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Huge meth dealer bust in county

18 arrests so far, more expected

By: Mike French
 In what is apparently one of the larger methamphetamine dealer busts in Kentucky history, Mount Vernon Police, the Kentucky State Police and the Rockcastle County

Attorney's Office moved on a nine-month investigation last Wednesday, January, 25th. According to reports, 18 local meth dealers were arrested and another five warrants were issued.

Police say Assistant Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush and MVPD Sergeant Adam Stallworth, along with the help of every officer on the local force and KSP investigators, conducted the investigation and

used confidential informants to purchase meth from local dealers for many months. In order to keep dealers from knowing about the investigation, police did not make any arrests until the investigation was complete

so word would not get out to the local dealers beforehand. However, last Wednesday, every officer in the Mount Vernon Police Department, began serving arrest warrants issued by the county attorney's Office.

Stevie Denny, 41, of Highland Drive, Mount Vernon;
 Randy Gross, 40, of Willow Tree Lane in Mount Vernon;
 James W. Phillips, 42, of Walnut Street in Livingston;
 Joey Bullock, 42, of Hewitt Lane, Mount Vernon.

In all, 23 warrants were issued and 18 arrests were made as police canvassed the city and began arresting those involved in the investigation.

Reports say that over the nine month period, police had confidential informants purchase meth from the local dealers and report the incident in detail to police.

In some cases, the suspected dealer was known to have firearms and police had to approach the situation in a careful manner.

"We didn't get all the meth or all the dealers in our county or our city," said Rush. "But you can believe we took a chunk out of it."

Over the course of the investigation, police gathered warrants for arrests from the county attorney's office and then began serving the warrants last Wednesday.

Those arrested include the following:

Daniel Singleton, 50, of Quarry Street in Mount Vernon.

Bobby Hensley, 35, of Main Street in Livingston.

Geoffery VanHook, 29, of Sigmon Street in Brodhead.

Christopher Blake Jones, 23, of Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

Alvin Knuckles, 49, of Dudley Station Road in Orlando.

Joseph Miller, 29, Little Egypt Road, Orlando.

Jerry J. Miller 30, of Dudley Station Road in Orlando.

Scotty Hellard, 38, of North Daily Street in Mount Vernon.

Ronald Raider, 71, of Whistling Hollow Road in Orlando.

Christopher A. Hasty, 41, of Four Sons Subdivision in Mount Vernon.

Zachery S. Ramsey, 18, of Deborde Road in Mount Vernon.

Jacob M. Mink, 22, of South Wilderness Road in Mount Vernon.

Jessica Cundiff, 25, of Sigmon Street in Brodhead.

There was one additional arrest made but police say this person is part of an ongoing investigation that may result in the arrest of more local meth dealers and asked that we withhold his name. Police say that printing his name now may impede possible arrests of other local dealers in the near future.

Police didn't confiscate any cash or property during the roundup but concentrated on those who sold meth to the informants, according to officials.

There are still some arrests to be made from the warrants issued and police are looking for those named in the warrants.

Depending upon the amount sold to the informant, and other conditions, each person arrested was either given a \$10,000 cash/property bond or a \$7,500 cash bond.

New building near completion



The new exhibition building, beside the Brodhead Ball Park is very near completion. The structure was built with the help of a matching \$100,000 grant obtained through the Agriculture Department under the direction of James Comer and through the efforts of State Rep. Jonathan Shell and State Sen. Jared Carpenter. Judge/Executive Doug Bishop says the building will be a big help to the county. "We are quite blessed to get such a grant and have such a modern building that can bring tourist dollars to our county," he said. Bishop said the building will be used for many events including horse shows, cattle shows, auctions and other activities that he believes will bring out-of-town dollars into the county. "We can use this new building to bring people to our county and continue to grow," he said.

City plans remodeling project for City Hall

By: Mike French
 Those planning to attend Mount Vernon City Council meetings in the future are expected to soon have a much more comfortable and inviting environment in which to observe or participate.

Members of the council, and Mayor Mike Bryant, have been planning to remodel the council chambers and the police department offices for several years but acquiring permits and planning have held the project up some.

However, according to City Administrator Josh Bray, plans may be moving ahead now to begin the work.

Currently, the Mount Vernon City Council meets in a large concrete block room attached to city hall with exposed furnace units that cover the sound of voices. There is also no handicapped bathroom or required rear exit to the huge room.

The Mount Vernon Police Department also exists in a similar environment

with very limited space and no required rear exit.

However, Bray says the city is working on fixing all of those problems.

"We have budgeted for the remodeling of the council chambers and moving the police department upstairs. This will make a much more visible presence for the police station and will meet all state requirements," he said.

According to Bray, the current plan is to divide the large room in half and create handicapped restrooms, signage a rear exit and a

much more inviting environment.

Bray says plans include moving the police department into the front half of the large room and building a council chambers in the rear half of the building.

"This will also be more accommodating to citizens

who want to come to council meetings and the acoustics will be much better," he said.

Bray says members of the council have worked on the idea for several years but were unable to get proper

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City wins wrongful termination lawsuit

By: Mike French
 A lawsuit, filed against the City of Mount Vernon in 2015, has finally reached judgement by Rockcastle County Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Burdette and the case was dismissed.

Pamela Bullock, a receptionist at Mount Vernon City Hall, filed a wrongful termination lawsuit against the city after she was terminated on July, 2, 2015.

The lawsuit says that

Bullock was terminated in contradiction to personnel policy and that the "at will" nature of employment indicated an "implied contract." Bullock had demanded damages and lost wages and benefits as well as retirement and insurance coverage based on the claim.

However, in his decree Chief Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Burdette said "em-

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Brodhead officer making a difference

By: Mike French
 Brodhead City Council members recently hired London resident William Harris as their new police officer and he is already making a difference in the questionable activity within the city limits.

Harris, who only began his new job three weeks ago, is making his presence very visible to all the residents of Brodhead and is getting to know people in the town. "I do some foot patrol just to let residents see an officer on the streets," he said. "I also use that time to go into local businesses and meet the owners and staff and get to know the people we are protecting as well as learn their major concerns for our community," he said.

The new officer is also working on a couple of local investigations which he could not detail at this time.

Harris' schedule as the new officer is unpredictable and unscheduled so that the local criminal element does not know when he is just around the corner and must therefore must assume he is on duty, according to council members.

Harris said thus far he has made a couple of local arrests and given many verbal warnings but he believes questionable activity has slowed down a lot in Brodhead since the new police position was created.

"I think just knowing there is an officer here now, has caused people to slow down their criminal activity," said Harris.

Harris said that between his schedule, the patrols of the Kentucky State Police and the sheriff's office, Brodhead now has police patrol nearly full time.

"Police presence has greatly reduced the hot rodding and vagrancy in our community," he said.

Harris said he has several other things in the works to help protect the community on an even greater level and will present his ideas to the city when they are ready to implement.

Harris is also working on Brodhead-specific patches and signs as well as markings for the cruiser that was donated to the city by the Rockcastle County Sheriff and the fiscal court.

The new law enforce-

ment officer believes Brodhead is a safer place now than it was only a few months ago, thanks to the efforts of sheriff's deputies who patrolled the city for several months and council members who created the position of a new officer.

At Livingston

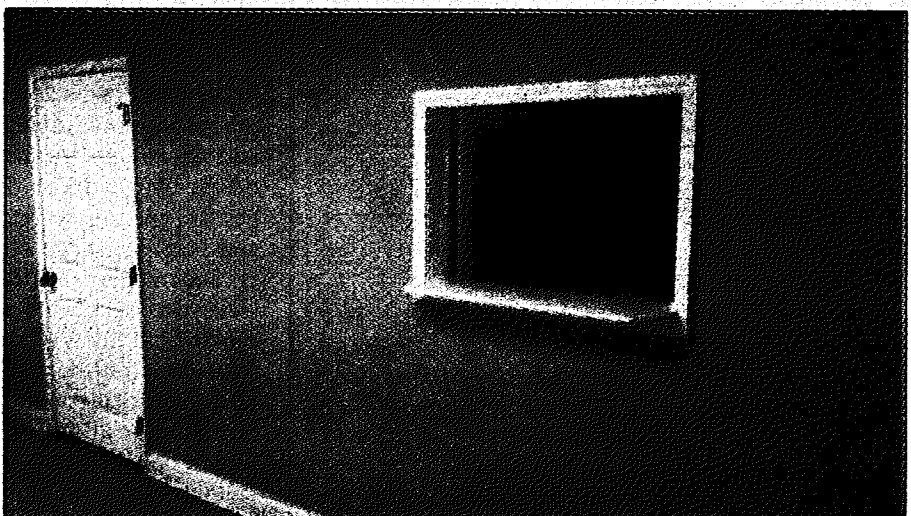
Grand opening for Community Care

A Grand Opening for the Livingston Community Care facility will be held this Friday, February 3rd, beginning at 11 a.m.

The new facility is located in the building next to the former Livingston School building, in the former exercise room which has been moved to the school.

Community Care will be operated by Dr. Thomas Fowles, M.D., whose main office is in Berea. It will be open every Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will offer treatment for all conditions from chronic

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ramblings....

by: perlina m. anderkin

My dad has been gone 41 years in July. He would have been 109 on February 2nd. I know it's not probable that he could have lived this long but he was only 68 when he died and I certainly would have loved to have kept him for a few more years because there is still not a day that goes by that I don't think of him with love.

He was the constant throughout my childhood. The dispenser of unconditional love and common sense. He also had a bedrock integrity and an unshakable belief that if he worked hard his children's lives would be better than his had been.

Dad's father died when he was seven years old and he actually had to quit school at that time in order to try and help his mother, left with five fatherless sons, survive. When, several years later, she decided to marry again, a man who did not have the best reputation as a hardworker among other things, dad told her he would continue to work to help support the family if she would reconsider marrying the man. She did not and dad decided it was time to strike out on his own, at the tender age of 14.

He lived with various families, always working to pay his way. He married my mom at the age of 16 and began his lifelong job of taking care of his family.

He had his faults but they were few. What he did have was an integrity that was something to behold. He was not physically a big man but his sense of right and wrong was huge.

By the way, he was later proven right in his belief about the man.

A couple of incidents from my childhood stand out clearly to this day. One that shaped my way of thinking occurred when he took me with him to work (he usually took me everywhere he went except to work).

After we had arrived at the voting poll, he was taken aside by a neighbor man. The man spoke earnestly to dad for a few moments, while I looked on, and shortly after the conversation started, dad shoved the man away and came back to me. I could tell he was very angry but still knew I could ask him what happened. Dad did not use strong language so when he said, "The SOB tried to buy my vote," I knew that dad had considered this a huge insult.

In another incident, another neighbor came to dad and told him his son and my brother were fighting and wanted to know what they

(the neighbor and dad) were going to do about it. Dad quickly replied that he didn't intend to do anything about it unless my brother was bullying his son, because boys were going to fight and would usually make up quickly but if adults intervened it could lead to a lifelong quarrel that he wasn't interested in starting.

He knew how to get along with my mother too. Mom and I were a great deal alike, personality wise, dad's definition for mom was usually "feisty," and we butted heads often.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



One day, last summer, we were at some outdoor event when the "urge to go" came upon me and I sauntered over to the porta-john just in time to hear a young fellow muttering about the fact that there "ought to be a law requiring that a place to wash your hands be put in these things."

I didn't say anything but I was thinking that a place to turn around would also improve the place.

I'm not sure when the

notion that it is absolutely necessary to wash one's hands after using the facilities took hold but I can tell you, for sure, that when I was growing up there were over 50 outhouses on Blair Branch including 2 at the school and 2 at the church house, and not a single one of them was equipped with a wash pan or bucket.

Never once, when I was growing up, did I hear an anxious mother ask children if they they had washed their hands after a trip to the outhouse but

I saw it happen at the old Richmond mall just recently.

A young woman, mother I presume, was leaned up against the wall just outside the restroom doors, impatiently tapping one foot and glancing at her watch every few seconds before two little boys about 6 years old came tearing out of the bathroom.

"Well it's about time," she grumbled. "Did you two wash your hands?"

The boys looked at each other, dumfounded. Then they turned their palms up

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Once again, me and my country ways just don't understand something.

The Mount Vernon Police Department, Kentucky State Police and Rockcastle County Attorney's Office spent nine months in a massive investigation which resulted in immeasurable amounts of methamphetamine being taken off the streets in Rockcastle County.

Manufacturers, cooks, dealers and users were taken off the streets of our city in a major drug round up last week. Not to mention the meth that was confiscated and will never be sold to your teenager or be offered for sale in the schools in the county.

Officers risked their very lives and walked up to front doors of known meth dealers with the knowledge that they probably had loaded weapons in their possession. But they didn't hesitate. They have families at home and children of their own and they would stop at nothing to keep our streets safer.

I'll admit, we are a rather small town. We may not have satellite surveillance systems and infrared goggles with SWAT teams dropping out of helicopters like we see on television, but what we have are some brave men and women willing to step in front of danger to keep our streets and our children a little safer.

I know the stories of this bust is about the Mt. Vernon City Police, but of

course the sheriff's department and deputies do the same things on a regular basis. This just happens to be a city thing and they deserve credit that in my opinion they are not getting.

I did not see one single story on national news or even state news about this drug round up over the weekend.

But I sure did see every word that Madonna spoke and everything that Oprah thought about our country. I definitely heard every detail of UK's loss to Kansas and of the protests of criminals blocking highways.

One of the largest meth roundups I have seen took place right here in our community last week and your next door neighbor who puts on that blue uniform and kisses their spouse goodbye in the morning stood in front of very dangerous men who are helping to destroy the lives of our youth and the *Today Show* didn't bother to mention it.

As far as I saw, no one bothered to mention it. ...But me and I'm going to keep mentioning it.

As a matter of fact, when I do a Yahoo search for largest meth bust in Kentucky, I see the huge headline from news sources that read "one of the largest meth busts in Kentucky history" and the story continues to say five people were arrested. Less than 1/3 of the people busted in Mount Vernon last week.

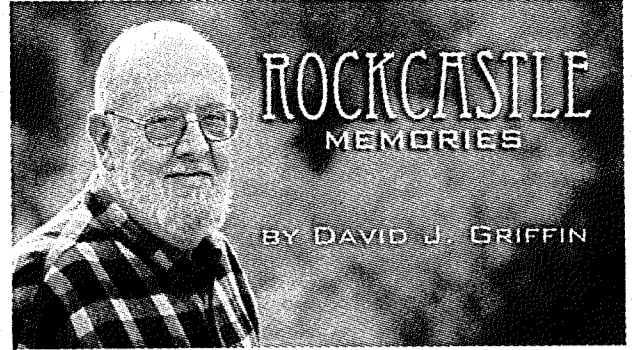
I don't know how many places there are in Mount Vernon to go buy meth, but I know that today there are 23 less places to go buy it than there was at this time last week.

To Joe Rush and Adam Stallworth (who led the nine month investigation) and the county attorney's office who worked diligently getting warrants and helping, to the officers and troopers and detectives and sergeants and rookies and chiefs who put their lives on the line to take these dealers off our city streets, allow me to offer a bow of thanks.

Please accept my offer of appreciation. If a drug roundup of this magnitude had happened in any big city, camera crews and their vans and reporters and crowds would have gathered in the streets.

