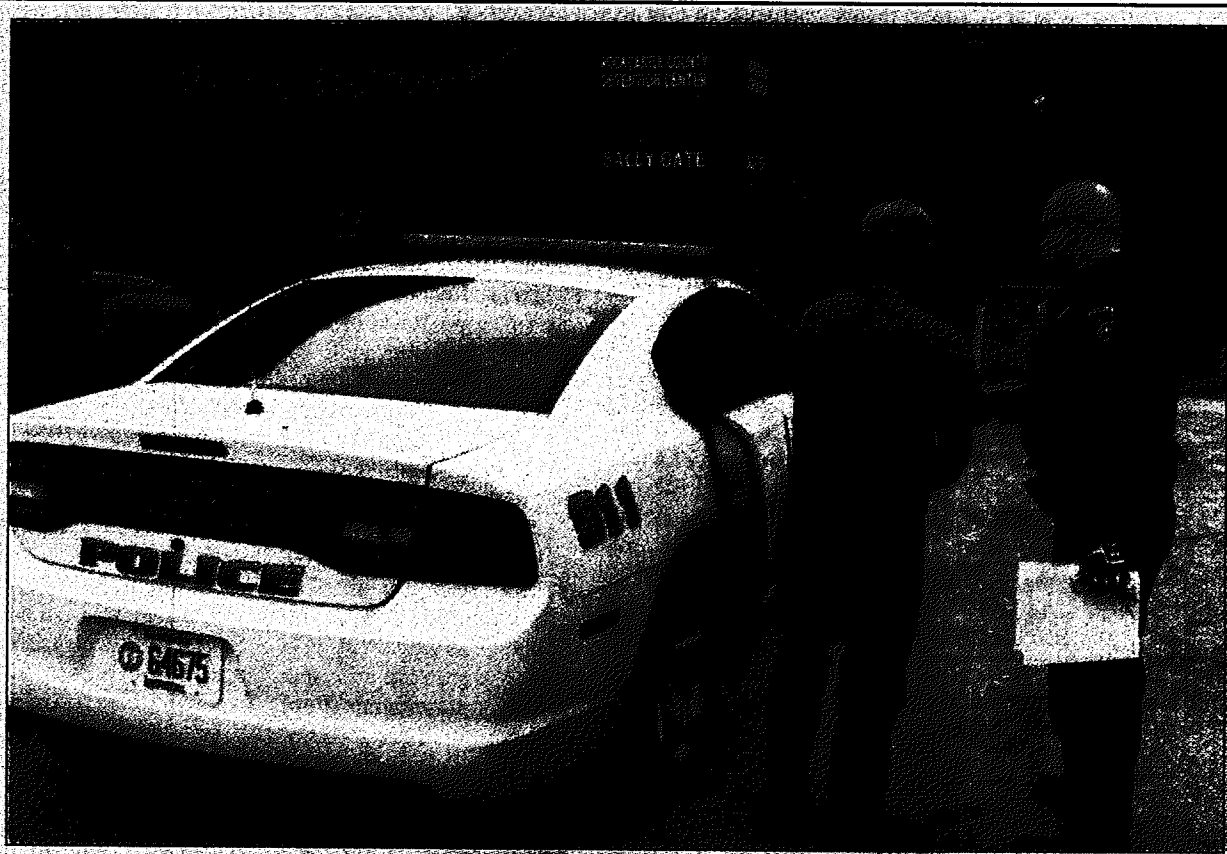


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Large meth roundup underway in county



Massive drug round up underway

Officer Ryan Messinger with the Mount Vernon Police Department takes one of the suspected methamphetamine dealers to the Rockcastle County Detention Center during Wednesday's massive drug roundup. Messinger said that before noon the department had already made about eight arrests of suspected meth dealers or manufacturers. Officials at the police department say they expect well over 20 arrests of local meth dealers and makers as officers spent the entire day Wednesday serving arrests warrants that had been gathered over a nine month investigation.

By: Mike French

Well over 20 arrests were underway as this week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* hit the streets and many local methamphetamine dealers and makers should have been locked away by the end of the day Wednesday, January, 25th.

According to Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter, a nine month investigation, led by Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush and Sergeant Adam Stallworth, has resulted in arrest warrants for 23 local meth dealers and makers and police mobilized Wednesday morning to begin the arrests.

"Most of the people we will be arresting are making and selling meth to the kids in our county. We won't get it all, but we are about to

make a noticeable difference in it locally," Carter said.

According to Chief Carter, every Mount Vernon police officer was on the case at press time and the "drug roundup" was underway.

"We have our entire force working on it today (Wednesday) and the warrants are in place," said Carter.

Police had gathered information for warrants for many months, during the investigation, but held off on arrests until they had all the information needed to arrest as many meth dealers and makers as possible at once, in order not to warn other dealers of the investigation.

Rush said he expects this

(See "Meth" on A7)

Three arrested for synthetic marijuana

By: Mike French

Mount Vernon Police received a call about possible drug activity on Alcorn Street on Saturday, January 21st.

Upon arrival, Officer Adam Stallworth noticed three men sitting in a car in the roadway. Upon approaching the vehicle, the report says officers noticed the three male subjects were all passed out.

One man was passed out in the front passenger seat while another was passed out in the driver's seat with a glass pipe and lighter in his hand and a third man was lying face down in the back seat with a plastic bag containing a white powdery substance under his face.

Police woke the men and observed dilated pupils and slurred speech.

Upon searching the vehicle, police discovered a cigarette pack in the center console containing synthetic marijuana. Inside the trunk of the vehicle, police say they discovered an unopened bag of Frontier cut and sifted Damiana leaf (synthetic marijuana) with a weight on the label of 16 ounces.

Arrested at the scene were John Collinsworth, Thomas Renner and Chris Jones all of Mount Vernon.

The three men were taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where each was charged with trafficking in synthetic marijuana, public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Each man's bond was set at \$5,000/10%.

I-75 widening to begin in March

Four to six years of work expected

By: Mike French

Travelers for the next four to six years, should be ready for alternative routes and slower traffic in Rockcastle County.

The first phase of the I-75 widening project in

Rockcastle County has been awarded to L&M Asphalt/ATS Construction of Lexington, according to Amber Hale, Information Officer of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Hale said the contract for

the first phase was awarded Tuesday morning and is slightly over \$31 million. Work is expected to begin around March 13.

Phase one of the project will begin at mile point 64.5 and continue to mile marker 69.

Hale said local residents will begin to see mobilization of equipment very soon and lots of road signage and warnings will be posted.

"We are going to start placing signage very soon and planning alternate routes for travelers as well as local residents," Hale

said.

This first phase is slated to be completed by October of 2018 and the next two phases will begin once this phase is complete.

Part of the construction and expansion will include the complete demolition of the bridge on Highway 3275 and the road will be closed during the project.

(See "I-75" on A7)

Meth bust in city

By: Mike French

Aaron Eldridge, 31, of Mount Vernon, was arrested Wednesday, January 18, for possession of Methamphetamine.

Police say they received a complaint of someone attempting to break into a vending machine at the City Park in Mount Vernon.

However, upon arrival, police say they interviewed Justin Cummins, who was at the scene with Eldridge, and who told police he was at-

tempting to charge his phone and was not breaking into the machine.

Police say when they checked on the two subjects, Eldridge was found to have a warrant for his arrest on another charge.

When officers began to search Eldridge, the report says the suspect handed over a container which had two needles, 3 Q-tips, a spoon and a small baggie containing suspected meth.

(See "Bust" on A7)

High speed chase held through Mount Vernon

On Wednesday, January 25th, Kentucky State Police Trooper Brian Maupin received a call about a possible stolen vehicle sitting in the parking lot of the Castle Inn Motel in Mount Vernon.

According to reports, when Maupin found the vehicle, and activated his

lights, the driver accelerated and took off traveling south on US Highway 25 towards Livingston.

The driver, later identified as Robert C. Scott, 20 of Louisville, traveled southbound at a high rate of

(See "Chase" on A7)

City helps citizen with sewer bill

By: Mike French

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council were met with a concerned citizen this week, during their regular monthly meeting.

Local resident and property owner Bob Bradley explained to the council in a kind and friendly manner that his water bill had suddenly risen from \$120 to \$907 and he asked city officials to help him with the bill.

"This is just too much. I need help with this bill," he

said. "The city has tested the lines and there was no leak found and nothing has changed in the apartments or business in the building. I need your help with this."

Mayor Mike Bryant agreed that the City should be able to help Bradley in some way. "This is an astronomical bill and though we are not allowed by law to do any adjustments on the water bill, we can, as a council, vote to adjust the sewer

(See "Bill" on A7)

Two mud slides hit Rockcastle

By: Mike French

Two separate mudslides were reported in Rockcastle County this week due to the 40 consecutive days of rain that has fallen in the county.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet reported that a mudslide on Ky 1786, Wildie Road, on Thursday, January 19th, caused one lane to be blocked during cleanup.

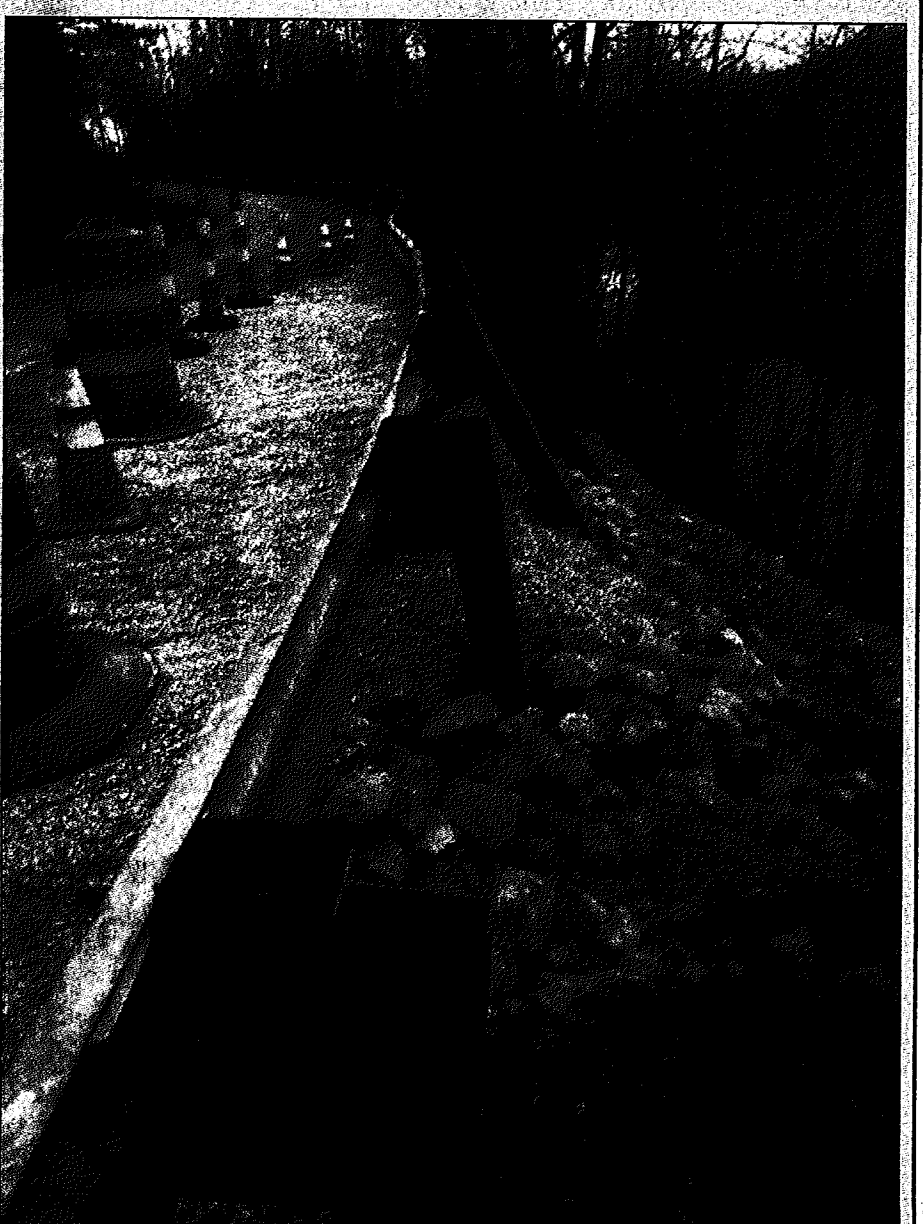
According to Communications Director Amber Hale of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the road is still reduced to a single lane but crews are working every day to clear the mud and debris.

The mudslide occurred at milepoint 2.8 and traffic was slowed for several hours.

Another mudslide happened on Big Cave Road on Monday, January, 23rd and crews were called to clean the highway and remove debris.

Though Rockcastle suffered near drought conditions and forced an outdoor burn ban in the late summer and fall, according to the National Weather Service, rain has fallen everyday in the county since the drought ended in mid November.

