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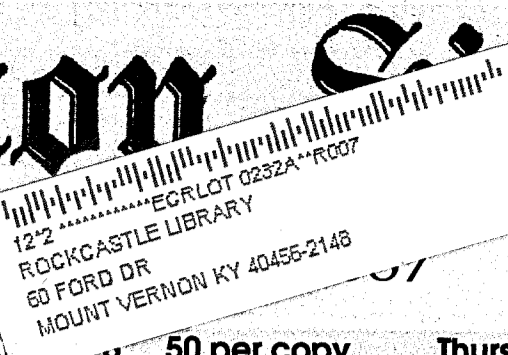
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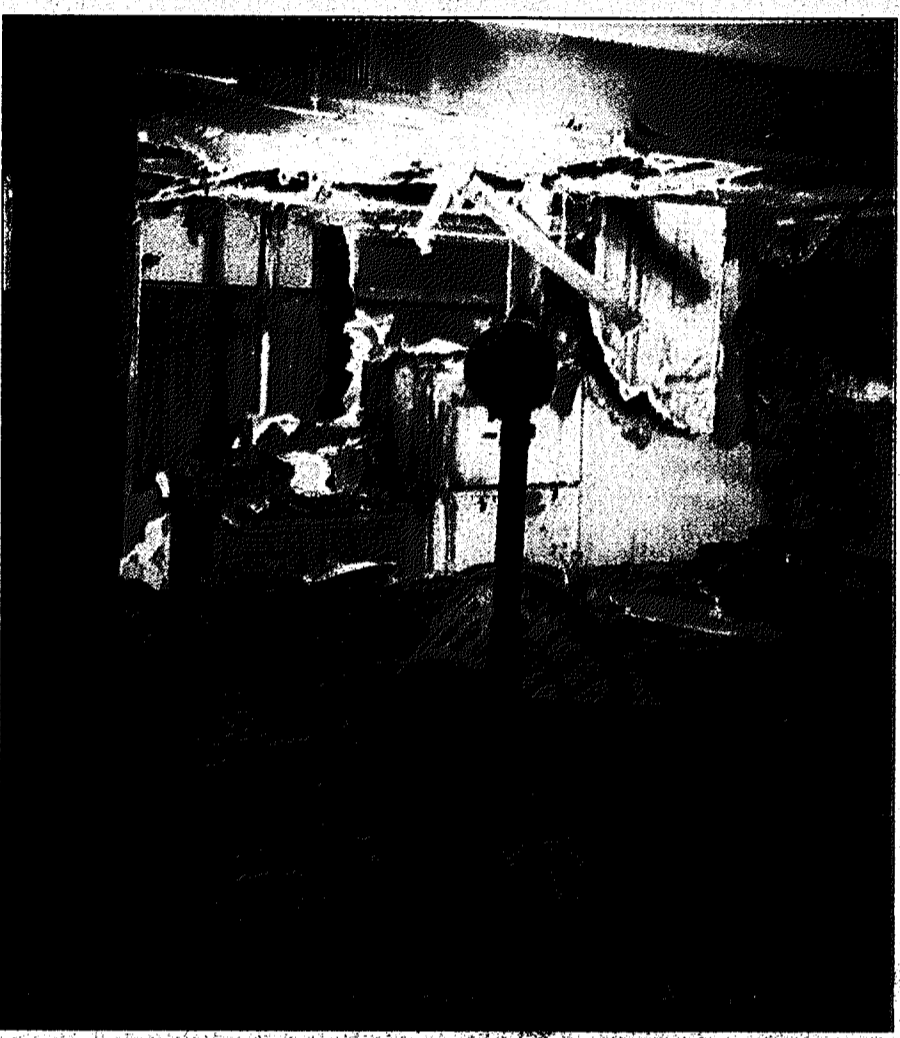
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## Fire destroys local apartment unit

The Mount Vernon Fire Department and Brodhead Fire Department responded to an apartment fire at Mount Vernon Heights Apartments on McBee St. Monday evening. The fire is suspected to have started at a kitchen stove and may have been a grease fire. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the single unit where the blaze began and no other residents were displaced. The two departments then ventilated the smoke from the area and cleared the scene. The apartment received extensive damage. No injuries were reported.



## Hinton murderers finally plead guilty

**By: Mike French**  
In June of 2015, Kimberly Slusher, 35, of Livingston, and Tabitha Howard, 30, of Mount Vernon broke into the home of 86 year-old Mary A. Hinton in Red Hill, and beat her to death.  
Commonwealth's Attorney Eddy F. Montgomery has announced that Slusher has pled guilty to murder, burglary, robbery and tampering with evidence.  
Howard pled guilty in November to the crime and, with Slusher's plea, both are now about to receive their sentencing, according to the commonwealth attorney.  
Howard, accepted a plea of guilty, resulting in a sentence of 24 years in federal prison. Slusher pled guilty, accepting 50 years in federal prison this week, according to Montgomery.  
The gruesome details of the crimes were brought out during preliminary hearings

in the year the incident occurred, including that the two women had stolen some items from the home and had attempted to burn them to eliminate evidence against them after they had beaten the elderly woman to death.  
According to the commonwealth attorney's office, the two women cut the phone lines at the home, then broke in and beat the elderly woman with a television set and shot her with a pellet gun until she died.  
Police caught the duo the following day after a welfare check by Kentucky State Police found Hinton's body in her home.  
The two women were charged with murder, burglary and robbery but it wasn't until this week that Slusher pled guilty.  
According to Reynolds, neither woman has officially

(See "Murder" on A8)

## Local teacher saves choking fourth grader

**By: Mike French**  
Thanks to the quick action and training of a Mount Vernon Elementary School teacher, nine year old Addison Rush is alive and well today.  
Addison, the daughter of Mount Vernon Assistant Po-

lice Chief Joe Rush, was in serious trouble Monday, February 6th, when the plastic insert in the top of a water bottle, she was drinking from, came off and lodged in the young girl's.  
Witnesses say Addison was using her teeth to twist the cap open on the bottle when it popped loose and lodged deep in her throat.  
Luckily for Addison, fourth grade teacher Kandace Rose was nearby.  
"I was scared for her when I saw she was gasping for air," said Rose. "She was not breathing and couldn't get air."  
Rose leaped into action

(See "choking" on A8)

## Some cases resolved in recent dealer roundup

Eddy F. Montgomery, Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle County, announces that a Special Rocket Docket Motion hour was held on February 6, 2017. This was followed by

the regular Motion Hour in Division II on February 10, 2017. All cases were presided over by Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette.  
According to Jeremy A. Bartley, Assistant Common-

wealth Attorney, a large number of the resolved cases stemmed from a recent drug roundup. The investigation was conducted by Mt. Vernon Police Department, particularly Officer Joe

Rush. Prior to Rocket Docket, Officer Rush met with officials from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to discuss appropriate resolution of the cases. The following cases were resolved via plea on the Rocket Docket:  
1) Ronald Raider, 61, Mt. Vernon, Trafficking in Controlled Substances, received two years to run consecutive to a probated sentence, for a total of seven years imprisonment.  
2) Bobby Hensley, 35, Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to Trafficking in Controlled Substances, the Commonwealth's recommendation is one year to run consecutive to other charges for a total of nine years imprisonment.  
3) Phillip Scarbrough, 38, Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to Trafficking in Methamphetamine over 2 grams. A recommended sentence of

five years to serve was tendered.  
4) Zachery Ramsey pled guilty to Trafficking in Meth less than two grams, with a recommended sentence of 3 years to serve.  
5) Geoffrey Vanhook, 29,  
(See "roundup" on A8)

## School Board discusses charter school legislation

Spring break to be April 3-7

**By: Mike French**  
The Rockcastle County School Board of Education heard a presentation from Cayci Mahaffey, local program director for GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) about their accomplishments over the past year, during Tuesday evening's regular monthly meeting.  
Mahaffey, and students in the program from RCHS, explained that their goals this year include building ACT scores, creating college pathways for students and raising educational aspirations.

"I must say we greatly appreciate GEAR UP. This program has been very valuable to our students," said Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent David Pensol.  
Board members also heard from Becky Isaacs, Student Service Coordinator, who presented the revised school calendar that will allow for a spring break for students this year.

"We have had a very mild winter and this allows us to provide a Spring Break for students and still end the school year in early May," said Isaacs.  
The calendar, which was approved by the board, now provides for a Spring Break from April 3-7. With the two days of "back time" (which is available because school

(See "School" on A8)

## Water rate increase for City of Livingston

A rate increase of 50c per 1,000 gallons by Wood Creek Water Assn. last July to the City of Livingston, prompted the city commissioners, at their regular meeting Monday night, to hold the first reading of an ordinance to increase the city's water rate.  
The increase will also affect Eastern Rockcastle Water Assn. (ERWA) which purchases some of its water

from the city.  
According to Mayor Jason Medley, although the rate went into effect in July of 2016, the city has been absorbing the increase until now mainly because of not wanting to add to other problems ERWA was facing at the time. "I just hated to add to their problems but now we have no choice but

(See "Rate" on A8)

## Brodhead council holds first reading of new tax

Police officer gives first report

**By: Mike French**  
Members of the Brodhead City Council heard the first reading of the ordinance installing an Occupational Tax onto all workers who perform work within the city limits during Monday evening's regular City Council meeting.  
The new tax came into existence after newly elected councilman John Burton was sworn in last month as a way to help pay

for a city police officer and the expenses of running a police agency within the city limits.  
Read in detail by Burton to all those present, the ordinance says it applies to anyone who has a job or is employed within the city limits of Brodhead and will charge all Brodhead employees one percent of their gross income.  
However, exemptions are made for several entities

including National Guard, election officials, public services, insurance companies, those 65 or older, those renting/leasing residential units of two or less units and some farming applications.  
The ordinance also include provisions to provide extensions in certain circumstances and a way for employees to separate work that was performed outside the city limits even though they were employed by a

company within the city limits.  
The ordinance is not expected to take effect until April since State laws require the ordinance to be published in the *Mount Vernon Signal* before it is enacted within the city.  
In other action, the members of the council discussed a hole in the bridge on Chestnut Grove Road which members feel may grow over time.

"Right now, where the hole is located, you would have to actually crash into the bridge to hit the hole," said Burton. "But I'm afraid it will get bigger and cause a serious liability for the city in the very near future."  
Councilmen discussed getting bids for the repair of the hole which apparently is completely through the bridge and Mayor Walter

(See "Tax" on A8)

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## Aces Over

By Mike French



What did we do before cars? Can you imagine wanting to go visit your relative and it was a three-day ride in a horse and buggy?

You would actually have to tell your spouse, "Honey, I'm gonna run over and see old Uncle Fred. I'll be back in 10 days."

"Okay honey. Be careful."

I get upset because I have to wait on my windshield to be defrosted. What if I had to go to the barn and hook the team to the wagon before I could go anywhere? And I'm not sure, but I can't imagine where they put the heater on those old covered wagons.

What if running to town was a two-day trip? "Honey, we need flour."

"Uhhmmm, ok. I'll be back Tuesday."

What if the weather didn't cooperate? Everything we would eat would be based on the garden and the livestock we had. What if it was a bad year? You just don't eat for a week or so?

When you were low on wood, you couldn't just say "eh, I'll pick some up in a few days." Your family would freeze to death. You had to get it right then. On the spot. Storms, rain, cold, tornados, sleet...didn't matter. When you were out of wood, you had to go get some. Right then.

What if someone got sick? You could go outside and yell "9-1-1" all day long and no one would show up. There was no "emergency room," or "Instant Care" or EMS workers.

What if you were sitting around on a Friday night and decided you were bored?

You sure couldn't go to the movies and see Stalone's new flick... or eat out at Wendy's.

I guess you could play marbles.

What if your washing machine and dryer broke? Oh wait...There was no such thing.

What if the electric went off on a cold night? Oh wait...there was no such thing.

What if your cable TV went off? Oh wait...there was no such thing.

And God forbid, what if your internet wi-fi went down? Oh wait... there was no such thing.

Well, I guess you could always call the neighbor 11 miles away and see what

they were up to. Oh wait...no phones.

When school is about to start, I wonder if Walmart had "Back-to-school specials?" Or did mama cut up some old materials and make new clothes and did dad sell a prize hog to be able to buy books?

Then again, if tobacco was in case or crops were ready or fields needed plowing or fences needed mending, school was skipped.

Then came cars, and electric, indoor plumbing, television, phones, refrigerators, gas stoves, carpet, store-bought clothes, and everything changed.

You could go see Uncle Fred and be back in two hours.

You could get a job and still be home in time to feed the livestock.

Then there were video games, internet, Facebook, Twitter, central air, satellite TV, cell phones, Mega-Super WalMarts, 9-1-1, security systems, gated communities, cocaine, meth, schedule calendars, suits and ties, and all the things that help us forget how it used to be.

I like the new stuff. Most of it anyway. But I can't help but want to remember what got us here.

I'm not sure why it matters. We are where we are and I'll wake up to internet and a warm, cozy living room tomorrow.

But for some reason, I care what our forefathers went through. What my grand father had to deal with before these days seems to matter to me.

I'm glad our lives are easier now, but I still think a lot about what they must have dealt with.

## Points East

By Ike Adams



Regular readers on this column know that I have been on a school days kick rather frequently since the first of the year. And, in fact, I originally intended to devote this one to yet another essay on old school playground equipment and games but decided to postpone it until after I've had a chance to talk to my friend, Bill West who lives over on White Lick here in Garrard County.

I know that Bill is interested in the subject and I suspect he'll shed some light worth seeing on it but Mr. Parkinson has prevented Bill and I from getting together on occasions that would have been mutually convenient had it not been for Parkinson's rude interference.

Except for one year of my grade school career there were no hot lunches served at Blair Branch Grade School. For the first 3 or 4 years Callie (Mrs. Fred) Blair ran a little store just up the road from the School where she had an electric burner "hot plate" that enabled her to serve hot dogs and/or fried bologna sandwiches to students who were allowed to walk up there during lunch hour. However, my parents figured my brothers and I were as well or better nourished and far more economically, in the bargain, by packing our lunches from home.

The year I was in 7th grade our teacher, Willy J. Back, made arrangements with Ila (Mrs. Ellis) Adams to cook big pots of soup, stew or soupbeans, all

served with cornbread that was served to any students who could afford to pay ten cents for his or her lunch. Every day, at a quarter to 12, a couple of older boys rode a quarter mile down the road with Mr. Back to fetch whatever Ila had cooked up that day.

I'm not sure that Mr. Back didn't pay somewhat more than we kids for his lunch but he did, in fact, eat his lunch from the same kettle as the students. We were also able to purchase 8 ounce cups of milk for 3 cents each and often kept our lunches in the same refrigerator that stored the milk.

However, for most of my elementary school years, lunch consisted of whatever we had on hand at home that could be turned into a sandwich. Sometimes, especially if Minnie Blair had sold out of sliced bread or the bread truck had failed to run, lunch consisted of a cold biscuit with a sausage patty or slices of cold bacon, homemade preserves or strawberry jam.

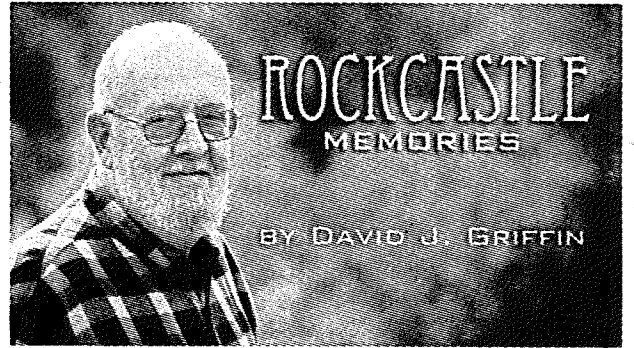
Because we raised strawberries commercially throughout my early school years I was pretty much burned out on anything strawberry long before I finished 8th grade. Strawberry jam sandwiches were bad enough but, thank Heaven, the berries were not ripe until June, otherwise, I'd have been packing a quart of ripe strawberries to school in my Roy Rogers lunch pail. The lunch pail was to be beaten up to use long before I was out of school, by which time my 3 younger brothers and I were eating our lunches out of the same "paper poke," as everybody called the paper grocery sacks of those days.

It was not uncommon for one kid to ask another what they were having for lunch and the standard reply would be, "deer meat," meaning deer old bologna. Many times I have swapped my strawberry jam sandwich for deer meat and both parties thought they were getting the best end of the deal.

But the ultimate lunch swap happened in May when I was in 8th grade.

My mother, as she regularly did in school years, had ordered 100 baby white leghorn chicks from one of WCKY (Cincinnati) radio host, Wayne Raney's sponsors in February. By the first of May they were plump fryers and for several weeks we had chicken galore, including fried chicken sandwiches for school lunch fare.

