

In the early hours of Tuesday morning a two-vehicle accident on Highway 461, took the life of two people and blocked the roadway for several hours in Rockcastle County. According to the police report, a Mustang, operated by Alexander S. Hooker, 21, of Brodhead, was traveling north when he crossed the center line and struck a pick-up truck head on driven by Delaine K Smith, 52, of Crossville, Tennessee. Hooker was pronounced dead at the scene and Smith was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital and was later flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where she received treatment for her injuries. Michael V. Smith, 56, also of Crossville, TN, a passenger in the truck, was transported to the local hospital where he later died from his injuries. Alcohol nor drugs are not suspected as a factor in the collision. KSP Trooper Adam Hensley is investigating the incident and being assisted by the Mount Vernon Police Department, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, the Rockcastle County Coroner's Office and Rockcastle EMS. The Mount Vernon Fire Department also assisted at the scene.

Two lanes to stay open at all times during I-75 work

By: Mike French
Amber Hale, Information Officer with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for District 8, wants motorists to know that I-75 will never be shut down during the construction of the widening project about to begin.

The three phase project is expected to begin on March 12th when crews will begin placing barrels and signage to let motorists know of the construction from mile point 64.5 to 69 under phase one.

The \$31 million phase will include paving and correcting the shoulders of I-75 in Rockcastle County so that two lanes of traffic will remain available at all times other than short stints during the late night hours on occasion.

"Part of the contract includes that two lanes must be open at all daytime hours through Rockcastle County," said Hale. "There will be no detour or shutting down of the interstate and traffic will continue to flow at a slightly reduced speed with two lanes open," she

(See "I-75" on A4)

Arrest made on Main St.

By: Mke French
Tabitha Beasley, 34, of Winchester, was arrested Monday in Rockcastle County after a warrant was served on a case from 2016, according to Kentucky State Police.

Beasley had been arrested in 2016 and charged with possession of heroin on Lake Cumberland Road in Rockcastle.

According to County Attorney Billy Reynolds, part of her sentencing included attending rehab treatments but, since Beasley did not attend the required sessions, a warrant was issued for her arrest.

Beasley was picked up on Main Street in Mount Vernon Monday and charged with failure to appear and lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

City of Livingston still growing strong

By: Mike French
In terms of growth, the City of Livingston may be among the fastest growing communities in the state, according to some officials.

Since the push to grow the community started after the election of Mayor Jason Medley, the small community has added eight new businesses and received several state-wide honors and designations, including a designation as a Trail Town and the only designated Kentucky Pride City in the state.

In fact, two new businesses are just about to enter the Livingston market as Jake's Furniture, owned by Jennings Maupin, has recently leased a building on

Main Street and plans to hold a weekly furniture auction in the community, according to Medley.

The auction location will be next door to the Barber Shop on Main Street and will not only provide furni-

ture sales throughout the week, but plans the weekly auction which is expected to bring buyers from outside

the city.

"This is a big win for us

(See "Growth" on A4)

Stivers praises Livingston during banquet at RCMS

By: Mike French
It was a packed house at the Rockcastle County Middle School cafeteria Tuesday evening for the 57th annual Farmer and Businessmen's Banquet.

After Rockcastle County FFA members served the meal, catered by the Limestone Grille, Judge/Executive Doug Bishop addressed the crowd and expressed his appreciation for local businesses and the people who help the county grow, including the Rockcastle

County Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Conservation District.

Guest speaker, Regina

Stivers, Deputy Secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, spoke to the crowd on several issues but focused her attention to-

wards the progress and development of the community of Livingston.

(See "Stivers" on A4)

Source HOV plans new jobs

By: Mike French
In a special called meeting on February 13, the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) board accepted a third amendment to the SourceHOV building con-

tract. Though SourceHOV had given notice that they were vacating the building, and had moved out, Corey Craig, acting chairman of RCIDA said this new contract is retroactive and the lease was not interrupted.

According to the new contract (which is actually an amendment to the origi-

nal contract from 2008) the company has leased the building for 13 months for \$8,500 per month with a \$17,000 security deposit and the first month's rent.

According to the amendment, a five year extension of the lease at the end of the 13 months will change the

(See "HOV" on A4)

Community magazine will promote local businesses

The Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce and Rockcastle County Development Board have partnered to produce a community magazine that will promote our local

businesses and our county. In 2009 a Rockcastle community magazine was produced by a company spe-

(See "Magazine" on A4)

RCMS boys place 6th

RCMS and RCMS girls' teams win indoor state titles

Submitted
The RCMS girls' track team won the Class 2A Indoor State Track and Field Championship on Saturday in Mason County. The Lady Rockets defeated the host team by a score of 136 to 111.5. This was the 10th indoor state championship title overall for the girls' team, as well as their 6th straight. The RCMS girls' track team also won the KTCCHA Middle School Indoor State Track and Field Championship title, defeating Oldham County Middle School by a score of 62-45. This was also the 10th indoor state championship title overall for the girls' team, as well as their 3rd straight.

Freshman Tori Dotson had an incredible meet for the girls' team accumulating a perfect 40 points to lead all scorers. Tori won four individual state titles in an unprecedented four straight events for RCMS. She got her day underway with a state title win in the 1600-meter run, dominating the field with a great time of 5:47.16. She saved some for her next event, the 400-meter dash, an

event she's very good at but rarely runs outside of practice. Once again, she won the state title in the event with an amazing all-time personal best of 1:01.92. Shortly after, she competed in the 800-meter run, once again, bringing home the state title in an awesome time of 2:31.49. Her final event was the grueling 3,000-meter run. She dominated the field, covering the 22.5 laps in 11:48.77 while lapping all competitors. Tori may very well be the first RCMS track athlete in history to compete in four straight running events and is most certainly the first to ever win four in a row at the state championship level.

Freshman Autumn King had an incredible meet as well, scoring 29.5 points to help lead the Lady Rockets to the state title. She got the meet underway with an awesome state runner-up performance in the 55-meter hurdles, finishing with a great time of 9.74 seconds. In the triple jump competition, she had an outstanding series of jumps, winning the state title by nearly four feet with a new indoor and all-time personal best jump of

35'4.5". In long jump, Autumn had yet another awesome performance. She won the state title with a tremendous leap of 16'4.5". She capped off her brilliant afternoon with a blazing fast third leg of the 4x400-meter relay team that placed 3rd in a season's best time of 4:39.37.

Freshman Grace Gardiner had an incredible meet, scoring 15.5 points to help lead the Lady Rockets to the state title. She got the meet underway with an awesome performance in the 55-meter dash, finishing 11th overall with an all-time indoor personal best of 8.19 seconds. In the triple jump competition, she had a great series of jumps, placing 3rd overall with an awesome jump of 31'0". In long jump, Grace had an incredible state runner-up performance, leaping 15'4" on her final attempt to secure 2nd place. She completed her outstanding meet with a blistering lead leg of the 4x400-meter relay team that placed 3rd in

(See "Champs" on A5)

Hines inducted into Hall of Fame



Stephen "Sid" Hines was inducted into the Rockcastle County Conservation District Hall of Fame, posthumously, during Tuesday evening's Farmer's and Businessmen's Banquet held at RCMS. Hines was recognized for his many contributions to conservation throughout years of service and dedication to conservation. Roy Reynolds is shown with Hines' daughter Sydney, Tommy H. Mink, his wife, Julie Hines and daughter Gracie.

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ramblings....

by: perlina m. anderkin

Sometimes a subject for this column is really hard to come up with. There are only so many times I can tell you how much I hate winter and how much I appreciate the mild one we have had this year.

Since I no longer have small children at home, the subject of most of my columns when I was younger, and, as a matter of fact, several of my grandchildren are now grown and married, the subject matter of cute or outrageous things they say and do is pretty thin.

Travis and Allison, my two youngest children who do have small children, live out-of-town so my time with them is limited and the three great grandchildren are also not in town so I keep up with all of them mainly by Facebook and Instagram.

It's mainly me and Jax, my Jack Russell, and I'm sure you don't want to hear about his antics and I don't want to recount most of them.

I read and watch a lot of TV and, if you want a good show that has it all -- drama, intrigue and just plain human meanness, tune into "A Place to Call Home." It's set in Australia in the 50s or so and I love it. It comes on KET and I am addicted. I'm a season ahead because I pay extra to watch it on Acorn TV and have been binge watching it -- six episodes of the fourth season in one night. I was bereft when I finished all six seasons of "Downton Abbey" and this has been an excellent replacement.

I am concerned with the current atmosphere of

the hatred of President Donald Trump being evicted in our country.

I am actually afraid that it will wind up in a civil war because of the left's refusal to acknowledge our legally-elected President and the roadblocks to his administering his office that have been thrown up by former President Obama's left-over personnel.

The recent claims by Trump that Trump Tower was wiretapped seem to have some basis since former NSA head Michael Flynn's conversation with the Russian ambassador was collected from a phone conversation in Trump Tower.

Recent encounters between Trump supporters

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Points East

By Ike Adams



In the process of looking for something else, I just ran across a little spiral notebook containing the field notes I had accumulated in preparation for last fall's National Association of Woolly Worm Winter Weather Watchers (NAWWWW) annual forecast.

This prompted me to find that actual column, from last October, and gloat a bit. NAWWWWW proclaimed that this winter would be "warmer and wetter than normal" and I doubt that anybody is going to argue that they didn't nail it. On the other hand, as my friend

and mentor, the late Wayne Stewart in Mount Vernon used to say, "Even a blind hog can find an acorn every once in awhile."

But what my notes say, that I did not include in the column forecast, is that we'd get a big snow sometime between the middle of March and the middle of April. I have no idea why I left that out other than the fact that I had been so long-winded on other irrelevant matter in the column that I was running out of the amount of space your newspaper allows for Points East.

In any event, in the spirit of full disclosure, I feel obligated to mention the likelihood of a big snow sometime in the next 6 weeks even though I am hoping that it doesn't happen.

In the meantime, during that spate of several consecutive 70 degree days we experienced in February, I saw at least 3 tiger moths on our front porch. I've never seen them "hatch" before the middle of April and I make a point of watching for them.

We don't have room here to run the pictures but a tiger moth is what a woolly worm turns into after it pupates at the end of extremely cold weather. In fact, from what little I've read on the subject, woolly worms have to go through a hard, deep freeze before their genetic disposal to form themselves into pupae will kick in.

All I can figure is that the scant few nights of single digit temperatures we had last December and January must have been enough to do the trick and the late April weather we had in February must have lasted long enough to trick a few of them into entering the cruel world months before they would find anything green on which to feed and propagate the species.

As you may know, woolly worms run, in coloration, from jet black to orange-brown and dozens of shades in between. Most of them will have coats that contain various shades of both primary colors. The trick to making a woolly worm weather forecast is to look a dozens, if you can't find hundreds, make note of the most common coloration, and base your forecast on the most popular theme.

I have no real idea why the variation in color schemes occurs. It may have something to do with diet, they mostly eat violets, lamb's quarter or grass but obviously not enough to do any serious damage to either. The moths lay the eggs that become woolly worms on the undersides of weeds or wild flowers. I've actually seen what turned out to be woolly worms emerge from eggs on the underside of a morning glory leaf.

It may also be because they are actually different species or breeds in much the same way that chickens, for instance, come in a host

wet. There you go. I hope that helps someone.

I am absolutely amazed that drivers do not slow down when there is water on the roads. It astounds me to see cars and trucks pass just like it's a beautiful, dry day. Everytime it rains, we know here at the office that we are about to hear about a car wreck because someone was not aware that rain gets on the highways, too.

Each and everytime it rains, Paige and I grab our cameras and get ready to hear police announce a wreck because someone was driving just like they do when roads are dry.

We hear police say things like "Well, it's raining. Get ready." They too know that many drivers are apparently not aware that wet roads are slicker than dry roads.

It takes longer to stop, tires lose traction, cars slide in curves, and hydroplaning is possible when there is water on the roads. Apparently this is a deep concept in physics, but it's true.

Water has a more elastic and less cohesive structure than dry pavement and therefore a vehicle slides much easier and at much slower speeds when its tires are in contact with water as opposed to dry pavement.

I have learned that when it rains, there is going to be a wreck because someone didn't slow down. It's etched in stone. It always happens.

I've known people who have wrecked in the rain and they actually said to me, "It wasn't my fault. The roads were wet and it was slick"

WHAT? How did they get wet? Were they not aware that the roads were wet? Did that shiny, wet stuff over the pavement not give them a clue that water could be on the road? Maybe the rain falling from the sky hitting your windshield would be a little evidence that water may be present.

I am sure that there is a case somewhere that an accident during the rain would

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Aces Over

By Mike French



I'm going to try to get something across to drivers everywhere that our driver's education systems, and parents who teach their kids to drive, apparently never taught to those who operate vehicles.

Here's a real news flash for you that I just assumed everyone already knew. It's my fault for not telling people this before and assuming everyone already knew it. I was wrong.

Here is the information that many, many, many drivers must be lacking.

Ready? When it rains....roads get

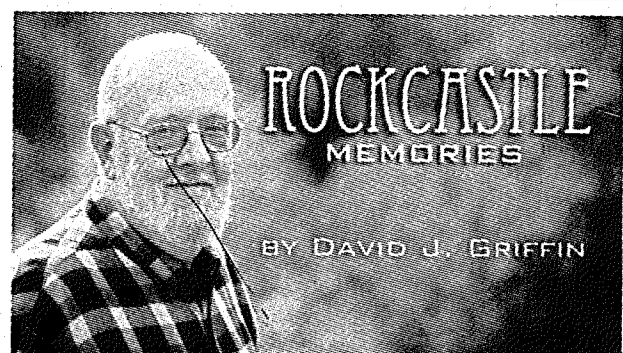
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ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES
 BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

Sauerkraut: a Hidden Health Food
 As I have noted before, I am a great fan of sauerkraut. I watched my mother, Bee, and my grandmother, Mommie Katie, spend days preparing enough of the fermented cabbage to ensure that my family would have a stockpile that would last until we harvested the next crop. I can still see those two, apron-clad women cutting cabbage for my grandfather (Pop) to put into his huge crock for the fermentation process which would begin in our cellar.

When the two-weeks of fermentation had been completed, Pop carried the crock back into the yard, where he carefully lifted the lid, exposing the nastiest layer of crud that you can imagine. The first time that I saw this mold, I thought the sauerkraut had ruined. Pop just laughed at my response and proceeded to remove the top layer. Underneath was his special blend of kraut, which our family would consume over the next several months.

A few weeks ago, I stumbled across some studies that had been carried out on (fermented) kraut and the surprising benefits that were found. The list is long and expressed very scientifically. I have selected a few

that you may consider to be interesting. As I read over the suggestions concerning the frequent use of kraut, I remembered that our family had it on the table almost every day and that Mommie Katie lived to be 100 year old, while my mother lived to be 91. That was interesting to me.