You may not get the appreciation and credit you deserve but luckily for me, and all the parents whose child will never see the meth you took off the street, we know you don't do it for the appreciation.

You do it because it's the right thing to do and you are much braver than I could ever be. Thank you for your dedication.



Celestial Events

During my lifetime, I have been blessed with experiencing three different types of celestial happenings. Each of these events made a huge impression on me--both as a boy and as an adult. For me, each of these events brought amazing glory and grandeur. They include: the Northern Lights, Halley's Comet, and solar eclipses.

The first occurred when I was only seven years of age. My initial glimpse of red and green curtains of light occurred when I was living with my mother (Bee) in a little house on her family's small farm. The year was 1951. My grandparents lived approximately one hundred yards from Bee's house on the same plot of land. Occasionally, Bee and I walked over to Pop and Mommie Katie's house for dinner and then walked back home after dark.

This night was no exception. About half-way to our house, Bee exclaimed, "David Joe, look at the sky! Those are the Northern Lights!" I had never seen

anything so spectacular in my young life. Bee added, "This is the first time that I have ever personally witnessed this remarkable sight!"

It looked as if a good portion of the sky was on fire, and the aurora waved back and forth in a movement resembling flapping curtains. The bright colors changed from red to blue and then back again. Upon realizing what we were witnessing, we ran back to Pop's house so that they, too, could come out to see the show in the sky. Neither Mommie nor Pop had ever seen it before. Like me and Bee, they were spell-bound.

We all watched the rolling curtain of changing lights for a long time. Then, as quickly as it had formed, it slowly vanished into the night sky. I watched for a long time hoping that the display would reappear -- but it never did. The show was over.

My second experience with the Northern Lights happened in the fall of 1991, shortly after Kathy and I had moved to Furnace Mountain in Powell County. Our friend Larry Jefferson was visiting with us in our home that night. When he decided it was getting late and that he should get on home, we started locking everything up for the evening. Since it was quite late, Kathy and I headed upstairs to retire to our bedroom. But nearly as soon as we reached the top of the stairs, we heard a loud banging at our front door.

It was Larry. Almost breathless, he rushed past us into the kitchen, exclaiming, "We have to go out on your deck -- it's the Northern Lights!" We all rushed to our deck and saw the flickering colors putting on a wild display. On that occasion, the colors were merely green and red. The view was totally different from the one that I had seen in 1951 -- exactly forty years earlier.

The second type of celestial event occurred in

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Have I Lost My Calling?

Dear Journal,
Many years ago when I was in about the seventh or eighth grade and attending the London Junior High School, there came an opportunity to buy a little white mouse. I had a friend, Tamara Taylor, that eventually married one of the guidance counselor's sons and now spends her time hiking the length of the Appalachian Trail and painting.

She couldn't care for the mouse any more and it was unwanted by her mother. The mouse's name was Dixie and I bought her for a quarter. Tamara brought Dixie to school the next day in an old coffee can with holes in the lid. I took charge of Dixie early that morning and she stayed with me all day, going from class to class. I gave her some of my lunch, too. The classes were not in the same building so we had to walk from building to building, about five in all, in various kinds of weather.

It was next to the last class of the day, during Mrs. Alice Benges English class when it happened. Dixie got out. Well, I would have never though such an unearthly screech could have been produced by a human...the one that Mrs. Benge let go of as she jumped upon a chair and then to her desk top, clenching her skirt between her

knees. We all thought she was older than dirt, but boy, she could move when she wanted to. She was about fifty-five to sixty, but she moved like she was sixteen. My mother let our a screech akin to the one Mrs. Benge produced earlier when I came home with Dixie, the unexpected visitor. Dixie lived with us for about another year before she met her demise.

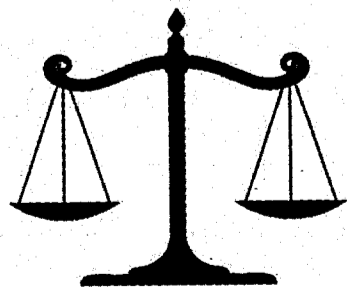
Many years passed. I was in my early thirties and had moved back home after several moves here and there and a bad relationship or so, plus a marriage. One day I was out doing the yard sale thing, and ran

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“Memories”

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1986. The media had been predicting the return of Halley's Comet, and I was teaching at George Rogers Clark High School (GRC) in Winchester. Our science department purchased a really powerful telescope in order to be able to show this phenomenon to our students. To see the comet properly, it required that we take the telescope out in the country to get away from the city lights. One of the science teachers at that time was Jimmy Castle, a friend who owned a small farm on the south end of Clark County. He gave us permission to set up on his land for viewing this event, to which we invited both students and interested faculty to use the telescope.

To our surprise, throngs of students, their parents, teachers, and administrators came out to take their turns witnessing the once in a lifetime event. As Jimmy and I fo-

cused on the comet, lines of “watchers” commented on the spectacular dot in the night sky. The local newspaper even told about the GRC science department allowing visitors to take part in viewing the comet. It was one of the highlights of my teaching career. We received numerous cards and letters from the community for providing such an experience for our students.

Before I go into the details of the final celestial occurrence, I must pose a question: have you read the new 2017 edition of the Almanac? If not, get one and read about the coming total solar eclipse, which will occur on Monday, August 21, 2017.

That event will be my third celestial event to experience. This eclipse will be the first total solar eclipse visible from the United States since July 11, 1991, which was seen

only from Hawaii, and the first visible from the contiguous US since 1979. That eclipse was only visible in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota. I witnessed a “partial eclipse” of this event at GRC with my students.

The August 2017 eclipse will be the first with a path of totality crossing the USA's Pacific Coast and Atlantic Coast since 1918. The path of totality makes landfall exclusively within the United States, making it the first such eclipse since the country's independence in 1776.

The longest duration of totality will be 2 minutes 41.6 seconds between Hopkinsville and Princeton, Kentucky. The Almanac explains: “... the United States is the only country that will play host to this eclipse and because of this; the event is being promoted in some places as The All American Eclipse.” They added: “The most important thing to keep in mind is to never look at even a portion of the Sun directly without proper viewing glasses.” Sunglasses are not acceptable!

Because we live so close to the total eclipse, we will be able to view a partial eclipse here in Eastern Kentucky. The path of partial eclipse will be about a thousand miles from its total center. Although this happening is still a few months away, mark your calendars now. Then get your glasses ready, and let's view it together.

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

“T.J.'s”

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across seven mice for sale with a small container for five dollars. They looked like they needed a good home, so I took them back to Mom's just like what happened way back when. This time I had money to afford the best in rodent living. I got a nice big aquarium, an exercise wheel, toys, and a water bottle. The mouse

population soon increased, so there would have to be more living space. I got another aquarium or two. I even had to get a deep bucket or two to prevent overcrowding. Each “colony” was about twelve to fifteen mice. Then, finally, I separated the males and females and just let them live out their life span and not repopulate.

As fate would have it, one night a wild mouse found his way into a bucket of females. I don't know if he fell in or jumped in on his own, but anyway, there he was the next morning. The pet mice were white, black, black and white spotted, and tan. Soon I had some with wild mouse markings.

I would watch the mouse activity and learned a lot. They are actually quite amazing. They use one corner of the aquarium for drinking, another for eating, another for sleeping, and another corner was the bathroom. Even after the cleaning the cage and turning it, they still kept the same areas.

Another interesting aspect is that the mice all sleep together in a pile under an inch or two of litter. However, one mouse always stands guard watching out for the others. That mouse will guard from fifteen to thirty minutes and then he'll go to the nest and nudge here and there until he can get another mouse to relieve him. They never all sleep at the same time.

At one time I had about forty mice or more. I had a name for each one and knew their personalities. I had one by the name of Larry that could “talk”. I could hold him up to my ear and he would just jabber away. He was a little hyper and nervous. Another was Dottie who was tan with little white dots on her back. She was shy but liked to be scratched.

Mom and my stepdad said that instead of choosing a career in nursing, I should have gone into rodent husbandry. Maybe. Who knows?

“Points East”

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for inspection and shrugged. One of them said, “I don't remember.”

The other one said, “We probably didn't because I don't think we turned the blower on”, as though turning the hand dryer on was something he'd never forget for the rest of his life.

By now Mom has her hands on her hips and her

forehead is wrinkled into the frown of long suffering.

“Well get back in there right now and hurry it up. We don't have all day,” she grumbled.

The boys swapped looks with one another and went tearing back into the restroom while Mom, face clouded with exasperation, resumed her cross-legged lean against the wall, tap-

ping her toes and rapidly glancing at her watch.

She was obviously in a hurry over something but it would have to wait until two little boys had washed their hands because it's untelling what they might have touched.

I suppose that washing up after taking a leak is the sanitary thing to do but I have never heard of anyone dying because they failed to wash their hands and I seriously doubt that any dreadful diseases have ever been spread by someone who forgot or refused to wash his or her hands after or during a trip to the toilet.

The other day Loretta was eating an apple and I asked if I could have a bite.

“When's the last time you washed your hands” she demanded?

“I'll just go get myself an apple, I replied.

“Ramblings”

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Our mama cat had just borne another litter of kittens, something she did I think as often as physically possible, and mom had decreed that dad should drown them. I was horrified and immediately became inconsolable until dad took me aside and said, “Hush Sis. I never drown them, I take them to the barn and raise them there and she never knows.”

I was forever bringing home stray animals and once brought home a puppy who had lost its mother before its eyes were even open. Mom fussed and I was afraid its fate would be the same as she had decreed for the kittens but dad stood firm. In fact, I got up once during the night, shortly afterwards, because I heard strange noises from the kitchen and there he sat, by the Warm Morning, feeding the puppy with an eyedropper.

Our material comforts were few when I was a child but because of him, I look back on my childhood with mainly good memories

I often wonder what this good, honorable, common-sensible man would make of today's world. I think he would be highly befuddled about some of the “norms” in today's society, just as I am.

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Jeremy Rowe, P.O. Box 3038, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Rockcastle Circuit Court to notify the above named Defendants of a certain lawsuit filed on or about September 1, 2016, in which the above were named as Defendants. Said lawsuit has been filed in Division No. II of the Rockcastle Circuit Court, and is Civil Action No. 16-CI-00249. The nature of this lawsuit is a Complaint against the Defendants regarding the right to sale property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky in which the Defendants may have an interest. The above named Defendants shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the appointment of Warning Order Attorney to file an Answer with the Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk. If they do not appear in this suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the Court. The above named Defendants should be advised that the Warning Order Attorney does not and cannot represent their interest and the Warning Order Attorney is only notifying them of the pending lawsuit.

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Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, February 6th: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Tic Toc PreSchool, Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, February 7th:** Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax. **Wednesday, February 8th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero and Pine Hill. Schedule subject to change due to weather conditions.

Republican Party Meeting
 The Rockcastle County Republican Party will meet on Saturday, March 11th starting at 9 a.m. on the third floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

Community Meal
 You are invited to a Community Meal at the Community Outreach Center on Saturday, February 4th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Come as you are and bring a friend! Sponsored by RAKB Community Mission Team.

New Hospice Volunteer Training
 A new session of Hospice Volunteer Training will be held Saturday, February 25th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hospice Care Plus is seeking compassionate volunteers to help answer phones at the Compassionate Care Center to support home hospice patients and caregivers in Rockcastle County, and to fill a variety of other roles. Adults and teens, age 14 and up, are welcome. To register for the New Volunteer Training, contact Breina at 859-986-1500 or email hospice@hospicecp.org.

T.O.P.S. of Brodhead
 Join us in 'Taking off Pounds Seriously' at the Brodhead Community Center, 36 Castle Village Drive on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Ladies and gentlemen both welcome. For more information, TOPS.org or call 758-9852

Chamber of Commerce Meeting
 The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
 *Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.
 *Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist every Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.
 *Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies. Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.
 *Broken Chains Bible Study at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.
 *Celebrate Recovery-Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.

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

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 Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

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


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

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

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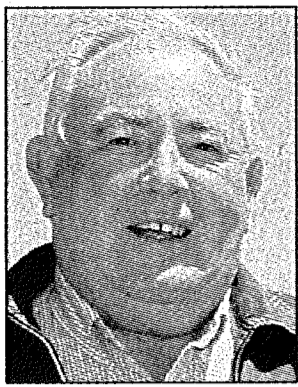
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Obituaries



Frank Bradley

Frank Bradley, 74, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, January 24, 2017 in Okeechobee, FL. He was the husband of Kathrine (Harris) Bradley, and the son of the late Thurnie and Beulah (Brummett) Bradley of Brodhead. He was born September 1, 1942 in Berea, and was the oldest of five children. He was a graduate of Brodhead High School, Class of 1960. He married Katherine Harris, December 28, 1962, and from their union came two daughters, Jennifer and Carrie.

He was a Millwright and President of Selco Steel Erectors Company, Inc. of West New York, New Jersey, specializing in mechanization systems and sorting machines for the US Postal Service, Bulk Mail Centers throughout the nation. He relocated the company to Kentucky in 1989. He was also a farm owner and enjoyed the cattle business.

He was a faithful, active member of Brodhead Baptist Church. He had the reputation of being a kind and generous man who showed care and concern for others. He loved to travel and he enjoyed going on trips to different parts of the country with friends, and with his children and grandchildren. Following his retirement, Frank and Kathrine have spent their winters in Okeechobee where they made many new friends. Frank especially enjoyed fishing and riding his bicycle.

Those left to remember his full and rewarding life are: his wife of 54 years, Kathrine; daughters, Jennifer (Bill) Adkisson of Brodhead, and Carrie (Dwayne) Crabtree of Somerset; granddaughter, Hannah Adkisson; grandson, Aaron Adkisson; two brothers and one sister, Jerry (Suzy) Bradley of Lexington, Debra (Larry) Smith of Lexington, and Jeff (Cherryell) Bradley of Brodhead; sister-in-law, Gail Bradley of Lexington, widow of his late brother, Doug Bradley; and many nieces and nephews also remain to celebrate the life of their "Uncle Frank", as well as several cousins.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 30, 2017 at Brodhead Baptist Church with Bro. Don Jones and Ralph Baker officiating. Burial followed in Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Aaron Adkisson, Hank Bradley, Bill Newman, Mark McKinney, David Pensol, and David Coffey.

In memory of Frank Bradley donations may be made to Brodhead Baptist Church and the Gideons.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineovensfuneralhome.com



Shirley Robinson McPherron

Shirley Robinson McPherron, 74, of Livingston, died Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Laurel County on February 20, 1942, the daughter of Roy and Opal Lee Fields Robinson. She was a shop manager for Palm Beach Company, a member of Livingston Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing, camping and being outdoors.

She is survived by: three sons, James Richard Frost of Livingston, Carl Jeffery Redleaf of Dayton, KY and Mark McPherron of Powell, TN; three daughters, Dawna Jean Frost of Amelia, OH, Kimberly Sue Benitez of Bellvue and Robin Lynn Stamper of Dayton, KY; four step children, Glen, Jeanette, Victor and Bonnie; two brothers, Ed Robinson of Covington and Terry Robinson of Silver Grove; and two sisters, Joyce Vinson of Ft. Thomas, and Brenda Watton of Dayton, KY. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Glenn McPherron; a daughter, Megan Lee; two sisters, Geraldine and Anna Mae; and two brothers, Gene and Kenny.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jim Miller. Burial was in the Bales Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Frost, Mark McPherron, Victor McPherron, Ron Phipps, Jeff Redleaf, and Kenny Robinson.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Bethanie Bretz

Bethanie Bretz, 44, of Brodhead, daughter of James and Kathleen, died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the Richmond Compassionate Care with family by her side.