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## ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

### The Frisbee

For the past 69 years, Americans have been tossing a Frisbee back and forth to each other as a form of recreation. The game continues to be very popular both in the United States and around the world.

My Aunt Ruth and Uncle Charles Brown, who lived in Lexington, brought me a new toy – a blue Frisbee – on one of their week-end visits. I was about seven-years-old at the time and had never seen – or heard of – a Frisbee before. With a few demonstrations, Uncle Charles had me tossing it across our yard with ease. Later that afternoon, Kenneth Hansel and I were totally engrossed in the Frisbee craze.

We practiced our flying disc skills for several months, and after watching a golf tourney on TV, decided to set up a Frisbee golf course in my grandfather's (Pop) yard. The first tee was just outside the living room door, where we usually sat in the evenings after dinner. We chose that spot so that our family members could watch the action. The other "holes" were situated among the many trees in Pop's yard. The object of our game was to hit a specific tree in the fewest tosses of the Frisbee. We set up hazards, such as the loss of a stroke if your disc went out of Pop's yard.

Kenneth and I actually became pretty good at our new game. Other friends in our neighborhood soon began to join us in our Frisbee golf games.

I was recently shocked to learn that the first Frisbee golf tournament was held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1968. Could that mean that Kenneth and I had been some of the first Frisbee fans who had adopted the disc into a golf game? I suppose

it is possible because neither of us had ever heard of Frisbee golf. We just started playing. (Maybe it is we who should be collecting those royalties for inventing the popular game of today.)

Fred Morrison and his future wife, Lucile, came up with the flying disc in 1938, when they were tossing a metal pie-pan to each other on the beach. He knew he had a market for the toy when someone offered him a quarter for the pan, which could be purchased for a nickel. That was the beginning of the very popular Frisbee in 1948. Unbeknownst to many, the name was also derived from the Connecticut-based pie manufacturer, Frisbie Pie Company.

I have no idea how many rounds of Frisbee golf Kenneth and I played, but I do remember those two, old, used, Frisbees being in the trunk of my first automobile – a black 1958 Chevrolet. That means that the toys had to be at least ten years old.

I even remember playing our made-up game on the University of Kentucky's campus in the fall of 1962, which places our game at about 15 years. I wonder how many youngsters thought of making a Frisbee golf course in their yards. At any rate, it was, and is, a fun way to pass the time. Even older men, like myself, can still participate in the golf matches.

Wanna play?

(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 suggestions and comments.)

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



**Ghosts in the Mirror**  
Dear Journal,  
Growing up in the foothills of Appalachia is quite unique. Our ancestors, second and third generations from England, Ireland and Scotland, made their way through the Cumberland Gap, settling in the hills and hollows of Eastern Tennessee and Kentucky from the

original coastal settlements. They came to settle an unknown land only to find they had come to a land reminiscent of the Scottish highlands and the green valleys of Ireland and England.

With them they brought their few possessions and many traditions. You learn, as you grow up it's not a question of if you'll do something, it's a "given" because "we just do it that way".

These were a people of a proud heritage, strong in determination, faith, and a willingness to forge a new life in the wilderness. They and the land became as one, gleaming from their life and living.

In the generations to follow, many who still live on the land their family cleared two hundred years ago-they plant, reap, and raise their families. As the family grew and the generations passed, most grew in wealth and prosperity and gained possessions along the way. As these possessions pass through the generations, becoming

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**"T.J.'s"**

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almost sacred, their importance grows; they become like a member of the family to us because they seem to hold an essence of the past owners.

I've been entrusted with the keeping of several heirlooms: an ivory fan that has been carried down the aisle in weddings for five generations, and old Bible from the early 1800s, glassware, sil-

verware, and a ruby and pearl ring that belonged to my great-grandmother, among other things.

Recently, I was given an antique cherry dresser that was bought by my grand-

parents around 1919, when they married, just after World War I. I was overwhelmed at the aspect of owning it. I remembered it from my grandparents' home as a child. It needed a

little work so I did a little sanding and staining. There were some water rings, scratches, and almost a hundred years of wear here and there. I have gotten some antique looking handles as most of the originals are gone.

I made a place for it in my bedroom. It now sits next to my bed with an antique coal oil lamp that belonged to my husband's parents sitting on it with other antique figurines and fam-

ily pictures in porcelain and antique brass frames.

Every morning when I sit on the side of my bed, ready to greet the day I slip on my house shoes and wonder how many times my grandparents did the same thing. I can sit there and imagine all of the past generations who saw their reflections in that same old mirror. There must have been many. Some times it is as if they are looking back at me...just like ghosts in the mirror.

**Farmers and Businessmen Banquet set for March 7th**

The 57th Farmers and Businessmen Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at the Rockcastle Middle School. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. This year the event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce and the Rockcastle County Conservation District. Dinner will be catered by Limestone Grille and the guest speaker is Regina Stivers, Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet.

Tickets can be purchased at the office of the courthouse Circuit Court Clerk, Eliza York or the Conservation District office, Sandi Whitaker on Hwy. 150. Ticket cost is \$16.00 per person.

**New exhibit marks Kentucky Anniversary**

The year 2017 marks the 225th Anniversary of Kentucky becoming a state and the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will honor that history with the exhibit, 225: Artists Celebrate Kentucky's History.

This new exhibit will be March 25-Sept. 23, 2017, in the center's main gallery and will feature both two and three dimensional works that record, capture, embrace and celebrate a facet or subject from Kentucky's 225 year history.

With a long and rich history behind it, Kentucky offers artists a multitude of historical subjects, ideas, traditions and connections. Original works by Kentucky artists that use this history as a subject, focal or starting point will be considered for this exhibit. Kentucky history should be an integral part of each creation as conveyed by choice of subject or it may connect style wise to a historic Kentucky creative tradition such as the Shakers. Works submitted can be functional or non-functional with no dimension exceeding 4 feet.

As part of this exhibit, artists will be asked to write about the particular Kentucky history that inspired their work and give some background and insight into both the history and their creative processes.

Information about the exhibit and an entry form are available. Artists can also request an entry form and prospectus by mail from the: Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, Attn: "225", 200 Artisan Way, Berea, KY 40403 or by calling 859-985-5448. The deadline for entry is March 1, 2017.

The center features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits currently on display include, "Have a Seat: Chairs by Kentucky Artisans," through March 18, 2017, and on display in the lobby "Reveal: Don Ament and Joyce Garner." For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website or visit us on Facebook.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**"Points East"**

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Now cold fried chicken does make a very good sandwich but the appeal wears off, much like strawberry jam, if you eat it often enough.

In my 8th grade year, our teacher was Mr. Monroe Caudill, one of the gentlest men and one of the best teachers I've ever known.

Mr. Caudill came to school every day with a sandwich containing at least two or three slices of fancy delicatessen meats, a slice of swiss cheese, lettuce, onion, mayo, etc. The food of the Gods as far as his pupils were concerned.

So one day I was frowning at my fried chicken sandwich before I'd even unwrapped it and Mr. Caudill asked what I had for lunch. When I told him fried chicken he said, "I'll swap with you if you'll not tell anybody."

After we'd eaten he told me, "Your Mom makes the best fried chicken I ever stuck a tooth in, but don't tell Raney (his wife) I said that."

I said, "well your wife makes the best sammich I ever stuck a tooth in, but don't tell Mom I said that."

**Karen Adams receives State Vice Chair position**

Rockcastle Chapter member, Karen Adams has been appointed the KSDAR

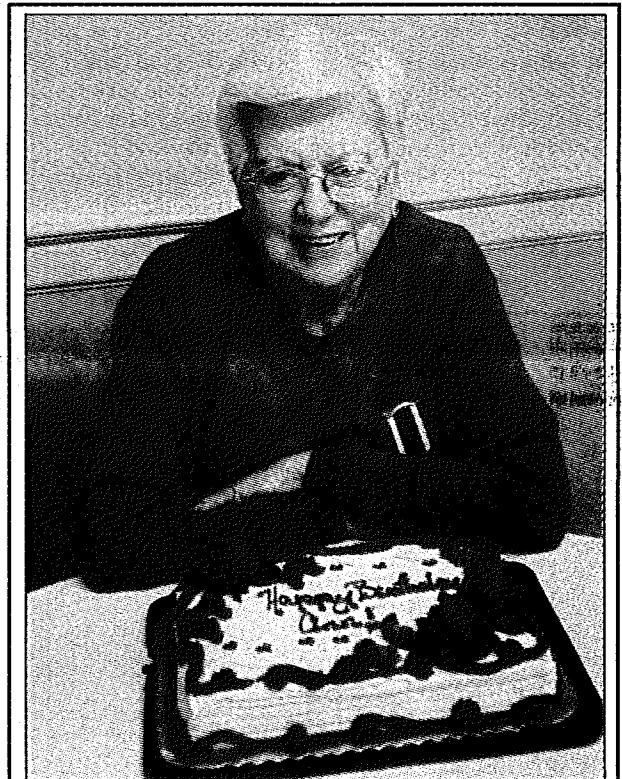
State Vice Chair for Volunteer Information Specialist Committee under the state society's administration with Mrs. Leslie Miller, State Regent.

The VIS Committee uses computer technology skills to serve the society on chapter, state and national levels.

Mrs. Adams was the recipient of the KSDAR Outstanding VIS Award in 2016. She will begin her term in this position immediately through June 2019.



Karen Adams



**DAR member celebrates 90th birthday**

Members of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR gathered together to throw a surprise birthday party in honor of charter member, Mrs. Ann Lair Henderson's 90th birthday. Mrs. Henderson has been a member of the Rockcastle Chapter since 1970. In addition to chapter members, daughter Mary Henderson Fore and granddaughter, Sydney Fore were in attendance.

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**Bookmobile Schedule**

**Monday, February 20th:** KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge.  
**Tuesday, February 21st:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie. Schedule subject to change due to weather conditions.

**Class of RCHS 2007 Reunion**

There will be a meeting Monday, February 27th at 6 p.m. at the Aunt Polly House in Renfro Valley at 6 p.m. to plan for the RCHS Class of 2007's ten year reunion. Graduates from this class are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**RCLL Registration**

Register now for RCLL Baseball (boys and girls ages 3-12) and Softball (girls ages 9-12). Request a registration form by emailing [rockcastlitleague@gmail.com](mailto:rockcastlitleague@gmail.com) or stop by Jack's Hardware in Mt. Vernon. Call 606-392-1539 for any questions.

**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 Brenna at 859-986-1500 or email [hospice@hospicecp.org](mailto:hospice@hospicecp.org).

**Grandparent Support Group**

Are you raising a grandchild in your home? If so, you are invited to attend our support group meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 16th at noon at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Office, 1050 W. Main St., Mt. Vernon. Guest speaker will be Chief Circuit Court Judge Jeff Burdette. If you plan to attend, contact: Angie Payne at 256-5118 or Jessie Mahaffey 256-4818. This free service is provided by the Family Resource & Youth Service. Meeting will be cancelled if there is a snow day.

**DBCAA Meeting**

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will have a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

**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.

**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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# SPORTS

## Yates qualifies for state in 100 and 200 free

The Rockcastle High School swim team traveled to Barbourville to compete in the Region Championships over the weekend. The girls team finished fourth out of 15 teams. The combined team finished ninth.

Eighth grader Laurel Yates led the way by winning the girls 200 yard freestyle with a school record time of 2:02.67 and winning the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 56.86. Laurel was named to the all-region team. She will compete at the state championships at University of Louisville on February 24th.

The 4x100 yard freestyle relay team of Yates, Rebekah Lake, Emilee Thomas and Autumn King finished third for the highest finish for a relay team in school history. Laurel, Rebekah, Emilee, and Autumn were also on the 200 yard medley team that finished fourth.

Other notable swims for the weekend: Junior Rebekah Lake placed seventh in the 100 yard backstroke with her fastest time of the year of 1:18.45 and was eighth in the 100 yard fly with PR of 1:27.15. Freshman Autumn King was 10th and sophomore Emily Hall was 12th in the 100 yard fly. Freshman Emilee Thomas placed 10th in the 200 yard IM. Emilee was 12th in the 100 breaststroke. Emily Deubel finished 15th in the 200 yard free.

On the boys side, ninth grader Dawson Nicely finished in fifth place and he broke the school record in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 59.89 in the prelims on Friday and the beat the record in the finals with a time of 59.05. Freshman Tristan Winstead had a personal best time in the 100 yard fly of 1:15.45 to place ninth. Freshman Vashaun Alexander had PR in the 100 yard backstroke by dropping over eight seconds from his prelim time into finals on Saturday attaining a 14th place finish with a time of 1:38.60. In the boys 100 yard breaststroke freshman Aidan Cain placed 10th by dropping five seconds from prelims to swim a PR of 1:24.94.

During the regular season, the boy's relays broke all three school records:

200 Free Relay 1:57.80 - Reese Sherrow (9) Aidan Cain (9) Tristan Winstead (9) Dawson Nicely (9).

200 Medley Relay 2:09.68 - Reese Sherrow (9) Aidan Cain (9) Dawson Nicely (9) Evan Hendrickson (10).

400 Free Relay 4:43.90 - Reese Sherrow (9) Tristan Winstead (9) Evan Hendrickson (10) Dawson Nicely (9)

Individual records broken this season:

Girl's 500 yard freestyle: Laurel Yates 5:46.12

Boy's 200 yard freestyle: Dawson Nicely 2:20.66

Boy's 500 yard freestyle: Dawson Nicely 6:43.19

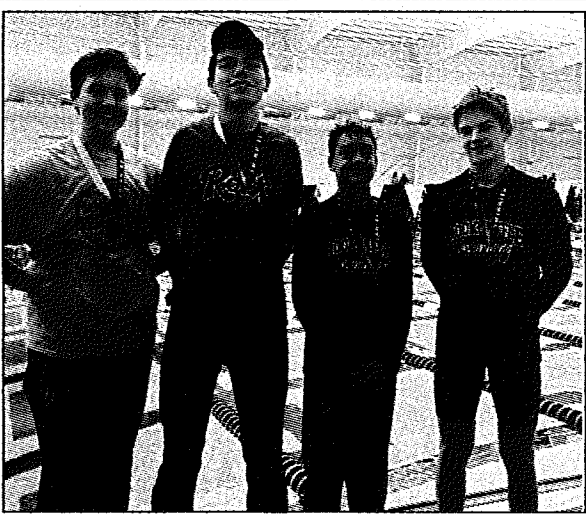
Boy's 100 yard butterfly: Dawson Nicely 1:14.45

Boy's 200 yard IM: Dawson Nicely 2:41.89

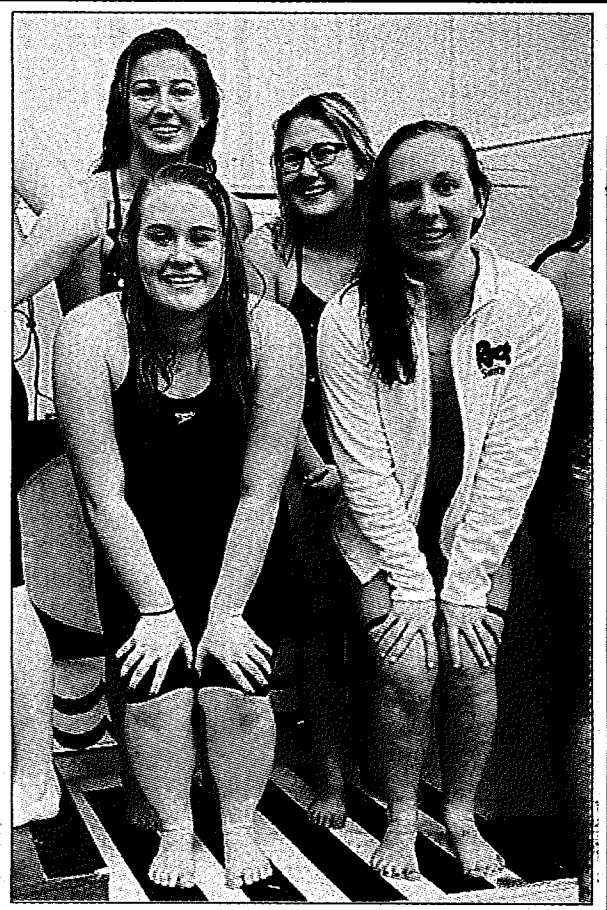
Team members were Vashaun Alexander, Aden Amburgey, Aidan Cain, Riley Clark, Emily Deubel, Alexis Elam, Luree Gabbard, Shelby Goff, Emily Hall, Evan Hendrickson, Autumn King, Rebekah Lake, Dawson Nicely, Jenna Rumsey, Reese Sherrow, Zachary Taylor, Emilee Thomas, Tristan Winstead, Laurel Yates.



