beard and that long hair and those dark glasses, he's a hell of a good guy," says his father. "It makes me proud, not just as a father but as an American."

Apparently, others agree. As his project developed, Devitt found support from the Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd., the San Jose-area group to which he belongs. Eventually the memorial replicas became the primary project of that group, which has grown nationally since it was formed in January 1982.

"John, he's unique. He sees the wall as his Holy Grail. I guess that sort of colors his vision," says Bill Dupras, 45, who acts as president of the veterans group. "It's very all-consuming for him. It's almost an obsession."

Devitt also had a lot of help from two other local Vietnam vets who've stuck by him since the beginning.

Longtime pal, Gerry Haver, a Mountain View tree trimmer who served on an aircraft carrier in the Gulf of Tonkin, was one of the first people to be inspired by Devitt's idea.

"John and I were sitting around talking, and he mentioned that he wanted to get some project going," says the 47-year-old Haver, who threw in \$2,000 of his savings along with the \$500 or so Devitt had already put in the pot. It was all they had at the time.

"Then when he decided how big one side was going to be, I said, 'Oh, what have we gotten ourselves into?'" he adds with a laugh.

The pair took the idea to Norris Shears, another Navy vet who owns the Screentique silk-screening shop in south-central San Jose. Eventually that became their base of operations.

"I didn't know what to think. It was a hell of a project to take on," says the 47-year-old Shears. "Hell, I don't say no to anything."

In September 1983, Devitt and company went to the San Jose City Council for an endorsement, which they felt would help them raise more money for the model. Instead, the council gave them \$16,000. As payback, of sorts, Devitt hopes to build a fourth, permanent model and a small museum in a city park.

After the original project

was finished, and the demand for appearances grew, Devitt built a second model in 1986 and then the third in 1989.

The Moving Walls each visit 22 to 28 cities around the United States annually. Devitt says 75,000 to 100,000 people come out to the memorials during their weeklong appearances at each spot. There's a certain similarity to what happens in each city.

"Basically it's what happens at the wall in Washington, D.C.," he says. "You just see the whole emotional spectrum played out."

Devitt travels by truck with one of the memorials - in fact, he recently returned from an appearance in Concord, N.H. - while someone else travels with the other. The third is used as they need it.

He doesn't pull down a salary, his traveling ex-

penses and lodging are provided by the organizations that bring the Moving Wall to town. Those sponsors also pay a \$2,500 fee that goes for maintenance and insurance for the structures and a 30 cents-a-mile transportation charge.

No admission is charged at the display sites.

Still, there's a big payback for Devitt.

"A lot of these plaques here are from the places I've gone, organizations that have had the wall. It's just their way of saying thanks," he says, looking around the cramped, tiny Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd. office in San Jose. The walls are jammed with citations, awards and photos.

"It's a real rewarding thing to be doing," he says. "It brings people together. People for the war. People against the war. It has a lasting effect."



McFerron - Bullock

Mike and Shana McFerron, of Crab Orchard, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, MaKayla Gail McFerron, to Jeffery Dustin Bullock, son of Jeff and Sherry Bullock, of Mt. Vernon.

MaKayla is attending Somerset Community for Nursing and Dustin is attending Eastern Kentucky University pursuing a teaching career.

The marriage ceremony of MaKayla and Dustin will be at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mike and Shana McFerron on Copper Creek Rd on Saturday, August 6th. No formal invitations are being sent. All family and friends are invited to attend.



63rd Anniversary

Fred and Irene McFerron will celebrate 63 years of marriage on July 30th. Happy Anniversary and may God bless you with many more years. Love, Kathy, Mike and Shana, Robby and Vicki, Jimmy and Stephanie, Billy and Brandy, Dustin and Makayla, Jacob, Azlynn, Emma, Jaxon, Noah, Cordy and Beatrix.

An encouraging word:
Words Have Results
By Howard Coop



It was an unusual experience, one that will be remembered for a long time.