The following are a few of the findings about sauerkraut:

It makes a good probiotic. The fermentation process produces lactic acid to assure good digestive health.

It is an excellent source of vitamin C, which is an immune-system booster. A single serving provides over 30 percent of your daily requirement.

The properties that fight cancer are present. Antioxidants help to prohibit the growth of cancer cells. Other chemicals in kraut help to protect artery walls from damage.

It is an excellent treatment for ulcers. Certain countries treat stomach ulcers by suggesting a diet with regular helpings of kraut. Cabbage juice has been found to be an effective way to get vitamin U, which helps to heal active ulcers. One study suggested that "Perhaps a daily serving o

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 Tire retailers, agricultural tire retailers, scrap yards, junk yards and recycle businesses are not eligible to participate!
 If any individual has over 1500 tires in one location, then you need to call at least fourteen days in advance of the collection days to arrange for a special pick up. If anyone is bringing in a very large load, then they may need to unload themselves or wait until our staff can get to them.
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"Aces"

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have happened anyway and was not caused because the driver refused to slow down.

But in my 35 years of journalism, I have learned that when it rains, there will be a crash because someone did not slow down. Everytime.

So, if I have done nothing else in this life to help save one person, maybe this information might help save someone.

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Bus Drills

Early Dismissal

The Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting Emergency Bus Evacuation drills on Thursday, March 16, 2017. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal.

NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 17, 2017



So I'll be perfectly clear in the chance that maybe I can help just one person.

When the roads are wet, a car slides and loses traction much easier than when the roads are dry.

Wet roads are slicker than dry roads. When water is on the road, a vehicle will slide easier than it will on dry pavement.

I'm sorry I had not informed the public of this information before. I had just assumed it was common sense. My bad! But now that it is out there, maybe someone will slow down a little when it is raining.

The day it rains and I don't hear sirens and EMS workers on the scanner, I'll know I have made a difference.

"Ramblings"

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and anti-Trump protestors in several major cities actually turned into riots with blood being spilled.

What does it say for our country when a big chunk of people refuse to recognize the elected head of our nation? Is it a death knell for our Republic? When I was so opposed to the election of President Obama, mainly because of his ultra-liberal record in congress, I did not take to the streets and riot. I recognized that, for better or worse, I would have to live with a President that I disagreed with at least 50%, or more, of his actions.

If I were rich and well-to-do and had children ready for college and could send them anywhere, I would vet their choices so carefully that they would probably end up in a trade school somewhere. I am appalled at the actions being condoned and encouraged by college administrators and professors who refuse to recognize "free speech" unless it comes from the far left.

I don't know what the outcome of all this turmoil is going to be but I do know that it's a time when the left is showing their true colors and they are not pretty.

"Points East"

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of different colors. I am not an entomologist. All I can tell you for sure is that I have watched 3 different woolly worms, one solid black, one multi-banded and one mostly brown go through the pupae stage and all 3 emerged as mostly white and black spotted moths that eventually had deep black-white spotted forewings with the rear wings vivid orange, white and black striped.

I actually thought, for many years, that they were a type of butterfly until somebody who knows way more about insects explained the error of my ways. I'm also sure that I will hear from numerous bug ologists after this column hits the paper.

In the meantime, if you are messing around in your garage and find, under a box or bushel basket, what may appear to be a large, brown, silky bird's egg about the size of the last joint of your pinky finger, chances are you are looking at what will eventually be a parent of some of the members of the 2017 NAWWWWW. Let's also be hoping that the 2016 crew is wrong about what's coming.

"Memories"

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sauerkraut could help to keep ulcers away."

In addition to these specific benefits of eating a regular diet of sauerkraut, several other aids to the human body were listed. It is a source of dietary fiber, and contains significant levels of vitamin A, vitamin C, and several B vitamins. Also, it is an excellent source of iron, manganese, copper, sodium, magnesium, and calcium. And finally, it provides a moderate amount of protein to your diet. The vitamin A in kraut has been linked to improved eye health. Specifically, vitamin A reduces the chances of macular degeneration and cataract formation. It also slows down the formation of wrinkles in the skin and may work to eliminate blemishes.

And on behalf of senior readers, I must note that the antioxidants contained in kraut can also act as anti-inflammatory agents, reducing the pain of joints, muscles and other inflamed tissues. To me, that alone is enough to encourage me to eat more sauerkraut!

I think Bee and Mommie Katie knew what they were doing by adding kraut to our table as a condiment instead of a regular vegetable. I am also glad that I developed a taste for kraut as a young man and continue to love its tart taste today. May it reign on for generations to come; we all need it.

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

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Tuesday, March 14th: Ottawa and Bee Lick. **Wednesday, March 15th:** Day Health/Senior Citizens, Wayne Stewart Center, Cave Valley. Schedule subject to change due to weather conditions.

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FFA Alumni Chili Supper and Auction

The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter invites you to our annual Alumni Chili Supper and Auction this Saturday, March 11th in the RCHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 and the chili supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. The auction will follow at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the silent auction email list, please contact Mrs. Sherri McKinney at sherri.mckinney@rockcastle.kyschool.us. We hope to see you there!

LF&R Turkey Shoot

Livingston Fire & Rescue Turkey Shoot will be Saturday, March 25th, beginning at 10 a.m. at David Mason Garage, North of Livingston on US 25. 410-16-20-12 gauge shotguns only! No custom guns! Judge's decision final. \$2 a shot. Shells furnished by fire department. Concessions will be sold.

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 rockcastlelittleleague@gmail.com or stop by Jack's Hardware in Mt. Vernon. Call 606-392-1539 for any questions.

Hot Rod Sign-ups

Hot Rods: Teaching the Basics. Hot Rod sign-ups for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds. First and second weekend in April from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Godfather's Pizza. \$40 per child (child's shirt and cap included with fee). Parent shirts \$13 + \$1 extra per X. Adult screen caps \$5. Embroidered caps \$15. Cash only, no checks. Not affiliated with Little League.

DAV Service Officer at London

A certified and trained state service officer will be at the London DAV building, on East 80 behind Valero Truck Stop, on March 14th from 8 a.m. to noon, or longer, to assist all veterans and their dependents with VA claims. There is no charge for this service. For more information, call 606-862-0032 or 606-877-1308. If no answer, leave a short message.

WaterStep Shoe Drive

Until Friday, March 10th, the RCHS Y-Club will be holding its annual WaterStep Shoe Drive. WaterStep is a Louisville-based organization that uses your donated shoes to fund safe drinking water projects all over the world that helps save hundreds of thousands of lives each year and also provides shoes for people in third world countries. We accept all types of shoes, from high heels to high tops, as long as they are wearable. If you would like to donate shoes, please call or text Evan Hendrickson at 606-392-9161 any time after 3 p.m. to arrange a pick-up.

KPR Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, March 14th at Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant in London, off I-75 Exit 38 at the junction of 192W and W 5th St. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speakers will be Sarah Zeller from the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy in Berea. Any retiree (and their spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website kentuckypublicretirees.org. For more information, call 606-877-0079.

Grandparent Support Group

Are you raising a grandchild in your home? If so, you are invited to attend our support group which will meet Thursday, March 16th at the Rockcastle County Extension Office, 1050 West Main St., Mt. Vernon. Guest speaker will be Mary Philbeck, Senior Renewal, St. Joseph Berea. Come and do a craft with Darlene with CareSource. If you plan to attend, contact: Angie Payne at 256-5118 or Jessie Mahaffey 256-4818. This free serve is provided by the Family Resource & Youth Services.

GAP Meeting

Grandparents As Parents of Kentucky (GAP) will hold their 15th annual Bluegrass Regional Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington. Registration required, deadline is March 10th. \$5 fee for grandparents, relatives or caregivers. \$50 for professionals (includes for CEUs/CLEs). The conferences will provide relevant information regarding the primary care of children.

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.

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.
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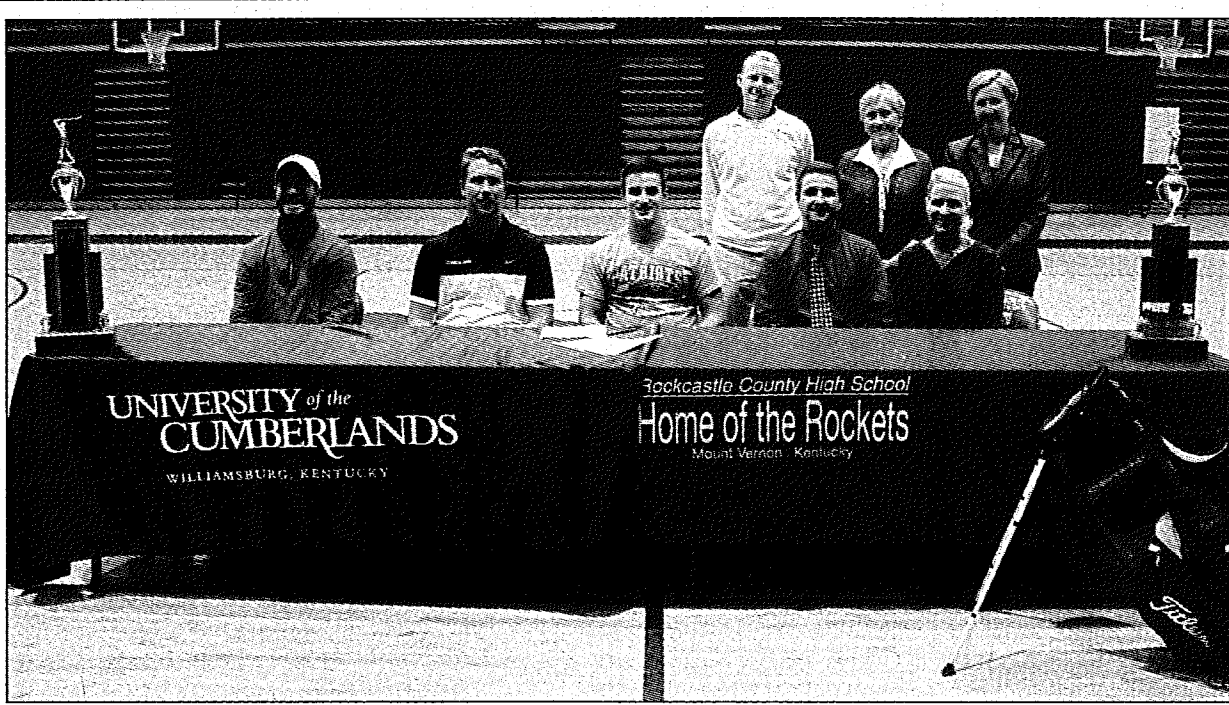
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RCHS senior John Cornelius recently signed a letter-of-intent to play golf for the University of the Cumberlands next year. On hand for his signing were, front row from left: UC Golf coaches Chris Butler and Taylor Riggs, John and his parents, Chris and Jamie Cornelius. Standing: RCHS golf coach Jake Woodall, John's grandmother, Martha Cox and RCHS principal and John's aunt, Jennifer Mattingly.



RCHS senior Lucas Jones recently signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball for the University of the Cumberlands next year. On hand for his signing were, front row from left: grandfather Dean Jones, Lucas and his parents, Beth and Mike Jones and sister Lindsey. Standing are Lucas' grandparents, Everett and Debbie Harper.

"HOV"

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lease payment to \$15,300 per month and a three year extension will change the lease payment to \$18,000 per month. According to board members at this month's RCIDA regular meeting, the reason for the amendment is that SourceHOV has acquired a new government contract that will require an additional 50-75 new jobs which will be in the building that Source HOV had recently vacated.

The amended contract also includes some requirements from SourceHOV to clean up the grounds and maintain a clean area throughout the contract.

According to board members, HOV is also expecting to add an additional 150-200 new jobs at the new location they recently moved to.

Judge/Executive Doug Bishop said the company provides around 700 jobs for the local workforce currently and expects to add the 150-200 soon plus the 50-75 at the old building.

"We are very grateful for jobs provided to our local residents by this company," said Bishop.

During discussion of leasing the Anchor Building, and selling other property in the county, Craig pointed out that the area provides a lot of opportunity for potential lessors.

"Our actual workforce is nearly 100,000 people since we are so centrally located and are easily accessible. It's not just the people here in our county but those in the areas around our county," said Craig. "We also have other benefits to offer like the lack of gangs for example."

Craig said Rockcastle is within easy access to many big cities as well. "We should consider ourselves a regional workforce," he said.

In other action, Bishop asked the board to consider taking some of the topsoil from the high areas at Rockcastle Business Park and using it for as needed in other areas around the county. For example, the new exhibition building in Brodhead.

"In the past, we have sold our own property to companies and then went to them to purchase the top soil that was already ours," said Bishop. "How about if we use the top soil we have there now, and then sell the lots?" asked Bishop.

Craig said the board would have to look at the possibilities since there are some areas on the business park where the topsoil may be needed for future sales.

Bishop also informed the board that the fiscal court hopes to have the two vacant seats on the RCIDA board filled by the next regular meeting.

The Judge/Executive appoints members for the RCIDA Board in the event of resignations and there have been two over the past three months.

The board also discussed the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Mount Vernon Eye Center and Craig asked that all members make an attempt to attend the event.

"I-75"

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Hale said traffic will simply be shifted in such a way that motorists will travel along one existing lane and the newly paved shoulder area, as the second lane, while construction is taking place to create the third lane on each side of the interstate highway.

tract, we are not allowed to go to single lane traffic during daytime hours and though speed will be reduced to 55 mph in the construction zone, two lanes will still be open to motorists," she said.

According to Hale, avoiding as much disruption of traffic as possible is the main priority. "Our main priority is that traffic will

continue to flow. It will be a slightly reduced speed for the safety of workers as well as motorists. But two lanes of traffic will flow through Rockcastle County," she said.

Hale also said there may be some times that only one lane is available to motorists, under certain circumstances. However, that will only happen at night and for

as short a time as possible.

Some local officials expect some traffic will exit at exit 62 if traffic is backed up and it is those motorists who will be routed down KY 461 to KY 150 then to exit 59 in order to avoid a traffic jam in the city of Mount Vernon.

Judge/Executive Doug Bishop said he has met with officials to discuss traffic safety in Rockcastle County.

"We are going to do everything we can to keep our citizens safe and keep traffic flowing through our county," Bishop said.

Work is expected to begin next week if weather permits and the cabinet expects lane closures on I-75

in Rockcastle on March 8-9 to remove old highway lighting in preparation for the construction.

Hale said I-75 will be reduced to one lane both north and south; beginning a 3 a.m. and will reopen at 9 a.m. on those two days.

"Magazine"

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cializing in these publications.

This time the magazine will be produced locally which will reduce ad cost by 50%. Chamber President Steve McKinney stated, "We are excited to produce a publication that will be distributed over the next four years that will promote not only our businesses but the feature articles will promote our county".