Members of the RCHS Swim Team competing in the region championships are shown above, front row from left: coach Lauren Burton, Zachary Taylor, Rebekah Lake, Emilee Thomas, Emily Hall, Luree Gabbard, Alexis Elam, Laurel Yates, Aden Amburgey and Vashaun Alexander. Back row from left: coach Shannon Burton, Aidan Cain, Tristan Winstead, Jenna Rumsey, Dawson Nicely, Reese Sherrow, Autumn King, Shelby Goff, Emily Deubel and coach Charon Burton.



The relay team of Tristan Winstead, Dawson Nicely, Vashaun Alexander and Aidan Cain took seventh place in the 200 yard freestyle relay. Alexander also took 14th place in the 100 yard backstroke. Winstead finished in ninth place in the 100 yard butterfly and Cain took 10th place in the 100 yard breaststroke.



The relay team of Rebekah Lake, Laurel Yates, Autumn King and Emilee Thomas took fourth place in the region in the 200 yard medley relay and also took third place in the 400 yard freestyle relay. King also took 10th in the 100 yard fly. Thomas placed 10th in the 200 yard IM and 12th in the 100 breaststroke.

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#### Master Commissioner's Sale

In order to comply with the orders of the Pulaski Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action on

Thursday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the ROCKCASTLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 205 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

Said property shall be sold to raise the amount hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and (unless otherwise indicated) upon the following terms and conditions:

(A) At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from the date of sale until paid. IN THE EVENT THAT THE PURCHASER IS NOT PAYING THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY ON THE DATE OF SALE, ANOTHER PERSON MUST BE PRESENT ON THE PURCHASER'S BEHALF TO SIGN AS SURETY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PURCHASE PRICE.

(B) Risk of loss of improvements shall be on the purchaser from date of sale.

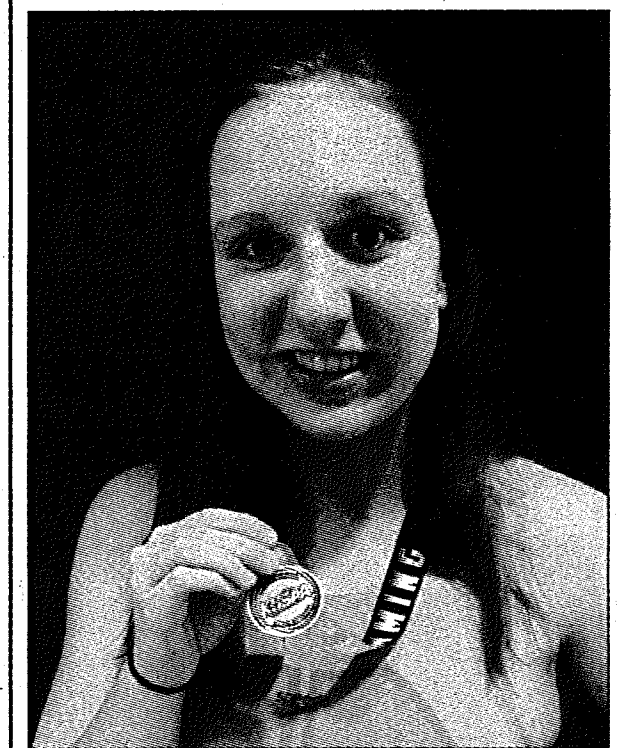
(C) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year 2016 and all subsequent years. All other delinquent taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in the writing and the holder(s) thereof is a party to the foreclosure. The Master Commissioner warrants only such title as is referred by Court order and does not guarantee that all taxes are paid.

(D) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Pulaski County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s).

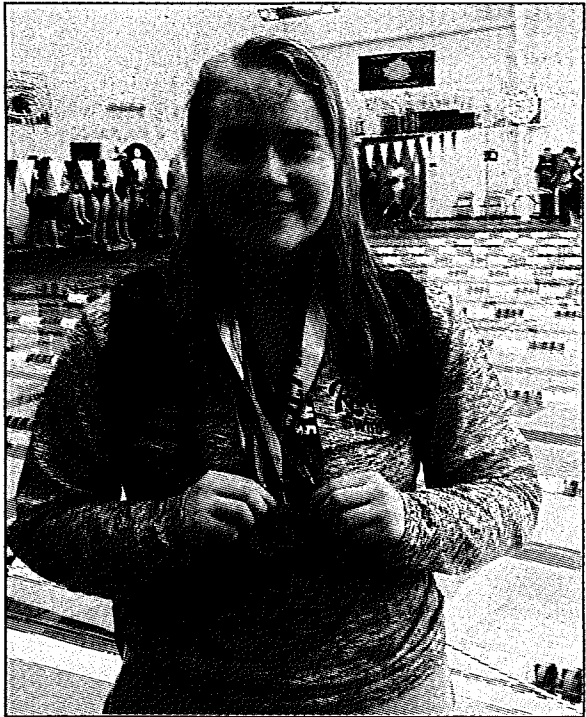
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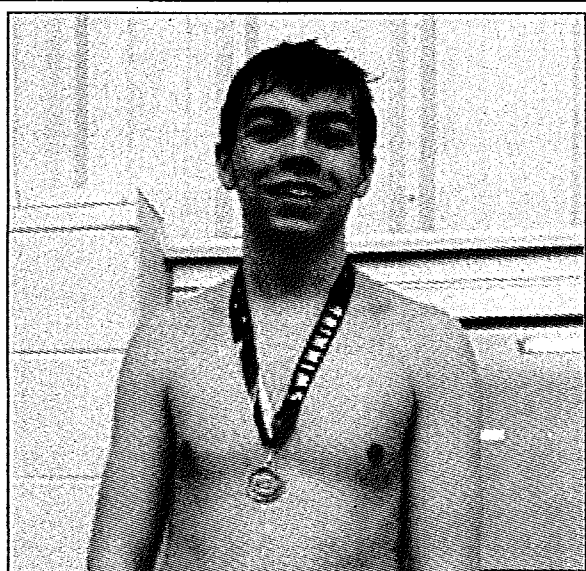
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Eighth grader Laurel Yates won the 100 yard and 200 yard freestyle at the KHSAA regional championships this past weekend. Yates was also named to the All-Region Team.



Junior Rebekah Lake took seventh in the 100 yard backstroke with her fastest time of the year of 1:18.45 and was eighth in the 100 yard fly with PR of 1:27.15



Dawson Nicely took fifth place in the 200 Yard IM and ninth place in the 100 yard free at the region championships.

## DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

**March 4th 2017**

Location: Rockcastle County Middle School Gym  
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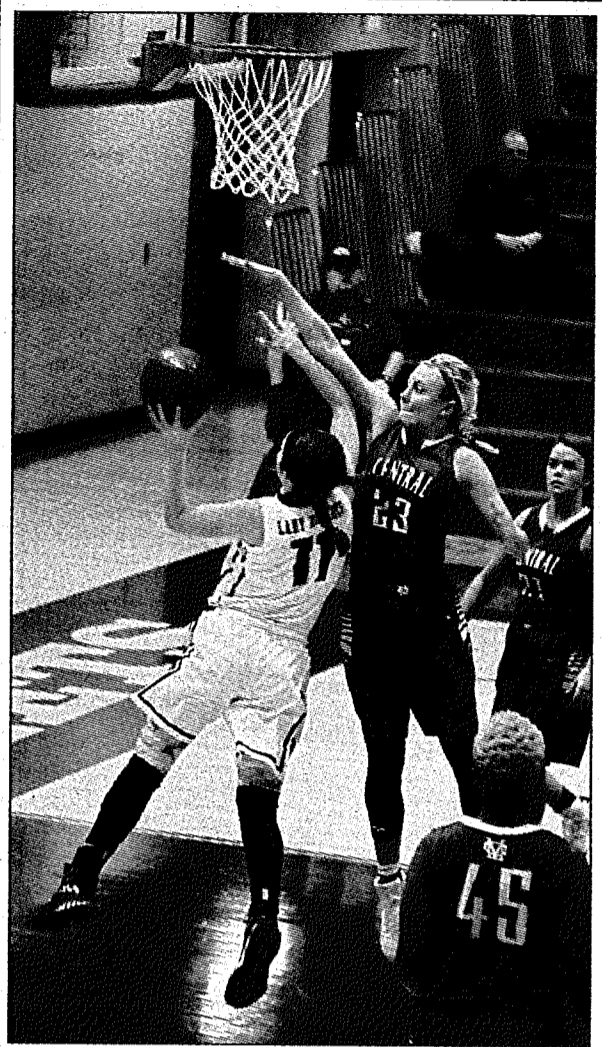
It took two overtimes but the Lady Rockets were finally victorious over the visiting Madison Central Lady Indians last Thursday night 59-55. The Lady Indians, who are now 20-7 on the season, had won 14 of their last 16 games.

The game was tied 11 times but the Lady Rockets were aided in their win by

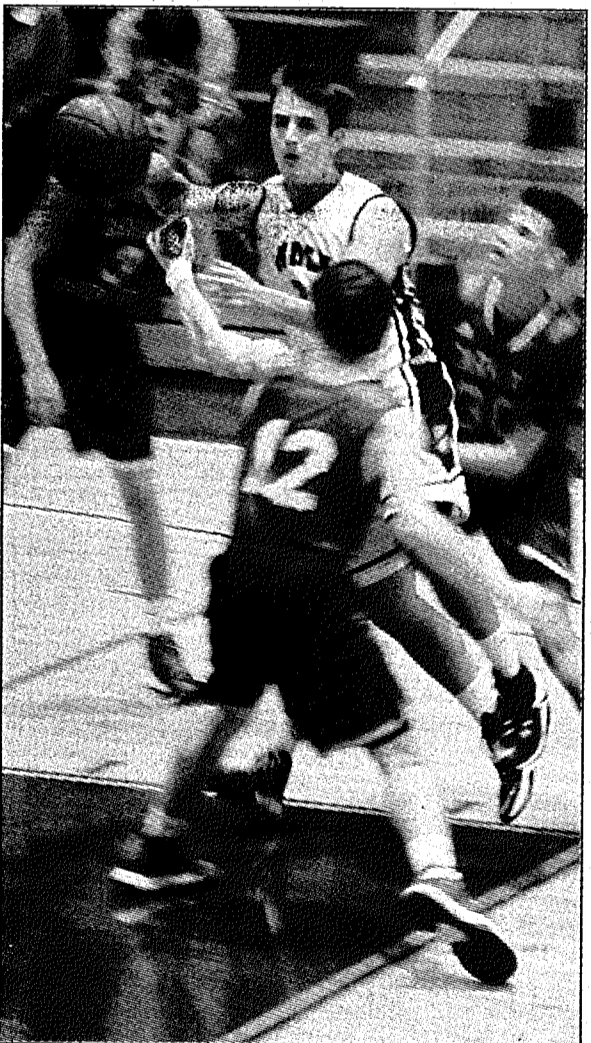
hitting 10 of 12 free throws while the Lady Indians only mustered eight of 16.

At the end of the first period, the Rockets were up 10-9 but, in the second period, the Lady Indians went on an 11-2 run to go ahead of the Rockets 22-17 at the half. The Rockets rallied in

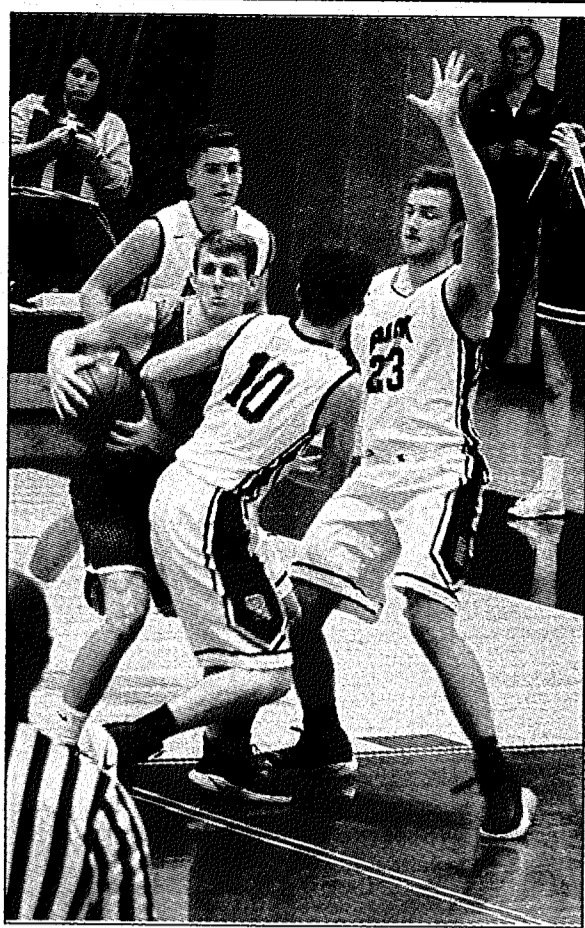
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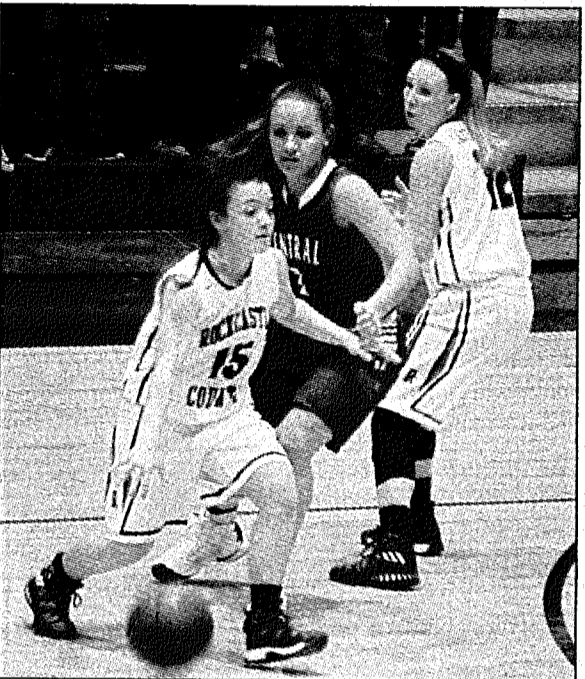
Eighth grader Casey Coleman takes it hard to the basket in the Lady Rockets' 59-55 double overtime win over Madison Central last Thursday. Coleman scored four points in the contest.



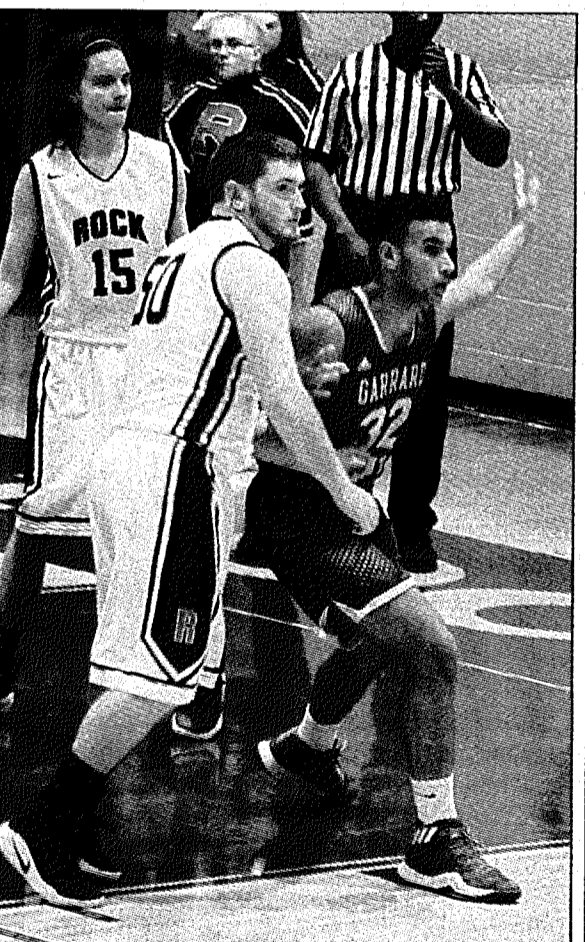
Senior John Cornelius makes a pass out to a teammate in the Rockets' win over Garrard County Friday night. Cornelius was in early foul trouble and scored eight points for the Rockets. Thomas Burdette led the Rockets with 22 points.



Junior Devin Mullins and senior Lucas Gentry double team a Garrard player in the Rockets' win last Friday night. Gentry had 16 points for the Rockets and Mullins added two.



Senior Maddy Bullen sets a screen for teammate Jayna Albright in the Lady Rockets' big win over Madison Central last Thursday. Bullen had a good night scoring 17 for the Lady Rockets.



Senior Logan Taylor defends the block in the Rockets' win over Garrard County last Friday. The Rockets final regular season game is this Thursday when they host South Laurel. Game time is 7:30.