The meeting ran on, and on, and on. One person dominated the discussion. That individual talked, and talked, and talked. While many words were spoken, little was said. As time moved on, an old adage came to mind: "Words are cheap," and that adage was reinforced by words of an anonymous individual, "Don't use a gallon of words to express a spoonful of thought." Important ideas are not always "a matter of talk;" there is more.

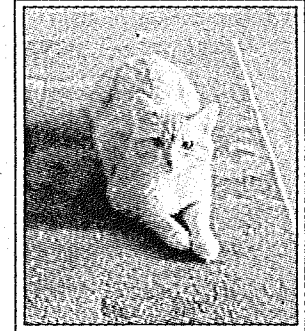
In 1874, Philip P. Bliss wrote, "Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life," and we use words, lots of words, every day. In most cases, words come easy, and they accomplish a good purpose. With words, we express our feelings to, and communicate

with, each other.

An old proverb says, "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." So, Blaise Pascal, the French philosopher of the seventeenth century said, "Kind words do not cost much. They neither blister the tongue or lips. Though they do not cost much, they accomplish much. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image in other men's souls."

While words are powerful, they are like a two-edged sword; they can cut more than one way. They can either be invaluable, or they can be worthless. They can either be soft and soothing, or they can be sharp and cutting. They can either be comforting, or they can be discouraging. They can be inspiring, or they can be depressing. It all depends upon the user and the way the user chooses to use the words. But beyond the spoken word, the expression on the face and the tone of the voice of the speaker can convey a lot.

Words have results; therefore one must use them with care. Napoleon Hill put it well when he said, "Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant seed of either success or failure in the mind of another."



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

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Posted: No hunting, trespassing, 4-wheeling or trespassing on property belonging to James and Juanita Chasteen, located on Little Hurricane Branch Road in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x5

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

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

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

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

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

Help Wanted

The Town of Brodhead will be accepting resumes for the position of part-time police officer. Hours and pay to be determined upon hiring. Certified officers preferred but will accept all resumes! Resumes will be accepted until Friday, August 5, 2016 before 3 p.m. Resumes may be hand delivered to 7 West Main Street, Brodhead, Ky. or mailed to Town of Brodhead, P.O. Box 556, Brodhead, Ky. 40409, or faxed to 606-7587-8635. The town reserves the right to refuse any or all resumes. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 29x2

Rockcastle County 911 is accepting applications. Must be at least 18 years of age to apply, have a high school diploma or GED and be willing to submit to criminal history/background check. Applications can be picked up Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the court-

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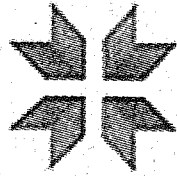
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Public Notice: Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Rockcastle County. Jamieson Construction Company, 9020052, 6/9/2016. 30x1

Notice is hereby given that Ozzy Staton, P.O. Box 1382, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Ronald Dean Staton, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ozzy Staton or Hon. Jeremy Rowe, P.O. Box 3038, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. 28x3

Destruction of Records Notice: In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines, the following special education records housed by Rockcastle County Schools will be destroyed forty-five days from date of this notice: July 28, 2016. Special Education Due Process Records to be destroyed are those for students who attended Rockcastle County Schools and whose birth year is 1991. It is noted that portions of these records may be needed by the student or parent/guardian for future services or benefits. A record of the student's names, grades, classes attended, grade level and year completed will be kept permanently. The student (eighteen or older) or parent/guardian may obtain a copy of the records by contacting Jason Coguer, Director of Special Education, at 606-256-2125, no later than September 12th, 2016.

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Yard Sales

Yard Sale: Friday, July 29th, 8 to 5, 285 West Main St., Hopkins Family. Women's clothing M-L, men's clothing L-XL, baby/toddler clothing - 6 mos.-L/T, shoes, kitchen items, indoor rugs, TV, baby gates, toys, booster seats.