Lynn Tatum, a member of both the Development Board and Chamber Treasurer will act as the publication manager. Carrie Mullins will be in charge of the feature articles and Janetta Begley will head up photography for ads and feature articles. Layout and graphic work will also be done by local talent.

The magazine will be distributed to participating businesses, hotels, restaurants, doctor waiting rooms and Rockcastle Tourism. This will also be a great economic development tool for officials to promote our county.

A sales team will begin contacting local businesses to discuss ad placement in this 24 page magazine.

If you would like an appointment to find out more about the community magazine, contact Lynn Tatum by phone at 308-4646, kyltatum@yahoo.com or Steve McKinney @ stevemc1964@gm

"Growth"

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and goes right along with the growth and development that we are planning as a city," said Medley.

According to Medley, crews are getting the building prepared for the auctions to begin sometime in the spring. "This is the kind of stable and strong business we need in our community and it will be yet another benefit to our area," he said.

Another huge benefit, and anticipated development in the community, is the soon to be Rockcastle Outdoor Company location expected to open near Fish Point Park.

"This is exactly what we need in our community," said Medley. "It is tourism-oriented and will bring people from across the state or even the country to our town."

The new company, owned by Larry Davidson, of London, is expected to provide paddle boat tours and river tours of the scenic Kentucky River to anyone who wishes to visit the river town of Livingston.

"This goes along with exactly what we are trying to do in our community," said Medley. "It brings people from everywhere and demonstrates the significant and rare beauty of our community. We have some very rare attractions and natural wonders here and this kind of business showcases that unique part of our community

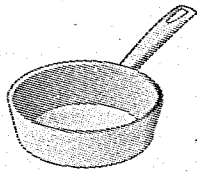
All of the events and schedules of the tours will be on the state tourism websites along with the Livingston website.

Medley says the company also hopes to build weekend cabins to rent for tourists who would spend the weekend enjoying the beauty of the Livingston area.

"We have a lot to offer here in Livingston and we can't wait to showcase it," said Medley. "We are proud of our community."

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



CHOCOLATE LASAGNA
1 package regular Oreo® cookies (Not Double Stuff)
6 tablespoon butter, melted
1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons cold milk
1 tub (12 ounce) Cool Whip®, divided
2 boxes (3.9 ounce each) chocolate instant pudding
3 and 1/4 cups cold milk
1 and 1/2 cups mini chocolate chips
Crush Oreo® into fine crumbs. Transfer the Oreo® crumbs to a large bowl. Stir in melted butter and use a fork to incorporate the butter into the cookie crumbs. Press the crumbs into the bottom of a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Place the pan in the refrigerator while you work on the additional layers. Mix the cream cheese with

a mixer until light and fluffy. Add in 2 tablespoons of milk, and sugar, and mix well. Stir in 1 and 1/4 cups Cool Whip®. Spread this mixture over the crust. In a bowl, combine chocolate instant pudding with 3 and 1/4 cups cold milk. Whisk for several minutes until the pudding starts to thicken. Use a spatula to spread the mixture over the previous cream cheese layer. Allow the dessert to rest for about 5 minutes so that the pudding can firm up further. Spread remaining Cool Whip® over the top. Sprinkle evenly with mini chocolate chips. Refrigerator for 4 hours before serving.

OREO'S® AND CREAM
3 cups milk
2 boxes (3.5 ounce) instant vanilla pudding

1 tub (12 ounce) Cool Whip®, thawed
1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 bag (16 ounce) Oreos®, crushed
In a medium bowl, mix milk and dry pudding; chill until set. Fold in Cool Whip® after pudding has set. Beat together cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Fold into pudding mixture. In a 2-quart casserole dish or trifle dish, place 1/3 of the crushed Oreos®. Cover with half of the cream cheese mixture. Cover that with 1/3 of the crushed cookies; spread remaining cream cheese mixture of those. Cover with remaining crushed cookies. Chill until ready to serve.

"Stivers"

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"Thanks to the efforts of Mayor Jason Medley and Judge Bishop, the community is growing and developing exactly as we hoped," she said. "Livingston is a model Trail Town and they are exactly what the program was designed for. The potential in Livingston is enormous and the efforts of those involved are taking it in exactly the right direction."

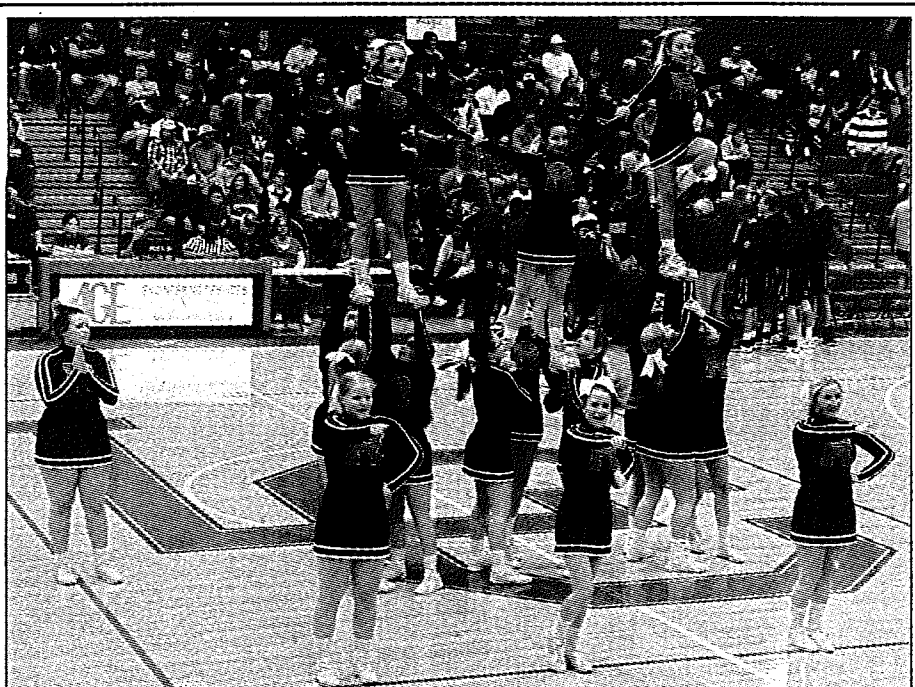
Stivers continued to send accolades to the town of Livingston and its growth, mentioning the fact that the town has the only Kentucky Pride City designation in the state. She continued to discuss the trails and recreational areas in Livingston. "We applaud Livingston and the guys making things happen there," she said.

Master of Ceremonies Steve McKinney, Chamber of Commerce President, expressed his appreciation for SourceHOV for providing over 600 jobs in the county and informed everyone that 70 percent of those employees are Rockcastle County residents.

The company was named Business of the Year by the Chamber of Operations for the company, thanked those who help make the company's success in the county possible.

Tammy Cox received the award for Individual Community Service and R-Tech was given the award for Business Community Service.

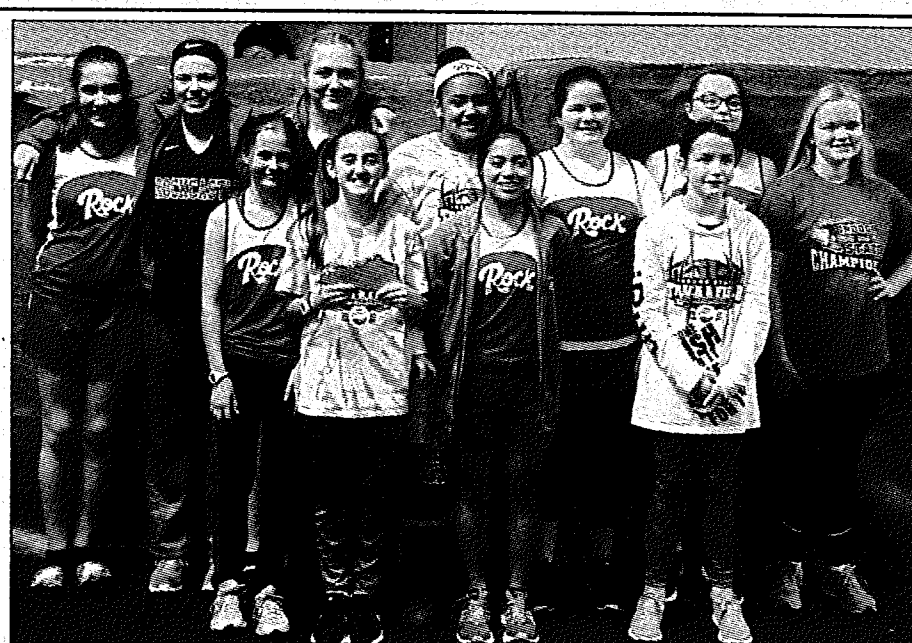
Roy Reynolds was named to the Conservation District Hall of Fame.



The Rocket cheerleaders supported the Rockets and Lady Rockets during the 12th Region Tournament last week.



The RCMS girls' track team won the Class 2A Indoor State Track and Field Championship on Saturday in Mason County. The Lady Rockets defeated the host team by a score of 136 to 111.5. This was the 10th indoor state championship title overall for the girls' team, as well as their 6th straight. Team members are front from left: Reina Lykins, Autumn King, Taylor Bullock, Jessalyn Burton and Erin Hindman. Back row from left: Jasmine Ashcraft, Jailey Martin, Allie Martin, Valerie Kendrick, Tori Dotson, Grace Gardiner and Kensie Sheffield.



The RCMS girls' track team won the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor State Track and Field Championship on Saturday. The Lady Rockets defeated Oldham County Middle School by a score of 62-45. This was the 10th indoor state championship title overall for the girls' team, as well as their 3rd straight. Team members are front from left: Lexi Dotson, Destiny Bullen, Hannah Davis and Deanna Lunsford. Back row from left: Bethany Martin, Erin Hindman, Valerie Kendrick, Jessalyn Burton, Natalie Tolle, Alyssa Lunsford and Delani Reynolds. Not pictured because they were competing in the high school meet during the awards presentation included: Allie Martin, Reina Lykins, Jailey Martin and Jasmine Ashcraft.

“Champs”

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a season's best time of 4:39.37. She will play an integral role in the success of RCHS this outdoor season.

Senior Taylor Bullock had been forced to miss a good portion of the season with a back injury, but continues to show signs of returning to her old self. She ran a great anchor leg in the 3200-meter relay helping the team to a 3rd place finish. The team was later disqualified due to a lap miscount. What seemed to be a devastating start to the meet for RCHS, turned out to be a defining moment as the team competed in every single event afterwards with a great sense of urgency. That turned out to be the boost the team needed. Taylor ran an awesome race in the 400-meter dash as well, finishing 9th overall with a fast time of 1:10.46. Once Taylor is completely healthy and her conditioning level back to normal, she will have a huge impact on the success of RCHS this outdoor season.

Sophomore Kensie Sheffield had a great meet and helped lead the Lady Rockets to the state title. She got the meet underway with a great performance in the 4x800-meter relay, helping the team to a 3rd place finish overall, which was taken away due to a lap miscount. Kensie later scored in the 800-meter run with an 8th place finish overall and a great time of 2:53.97. This outdoor season, Kensie will look to become only the second pole vault competitor in the history of RCHS track. She will begin training for the event soon and could add some much needed scoring in the event for RCHS in the near future.

Eighth grader Allie Martin had incredible meets for both RCHS and RCMS. She got the middle school meet underway with an awesome 6th place finish in the 55-meter dash, finishing with a great time of 8.15 seconds. In the long jump competition, she had an outstanding series of jumps, placing 3rd overall with a jump of 14'0". In the 400-meter dash, Allie won the state title in the event with an amazing race and a fast indoor time of 1:06.42. In her final performance of the meet, she ran a blistering anchor leg for the 4x400-meter relay team that finished as state runner-up in 4:46.8. Immediately after her race, she prepared for competition in the Class 2A High School State Championship meet. She ran another great 55-meter dash against much older, more experienced competition and finished 9th overall in 8.14 seconds. She followed that with a brilliant performance in the 400-Meter dash where she finished as state runner-up with an amazing time of 1:05.25. In the final event of the day, she ran another great anchor leg for the girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team that placed 3rd and sealed the team title for RCHS.

Seventh grader Jailey Martin performed very well in both meets for RCHS and RCMS. She got the middle school meet underway with an awesome 8th place finish in the 800-meter run, finishing with a great time of 2:57.74. In the 400-meter dash, she placed 13th with a great indoor time of 1:13.15. In her final performance of the meet,

she ran a fast third leg for the 4x400-meter relay team that finished as state runner-up in 4:46.8. Immediately after her race, she prepared for competition in the Class 2A High School State Championship meet. Her first event, high jump, was one that she just started practicing the Wednesday before state in hopes of being able to score. With only two practices under her belt, Jailey won the indoor state title in the event, leaping 4'4", an impressive feat for a beginner. She followed that with a great performance in the 800-meter run where she finished 17th overall in 3:06.6. With outdoor season beginning soon, Jailey will continue to work on high jump with her sights set on a chance at the outdoor state title.

Seventh grader Reina Lykins had several outstanding performances for both RCHS and RCMS. In the middle school state meet, she had an awesome 6th place finish in the 400-meter dash, finishing with a great indoor time of 1:11.19. She followed that with an outstanding performance in long jump, leaping an awesome all-time personal best of 13'6", and placing 5th overall. In her final performance of the meet, she ran a fast lead leg for the 4x400-meter relay team that finished as state runner-up in 4:46.8. Immediately after her race, she prepared for competition in the Class 2A High School State Championship meet. Reina's first event was one of her best, the 55-meter hurdles. She shattered her all-time personal best mark on her way to a 4th place finish and a very fast time of 10.22 seconds. Her second event, high jump, was one that she just started practicing with Jailey the Wednesday before state, also hoping to get on the scoreboard. With only two practices under her belt, she finished 4th in the event, leaping 4'2". As with Jailey, that was an impressive feat for a beginner. With outdoor season beginning soon, Reina will continue to work on high jump and the hurdle races with her sights set on a chance at the outdoor state title in the events.

Eighth grader Jasmine Ashcraft had incredible meets for both RCHS and RCMS. She got the middle school state meet underway with an awesome 6th place finish in the 1600-meter run, finishing with a great indoor time of 6:06.39. She followed that with an outstanding performance in the 800-meter run, placing 11th overall in 3:00.72. Immediately after her race, she prepared for competition in the Class 2A High School State Championship meet. Jasmine's first event was the 1600-meter run. She placed 6th overall with another great race and a time of 6:22.49. In the 800-meter run, she placed 13th with an exceptional time of 3:02.91. Her best performance of the day came near the end of the meet in the grueling 22.5-lap 3,000-meter run. After an exhausting day of distance competition, Jasmine ran seemingly unfazed and made a surge mid-race to capture 3rd place overall in 13:10.84. Overall, a very gutsy day of performances for the cross-country all-state athlete.