Funeral services have been entrusted to the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and are incomplete at this time. Full obituary will be published in next week's Signal.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineovensfuneralhome.com



John M. Scott

John M. "Scotty" Scott, 80, of Arlington Heights, OH, died Saturday, January 28, 2017. He was born in Mt. Vernon on May 25, 1936 to Homer H. and Juanita Scott (nee McElroy). He retired from General Electric and former Celotex Corporation.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife of 42 years, Barbara A. Scott.

He is survived by: his beloved sister-in-law, Teresa L. (Joseph) Harper; he was Papaw Scott to Kenny, Michael (Becky), Jessica, Jakob, and Raegan Harper; sister, Cartha Meece; nieces, Susan (Xuyen) Meece-Hinh, Melanie (Ron) Curtis and Marsha Meece-Bagwell; and a host of other family members and friends.

In loving memory of John, contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital, 3229 Burnet Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45229.

Funeral ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. (today) Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Newcomer Funeral Home - Northwest Chapel, 7830 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231. Masonic Service was held Wednesday, February 1.

Landon Glenn Higgins

Landon Glenn Higgins, newborn son of Adam and Leslie Higgins, was born and died Thursday, January 19, 2017 at Ft. Logan Hospital in Stanford.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by: two brothers, Lloyd Ray and Dakota James Higgins; three sisters, Autumn Gayle, Dorothy Jean, and Lilyann Rose Higgins; his maternal grandmother, Connie Fletcher of Sand Springs; his paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Debbie Higgins of Orlando; and his paternal great grandfathers, John Baker of Brodhead and Jim Fletcher of Sand Springs.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at Maple Grove Baptist Church by Bro. Luther Allen. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Paul David Brumett

Paul David Brumett, 61, of Waynesburg, husband of Teresa Brumett, died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at home with family by his side.

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

Visit www.marvineovensfuneralhome.com

Kentuckians urged to file taxes early to avoid becoming a victim

As tax season begins, Attorney General Andy Beshear issued a scam alert to help Kentucky families avoid falling victim to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and tax-related identity fraud.

The start date for electronic filing of tax year 2016 federal and Kentucky returns began Jan. 23, and, as a result, reports of tax identity fraud are increasing.

Beshear's office has received nearly 100 IRS scam reports over the past seven months, and the most recently reported scams were in Boyd, Greenup and Hardin counties.

"The IRS will never call, text or email asking for your personal or financial information," Beshear said. "If you are contacted by someone claiming to be an IRS agent and requests your Social Security number hang-up and report it to the actual IRS."

Tax identity fraud occurs when someone uses your Social Security number to file a tax return in your name, before you file in order to steal your refund.

Beshear and his Office of Senior Protection and Mediation recommends these tips from fraud.org to help Kentucky families avoid falling victim to tax-related identity theft.

1. File early. Beginning Jan. 23, 2017, the IRS and the state will begin accepting electronic filing of tax returns. By filing early in the tax season, you can reduce your risk of identity theft by submitting your return before scammers. Waiting only gives con artists more time to steal your refund.

2. Consider e-file. To help file quickly, consumers may qualify for the state and IRS's Free File programs, which allows the use of free, name-brand tax filing software. For more information on the IRS Free File program, click here and for information on the state program, click here.

3. Monitor your refund. Review the status of your refund by visiting the IRS's Where's My Refund? website or take advantage of the IRS2Go smartphone app. Remember, by law, the IRS must hold refunds claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit and/or the Additional Child Tax Credit until Feb. 15. The first day the Kentucky Department of Revenue will issue refunds is also Feb. 15; click here to visit the state refund site.

Victims of tax fraud may receive a mailed letter from the IRS or the victim may discover the fraud when they attempt to file their return.

Victims need to act quickly and follow these recommended steps:

* Contact the IRS. To contact the IRS directly call, 800.908.4490. Contact the

Kentucky Department of Revenue at 502.564.4581.

* Follow the Attorney General's Identity Theft Kit. Learn how to obtain an incident report of identity theft from your local law enforcement agency, place an immediate and free fraud alert on your credit file, order and review your credit reports, and create a comprehensive recovery action plan.

For additional information, visit the Office of the Attorney General's website at ag.ky.gov; the IRS site, www.irs.gov/identitytheft; and Kentucky Department of Revenue at <http://revenue.ky.gov/>.

One of the critical missions of the Office of the Attorney General is to help Kentucky families and seniors recognize and avoid scams.

Kindergarten entry age cutoff moves to August 1

Beginning with the upcoming school year, children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before August 1. Up until now, the cutoff was October 1.

The General Assembly changed the law in 2012, based on the premise that younger students may not be ready for kindergarten and may not get off to a successful start. The change takes effect for the 2017-18 school year, for which schools will soon be registering students.

Parents/caretakers may request an early enrollment option for those students not meeting the entry age requirement. Under KRS 158.030, districts must establish a policy for an early enrollment that includes an evaluation process to determine the child's readiness for school.

In 2015, the General Assembly amended this statute to allow early admission students, enrolled under the district's policy, to be counted in the district's average daily attendance (ADA) for the calculation of SEEK.

Districts are allowed to charge tuition for students ad-

mitted under the district's early admission policy, but no more than they charge students who meet the age requirements for enrollment. Therefore, if a district does not charge tuition for resident students who are 5-years-old by the cutoff date, then the district cannot charge tuition to resident students who are admitted under the early admission policy. Similarly, if the district does charge tuition for non-resident students who meet the cutoff date, then the district can only charge the same amount of tuition to non-resident students who are admitted under the district's early admission policy. However, districts cannot charge tuition to any students who are eligible for free/reduced price meals.

Additional information can be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's website <http://bit.ly/EarlyEntranceKindergarten>.

Specific questions about kindergarten enrollment and the district's early admission policy should be directed to the local school district in which the student lives.

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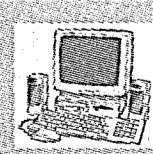
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KDE pays 2016-17 AP test fees for qualifying students

In an effort to increase students' opportunity to take Advanced Placement exams, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will underwrite the cost of the tests in the 2016-17 school year for students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch.

"The Kentucky Department of Education is committed to closing the opportunity gap for students, and as such, believes all students should have equal access to the benefits of AP coursework," Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt said. "Nothing, including the testing fee, should stand in the way. All of our students should have the opportunity to enroll in AP classes and take the corresponding AP test for college credit." In 2016, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received qualifying AP test scores for college credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process, with many colleges and universities in the United States offering credit in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.

While KRS 160.348(3) requires costs of the AP exams to be paid by the KDE, state funding has not been available. In the past, the KDE worked to secure

federal grants to pay the fees for private and public school students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch (FRL). Unfortunately, the recently enacted Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) removes the grant provision (AP Test Fee Program) providing dedicated federal Title I funds for this purpose.

It is estimated that it will cost the department up to \$800,000 to underwrite the tests for qualifying students. Pruitt said because student opportunity and access is such a high priority for the department, he has reallocated the money from other areas. Without the department covering the fee, it would be up to districts to pay the \$53 test fee for students in poverty.

While students from all backgrounds can benefit from taking challenging coursework in high school, data from 2016 shows that nationwide among African American, Hispanic and Native American students with the potential to succeed in AP courses, only about half enroll in this rigorous coursework.

"We must encourage all students to participate in Advanced Placement coursework, not just those who typically have done so in the past," Pruitt said. "Research shows that when presented with

rigorous coursework and provided with the necessary supports, students rise to the occasion."

In recent years, Kentucky has worked to expand AP access to underrepresented student groups, and participation and success in academically rigorous coursework such as AP classes through the AdvanceKentucky initiative. A total of 109 Kentucky public high schools have participated since its inception in 2008.

Among the elements of success that AdvanceKentucky promotes as part of its program are: • Open Enrollment: A culture of inclusiveness and preparation for more students to enroll and be successful in Advanced Placement math, science and English (MSE) classes. • AP Courses in MSE: Advanced Placement college-level courses in Math, Science and English subjects. • Student Time-on-Task: Tutoring, 15 to 18 hours of student study sessions for each AP course, and other supports made readily available to students. • Exam Fees: Supplements to help cover 50 percent of AP exam fees not provided from other sources. • Incentives: \$100 per qualifying score (3, 4, or 5) on AP exams in MSE. • Counseling/Recruiting: Supportive information and briefings (especially in the early grades) to help with student/family decisions to prepare for and enroll in AP. • Teacher Training: Rigorous content-focused five-day summer institute (or pre-approved equivalent) for all AP teachers for the first two years, two-day AdvanceKentucky Fall Forum training during the academic year and four-day summer Laying the Foundation institute for five pre-AP teachers each for three years (others welcome to attend with registration fee). • AP Teacher Mentors: Master AP teacher mentor colleagues on relevant subject matter on a path to new learning among AP students. (A stipend is paid to the mentor per mentee served; the contract is between the Mentor and the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation to serve AdvanceKentucky teachers.)

The AP participation and performance of various student groups in Kentucky's public high schools has increased significantly under AdvanceKentucky's mission to engage more students traditionally underrepresented in AP, including minority and low-income students.

"City"

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"This will also be more accommodating to citizens who want to come to council meetings and the acoustics will be much better," he said.

Bray says members of the council have worked on the idea for several years but were unable to get proper direction on permits and fees and legalities. "We are working with Garland Vanhook Architects now and they are developing a plan that will meet all state requirements and provide a much more usable space," said Bray. "This will also help the city's insurance costs by having everything up to code."

Police would still utilize

the current space they are in for evidence lock up and interrogation units but will be much more accessible to citizens and visible to everyone, according to Bray.

Mayor Bryant said at last month's council meeting that he is looking forward to the remodeling project. "It would not only provide a much better work environment for those who work for the city, but will provide an inviting atmosphere for citizens of Mount Vernon who wish to participate in their government," said Bryant.

Bray says the cost of the project is not yet known until the architectural firm has completed the plans but some funds have been bud-

getted for the project.

"Ideally, we can get this started before the end of our fiscal year (July 1) so that we can budget for next year and keep the project going," said Bray. "But whatever we do, we are going to do it right and make sure we meet all state requirements."

Before the cost of the project can be determined, Bray said the city must "look at what our own city employees can do and what has to be contracted out. This will determine the total costs for the project."

City officials say they are not sure how long the project will take but are certain that it will benefit the city as a whole.

"Lawsuit"

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ployment in Kentucky is terminable at-will, meaning that an employer may ordinarily discharge an employee for good cause, for no cause, or for cause that some may view as morally indefensible."

The judgement went on to say that the "policy of the City of Mount Vernon that all employees who do not have a written contract for a specific, fixed term of employment are employed at-will for an indefinite period of time."

The judgement says the plaintiff was at all times an "at-will employee" for the city and no such contract existed negating her at-will status.

The judgement orders that the plaintiff's complaint be dismissed and no further substantive issues remain pending for the court's determination and decreed a final judgement in favor of the City of Mount Vernon.

City Administrator Josh Bray says all employees at the city are on an at-will basis but could not comment further on the case because City Attorney Bobby Amburgey said it is pending litigation.

Though the case has been adjudged, Bullock has the right to appeal the decision and until that option is exhausted, Bray says he cannot comment on the specifics of the case.

However, city officials note that any such decision, about terminating an employee, is presented to two separate lawyers before action is taken to make sure the city is within its legal rights.

"Care"

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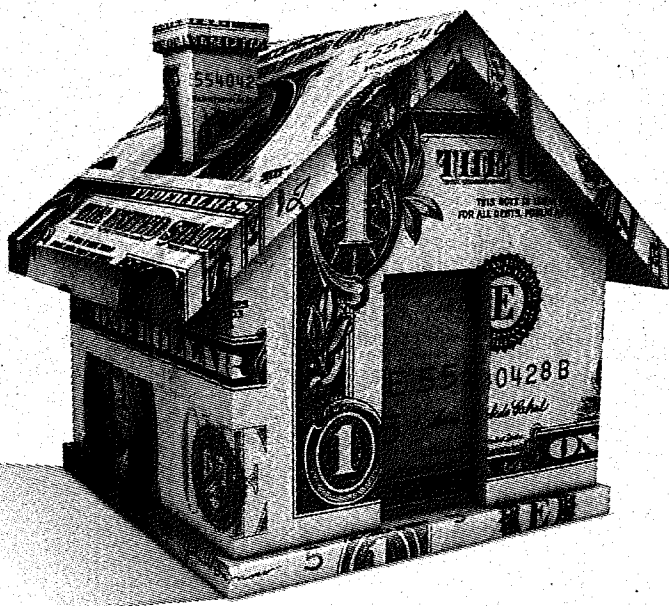
to urgent care. Walk-ins are welcome.

Dr. Fowles is also the plant doctor for Hyster in Berea.

The former exercise room was remodeled mainly with the proceeds (\$2,000) from a "Duck Race" held last October on the Rockcastle River as a joint event of the City of Livingston and the Berea Chamber of Commerce.

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley said the rest of the expense (\$500 - \$800) of remodeling came from gifts from alumni of the school and other funds the city had available. Detention Center work release inmates were also used for the remodeling, which included building partitions and lowering the ceiling.

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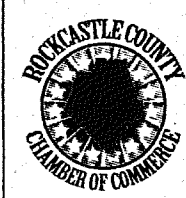
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Both RCHS teams lose to PC Maroons

It was 2-0 for the Pulaski County Maroons, who came to RCHS last Friday night for a district doubleheader with the Rockets and Lady Rockets.

The Lady Maroons beat the Lady Rockets 56-40 and the Rockets fell 74-67.

In the Lady Rockets game, the Lady Maroons were up 21-6 at the end of the first quarter stop, thanks in large part to five three point baskets in the quarter by the Maroons and seven turnovers by the Rockets. It was 32-20 at halftime and 44 to 33 at the third quarter stop.

The Lady Maroons hit

eight three point shots in the game; against three for the Lady Rockets. The charity stripe was kinder to the Rockets who hit 11 of 20 then to the Maroons who were five of eight but Rockets committed 15 turnovers in the game to the Maroons 11.

The only player for the Rockets in double figures was senior Hope Kelley with 10, eight of them in the second half, including two three point baskets; freshman Kenzie Himes got eight; junior LeaEllen Rogers scored six; senior Jayna Albright and eighth-grader Casey Coleman got six points each; freshman Shelby

Newland scored three points; senior Maddy Bullen and junior Emily Adams got two points each and senior Mahala Saylor hit one free throw.

The Lady Rockets are currently in third place in the 47th district at 3-3, behind Casey at 4-2 and Pulaski 3-2. Somerset is fourth at 1 and 4. The only remaining district game will be between PC and Somerset. Somerset, handed PC one of their two losses earlier in the season.

In the Rockets vs. Maroons part of the action Friday night, the score was tied 19 all at the end of the first quarter, thanks to a three point basket by senior Thomas Burdette at the buzzer. The Rockets were down 42-37 at the half and 58-52 at the end of the third period.

At one point in the fourth quarter, the Rock-

ets pulled to within one, on a basket by senior Jordan Hawkins, to make the score 58-57 but three Rocket turnovers allowed the Maroons to go on a 6-0 run and the Rockets couldn't catch up, losing 74 to 67.