# Now 18-10 on season Rockets beat Lions and Colonels

The Rockcastle Rockets added two more to the win column in their last two outings, defeating the Garrard County Golden Lions 73-57 and the Whitley Co. Colonels 63-59.

Last Friday night, the game was close through the first half with the Rockets ahead 21-20 at the first quarter stop and 36-34 at the half. However, the Rockets got some breathing room in the third, outscoring the Colonels 22-16 and then held the Colonels to only seven points in the fourth quarter for the final 73-57.

The Golden Lions were 11 for 19 from the free throw line to the Rockets six of nine but the Rockets won the three point shot battle, hitting seven, four of them by senior Lucas Gentry, to the Lions three.

Senior Thomas Burdette led his team in scoring with 22 points; Gentry got 16; senior Jordan Hawkins had 13; senior Noble Carson 12; senior John Cornelius eight and junior Devin Mullins two.

Tuesday night, the Rockets built a double digit lead against the Whitley County Colonels, only to lose it before finally taking the win 63-59.

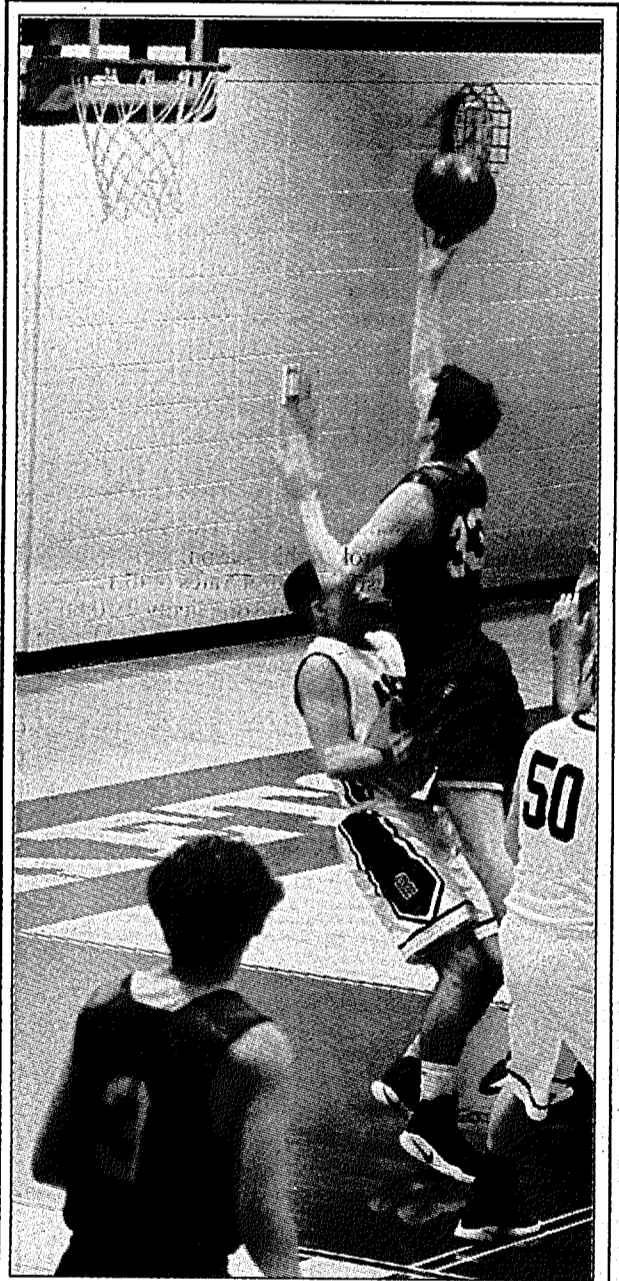
The Rockets jumped out to an early 10-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and were ahead 26-18 at the half. But, the Colonels came back in the third to outscore the Rockets 16-10 and, in the fourth, it was an offensive battle by both sides with the Rockets winning the battle 27-25 for the final 63-59.

The Rockets only hit three three point baskets in the game while the Colonels were racking up nine but the Rockets were 13 of 16 from the free throw line to the Colonels nine of 11.

Noble led the scoring for his team with 17 points; Cornelius got 16, including going seven of eight from the free throw line; Gentry scored 14; Hawkins and Mullins each got six and Burdette scored four.

The Rockets have one regular season game remaining, Thursday night, at home, in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets against the South Laurel Cardinals and Lady Cardinals.

They will begin 47th District play next Wednesday night at Somerset when they take on the Casey County Rebels at 8 o'clock. 63-59.



Senior Carson Noble takes a charge in the Rockets' 73-57 win over Garrard County last Friday. Noble had 12 points in the win.



Senior Lady Rocket Hope Kelley signed a letter-of-intent last Friday night to play basketball for Alice Lloyd College starting in the fall. On hand for her signing were her parents, Becky McNabb and Neil Kelley, Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble and standing is Alice Lloyd head coach John Mills.

Farm and Industrial Equipment Consignment

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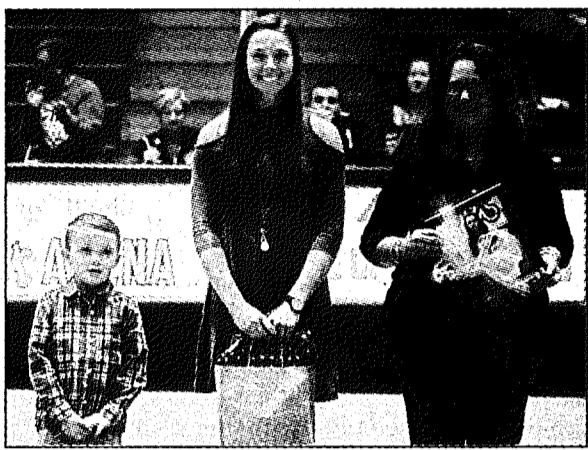
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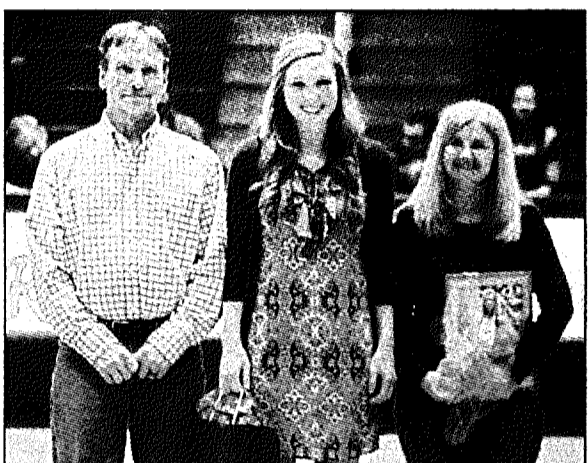
## Senior Rockets and Lady Rockets honored



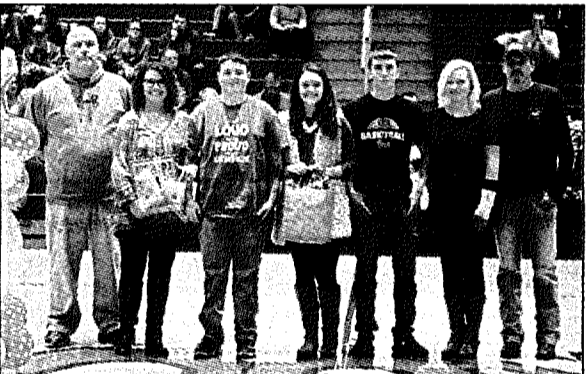
Rockcastle High School honored their senior Rockets and Lady Rockets last Friday night during a home game against Garrard County. Shown above is Jayna Albright with her parents, Jeff and JoAnna Albright and brother, Jaydon.



Senior Emme Barker, escorted by her mother, Johnda Barker and best friend, Carson Neeley.



Senior Maddy Bullen, escorted by her parents, Charles and Sandy Bullen.



Senior Hope Kelley, escorted by her mother and stepfather, Mike and Becky McNabb, father and stepmother, Neil and Krystal Kelley, brother Blayne and step-brother Dalton Durham.



Senior Mahala Saylor, escorted by her parents, John and Karen Saylor, sister Mary and brother Boone.



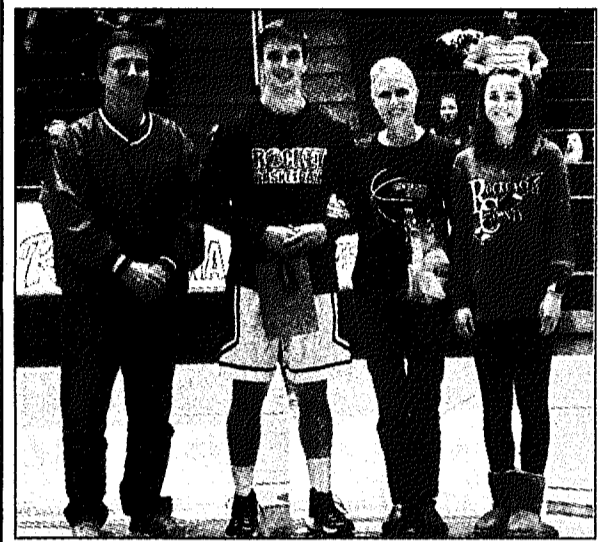
Senior Caroline Coguer, escorted by her parents, Jason and Sara Coguer and brother Reese.



Senior Erin Thompson, escorted by her dad, Scott Thompson.



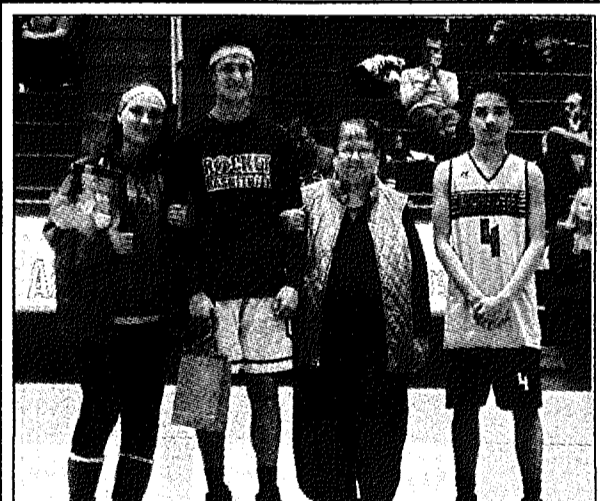
Senior Thomas Burdette, escorted by his parents, Jeff and Twila Burdette and sister Zoe.



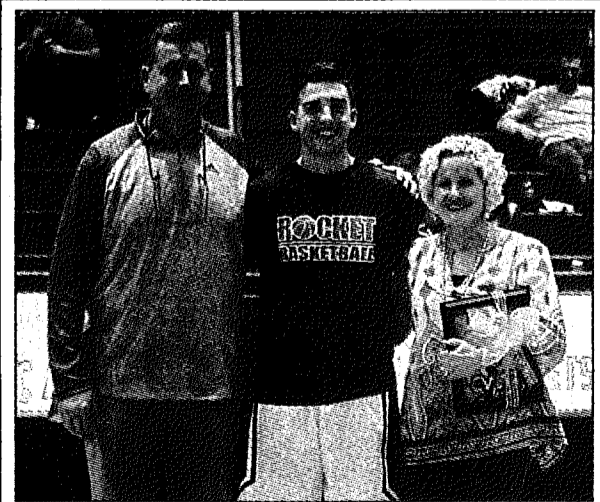
Senior John Cornelius, escorted by his parents, Chris and Jamie Cornelius and sister Amy.



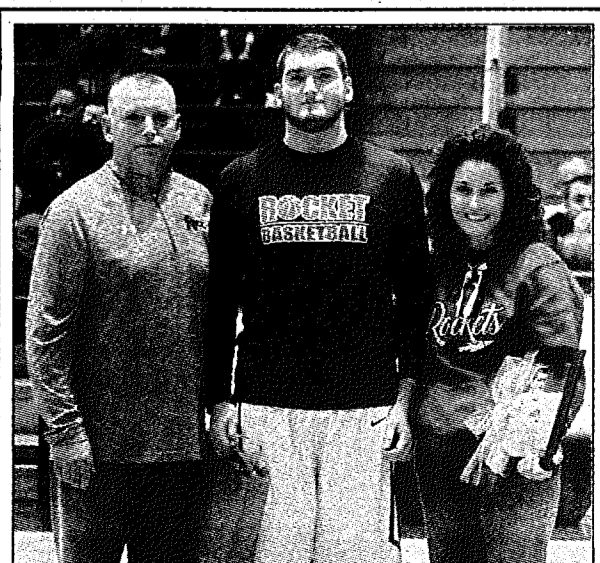
Senior Lucas Gentry, escorted by his parents, Stacy Gentry and Gary Gentry and brothers, Levi and Landon.



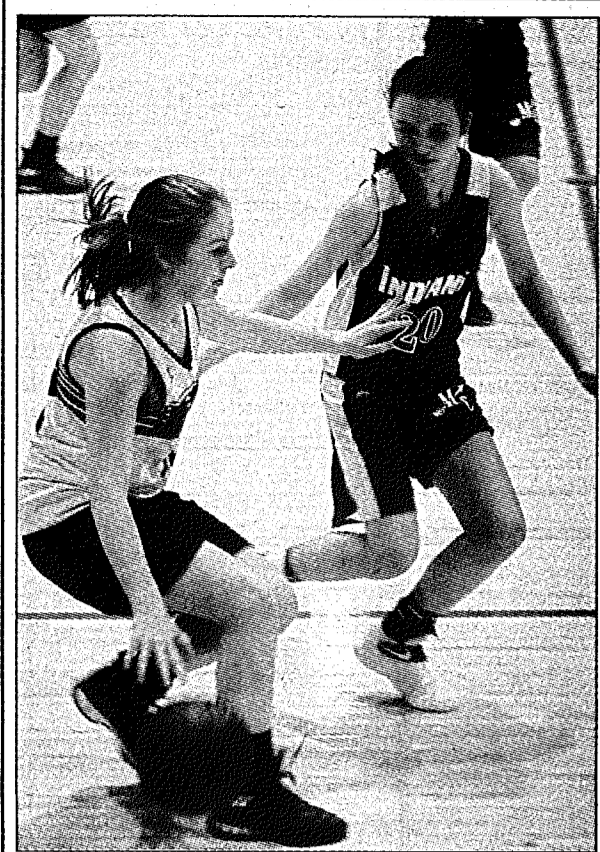
Senior Jordan Hawkins, escorted by his mother, Jennifer Watts, grandmother, Lana West and brother Josiah.



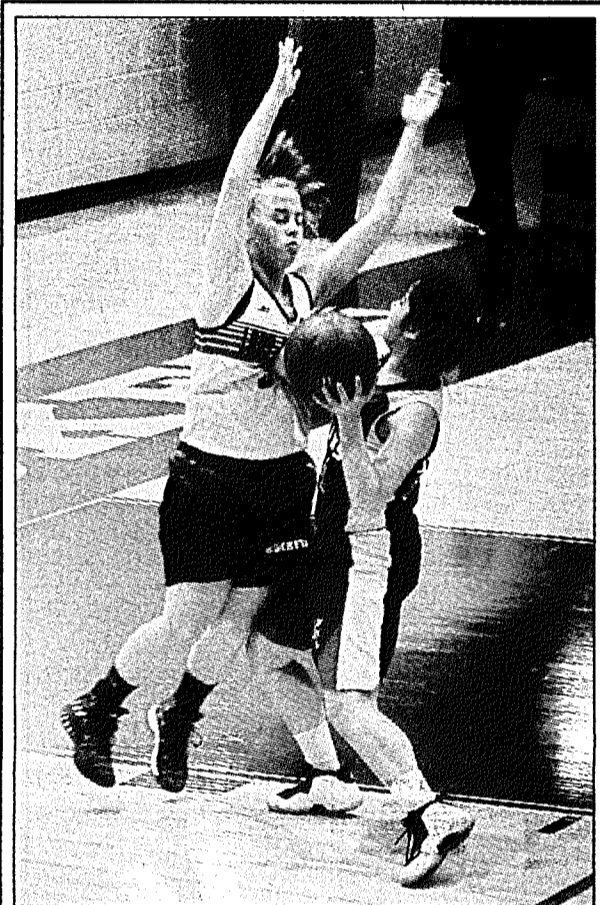
Senior Carson Noble, escorted by his parents, Barry and Chrysti Noble.