Fifth grader Lexi Dotson had several outstanding performances for RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to the team state title in the middle school competition. She had an awesome 3rd place performance in the 1600-meter run, finishing with an amazing new all-time personal best of 5:49.99. She fol-

lowed that with another exceptional performance in the 800-meter run, placing 4th overall in an impressive time of 2:47.31. In the final event of the day, Lexi ran an awesome leg for the girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished as state runner-up in 4:46.8. The future is extremely bright for this phenomenal young distance runner who has her sights set on every record set by her incredible sister, Tori.

Eighth grader Valerie Kendrick had incredible meets for both RCHS and RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to state titles in both meets. She got the middle school meet underway with an awesome 3rd place finish in shot put, throwing an impressive 30'7.25" in the final field event of the day to help seal the state title win for RCMS. In the high school competition, Valerie threw even better, earning a bronze medal with a 3rd place finish and an awesome all-time personal best of 30'11". Once again, her throw helped secure the state title win for RCHS. Huge things are in store for Valerie as she sets her sights on outdoor state titles in both shot put and discus.

Eighth grader ran very well for both RCHS and RCMS. In the middle school meet, she had an awesome 16th place finish in the 1600-meter run, finishing with a great indoor time of 6:44.33. She followed that with a great performance in the 800-meter run, placing 21st overall in 3:06.99. Immediately after her race, she prepared for competition in the Class 2A High School State Championship meet. In the 800-meter run, she placed 18th with an exceptional time of 3:06.75. Erin will play a crucial role in the success of both teams this outdoor season.

Eighth grader Jessalyn Burton also had incredible meets for both RCHS and RCMS, helping the team to state titles in both meets. She got her middle school meet going with an awesome 4th place finish in shot put, throwing an impressive 29'0" in the final field event of the day to help solidify the state title win for RCMS. In the high school competition, Jessalyn threw an impressive 26'2.5" and placed 6th overall. Earning very valuable points for the team, her throw helped secure the state title win for RCHS. As with Valerie, Jessalyn has her sights set on outdoor state titles in the throwing events.

Eighth grader Alyssa Lunsford had an incredible meet for RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to the middle school state title. In the shot put competition, Alyssa threw an amazing all-time personal best of 27'3" and placed 5th overall. She improves daily and should become a great thrower as the outdoor season progresses.

7th grader Natalie Tolle had an incredible meet for RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to the middle school state title with a great performance in the shot put competition, Natalie threw an amazing 19'3" and placed 11th overall, nearly an all-time personal best. As she continues to improve, she will help RCMS tremendously and will be the only returning thrower for next year's middle school team.

8th grader Hannah Davis had an incredible meet for RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to another middle school state crown. In the 55-meter dash, Hannah ran an awesome all-time personal best of 8.69 seconds and placed 17th overall. She fol-

lowed that with a great performance in the 400-meter dash, placing 32nd overall with a great time of 1:19.11. Hannah will play a vital role in the sprint portion of the team's success this outdoor season.

Fifth grader Destiny Bullen had an incredible meet for RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to the middle school state title. In the 400-meter dash, Destiny ran an awesome all-time personal best of 1:20.7 and placed 39th overall. In the 800-Meter run, she ran even better, establishing another all-time personal best with a 20th place finish in 3:06.95. Destiny has the ability to run any distance from sprints to longer runs and should become a phenomenal runner for RCMS.

Fifth grader Bethany Martin had a great state meet for RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to the team title. In the 55-meter dash, Bethany ran an awesome time of 10.0 seconds and placed 62nd overall. She followed that with a great performance in the 400-meter dash, placing 58th overall with a great time of 1:25.18. When this young lady began training with us, she was primarily working to run next season. She's worked so hard and it's amazing how far she's come. She's expected to become a force to be reckoned with in the near future for RCMS.

Eighth grader Delani Reynolds had a great meet for RCMS, helping the Lady Rockets to the middle school state title. In the 55-meter dash, Delani ran an awesome time of 10.88 seconds and placed 74th overall. She followed that with a great performance in the 400-meter dash, placing 79th overall with a great time of 1:37.01. As Delani continues to work hard and improve, she could become a vital component of the future success of the Lady Rockets.

The RCHS boys' track team placed 6th at the Class 2A Indoor State Track and Field Championship on Saturday in Mason County. The team consisted of only four runners but they scored in nearly every event they competed in. The middle school boys' team was led by 6th graders Silas Durham and Aaron Asher, both with outstanding performances in the distance events.

Senior Dylan Robinson had outstanding performances in several events at Class 2A state. In the 55-meter hurdles, Dylan ran an amazing race, shattering his own all-time RCHS record in the event with an awesome time of 9.15 seconds and a 3rd place finish overall. In the 400-meter dash, Dylan blazed his way to a 7th place finish with a great indoor time of 59.2 seconds. He followed that with a great performance in the long jump competition. He leaped an incredible 18' 4.25" and placed 6th overall. In the final event of the meet, Dylan ran a blistering anchor leg of the 4x400-meter relay, helping them to a 3rd place finish overall in a fast indoor time of 4:03.07. Dylan should continue to get better in his senior season as his work ethic is second to none.

Freshman Dylan Bullen had outstanding performances in several events at Class 2A state. In the 1600-meter run, Dylan ran an incredible race, setting a new all-time personal best in the event with an awesome time of 5:07.6 and a 4th place finish overall. In the 800-meter run, Dylan placed 7th overall with a great indoor time of 2:28.45. Impressively,

he finished as the top freshman boy in Class 2A in both the 1600 and 800-meter runs. His third event of the day was the grueling 3,000-Meter run which is 22.5 laps on the small Mason County track. Once again, Dylan came through with a 5th place finish in an awesome all-time personal best of 10:45.57. In the final event of the meet, Dylan ran a great second leg of the 4x400-meter relay, helping them to a 3rd place finish overall in a fast indoor time of 4:03.07. Dylan competed in the 800, 3000, and 4x400-meter relay back-to-back-to-back. Quite an impressive feat and an extremely difficult one. It should be exciting to watch Dylan's challenge the RCHS record books in the distance events over the next four seasons.

Sophomore Peyton Bowman had outstanding performances in several events at Class 2A state. In the 55-meter dash, Peyton sprinted his way to an awesome all-time personal best of 7.16 seconds and a 15th place finish overall out of 73 competitors. In the 400-meter dash, Peyton had another great race, blazing his way to a 9th place finish with a great indoor time of 59.33 seconds. He followed that with an incredible performance in the long jump competition. He leaped an all-time personal best of 179.75" and placed 8th overall. In the final event of the meet, Peyton ran an amazingly fast anchor leg of the 4x400-meter relay, helping them to a 3rd place finish overall in a fast indoor time of 4:03.07. A very talented athlete, Peyton should have a great outdoor season.

Senior Devon Robinson had outstanding performances in several events. Despite only having a couple weeks of practice, and primarily joining the team late in the season to give

them a fourth competitor for the 4x400-meter relay, Devon has progressed very quickly. In the 55-meter dash, he ran a great race, placing 36th overall out of 73 competitors. His time of 7.42 seconds was not far from his personal best. In the final event of the meet, Devon ran an exceptional third leg of the 4x400-meter relay, helping them to a 3rd place finish overall in a fast indoor time of 4:03.07. As Devon's conditioning improves, look for him to have a great outdoor season.

Sixth graders Silas Durham and Aaron Asher led the way for the boys' team at middle school state. In the 800-meter run, Silas placed 17th overall with an awesome all-time personal best of 2:50.31. Aaron also recorded an all-time personal best, finishing 23rd overall with a great time of 2:59.87. In the 1600-meter run, Silas had another personal best performance, placing 16th overall in a fast time of 6:03.31. Aaron was ahead of Silas at one point and finished very close behind with a fast race of his own, placing 18th overall in a personal best time of 6:04.01. These two talented young men have a great future in store if they continue to work hard.

Special thanks to the athletes, parents, grandparents, our bus driver Ms. Diane Stephens, teachers, administrators, custodians, and other faculty members, as well as anyone else that has supported us along the way. Thanks to our new assistant coach, Michael Parsons, for his invaluable assistance at practice and at both state meets. Also, special thanks to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department for our police escort though town upon our return on Saturday. We greatly appreciate everyone.



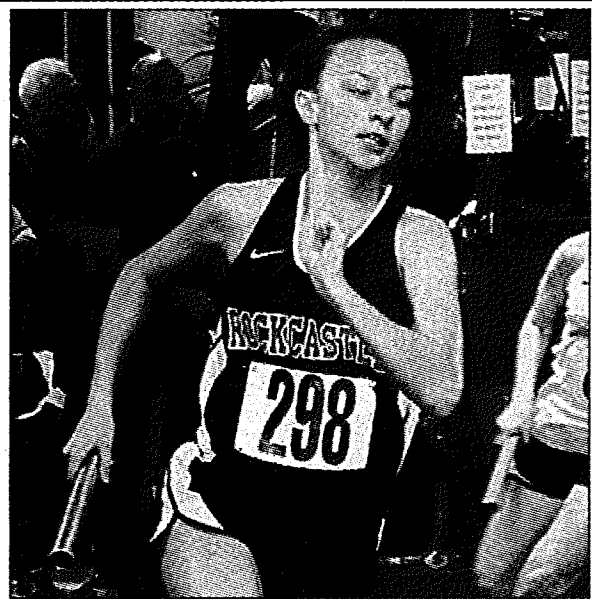
RCMS freshman Tori Dotson scored a perfect 40 points and won state championship titles in an unprecedented four straight events at Mason County on Saturday. Tori easily won the 1600, 800, and 3000-meter runs, adding an all-time personal best win in the 400-meter dash, which came between the 1600 and 800.



RCMS freshman Autumn King scored 29.5 points at Mason County on Saturday. She won long jump and triple jump state championship titles, while setting a new all-time personal best in triple jump. She also finished as state runner-up in the 55-meter hurdles and ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



RCCHS freshman Grace Gardiner scored 15.5 points at Mason County on Saturday. She finished as state runner-up in long jump and 3rd in triple jump. She also placed 11th in the 55-meter dash with an all-time personal best and ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



7th grader Reina Lykins placed 6th in the 400-meter dash at the middle school state meet. In long jump, she placed 5th with an all-time personal best. She also ran on the state runner-up 4 x 400-meter relay team. In the high school meet, Reina shattered her all-time personal best mark in the 55-meter hurdles on her way to a 4th place finish. In high jump, with only two practices to prepare, she placed 4th. She also ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



5th grader Lexi Dotson had an awesome 3rd place performance in the 1600-meter run at the middle school indoor state championships. She ran a new all-time personal best of 5:49.99. In the 800-meter run she placed 4th overall. She also ran on the girls' state runner-up 4 x 400-meter relay team.



RCCHS sophomore Kensie Sheffield helped RCCHS to the state title, placing 8th in the 800-meter run. She also ran on the 4 x 800-meter relay team.



8th grader Jasmine Ashcraft placed 6th place in the 1600-meter run at the middle school indoor state championships on Saturday. In the 800-meter run, she placed 11th. In the high school state meet, Jasmine also placed 6th in the 1600-meter run and 13th in the 800-meter run. Her best performance came in the 3000-meter run with a 3rd place finish overall.



8th grader Erin Hindman placed 16th place in the 1600-meter run at the middle school indoor state championships on Saturday. In the 800-meter run, she placed 21st. In the Class 2A high school competition, Erin placed 18th in the 800-meter run.



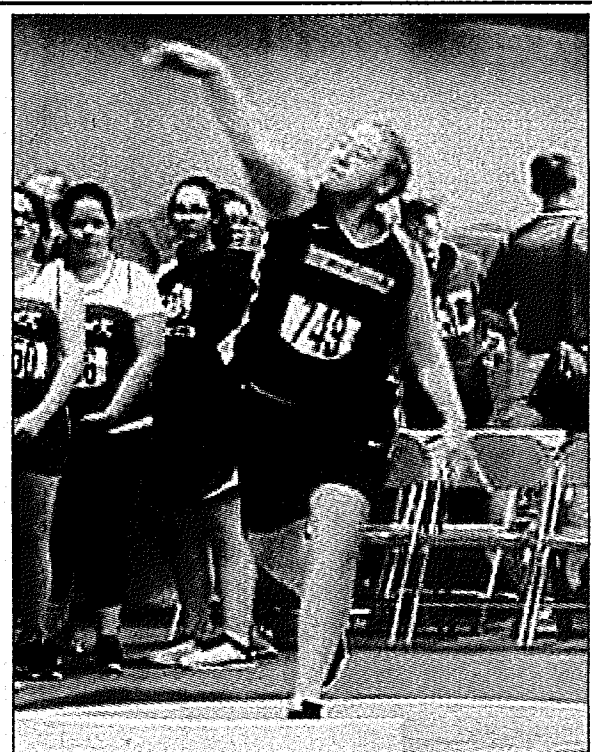
RCCHS senior Taylor Bullock helped RCCHS to the state title, placing 9th in the 400-meter dash. She also ran on the 4 x 800-meter relay team.



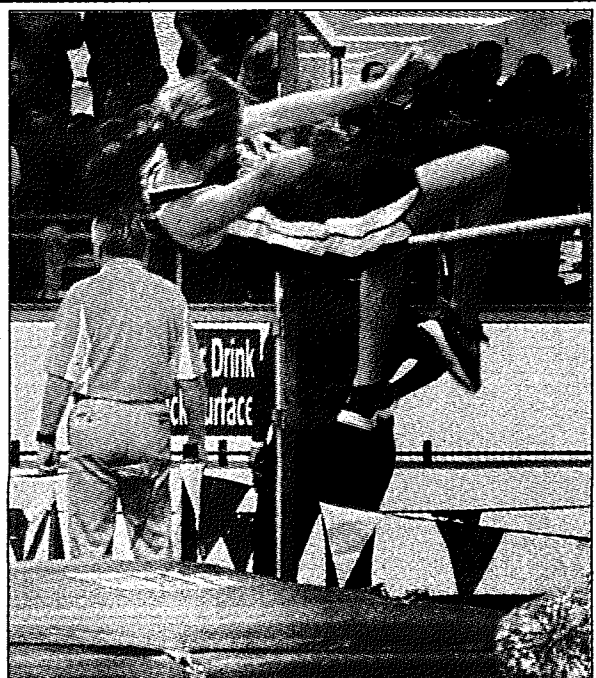
8th grader Jessalyn Burton placed 4th in shot put at the middle school indoor state championships. In the high school competition, Jessalyn also threw very well and placed 6th overall.