Senior John Cornelius led the scoring for his team with 19 points; Hawkins got 15; Burdette 11; senior Carson Noble 10; Lucas Gentry with eight and junior Devin Mullins four.

The Rockets hit seven threes in the game to the Maroons five and were eight for 12 from the free throw line to the Maroons 11 for 17. The Maroons took better care of the ball, committing only four turnovers to nine for the Rockets.

The Rockets are currently in second place in the 47th District standings at 3-2, behind Pulaski County at 3-1.

Casey Co. is third at 3-3 and Somerset is fourth at 1-4.

The only district game

remaining for the Rockets is a make-up game Sunday, February 5th at Pulaski County.

Rockets win at McCreary

Tuesday night, the RCHS Rockets traveled to McCreary Central to take on the Raiders and came away with their 14th win, against nine losses, of the season 72-66 behind 34 points by senior John Cornelius.

The Rockets took control of the game early, outscoring the Raiders 21-15 in the first quarter when Cornelius put in

four three point baskets, along with seven points by senior Thomas Burdette. The Rockets were up 42-33 at the half and 52-44 at the third quarter stop.

Besides Cornelius's 34, which included a total of six threes and going six for six from the free throw line, Burdette and Carson Noble had 13 points each; Jordan Hawkins got eight and Lucas Gentry four.

As a team, they went 13 for 17 from the free throw line.

Saturday, the Rockets will play a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets against the visiting Danville Admirals and Lady Admirals. Game times are 3 and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, they will travel to Pulaski County for a make-up district game with the Maroons which will be preceded by a Jayvee game. Game times are 2 and 3:30 p.m.

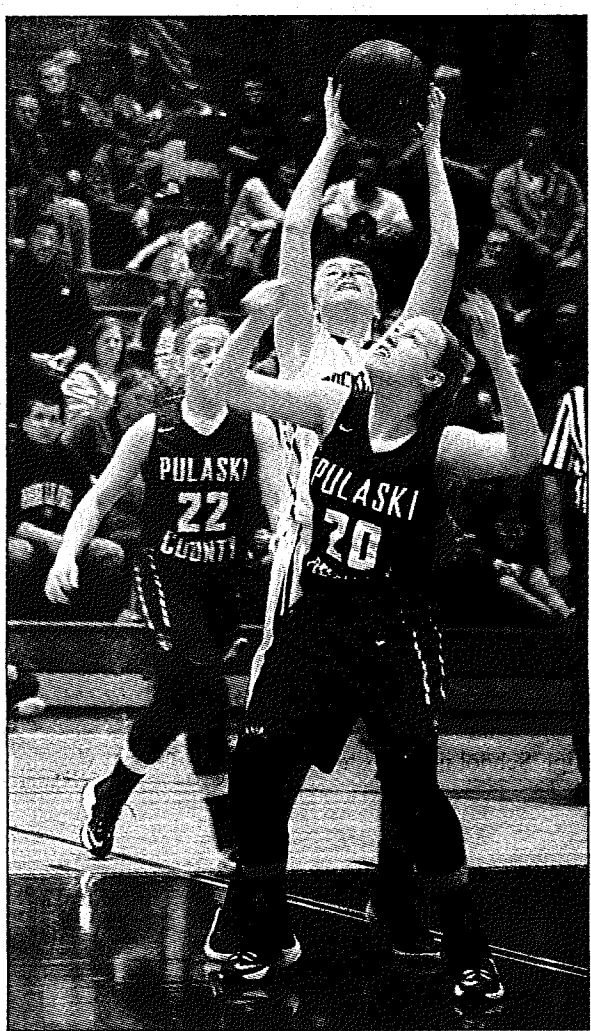
Tuesday night, February 7th, the Rockets will host the Jackson County Generals.

Senior Night

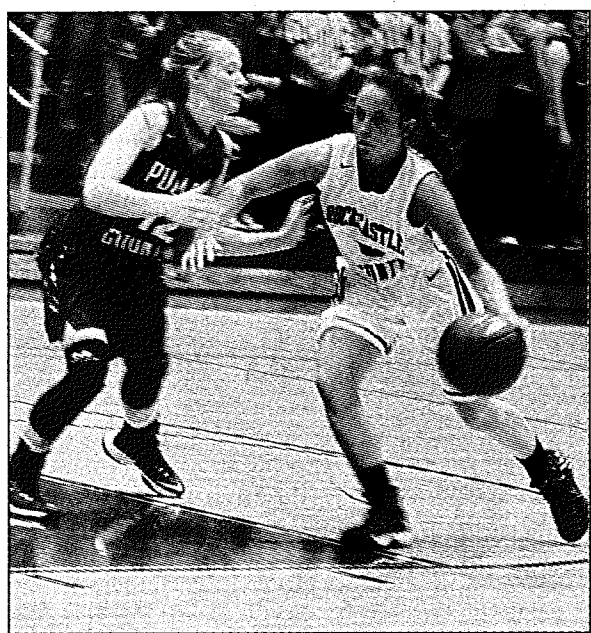
Senior Night for the Rockets and Lady Rockets will be held Friday night, February 10th when the Rockets host the Garrard County Lions.

State Tourney Teams to be recognized

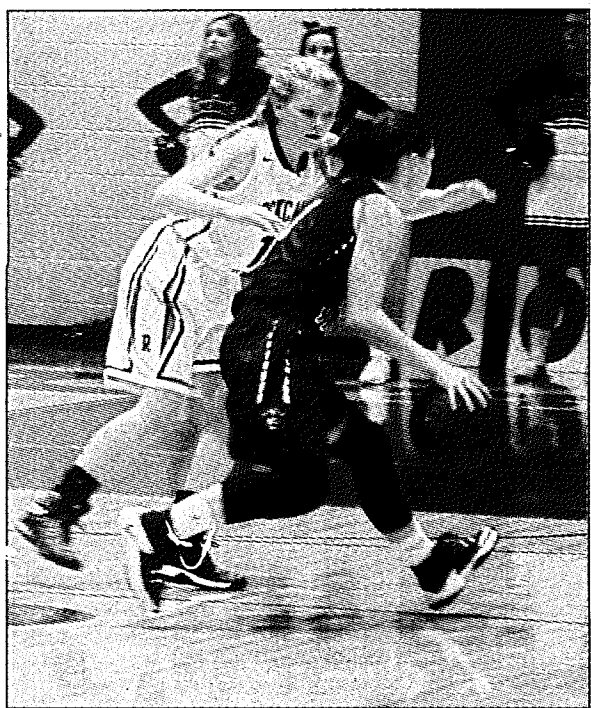
At Saturday's home game between the Rockets and Lady Rockets and the Danville Admirals and Lady Admirals, the Lady Rockets state tournament team of 1997 and the Rockets state tournament team of 2002 will be recognized.



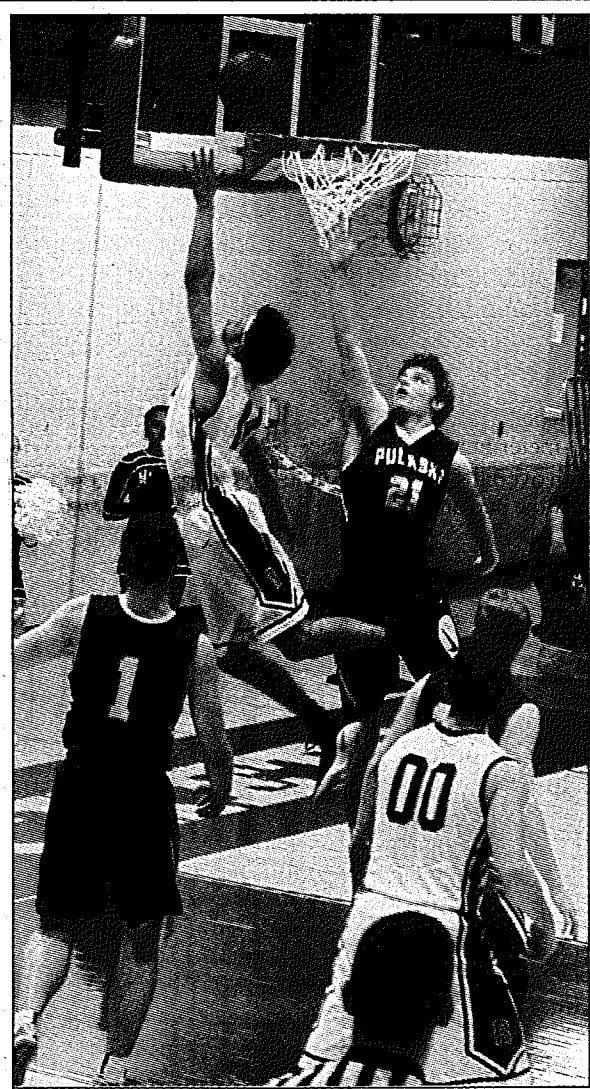
Sophomore Emma Bullens gets an offensive rebound during the Lady Rockets' 56-40 loss to Pulaski County last Friday night.



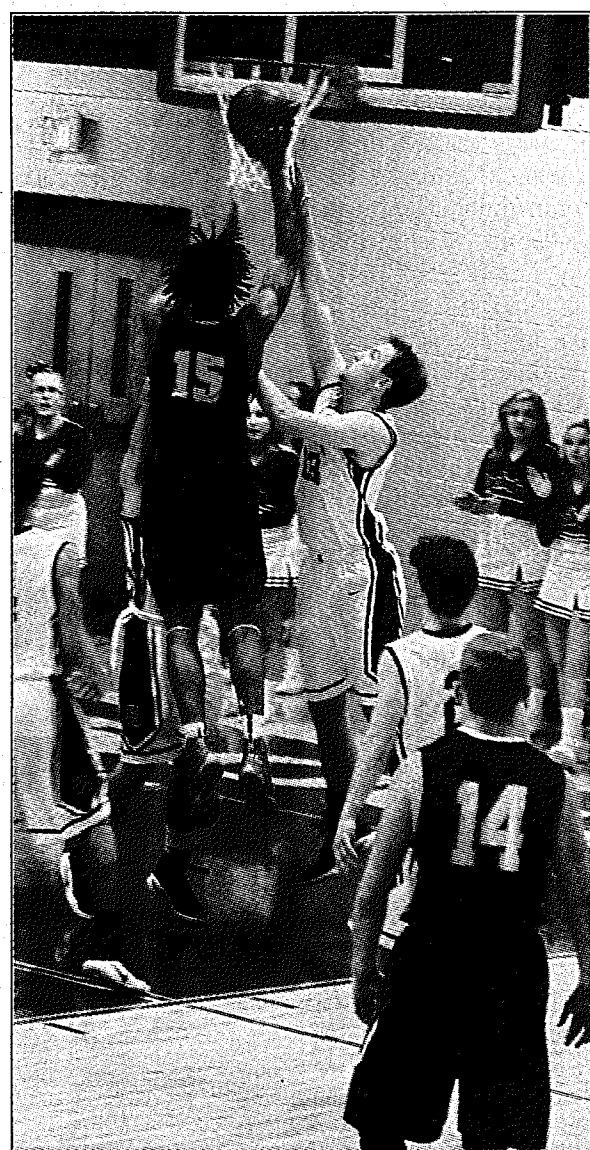
Senior Emme Barker works around a defender during the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski last Friday night.



Junior Mackenzie Payne applies defensive pressure during the Lady Rockets' 56-40 loss to Pulaski County last Friday night.



Senior Jordan Hawkins goes up for two of his 15 points in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Friday night.



Senior Lucas Gentry tries to put a stop to a Pulaski player late in the Rockets' 74-67 loss last Friday night. Gentry scored eight points in the contest.

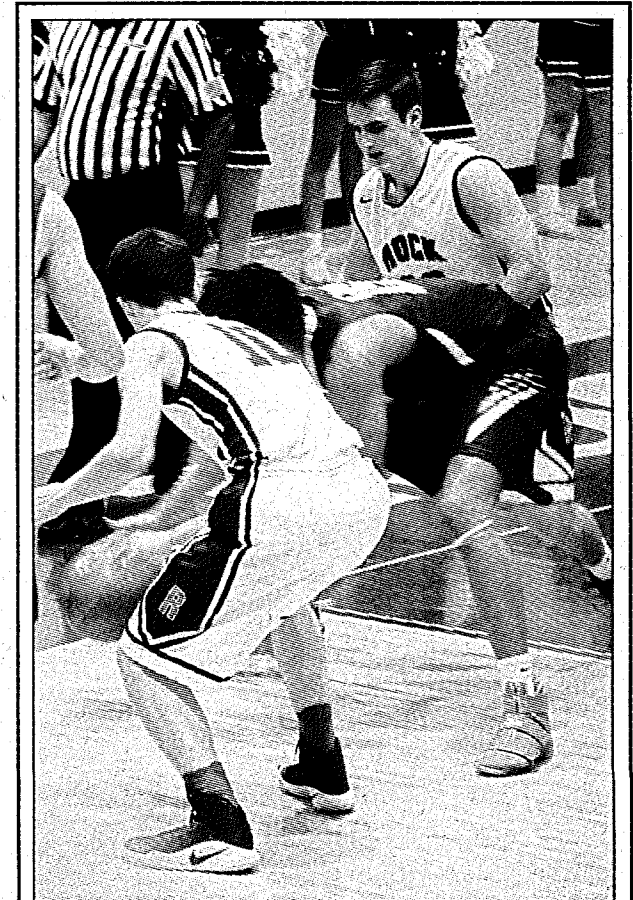
Lady Rockets lose to Lady Tigers Monday

Monday night, the Lady Rockets travelled to Manchester to take on the Clay County Lady Tigers and were handed their 10th loss of the season, against 13 wins.

At Clay, the score was tied at 14 all at the end of the first quarter and, after a high-scoring second quarter by both teams, the Lady Rockets were down 32-27 at the half. At the end of the third period, the Lady Rockets were down 49-42 but they were outscored in the fourth quarter 14-7 for the final 63-49.

Mahala Saylor led the scoring for her team with 15 points; Hope Kelley got eight; Kenzie Himes, Emme Barker and Casey Coleman scored six each; Maddy Bullen got four and MacKenzie Payne and LeaEllen Rogers got two points each.

The Lady Rockets will play a doubleheader at home Saturday with the Rockets against the Danville Lady Admirals, at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and will host the Berea Lady Pirates Monday night and the Madison Central Lady Indians next Thursday night.



Junior Devin Mullins and senior John Cornelius double team a Maroon during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski last Friday. Cornelius led the Rockets in scoring with 19 and Mullins added four.

Rocket/Lady Rocket doubleheader @ home Saturday
First game at 3:00 p.m.

RCHS freshman Tori Dotson had a career day at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. In the mile run, Tori placed 3rd with a new all-time personal best of 5:16.14 and broke her own all-time indoor record at RCHS, as well as her overall RCMS record. In the 800-meter run, she won a gold medal with an incredible winning time of 2:19.14, also a new all-time personal best which broke her all-time RCMS record for indoor, as well as her overall school record. She followed that with a 4th place performance in the two mile run, shattering her own RCMS all-time record with a personal best of 11:48.63. Tori led RCMS to a 3rd place overall team finish out of 96 schools that competed, including many of the state's best runners and teams from all three classes. She was the second leading scorer in the meet with an impressive total of 21 points.



The RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team placed 22nd overall at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. The team of 8th graders Hannah Davis, Erin Hindman, Jasmine Ashcraft, and 7th grader Jailey Martin ran a great indoor time of 4:57.89 and were the youngest team in the competition.



RCMS freshman Autumn King had a career day at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. In the 60-meter hurdles, Autumn shattered her all-time personal best with an 8th place finish and an awesome time of 9.96 seconds. Her time was over six-tenths of a second faster than her previous all-time best and missed the all-time RCMS record by only five hundredths of a second. She followed that with an amazing 3rd place finish in long jump, leaping an all-time personal best of 16'8.5" and earning a bronze medal for her awesome performance.

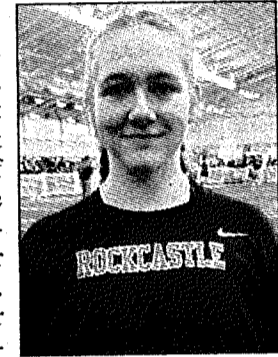


The RCMS boys' 4 x 400-meter relay team placed 16th overall at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. In their first-ever relay race together, the team of senior Dylan Robinson, sophomore Evan Hendrickson, sophomore Peyton Bowman, and freshman Dylan Bullen ran a great indoor time of 3:56.77. They also defeated last year's Class 2A indoor state champions in the event, Louisville Waggener.

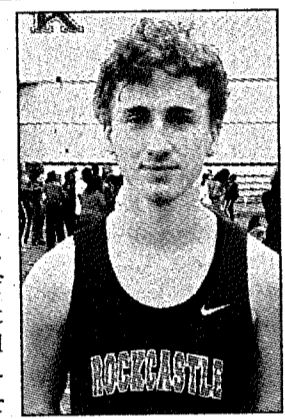
RCMS 7th grader Allie Martin had several outstanding performances at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. Allie placed 6th in long jump with an indoor all-time personal best of 15'1". In the 60-meter dash, Allie finished set a new personal best with an incredible time of 8.67 seconds, just missing the RCMS record in the event. In the 400-meter dash, she finished with an indoor all-time personal best of 1:04.66, just missing her career best in the event. In the 200-meter dash, she placed an amazing indoor and career all-time personal best of 28.61 seconds.



RCMS 8th grader Valerie Kendrick had an incredible performance in the shot put competition at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. Valerie placed 9th overall with an all-time indoor and overall career personal best throw of 29'3.5". Her amazing throw was over 5' better than her previous indoor best and over 3' better than her career best during last year's outdoor season.



RCMS senior Dylan Robinson had several outstanding performances in his first-ever indoor track competition at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. Dylan placed 20th overall in long jump with an all-time indoor personal best of 18'10.75", the second best mark of his career. He also had an all-time personal best performance in the 400-meter dash, finishing with an awesome indoor time of 55.57 seconds. He followed that with a great race in the 200-meter dash, coming away with another all-time personal best of 25.09 seconds.



RCMS 8th grader Jasmine Ashcraft had several outstanding performances in the distance events at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. One of only a few 8th graders that competed, Jasmine's best performance came in the mile run. She finished an impressive 25th place overall with an incredible all-time indoor personal best of 6:00.1. She followed that with an awesome all-time indoor personal best of 2:49.55 in the 800-meter run.



RCMS 7th grader Reina Lykins had several outstanding performances at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. Reina's best performance came in the 60-meter hurdles. She placed 20th overall with an incredible all-time personal best of 10.82 seconds. Her time shattered the RCMS record for a 7th grader in the event. In the 400-meter dash, she finished with an awesome indoor and career all-time personal best of 1:12.99. In her final event, the 200-meter dash, Reina shattered her all-time personal best with a great time of 31.06 seconds.



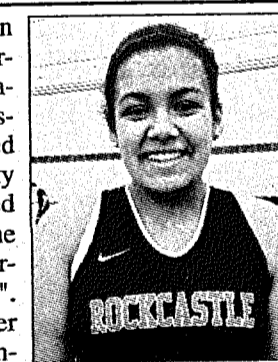
RCMS sophomore Peyton Bowman had several outstanding performances in his first-ever indoor track competition at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. Peyton performed very well in long jump with a great all-time personal best jump of 16'7.25". In the 400-meter dash, he finished with an awesome time of 56.96 seconds, another all-time personal best. He followed that with another all-time personal best race in the 200-meter dash, finishing in 25.08 seconds.



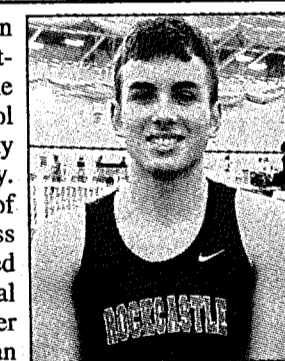
RCMS 7th grader Jailey Martin had an outstanding performance in the 800-meter run at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. One of only a few 7th graders that competed, Jailey ran an indoor and career personal best in the 800-meter run with an incredible time of 2:51.69, a great distance event performance for her first-ever varsity competition.



RCMS 8th grader Jessalyn Burton had an incredible performance in the shot put competition at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. Jessalyn placed 18th overall with an all-time indoor and overall career personal best throw of 27'7.5". Her awesome throw was over 5' better than her previous indoor and outdoor all-time personal best throws.



RCMS sophomore Evan Hendrickson had several outstanding performances at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. Despite missing quite a bit of practice time due to illness this past week, Evan shattered his indoor all-time personal bests in the 400 and 200-meter dashes. In the 400, Evan ran an awesome time of 58.28 seconds. He followed that with a great race in the 200-meter dash, finishing with a fast indoor time of 25.13 seconds.



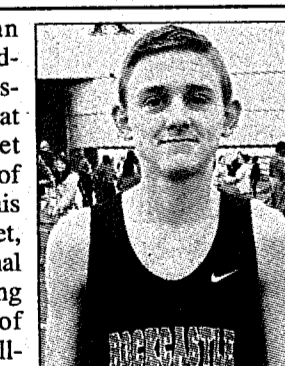
RCMS 8th grader Erin Hindman had an outstanding performance in the mile run at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. One of only a few 8th graders that competed, Erin ran an awesome all-time indoor personal best of 6:30.61, just missing her overall career personal best in the event.



RCMS 8th grader Hannah Davis had several outstanding performances at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. One of only a few 8th graders that competed, Hannah's best performance came in the 400-meter dash where she finished with an awesome indoor and overall career personal best of 1:14.33. In the 60-meter dash, she also ran an all-time personal best of 9.44 seconds. In the 200-meter dash, she ran yet another indoor personal best and just missed her career personal best with a great time of 32.06 seconds.



RCMS freshman Dylan Bullen had several outstanding performances in the distance events at the Wildcat Classic High School meet hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday. In his first-ever indoor track meet, Dylan ran an all-time personal best in the mile run, finishing with an awesome time of 5:13.35. He also had an all-time personal best performance in the 800-meter run, finishing with a great indoor time of 2:19.56.



Archery teams achieve season high scores at Lincoln County

It was a good day of shooting for both the RCMS and RCMS archers at the Lincoln County Pre-regional State Qualifier on Saturday.

Both teams achieved season high team scores. The best shooter of the day for Rockcastle County was 7th grader T.J. Ramsey.

T.J. achieved an awesome score of 279! He placed 15th among 250 boys at the tournament across all age divisions and placed 7th out of 102 middle school boys. T.J. hit the bullseye 14 times

in a remarkable performance.

The season high team score for RCMS came as they had a season best 94 bullseyes.

For RCMS, Jacob Collins led the way with his season high score of 276 with 13 bullseyes. Jacob placed 13th out of 86 high school males.

Sam Brickley again had a great tournament placing 18th with his personal best score of 274. Brylee Gill led the Rocket girls for the second straight competition with her score of 266.

With his personal best

performance, 8th grader Kyle Coffey also scored a 266 for RCMS.

Both he and Brylee scored 12 tens.

Next in scoring were Rebekah Lake, Jackson Cromer and Ben Tyler. Ben achieved his personal best score as well on Saturday.

Rounding out to top twelve to add to the team's total score were Joseph Cowan, Andrew Sargent, Leann Tankersley, Megan Taylor, and 8th grade rookie Samuel Lowery.

In addition to T.J.'s excellent showing for

RCMS, Gentry Phillips did well with a score of 252, as did 6th grader Andy Slate with his personal best score of 247 on Saturday.

Leading the females were two girls with their best-ever tournament scores. Lara Renner with 234 and Jillian Wallinwith 231.

Their scores were followed by consistent archer Cody Kirby and 6th grader Alex Robinson with his personal best score as well.

Finishing out the top twelve to add to the team's total were Liz

Renner, Allison McCoy, Caden Napier, Ethan Cromer, and J.T. Kelley.

The teams will compete next weekend at the

Laurel County Archery Invitational as they work to improve on their state qualifying scores.

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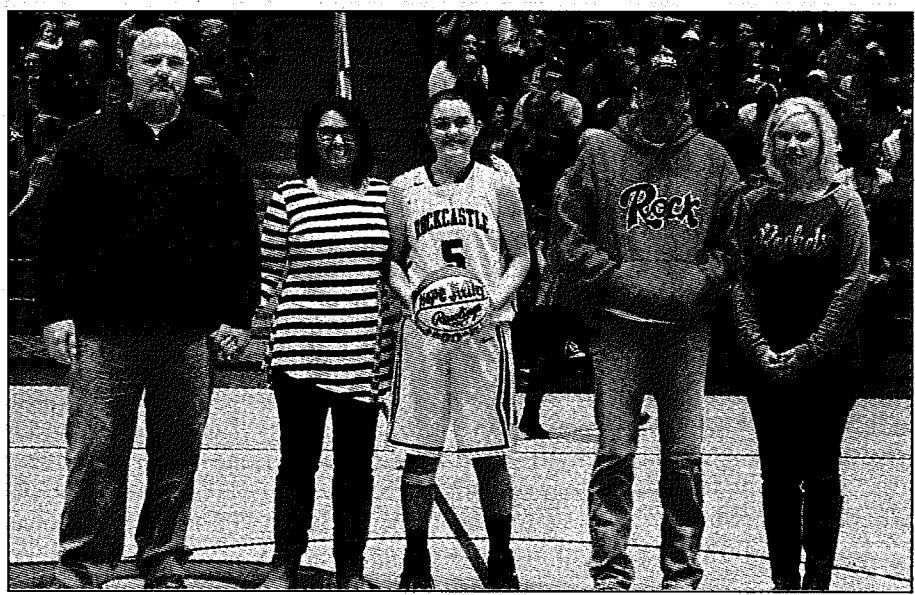
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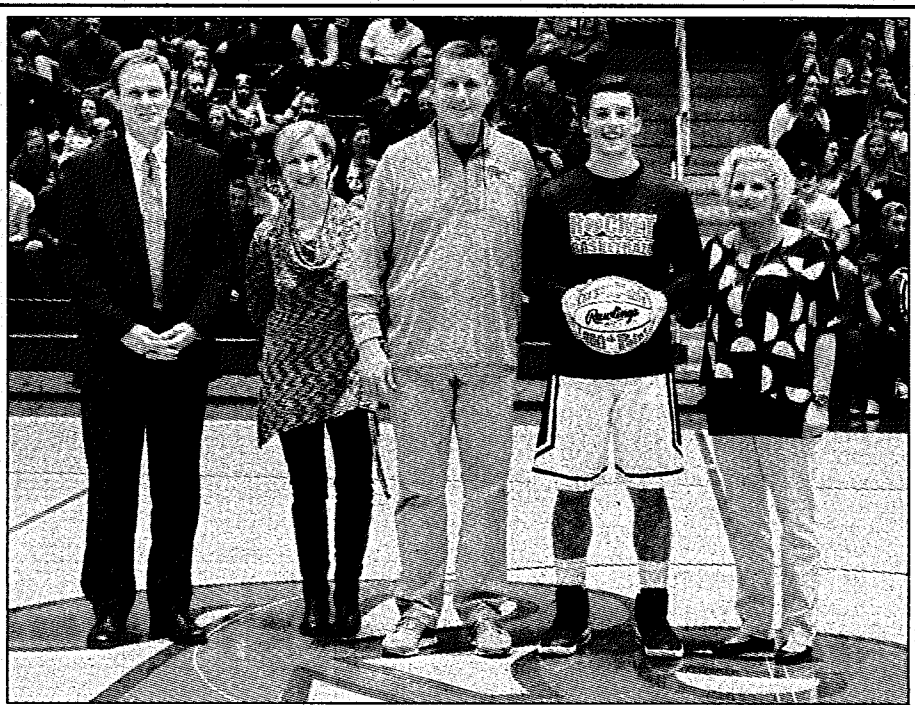
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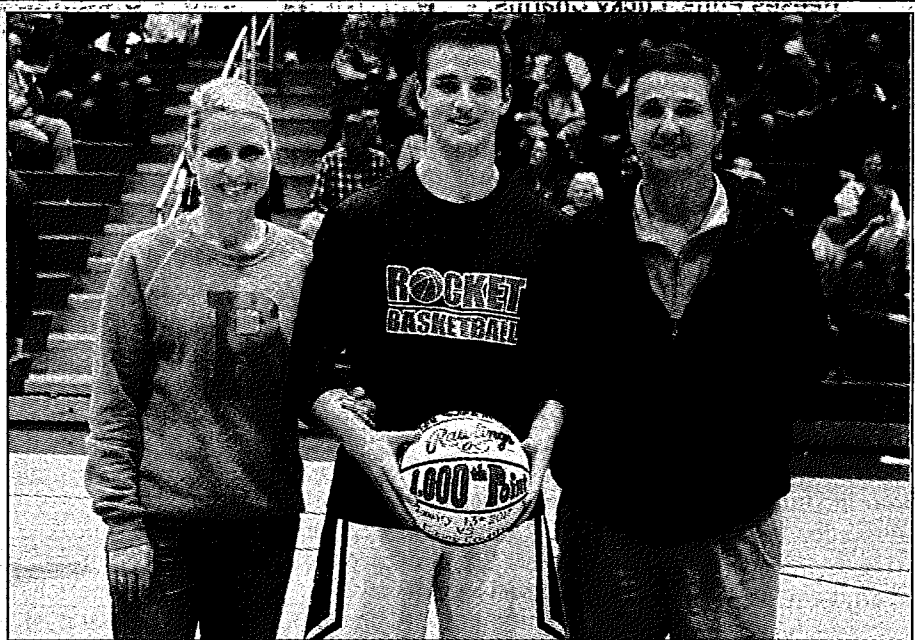
1,000 Point Club



Three seniors were recognized Friday night for their admittance into the 1,000 Point Club at Rockcastle County High School. Shown above is senior Lady Rocket Hope Kelley with her parents, Mike and Becky McNabb and Neil and Krystal Kelley.



Rocket senior Carson Noble was honored and he is shown above with his parents, Barry and Chrysti Noble. At left are Superintendent David Pensol and RCHS Principal Jennifer Mattingly who presented the awards to the seniors.



Rocket senior John Cornelius was also honored and he is shown above with his parents, Chris and Jamie Cornelius.

Especially for Rockcastle County

Hospice seeks new volunteers for training

Hospice Care Plus is hosting a training for new volunteers on Sat., Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

The training is for individuals who would like to help provide care and support to individuals, caregivers and families. It's open to adults and teens age 14 and up.