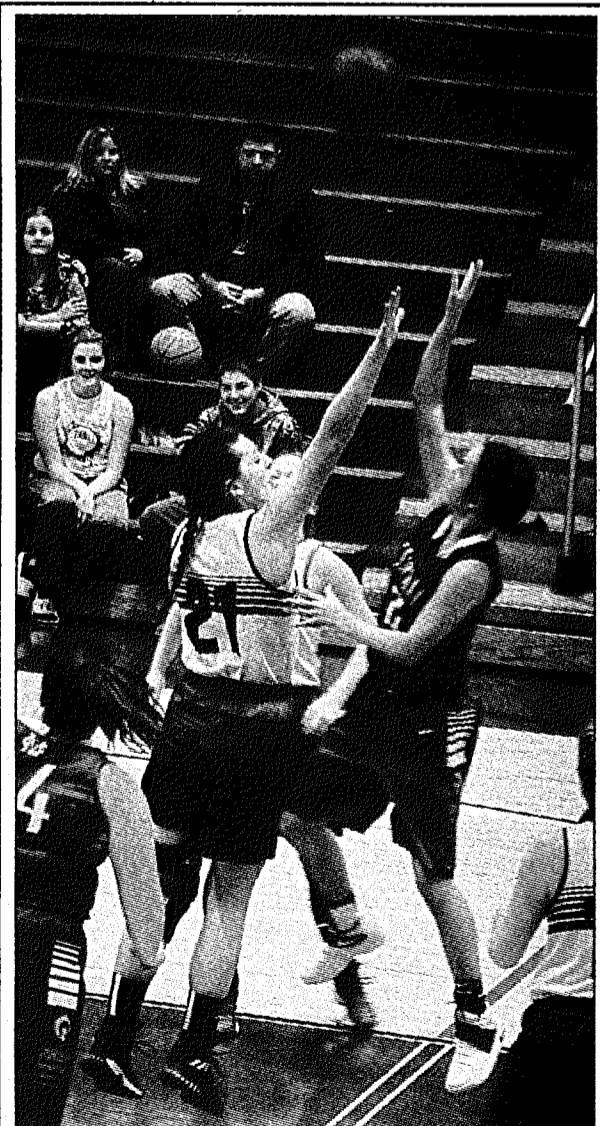
Senior Logan Taylor, escorted by his parents, Troy and Natalie Taylor.



Freshman Bailee Allen brings the ball up the floor in the Lady Rockets' 36-22 win over Madison Central last Thursday. Allen led the Rockets in scoring with seven. Other Lady Rockets scoring: Selicity Broadus scored six, Reagan Chasteen added five, Jordan Harper scored four, Cynthia Wells and Madison McIntosh each had three, Katelyn Singleton, Tori Dotson, Kaleigh Richards and Heather Walling each scored two.



Freshman Cynthia Wells stops a Madison Central player in the Lady Rockets' 36-22 win over Madison Central last Thursday. Wells had three points for the Rockets.



Junior Lea Ellen Rogers applies defensive pressure in the Lady Rocket junior varsity's 35-28 win over Madison Central last Thursday. Rogers scored six points in the win. Others scoring were: Casey Coleman with eight, Kassie Lay and Emma Bullens with six each, Shelby Newland scored four, Lindsey Jones added three and Madson McIntosh scored two.



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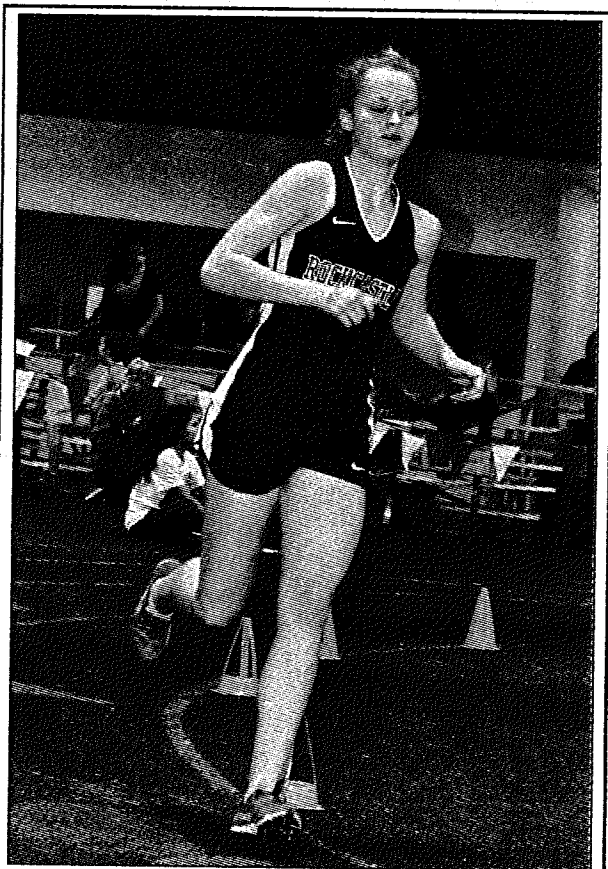
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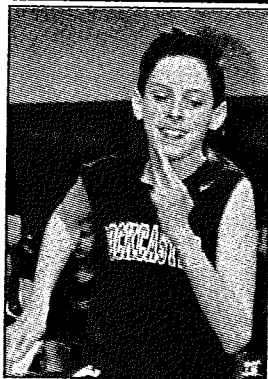
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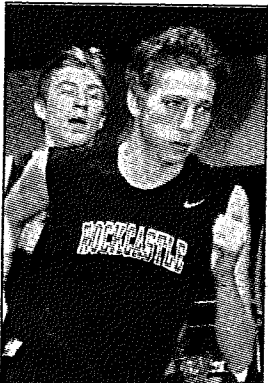
## RCHS and RCMS track teams win



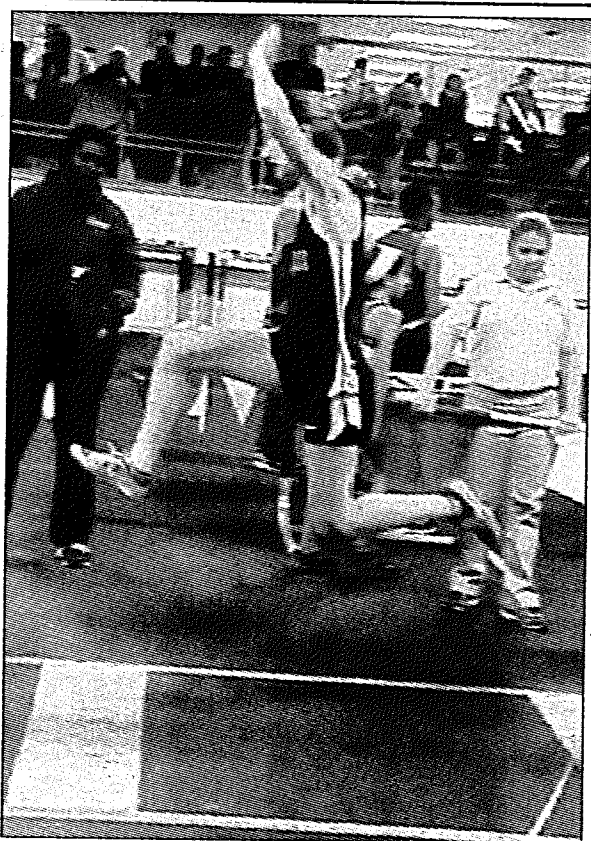
At Mason County on Saturday, RCHS freshman Tori Dotson swept the distance races for the second straight meet and scored 31.25 total points to lead the RCHS girls' team to the win out of 20 teams that competed. Tori won the 1600-meter run (5:29.44), 800-meter run (2:31.67), and 3000-meter run in a new RCHS all-time record of 11:24.9. She also ran on the 4th place 4 x 800-meter relay team.



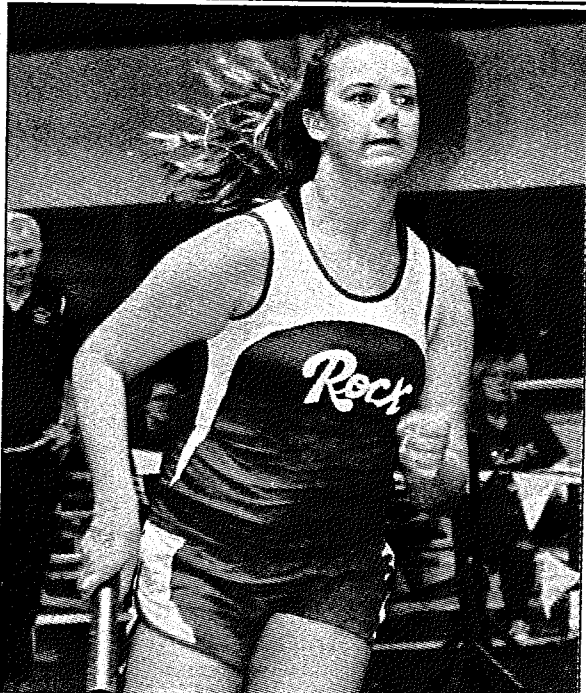
At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 6th grader Silas Durham placed 4th in the 800-meter run (2:51.99) and 6th in the 1600-meter run (6:07.4), both all-time personal best performances.



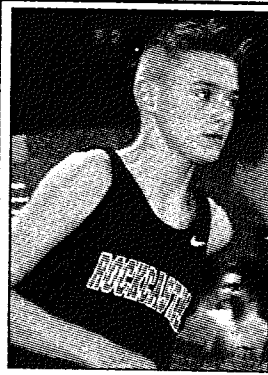
At Mason County on Saturday, RCHS sophomore Peyton Bowman placed 10th in the 400-meter dash (59.57 seconds) and 11th in long jump (16'5.75").



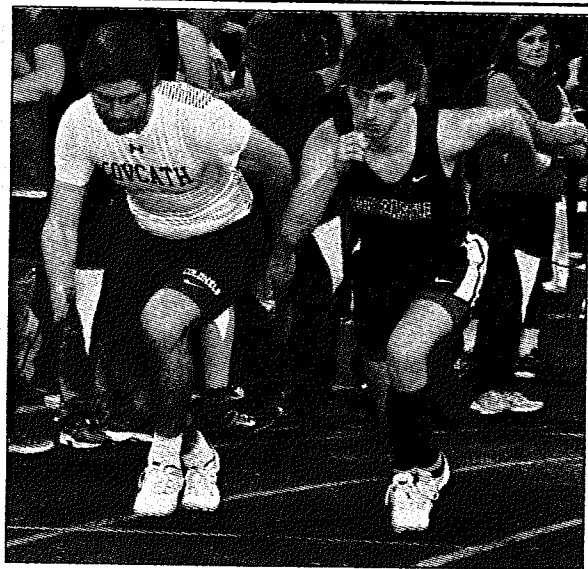
At Mason County on Saturday, RCHS freshman Grace Gardiner scored 21.25 points to help the RCHS girls' team to the win. She won both long jump (15'0") and triple jump (30'9.5"). She also ran on the 4th place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 8th grader Erin Hindman helped lead RCMS to the team win with a 3rd place finish in the 1600-meter run (6:43) and a 4th place finish in the 800-meter run (3:04.46). She also ran on the 1st place 4 x 400-meter relay team and the 2nd place 4 x 800-meter relay team.



At Mason County on Saturday, RCHS freshman Dylan Bullen led the RCHS boys' team with 11 points and placed third in the 1600-meter run (5:11.26), 4th in the 3000-meter run with a new personal best of 10:54.28, and 12th in the 800-meter run (2:26.65).



At Mason County on Saturday, RCHS senior Dylan Robinson placed fifth in the 400-meter dash (58.47 seconds) and 9th in the 55-meter hurdles (9.64 seconds).



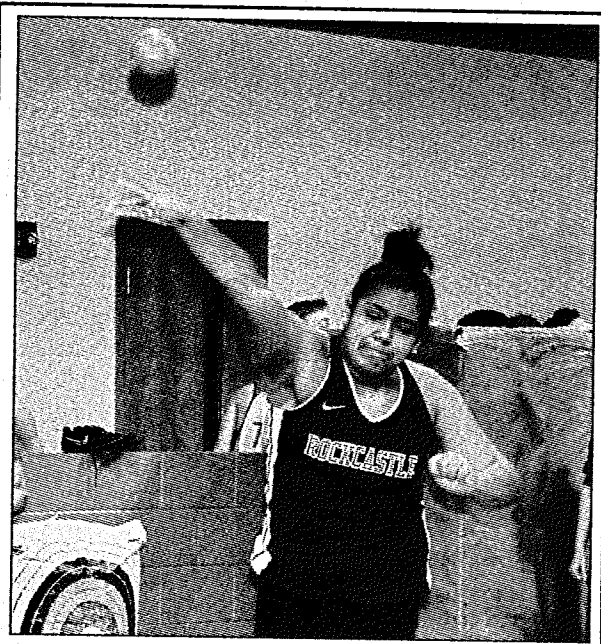
At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 8th grader Jasmine Ashcraft placed fifth in the 1600-meter run (6:06.63), 10th in the 800-meter run (2:50.25), and 4th in the 3000-meter run (13:00.26). She also ran on the 4th place 4 x 800-meter relay team.



At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 6th grader Aaron Asher, at his first-ever indoor track meet, placed 6th in the 1600-meter run (6:16.22) and 11th in the 800-meter run (3:09.52).



At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 7th grader Allie Martin contributed to the varsity win with a 2nd place finish in the 400-meter dash (1:07.26) and an 8th place finish in long jump (13'7"). She also ran on the 4th place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



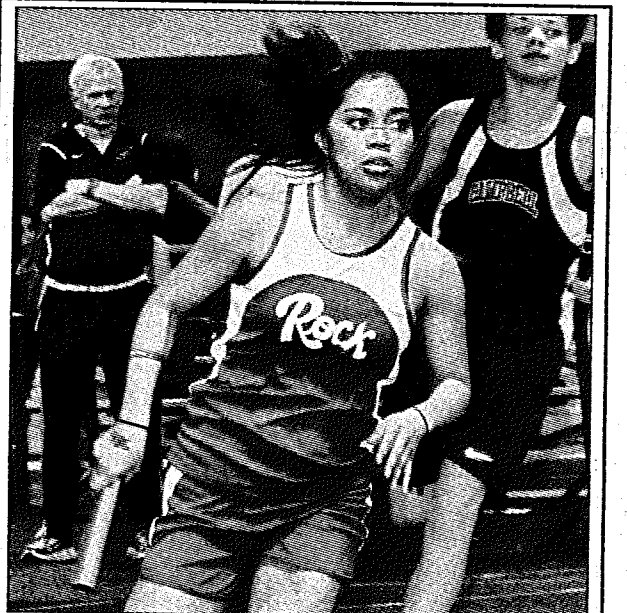
At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 8th grader Jessalyn Burton placed 6th in varsity shot put (25'0.25") and 2nd in middle school shot put with an all-time personal best of 32'9".



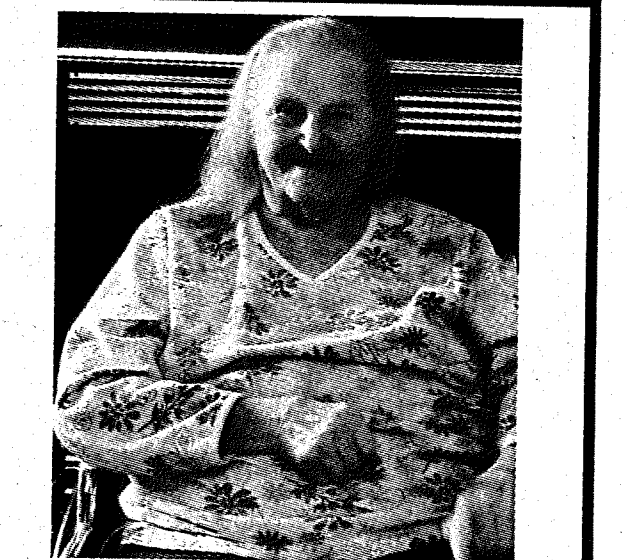
At Mason County on Saturday, Rockcastle 5th grader Lexi Dotson scored 24.5 points to lead the RCMS girls' team to their second straight indoor win. Lexi won the 800-meter run in an all-time personal best of 2:46.75 and the 1600-meter run in 6:08. She also ran on the 1st place 4 x 400-meter relay team and the 2nd place 4 x 800-meter relay team.



At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 8th grader Valerie Kendrick placed 3rd in varsity shot put (27'10.25") and 1st in middle school shot put (34'7.75"), nearly breaking her own RCMS record.



At Mason County on Saturday, RCMS 8th grader Hannah Davis won long jump (11'8.75") and placed 7th in the 400-meter dash (1:17.11) to help RCMS to the team win.



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### "Lady Rock"

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the third quarter, going up 33-32 and it was 42 all at the end of regulation.

The first overtime ended with the score knotted at 45 all. The Rockets went up 57-55, on a basket by freshman Kenzi Himes with 13 ticks left on the clock. The Indians missed their shot and the Lady Rockets got the rebound. Senior Hope Kelley was then fouled and sank both free throws for the final 59-55.