7th grader Allie Martin won the 400-meter dash indoor state championship title in the middle school meet at Mason County on Saturday. She also placed 3rd in long jump, 6th in the 55-meter dash, and ran on the state runner-up 4 x 400-meter relay team. In the high school meet, Allie finished as state runner-up in the 400-meter dash, placed 9th in the 55, and ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



8th grader Valerie Kendrick placed 3rd in shot put at the middle school indoor state championships at Mason County on Saturday. In the high school competition, Valerie threw even better, also placing 3rd with a new all-time personal best.



7th grader Jailey Martin placed 8th in the 800-meter dash at the middle school state meet at Mason County on Saturday. She also placed 13th in the 400 and ran on the state runner-up 4 x 400-meter relay team. In the high school meet, Jailey won the Class 2A high jump indoor state championship title after having only practiced the event for two days the week of state. She also placed 17th in the 800-meter run.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors Fishing licenses unlock opportunities

The mild weather this winter has many thinking it will be an early spring across Kentucky.

The earlier, the better for anglers, who by late February are like sprinters on their marks waiting for the starter's pistol to fire.

Some of the best fishing of the year is right around the corner. The new license year is, too. It starts March 1.

For \$20, an annual resident Kentucky fishing license serves as a ticket to good fishing opportunities, but also as an investment.

"We do not receive any General Fund money from the state," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of the Fisheries Division at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"Our funding comes from the sale of fishing licenses and permits and matching federal funds."

Each year, the funding goes toward everything from the scientific assessment of fish populations, habitat improvement work, fishing and boating access and the production of millions of sport fish and fry by the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery near Morehead and the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery near Frankfort.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife stocks hatchery-raised fish in the more than 40 lakes enrolled in the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program and utilizes them to support fish populations in larger lakes, rivers and streams.

"It's a user pay, user benefit system that pretty much funds everything we do directed at sport fish," Ross said.

Licenses and permits are sold online at fw.ky.gov, by phone at 1-877-598-2401 or in person at various locations across the state. A list of license vendors is available on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website. If you intend to buy a 2017-18 license before the current license year ends at the end of the month, be sure to select the appropriate license year at the time of purchase.

Buying the sportsman's license at the outset of a new license year maximizes its value. Available to Kentucky residents only, it bundles a combination hunting and fishing license, spring and fall turkey permits, statewide deer permit, state migratory game bird-waterfowl permit and trout permit. It is an exceptional value at \$95. The resident senior and disabled combi-

nation licenses includes the same license and permits as the resident sportsman's license plus additional deer permits. Anglers who intend to keep trout or plan to fish the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam must buy a \$10 trout permit, unless they are license exempt.

Looking to try a new fishing hole this spring? Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website can help. Start on its homepage and click the "Fish" tab, then select "Find a Place to Fish" from the dropdown menu. The "Find a Place to Fish" page features a slew of links under "Fishing Resources."

The "Fishing and Boating Access Sites" search page offers the ability to filter results by location, waterbody type, access type and fish species. Pair the results with a glance at the maps provided through "Lakes with Fish Attractors" to determine the location of fish attractors.

Additional links take users to the FINs and Voluntary Public Access (VPA) program pages. FINs lakes are stocked with rainbow trout and catfish. The largemouth bass and sunfish populations are closely monitored and supported with stockings as needed. Stocking schedules for the FINs lakes are available online. The VPA page includes a link to a list and maps of VPA fishing access sites.

The annual Fishing Forecast is another helpful resource. Available on the department's website, it provides a snapshot of the state's major fisheries based on fish population surveys, creel surveys, fish stockings and historical knowledge.

While on the website, type "Spring Fishing Frenzy" into the search box at the top of the homepage. This series of columns is a treasure trove of tips to help you catch more fish.

The Kentucky Afield television show and department-affiliated social media accounts are other sources to consider. The show airs at 8:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Saturdays on Kentucky Educational Television (KET). Each episode includes a fishing report from Fisheries biologists stationed across the state. Social media is one way to stay abreast of what's happening in the Fisheries districts. Each has its own

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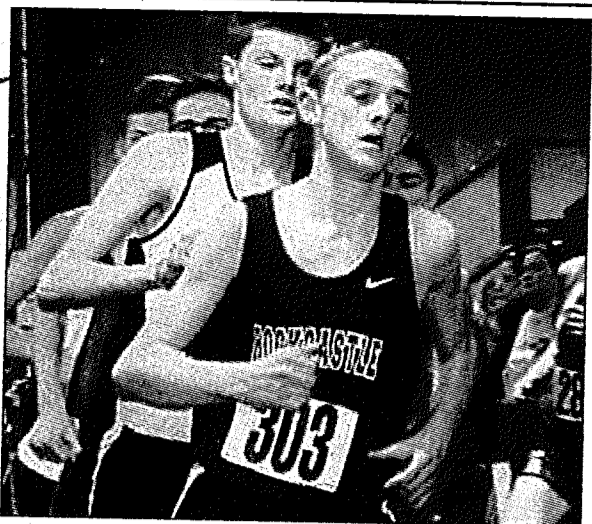
RCLL Baseball and Softball registration going on now

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

Hot Rod Sign-ups

Hot Rods: Teaching the Basics. Hot Rod sign-ups for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds. First and second weekend in April from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Godfather's Pizza. \$40 per child (child's shirt and cap included with fee). Parent shirts \$13 + \$1 extra per X. Adult screen caps \$5. Embroidered caps \$15. Cash only, no checks. Not affiliated with Little League.

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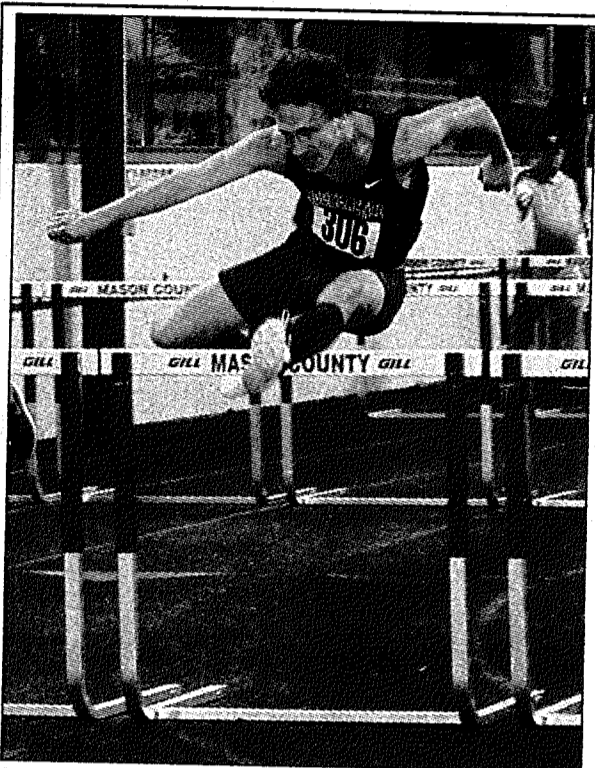


Freshman Dylan Bullen ran an all-time personal best in the 1600-meter run at Class 2A state, placing 4th overall. In the 800-meter run, Dylan placed 7th. He finished as the top freshman boy in Class 2A in both the 1600 and 800-meter runs. In the 3,000-meter run, Dylan came through with a 5th place finish in an all-time personal best of 10:45.57. He also ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team. His last three events were all back-to-back.

RCHS Boys' Track Team places sixth in Class 2A Indoor State Track



The RCHS boys' track team placed 6th at the Class 2A Indoor State Track and Field Championship on Saturday in Mason County. The team consisted of only four runners but they scored in nearly every event they competed in. Team members are from left: Dylan Bullen, Peyton Bowman, Dylon Robinson and Devon Robinson.



Senior Dylon Robinson shattered his own all-time RCHS record in the 55-meter hurdles at Class 2A state with an awesome time of 9.15 seconds and a 3rd place finish overall. In the 400-meter dash, Dylon placed 7th and in the long jump competition he placed 6th. He also ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



Sophomore Peyton Bowman ran an all-time personal best in the 55-meter dash at Class 2A state, placing 15th overall. In the 400-meter dash, Peyton placed 9th. He followed that with an incredible performance in the long jump competition, placing 8th overall with another all-time personal best. He also ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team.



Senior Devon Robinson ran a great race in the 55-meter dash at state, placing 36th overall despite only a couple weeks of practice. He also ran on the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team.

"Licenses"

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An increasing number of anglers are fishing from canoes or kayaks. The gaining popularity of paddle sports prompted Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to create a web page devoted to paddling opportunities in the state. From the department's homepage, click on the "Boat" tab, then choose the "Canoeing and Kayaking" tab from the dropdown menu. This clearinghouse of information offers something for paddlers of all experience levels so they can plan a safe, productive float.

Anglers should also check out the "Blue Water Trails" and "Stream Fisheries" pages. The Blue Water Trails series is a definitive source of information about more than 30 of the finest paddling trips in the state. The Stream Fisheries page features photos of fish sampled by department biologists and tips to help you catch them, as well as put-in and take-out locations and optimal water flows.

Whether you're paddling a canoe or kayak or piloting a 20-foot bass boat, remember life jackets.

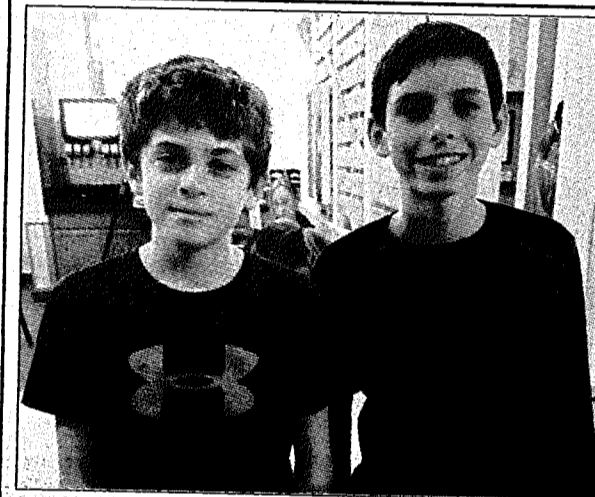
"Especially during the spring boating season when warm air temperatures and sunny days can give boaters a false sense of security that the water also is warm," said Zac Campbell, boating education administrator with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "If you end up in the cold water without a life jacket, your body will start to shut down and you'll lose your ability to swim no matter how good of a swimmer you are."

By law, a Coast Guard approved wearable Type I, II or

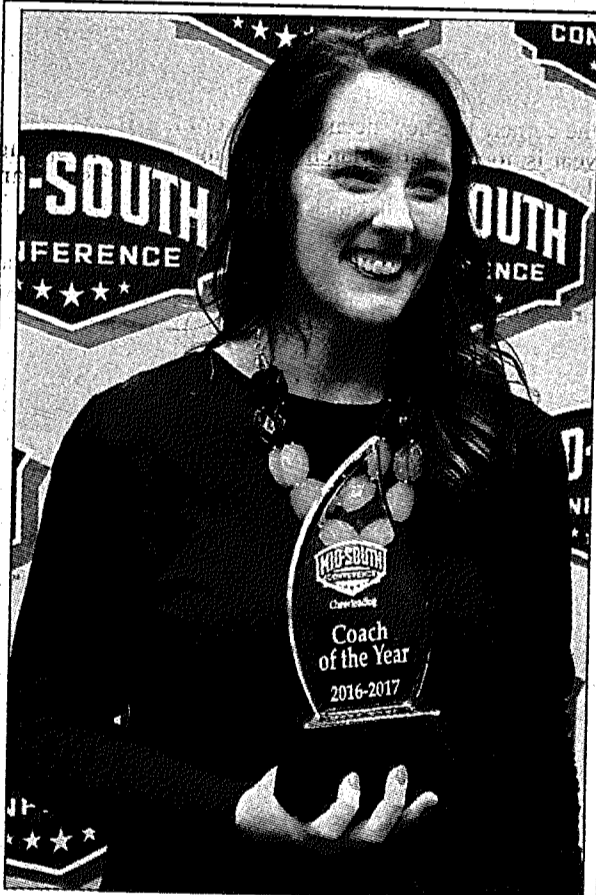
III life jacket is required for each person onboard a boat. The only exceptions are sailboards and manually propelled racing vessels.

Children younger than 12 years old must wear life jackets while in the open part of a boat that is underway. A Type IV throwable personal flotation device also is required for all boats 16 feet and longer with the exception of canoes and kayaks.

For additional information about fishing and boating in Kentucky, consult the 2017-18 Fishing and Boating Guide. View or download it online at fw.ky.gov or pick up a copy wherever licenses are sold.

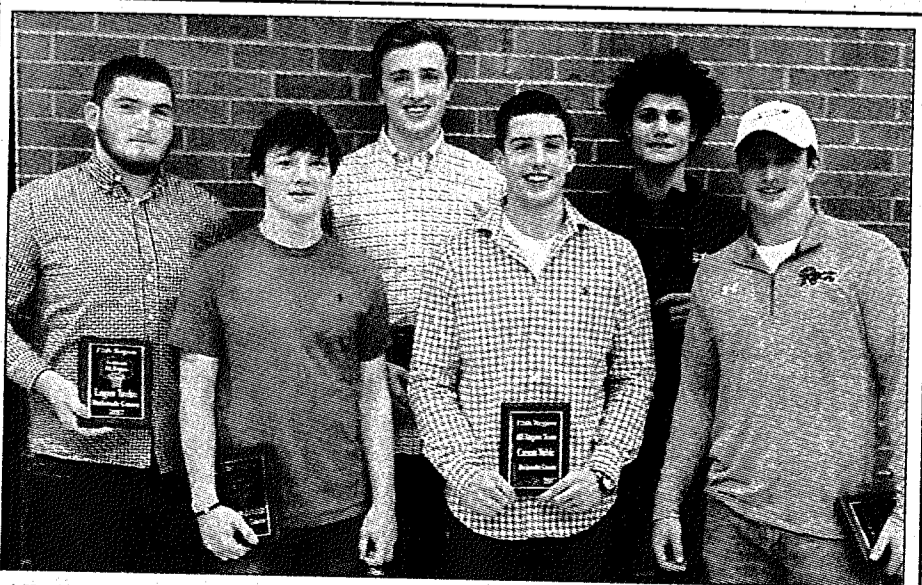


6th graders Aaron Asher (left) and Silas Durham had all-time personal best performances in the distance events at middle school state. Silas placed 17th in the 800-meter run, while Aaron placed 23rd. In the 1600, Silas placed 16th and Aaron finished 18th.



Alexander named Coach of the Year

Georgetown College cheer coach Joanie Alexander was recently named Mid-South Conference Cheerleading Coach of the Year in her first year as coach of the Georgetown Tigers. This is Joanie's first year as coach of Georgetown and she is also the cheer coach for Rockcastle County Middle School. Joanie is a 2010 graduate of RCHS, 2014 graduate of Lindsey Wilson College and is currently a teacher at RCMS. She is the daughter of Jack and Sandy Alexander of Brodhead.