Two mud slides in county



Two mudslides have slowed traffic in Rockcastle County this week. One slide, on Highway 1004, and the slide shown above, on Highway 1786, caused crews from the Kentucky Department of Transportation to reduce the roadways to a single lane while they cleared debris from the roadways. Highway 1786 is still reduced to one lane at press time but daily rainfall makes cleaning up the mud a constant battle, according to officials. Rain is expected to continue throughout the week.

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ramblings....

by: perlina m. anderkin

I am so thankful that the weather has cooperated thus far this winter and we have been spared the huge snowfalls so far.

I realize there are many chances for the aggravating white stuff to fall next week but, if we can make it through February, Old Man Winter can't hang on much longer.

I listened to President Trump's Inauguration Speech with some trepidation last Friday. I was fearful that he would go off script and make some outrageous statement which would only serve up more fodder for the mainstream media to keep pounding their anti-Trump agenda.

However, that didn't happen. I was impressed with his speech and thought to myself that the left-leaning mainstream media would not have anything to latch onto for more of their anti-Trump rhetoric. Wrong!

Immediately, the speech was labeled "dark" and "Nationalistic." The dark implication was obvious but I looked up nationalistic to be certain of the meaning which, according to *The America Heritage College Dictionary*, means *Devotion to the interests or culture of a nation*. What American could have a problem with that? The second definition is *The belief that nations will benefit from acting independently rather than*

collectively, emphasizing national rather than international goals.

I understand that these ideas do not mesh with the "open borders" people or the global elitists in the past administration but with the middle class it heartily resounds.

I don't advocate isolationism but I certainly do believe in putting this nation's interests first.

As to the "open borders" contingent in our society, I believe our Constitution says that one of our President's duties is to protect our borders.

I am not against legal
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Aces Over

By Mike French



I will never understand pomp and circumstance. It's just something I don't get.

I know I am in the wrong because I can't find anyone who agrees with me. It must be a glitch in my upbringing, or may have something to do with my younger days when I had to struggle to buy groceries.

I have often said that I would love to have a President who has had the experience of just one time hav-

ing to do without something he wanted at the grocery store because money was tight.

That's a President who would understand where the rest of us are coming from. If he just one time had to buy his kid the lesser Christmas present because he couldn't afford the bigger one. If just once, he had to wait in line at Wal-Mart like the rest of us only to have his card refused.

Then, he would have some clue as to what the rest of us know. Maybe he would understand that we will indeed miss that extra few bucks that are added onto our taxes and the fees and fines. Maybe then, instead of assuming that another \$10 in taxes won't hurt anyone, he would realize that \$10 may decide what a family eats this weekend.

So to me, pomp and circumstance is way, way down on the priority list. Having the right flowers ordered from the most expensive flower shop, and the right ribbons made from special imported silk and the right high-gloss printed programs on specific parchment, is just completely unimportant.

I know that everyone I am around is aware that I am a Trump fan. And I'd vote for him again tomorrow. But I have to say, I expected him to put a stop to wasteful, government spending. I was a little surprised that he didn't comment on the money used for his inauguration ceremonies.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



It's not unusual, especially on the Letcher County Genealogy Facebook page, for someone to post an old photograph of a small rural school similar in appearance to the one I attended at Blair Branch from 1955 until I finished 8th grade in 1963.

Most of the photos are of old, white, high-ceilinged, wood-framed buildings that had as few as one room and as many as three with a couple of basketball goals mounted on wood posts adorning the playground.

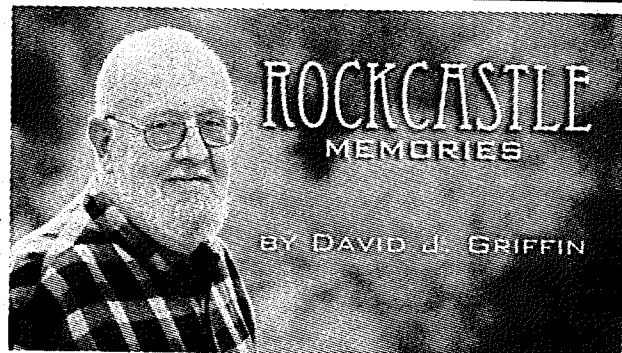
Few, if any, of them ever housed a student body of more than 100 or had more than 3 teachers who split up the grade levels.

However, Blair Branch Grade School had a fixture that I don't recall ever seeing on other old school ground photographs. Perhaps I've simply overlooked Merry-go-rounds at other schools. I'm reasonably sure that alert readers will correct me if I'm wrong but it would have been impossible to take a photo of Blair Branch School from the front without including the Merry-go-round during most of the years I was a student there.

Do not be thinking of anything with figurines or anything similar to what you will find if you google Merry-go-round. I've already tried and failed to find anything close to the contraption we, at Blair Branch, called the Merry-go-round.

It was made of heavy-gauge, 2 inch galvanized-steel plumbing pipe or spokes attached to a central spindle section of 6-inch steep pipe. The center pipe

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Favorite Chevys

I've been remembering a special car that I used to own: a Chevy Monte Carlo. But it had a kind of predecessor, another remarkably special vehicle, which requires introduction. I will never forget how my brand spanking new 1963 Chevy Impala Super Sport sounded when I started the engine for the first time. It was ordered with a 327 cubic-inch V8 and a four-barrel carburetor, producing 300 horse power, plus it was equipped with a four-speed manual transmission.

Sitting in that new Impala, revving the engine was a total "rush" for me. The car was big, loud, and sounded as powerful as it was - a real dream come true. My grandfather (Pop) had permitted me to order the car to my liking, and I was totally mesmerized by its sound, smell, touch, and performance.

Even though I owned several new automobiles over the next few years, it was 1977 before that power and speed would be duplicated for me. It was then that I purchased a new 1977 Chevy Monte Carlo Super

Sport from the Chevrolet dealership in Mt. Sterling. It was gleaming silver in color. When I first turned over the engine, I was taken back to 1963 and my Impala. I had been told that the 1978 Monte Carlo was scheduled for a considerable size reduction and that made me want the new 1977.

That particular model, Monte Carlo came equipped with a 350 cubic-inch V8 engine and a 4-barrel carburetor. It had the Turbo Hydra-Matic transmission and a positive traction rear-end. I had every desire just to stay in that car all of the time.

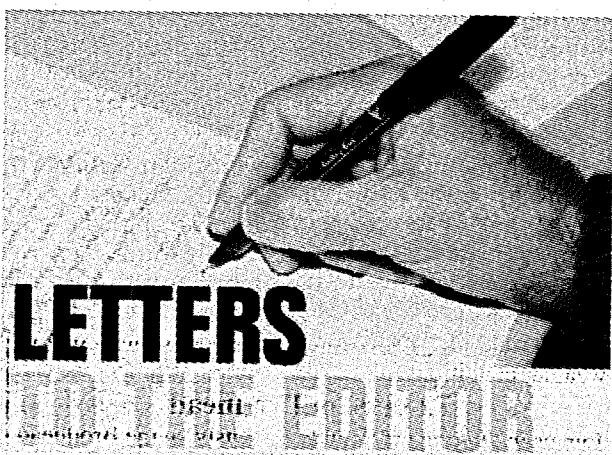
On the interior, it had the Super Sport trim with a vinyl bench seat (yes, I wanted a bench seat rather than the newer-styled bucket seat). Chevrolet marketed the car as a "personal luxury" automobile. The two-door coupe matched the silver exterior with a rich, deep red or maroon vinyl interior. It came standard with electric windows, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo radio with front and rear speakers, and that baby was extremely roomy.

That was also the era of CB radios, and I had to have one. Because I owned a portrait studio in Mt. Sterling, my "handle" was The Shutterbug. I had not been this excited since the 1963 Impala.

Because of its size and power, I decided to take it for an extended drive to find out how it performed. I headed up Interstate 64 toward Louisville with a friend of mine and ended up driving around Cherokee Park. I will admit that I had that stereo playing quite loudly as I drove around the park. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and I had just washed my new car. I had purchased a box of chicken from KFC, and we found a large shade tree under which to consume our lunch. That silver Monte Carlo drew a lot of admiring and curious looks while touring the park. That day still stands out as a special day to me.

Those two full-sized Chevrolets will always be a couple of my most favorite new automobiles. They were so fun to drive because of the power produced by the V8 engines. And I had

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Thank you...

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of the Rockcastle County UNITE Bowl. Four treatment centers shared in the donations of toilet paper and expressed their appreciation for the support through the annual "Wipe Out Drugs Toilet Paper Challenge". This letter has been delayed as donations continued to come in after the event and we wanted to thank all of our contributors.

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Thank You,
John Hale, Chairman
Rockcastle UNITE
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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



When The Snow Becomes a Mystery

Dear Journal,

I can't help but to remember, the big snow we had on the ground about this time last year. We got quite a bit and then in a day or so got quite a bit more. When all was said and done, there was about nineteen or twenty plus inches of snow in our yard.

Then, to add insult to injury, the temperatures were as cold as I've seen for a while. We had temperatures down to zero and below several times. In short it was a bitter, bitter winter this time last year.

Thankfully, this winter has been mild with only a little snow. The temperatures haven't been too bad, either. What do you expect in the winter in Kentucky?

Back in the middle portion of the 1980s, about 1984 or 1985, one of the

strangest, most unusual events I've ever seen occurred one morning. During the night there came about a four inch snow. I was so glad I was off from work that morning. It was the kind of morning that you could pull the cover over your head and sleep until noon. However, I was accustomed to getting up about 5 or 6 AM and by 7, I was wide awake, but just resting under the cover, nice and toasty.

My mom and step-dad, Harold, were next door about a hundred yards away. I was staying with my grandma who was elderly and shouldn't be alone.

Mom and Harold had an early morning doctor's appointment out of town, so they were up and moving early. Mom said that she would drop in to see how Grandma and I fared during

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“Points East”

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was fitted over a slightly narrower, solid steel post with sets of ball bearings between them. I figure it was made by a plumber with way too much time and pipe on his hands.
There were six sets of spokes, fashioned entirely from pipe fittings in such a way that they formed a circular platform. Imagine if you will, a 12 foot apple pie cut into 6 identical pieces

with all the pie pilling scraped out except for the outside edges of the crust and individual pieces, top and bottom and you have a general idea of what our Merry-go-round looked like. A very large pie skeleton suspended nearly 2 feet above ground.
Because of the steel bearings inside the center posts, this thing would spin at a very rapid rate. It had six seats about 20 inches

above the ground that would accommodate up to three or so kids per seat while a couple of other kids grabbed hold of the outside edge of the spokes and spun it around. I've seen other, school-yard Merry-go-rounds that were nearly ground level and riders stood, rather than sat on them.
Ours was made far enough above ground that kids could actually stand

behind the seats and between the spokes to push the thing around, an act so dangerous that it was against the rules, not that many a boy didn't get the seat of his pants "dusted" with a paddle because he didn't think a teacher was watching.
If I had a dollar for every scraped knee, shin, hand and elbow caused by that Merry-go-round I would be a very wealthy man today.

On the other hand, I don't recall any broken bones and that is akin to a miracle.
Well before I reached 8th grade the Merry-go-round had become so wobbly that it would hardly go around, much less spin.
This condition was brought on by some older, out-of-school riff raff who, to prove their manhood on one Halloween night, lifted the several hundred pound frame off the spindle and leaned it up against the side of the school building, loos-

ing several of the ball bearings in the process.
I've forgotten how we got it reinstalled but it never worked very well after that and it mostly became a place to sit and eat lunch as opposed to something to play on.
If you recall strange and different playground equipment from your school days, feel free to get in touch with me. I intend to keep old school day activities alive here from time to time. Email: ikeadams@aol.com

“T.J.’s”

(Continued from A-2)
the night, so I wasn't surprised to hear a little knock on the kitchen door about 7:15, just after daylight.
I went to the door, just knowing it was Mom. There came a second and third knock before I reached the door. I opened the door but it wasn't Mom...it wasn't anybody; absolutely nobody was there. I opened the storm door and looked all around. Could it be a prankster at that time of the morning and in that kind of weather?
I looked down on the porch to see a small set of footprints, about a ladies size 6 or 7 leading to the door, but not away. They came from the direction of Mom's house but the origin

was uncertain.
I was pondering the situation when I heard another knock on the door. This time it was Mom. I let her in and she inquired if we had an early morning visitor. I told her about the knocks and the footprints that we both had seen.
She wondered about the footprints, herself. She told me that the origin of the footprints came from under a storage building about halfway between Mom's house and Grandma's house. That building sat about a foot and a half off the ground.
What a mystery. Here we have a very plain set of footprints leading to Grandma's back door, one way none the less, that came from under

a building less than two feet from the ground. Then the owner of the prints knocked on the door three separate times, but was not to be seen.
For those who believe in the supernatural, there is an explanation. Back in the 1880s or 1890s, there was an elderly couple by the name of Isili (pronounced "easily") who were Swiss settlers in the Swiss Colony portion of Laurel County. The colony was settled by Swiss immigrants in 1881. The Isilis owned the land where Grandma and Mom lived and the Isily house was about halfway between their houses. Their old well area is still visible.
Oral history of the area says that one summer the

Isilys were in their yard as a storm blew in as they were taking their laundry inside. A sudden bolt of lightning struck both of them dead.
Mrs. Isili has been seen quite often in Grandma's back yard over the years by several people. She is known as "the old white-haired lady" and her husband is known as "Old Charlie", who lives upstairs as Grandma's house. He is attracted to children. I saw him once as a child. On one occasion, he pushed me almost all the way down a long flight of stairs when I was about three years old. I kid you not whatsoever. Call me crazy if you want.