The Lady Rockets hit five three point baskets, four by Kelley.

Kelley led the scoring for her team with 18 points, followed closely by senior Maddy Bullen who got 17, including going five for six from the free throw line; Himes scored 10 points; senior Mahala Saylor got six; eighth grader Casey Coleman four and junior LeaEllen Rogers and freshman Shelby Newland each scored two points.

Monday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the McCreary Central Raiders and cruised to their 16th win of the season against 11 losses.

The Rockets were up 16-8 at the first quarter stop and 26-19 at the half. But they really poured it on in the second half, outscoring the Raiders 38-23 for the 64-42 final.

The Rockets hit eight three point shots but were only 12 of 20 from the free throw line. The Raiders hit only one three point shot,

their final shot of the game, and were eight for 18 from the free throw line.

Kelley, who hit four threes, led the scoring for her team with 20 points; Himes got nine; Saylor eight; Rogers seven; senior Emme Barker scored 4 points; senior Jayna Albright got three, along with Newland, junior Mackenzie Payne and sophomores Emma Bullens and Kassie Lay; junior Emily Adams got two and Coleman one.

The Lady Rockets final regular season game will be this Thursday night when they will host the South Laurel Lady Cardinals in a doubleheader with the Rockets.

47th District Tournament play begins next Monday night, Feb. 20th, at Somerset when the Lady Rockets take on the Pulaski Co. Lady Maroons at 8 p.m.

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## “School”

(Continued from front)

days are extended slightly in the county), and with no more missed weather days, the last day of school for students will be Friday, May 12.

Board Vice Chairman Angela Mink asked what happens if March has missed days due to inclement weather.

“That’s a great question

and we gave that a lot of thought. However, we cannot plan this Spring Break and then take it away because parents would have made plans or already purchased tickets or reserved rooms for the week off,” said Isaacs. “So, if there are indeed snow days missed in March, it will simply have to extend the end of the (school) year and change

the last day of school instead of interfering with the scheduled spring break.”

The board had already voted earlier in the year to add a Spring Break if less than 10 days were missed before the fourth Monday of February. Since only three days have been missed all year, the Spring Break was added to the calendar.

The board voted unani-

mously to accept the revised calendar.

The board also saw the draft version of the 2017-18 school calendar so that members may discuss it and make suggestions before it is approved later in the year.

There was also extensive discussion of charter schools as Pensol expressed discontent with the program until the matter of funding

charter schools is resolved.

“We oppose the development of charter school legislation based on the funding mysteries that it will create,” said Pensol. “Many charter school advocates are speaking across this state and in our county suggesting that charter schools will not impact a district like ours.”

However, Pensol says he has asked officials across the state to explain the funding procedure and no one has been able to answer him. “I don’t know anything about charter schools. The problem is, no one else does either,” said Pensol. “The funding has to come from somewhere.”

Pensol said until he and the board are informed about how charter schools will be funded, they cannot support the legislation because it may drain funding from school districts like Rockcastle County.

“Our lawmakers are having the wrong conversation. There is a mountain of research that exists (and it is clear) stating the best instructional improvement for any education organization is an early start for children and early childhood intervention,” said Pensol. “Early childhood is the most important conversation our state could be having about school improvement and it’s not even on the lawmakers’ agenda.”

Pensol continued on to say funding is already difficult. “As we speak, early childhood funding and support from our state is declining. There is limited research that shows charter schools of any kind add value to public education,” he said. “We, as a state, cannot take money from an already underfunded educational system and politically give it to big business under

the disguise of school improvement.”

Pensol said his job has nothing to do with politics but there comes a time when districts need to stand up and argue for what’s best for each Rockcastle County student. “If our state is going to create public school competition, we need to find adequate independent funding sources that does not take money away from poor communities and negatively impact Rockcastle children,” he said.

Pensol also said that his disagreement with charter school legislation may change if anyone can show him that the funding for such entities will have zero impact on Rockcastle students. “If someone can show me that the funding for charter schools will have no impact at all providing for our students, then my argument is invalid. But I have yet to find anyone who can show me that!”

In other action, the board reviewed the Superintendent’s Personnel Action Report.

New full-time certified employee Aaron Rupard will be assistant softball coach at RCHS.

Full time classified employee Teresa Coleman is now a cook/baker at RCMS.

Resignations include Chris Kirby at RCHS, Teresa Coleman at RCMS, and Sarah Hasty at RCMS. Certified substitutes include Linda Clark, Ralph Baker and Karen Powell.

Classified substitutes include Michele Mason, Krista Allen and Janice Poynter.

Volunteers are Michael Parsons and John Ford, both at RCMS.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 14.

## “Tax”

(Continued from front)

Cash asked County Judge/Executive Doub Bishop if the county could help with the expense of repairing the hole.

Bishop explained that the bridge is city property

but suggested possible FEMA dollars may be available to help the city repair the damage.

Burton asked the council to go ahead and get bids to repair the damage. “This way, when we decide how

it will be paid for and what funding will be used, we will be prepared to move immediately and not just put the process off till the last moment,” he said.

The council members also heard the first report from the newly hired police officer of Brodhead, William Harris.

“Things are going very well,” said Harris. “I’ve made a few arrests, broken up a few fights, made some traffic stops, handled some domestic violence cases and other duties. But so far, things are going very well,” he said.

Harris continued to say that local citizens are providing him with excellent tips.

“The people of Brodhead know their community. I am getting flagged down a lot and hearing about people to keep an eye on and things to watch for,” he said. “It is very helpful and provides me with information that will help keep Brodhead safer for everyone.”

Bishop said he is very pleased with the progress

made in recent months with the police protection in the city of Brodhead.

Mayor Cash said he is very pleased with the work Harris is doing. “He is doing a great job and I hear good reports. People are safer now and officer Harris is making a difference in our community,” he said.

Harris continued to say he is in the process of working on some possible grants for police agencies that may help the city soon. “I will keep everyone informed as those possibilities develop,” he said.

City Clerk Becky Bussell noted that they city bill to Mount Vernon Water has dropped every month over the past several months and what used to be close to a \$15,000 monthly water bill was only \$10,981 this month. “Our water and sewer crews have done a great job repairing leaks and getting this bill down,” said Bussell. “This makes a difference in the city budget.”

Council members entered closed session after the meeting.

## “Rate”

(Continued from front)

to increase the rate,” he told the commissioners.

Last month, the City of Livingston bought 1,655,000 gallons of water from Wood Creek and the 50c rate increase added \$827.50 to that bill.

The ordinance provides for a minimum bill (using 2,000 gallons or less water per month), for water and sewer users, to be increased from \$46.15 to \$48.07. The minimum charge for out of city cus-

tomers will go to \$32.25 from the present minimum of \$29.50. ERWA’s rate will increase from \$3.19 to \$3.69 per 1,000 gallons of water purchased.

The city will hold a special meeting next Monday night for the second reading of the ordinance so the new rate can go into effect with the March billing.

Earlier this year, during a hard freeze, water pipes in an abandoned house burst and the city lost thousands of gallons of water before the leak was discovered. This caused the city to receive a much higher bill from Wood Creek.

However, Medley said the city has been paying extra each month to Wood Creek and expect to be current with their bill within the next couple of months.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners were told that City Clerk Trish Doan’s hours had been increased by one hour per day. The city office will now be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and City Commissioner Katha Carpenter agreed to volunteer in the city’s office as part of her duties as the water commissioner.

Medley also told the commissioners that this year’s Founders Day celebration will include a gun and knife show in the old Livingston School gym.

## “Murder”

(Continued from front)

been sentenced and won’t be until their sentencing dates (February 24 for Howard and March 24 for Slusher), But Montgomery said he expects Judge David Tapp will observe the recommendations.

Slusher will be eligible for parole review after 20 years

The Commonwealth Attorney’s Office recommended a sentence of 30 years for murder, 20 years for burglary, 20 years for robbery and 5 years for tampering with evidence for Slusher, with the last three charges to run concurrent with her sentence for murder.

The Commonwealth Attorney’s office wishes to thank the Kentucky State Police for their help in resolving this case and offers their condolences to the Hinton family.

## “Roundup”

(Continued from front)

Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to Trafficking in Meth less than two grams. A one year sentence was recommended to run consecutively to three year on other charges for a total of four years imprisonment.

6) Joey Bullock, 37, Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to Trafficking in Controlled Substances less than two grams of Meth. A two year sentence was recommended.

Following court, Officer Rush indicated that he was pleased with the outcome of the cases. Bartley noted that Officer Rush conducted a thorough investigation over a nine month period. The Commonwealth also noted that Officer Rush was an active participant in the plea discussions which made a quick and just resolution much more effective.

Bartley noted that the penalty range for Class D felonies (trafficking in controlled substances, less than two grams of methamphetamines and less than ten dose units of pills) is from one to five years imprisonment.

Circuit Judge Burdette has set sentencing, for those who have entered guilty pleas, for March 10th.

Other cases resolved in Division 2, included:

1) Anita Adams, 41, Mt. Vernon, was sentenced to two years for a probation violation.

2) Christopher Jones, 44, Mt. Vernon, pled guilty to possession of controlled Substances and a sentence of two years was recommended.

3) Jay Skinner, 26, Mt. Vernon, was sentenced to two years for bail jumping.

4) Michael Sturgill, 48, Mt. Vernon, was sentenced to five years for wanton endangerment.

## “Choking”

(Continued from front)

and grabbed Addison from behind and used training she had received two years earlier as a home service worker.

Rose performed the Heimlich Maneuver and dislodged the bottle cap and Addison began breathing again.

“I had hoped I would never need that training. But now I am certainly glad I had it,” said Rose.

Once Addison was able to breathe again, EMS workers were called and she was taken to the local hospital, just for precautionary measures, but she was soon sent home.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School Principal J. D. Bussell said some teachers are trained in CPR before school starts but not all teachers are familiar with the process.

“It was great that Ms. Rose was trained and was close and we are proud of her quick action,” he said.

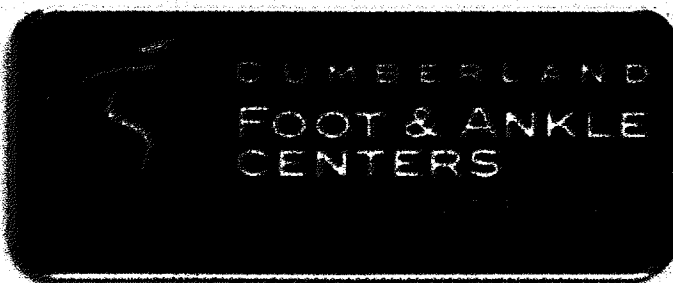
Allison’s father, Joe Rush said he owes a debt of gratitude to the teacher. “She is a hero in my opinion. She saved our daughter and Addison’s mother and I and the rest of those who know Addison will never forget it,” said Rush. “Our entire family is grateful to her.”

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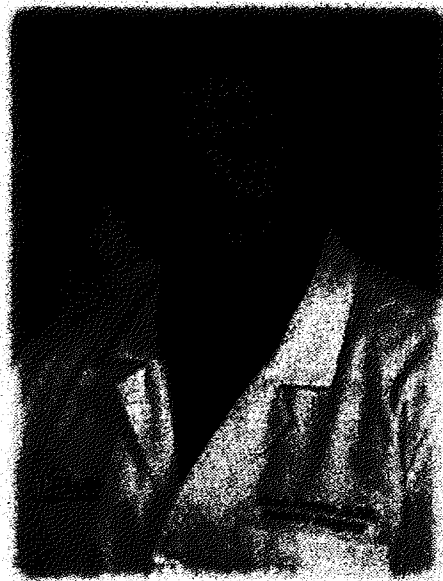
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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 16, 2017

## Police make meth bust after fistfight with man

By: Mike French

Phillip Delaney, 50, of Lancaster, was arrested on several charges after Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon McIntosh had a physical altercation with him at an abandoned residence, according to police reports.

Reports say 911 received a complaint of a loud generator at a vacant house and upon entering the area, police heard the generator running.

McIntosh informed Delaney of the noise complaint and police witnessed two other individuals at the scene.

Upon asking for identification, the citation says all three individuals did not provide information about who they were.

McIntosh then witnessed Delaney attempting to hid a small zipped baggie and he reportedly failed to comply after being told to drop the baggie.

When police attempted to retrieve the baggie, the report says Delaney became combative and an altercation ensued. Though police were able to retrieve the baggie, Delaney escaped and ran into a field.

In what police describe as a fistfight between Delaney and McIntosh, police were able to subdue Delaney and place him in the cruiser and then attempted to locate the two other people on the scene.

However, one of the individuals had fled on foot and when deputies returned to the cruiser, Delaney had escaped again and the cruiser was empty.

Deputies then found Delaney hiding in a field and another fight ensued between Delaney and the deputy.

Police again subdued Delaney, using minimum force, according to the report.

The citation says Delaney admitted to using meth and heroin prior to the arrival of the deputy.

Delaney was arrested and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance (meth), resisting arrest, fleeing, escape, tampering with evidence and drug paraphernalia.

He is being held on a \$10,000 cash bond.

## Menacing case leads to drug arrest

By: Mike French

Mount Vernon Police say they were called to a menacing case Tuesday, February 14th, and discovered Justin Hemmerling, 42, of Livingston, had followed a female from the Berea Walmart to her residence on Ruby Lane where police found him pacing by his car.

Police then advised Hemmerling not to return to the residence.

However, police later observed the vehicle in the area again and pulled Hemmerling over on Main Street in Mount Vernon, according to the report.

Police then searched the vehicle and located a baggie in the center console in plain view with a rock crystal substance suspected to be meth. Police say Hemmerling then admitted to using the substance earlier in the day.

Hemmerling was arrested and charged with failure to signal, harassment, menacing, criminal trespassing, possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

He was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and is being held on a \$10,000 cash bond.

## Meth bust in city limits

By: Mike French

Last Thursday, Rockcastle County Sheriff's deputies noticed a vehicle driven by Matthew Medlock, 23, of Mount Vernon, with no hood, a loud muffler and a cracked windshield in the city limits of Mount Vernon.

Upon pulling over Medlock, police say they discovered an outstanding warrant and then deputies observed a "white substance from his nose."

The report says Medlock then admitted to police that he had snorted meth and wanted to take his jacket off though the temperature was in the 20s.

According to the report, police then discovered meth in the jacket.

Medlock was arrested and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$7,500/10%.

Medlock was charged with improper equipment, failure to produce an insurance card, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of meth, drug paraphernalia and failure to change address on license.



A group Rockcastle students joined State Rep. Johnathon Shell at Frankfort for Child Advocacy Day.

## Governor ceremonially signs two pro-life bills

By Jonathon Shell  
State Representative

Last week, the legislature reconvened to start the second part of this year's 30-day session. Following a very successful week of session in January, I, along with my colleagues, returned to Frankfort ready to dive into some very important issues.



The highlight of my week was welcoming Jessie and Cayci Mahaffey along with the school group of Rockcastle students they brought to Frankfort for Child Advocacy Day. I appreciate them stopping by my office.

The Governor ceremonially signed two pro-life bills. House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 5 both passed through the General Assembly with bipartisan support, and it was a personal honor of mine to help move these bills through the legislative process. Hundreds of people showed up at the Capitol to support our efforts to protect the life of the unborn.

Governor Bevin also took some time last week to deliver his annual 'State of the Commonwealth' address. In his speech, the Governor went over many important topics, including education, health care, and job growth. I share in

many of his goals, and like we have already, I look forward to working with him to move Kentucky forward.

One of the things that I was most pleased to see the Governor touch on in his speech was the need to reform our foster care system. It is far too difficult to adopt a child in this state because of so many hoops that must be jumped through. A couple of commonsense bills to help address this issue were passed out of committee last week, and stand an excellent chance of becoming law. One of these pieces of legislation would allow the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to put children in the care of non-relatives who have a personal relationship with the child.

Other major items that Governor Bevin touched on in his address was the need for tax and pension reform. It is a little known fact that we write off more tax revenue through loopholes than

we take in. Our pension systems are in crisis and we need to make critical investments in education. We have to do better. That's why in all likelihood there will be a special legislative session called sometime later this year to address our tax and pension systems.

While a special session will certainly cost money, we will be well positioned to call one because of the fiscal sanity that our leadership has shown. As it came out last week, the new Republican majority office has spent around \$700,000 less on staff than the previous majority did last year. We are committed to tackling complicated issues, something that requires having a good staff in place. But we will do so with deference to the hard-working taxpayers who expect some accountability on our end.

We must continue to promote policies that can help move people from welfare to work. As I have

constantly stressed, workforce development is a major issue that we must address. As the Governor outlined in his speech, we made some historic investments in last year's budget in workforce development issues and apprenticeship programs, and those investments are already paying dividends across the state. But we must do more to ensure that employers can come to Kentucky and find a skilled and quality workforce.