Volunteers are especially needed to make home and nursing home visits to hospice patients and families in Rockcastle County.

Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Hospice at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org.

Brenna Wallhauser, director of public relations, says volunteers help in a variety of ways.

"Regardless of the amount of time you have or what kind of work interests you, we can find a role for you," said Wallhauser. "If you're open to working directly with patients and families, we have a real need for companionship and respite volunteers, people

willing to make home visits to give caregivers a break. We always have a need for people who can answer phones and greet visitors at the Compassionate Care Center, too."

Wallhauser says volun-

teers also help with clerical and administrative tasks, like preparing a mass mailing or serving on a special event committee. Specialized volunteer programs,

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For Trooper Jason Vanhook KSP Post 11 to host annual memorial bass tournament

Kentucky State Police Post 11, London is hosting the 2nd annual 2017 Trooper Jason Vanhook Memorial Bass Tournament on Saturday, April 01, 2017. It will be held at the Conley Bottom Resort boat ramp located at 270 Conley Bottom Road Monticello, KY.

Blast off at safe light, weigh-in at 4:00 PM. Entry fee is \$100.00 per boat (2 people per boat) with a 5 fish limit. Payout will be determined by number of entries. You can pre-register in person at Post 11, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Registrations received by mail or email will be assigned a boat number upon receipt of payment and given out the day of the tournament.

Send registration forms by mail to: TFC. Lloyd Cochran, 11 State Police Road, London, KY 40741. Phone # 606-878-6622 or email at lloyd.cochran@ky.gov. Make checks payable to: Trooper Island Camp.

All proceeds go to support Trooper Island Camp. Trooper Island Camp provides a free camping experience to low income, underprivileged and special needs children in Kentucky. Structured to encourage respect for law

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Three decades of "Fish Fries"

Submitted
If you find yourself traveling through Brodhead, on the first Saturday of the month, you may see a sign hanging on the front of the Brodhead Fire Department. The sign simply reads "Fish Fry." For nine Saturdays each year, members of the Brodhead Fire Department host a Fish Fry to help raise money to operate the fire department. This Saturday tradition has been occurring now for over 30 years.

At the first fish fry, in the late 1980's, members served about twenty pounds of fish. Now fast forward to a few years ago, when the fire department sold over 350 pounds of fish at one event. Not every Fish Fry is as big as our April Fish Fry a few years ago but the point is that we have come a long way from where we started in the 80's.

Like any other event timing and weather play a huge role in the number of patrons coming through the door. If the weather is cold and snowy, the crowd will most likely be down compared to a 70 degree day in the spring. As crazy as it seems we can almost predict the time most people want to stop in for fish by the start time of a UK basketball game or even the Kentucky Derby. It's a gamble that has kept the doors of the firehouse open for many years. So why do we take the gamble? It's simple....The cost of operating a fire department is expensive. Just ask any

fire department chief in the county. Fire trucks and equipment are expensive to purchase and nearly as expensive to maintain.

So how much does it cost to operate a fire department in Rockcastle County? The annual operating budget of the fire department varies from year to year, depending on the success of our fundraisers. The following monies are spent every year by the Brodhead Fire Department.

- \$21,000 insurance and electric (\$12,000 covered by

the end of its serviceable life).

All in all, it takes about \$60,000 to operate the Brodhead Fire Department each year with half of that money coming from our fundraising efforts.

To explain the cost a bit further, firefighting is an inherently dangerous job that expends a lot of wear and tear on the people and equipment needed for the task. Just like any other occupation we are subject to Occupa-

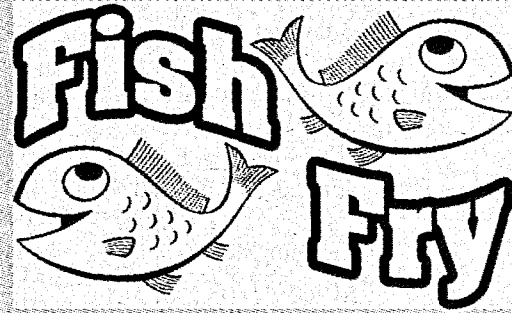
tional Safety and Health mandates and requirements set forth by the National Fire Protection Association. One of the NFPA requirements states that fire fighting turn out gear (coat,

helmet, boots, gloves, and hood) must be discarded after 10 years of service regardless of condition. If we do not abide by this rule the members of the Brodhead Fire Department cannot participate in state accredited training classes and, more importantly, our members would not be covered by workers compensation.

A new complete set of gear to outfit one member is now well over \$2,000. Brodhead Fire Department has a 40 member roster and to maintain the 10 year rule we have to replace 4 sets of gear every year.

I hope all of this gives everyone some understanding why the fire departments in Rockcastle County are constantly

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fiscal court and \$9,000 City of Brodhead)

- \$1,500 Annual Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Maintenance (Fundraiser)

- \$1,700 Jaws of Life Maintenance (Fundraiser)

- \$400 Small Engine Maintenance (Fundraiser)

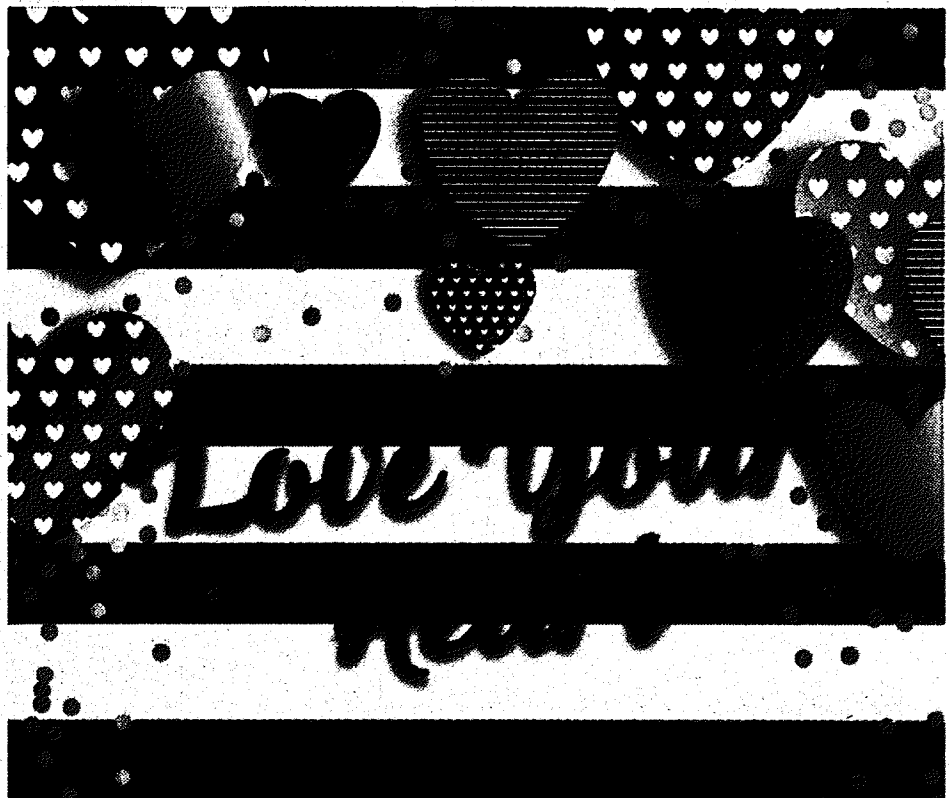
- \$4,000 Fuel for Trucks (Fundraiser w/ fiscal court supplement)

- \$8,000 3-4 Sets New Turnout Gear (gear must be discarded every 10 years per regulations). Paid for by fundraisers and some grant supplement.

- \$3,000 Annual Truck Repairs and Maintenance (Fundraiser)

- \$7,900 Payment on Rescue Truck (State Aid Supplement)

- \$12,500 Incidental Repairs and Equipment Purchases (older or damaged equipment that has reached



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

William M. and Janet Barnett, property in Quail Acres Subdv., to Diana L. Sizmore. No tax
James and Dee Ann Miller, property in Rolling Hills Subdv., to Andrew and Dana Carrera. Tax \$150

District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank v. Bonnie J. Harris, \$1,338.18 plus claimed due.
Portfolio Recovery Asso., Inc. v. Jared J. reams, \$882.51 plus claimed due.
Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. John Griffith, \$653.86 plus claimed due. C-00010

Circuit Civil Suits

Jessica A. DeKorte v. Shane M. Snow, complaint for child support and medical support.
Brittanie D. Coffee v. Johnna S. Higgins, complaint for child support and medical support.
Judy A. Sizmore v. Kristen N. Bromwell, complaint for child support and medical support.
Judy A. Sizmore v. Roy Bromwell, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00025

District Court

January 23, 2017
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Wesley D. Robinson: public intoxication, 30 days in jail.
Jonathan E. Houk: public intoxication and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 10 days (each charge)/concurrent.
Christopher B. Jones:

public intoxication, 30 days to serve plus costs.

George A. Balint: fines/fees due (\$718), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta) and contempt, 15 days in jail or payment in full.

Donald Travis Brown: speeding, \$20 fine; operating vehicle w/expired operators license, \$50 fine plus costs.

Larry B. Brumley: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition plus costs.

Melanie E. Bullock: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Johnny Bussell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, Rockcastle Impaired Driving Education Program ordered.

Molley E. Chandler: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Corey A. Coats: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, rear license not illuminated, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Christopher N. Couch: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO., 30 days to serve plus costs.

Feddie D. Denny: fines/fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Dalmas J. Doan: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Erica Geane Gentry: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

James A. Ingram: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Speeding: Tyler Daniel Jackson, Garry T. Allen, Tamala L. Bailey, Andrew P. Dunn, Cynthia Q. Henry, James Weston Phillips, Gina Walters, license suspended for fta; Jonathan D. Keith, Kyle Slavey, Roger A. Stewart paid; Anthony Blake Kelley, \$20 fine plus costs.

Paul Ray Kidd: no/expired registration plates - receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Shayla B. Kirby: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Charles J. Matthews: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Sheila K. Overbay: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, improper display of registration plates, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Amanda R. Peters: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, \$100 fine plus costs.

Thomas J. Renner: public intoxication controlled substance, possession of synthetic drugs, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
Timothy D. Robbins: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Wesley D. Robinson: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Angie R. Slusher: fines/fees due (\$178), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Marsha Jane Sparks: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Sara Dale Spoonamore: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Kathy Stewart: theft by unlawful taking, fleeing or evading police, bw issued for fta.

Robert L. Vanhoose: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition plus costs.

Steven Young: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Sherry N. Fuson: failure to wear seat belts, one day in jail.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Election Results

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

Tim Mink of Mt. Vernon was elected to represent LAA 1 and Clayton Cash of Brodhead will serve as the first alternate.

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

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are comprised of local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community. All recently elected county committee members and alternates 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.

Preauthorized Debit Available for Farm Loan Borrowers

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has implemented pre-authorized debit (PAD) for Farm Loan Program (FLP) borrowers. PAD is a voluntary and alternative method for making weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments on loans. PAD payments are pre-authorized transactions that allow the National Financial and Accounting Operations Center (NFAOC) to electronically collect loan payments from a customer's account at a financial institution.

PAD may be useful for borrowers who use non-farm income from regular wages or salary to make payments on loans or adjustment offers or for payments from seasonal produce stands. PAD can only be established for future payments.

To request PAD, customers, along with their financial institution, must fill out form RD 3550-28. This form has no expiration date, but a separate form RD 3550-28 must be completed for each loan to which payments are to be applied. A fillable form can be accessed on the USDA Rural Development (RD) website at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/regulations-guidelines>. Click forms and search for "Form

3550-28."

If you have a "filter" on the account at your financial institution, you will need to provide the financial institution with the following information: Origination ID: 1220040804, Agency Name: USDA RD DCFO.

PAD is offered by FSA at no cost. Check with your financial institution to discuss any potential cost. Preauthorized debit has no expiration date, but you can cancel at any time by submitting a written request to your local FSA office. If a preauthorized debit agreement receives three payment rejections within a three month period, the preauthorized debt agreement will be cancelled by FSA. The payment amount and due date of your loan is not affected by a cancellation of preauthorized debit. You are responsible to ensure your full payment is made by the due date.

For more information about PAD, contact your local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: March 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: May 29, 2017-Memorial Day.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 2.375%
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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Selaginella, A Brief Introduction

This is a peculiar group of about 700 plants worldwide, a few of which are native to the southwest and midwest in the US, but many are to be found in China, as well as in tropical areas. They don't all fit a generic description. Many are "rainforest" plants, needing warmth and constant humidity. Yet some can live in the arid areas of places like SW Texas. Selaginella, also called spikemoss and club moss and arborvitae fern, is a dainty plant that loves shade and plenty of moisture.

I've seen these plants before and purchased them on impulse. Like most people, forget and leave them set in the sun on a hot summer day...and they won't forgive you. They'll be like dehydrated spinach...almost turn into nothing!

The secret is to find one that's hardy where you live, keep it mostly in the shade, and keep it's roots damp, but not in standing water. High humidity, or even misting of the foliage a couple times a day can work wonders. If you've dealt with Irish or Scottish moss, it's kind of the same situation.

Most of the selaginella are shade-loving perennials. Most are evergreen. And they do indeed look like moss or ferns, or maybe an arborvitae or Hinoki cypress.

Planting selaginella in a shady area where the soil

stays damp will be a winner. Planting it where splashes form a fountain or waterfall keep it wet will probably also be a winning situation. This lovely plant, which grows from a few inches to perhaps two feet tall, is a creeper or spreader and grows quite slowly. It reproduces by windblown spores, or from cuttings. Not considered an invasive, but not not enough is known about all the possible species one could choose to grow. Those native to the US certainly would have no risk. (Truth is they are a bit tough to keep alive, so they are not that much of an opportunistic plant.)

If you are curious to try your hand with these cute, small plants, you may be able to find one at a garden center as you peruse all the displays when spring comes. But, for sourcing or additional information, I suggest you turn to the internet. There you can find more information. And sources of this lovely, tender plant. Tropiflora web or Plants Delight Nursery carry a few and will ship mail order.

For children doing a terrarium, selaginella is a fine small plant for such confined and moist displays. Try an arborvitae fern or spikemoss for the fun of it.

The author is a landscaper. Contact Max at rockcastles@gmail.com or www.rockcastles.net

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CHURCH NEWS

Free Bible Courses

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

Let the Bible Speak

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

Rockcastle County Celebrate Recovery Meetings

***Celebrate Recovery-Broadhead:** Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.

***Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist** every Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.

***Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies,** Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.

***Broken Chains Bible Study** at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.

***Celebrate Recovery-Livingston** at Livingston School cafeteria, Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else,

meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take." Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Special Service

A special service will be held February 10th, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Berea Gospel Tabernacle, US 25, Berea. Speaker will be Donald King. Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

Benefit Singing

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

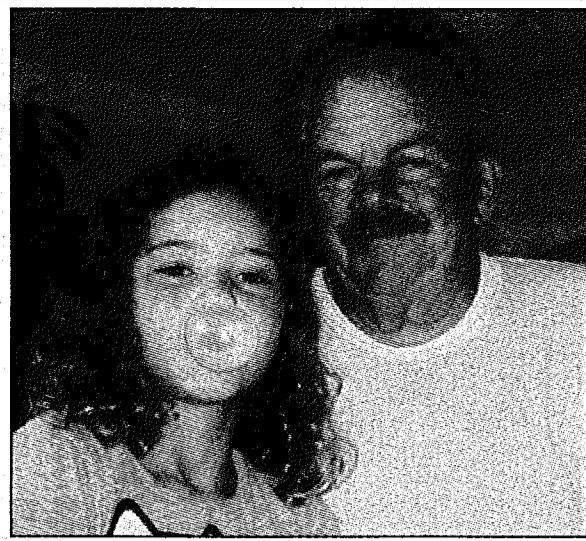
The singing will be Saturday, February 4th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

Fellowship Meeting

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church's monthly Fellowship Meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 7 p.m. with Bro. Randal Adams, our monthly preacher.

Bro. and Sister Donald King and congregation invites all.



Charles Sanders of West Chester, Ohio celebrated his 80th birthday on January 7, 2017 at his home with one special little girl Lauren, family and sister Juanita.

An encouraging word:

An Indomitable Spirit

By Howard Coop



February 2, while it may not be a holiday with a day away from work, is a special day. The sun, in its annual journey northward, has reached the midpoint between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. That means that winter with its bad weather is half over and spring with warmer and sunnier days is only six weeks away. That's something that can be celebrated with joy.

After the cold and dreary days and long nights of winter, we need something to lift our spirits. So, folklore has given us something to make the day special. It has dubbed the day Groundhog Day. On that day, according to folklore, the little brown marmot, known as a groundhog, after a long winter nap, awakes and leaves the comfort of his den. Basking in the light of day, he pauses and looks around. If he does not see his shadow, he remains outside, for he knows that better weather and warmer days are ahead.

However, if the sleepy

groundhog sees his shadow, he quickly returns to the comfort of his den, finds his warm bed, and sleeps through six more weeks of bad weather.

I don't know how reliable the little brown groundhog is as a weather prognosticator, but with absolute certainty, I do know this: The cold days of winter are gradually getting longer, and the long nights are getting shorter. The average daily temperature is inching upward ever so slowly, and spring, with warmer and more pleasant days, is not far away. I know in due time, it will be here. I can count on that.

There is another certainty. An indomitable spirit of optimism is in the human heart. That spirit gives hope even during the darkest of days and the worst of conditions. It keeps us going and saves us from giving up. Regardless of the immediate circumstances, that spirit enables us to look beyond the present and know that better things are ahead.

New Hospice Volunteer Training set for Saturday, February 25th

A new session of Hospice Volunteer Training will be held Saturday, February 25th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hospice Care Plus is seeking compassionate volunteers to help answer phones at the Compassionate Care Center to support home hospice patients and caregivers in Rockcastle County, and to fill a variety of other roles. Adults and teens, age 14 and up, are welcome.

To register for the New Volunteer Training, contact Brenna at 859-986-1500 or email hospice@hospicecp.org.

Bible Talk

This Sunday and every Sunday will be a time when Christians remember the one who died for them so long ago on Calvary: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Ac.20:7. This verse reveals the pattern of when the Lord's supper is to be done, upon the first day of the week. How often does the first day of the week come? Every week of course. In Luke 22:19, Jesus said "This do in remembrance of me" when he instituted the Lord's supper and demonstrated that his people should follow this example. The two emblems in the Lord's supper should bring to mind the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins. As we eat the bread, we remember the body of Christ, which was given for us. And as we drink the cup, we remember the blood of the covenant, which was shed for the remission of our sins. There are four views in partaking of the Lord's supper:

Backward - As we partake of the Lord's supper, we look back to the death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. All the suffering and pain he endured are brought to remembrance as we ponder the two emblems in the Lord's supper. Our minds should flood with the images that the gospel accounts describe of the arrest, the trials, the beatings, the vicious words and Jesus being nailed to the cross.

Inward - We are to look into our own hearts as we partake, so that we do it in a worthy manner. 1Cor.11:28, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." If we fail to look inwardly and partake in a worthy manner we are warned, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord." 1Cor.11:27.

Outward - We also look outwardly in partaking of the Lord's supper. 1Cor.11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." The flavor of this word "proclaim" is seen in the definition: "to announce, declare, promulgate, make known, to proclaim publicly, publish." Each Sunday when Christians partake of the Lord's supper, we are proclaiming to the world that a Savior has died for humanity.

Forward - We also look forward to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. 1Cor.11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." Christians will faithfully continue this memorial until the 2nd Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whether the Lord's return is this month or 100 years from now, the faithful saints will continue to look for the coming of the Savior back to this world. The Lord's supper affirms our faith in this promise.

What a privilege it is to share in the body and blood of the Lord every first day of the week, in this wonderful memorial called the Lord's supper. Let us contemplate these four views that Paul speaks about in 1Cor.11 on his discussion of the proper observance of the Lord's supper.

We invite you to worship with us at the Providence church of Christ. 758-8524
Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40am & 4:00pm; Wednesday 7:00pm.

Our Web Site: www.providencecoc.com

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

DEEP DISH BROWNIES

I made these brownies for Will's company picnic when he worked in Oakland, CA. I knew they were giving away prizes for the most popular dishes, but was very surprised these simple brownies came in as a first place winner. They weren't as fancy as some desserts, but they were delicious. I certainly enjoyed spending my prize—a \$50 gift certificate to Williams-Sonoma.

3/4 cup butter, melted
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1 and 1/2 cups sugar
 3 eggs

1/2 cup cocoa
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease 8-inch square baking pan. Blend butter, sugar, and vanilla in bowl. Add eggs, beat well with spoon. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add to egg mixture until well blended. Spread in prepared pan. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes.

VEGETABLE SOUP

This soup is perfect for those cool nights when you want something hot and nutritious, that you can fix quickly. There is no fat in this soup, but it has plenty of flavors from the herbs

and spices. I started making this soup after eating at a popular restaurant in Pigeon Forge.

1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes
 1 can (29 ounce) Veg-all®, drained
 1 cup water
 1/2 teaspoon each dried oregano and garlic
 1 t dried chopped onion
 1/2 teaspoon dried celery
 1 dash hot sauce
 1/2 teaspoon sugar
 Salt and pepper
 Add all ingredients to large soup pot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and gently boil for 30 minutes. Serve with warm cornbread or crackers.

WALDORF SALAD

3 medium Red Delicious apples, unpeeled
 1/2 cup seedless grapes, halved
 1/2 cup celery, chopped
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
 1/4 cup Miracle Whip®
 1/4 cup sour cream or plain yogurt
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
 Dice apples. Combine with grapes, celery, and nuts. In another bowl mix the Miracle Whip®, sour cream or plain yoghurt, sugar, and lemon juice. Pour over fruit and mix gently. Refrigerate.

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RCMS Academic Team wins district championship



The RCMS Academic Team won the Governor's Cup District Championship on Saturday, January 21st. Pictured are: student coach Lexy Hasty, Elizabeth Mikeworth, Hannah Isaacs, Bethany Cromer, Joseph Pickle, Emilee Nash, Ashley Brenda, Ellie Robinson, Audrey Childress, Bailey Cromer, Granville Graves, Jon Asher, Logen Dykes, Hunter Day, and student coach Katie Vance.

Congratulations to the RCMS Academic Team for winning the Governor's Cup District Championship on Saturday, January 21st. The Quick Recall team went undefeated and finished in first place and will move on to the Regional tournament to be held at Model Laboratory Middle School for a chance to represent Rockcastle County at the State Finals in March.

The following students placed in individual written assessment and will compete at Region along with the Quick Recall team.

In Math, Hunter Day placed second. In Science, Granville Graves placed fifth, Joe Pickle placed fourth, and Elizabeth Mikeworth placed first. In Social Studies, Bailey Cromer placed fourth and Joseph Pickle placed first. In Language Arts, Ashley Brenda placed third, Emilee Nash placed second and Audrey Childress placed first. In Arts and Humanities, Audrey Childress placed fifth, Hannah Isaacs placed second and Ellie Robinson placed first. And, in Written Composition, Bailey Cromer placed fifth, Bethany Cromer placed fourth and Elizabeth Mikeworth placed second.



RCHS Band students selected for WKU Honors Program

Recently, members of the RCHS Concert Band were selected by merit and auditioned for the 22nd Annual Western Kentucky University High School Honors Band Program. These students spent two days of intensive rehearsals with some of the top wind band conductors from across the U.S. including Joe Hermann, Director of Bands at Tennessee Tech University, Dr. Patrick Dunnigan, Director of Bands, Florida State University, Dr. Christopher Hughes, Director of Bands at Ithaca College in New York, and Mrs. Audrey Peterson-Torres, Director of Bands at Hamilton Southeastern High School in Indianapolis. The students also were given the opportunity to work with professors from the College of Music at WKU and were able to attend the WKU Prism concert as well. Members pictured with RCHS Director Greg Daugherty include Ryan Martin, Logan Anglin, Frankie Woodall, Connor Noble, J.J. Clouse, Brooklyn Lane and Abigail Fletcher.

Minds in the Middle

This Friday evening will be 8th grade night at El Dorado Restaurant. 10% of the sales will go toward the 8th grade trip. Just tell the cashier at the checkout that you want to help our 8th graders. Spread the word.

Congratulations to kind kids Jonathan Brown, Michael Strunk, Paige Ruppe, and David Fish who were a great cleanup crew for the 8th graders current art project. Miranda Gadd is being recognized as a kind kid because she picked up others' trash in the cafeteria without being asked. We also recognize kind kids Nathan Munguia and Tyler Osborne for going out of their way to make friends and be helpful with new students and Dakota Powell who took time at the end of the day to pick up the classroom before leaving school. Noah Parkey helped a teacher with technology and Ethan Carpenter offered to help another student who dropped his books.

The Y-Club needs your help in collecting bottle

caps. We need 400 pounds of plastic bottle caps and lids to create a 6 feet recycled bench for our school. So start collecting!

The 8th grade trip will be here before we know it and time is running out for us to raise funds. On Valentine's Day, February 14th, the 8th grade class will be selling candy grams. If any 8th grade parents would like to donate the snack size packages of M&M's for that event, it would be greatly appreciated.

On February 17th, the 8th grade class will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day dance after school. We are also asking 8th grade parents to donate canned drinks, single bags of chips, and individually wrapped candy for us to sell. All middle school students may purchase a ticket for \$3 each. This dance was originally scheduled for February 10th, but had to be rescheduled.

You may want to mark your calendars for picture day on February 17th.

Kentucky residents have chance to win iPad in KHEAA drawing

Kentucky residents have another chance to win a new iPad from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) in a sweepstakes being held through Facebook in February. The contest runs from 12 a.m. on Feb. 1 through 12 a.m. on March 1.

To enter, a Kentuckian must visit the KHEAA Facebook page, click on the "Giveaway" tab on the left side of the KHEAA Facebook page and answer one question about college. On a mobile device, the giveaway post is pinned to the top of the KHEAA Facebook page. KHEAA will not share or sell any personal information to a third party.

Only Kentucky residents are eligible. Employees of KHEAA or its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), and their

immediate family members are not eligible. Prior winners are also not eligible.

The drawing will be held in early March, and the winner will be notified by email. The winner must respond by email within three calendar days to receive the iPad with Retina display. If no response is received within three days, another winner will be drawn.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

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.

BTGCA announces 2017 Scholarship applications now being accepted

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association (BTGCA) is proud to announce that the 2017 BTGCA Scholarship applications are now being accepted.

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative will award ten \$2,000 scholarships to students for the 2017-2018 school years. It is a great way for our organization to help our farm families as they work to provide educational opportunities to their children.

The BTGCA scholarship is awarded on the basis of the student's overall grade point average, writing ability, and leadership potential. All applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 from their current educational institution. The BTGCA will show preference to those applicants who have a tobacco farming background.

The BTGCA scholarship is awarded for one academic year, in two equal amounts for the fall and spring semesters.

Students may re-apply each year. The scholarships are available to individuals from the states of Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and West Virginia.

The 2017 BTGCA Scholarship application is available on the BTGCA website, or by calling the office at (859) 252-3561. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2017 and mailed to the BTGCA office.

Each application will be reviewed by the

Burley Co-op Scholarship Committee, and recipients will be notified of the award offer by the April 25, 2017. The first installment of the scholarship will be directly paid to the individual upon proper proof of enrollment from the registrar's office by August 15th. The winners will be requested to attend our Annual Meeting and Tobacco Expo for recognition.

The BTGCA is proud to be part of the rich tradition of Kentucky's inde-

pendent, resourceful tobacco farmers that are the foundation of our rural communities. BTGCA is dedicated to providing opportunities to allow its members and their families to continue the tradition, quality and excellence that is the foundation of U.S. Burley, the gold standard of burley tobacco.

To learn more about the BTGCA visit the website, by going to www.burleytobacco.com.

Private, home school students can use free Individual learning plans from KHEAA

Kentucky students who attend private or home schools have free access to Individual Learning Plans from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

KHEAA works with Career Cruising, which provides the ILP the state uses in all public schools, to give private and home school students in grades 6 through 12 the same

ILPs let students explore careers, set up education plans, create résumés and establish personal goals to become college and career ready.

A private or home school student who wants to set up an ILP should log in on kheaa.com. Private schools that want to set up accounts for their students should contact their regional outreach counse-

lor. Contact information can be found behind the Counselors tab at kheaa.com by selecting KHEAA Outreach Services, then Outreach Counselors.

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Fourteenth Annual Books for Bikes Program



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Rockcastle County Public Library Books for Bikes

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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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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.



Across the region

PRIDE offers solid waste management workshops

Southern and Eastern Kentuckians are invited to a free workshop to learn more about solid waste management as well as how to organize and recruit volunteers for a Spring Cleanup event in their community.

Starting in February, PRIDE will host six free workshops across south-eastern Kentucky to assist communities with their solid waste management issues. Topics addressed at the workshops include:

How to Start a Regional Recycling Center, Sustainable Use of Solid Waste and Solid Waste Management Volunteer Recruitment.

"The first half of the workshop will discuss a variety of practical solutions for reducing solid waste in your facilities and communities," said PRIDE's Tammie Wilson. "I encourage attendees to bring a list of challenges they face in reducing their solid waste stream, as well as a list of strategies that have proven

effective in their community."

"After lunch, which is free to participants, the discussion will continue, including a talk about waste tire collection followed by how to recruit and equip volunteers for PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month," Wilson said.

"The workshop is free, but space is limited, so we need you to RSVP," Wilson explained. "To reserve your spot, please call us, toll free, at 888-577-4339, or e-mail

us at clenox@centertech.com."

From the following list, participants can choose the workshop date and location that is most convenient for them:

- February 14, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. CT, at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, 2384 Lakeway Dr., Russell Springs.
- February 15, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. ET, at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital, 145 Newcomb Ave., Mt.

Vernon.

- February 16, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. ET, at the Bell County Theater, 114 Kentucky Ave., Pineville.

- March 1, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. ET, at the Morehead Conference Center, 111 East First St., Morehead.

- March 2, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. ET, at the Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal Rogers Dr., Prestonsburg.

- March 3, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. ET, at the Jackson City Fire Department,

Station 1 Fire Station Dr., Jackson.