Yard Sale: Pre Fall Clean Out. First yard sale in three years at Paul and Clarice Kirbys, 180 School St., Mt. Vernon. Begins Tuesday, August 2nd and runs through Friday, August 5th, 8 a.m. each day. We'll bring out more things daily. Priced to sell! Rain postpones sale that day. 30x2

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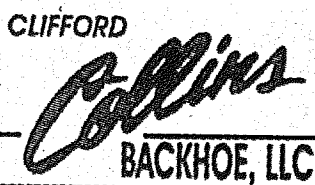
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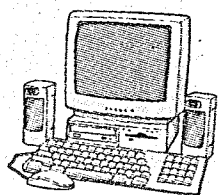
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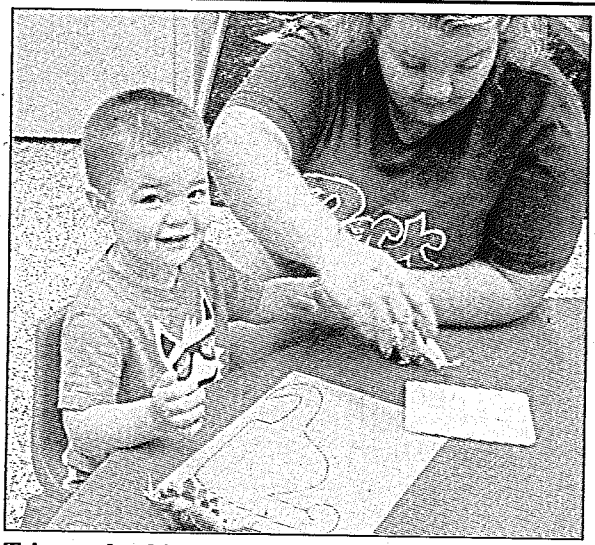
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Tripp makes his own Triposaurus during storytime on Friday, July 22.

Library News...

It's almost time for school once again. If you have a child who is entering preschool or kindergarten, we have several books to help them know what to expect. We also have books about school, riding the bus, school lunches, and teachers.

You can see the books by visiting us on the web at www.rockcastlelibrary.org and clicking on card catalog.

If you need a computer to do homework, the library has 13 internet accessible

computers and 4 laptops. The computers are free to use and printed copies are 25 cents per page. Free wi-fi is available if you would like to use your own laptop or phone. We also have several quiet areas located in the library for your convenience of studying.

Storytime is every Friday at 1:00pm for children ages 2-5. This week at Storytime we will be reading "The Watermelon Seed". For a craft we will make a watermelon and an alligator. Please come and join us!

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Reminds Kentucky Producers of Aug. 1 Deadline to Enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John W. McCauley reminds farmers and ranchers that they have until Aug. 1 to enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and/or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2016 crop year.

"Producers have already elected ARC or PLC, but they must enroll for the 2016 crop year by signing a contract before the Aug. 1 deadline to receive program benefits," said McCauley. "Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll."

The programs trigger financial protections for participating agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues.

Nationwide, more than 1.76 million farmers and ranchers are expected to sign contracts to enroll in ARC or PLC. Covered commodities under the programs include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

For more program information, contact your local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in

infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: August 3, 2016 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