I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues impacting our Commonwealth during the 2017 Regular Session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via e-mail at [Jonathon.Shell@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Jonathon.Shell@lrc.ky.gov). You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

## Homeless man arrested for burglary

By: Mike French

Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter arrested Gordon Sowder, 42, address listed as homeless, after a burglary call Monday, February 13.

According to the police report, police received a call about a burglary at 40 Locust Street. Upon arrival, Carter spoke with the victim who stated that he came home from work to find Sowder inside his home.

The victim told police he does not know Sowder and the rear door had been broken to gain entrance.

The victim told police his drawers had been gone through as well as his clothes.

Sowder was arrested and charged with second degree burglary and criminal mischief in the third degree.

He was arrested and lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$50,000 cash or property.

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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Marriage Licenses

Austin Chase Helton, 20, Mt. Vernon US Army and Jason Donovan Mahaffey, 20, Mt. Vernon, cashier. 2/2/17  
 Misty Gail Jones, 36, Orlando, unemployed and Robert Couch, 35, Orlando, TTAI. 2/3/17  
 Carrie Ryan McKnight, 38, Brodhead, unemployed and Jeffrey A. Carr, 58, Brodhead, retired. 2/6/17  
 Martha Locke, 56, Livingston, retired to Orville Shepherd, 60, Livingston, Walmart. 2/6/17

## District Civil Suits

Citizens Bank v. Larry Barron, \$3,774.38 plus claimed due. C-00014

## Circuit Civil Suits

JP Morgan Chase Bank v. Bonnie K. Wood, et al, \$129,651.13 plus claimed due.  
 Larry Sinkhorn v. Thrasley Markland, et al, complaint.  
 Darrell and Rhonda Payne, property on Dixie Hwy., to Jennifer Calder. No

tax  
 Scott and Jennifer Mitchell, property in Scaffold Cane section, to Brenda Lasley and Ralph Ambrose. Tax \$35  
 James Thomas Hunter III and Rhonda Lane Hunter, property in Rockcastle County, to William Gregory and Lisa Dee Maples. Tax \$8  
 Roy Drew, property in Rockcastle County, to Raymond Drew. No tax

## District Court

Feb. 1-6, 2017  
 Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless  
 Timothy B. Anglin: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition.  
 Joie T. Brown: giving officer false name or address, attempt fleeing or evading police, drug - buy/possess, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).  
 Donald Charlton: theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.  
 Corey A. Coots: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, theft by deception 3 days in jail/concurrent/costs waived (each count).  
 Joseph A. Borel: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued

for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Roger Boschers: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Hether B. Bradley: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.  
 Debra Brewer: no operators license in possession, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, \$25 fine.  
 Roy K. Cope: fines/fees due (\$178), converted to 4 days in jail/concurrent.  
 Roger D. Croucher: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Christian Ray Dooley: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.  
 John L. Fain: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Landon L. Fletcher: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 James D. Foster: contempt of court, bw issued for fta.  
 Gunner Walker Graham: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Bethany L. Greene: fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Timothy Edward Hall: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Alexander William Hendrie: fines/fees due (\$181), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Shanna Hensley: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Archie W. Marcum: fines/fees due (\$203), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Jordan S. McClure: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Natasha N. McClure: fines/fees due (\$258), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Marlene McGill: public intoxication, paid.  
 Gregory Keith McGuire: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Seth Merida: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or pay-

ment in full.  
 James B. Miller: fines/fees due (\$288), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
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 Roger Boschers: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Hether B. Bradley: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.  
 Debra Brewer: no operators license in possession, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, \$25 fine.  
 Roy K. Cope: fines/fees due (\$178), converted to 4 days in jail/concurrent.  
 Roger D. Croucher: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Christian Ray Dooley: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.  
 John L. Fain: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Landon L. Fletcher: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
 James D. Foster: contempt of court, bw issued for fta.  
 Gunner Walker Graham: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.  
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 Timothy Edward Hall: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Alexander William Hendrie: fines/fees due (\$181), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Shanna Hensley: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Archie W. Marcum: fines/fees due (\$203), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Jordan S. McClure: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.  
 Natasha N. McClure: fines/fees due (\$258), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.  
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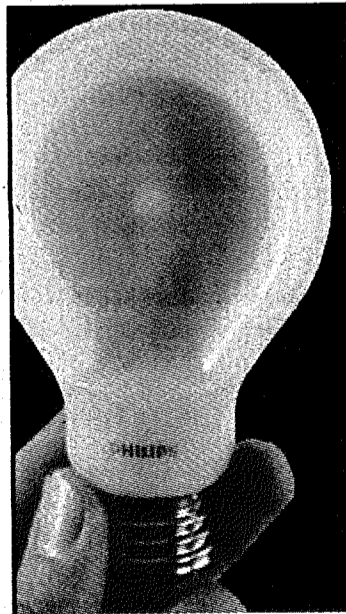
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# Obituaries



**Frank Brown**

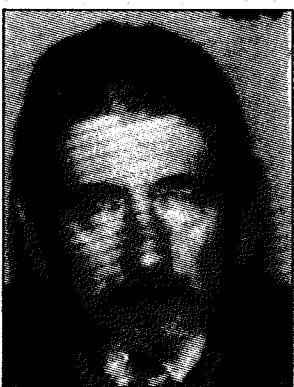
Frank Brown, 83, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehab in Brodhead. He was the husband of the late Irene (Spoonamore) Brown who preceded him in death on January 19, 2013. He was born in Lincoln County on July 13, 1933 to the late Abe H. and Susie Barker Brown. He was a member of the Providence Church of Christ. He had worked many years as a logger and a farmer.

Survivors include: son, Curt Brown and special friend Thelma Phelps of Crab Orchard; sisters, Verbenia Gilpin Engman of Somerset, Sadie Carr of North Carolina, Glenda (Roger) Campbell of Nancy, and Dovie New of Somerset; brothers, Joseph (Norma) Brown of Goshen, OH, Jasper (Fayrine) Brown of Eubank and Shirle Brown (Delsie) Brown of Crab Orchard; granddaughter, Angela (David) Lewis of London; grandson, Jared (Kara) Brown of Richmond; and two great grandchildren, Riley and Ivy Lewis.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Margie Braley, Edith Th-

ompson and Vivian Brown. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Danny McKibben officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jared, Shirle and Ronnie Brown, David and Riley Lewis, Dean Cash and Wayne Todd.

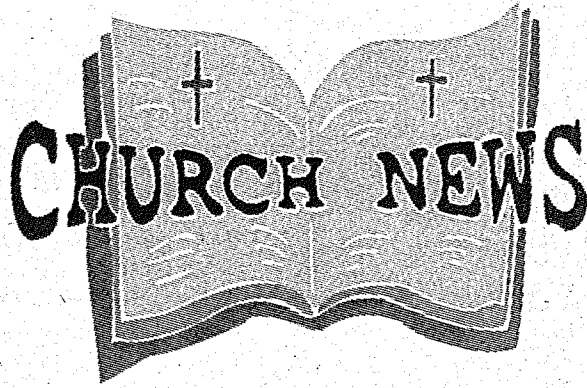


**Michael Gampfer**

Michael Allen Gampfer, 53, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at his home. He was born July 10, 1963 in Cincinnati, OH, the son of Charles and Mary Wright Gampfer. He enjoyed fishing, and was a member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church.

Survivors besides his parents are: his wife, Beverly Post Gampfer; three sons, Michael Jr., Curtis, and Christopher Gampfer; one daughter, Leah; one brother, Chuck Gampfer; and two sisters, Patricia and Ann. Many grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by: one son, Matthew; and two daughters, Cindy and Amanda.

Cremation services have been selected at Michael's request.



## 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 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.

## Special Service

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will have a Special Service Thursday night, February 16th, beginning at 7 p.m.

Bro. Marlow Napier of London will be preaching. There will be special singing by the Priase Singers from Irvin.

Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation invite you to attend.

## An encouraging word:

Responsibility Accompanies Action  
By Howard Coop



The evening news began as usual. Then, a few minutes after the newscast began, the meteorologist began his segment of the newscast. His opening statement was interesting. With absolute certainty, he gave the exact time when the sun would rise and set the next day.

The meteorologist was pointing out a simple fact, but that fact is an indication of something more important: We live in a predictable universe. The astronomers can determine years in advance with absolute certainty when the sun will rise and set and when an eclipse of the sun or the moon will occur. This is possible because everything within the solar system moves with predictability.

This fact was made clear to me about forty-six years ago. A friend, in a Christmas greeting, sent me a perpetual calendar that covers the period from 1851 through 2050. He wrote, "This calendar will serve you ALL your life time if you take care of it." For all

of these years, I have kept it in a drawer of my desk, and I refer to it often. The information in it is absolutely reliable.

This reliability involves more than the movement of bodies in the solar system; it involves all of life.

In the spring of 1953, the last semester of my college career, I took a course in history. Dr. Charles Keith was professor. One morning, Dr. Keith came into the classroom and, without a word, began handing out sheets of paper. When he had given a sheet to each student, he began his lecture by reading the poem entitled Der Tag that was printed on those sheets. That title is composed of two German words that mean The Day. After 64 years I have not forgotten the poignant line in that poem: "After the day there's a price to pay."

We may be free to act, but responsibility always accompanies action. As sure as the rising and setting of the sun, there is a price to pay.

# Cemetery Notices

## Bids Requested

The McKinney Cemetery Board is now accepting bids for the 2017 mowing season. Anyone interested must send a sealed bid to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 (Please include a phone number).

All bids must be received by March 13, 2017. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

## Red Hill-Union Baptist Cemetery Notice

Effective as of February 4, 2017, Red Hill-Union Baptist Church has turned over all things related to and everything associated with the Red Hill Cemetery, including finances, to the Red Hill Community Cemetery Board.

The care and maintenance of the Red Hill Community Cemetery is now overseen by a board of nine local people, who all have

family at rest in the cemetery.

Donations/Contributions to help with the upkeep of Red Hill Community Cemetery may be mailed to:

Red Hill Community Cemetery  
P.O. Box 35  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
For any questions or concerns, call 859-358-6574, 606-453-2469 or 606-453-3005.

## Bid Notice

The Red Hill Community Cemetery Board will be accepting sealed bids, for the mowing and weed eating of the cemetery located 4.3 miles on Hwy. 1955 out of Livingston.

Bids will be accepted until April 1, 2017 and may be mailed to Red Hill Community Cemetery Board, P.O. Box 35, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

For any questions, call 859-358-6574, 606-453-3005 or 606-453-2469.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### Hazel Jackson

Rockcastle County Extension Office



## Drink up for good health

Most of us hear early on that we should drink water for good health, but some of us may not know why it is so important.

More than two-thirds of our bodies are made of water. It helps lubricate our joints, and without water, our organs could not properly function. Water is also essential in helping us remove waste from our bodies.

If you don't consume enough water, you run the risk of becoming dehydrated. Dehydration can cause headaches, mood changes, fever, dizziness, rapid heartbeat and kidney problems.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests adults consume between 91 and 125 fluid ounces of water each day on average. Individuals who choose water when they are thirsty and at meal time usually have no problem drinking enough daily. Water may also be consumed through healthy food choices like fruits and vegetables. Keep in mind that your daily intake amount can fluctuate depending upon your weight, age, sex, activity level and certain medical conditions. You will also need to consume more water if you are in a hot climate, are physically active, running a fever, or losing fluids through vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Below are some suggestions on how to increase your and your family's fluid intake.

- Keep a bottle of water with you.
- Eat more foods with high water content like fruit and vegetables.
- Add fruit to water for flavor.
- Give children water when they are thirsty.
- Choose water over sugar-sweetened beverages

when eating out. Not only will you consume fewer calories, but water is free in most restaurants.

Here is a recipe from Plate It Up! Kentucky Proud that could help you increase water intake.

**Strawberry Green Tea**  
Ingredients:  
13 cups water  
13 green tea bags, regular size  
1 pound fresh strawberries  
1 cup honey  
1 lemon, optional  
Yield: 16, 8 ounce servings

Directions:  
Wash strawberries and remove the tops. Chop the berries with a hand chopper in a large pot. Add water to the chopped berries and bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and let mixture cool for 5 minutes. Add tea bags and submerge. Steep tea for 2 to 3 minutes. Strain the tea through a mesh strainer or cheesecloth-lined colander into a 1-gallon pitcher. Add honey and stir until dissolved. Chill and serve. Garnish with a lemon slice or fresh strawberry if desired.

Nutritional Analysis: 70 calories, 0 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 mg sodium, 19 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 17 g sugar, 0 g protein, 30 % Daily Value for vitamin C

For more information on healthy living, contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service at 606-256-2403.

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## DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

March 4th 2017

Location: Rockcastle County Middle School Gym  
Registration begins at 9 AM. Tournament starts at 10 AM.

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DODGE BALL

The Winning Team will receive prizes as well as 1st place Medals  
Entry Fee: \$50 per team (Teams may consist of 6-8 players with 8 players playing the entire time)  
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\*Must be at least 12 years and older to participate  
\*Each Participant will be required to sign a waiver if participating

## 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.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**QUICK CHICKEN CHILI**  
2 cans (14 ounces each) chicken broth  
1 can (14.5 ounces each) diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 can (about 14 ounce) white beans  
1 can (about 15 ounce) chicken breast  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1 can (4 ounce) chopped green chilies  
1 cup tortilla chips, broken  
Shredded Cheddar cheese, sliced green onions, cilantro sprigs and chopped peeled avocado, optional  
Combine broth, tomatoes with their juice, white beans, chicken breast, chili powder, and the chopped green chilies in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Top with tortilla chips. Garnish with cheese, onions, cilantro and avocados, if desired.

**BLACK BEAN CHILI**  
I liked the chili Mum and Mamaw fixed while I was growing up, but these days I prefer my chili thicker than what we made then. I also do not put noodles or spaghetti in it. Use more chili powder if you like it spicier. I use Mexene® because that is what Mum used.)

2 tablespoons oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 small bell pepper, any color  
1 pound lean ground beef  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce  
1 can (14 ounce) petite or regular diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 cup water  
1 or 2 cans (14 ounces each) black beans  
1 small can chopped green chilies  
Add oil to large pan with a lid. Let oil heat on medium-high and add chopped onion and bell pepper. Cook for about two minutes. Crumble ground beef over onion. Using a wooden spoon, break ground beef up into very small pieces. Cook until beef is no longer pink. Stir in chili powder. Add tomato sauce and canned tomatoes. Put water in tomato can and swirl to get out all of tomato sauce. Add to pan along with black beans and green chilies. Stir to mix everything. Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to keep beans from sticking to bottom of pan.

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## RCHS football team holds awards ceremony

The RCHS football team celebrated their successful season with a dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday, January 19.

The class, which consisted of 17 young men and one young lady, was truly special. They were able to lead the team to the 10th District title in RCHS history and a 10-2 record. Their accomplishments on and off the field will be remembered and revered for years to come.

The seniors are: Dakota Bishop, Jacob Blair, Logan Coffey, Thomas Foster, Shelby Ham, Lucas Jones, Caleb Kirby, Drew Martin, Chayse McClure, Isaac McClure, Austin Mills, Shelby Newcomb, Devon Robinson, Jarod Robinson, Dalton Rowe, Austin Saylor, Logan Taylor, and Mikey Tomlinson.

*A few notes from the Awards:*

- Mikey Tomlinson moved into 4th all time at RCHS in Receiving yards
- Chayse McClure is 1st player in RCHS history to record 1000 yds Passing and 1000 yds Rushing
- Chayse McClure was named 2nd team All State Def Back

- Logan Coffey was named Hon Mention All State Offensive Line

*All District Team 1st Team:* Chayse McClure-District Player of the year, Logan Coffey, Lucas Jones, Isaac McClure, Devon Robinson, Jarod Robinson, Austin Saylor and Mikey Tomlinson.

*All District Team Hon. Mention:* Holdan Barnett, Brent Lovell, Caleb Kirby and Dalton Rowe.

*Additions to the 1000 yd Club:*

- Mikey Tomlinson 1176 Rec
- Devon Robinson 1322 Rushing
- Dakota Bishop 1353 Passing
- Chayse McClure 1449 Passing
- Holdan Barnett 1482 Rushing
- Chayse McClure 1756 Rushing
- Brent Lovell, a Junior added to his career totals—now has 2554 yds Rushing

*Academic All State 1st Team (GPA of 3.75 and higher through Fall Semester):* Dakota Bishop, Logan Coffey, J.D. Hamilton, Morgan Johnson, Lucas Jones, Caleb Kirby, Brent Lovell, Daniel Mason, Chayse McClure, Dalton Rowe, Zach Taylor and Josh Thacker.