“Ramblings”

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immigration but I am against letting illegals roam free and, in some cases, harm our citizens -- does the name Kate Steinle come to mind?
And, one final thought, aren't you glad? I had the misfortune of hearing Ashley Judd's bitter, hate-filled rant during the Women's March. For one thing, her comparison of Trump to Hitler was a strange one since George Soros, who actually turned on his own country and collaborated with the Nazis

during WWII, bankrolled 50 of the organization who sponsored the March to the tune of \$90 million.
I have been happy with the majority of President Trump's actions thus far. The dust up, comparing the crowd size for his inauguration to former President Obama's, is a little ridiculous. I feel there are much greater issues that this effort and passion should be expended on but that's just me.
Anyway, back to my original thought, snow stay away!

“Aces”

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Estimates indicate that over \$200 million was spent on his inauguration.
Just to put that in perspective, that's 200,000 hungry, homeless veterans that could have received a check for \$1,000. Gone.
The stage and bullet proof glass and red carpet and flowers and silk ribbons and balloons are all gone now. That \$200,000,000 is gone and homeless veterans are still out in the cold.
Oh, I get that it's a big deal. New President. Change of power. Different direction. I get it.
But if there is one

thing I am certain of, it is this. A simple Bible and copy of the Constitution in the Oval Office would have served the same purpose.
Trump would still be President today and would still do everything he is planning to do and cameras could have covered it and he could have given the same speech (which by the way, was awesome!)
I know the "pep rally theory" and getting people behind your movement is important. But if it takes just the right flowers and ribbons and ballons and \$200,000,000 to do that,

then your marketing team needs some work.
I know I have had some pretty good meals in my day too, especially for some special celebrations. But, NOT when I was \$20 trillion in debt and not when those under my responsibility were doing without food.
Don't get me wrong. I am not blaming Trump for any of this. It's the established way the government has worked for hundreds of years. Spend other people's money. That's their job. I get it. Play politics...be more important than others....buy more expensive dresses.....eat lobster while I eat a Wendy's burger. Exempt yourself from laws that the people must follow. Force your subjects to purchase a product from a third party because lobbyists donate to your campaign. That's government.
But, I am saying, if it were me, I would have said, "Swear me in right where we stand and put \$100,000,000 in the Veterans Fund and the other \$100,000,000 towards the \$20 trillion debt."

“Memories”

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acquired my Monte Carlo just in time. Sure enough, in 1978, the Monte Carlo design became a different car all together. The 1978 model was 700-800 pounds lighter and some 15 inches shorter than the 1977 model. The engines offered in previous years were dropped in favor of a standard 231 cubic inch V6 built by Buick or an optional Chevrolet 305 cubic inch V8. I was so glad that I had purchased the 1977 model.
During the 56 years that I have been driving, those two full-sized Chevrolets are still two of my most prized cars. I loved that they were big and had plenty of power if it was needed. I would love to have either one of them now, to experience the feel of a big automobile.
I can still hear that old jingle, "See the USA in your

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CCDW gun classes. Call or text Tony Renner at 859-621-0229 for scheduling.

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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.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
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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.

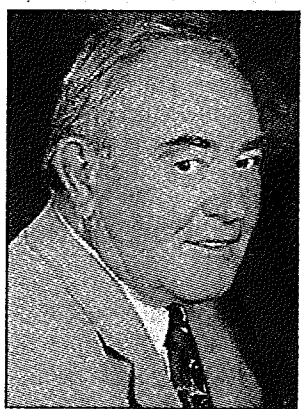
Alcoholics Anonymous
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

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.

Obituaries



Frank Bradley

Frank Bradley, 74, husband of Katherine, died Tuesday, January 24, 2017 in Okeechobee, FL.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and are incomplete at this time.

www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Marie Carter Rodgers

Marie Carter Rodgers, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 18, 2016 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on September 3, 1953 in Cincinnati, OH, the daughter of the late Charles and Dorothy Spears Carter. She was an avid UK Wildcat fan, and was a member of the Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors are two brothers, John (Connie) Carter of Loveland, OH, and Charles Michael (Liz) Carter of Cincinnati, OH. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Gloria Carter.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Jeremy Ellis officiating. Burial was in the Riddle Cemetery. *View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at: www.coxfuneralhome.com*

Minnie Louise Stewart

Minnie Louise Stewart, 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 24, 2016 at the Baptist Health Richmond Hospital. She was born June 9, 1930 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Martin and Maggie Cleo Doan Thomason. She was retired from the Parker Seal Company, enjoyed cooking, embroidery, and flower gardening, and was a member of the Holiness faith.

Survivors are: two sons, Wendell Stewart of Richmond and Donnie Stewart of Cincinnati, OH; one daughter, Gina Durham of Berea; seven grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: husband, Monroe; one son, Nelson; six brothers, Paul, Verldon, Joe, Bill, Bentley, and Ted; and six sisters, Dessie, Roberta, Mary, Ruby, Lavern, and Nellie.

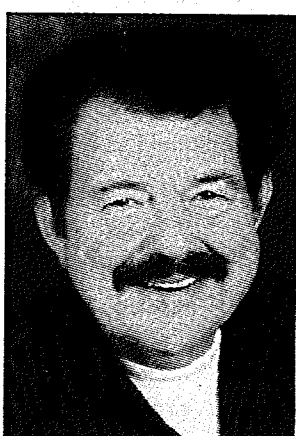
Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at Cox Funeral Home. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.coxfuneralhome.com

Stamps to cost 49 cents again

Officials at the Mt. Vernon Post Office report that the cost of stamps has returned to 49¢.

Officials say the single stamp formerly cost 49¢ but was dropped to 47¢ for awhile but, as of this past Sunday, the cost has returned to 49¢.



Glenn Howard

Glenn Howard, 72, husband of Phyllis, died Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond with family by his side. He was born April 19, 1944 to the late Edgar and Grace (Brown) Howard. On September 11, 1965, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Phyllis Martin and from that union came two children, Paula and Dwayne. He worked at American Greeting for 20 years as a machinist and attended the Church on the Rock. Glenn enjoyed watching TV, gardening and mushroom hunting.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 51 years, Phyllis Howard; children, Paula Taylor of Berea, and Dwayne Howard; two grandchildren; brother, Billy (Jackie) Howard of Paint Lick; sisters, Shirley (Robert) Wilson of Waynesburg, Linda (Bob) Hollis of Somerset and Teresa (David) Shivel of Eubank; special cousin, Jerry Brown; as well as many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Chris May officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Crab Orchard.

Casketbearers were: Chris Hollis, Cyle Wren, Jason Hollis, Danny Wilson, Chad Shivel and Derek Taylor.

Honorary casketbearer was Jerry Brown. *Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com*

Card of Thanks

Shirley Ray Cable

A Letter of Thanks to all at Rockcastle Rehab in Brodhead for taking care of our loved one, Shirley Ray Cable, during his stay there. They made us feel like family and the nurses, aides, different departments were all so good to us.

Thanks to the "Candy Man" who brought a smile to his face almost everyday, JoAnn Brown for her weekly visits and snacks and Charlotte Bullock for all of your visits. This meant so much to him.

Thanks also to Rockcastle Hospital and staff for your care. He also would want us to thank one special nurse (his niece) Tricia Beth Nelson for spending Christmas Day with us, so lucky she was our nurse that day.

Thanks to McKnight Funeral Home, Kyle, Jamie, Bro. Thad Eubank and Timothy Lewis for their care and consoling words.

Last, for all visits, prayers, flowers or any act of kindness, we say Thank You and God Bless You.

We have lost a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

Donna Cable & Children

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Toll-free Treatment Help Line
1-866-90-UNITE

Card of Thanks

Myrtle Elizabeth Adams

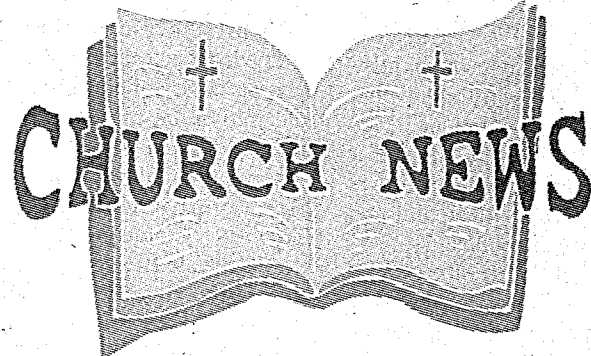
The family of Myrtle Elizabeth Adams would like to thank each and every friend, neighbor and family member that said a prayer, visited, prepared food, sent gifts and provided such support and kindness during such a difficult time of loss and despair.

Special thanks to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals for providing such superior services. Special thanks also to Rockcastle Regional staff for their great care and services.

Also, to Brodhead Baptist Church for the amazing meal provided to the family after the funeral.

We are thankful for everyone and all that has been done to help our family during this great loss.

Lee Earl Adams & Family
Vicky Farthing & Family



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

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Donations for

Buckeye Christian

Donations are needed for fencing and to board up the windows of the Buckeye Christian Church to keep vandals from doing further damage to the structure.

Please send donations to Gary M. Reppert, P.O. Box 174, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Benefit Singing

Ottawa Baptist Church will host a Benefit Singing for Betanie Bretz, who is fighting cancer.

The singing will be Saturday, February 4th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Some of the singers that will be there include: One Voice, Gift and Grace and The Living Gospel Quartet.



Mt. Vernon C Store Marathon employee Barbara Holcomb Teal, right, presented Brooklyn Smith, age 9, with the stocking that was given away during the Christmas holiday. Brooklyn is holding her cousin, Temperance Patterson.

An encouraging word:

A Little Act of Kindness

By Howard Coop



Robert Browning, the English poet, had a little girl, Pippa, sing happily as she tripped along, "The day's at the morn...the hillside is dew pearled..." and "all's right with the world." Except for the fact that it was late afternoon, it was that kind of day for us.

With high expectations for a good evening, we were driving down the highway. In was time for dinner, and our favorite restaurant was just a few minutes away. We knew we would have a pleasant experience.

Suddenly, I heard an unpleasant sound, and I felt the car pull to the right. It didn't take long to know that there was a serious problem, a flat tire. Immediately, I pulled over to the side of the road. As I opened the car door to get out, I saw a car that had pulled over behind me, and the driver of that car and I met behind my car. With a big smile on his face and his hand extended in a friendly way, that perfect stranger said, "Got a flat tire ain't ye? Don't worry about it. I'll fix it fer ye."

When I opened the trunk of the car, the stranger gently pushed me aside and said, "Let me do it. I'll get it. I know where it is." And he did.

He worked fast, and in a few minutes, the flat tire was replaced. After thanking the stranger, I gave him a gift to express my appreciation for his service, and with a satisfied look on his face, he got in his car and rapidly drove away. With gratitude in our hearts for the help of a perfect stranger, we drove down the road and were soon at the restaurant enjoying a delightful meal.

Remembering that event, I recall some words that are almost two thousand years old: "Do not forget to do good and share with others." Just a little act of kindness may make a big difference in someone's life.

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156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhbp@gmail.com

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

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

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

Bride of Christ Church
100 High St. Mt. Vernon
Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

606-416-7136
606-379-6335

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian Church
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor
Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

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

Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd. (Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
606-224-4641

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Climax Christian Church
Hwy. 1912
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Terry Thornton, Minister
Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at 7 p.m.