All six seniors for the Rockcastle Rockets basketball squad were named to the Academic All-Region Team. To qualify for the team, players must have a 3.5 or higher GPA. Seniors shown above, from left area: Logan Taylor, Thomas Burdette, Lucas Gentry, Carson Noble, Jordan Hawkins and John Cornelius.

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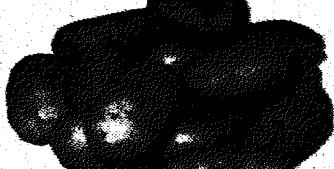
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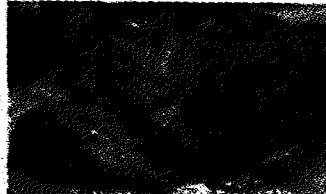
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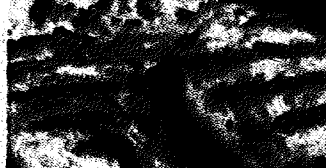
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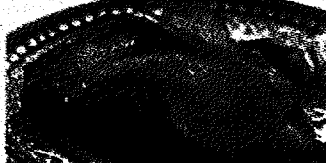
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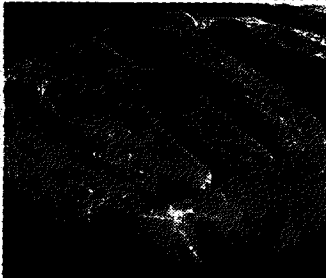
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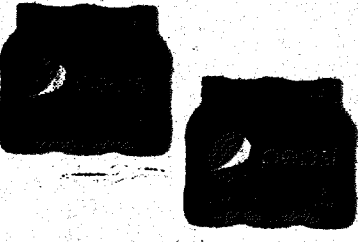
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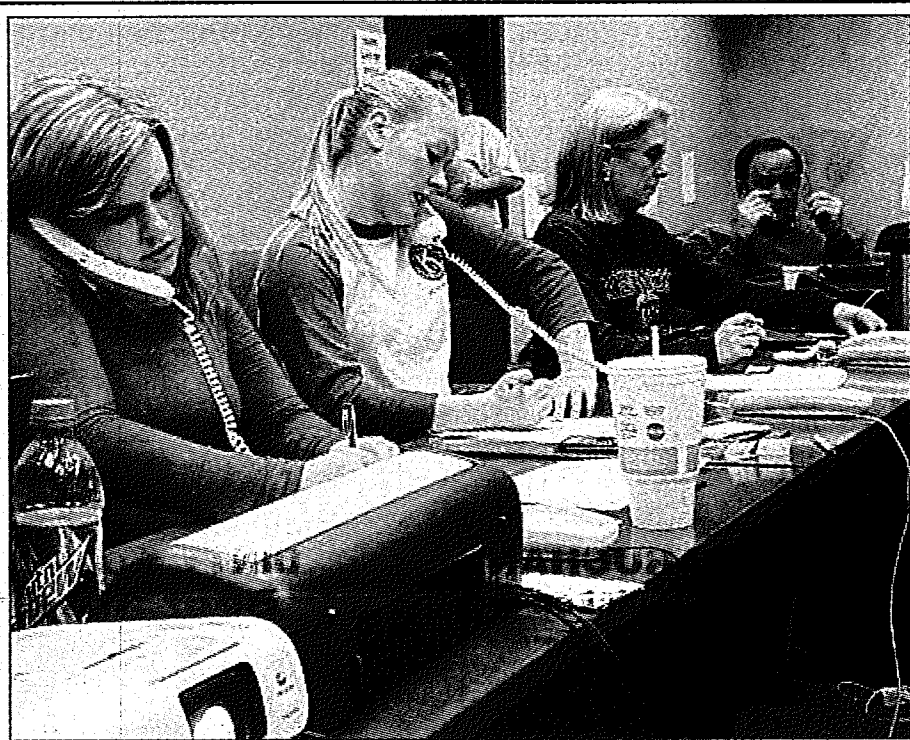
Second Section

Thursday, March 9, 2017



The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club held their annual Radio Auction last Thursday and Friday at the courthouse. The auction raised approximately \$5,000 and all monies will be used for the youth of Rockcastle County. Shown above from right is Kiwanis Club board member Tammy Cox, Kiwanis Club President-Elect Bentley Cromer and Jerry Pensol, handling radio duties for WRVK.

\$5,000 raised during annual Kiwanis Club Radio Auction



Kiwanis Club member Kayla Rowe, RCHS Key Club officer Emily Deuble, Leila Cromer were busy working the phones to take bids during the annual Kiwanis Club Radio Auction. Also pictured is WRVK employee Jerry Pensol.



Local attorney Jeremy Rowe is shown working the radio during the auction while Kiwanis Club secretary Jamie Saylor takes care of the items up for bid during the auction.

Stivers addresses crowd



Regina Stivers, Deputy Secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, spoke at the 57th annual Farmer's and Businessmen's Banquet held at RCMS. Stivers assists Secretary Don Parkinson in overseeing 17 diverse agencies throughout state government. She lived in Rockcastle County for 23 years and now shares time between Manchester and Frankfort. Stivers praised the county in general for growth and development but focused her attention on the rapid growth of Livingston as a community.

Annual Rockcastle Farmer's and Businessmen's Banquet held



Tommy H. Mink, Rockcastle County Conservation District Chairman, Mark Dyehouse, district member and Roy Reynolds and his wife Kristi are shown as Reynolds was named Master Conservationist by the Rockcastle Conservation District, during Tuesday night's Farmer's and Businessmen's Banquet at RCMS.



Karen Knox, Director of Operations at SourceHOV accepted the award of Business of the Year from Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce President Steve McKinney during Tuesday evening's awards banquet. The company was recognized for many accomplishments and for providing over 600 jobs in the county. Knox recognized her team in the large crowd during the presentation.



The Kiwanis Club's Outstanding Business Award was presented to Shirley Cummins, Director of RTEC for contributions to the community made by RTEC and its employees. Presenting the award to Mrs. Cummins were Glenda Smith, Kiwanis Club President and Kiwanis Club board member Tammy Cox.



Tamara Cox was recognized with the Distinguished Individual Community Service Award by the Kiwanis Club during Tuesday night's Farmer's and Businessmen's Banquet held at the local middle school. A long list of Cox's accomplishments within the community was read by Corey Craig, as Cox tearfully accepted the award. Shown with Cox is Glenda Smith, Kiwanis Club President.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Samantha Rose McKinney, 27, Mt. Vernon, Day's Inn and Anthony James Thomas Naylor, 29, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 2/28/17
 Lauren Allyse Prewitt, 16, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Taylor Warren Carter, 20, Mt. Vernon, Triple P. 3/1/17

Deeds Recorded

Peoples Bank and Trust Co. of Madison County, property on Davis St., Mt. Vernon, to Dustin and Brittany Cameron. Tax \$5
 Tony and Coretta Baugh, property on Stevens Road, to Joel and Daphne Harvey. Tax \$19
 Bert Eva Clark, property on Clear Creek Road, to Leon Cecil and Linda Clark. No tax
 Gary and Annaleen Holman, property in Copper Creek Community, to Ricky W. Holman and Ronald E. Holman. No tax
 Linda Gray, property on Conway Road, to Stacey Stinson. No tax

Circuit Civil Suits

Maria Anders v. Seth Anders, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Joshua Staton v. Makayla Staton, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Tracie Hatfield v. Bruce Wayne Hatfield, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Cassandra Lyn Slate v. Steven Anthony Slate, veri-

fied petition for dissolution of marriage.

Professional Financial Services of Kentucky v. Della Mae Horn, \$9,398.90 plus claimed due.

Joshua Singleton v. Shawna Northern, petition for child custody.

Brooklyn Walker v. Trenton Walker, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Garry Frith v. Barbara Frith, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00055

District Civil Suits

Professional Financial Services of Ky. v. Jason Vincent, \$2,128.46 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding v. Thomas Bullen, \$978.92 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC v. Larry Burdette, \$690.92 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC v. Casey Miller, \$2,466.18 plus claimed due. C-00032

District Court

Feb. 27 - Mar. 1, 2017

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Kelly R. Caldwell: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Laura Christine Carpenter: theft by deception, paid.

Speeding: Crystal Marie Centers, \$10 fine plus costs; Misty D. Keeton, \$30 fine plus costs; Morio Devine

Cathey, Derrell Harrison, Timothy Lee McClure, John Hunt Rutledge, Meghan B. Turner, Tamala L. Bailey, Darren Mark Bellamy, Leann J. Beydoun, Daniel L. Gardner, Seron Vandaryl Leggin, Shawn M. Webb, Robert Franklin Cross, court notice sent; Willis Benjamin Ray Sergeant, paid; Steven Anthony Slate, William Lee Taylor, action slip.

Rebekah Cheryl Oliver: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Niles M. Clark: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Troy P. Edwards: speeding and improper passing, paid.

Sabrina K. Bowles: fines/fees due (\$168), 4 days in jail in lieu of fines/costs or pay in full.

Billy E. Cameron: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Jason E. Carpenter: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/\$450 suspended on condition plus costs; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 fine.

Tonya L. Denny: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Candice Gallagher: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 fine; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$1000 fine/\$800 suspended on

condition plus costs and restitution if requested.

Oscar E. Gonzalez: no operators/moped license, \$50 fine plus costs.

Jordan McGuire: no registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; no registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended; no insurance card, \$50 fine.

Dallas E. Kirby: failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Robert Lear: alcohol intoxication, \$100 fine; terroristic threatening, sentencing order entered.

Donna F. McHone: possession controlled substance and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

Robert Earl Newcomb, Jr: trafficking in controlled substance (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Katie Pippen: public intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs; possession, \$50 fine.

Lester James Powell: improper equipment, \$25 fine plus costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine.

James F. Price: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Joshua Rawlins: no operators/moped license and failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Michael D. Richmond: fines/fees (\$103), bw issued for fta.

Otavio Cintra Neto: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to

produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

Cassandra N. Crouch: possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

Jennifer Louise Elam: one headlight, failure to illuminate head lamps, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, license suspended for fta.

Joshua M. Ghantous: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.

Joshua James Greenwell: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

Austin Hendron: public intoxication controlled substance, 20 days in jail and possession of synthetic drugs, 20 days/concurrent.

Tammie Robbins: license to be in possession and operating vehicle w/expired operators license, license suspended for fta.

Jackie Shyrook: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, booster seat violations, bw issued for fta.

Randy Dale Thomas: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Jonathan Dwayne Wells: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Cheyenne Helm: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Scott D. Lake: failure to illuminate head

lamps, no tail lamps, failure to wear seat belts, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, rear license not illuminated, failure to surrender revoked operators license, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Matthew James Medlock: improper equipment, \$25 fine plus costs.

Bobby Lynn Monk: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, booster set violations, too many passengers in vehicle (front seat), license suspended for fta.

Jamie S. Reed: fleeing or evading police, 90 days in jail to serve.

Shawn A. Rowland: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, reg. & title requirements veh. not oper. on hwy., failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

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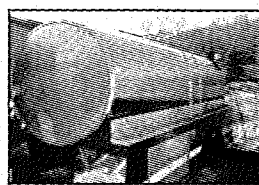
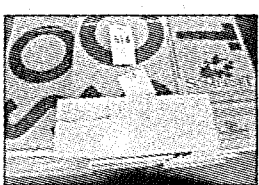
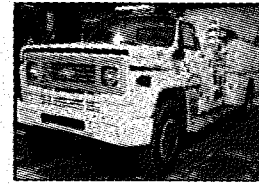
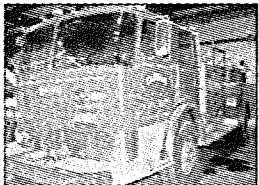
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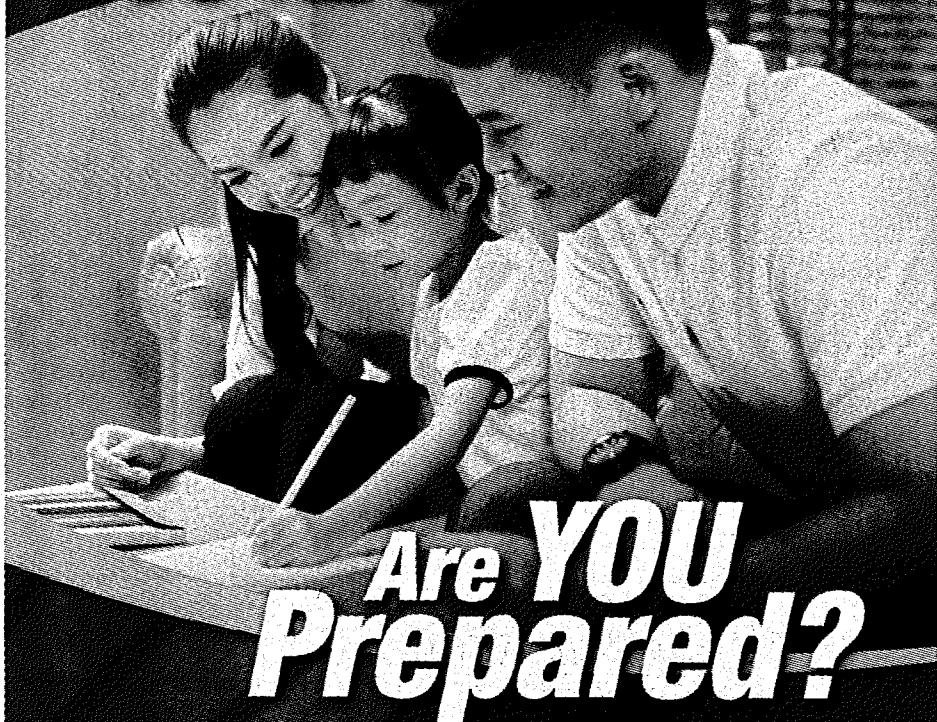
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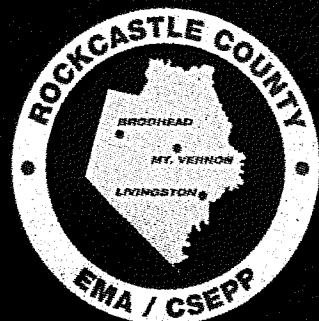
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Obituaries



Joyce Arlene Sowder

Joyce Arlene (McKinney) Sowder, 77, of Brodhead, died Friday, March 3, 2017, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond with family by her side. She was born in Brodhead to the late Marshall Logan and Ruby Evelyn (Atkinson) McKinney on April 19, 1939. She was a homemaker who was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church and enjoyed playing bingo, working word search puzzles and babysitting. She was a member of the Noah's Club and the WMU Club.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Dwayne E. Sowder of Brodhead, Denise R. Sowder of Brodhead, Tammy L. (Eddie Morgan) Davis of Mt. Vernon and Tracey J. Shelton of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Tyler L. Sowder, Jonathan K. Shelton and Kristen L. Davis; her brother, Mark (Sharon) McKinney of Brodhead; her sister, Teresa (Charlie) Nadorff of Shepherdsville; her nephews, Andy (Dana) McKinney of Brodhead, Mike McKinney of Mt. Sterling and Matthew Nadorff of Shepherdsville; as well as many friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 5, 2017, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Larry Albright, Howell Holbrook, Jr., Chris Delph, Bryan Bullock, Bill Lear and Jeff Lear.