*Academic All State hon Mention (GPA 3.25 - 3.74 through Fall Semester):* Isaiah Amyx, Logan Barnett, Clifton Boone, Drew Bullock, Dylan Bullock, Drew Martin, Tristan McFerron, Austin Mills, Shelby Newcomb, Harley Northern, Sam Philbeck, Devon Robinson, Jarod Robinson, Austin Saylor and Logan Taylor.

*Letterman for 2016*

1st Year Letters earned: Jarred Brown, Phillip Cope, J.D. Hamilton, Jaden Payne, Noah Prickett, Hunter Sargent, Logan Taylor and Mathew Tomlinson.

2nd Year Letters: Isaiah Amyx, Logan Barnett, Jacob Blair, Shelby Newcomb, Peyton Saylor and Blaze Stewart.

3rd Year Letters: Holdan Barnett, Dakota Bishop, Thomas Foster, Caleb Kirby, Brent Lovell, Drew Martin, Isaac McClure, Jarod Robinson and Mikey Tomlinson.

4th Year Lettermen: Logan Coffey, Lucas Jones, Chayse McClure, Austin Mills, Devon Robinson, Dalton Rowe and Austin Saylor.

As GREAT as the senior class was, and as exciting it has been, we are just as excited about the '17 team. Despite losing so many talented guys, we also will be returning 13 Lettermen, several returning starters, and a tremendously dedicated freshmen and sophomore classes who are ready to step

in to compete.

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### Kentucky Afield Outdoors

## Be ready when fishing opportunities arise

Planning a fishing trip more than a couple days ahead of time can be a gamble in late winter when the weather is a mixed bag and the favorable conditions here today may be gone tomorrow.

With some advance preparation, you can be ready to grab what you need and go when that friend calls at daybreak or the impulse strikes and the schedule allows for a last-minute trip.

Performing regular maintenance on your reels can prevent catastrophic problems or costly repairs down the road.

Over the course of a fishing season, grit and grime accumulate and work into the guts of a reel. A hitch in the retrieve signals a reel in need of immediate maintenance. Keep cotton swabs, rubbing alcohol, an old toothbrush, paper towels, reel oil and reel grease on hand to accomplish this task, but consult the reel owner's manual or the manufacturer's website for its recommendations.

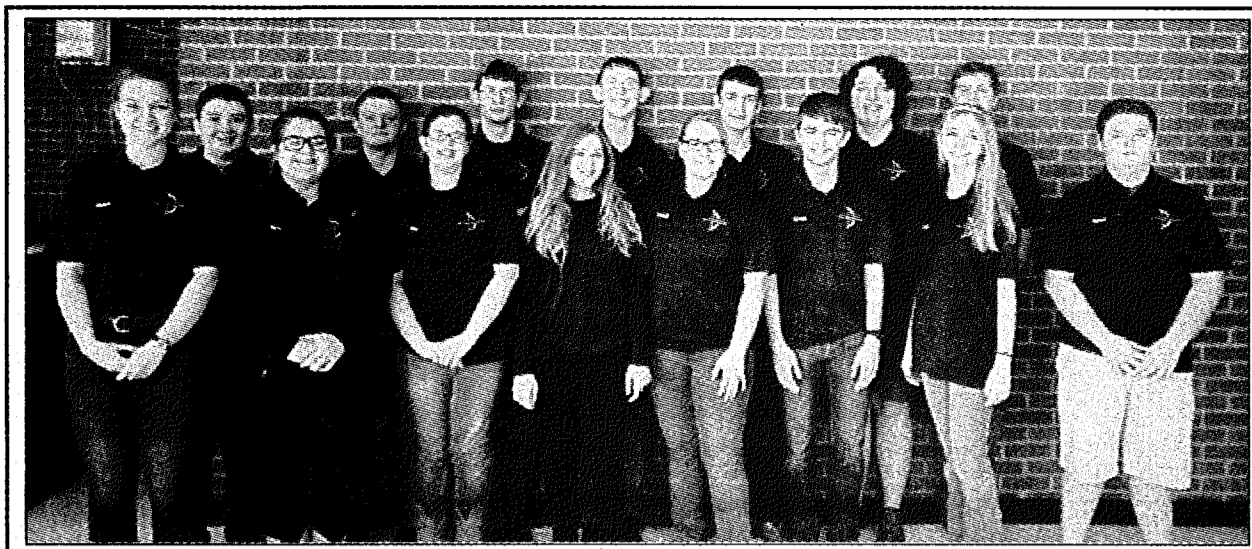
Some wait until a reel is almost bare of line before replenishing the spool. Imagine the disappointment to have the biggest fish of your life break off or not have enough line to cast to a desired spot. Go ahead and invest in a new spool of line for the peace of mind.

Monofilament and fluorocarbon lines require more frequent replacement than braided lines. Match the line with the manufacturer's recommendations for the reel and take care to load the line correctly to avoid line twist, which can lead to those annoying bird's nests.

Likewise, clean and inspect any rods that were stored over the winter. Check the reel seats and tighten the lock nuts as needed. Repair or replace worn or broken rod guides. Brush the inside of the guides with a cotton swab. The cotton will snag on any sharp edges or burrs.

Keeping your tackle organized can be a challenge once spring arrives. Why not start fresh? Stowaway utility boxes are an angler's friend. These plastic containers come in all shapes and sizes and prove useful for storing baits, weights, jig heads, hooks and more. Organize soft plastics by color and type in separate sealable sandwich bags and store the bags in one of these clear plastic tackle boxes or a binder.

A dull hook decreases the odds of a good hook set, so take a moment while everything is out to sharpen hooks on crankbaits, jerkbaits and



Members of the RCHS Archery team who competed at the NASP Region 10 Tournament were: Maggie Franklin, Kyle Coffey, Brylee Gill, Andrew Sargent, Kim Wheat, Jacob Collins, Megan Taylor, Joseph Cowan, Rebekah Lake, CJ Cameron, Jackson Cromer, Sam Brickley, Leeann Tankersley, Ben Tyler, and Samuel Lowery.

## Archery teams compete in NASP Region 10 tourney

The RCHS and RCMS archery teams both continued to improve their season high scores in competition at the NASP Region 10 Tournament in Lincoln County on Friday.

The top archer for the high school squad was junior Rebekah Lake with her season high score of 275. Rebekah score 17th out of 97 girls in the high school division and had 13 perfect shots. The top male archer for RCHS was senior Jacob Collins with a score of 266 followed closely by 8th

grader Kyle Coffey with a score of 265. Kyle had 9 bullseyes. Jackson Cromer and Sam Brickley also shot well with scores of 263 and 261 respectively. Several archers have shown consistency and helped improve the team score with individual scores in the 250's and high 240's including Maggie Franklin (257), Leeann Tankersley (255), Andrew Sargent (253), Ben Tyler (249), Brylee Gill (248) and Megan Taylor with her season high (245). Joseph Cowan also added to

the team score and CJ Cameron continued to improve getting his best score of the season on Friday.

Archer TJ Ramsey once again led the way for RCMS with a score of 276. TJ placed 17th out of 179 boys in the middle school division and shot 12 tens. Gentry Phillips added a great score for the team with 259 on Friday. For the third week in a row, the top female shooter for the middle school Rockets was Lara Renner with a score of 250 matching her personal best.

Michael McCoy can be counted on to have a solid showing and did so again with a 249. Next among the females were Allison McCoy with 241 and Liz Renner with 239. Adding to the team's season high total of 2905 were Jillian Wallin with her season best, Andy Slate, Emily Maupin, Makayla Eldridge, and Cody Kirby.

Congratulations also to Adam Kimsey and Alex Robinson on achieving their personal best at the regional tournament.

drop everything and go fishing when the conditions are ideal, you can save precious time by being prepared so you can take advantage

when an opportunity does present itself.

*Author Kevin Kelly is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of*

*Fish and Wildlife Resources. Get the latest from Kevin and the entire Kentucky Afield staff by following them on Twitter: @kyafield.*

## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

*Rockcastle County Producers Urged to Consider Risk Protection Coverage before Crop Sales Deadlines*

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

The following crops in Rockcastle County have a NAP application deadline of March 1, 2017: perennial forage (hay and grazing); March 15, 2017: corn for silage.

USDA has partnered with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at [www.fsa.usda.gov/nap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nap) that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 per-

cent of the average market price available, including coverage for organics and crops marketed directly to consumers. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional NAP coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Rockcastle County FSA office at (606) 256-2525 or visit the web at [www.fsa.usda.gov/nap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nap).

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

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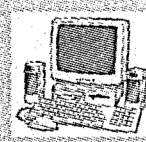
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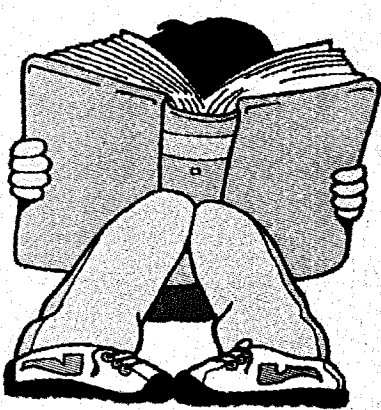


# Tiger Pause

Congratulations to BES Academic Team as they competed in the District Governor's Cup Competition over the weekend. We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments this year. BES Academic Team received the Katherine C. Hume Sportsmanship Award for their excellent sportsmanship as well as several individual awards. Isaiah Phelps placed 4th in Science Written Assessment. In Social Studies Written Assessment Ezekiel Graves placed 5th and Haven King placed 4th. Danica Wallin placed 5th in Arts and Humanities Written Assessment. Ella Bussell placed 4th in Composition Writing. In the area of Math Written Assessment Ella Bussell and Wessen Falin tied for 5th place and Ezekiel Graves placed 2nd. All of these students will go on to compete at the Regional Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday, March 4th. We would like to congratulate our BES Academic Team on their hard work throughout the year.

Adams for the donation of Valentine cards for Brodhead students to share with their friends during the February holiday. Thanks again to Mr. Lee Earl Adams for making Valentine's Day just a little sweeter for our Brodhead students.

During the week of February 27th - March 3rd Brodhead Elementary School will be celebrating NEA's Read Across America week with lots of activities to promote the love of reading. Guest readers, daily contests, and book giveaways have been arranged to make this an exciting event for all. Students are encouraged to participate by dressing according to the theme that has been selected for each day. Monday, February 27th - Hat's Off to Dr. Seuss: Wear your favorite hat - Tuesday, February 28th - Green Eggs and Ham: Wear the color green - Wednesday, March 1st - Wacky Wednesday: Crazy hair and mixed match clothing - Thursday, March 2nd - Oh the Places We Will Go: Wear your favorite college shirt or dress for the job that you want - Friday, March 3rd - I Will Not Get Up Today: Wear Pajamas.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>  
Oh the Places  
We Will Go  
Wear a shirt from  
your favorite college  
FRIDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>  
I Will Not Get Up  
Today  
Wear your pajamas

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The BES Academic Team competed in the District Governor's Cup Competition over the weekend. Pictured above (top left) from left to right: Ella Bussell, Ezekiel Graves, Isaiah Phelps, Danica Wallin, and Kaity Carter. Team members not pictured: Wessen Falin, Haven King and Abby DeLeon.

## Rockcastle 4-H Variety Show scheduled for March 16th

The Rockcastle County 4-H Variety Show will be held March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Registration deadline is March 13. Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

club or specialty. Please use good judgment on dance routines. An act exceeding the time limit should be permitted to finish but cannot be awarded Champion. Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted. Dramatic readings can be entered as a variety show act. All acts must use the same P.A. system. No act

will be allowed to provide their own system. Leaders must take care of their own music. (Have CD set at starting point.) Each school will sit together until time for their be charged. Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403. Registration information will include:  
1.) Name of Act  
2.) Type of music that will be used (CD, piano, etc)  
3.) Number in the Act  
4.) Names of partici-

pants if it is a Specialty Act All acts will receive either a Red or Blue Ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the rules and guidelines. Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. A 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided up into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by January 1, 2017, will be in the senior division. There must be five participants or more for a Club Act. Club acts have a time limit of eight minutes. Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act. Other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act. Variety Show participants may only represent one club and must participate within their own grade and home room. There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act,

## Minds in the Middle

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. The student council would like to challenge students to bring in their bottle caps. The group has arranged for the grade level that brings in the most bottle caps between now and the end of February to be able to eat lunch with the other team. So bring in all of the plastic caps and lids that you can find and enjoy socializing with your friends on another team. On Friday, the 8th grade class will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day dance after school from 3-5:00. We are 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. Students will need a note from home giving them permission to stay for the dance. Students who are not picked up on time risk losing the privilege of staying for future events. Spring pictures are this Friday, February 17th. We will also be selling shaved ice this Friday. The cost is \$3. Thank you to Kind Kids Jacob Lopez, Camden Mink and Gentry Phillips for carrying supplies for a teacher and also Nicholas Chasteen for sharing candy with a teacher. We also thank Kind Kids Erica Pigg and Isaiah Bowles for being kind classmates to a sick student and Madison Hoskins and Cadee Evans for helping to pick up the cafeteria after breakfast. On Saturday the middle school students will be able to participate in the Dance Blue Mini Marathon to help kids with cancer. Tickets are \$10. T-shirts are also available for \$10. ESS tutoring has resumed and is available on Thursdays after school until 4:45.



Anglin performs at the Kentucky Center for the Arts Logan Anglin, a senior trombone player with the RCHS Concert Band, recently had the opportunity to perform as first chair bass trombonist for the 2017 KMEA All-State Symphonic Band at the Kentucky Center for the Arts on Saturday February 11th. Logan, along with the other members of the ensemble from across the state, spent several days in rehearsal with Dr. Paula Cryder of Texas, one of the most celebrated and renowned conductors in the United States. All-State students were also treated as special guests of the KMEA State Convention and were invited to visit special exhibits and were guests of the All-Collegiate Band Concert performance as well. Logan is pictured with his director, Greg Daugherty, and his parents Rebecca and Tommy Anglin of Brodhead. Logan plans to study engineering next year and is considering attending either UK, WKU, or the University of Louisville.

## Mount Vernon Message

After School Tutoring is each Thursday until 4:30. Please remember to put your child's name inside his/her coat. Sometimes they take them off and forget them and it's hard to find the owner without a name inside. In the case of any school closings and/or early dismissals due to inclement weather, please listen to the following radio stations: AM 1460, AM 630, FM 92.9 and FM 100.1 Also, watch tv stations 18, 27, 36 and/or 56. FRC Jump Rope Club meets each Tuesday. Pick up is at 4:30. Mrs. McQueary's 2nd grade class made Valentine Cards for the patients at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center and others who need encouragement. A special "thanks" to Ms. Kathleen Stevens for delivering them.



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## Posted

**Posted:** No trespassing on land, where county road ends, on Coy Road belonging to Margie Weaver. All violators will be prosecuted to fullest extent of the law. 5x3

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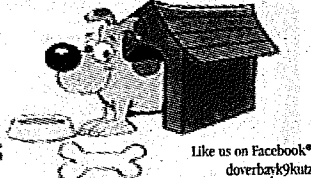
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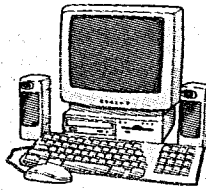
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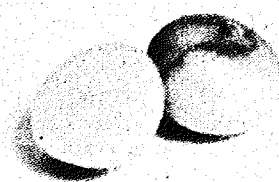


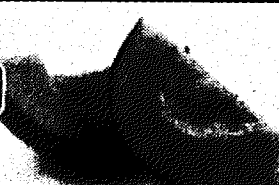
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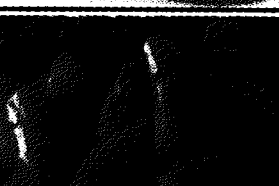
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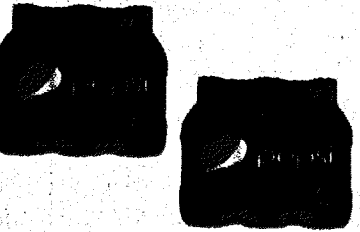
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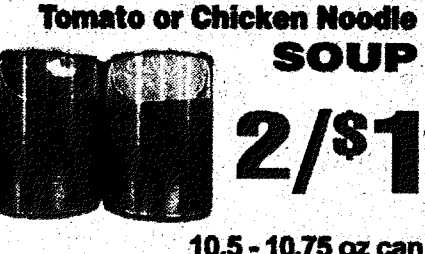
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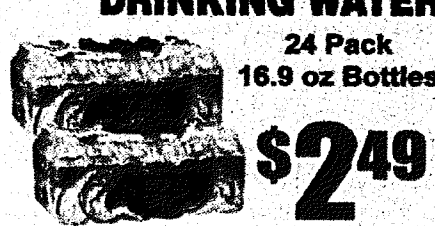
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