Community Worship Church of God
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard
Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Conway Missionary Baptist
116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Donald King
606-355-7395

Crossroads Assembly of God
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Steven Vanhook, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Dixie Park Cornerstone
700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Vanwinkle, Pastor
Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor

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

email: fairviewbapt@aol.com
Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

Neal Thornton, Pastor
Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth
website: www.fbcmyky.org
email: fbcmyky@newwave.net
Sunday Services: 8:20 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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First Christian Church
West Main St. Mt. Vernon
606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Jack Stallworth, Pastor
Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Youth/Children Classes 7 p.m.
www.freedomsbc.com
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pastor@freedomsbc.com
Pastor: David Sargent
606-256-2968

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd.
Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m.
Gary Parker, Pastor

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709

Living Word Community Church
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246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor
606-308-4312

Macedonia Baptist
Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Bro. Barry Hurst, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Mareburg Baptist Church
2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
www.mareburgbaptist.org
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

McNew Chapel Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
Mt. Vernon Church of God
1025 W. Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene
40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
David Smith, Pastor
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
606-308-3293
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
New Heights Church
316 Mini Mall Dr.
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)
Berea, Ky.
www.newheightsky.net
Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
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Jon Burdette, Lead Pastor
Steve McDaniel, Worship Leader
New Hope Baptist Church
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.
Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Bro. David Carpenter, Pastor
Northside Baptist Church
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577

Kenny Allen, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9
Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.
Time Warner Cable
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
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Ottawa Baptist Church
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training/Youth Mission Groups 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Youth Choir 6 p.m.
Children's & Youth Bible Study 6:45 p.m. • Service 7 p.m.
Jim Craig, Pastor • 758-8453
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
515 Williams St (across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Fr. Michael Flanagan, Pastor
Sister Joyce Moeller,
Pastoral Associate
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance

Philadelphia United Baptist
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-308-5368

Pine Hill Holiness
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Todd Hignite, Pastor
256-5955
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.
Pleasant Run Missionary
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care
Bro. Gary Bowling, Pastor
Poplar Grove Baptist
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Tony Shelton, Pastor
Providence church of Christ
1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618
Dan McKibben, Minister
758-8524 or 758-9316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
email:
dan.mckibben@juno.com
www.WhatSaiithTheScriptures.com

Roundstone Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Sand Hill Baptist Church
Sand Hill Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor Tommy Miller
Sand Springs Baptist
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right
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Lady Rockets beat Lady Colts and Lady Eagles

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets added two to the win column in their last two outings, beating the West Jesamine Lady Colts 62-56 last Friday night and giving the Madison Southern Lady Eagles a 69-59 defeat Tuesday night.

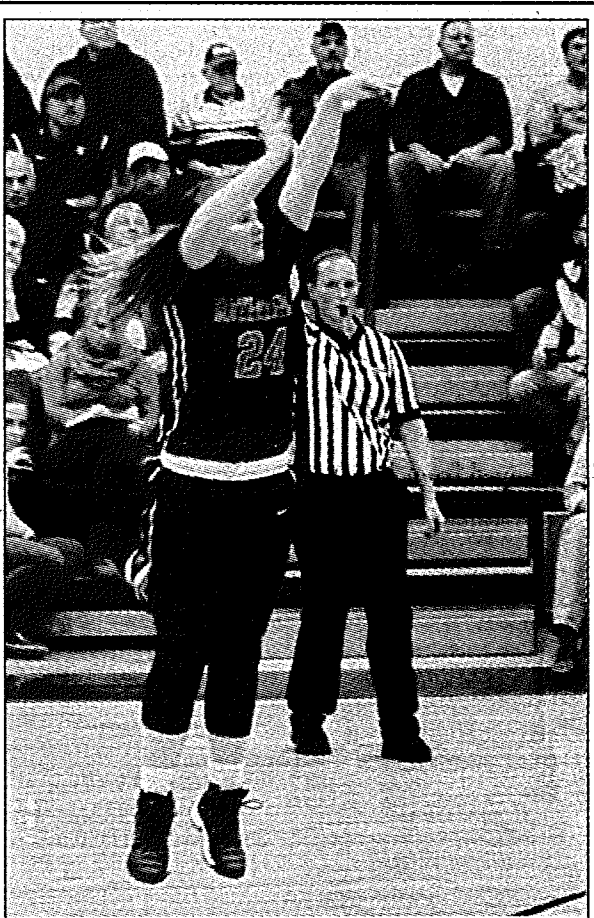
The Lady Rockets won the first quarter of the West Jesamine game 22-15 and it was 33 to 29 at halftime. The Rockets fell behind in the third quarter 44-43 but came back to take the fourth 18-11 for the win.

Senior guard Mahala Saylor led the scoring for her team with 21 points, including 10 of 12 at the free throw line; senior Hope Kelley got nine points; senior Maddy Bullen scored eight; senior Emme Barker got 7; freshman Kenzi Himes scored 6; senior Jayna Albright scored five; eighth-grader Casey Coleman four and junior LeaEllen Rogers got two.

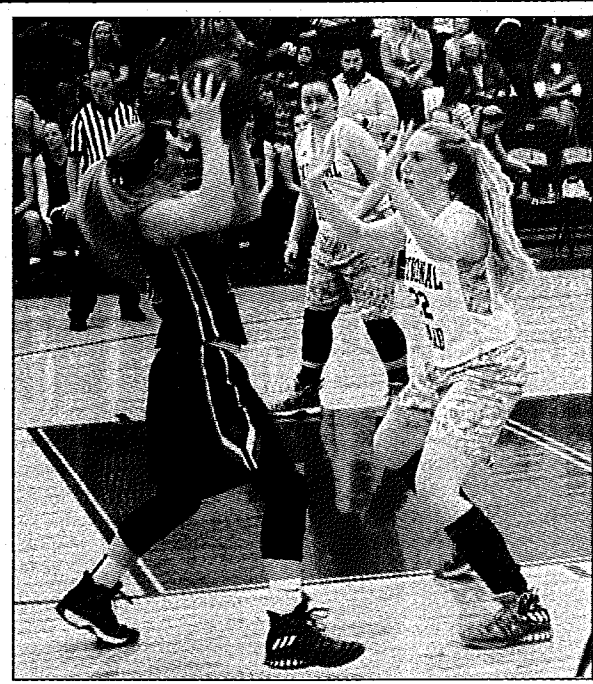
At Madison Southern Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets came out strong in the first quarter, outscoring the Lady Eagles 20-13, behind four three point baskets in the period by Kelley. At halftime, the score was 34-25 and it was 43-35 at the end of the third period. The Lady Rockets also took the final quarter 16-14 for the final 59-49.

Kelley led the scoring for her team with 21 points; Saylor got 18, including two three point baskets and six of six from the free throw line; Coleman scored six points; Barker five; Himes four; junior Emily Adams three and Bullen got two.

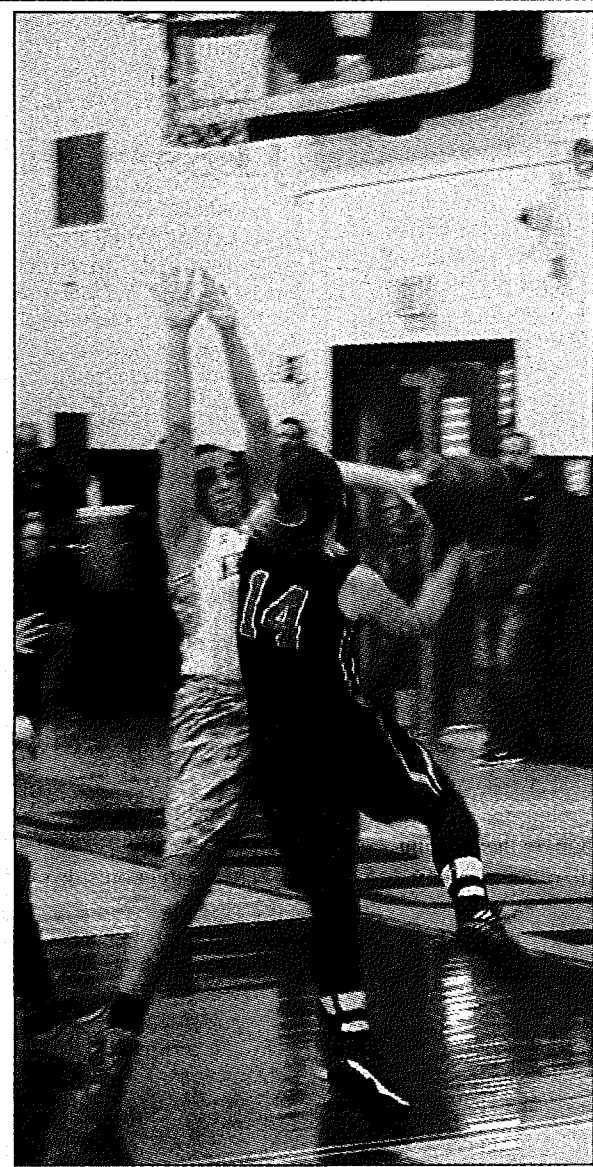
Following the doubleheader at home with Pulaski County Friday night, the Lady Rockets will travel to Clay County Monday night, January 30th.



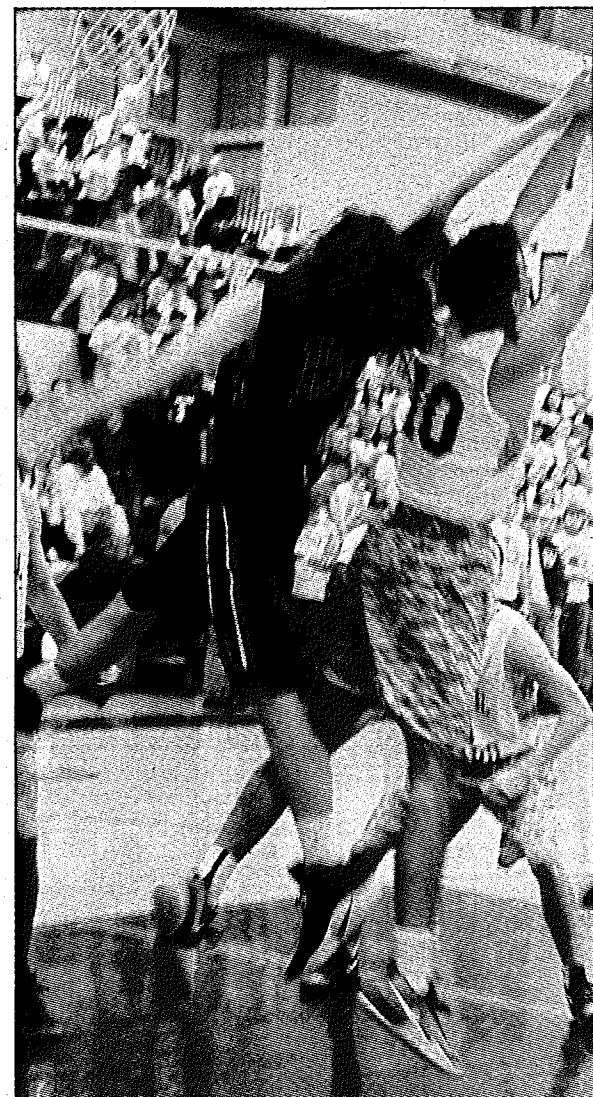
Senior Mahala Saylor puts up a three in the Lady Rockets' 59-49 win over Madison Southern Tuesday night. Saylor scored 18 points in the contest.



Senior Maddy Bullen looks to the post during the Lady Rockets win over Madison Southern Tuesday night.



Junior Emily Adams goes up for two during the Lady Rockets' win Tuesday night at Madison Southern.



Isaac Stratton fights for a rebound in the Rockets' 75-68 loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night.

Toyota Scott County Classic Rockets go 1 for 3 in tournament

The Rockcastle Rockets journeyed to Georgetown Jan. 18-21 to participate in the Toyota Scott County Classic and came away winning only one game.

In their first game, Wednesday the 18th, against host Scott County, the Rockets were soundly beaten 82-53.

The Rockets were outscored 24-15 in the first quarter, were down 40-28 at the half and 66-43 at the third quarter stop enroute to the blowout.

Senior John Cornelius led the scoring for his team with 26 points, including five three point baskets; senior Jordan Hawkins got 12; senior Thomas Burdette scored 6; senior Lucas Gentry 5 and senior Carson Noble 4.

On Thursday night, the Rockets played Madison Southern and again came out on the short end of the score 66-54.

The Rockets started very slowly, scoring only two baskets in the first quarter, both by senior Lucas Gentry, while the Eagles were up 18 points for an 18-5 lead.

At halftime, the Rockets were down 32-17 and 50-38 at the third quarter stop.

Gentry led the scoring for his team with 16 points, Noble got 14, Cornelius 12, Burdette 10 and Devin Mullins 1.

The Rockets hit six three point baskets to Southern's five and were 13 for 16 from the free throw line to Southern's 13 of 23.

The Rockets got their only win of the tourney on Saturday, beating the Larue County Hawks 71-63.

The Rockets were up 19-15 at the end of the first quarter and 27-24 at the half. They put together a great third quarter, scoring 21 points, behind 11 points by Hawkins, to the Hawks 12 for a 48-36 lead and then held on in the fourth for the win.

Cornelius led the scoring for his team with 26 points, going six for eight from the free throw line and hitting four three point baskets. Hawkins got 16 points; Noble 15, with three three point baskets; Burdette got nine points and Gentry six.