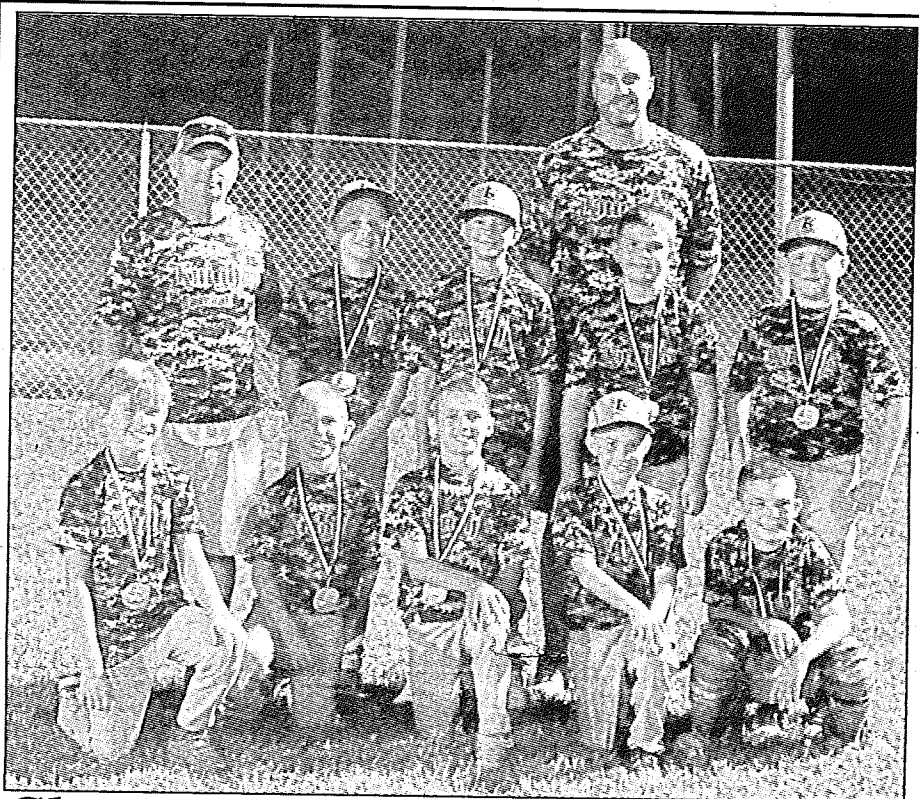
Office Closure Schedule
The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates for observance of a Federal Holiday: September 5, 2016 Labor Day.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 2.250%
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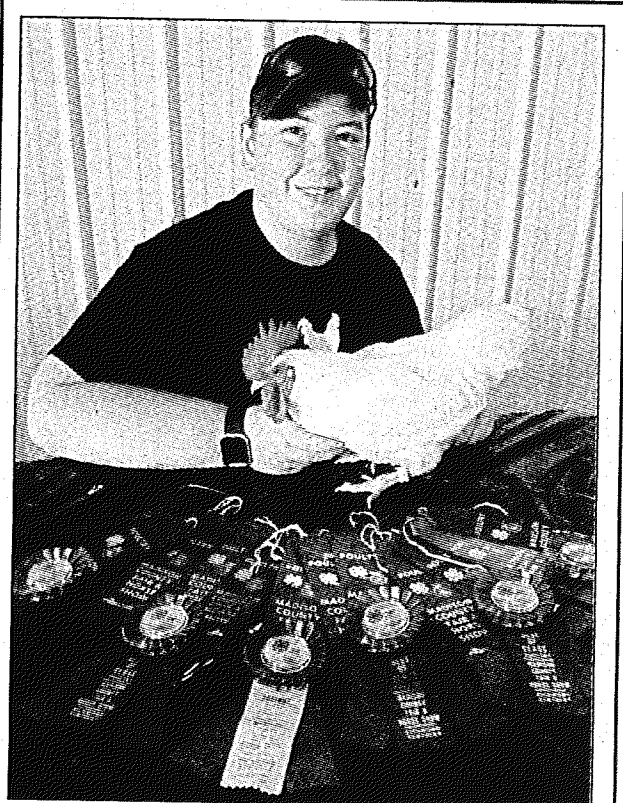
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Champions...

The 9U Knights from Rockcastle County were the champions of the Southeast Kentucky Shootout in Williamsburg on July 23rd. Pictured are front row left: Conner Winstead, Brady Resor, Connor Wright, John Esten Harris and Kaleb Alexander. Second row from left: Coach Todd Harris, Ethan Nicely, Walker Craig, Landon Allen, and Logan Sowder. Back row: Coach Corey Craig.



Coffey wins at Poultry Exhibition

Kyle Coffey competed in the Madison County Fair Poultry Exhibition on Saturday July 23. He received First place with his Black OEBG hens, 2nd place with his OEBG black hen, first place with his Black OEBG rooster, first place with his OEBG Quail hen and rooster, first place with his White Plymouth Rock hen and rooster, first place with his Buff Columbian Wyandotte hen and rooster and first place waterfowl with his White Pekin drake.