PRIDE is celebrating "A Generation of Change" in 2017 with the 20th anniversary of the organization's founding. "We've seen a big change in the mindset of people in the last 20 years," said Wilson. "People realize how important taking care of their environment is and are taking more proactive steps to protect it. We are happy to be able to offer these solid waste management workshops and give community leaders and members valuable information they can take home and use to create a more desirable environment."

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

February a trophy fish month for the intrepid

It seems to Kentuckians that someone accidentally dropped the sun down a storm drain about three weeks ago and it hasn't been found yet.

Day after day desolate gray skies discharged rain every few hours. Although it has been warmer than usual, this January has been a long slog.

February is the month tinges of hope arrive back in many anglers' souls.

"Before any change of season, there are hints of the season to come," said Mike Hardin, assistant director of Fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The change from late winter to spring is not abrupt. By the third week of February, you can hear spring peepers calling."

This translates into a time when someone suffering from terminal cabin fever can catch a fish for the ages.

Warm February rains muddy the water and provide a temperature spike. "You get that good muddy water in mid- to late-February and you can pull some sows out of it," Hardin said. "Females are gearing up for spawning. They need healthy fat reserves to get them through rigors of spawning. Instinct tells them they must eat."

This situation is a fantastic time to catch a fat, pre-spawn female largemouth bass. Back in the day before graphite rods, bass boats or sonar units, gritty anglers would brave the weather during the first warm rains of February and employ the

"jigging" technique to pull huge largemouth bass from shallow water.

They would use stout cane poles and a large hook tied to heavy black dactron line. These anglers would impale as many nightcrawlers as possible on the hook and using a skulling paddle for stealth, drop this combination beside any stump, log or other shoreline cover they could find.

Modern anglers can do the same thing with a 1/2-ounce black and blue jig and a flipping stick.

"That muddy water in late February is good flipping water," Hardin said. "My uncle loved it when rains warmed the water to 51 degrees along the shoreline. He would flip a jig to the shoreline cover along those outside bends of Cave Run. That is when he caught his biggest largemouth bass. He had better weights in 51 degree water than in 70 degree water."

Hardin said rains from the south in February also bring large muskellunge to the shoreline.

"That is when I first get my muskies," said Hardin, who caught a 50-inch muskellunge from Cave Run Lake this past fall. "When you have a 42- to 48-degree main lake with warmer water coming in that is in the mid-50s, this is when you find fish along the shoreline."

Some fish live suckers along the shoreline for big February muskellunge. Those anglers are strongly encouraged to employ a quick strike rig to prevent catch and release mortality. Large rattle baits, such as a

muskellunge-sized Rat-L-Trap, also work well for shoreline muskellunge during this time of year.

"I also like a soft plastic bait called the Bulldawg in February," Hardin said. "I like two-tone colors such as brown and orange. I also like the firetiger with a chartreuse tail version. I also throw jerkbaits like a Suick Thriller when they have their nose on the bank. They see that jerkbait work over their head and they hit it."

A pronounced warm front in mid-to-late February draws big female smallmouth bass from their winter lairs into shallower water to feed heavily in lakes such as Lake Cumberland, Laurel River Lake, Dale Hollow Lake or the lower section of Green River Lake.

If warm rains accompanied the warm front, work white spinnerbaits with chrome Colorado blades right beside any submerged woody cover. This is an excellent presentation to catch huge smallmouths, especially if the water has some color to it.

If the warm front simply warms the top layer of water a degree or two without rain, big smallmouth will move up onto a flat to feed. The best flats lie adjacent to the channel on the main lake or major creek arm.

A medium-sized live shiner bottom fished in these areas is one of the best ways to catch the heaviest smallmouth bass of your life. Some anglers crawl the shiner slowly across the flat with just

enough split shot weights to keep the shiner down. Others prefer still fishing shiners on the flat using a 1/4- to 3/8-ounce slip-sinker rig with a small black barrel swivel tied on the main line. An 18-inch leader of 8-pound test fluorocarbon line is tied on the other loop of the barrel swivel while the hook goes on the other end of the leader.

A size 1 Octopus-style hook works well for both presentations. You can also fish these rigs right in the middle of small cuts and tiny coves along the main lake or major creek arm for large February smallmouths.

"If you like catching big fish, February is a great month," Hardin said. "A big fish warms you up better than a big coat."

Remember to buy your fishing license soon. Feb. 28 is the last day of the current license year in Kentucky.

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 life-long hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

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MEATLOAF IN CROCK POT

My sister Judy used to call putting potatoes and carrots around the meatloaf as "fencing it in".

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped fine
- 2 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 1 cup dry breadcrumbs or cracker crumbs (I like Ritz® or Club®)
- 1 large egg
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 cup tomato catsup
- 10 to 12 baby red bliss or fingerling potatoes, unpeeled
- 1 pound baby carrots

Combine beef, green pepper, onion, salt, dry crumbs, egg and tomato sauce in a large mixing bowl. Using clean hands, mix until all ingredients are evenly incorporated and smooth.

Form into a loaf and place in crock pot. Spread catsup over meat loaf. Put the little potatoes and carrots all around the sides of the meatloaf.

Cover and cook on the "low" heat setting for 8 to 10 hours, or on the "high" heat setting for 4 to 5 hours.

CROCK POT LASAGNA

- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings re-

moved

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 8 cups pasta sauce
- 9 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 container (15 ounce) part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

In a large skillet over medium-high, cook sausage and ground beef until browned and no longer pink; drain. Add onions to skillet and cook until just beginning to soften, about 3 minutes. Stir in pasta sauce.

Spread 1 cup of sauce mixture in bottom of slow cooker crock. Layer 3 lasagna noodles over sauce, breaking to fit.

In a medium bowl, mix ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, eggs and remaining Italian seasoning. Spread 1/3 of mixture over noodles in crock. Sprinkle with 1 cup mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers 2 more times, ending with sauce. Reserve remaining mozzarella cheese for top.

Cover and cook on HIGH for 2 1/2 to 3 hours or on LOW for 6 to 6 1/2 hours.

Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese and let stand until cheese is melted.

At Loyola

Shivel on Dean's List

Carlo D. Shivel of Chicago, Illinois has been named to the Dean's List for the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University Chicago for the Fall Semester of 2016-17.

Shivel's, whose family is from Rockcastle County, letter of notification went on to say, "In the tradition of Jesuit higher education, the College of Arts and Sciences of Loyola University Chicago is dedicated to excellence in undergraduate education. An achievement like yours is a concrete demonstration of that excellence, as well as a most satisfying reward for the efforts that you and your family have undoubtedly put into your education."

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Jeremy Rowe, PO Box 3038, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Rockcastle Circuit Court to notify the above named Defendants of a certain lawsuit filed on or about September 1, 2016, in which the above were named as Defendants. Said lawsuit has been filed in Division No. II of the Rockcastle Circuit Court, and is Civil Action No. 16-CI-00249. The nature of this lawsuit is a Complaint against the Defendants regarding the right to sale property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky in which the Defendants may have an interest. The above named Defendants shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the appointment of Warning Order Attorney to file an Answer with the Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk. If they do not appear in this suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the Court. The above named Defendants should be advised that the Warning Order Attorney does not and cannot represent their interest and the Warning Order Attorney is only notifying them of the pending lawsuit.

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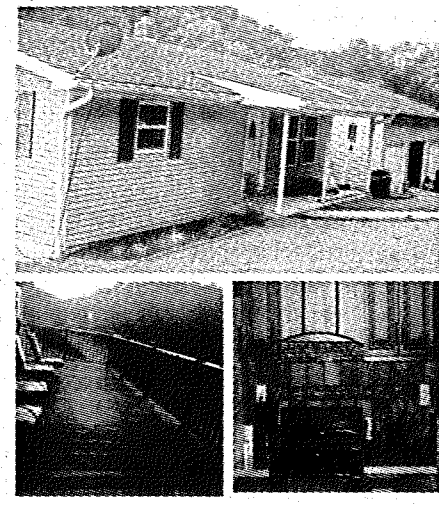
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For many, the Super Bowl celebration will include drinking alcohol. That's the reason the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) and law enforcement officials are teaming with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for a special Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk reminder to urge all football fans to call the right play by passing the keys to a sober driver before the drinking begins.

"Be the Super Bowl MVP," said KOHS Executive Director Dr. Noelle Hunter. "Volunteer to be a designated driver to help your family and friends get home safely."

Drunken driving can be deadly. With a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, a driver is considered alcohol-impaired, but even a small amount of alcohol can impair judgment and reaction times enough to make driving unsafe.

According to NHTSA, 10,265 people — 29 percent of all people killed in motor vehicle crashes in the United States in 2015 — were killed in crashes that involved an impaired driver.

"Driving impaired is never worth the risk, so if you do plan to drink, remember to pass the keys to the sober driver before kickoff," said Hunter.

Kentucky residents may find sober ride options by using the free Drive Sober Kentucky app. The app provides phone numbers to taxi and limousine services and sober ride programs, along with a one-touch dial feature to report a drunken driver. Additional information can be found at www.DriveSoberKY.com.

New canoeing and kayaking page on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website

The Kentucky Department of Wildlife Resources recently launched a canoeing and kayaking page on its website at www.fw.ky.gov. Visitors need only to click on the "Boat" tab, then the "Canoeing and Kayaking" tab.

The page provides a repository for valuable information about paddling creeks, rivers and lakes across Kentucky.

"The new canoe and kayak page is now easier to find and allows users to quickly navigate the page to see department programs and resources to help plan a safe paddling trip," said Gregory Johnson, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "This new page provides everything you need to know to paddle a new section of water including optimal water flow, fishing tips, and where to put in and take out. I personally use both the Bluewater Trails articles and the Stream Fishing page every time I plan a trip on new waters."

The page is part of an ongoing effort by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to engage paddlers and provide useful information to this impor-

tant segment of the outdoor community. Visitors may also study a question and answer page to know more about paddling access and the department's efforts to obtain more access areas.

Kayak fishing and other paddling activities are surging in popularity. According to a study by the Outdoor Foundation, 21.7 million Americans enjoyed paddlesports in 2014, an increase of 3 million users since 2010. They logged more than 216 million outings that year.

The "Canoeing and Kayaking" page also has an excellent free Paddle Sports Safety Course, as well as a link to the "Where to Boat" page on the website. Users of this page may select to sort by boating access sites or fishing waters by city or county, waterbody type, fish species desired and access type.

"Our biologists and writers are constantly adding new stream and river information so keep checking back to see write-ups on new water," Johnson explained.

This information will prove handy when the paddling season begins in earnest this coming spring.

KDA proposes legislation to help feed the hungry

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) has come forward with legislation to help businesses and individuals who wish to donate food to organizations that serve hungry Kentuckians.

"These measures would provide incentives and protections for those who want to join the fight against hunger in Kentucky," Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "This is due to the work of the Hunger Task Force, which met for the

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enforcement, it is intended to nourish the educational, physical and spiritual needs of all who attend.

Trooper Island Camp was established by the Kentucky State Police in 1965. It is located on a 34-acre island that is nestled on beautiful Dale Hollow Lake on the Kentucky-Tennessee border. Trooper Island is a non-profit entity, relying solely on tax-deductible donations from the public and fundraising events.

"Volunteers"

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such as the Breakfast Club, the Vigil Program, We Honor Veterans, and the Teen Volunteer Program, give people additional options.

"We're also very open to the input of our volunteers," said Wallhauser. "Some things we do, like the Shadowbox Grief Workshops, were started by volunteers who saw a need and created the program. We welcome new ideas that help us care well for patients, families and the community."

The New Volunteer Training equips participants with the knowledge and insight to work in areas like end-of-life care, caregiver support, and grief and loss. After the training, Hospice Care Plus staff meet with each new volunteer to help determine which role best meets their needs, interests and availability.

Hospice Care Plus is a non-profit organization and Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative and bereavement care. To learn more about Hospice Care Plus, visit www.hospicecareplus.org. To register for the training, call 859-986-1500 or email hospice@hospicecp.org.

first time last spring. This is just the beginning of our efforts to reduce food insecurity in the Commonwealth."

One proposal would double the tax credit for food products donated to food banks to 20 percent. The current tax credit is 10 percent and is scheduled to expire at the end of this year. Quarles also called for the tax credit to be made permanent. Few Kentucky farmers know about the tax credit, and even fewer use it. The state Department of Revenue reported that only one taxpayer was approved to claim the credit in its first two years. Quarles said this measure would provide a stronger financial incentive for farmers to donate surplus foods.

A second proposal would strengthen the shield against legal liability for food donations beyond that of the federal Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, making Kentucky's food donor immunity shield one of the strongest in the nation. The measure would provide a stronger immunity shield for individuals and businesses, and their employees, who donate to food banks; for food banks and their employees; and

"Fish Fry"

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seeking out funds whether it is by fundraisers or asking the city council or fiscal court for help. There is a lot of cost associated with the operation of a fire department and, like anything else, each year it gets more expensive. The benefits are returned to many of you through either a lower insurance premium paid on property or a better service in your time of need. In the fire service we live by a simple code... I am not here for me, I am here for We and WE are here for YOU.

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The Brodhead Fire Department has a Fish Fry this Saturday Feb. 4th with carryout service beginning at 4 PM.

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for landowners who allow gleaners to come onto their land to pick vegetables and fruits for the hungry.

Commissioner Quarles launched the first-of-its-kind Kentucky Hunger Initiative and formed the Hunger Task Force last spring to bring together farmers, businesses, charitable organizations, faith groups, community leaders, government entities, and others to study food insecurity in Kentucky and take an inventory of the resources that can be utilized against the problem.

To raise awareness of the scope of the hunger problem in Kentucky, the KDA will join the Kentucky Association of Food Banks to host

the annual Rally to Solve Hunger on Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. EST at the Capitol Rotunda.

Map the Meal Gap 2016, an annual study by Feeding America, revealed that one in six Kentuckians — including one in five children — was food insecure in 2014, meaning that consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year. Kentucky organizations that serve the hungry fed an estimated 58 million meals to approximately 611,000 Kentuckians in 2016.

For more information about the Hunger Initiative and the Hunger Task Force, go to kyagr.com/hunger.

Proposed elk hunting modifications for 2017

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission took another step toward its goal of increasing Kentucky's elk population at a faster rate by proposing hunting season modifications and setting season dates at its Jan. 6 special-called meeting.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

Kentucky's free-ranging elk population is the nation's largest east of the Rocky Mountains, but the commission is taking strides to grow it faster as a way to create more recreational opportunity.

The commission moved to compress the state's hunting season by ending the season December 31. In doing so, it proposed moving Cow Firearms Hunt 2 (sec-

ond week) from January to December immediately after Cow Firearms Hunt 1.

The commission also proposed the 2017 elk season dates:

- Bull Archery: Sept. 16 – 29; Oct. 14 – Dec. 8; Dec. 23 – 31
- Bull Crossbow: Sept. 23 – 29; Oct. 14 – Dec. 8; Dec. 23 – 31
- Bull Firearms 1: Sept. 30 – Oct. 6
- Bull Firearms 2: Oct. 7 – 13
- Cow Archery and Crossbow: Oct. 14 – Dec. 8; Dec. 23 – 31
- Cow Firearms 1: Dec. 9 – 15
- Cow Firearms 2: Dec. 16 – 22

The next regular Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be 8:30 a.m. (Eastern time), Friday, March 17, 2017. Meetings are held at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife headquarters, located at 1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort.

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