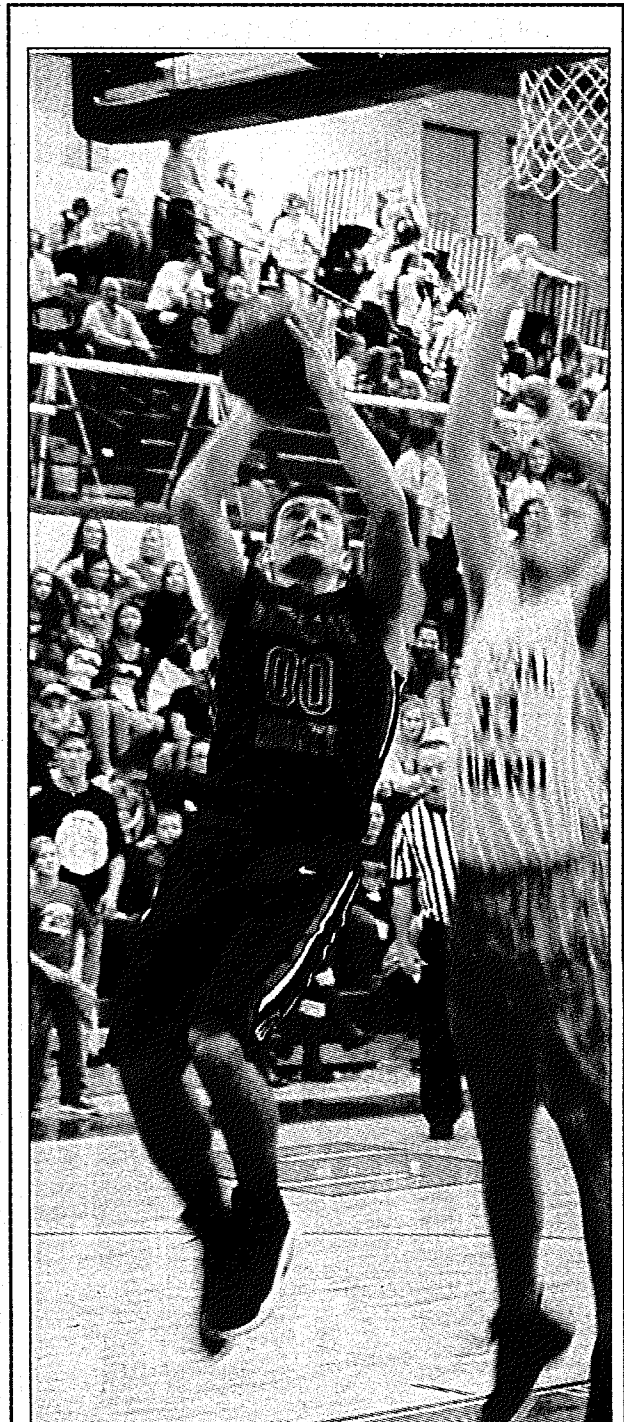
Tuesday night, the Rockets traveled to Madison Southern for a rematch of one of their tournament games and the result was the same, a 75-68 loss for the Rockets.

The Rockets were only down 19-16 at the first quarter stop but a bad second quarter for the Rockets saw them behind at the half 34-24. The Rockets won the second half 44 to 41 but it was too little too late, giving the Rockets their seventh loss of the season against 14 wins.

Senior John Cornelius once again led the scoring for his team with 19 points; Noble got 14; Gentry and Burdette scored 12 each; Hawkins got nine and Isaac Stratton scored two points.

The Rockets will next host district foe Pulaski County on Friday night for a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets and will then travel to McCreary Central on Tuesday, January 31st.

The Rockets are also scheduled for a make-up game with the Pulaski County Maroons at Pulaski on Sunday, February 5th, JV and varsity. The game was originally scheduled for January 6th but was called off because of inclement weather.



Senior Carson Noble goes up for two of his 14 points in the Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Tuesday.

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"Bill"

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bill," said Mayor Bryant. After 38 years of paying the water and sewer bill at this same location, Bradley said he expects some form of break for this problem. Mayor Bryant expressed concern that adjusting the bill may set a precedence and cause the city to face others who may complain about their bill. "What you do for one, you have to do for everyone. However, this is a unique situation and is not similar to others we have faced," said Mayor

Bryant. The council voted to reduce the bill from \$907 to \$508 which they said is the most allowed by ordinance. "I wish we could do more and we all understand. But that's all we are allowed to do," said Mayor Bryant. The council also agreed to allow Bradley to pay off the \$507, (plus the water bill) in monthly payments. "This is all the relief we can legally give but we will work with you on a payment plan to suit your needs," said Mayor Bryant. "Whatever time you need to pay the

balance will be fine. We will work with you." In other action, the council looked over the December budget. Though several items were overbudget, including payments to contract lawyers, miscellaneous expenses, technical supplies, office expenses, vehicle insurance, sewer department expenses, travel/lodging/meals, sewer line maintenance, Bittersweet Festival and litter abatement, the overall budget is in line with expected norms, according to Josh Bray, City Administrator.

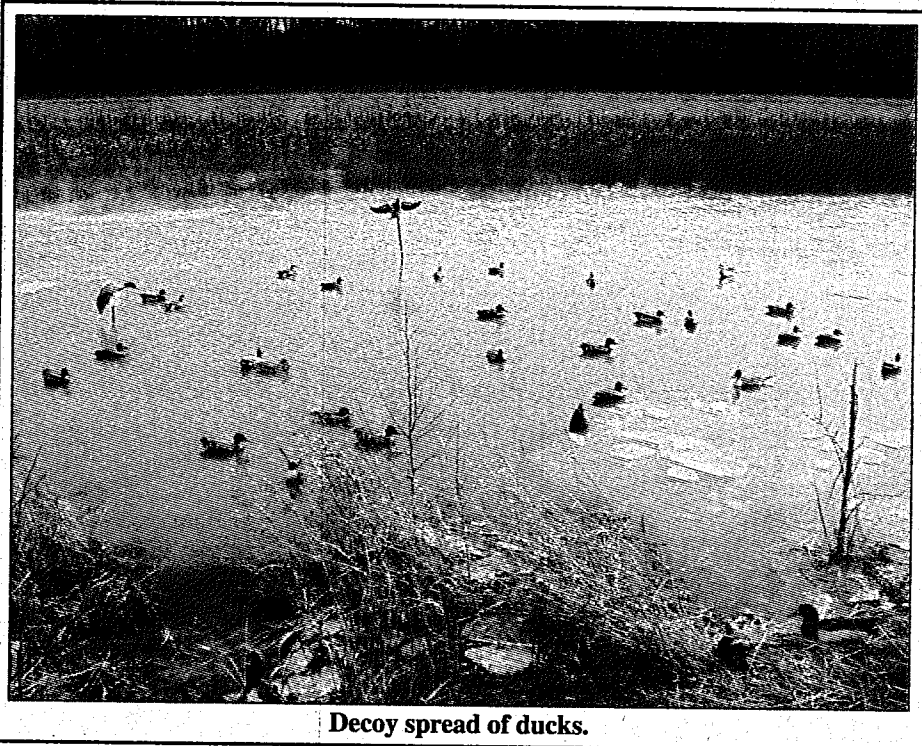
"There have been a few things come up but there were contingencies for such things and our city budget is in good shape," said Bray. Also in the meeting, Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales reported 29 runs made by the department in December which brings the yearly total to 457.

Also during department reports, Police Chief Brian Carter told the council the department has made 338 calls for service in December and had 11 indictments returned by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury. The All American Club reported picking up 32 bags of trash in the city from December 29 to January 16 in-

cluding 21 bags at MVES. However, the report says there have been no used needles found in the city limits in several months and no meth lab parts found in the past year. "This is a very good sign that our police force is doing a good job at keeping our streets cleaner," said Mayor Bryant.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Coldest weather coincides with best waterfowl hunting



Decoy spread of ducks.

In Kentucky, the coldest weather of the year often coincides with the best waterfowl hunting. This should prove especially true this year with the unusually warm start to the waterfowl hunting season that opened Thanksgiving Day.

"Late winter seems to be our best duck and goose hunting due to the lower temperatures," said Wes Little, migratory bird biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We should have birds moving south now with the bitter cold and snow to the north of us."

Hunters have an extra luxury this year of concentrating on ducks in January and geese in February as there are now two extra weeks to pursue geese. Duck season closes statewide on Jan. 29 while goose season doesn't close until Feb. 15.

"You used to wonder in January, 'Do I hunt ducks or do I hunt geese?', but now you can hold off the hunting pressure on geese until February," Little said.

Ducks and geese both locate in predictable places in the late season. Food resources and open water

draw birds during the stressful times of January and February.

"Find a harvested crop field that is holding birds," Little said. "You can find both ducks and geese in corn fields when the ground is frozen."

Little related a January goose hunt last year in a harvested corn field. "Mallard ducks were using it and we didn't even know," he said. "Five of us had our mallard limit in 45 minutes along with some black ducks. Some geese wanted to be about 100 yards from us, but we still harvested several of them. It was an awesome hunt."

Hunters may take up to four mallard ducks as part of their six duck daily bag limit.

"My favorite thing in the late season is using a small number of decoys. You don't need a mega spread," Little said. "If you find birds while scouting, try and mimic what you saw. Are they spread out? Are they grouped together? Then, set out your decoys accordingly."

The Ohio River also draws many ducks and geese in winter. "The Ohio

River is awesome for goose hunting and ducks as well," Little said. "If everything is frozen up, the Ohio really shines."

The many crop fields near the river provide food for waterfowl and the river itself provides rest and loafing areas during the cold months. This draws many diving duck species not often seen by hunters in other parts of Kentucky. Hunters may harvest canvasbacks, scaup, redheads, ring-necks and occasionally a rare goldeneye.

With a hard freeze to the north and a snow line, geese also flock to the Ohio, setting up potentially fantastic goose hunting. "You have to have the right equipment," Little said. "Hunting the Ohio River is no cake walk."

The Ohio River is not a place for a 12-foot johnboat with a narrow beam. Wakes from barges combined with strong winds can swamp a small johnboat. Hunters pursuing waterfowl from shore must scout to find a hard bottom in the area they plan to hunt. The Ohio

"Meth"

(Continued from front)

massive roundup will make a difference in the meth on the streets of Mount Vernon. "We aren't going to get it all

today, but we are going to take a real chunk out of it."

The roundup took place at press time, but Carter and Rush said they will release the names and details of the investigation and arrests next week.

"This is going to make a difference in the amount of meth on the streets in Mount Vernon," said Carter. "This

has been a detailed investigation and our community will be a safer place with these dealers and manufacturers off the streets."

The Mount Vernon Police were assisted by the Kentucky State Police and William Leger of the County Attorney's Office and Carter said they were instrumental in arrests.

"I-75"

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Hale said the bridge on Highway 1505 will also be torn down but a substructure will be placed to allow traffic to go around where the bridge used to be.

New bridges will be built as part of the project. However, Hale said crews are planning to have the bridges destroyed and the new ones constructed during the summer months while school is out to minimize disruption with schools and students.

"There is no doubt that this is going to be a major impact on traffic in Rockcastle County for quite some time. But we are doing everything we can to minimize that disruption," she said.

Hale said one of the biggest goals during the construction is to keep the public informed of all changes in scheduling or alternate routes. "We will be in constant contact with the media and updating our webpage to make sure people know what to expect," she said.

Information about the construction may be found at goky.ky.gov and Hale said it will be updated daily.

Planners are currently looking at the best possible routes to direct traffic during the construction and will start placing signage to give drivers advance notice of coming changes.

The cabinet is also meeting with contractors in two weeks to work out details of traffic control and safety issues.

According to Hale local residents should be aware that this is a very large project and though disruption is inevitable, the cabinet intends to do all it can to keep those disruptions to a minimum.

"There will be roads closed, alternate routes, new signs, traffic control and other issues. This is a major project," Hale said.

"Chase"

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speed for about 10 miles until the pursuit reached the Livingston city limits where the vehicle was lost from sight by Maupin.

After several minutes, Maupin relocated the vehicle and another high speed chase ensued for another 10 miles, still on US 25 heading towards London.

Troopers, from KSP post 11 placed a tire deflation device in the roadway on the Laurel County line and Scott's vehicle was disabled.

After the vehicle came to a stop, Scott was apprehended without incident, the report says.

Scott was arrested and lodged in the Laurel County Detention Center and charged with fleeing and evading police and wanton endangerment.

Trooper Maupin continues to investigate the incident, assisted by troopers from Post 11 and vehicle enforcement.

"Bust"

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Eldridge was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth) and drug paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$7,500 surety bond.

Author Lee McClellan is a nationally award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a lifelong hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

Summer youth leadership programs accepting applications for 2017

In preparation for the 2017 summer youth leadership camps, The Center for Rural Development is issuing a call for applications for Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers, and Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI).

Applications for all three youth programs have been posted online and may be accessed from the youth programs website at www.centeryouthprograms.com. All applications must be completed and submitted electronically by the respective program deadlines.

Rogers Scholars—The Center's flagship youth program—is open to high school sophomore students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky seeking to build their leadership and entrepreneurial skills. The program provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for young people to fulfill their potential as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders.

The 2017 Rogers Scholars program will be held on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Adair County on June 18-23 for

the first group of Scholars and again on July 9-14 for the second graduating class.