Kyle received Champion of Class in OEBG Black, Buff Columbian wyandotte, White Pekin Drake and Best Breed Old English. Kyle received Champion in OEBG, single comb clean leg, rose comb clean leg as well as Grand Champion waterfowl.

Kyle also received first place blue ribbons in the Showmanship contest and the costume contest where he dressed his White Rock rooster as a soldier.

Some changes for upcoming early migratory bird seasons

Although Kentucky is baking in the hottest temperatures of the year, hunters will be afield in a little over a month pursuing migratory birds such as dove, wood duck, American woodcock and resident Canada goose.

Those planning to hunt during these seasons must be aware of some significant changes for the September Canada goose and American woodcock seasons.

The September Canada goose season historically ran during the first two weeks of September, but will open Sept. 16 and close Sept. 30 in 2016.

"It wasn't an option before, we could only have the September Canada goose season in the first two weeks of September," said John Brunjes, migratory bird coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The Mississippi Flyway Council recently changed our goose management plan and we can now have the season anytime in September."

Brunjes and other Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff gathered feedback from waterfowl hunters regarding their date preference for the September Canada goose season.

"The overwhelming majority wanted the season in the last two weeks of September," Brunjes explained. "Farmers across Kentucky usually have not cut silage yet during the first two weeks of September, but they usually do cut it by the last two weeks of the month.

This gives hunters a better chance at harvesting geese in fields."

Brunjes also noted hunters enjoying the September wood duck and teal seasons may now also harvest a Canada goose if one comes into range.

"Opening on Sept. 1 gets crowded with the dove season opener and other seasons," Brunjes said. "Separating these seasons out keeps hunters from trying to do three things at once."

The American woodcock season also changed for 2016. Previously, the season opened Nov. 1 and closed Dec. 15. It will be a split season in 2016, with the American woodcock season closing for the opening weekend of modern gun deer season. The first segment opens Oct. 22 and closes Nov. 11. The second opens Nov. 14 and closes Dec. 7.

"We sent surveys to over 500 known woodcock hunters asking them what they wanted in a season," Brunjes said. "After gathering their input, combined with the desires of the woodcock hunters who attended the March Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, the Commission decided to recommend these season dates."

The earlier dates better correspond with peak migration of American woodcock through Kentucky.

This is also the second year of the Habitat Information Program, or H.I.P., a survey implemented last year to improve migratory bird and waterfowl harvest information and gauge hunter partici-

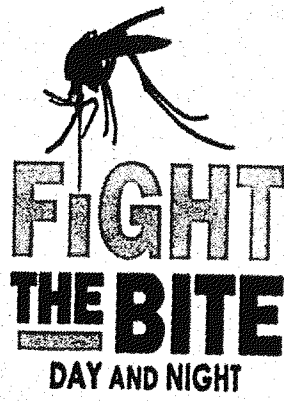
pation. Hunters must complete the survey and get a confirmation number. This number must be written on your hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Hunting permit to be a legal migratory bird hunter.

"It is annual thing, you must complete your H.I.P. survey every year," Brunjes said. "We had strong compliance last year."

The Habitat Information Program is comprised of a few questions about the hunter's harvest of migratory birds last season. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

"The information gleaned by answering four or five simple questions is extremely valuable," Brunjes said. "The information about the number of birds harvested as well as the number of hunters afield, along with the sex ratio of harvested birds is critical for the management of these species. The H.I.P. survey allows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify hunters they could contact for more intensive harvest information."

To complete the H.I.P. survey, log onto the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at www.fw.ky.gov and click on the "My Profile" tab in the upper left of the page. This takes you to a page that asks for some basic information to confirm your identity. You must answer a few simple questions and get your confirmation number. You may also complete the survey by calling 1-800-858-1549.



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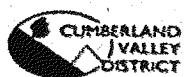
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