Donations in memory of Joyce Sowder may be made to the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Laverne Long

Laverne Long, 74, of Brodhead, beloved daughter of the late Ozella Taylor Long, died Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 3 p.m. until the funeral at 5 p.m. at the Fairview Church of Christ at Willailla. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

James D. Croley

James D. Croley, 90, of New Paris, Ohio went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 at Greenbrier Nursing Home in Eaton, Ohio.

He was born May 9, 1926 in Fredericksburg, Indiana to Ralph Edward and Cuba Lowry Croley. He grew up in Rockcastle County and graduated from Brodhead High School in 1947.

Mr. Croley was a veteran of WWII, serving with the 36th Division, 508 Battalion in Europe with the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. Following his military service, he graduated from Sue Bennett College in London.

In October of 1949, he married Barbara Barnett and moved to Richmond in 1951, working at NATCO until it closed in 1990. At NATCO he was a member of the 25 year club.

He was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church where he served as an usher for over 30 years. He enjoyed spending time in his garden, watching westerns and attending festivals.

Survivors include three children, David (Brenda) Croley of Crab Orchard, Sharon Lipps of Eaton, Ohio and Mark (Diane) Croley of Richmond; eight grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; one sister, Velma Pingleton of Blanchester, Ohio and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Croley was preceded in death by his wife, who died in 1983; one son, Dale; three brothers, Orbey, Coyr and Paul Croley and three sisters, Doris Good, Delores Greenburg and Georgia Reiff.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 16 at Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home with burial following in the Goshen Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.stegallberheideorr.com



William Glenn Mink

William Glenn Mink, 58, husband of Sherry, died March 1, 2017 at the University of Louisville Hospital. He was born February 18, 1959, in Rockcastle to Elmer and Glenna (Owens) Mink. On May 7, 2005 he was united in Holy Matrimony to Sherry Rader. He was a construction worker and loved fishing, his dog Harley and gardening.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 11 years, Sherry Mink; his mother, Glenna Mink of Lexington; his children, Chris Mink of London, Nakasha Mink of Barbersville, Eric Artley of London, Madison Mink of Richmond, and Charles Mink of Lincoln County; his grandson, William Nichlos Mink; his sisters, Kathy (Danny) Owens of Orlando, Delorise Brown of Brodhead, Alene Laswell of Orlando, Evelyn Overbay of Mt. Vernon, and Shirley Mink of Mount Vernon; as well as many friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer Mink and a daughter, Christy Michelle Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 6, 2017, at Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bros. Lonnie Mcquire and George Poynter officiating. Burial was in Lawswell Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Isaiah Owens, Danny Owens, Mike Sims, Barin Evens, Russell Kirby, Chris Mink, Eric Artley and Charles Mink.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in care of William Mink's funeral arrangements.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Larry Powell

Larry Dale Powell, 60, of Brodhead, died Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Xenia, OH February 12, 1957, the son of Charles and Sudie Mae Howard Powell. He had been a general laborer. He is survived by two sisters, Vicki Pigg of Brodhead and Charlotte Brumett of Cape Coral, FL.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Alex Scott Hooker

Alex Scott Hooker, 21, of Brodhead, husband of Samantha, died Tuesday, March 7, 2017. He was born April 16, 1995, in Danville, to Scott and Ethel (Bishop) Hooker. On January 5, 2013, he was united in holy matrimony to Samantha Vaughn and from that union came Scottie and Alexander. He enjoyed participating in Demo Derby's, working on cars and most of all, spending time with family.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of four years, Samantha Hooker of Brodhead; his children, Scottie and Alexander Hooker of Stanford; his parents, Scott and Ethel Hooker of Brodhead; his brother, Andrew (Chelsey) Hooker of Stanford; his maternal grandparents, Susie (Conrad) Denson and paternal grandparents, Oakley (Lillie) Hooker; his nephew, Tucker Lane Hooker; as well as many friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Benjamin Hooker and his Aunt, Leeann Denson Manuel.

Visitation will be held (today) Thursday, March 9 from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. A second visitation will be held Friday, March 10 at the funeral home from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 10, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Chaplin Tim Boyd officiating. Burial will follow in Negro Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Josh Merriot, Zack Gadd, Jacob Watkins, Ashton Stull, Willie Ashley, Blake Hasty, Justin Reese and Jeff Carpenter.

Donations in memory of Alex may be made to the family.

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

Kami Lea Scarborough

Kami Lea Browning Scarborough, 33, died Wednesday, March 1, 2017. She was born July 6, 1983 in Danville. She is the daughter of Arlene Wood Bennett and Randall Lee Browning. She was a member of Highland United Methodist Church. She was a loving mother, daughter and sister.

Survivors include: one son, Caleb Lee Scarborough; mother and stepdad, Arlene and husband Joel Bennett; father, Randall Lee Browning; three sisters, Heather Bennett Douglas, April Lynne Browning and Allie Michele (Terry) Peters; one brother, Michael Brandon (Lizabeth) Browning; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: maternal grandparents, James V. Wood, Jr. and Phyllis Wood Young; paternal grandparents, John and Juanita Browning; and paternal step grandparents, Frank and Bessie Bennett.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 6, 2017 at Highland United Methodist Church Cemetery with Bro. Brad King officiating. Burial was at Highland Methodist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brandon Browning, Terry Peters, Jon Propes, Billy Luster, Chris and Dustin Siler, Isaiah Scarborough and Austin Stidham.



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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

Berea Gospel Tabernacle, U.S. 25, Berea, Special Service Friday, March 10th at 7 p.m. Speaker will be David Rose. Congregation invites everyone to attend.

Revival

Revival Services begin Monday, March 13th at 7 p.m. at Union Chapel Pentecostal Church with Bro. Letcher preaching. Everyone welcome.

Consignment Sale

Garments of Praise Consignment Sale March 23-25 at Church on the Rock, Berea. Sellers register online at www.garmentsofpraise.us

Singing

The Praise Singers will be singing at New Life House of Worship on Sunday, March 12th at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 7350 KY Hwy 643, Crab Orchard.

Pastor Bobby Smith and congregation invite all to come.

Philadelphia Baptist Church Events

*Church Singing every fourth Sunday at 6 p.m. Come out to sing or be with us. Everyone welcome.

*Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday night service at 6 p.m. Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

A new sign has been put up at the church. Need a ride, call us at 606-308-5369.

Revival! April 19, 20, 21, 22 at 7 p.m. Bro. Russell Murphy will be the guest preacher and the Murphy Family will be singing.

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Directions: From intersection of Chestnut St. & US 25 - Follow US 25 South approximately 1.3 miles to the property. The owners of this well-located property are moving out of the area and have authorized our company to sale both at absolute auction.

Property #1: Located at 540 Mt. Vernon Rd. in Berea, KY. This nice 2001 doublewide home offers a large living room, large kitchen w/ beautiful cabinetry & attached dining area. It includes range stove, dishwasher and microwave. This home also features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths (one with garden tub & stand-up shower) utility room & walk-in closets. The home has central heating & air, new wall to wall carpet and has recently been updated. This home has a metal roof- approximately 3 years old, and also vinyl siding. It has city sewer and front & side decks. In addition to the doublewide home, there is an outbuilding & fruit trees.

The home is situated on a nice level lot with 210 feet of road frontage along Hwy 25.

Property #2: Located at 538 Mt. Vernon Rd. Berea, KY. This property is a 1.5 story frame house. It has a living room, kitchen (with nice oak cabinets), 2 bedrooms, bath & utility room combination (recently remodeled) on the main floor and a large room upstairs. The house has central heat & air, wall to wall carpet & vinyl siding. It has a metal roof and is on city sewer. It has w/d hookup and ceiling fans. The home is situated on a nice level lot measuring approximately 100 feet along Hwy 25 south. In addition to the house, there is a portable carport.

Note: The purchaser of any single-family residence built before 1978 has a period of ten days to inspect the property for the presence of lead based paint. The inspection period is March 8th through March 17th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day post-inspection period.

Multi-Parcel Auction: The property will be offered in tracts utilizing the multi-parcel method and selling in the manner that reflects the best returns for the sellers. This concept gives each and every prospective buyer the ability to purchase his or her individual tract or combination. Online bidding available! These will be live on-site auctions with online bidding available for anyone who cannot attend.

Buyer's Premium: A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine final sale price.

Previews: Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. until sale time or by appointment.

Terms: 20% down on the day of the auction. Balance will be due in 30 days, with deed. Online purchasers must have deposit submitted by Monday, March 20th by 5:00 p.m.

Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.

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Jackson Energy awards RoundUP grant to Climax Fire Department

Representatives from the Climax Volunteer Fire Department were presented with a check in the amount of \$1,500 that will be used to purchase playground equipment. Members of the Volunteer Fire Department wanted to install play equipment for the children in the Climax area and designated an area next to a shelter previously built at the Climax Fire Department property. Carolyn and Ken Holt, members of the Climax Fire Department, contacted the

Rockcastle County Development Board for funding suggestions. A Jackson Energy RoundUPGrant application was completed by the Development Board. The check was awarded to Carolyn Holt, Katie Adams and Derek Wynn at a Jackson Energy board meeting on February 1st at their McKee headquarters office.

If you are a Jackson Energy customer, please consider rounding up your electric bill. The extra change

each month is deposited into an account that is used for community projects such as the Climax playground equipment. For organizations and small communities that lack funds for community projects, the Jackson Energy RoundUPGrant is a wonderful resource. The most a customer could contribute over the year is \$11.88. If you would like more information, please go to www.jacksonenergy.com/content/operation-roundup.



Representatives from the Climax Volunteer Fire Department were presented with a check in the amount of \$1,500 that will be used to purchase playground equipment. Pictured from left are: Derek Wynn, Katie Adams, Carolyn Holt and Jackson Energy representative for Rockcastle, Donald Long.

Frankfort Update...

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative

Last week was our last full week of the 2017 session of the General Assembly. The House remained focused on moving forward important pieces of legislation to strengthen Kentucky.



First, it was an incredible honor for me to pass my first piece of legislation on the House floor. House Bill 454 calls for Kentucky schools (that do not currently do so) to implement programming to ensure that all students are equipped with essential skills necessary for the workforce. Employers and postsecondary institutions have been urging action to address the lack of these skills while also making sure that all students understand the dangers of drug addiction.

Far too many jobs go unfilled, because too many of our youth do not understand what it takes to be successful in the working world. Passing drug tests, showing up on time to work, and working well with others sound easy, but many students do not understand the necessity of these actions. By teaching our youth about these vital skills, as well as drug awareness and prevention, we can send an important message about what it takes to have success in whatever students do after high school. Practical education is incredibly important, and that is why HB 454 puts into place important skill requirements as a condition of graduating high school. Many schools already address these skills and offer activities that help develop these skills. This legislation will hopefully drive more students to take advantage of the good things schools are already doing. Our employers and kids need this, and I look forward to working with the Senate, and Governor Bevin, to make these ideas law.

At the end of last week, the House passed legislation that would provide more opportunities for low-income children in predominantly urban areas to receive a higher quality education. House Bill 520 establishes public charter schools in Kentucky, which are public schools freed from certain regulatory burdens that traditional public schools operate under. They have flexibility when it comes to things like school hours and days, professional development, and procedures. They must meet the same academic standards as every traditional public school. Their charter, or contract, dictates what their outcomes must be and if they fail to deliver they are shut down. Students being forced to attend failing schools is a reality our state must confront. This is a problem we are fortunate not to have here in our community but is hampering the lives of many children in some areas of the state.

It is important to note that this legislation will not have much of an impact on rural school districts such as ours, as it is primarily meant to provide an alternative to

failing urban schools in Louisville and Lexington. Language prohibiting the transfer of funds and requiring a large number of students to enroll before a charter is authorized helps ensure that these are the areas that utilize this tool. Most Kentucky students, including students in our area, will continue to be educated in the existing public school system, which I proudly went through and thrived under. HB 520 simply aims to give some of our most at-risk students who have no other way of exiting a failing school (some the worst performing in the state) a chance at a school experience similar to what our children have access to. I have immense respect for the many hardworking school teachers that I represent, and all over the state, and I will continue to fight to give them more freedom to teach how they see fit, and to protect and fund their hard-earned retirement benefits.

We had some big news announced this week, as the I-75 widening project is all set to begin early next week in Rockcastle County. As was announced last year, the stretch of interstate at mile markers 64 and 69 will be expanded from four to six

lanes, going both directions. For most of the time, two lanes of traffic will be open, however, the speed limit will go from 70 to 55 mph. I worked hard with Senator Carpenter to secure funding for this vital project in last year's budget session, and we will find a much improved situation when the expansion is complete.

I was thrilled to have some great guests from our area join me in Frankfort this week. I welcomed some teachers up from Madison and Rockcastle Counties. We discussed pieces of legislation being considered in Frankfort and the important work being done in Family and Consumer Sciences education.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues impacting our Commonwealth during the 2017 Regular Session. Many important issues are being discussed, and I want to hear what you think about them. 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 Jonathan.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.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

To be effective for the current Fiscal Year (FY), farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by August 1 of the FY for farms subject to the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. A reconstitution is considered to be requested when all:

- of the required signatures are on FSA-155
- other applicable documentation, such as proof of ownership, is submitted.

Total Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and non-ARC/PLC farms may be reconstituted at any time.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Under-

standing;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: March 1, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

Office Closure Schedule
The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates for observance of a Federal Holiday: May 29, 2017-Memorial Day.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

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Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 3.625%

Limited Resource Loans= 5.000%

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Legislative Update...