"Being a Rogers Scholar has made me realize how far I could go and what incredible things I can do in life. It showed me even a small-town girl from McCreary County could essentially change the world," said 2016 Rogers Scholars graduate Jessica Cox.

Rogers Explorers gives eighth-grade middle school students in The Center's 45-county primary service area an opportunity to grow their math, science, and technology skills and learn more about what it takes to pursue careers in these high-demand fields.

Explorers receive hands-on classroom instruction from leading college experts; learn about different careers in the field; and develop a better understanding of their career goals.

"My favorite activity was going to the space science class and watching the solar system move around me from a dome-shaped screen above my head," said 2016 Rogers Explorers graduate Abigail Wagers of

Clay County. "I realized how much I am fascinated by the stars and planets. I will definitely look into becoming an astronomer when I get older."

The 2017 dates and locations for Rogers Explorers summer camps are Asbury University, June 4-6; Lindsey Wilson College, June 7-9; University of the Cumberlands, June 11-13; Eastern Kentucky University, June 14-16; University of Pikeville, June 26-28; Morehead State University, July 16-18; and the newest host site, Union College, July 19-21.

High school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors may apply for Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI), a one-week summer camp for aspiring student entrepreneurs. Participants learn how to take a written concept and develop that concept into a business venture—all while working together as a team.

Each team will "pitch" their business ideas to a panel of judges for a chance to win the Business Concept Challenge Competition and earn a Presidential Scholarship. from Eastern Kentucky University. "ELI was a great learn-

ing experience of how the business world works and how a simple idea can turn into a business venture," said 2016 ELI graduate Colton Morrow of Wayne County. "The program helped me learn how to be a team player and work with others to accomplish a goal."

The 2017 ELI program will be held July 24-28 at The Center in Somerset.

For more information on each program and online

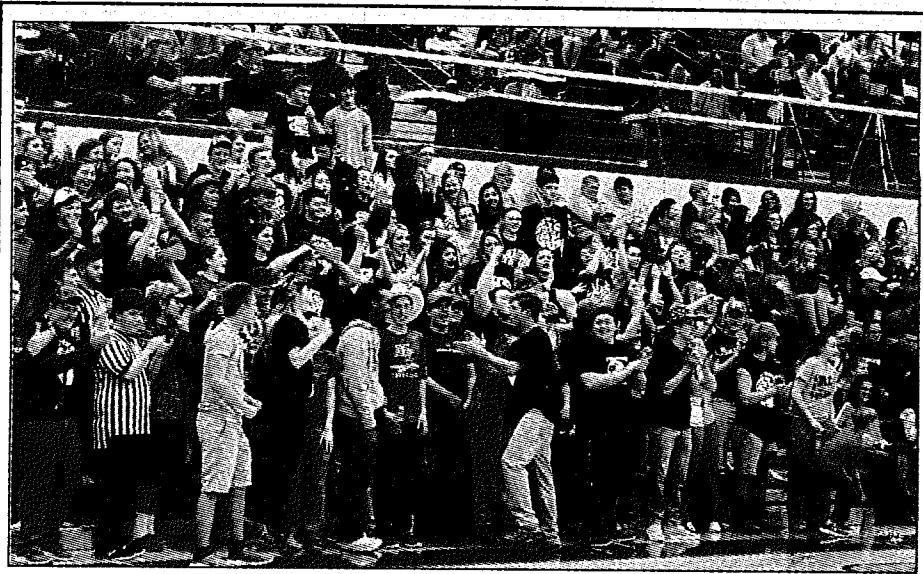
application forms, visit www.centeryouthprograms.com. The deadline to apply for Rogers Scholars is midnight on Jan. 31, 2017; Rogers Explorers, midnight on Feb. 10, 2017; ELI, midnight on March 1, 2017.

Applicants are required to complete and submit applications through the online application site. Mailed and emailed applications will not be accepted.

All lodging, meals, and

program expenses (with the exception of transportation to and from the program site) are free to participants.

If you have specific questions about the application process or want to know more about The Center's youth leadership programs, contact youth programs coordinator Delaney Stephens at 606-677-6000 or email youth@centertech.com.



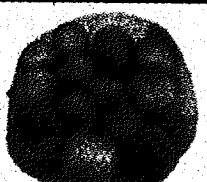
The Rockets and Lady Rockets had another great showing from the student body during their ballgames Tuesday night at Madison Southern. Both teams will host Pulaski County this Friday night at home. First game begins at 6 p.m.

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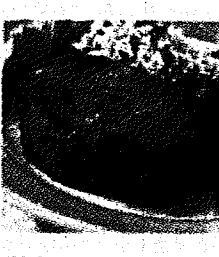
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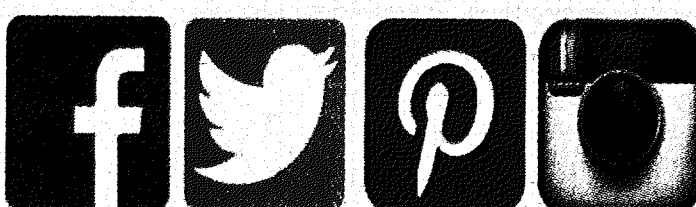
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Thursday, January 26, 2017

Operation UNITE awarded \$100,000 grant

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers applauds the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) approval of a \$100,000 grant for Operation UNITE to continue battling the drug abuse epidemic in southern and eastern Kentucky. The competitive grant includes \$50,000 from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Operation UNITE's holistic approach to curb addiction and save lives is now a national model of success, and this funding will help expand the organization's impact," said Congressman Rogers, who helped launch

UNITE in 2003. "The ARC and the CDC have been instrumental partners in the ongoing work here at home and on the national stage at the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit. I applaud their commitment to this life-saving effort in the Appalachian region."

Every day, approximately 91 Americans die from an opioid-related overdose, according to the CDC. Operation UNITE has worked diligently to save lives and change the stigma surrounding addiction through education, prevention and treatment efforts in schools and communities across the service region. The funding will be used to strengthen UNITE's strategic plan to reflect the rapid changes in drug trends and related public health communications.

"It's exciting to begin a strategic planning process that will enable Operation UNITE to expand upon the prevention, education, treatment and law enforcement initiatives that have been successful across southern and eastern Kentucky for the past 13 years," said Nancy Hale, President and CEO of Operation UNITE. "A strategic plan will enable UNITE to strengthen its current mission to empower individuals and communities struggling with the devastating impacts of substance abuse and misuse."

UNITE has committed \$25,000 in matching funds for the grant program.

To learn more about Operation UNITE and the 2017 National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, visit operationunite.org.

Robyn Renner named State Chair of KY VOAD

Robyn Renner and her colleagues are those rare people who head toward disaster when others run the other way. Renner, director of Christian Appalachian Project's (CAP) Disaster Relief program, was named 2017-2018 State Chair of the Kentucky Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (KY VOAD).

"When you respond to a disaster, the needs are obvious and immediate," said Renner, who has led CAP's disaster relief efforts for the past three years. "I love helping people. In those moments, you witness the suddenness of how a person's life can be turned upside down."

The KY VOAD brings

local organizations together and enable them "to understand each other and work together during times of disaster preparedness, response, relief, and recovery." Their four guiding principles are cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration.

Renner first discovered her passion when she responded to an earthquake in El Salvador in 1998. "They were asking for help. I had no idea where the country was, but I went. God was calling me to missions and I loved it. Every year I found somewhere to go to help people who were in desperate need in the wake of disasters."

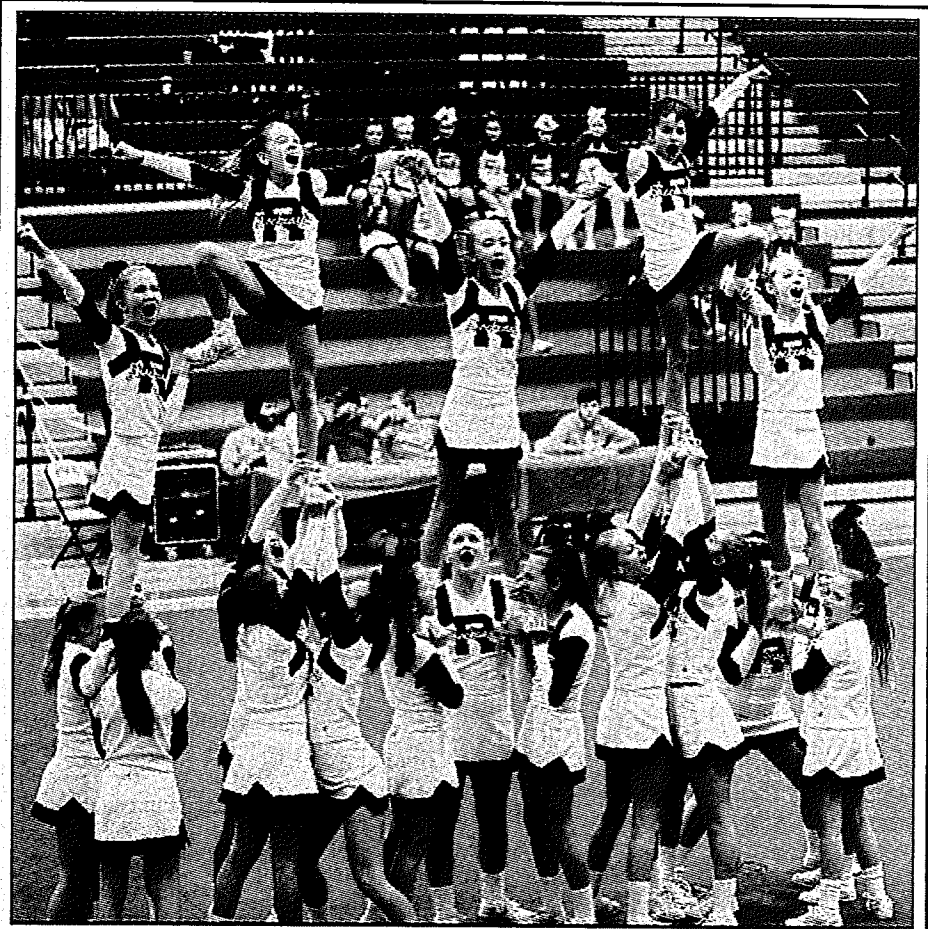
CAP started its Disaster Relief program in 2004. Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast states in 2005. It was a trial by fire, but Renner says she thrives in crisis situations.

"No one ever thinks an emergency will happen to them," Renner added. "In a disaster, you need individuals and organizations that can manage crisis situations. KY VOAD helps us

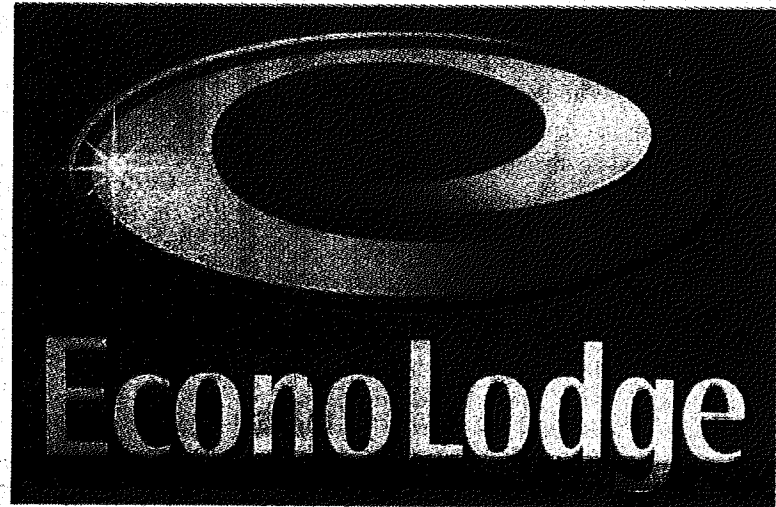
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Robyn Renner



The Rockcastle County Middle School Cheerleaders placed second in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Cheerleading Competition at Estill County High School on Saturday, January 21st. The Rockets gave their best performance of the season. Members of the squad are: Kyra Ramsey, Morgan Robinson, Kerrigan Medley, Elisabeth Owens, McKenzie Lunsford, Taylor Hall, Amy Cornelius, Molly Craig, Sydney Carrera, Savannah Thacker, Natalie Wilson, Lindsey Robinson, Taryn Powell, Melanie Vanwinkle, Alyssa Bugg, Halli Bales, Jenna Loudermilk, Maddie Ellis, Jayda Hubbard, Jaelyn Pennington, and Emma Ballinger. The team is coached by Joanie Alexander.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Bernice and Orville Burkhart, property in Rockcastle County, to Clyde H. and Minta B. Carpenter and Shirley M. Carpenter. No tax
 Barbara Mason, atty in fact; property on US Hwy. 150 to Champion Mortgage Co. No tax
 Elvena Cox, property near Three Links, to Kenneth H. Burdine, Kimberly L. Gayheart, Sheri E. Burdine, John C. Allender and Corey M. Allender. No tax
 Sheri L. Burdine, Kimberly L. Gayheart, John C. and Courtney Allender and Corey M. and Lindsey Allender, property near Three Links, to Kenneth H. Burdine. Tax \$56
 Billy R. and Christine Wright, property in Crab Orchard, to CO Investments LLC. Tax \$175
 Russell and Sherry L.

Paquette, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Stevie Wayne Denney. Tax \$17.50
 Hannah and James L. Wheat, property on waters of Roundstone Creek, to Tommy Cope Properties LLC. Tax \$45
 Larry J. and Regina Mink, property in Cedar Heights Subdv., to Tabitha Gray, Larry Dale Mink and Daisy Ann Mink. No tax
 Paul D. and Sandra G. Miller, property on Halcomb East Road, to Matthew Miller. No tax
 West Properties LLC, property on 461 Bypass, to Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Tax \$575
 West Properties LLC, property on 461 Bypass, to Larry Goff. Tax \$100
 Latisha Raper, property in Renfro Valley, to Paul Sturgill. Tax \$25
 John and Susan Napier, property in Quail Acres Subdv., to Roger L. and Patricia G. Pearson. Tax \$77
 Morgan Smith and Jeffrey D. Smith, Jr., property in

Rockcastle County, to Patricia A. Collin Revocable Trust. No tax
 William H. Smith, property in Rockcastle County, to Melinda and Gregory Thomas. No tax

District Civil Suits

Heights Finance Corp. v. Ashley Smith, \$1,624.95 plus claimed due.
 Heights Finance Corp. v. Rebecca Smith, \$2,715.50 plus claimed due.
 Heights Finance Corp. v. Tamea Thomas, \$1,307.76 plus claimed due.
 Southeastern Emergency Physicians LLC v. Christopher Couch, \$1,288 plus claimed due.
 Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Pamela J. Pearson, \$2,275.80 plus claimed due.
 Valley View Apartments v. Alissa Snyder, forcible detainer complaint.

Marriage Licenses

Pamela Gay Rowe, 55, Brodhead, mail carrier and Amos M. Burdette, 63, Mt. Vernon, mail carrier. 1/18/17

Circuit Civil Suits

Citizens Bancshares Inc. v. David Hering, \$6,744.11 plus claimed due.
 Lula C. Doan v. Vernon Doan, Jr., verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
 United Guaranty Residential Inc. Co. v. Shannon Parkerson, \$22,524.03 claimed due.
 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. v. Robert Alexander, \$72,486.18 plus claimed due.
 Crystal Sue Clark v. John Christopher Clark, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Ashley Goble v. Damian Goble, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Elizabeth A. Green, et al v. Sharon Tompkins, et al, complaint.
 Citizens Bancshares Inc. v. Cri Argenbright, et al, \$52,290 plus claimed due.
 Pennymen Loan Service LLC v. Jeff S. Carpenter, et al, \$134,636.41 plus claimed due. CI-00021



In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Day, January 18, Rockcastle County FCCLA hosted a Child Abuse Awareness Program at RCHS. Pictured from left are: Morgan Didelot (FCCLA Member), Joe Rush (Assistant Chief of Police), Brian Carter (Chief of Police), Mayor Mike Bryant, Will Kiddol (DCBS), Elisha Stuppy (DCBS), and Christie Samples (FCCLA Member).

FCCLA hosts Child Abuse Awareness Program at RCHS

Submitted by Morgan Didelot
 In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Day, January 18, Rockcastle County FCCLA hosted a Child Abuse Awareness Program at RCHS. The focus of the program was to promote awareness of child abuse and the statutes that are in place to protect children. Members of the audience included students enrolled in the Family Consumer Sciences courses, Mr. Rupard's Health and PE class, RCHS administrators and staff, and members of the Family and Consumer Sciences (Early Childhood Education) Advisory Board. Special Guests included Mayor Mike Bryant, Mt. Vernon City Hall staff, representatives from the Mt. Vernon Police Department, and staff from the Department of Community Based Services (DCBS).

and shared why it is important to report cases of child abuse. He also recounted his time with the cabinet and shared experiences that still haunt him today. Will Kiddol and Elisha Stuppy from DCBS spoke about their roles as social workers and how they go about responding to cases of abuse. RCHS counselors, Morrissa Hayes and Janice Miller, spoke briefly about our duty to report suspected abuse and how they are open to assisting staff with making those calls. The ceremony concluded with a moment of silence and a candlelight vigil for all those that have

lost their lives at the hands of those intended to protect them.
 According to pckay.org, 26,962 substantiated cases of child abuse were reported in Kentucky in 2015. Of those cases, Rockcastle County had 134 substantiated cases of abuse. According to DCBS staff, neglect is the most common form of abuse reported in Rockcastle County. Rockcastle FCCLA would like to thank everyone that was able to attend this event. Child abuse is never okay; it's a crime!
 Know it. Identify it. Report it.

Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) beside the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, plastic grocery store bags, bread bags, and shrink wrap (no other sheet plastics can be accepted), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (we no longer accept monitors of any kind) and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (beside the old school gym)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations will be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.



Fourteenth Annual Books for Bikes Program



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Rockcastle County Public Library Books for Bikes

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Library Hours: M-F 9:30-6:00 Sat. 9:30-2:00

Registration: January 9th - February 4th

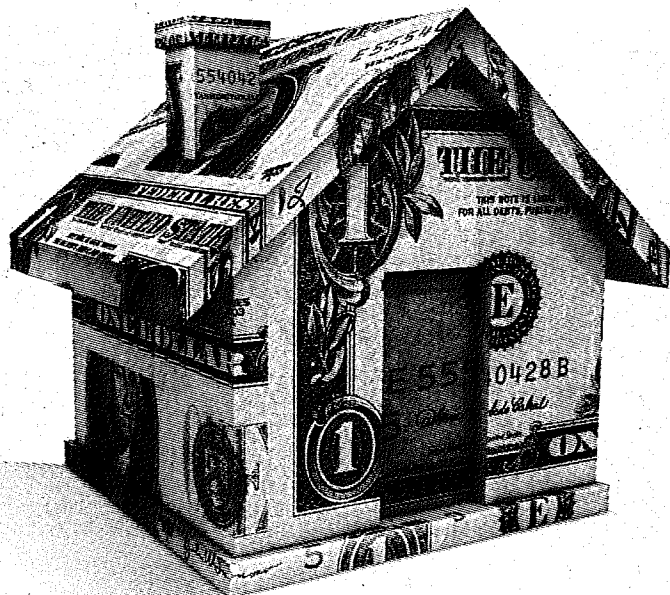
All book summary forms must be returned to the library by Sat., March 4th, 2017.

What: Children read books and do a simple book summary form.

Who can participate: Children ages 1-12.

Where: Children ages 1-12 can read/be read to age appropriate books from the public library, bookmobile, school libraries, home, etc. You must register at the library or on the bookmobile. At the end of the program, all participants are invited to the drawing for prizes. Age groups to receive bikes and other prizes: 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Participants in the drawing will be contacted prior to the drawing. Participants must be present to win. A child will have their name put in the drawing once for every 10 forms returned to the Library. Any further questions please contact the Rockcastle County Public Library.

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The hallways of Brodhead Elementary once again took the aroma of the BIT, (Brodhead Invitational Tournament), from the past as Brodhead PTG popped popcorn to celebrate National Popcorn Day. This past Thursday, January 19th students were treated to a bag of popcorn popped by our PTG. Students around the school participated in popcorn activities. Pictured are students from Ms. Sarah Hasty's class working on the popcorn enhanced lessons.



Mrs. Cable's class at MVES dressed to celebrate the 100th day of school.



Brodhead Elementary would like to take this opportunity to thank Brodhead's own Matthew Hayes for spending some time with Ms. Jennifer Adkisson's 1st grade classroom as they study the various careers found in and around our community. Mr. Hayes was able to share with our students the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Mobile Science Activity Center and all the awesome activities that are available to students across the state through the Department of Agriculture program. Pictured during their hands on experience are Lilly Cameron, Adreona Douglas, Micah Childress, and Mr. Hayes son Lucas Hayes.

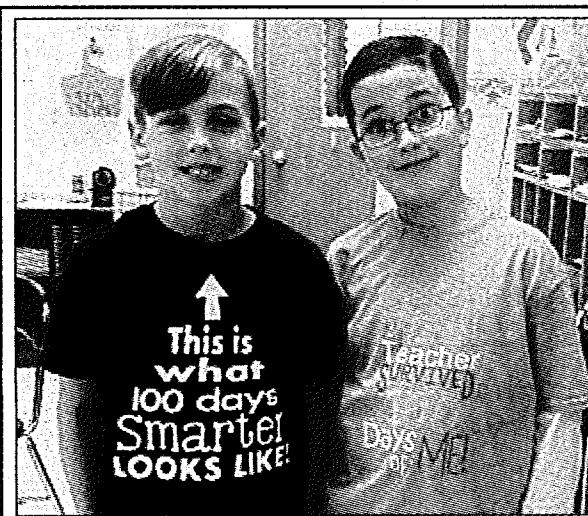
Mt. Vernon Message

After School Tutoring is each Thursday until 4:30.

Please remember to put your child's name inside his/her coat. Sometimes they take them off and forget them and it's hard to find the rightful owner without a name inside.

In the case of any school closings and/or early dismissals due to inclement weather, please listen to the following radio stations: AM 1460, AM630, FM92.9 and FM100.1 Also, watch tv stations 18, 27, 36 and/or 56.

Tuesday marked our 100th day of school. Students participated in many activities to celebrate.



Dalton Deborde and Connor Wright wore these special t-shirts for the 100th day at MVES.



Tuesday marked the 100th day of school. Students participated in many activities to celebrate at MVES. Pictured is Mrs. McQueary's 2nd grade class dressed for the occasion.

Aaron Adkisson accepted into Doctor of Pharmacy program

Aaron Adkisson of Brodhead was among five undergraduate chemistry students at University of the Cumberlands (UC) recently accepted into Doctor of Pharmacy programs at universities of their choice.

Adkisson accepted an offer from the University of Kentucky.

"As faculty, we appreciate the chance to mentor young, bright students, teaching and guiding them toward their professional opportunities as chemistry majors," said Dr. Julie Tan, professor and department chair for UC's Chemistry Department.

The Chemistry Department at Cumberlands offers several opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in their chosen fields of study. In addition to their coursework, they are able to serve as teaching and research assistants for faculty in the department. They are also encouraged to pursue summer programs at research institutions or shadow professionals in their respective fields.

As undergraduates, chemistry students begin with general foundation courses before moving into concentrated studies, such as organic and analytical chemistry. They must also work one-on-one with a faculty mentor to complete a senior research project on a subject of their choosing.

Bullock graduates from Berea

Tabitha Bullock of Mt. Vernon received a bachelor's degree with a major in Education Studies on Sunday, December 11, 2016 in the Berea College

Phelps Stokes Chapel. Ms. Bullock has recently accepted a position with the Rockcastle County School System.

Elizabeth "Libby" Culbreth, a 1964 graduate, addressed 67 Berea College seniors participating in the Recognition Ceremony for Mid-Year Graduates on Sunday, December 11. The event, scheduled for 3:00 p.m., was held in Phelps Stokes Chapel. The Mid-Year Ceremony recognizes students who are expected to complete degree requirements at the end of January 2017.

"Renner"

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work together to maximize the help we can provide. It's very beneficial that we have a good working relationship before a disaster happens."

CAP is a member of the KY VOAD, as well as the VOADs in Virginia and West Virginia. The KY VOAD includes other groups such as American Red Cross, Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, Team Rubicon, and many churches as well. They meet throughout the year for training on subjects such as working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and rescuing pets during disasters.

"Robyn is very reliable," said Connee Wheeler, a University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Services associate and current KY VOAD Chair. "As chair, she will help organize volunteer groups to help with disaster relief and recovery. Robyn is very thoughtful and will make good decisions for our organization."

CAP's Disaster Relief program has also recently signed an agreement with the Rockcastle County School District to lead the effort to provide shelter for residents impacted by an emergency or disaster.

For more information on Christian Appalachian Project's Disaster Relief program, visit www.christianapp.org/our-impact/disaster-relief.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Subscribers Can Receive Important Program Reminders and Updates.

Rockcastle County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Warden Alexander announced that farmers and ranchers in Kentucky now can receive notifications from their county office through text messages on their cell phone.

Whether producers are in the field, on a tractor or even on horseback, this service enables FSA customers and stakeholders to receive notifications while on the go. Producers will receive text messages regarding important program deadlines, reporting requirements, outreach events and updates.

Producers can text KYRockcastle to FSNOW (372-669) to subscribe to text message alerts from Rockcastle County. Standard text messaging rates apply. Contact your wireless carrier for details associated with your particular data plan. Participants may unsubscribe at any time.

Please contact your local FSA office at (606-256-2525) if you have questions regarding FSA's email news service or the new text message option.

County Committee Election Results

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

Tim Mink of Mt. Vernon, KY was elected to represent LAA I, and Clayton Cash of Brodhead will serve as the first alternate.

Elected county commit-

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

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are comprised of local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community. All recently elected county committee members and alternates took office on January 01, 2017, and joined the existing committee.

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

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: FEBRUARY 1, 2017 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:

February 20, 2017-George Washington's Birthday

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Two newly remodeled mobile homes in Mt. Vernon city limits. Income verification required and may require references from former landlords. Deposit due when tenant takes possession. Utilities not included. Absolutely no pets! 606-308-5072. 2x2p

For Rent

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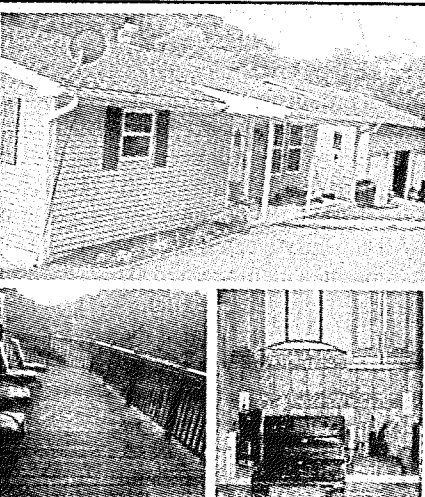
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Property For Sale

House and Trailer For Sale. In Brodhead. 758-4729. 30xntf

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Posted

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land at Calloway Holler, belonging to Zannie Burdine and Bernice Carpenter. 2x2p

Posted: No Trespassing on property belonging to Eugene and James Robinson, located off Hickory Flats Road in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 2x4p

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or traveling through property, without written permission, belonging to Scott Anglin and located on John Rigsby Ridge in New Hope section of Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x4p

Posted: No hunting, trespassing, 4-wheeling on property belonging to James and Juanita Chasteen, located on Little Hurricane Branch Road in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 44xntf

Posted: No trespassing, hunting, fishing or 4-wheel-

ing on Cameron property on Poplar Gap Road (former Vanzant property). Violators will be prosecuted. 34x24

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Eric Eversole, in the Green Pond Ridge area and lying on the waters of Brush Creek and Clear Creek. Not responsible for accidents. 30x25p

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

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

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

Miscellaneous For Sale

One burial plot in Elmwood Cemetery. \$550. 513-886-0555. 44xntf

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

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Notice: There's a black and a blue truck on Helton Road in Pine Hill on private property. If trucks are not claimed within two weeks (by Thursday, February 5th), w/proof of ownership, they will be disposed of as I see fit. Call 859-353-1685. 2x2p

Notice is hereby given that Phyllis Lopez, 128 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 and Gaylene Griffin, 2427 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 have been appointed Co-Administratrixes of the Estate of Woodrow Saylor, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Phyllis Lopez and/or Gaylene Griffin or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. 2x3

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308-5459 or 606-256-8603. 52xntf
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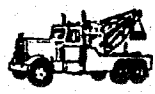
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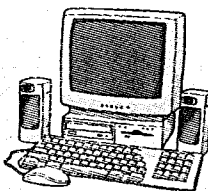
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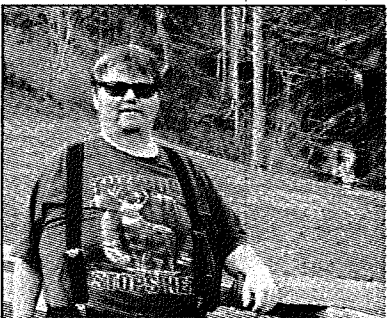
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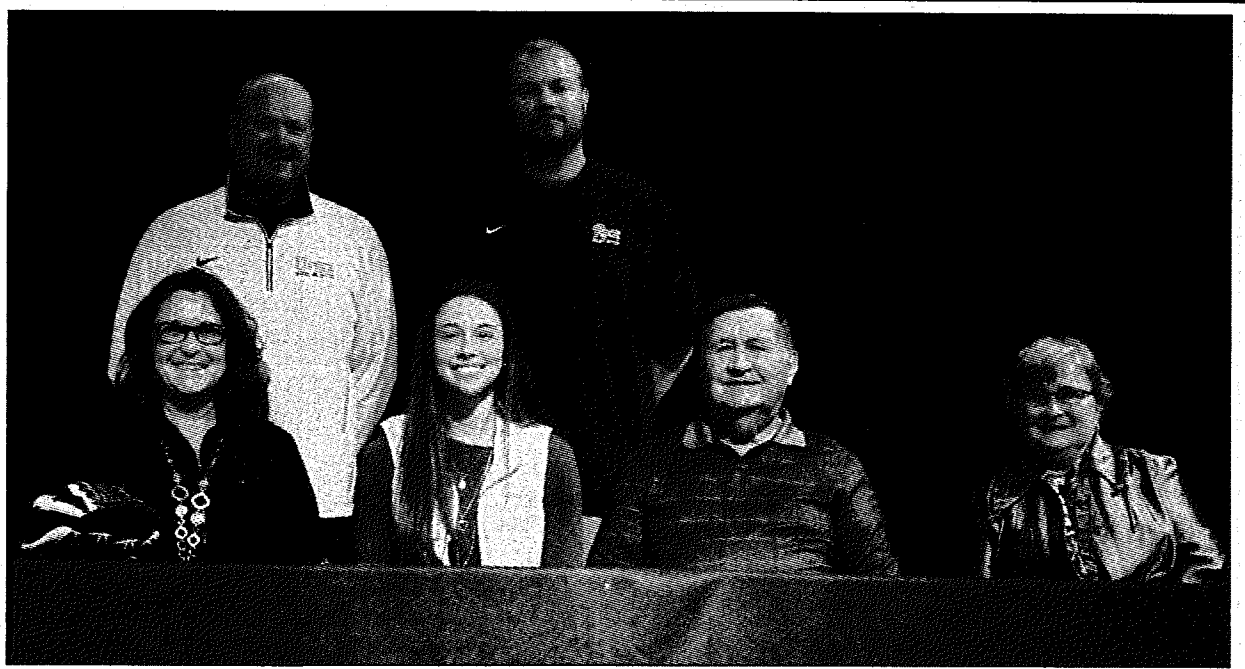
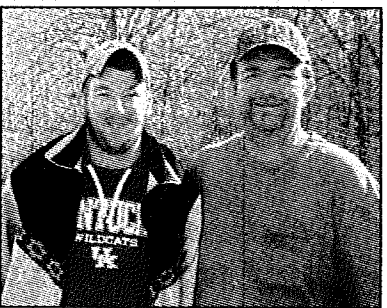
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Tracey Wyatt, he will be 47 on January 25. He is our Special nephew who lives in Peoria, Illinois. He loves the Kentucky Wildcats basketball team. He is the son of Bill and Judy Mason Wyatt. He is the grandson of Mrs. Sallie Mason, and the late Earl Mason, the late Hobert and Lottie Wyatt, and the great grandson of Gladys Mason and late George Mason. Tracey loves to visit his family, especially his Grandma Sallie. He loves to call all of his family and friends and keep in touch. We love Tracey very much and we are very proud of him. He has been walking several miles a day and has lost a lot of weight. He knows how important it is to eat healthy and exercise. We pray God will bless you for all the nice things you do for your family and others. Love you always, Uncle Earl & Aunt Rosemary Wyatt xoxo



HAPPY 27TH BIRTHDAY to Brandon T. Mason, on January 27, 2017. Brandon lives in Brodhead. He loves KY Wildcats and he likes to go to the stock pens with his Uncle Frank and visit Aunt Rosemary. He is the son of Renee' and stepson of John Thomas. He is the grandson of Georgia Thompson and the late Frank and Wanda Mason. The great grandson of Gladys Mason and the late George Mason. We love you very much and may God bless you. Ma Ma & John, Aunt Rosemary, Uncle Earl, Uncle Frank, Aunt Linda, Jacob, Logan, Rebekah, Jared, Leah, and Tanner. xoxo (Brandon & his Uncle Frank in pic)



Rockcastle County High School senior Emmie Barker signed a letter-of-intent last week to play softball for the UPIKE Bears. Shown during her signing were seated, from left: Johnda Barker, Miss Barker, Emmett Barker and Carol Barker. Back row from left: UPIKE softball coach Robert Staggs and RCHS softball coach Matt Brown.

Rockcastle County residents can apply for college scholarship

Residents of Rockcastle County can now apply for the 2017-2018 Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship. The scholarship helps residents of the state's coal-producing counties complete a bachelor's degree.

A student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen and a permanent resident of a Kentucky coal-producing county.
- Have earned at least 60 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree.
- Be enrolled at least half-time in a bachelor's degree program.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Have no past-due financial obligations to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The award amounts are:

- Up to \$7,027 per year at a nonprofit, independent college in a coal-producing county.
- Up to \$2,377 per year at a public university extension campus in a coal-producing county.
- Up to \$3,514 per year

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The scholarship may be used at college not in a coal-producing county only if the student is pursuing an approved bachelor's degree program in a major not offered at any college in a coal-producing county.

To apply, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship application at www.kheaa.com before May 1. To access the online application, students must sign in from the home page. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date the FAFSA was submitted.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Hunters log another top-five deer season

It's often said these are the good old days for deer hunting in Kentucky, but for those of a certain age, or new to hunting, it's all they have ever known.

The world was tip-toeing into a new millennium the last time Kentucky's deer harvest did not break 100,000 for a season. The 2016-17 season cleared that mark and surpassed 130,000 for the fifth consecutive season.

Hunters combined to take more than 139,000 deer before the book closed Jan. 16 on one of the three best seasons on record in Kentucky. The only seasons with higher harvest totals were the 2013-14 and 2015-16 seasons.

"We've been harvesting a lot of deer and that's a reflection of how many deer we have on the landscape," said Gabe Jenkins, big game program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The good thing is our quality is still up. I've talked to a lot of folks who saw a lot of nice deer harvested this season."

The 2015-16 season produced new records at nearly every turn, including the overall harvest record. Archery hunters kept the trend going this past September by starting the 2016-17 season with a record opening weekend.

A slowdown ensued as unseasonably warm temperatures set in. High winds, an ample acorn crop and a full moon added to the challenge for early muzzleloader season in mid-October and the two-day take was down

sharply from the previous year.

Cooler temperatures arrived for modern gun season in November and coincided with the peak of breeding activity across the state.

Hunters responded by checking 41,796 deer the first weekend of modern gun season and 102,848 for the modern gun season overall. Both figures were the second highest on record behind the 2015-16 season.

"I think the warm weather possibly shifted some early season hunters to later," Jenkins said. "I'll have to look at that when I start digging into the numbers. I would venture to say that a lot of folks who normally take deer in September and October didn't and waited until November."

For the first time in 18 seasons, Owen County did not lead the state in the number of deer taken. Pendleton County finished ahead of it.

Harvest totals in the northern Kentucky county have been on the upswing for several seasons, and the recent results bring added attention to the fact. Hunters there reported taking more than 3,200 deer this past season. Owen, Crittenden, Graves and Christian counties completed the top-five.

Hunters took more than 5,500 deer on public lands across the state, according to telecheck harvest results. Two areas of interest entering this past season were Big Rivers WMA and State Forest in Crittenden and

Union counties and the new Rolling Fork WMA in Nelson and LaRue counties.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife debuted a first-of-its-kind quota hunt for archery and crossbow deer hunting this past season at Big Rivers, which expanded in 2016 with the addition of the 841-acre Jenkins-Rich tract in Crittenden County.

"It was a pretty big move for us," Jenkins said. "When we looked at this one, it wasn't people shooting five or six deer. It was one person coming and shooting one deer, and it was a lot of people doing that. So it was strictly a numbers game."

The action achieved the intended result: the deer harvest on Big Rivers was reduced by 38 percent this season.

Rolling Fork WMA came online this past September and allows modern gun hunting for deer. Of the 27 deer taken with a modern gun on the area, 19 were bagged on the more rugged LaRue County side of the property. A total of 32 deer - 15 male, 17 female - were taken on the WMA across all seasons.

Hunters reporting their harvest to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife through the telecheck process this past season were asked for additional information if they were checking male deer with or without antlers. Their answers will help biologists.

"We will be able to get a better feel for age-at-harvest more than we ever have," Jenkins said. "It will allow us to analyze how we've been estimating in the past

through our collections in the field compared to what our hunters are reporting. It will be beneficial to make those comparisons."

Hunters who took a trophy deer this past season are encouraged to submit the necessary information for recognition in the trophy deer list that will appear in the next Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide. The deadline for submissions is May 1.

To be eligible, a hunter must have taken a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this past season that net scored 160 or higher typical or net scored 185 or higher non-typical going by the Boone and Crockett scoring system. The completed and signed score sheet along with a photo should be sent to Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Include the county in which the deer was taken and the equipment used to harvest the deer. Emailed submissions to info.center@ky.gov also are accepted.

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

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