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

Late nights, packed committee meetings, and heated



debate marked the fifth week of the 2017 Session. The Senate is quickly passing the remaining Senate bills out and receiving bills from the House for consideration. While there were some contested issues, the Senate conducted itself in a bipartisan fashion. We wasted no time this week and passed over 40 pieces of legislation including:

•Senate Bill 9, redistricting of judicial districts in order to better align caseloads with current census data;

•Senate Bill 11, lifting Kentucky's nuclear ban, allowing the building of nuclear plants to keep Kentucky competitive with the energy portfolios of surrounding states;

•Senate Bill 13, providing the next step in obtaining federal funding to build a veterans nursing home in Bowling Green;

•Senate Bill 81, providing line-of-duty death benefits for National Guard or Reserve members;

•Senate Bill 112, injecting more funding into the

State Police Retirement System;

•Senate Bill 136, requiring any active member of the Kentucky National Guard to be given in-state tuition when enrolling in a Kentucky university;

•Senate Bill 188, prohibiting the Kentucky General Assembly from imposing mandates on cities without providing a funding source for said mandate;

•Senate Bill 190, allowing children in foster care to remain in the same school even if they change housing locations;

•Senate Bill 236, permitting a parent or legal guardian to request a background check of the child abuse and neglect registry records when employing a child care provider for his or her minor child;

•Senate Concurrent Resolution 78, designating April 6, 2017, as the World War One Centennial Day throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

We also passed two notable House bills, aimed at helping Kentucky's foster children, which are on their way to the Governor to be signed. House Bill 180 eases the process of placing a foster child with relatives, and House Bill 192 allows a minor who is in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and

Family Services to obtain a driver's license with the proper application.

Additionally, Senate Bill 2, which encourages transparency throughout the Kentucky Retirement Systems, is on its way to be signed by Governor Bevin. Senate Bill 4, establishing medical review panels that will ultimately lower the number of frivolous lawsuits and save taxpayer dollars, is also heading to the Governor's desk.

The 2017 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly is nearing its end. Friday marked Day 23 of 30 of the session and this was our last full week in the Kentucky Senate Chambers. Sine Die, the last day of session after the concurrence and veto period, is March 30. The next few weeks will be focused on wrapping up committee meetings and passing House bills, and I am honored to represent our district throughout this legislative process.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

FFA Alumni Chili Supper and Auction

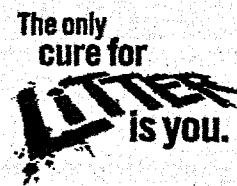
The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter invites you to our annual Alumni Chili Supper and Auction this Saturday, March 11th in the RCHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 and the chili supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. The auction will follow at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the silent auction email list, please contact Mrs. Sherri McKinney at sherri.mckinney@rockcastle.kyschool.us.

LF&R Turkey Shoot set for March 25th

Livingston Fire & Rescue Turkey Shoot will be Saturday, March 25th, beginning at 10 a.m. at David Mason Garage, North of Livingston on US 25. 410-16-20-12 gauge shotguns only! No custom guns! Judge's decision final. \$2 a shot. Shells furnished by fire department. Concessions will be sold.



Happy Birthday
R.I.P
(Loco)
Linda McWhorter
3/8/1958



2017 Commonwealth Cleanup Week

Commonwealth Cleanup Week is an annual week-long event implemented by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) and also kicks off the Great American Cleanup, spanning from March-December. Its purpose is to provide Kentucky communities with an opportunity to "spring clean" their roadsides, recycle, and promote personal responsibility across the Commonwealth.

Who is involved - March 18-25, 2017, marks the 19th anniversary of Commonwealth Cleanup Week. The Kentucky EEC, County Solid Waste Coordinators, Cities, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, **Bluegrass GreenSource** and **Keep America Beautiful** are sponsoring this year's event, along with the Governor's Office, legislators, county and city officials, volunteer organizations and other state government entities. Eastern Kentucky PRIDE will be conducting cleanups in April as part of the Great American Cleanup.

What - Statewide cleanup and recycling event mandated by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to promote responsible solid waste practices

Where - Throughout the Commonwealth

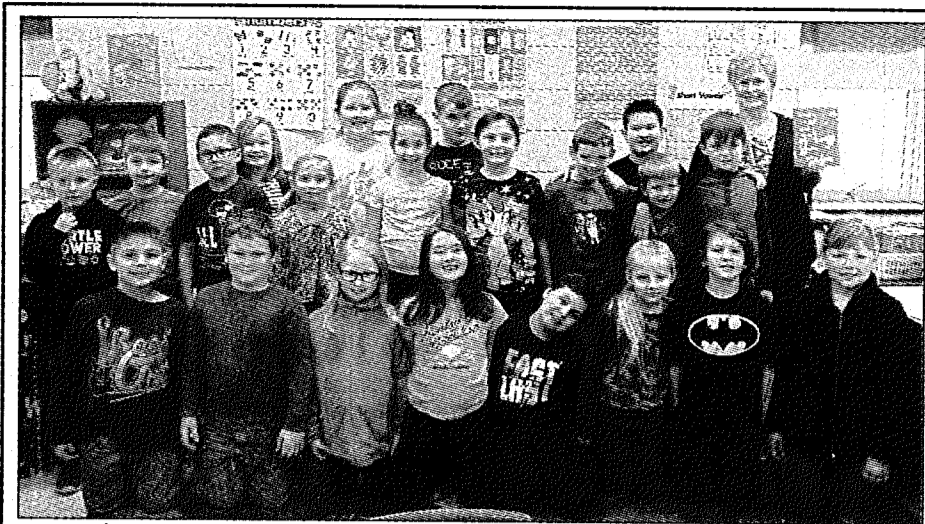
When - Commonwealth Cleanup Week - March 18-26, 2017
Great American Cleanup - March 20 through December 31, 2017

Prizes! - Civic, religious and nonprofit organizations can enter to win six separate \$100 prizes in a random drawing. To be eligible, organizations **must register through the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator** and complete a cleanup project near the week of March 18-25, 2017. Group participation forms are available from the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator and on the Cabinet website at <http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/Pages/CCW.aspx>

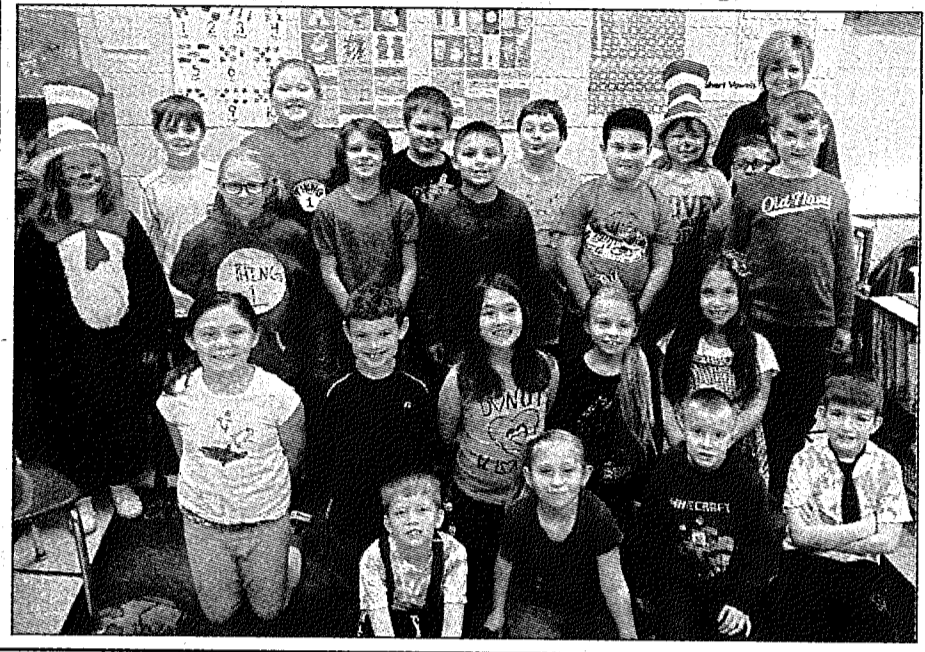
We Need Law Enforcement Support!

The cabinet asks all law enforcement officials to step up efforts to cite for criminal littering and illegal dumping during the cleanups. We also request that county attorneys and district judges follow through with prosecution of littering and dumping citations during that time. Some useful laws for issuing citations are: KRS 433.757 (Littering Public Waters) and KRS 433.753 (Criminal Littering on Public Highway.) For more information about Commonwealth Cleanup Week, please contact the **Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902**. You may also contact Becky Block at the Division of Waste Management, (502) 782-6322, or by e-mail at Rebecca.block@ky.gov.

Mt. Vernon Message



Mrs. Paula Cowan's 2nd grade celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday this week by dressing up as a character from any of his wonderful books. Some students dressed as the Cat, Thing 1, Thing 2, and Sally from The Cat in the Hat. Others wore crazy socks for Fox in Socks. The Lorax made a visit to our room and someone even wore some Green Eggs and Ham! Other students put on different colored shirts for One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish. Our class would like to THANK Mrs. Janet Vaughn and Mrs. Rebecca Isaacs for coming and reading to our class.



After School Tutoring is each Thursday until 4:30. Leon Davidson, former MVES Principal, read to Mrs. Jennifer White's class for Dr. Seuss week. Mrs. Cable's class would

like to thank Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly for reading to their class. Mrs. Charon's class would like to thank guest reader, Mr. Bryan Houk, from the Rockcastle PVA's

office for taking the time to come read, "If I Ran the Zoo" by Dr. Seuss during Read Across America Week. Our class enjoyed several guest readers throughout the week and we would like to thank each one of them for sharing with us! Special thanks to Ms. Kathy Robinson, Mrs. Kathy Baker, Mr. Bryan Houk, and Mr. Cliff Mullins as well as several RCMS students and MVES Unite officers who also helped us celebrate by sharing some of their favorite Dr. Seuss books!

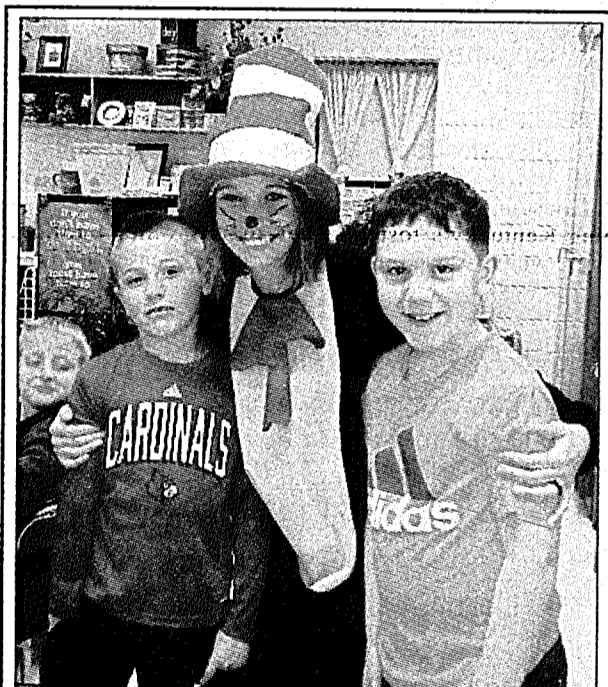
A special THANK YOU to the parents who came to Miss Kami and Ms. Lisa's Kindergarten class to read during Dr. Seuss Week!

Eliza York read to Mrs. Sheena Settles' preschool class.

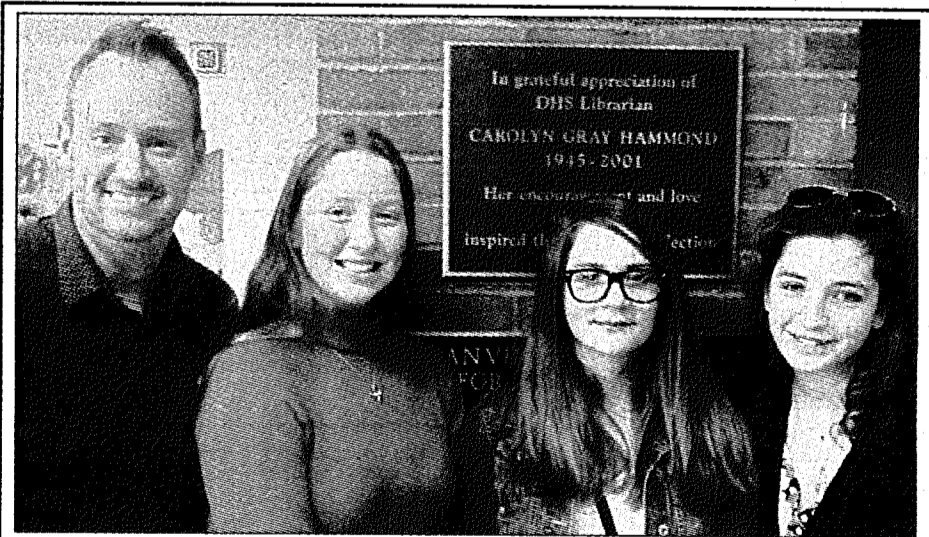
Chris Settles read to Mrs. Sheena Settles' preschool class.

Joe Rush read to Kandace Rose's class.

Sandy Dowell and Lindsay Gabbard read "Bartholomew and the Oobleck" for Read Across America week.



Kendra Calico, the Cat in the Hat, visited with Mrs. Jennifer White's class. She is pictured with Kaden Riddle and AJ Cromer.



RCMS Band students perform with District Honor Band

Recently members of the RCMS 7th and 8th Grade Bands were selected by audition to perform with the 2017 District 11 Middle School Honor Band Program held at Danville High School on March 2nd and 3rd. These students spend two days of intensive rehearsals with other top students from across the district in preparation for their public concert on March 3rd. The students were afforded the opportunity to work with two outstanding conductors in the program. Mr. Perry Ralenkotter, director, clinician, and founder of the St. Leon All-Star Band in St. Leon, IN served as director of the District Honor Symphonic Band while Mr. Todd Chamberlain, director of bands at Morton Middle School of Lexington served as the conductor of the Honor Concert Band. RCMS members selected include Devona Smith, Allison Dunn, and Hayley Allen.

Poster and Essay Contest deadline drawing near

How do "Kentucky Farmers Feed the Hungry"? Kentucky students have until April 7 to submit original works to answer that question in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA's) and Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom's 17th annual Poster and Essay Contest.

"In a state with such abundance and such a rich agricultural heritage as Kentucky, no one should have to wonder where their next meal is coming from," Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "This contest will enable Kentucky school children to learn how our farmers are working to reduce the hunger problem in Kentucky."

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade may produce a poster, an essay, or a digital image on the theme. Statewide poster and essay winners from each grade will be chosen, and an overall digital winner will be selected.

Each statewide grade winner and the digital art winner will receive a \$100 award and will be recognized at an awards ceremony later in 2017.

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 7 and mailed to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601. A completed entry form must be taped or glued to the back of each entry. A completed teacher form must accompany all posters and essays from the teacher's class. Winners will be notified by May 1.

For more information and contest rules, go to kyagr.com/marketing/poster-essay-contest.html and click on "Printable Forms and Rules" at the bottom of the page; or contact Elizabeth Gordon, director of the KDA's Division of Agriculture Education, Farm Safety, and Farmland Preservation, at (502) 782-4125 or elizabeth.gordon@ky.gov.

Minds in the Middle

The 3rd grading period ended on Tuesday. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday.

The Comets team will be visiting the high school on Thursday morning and the Challengers will be visiting on Friday to prepare for their transition to a new school.

Congratulations to the 8th graders on bringing in the most plastic lids and bottle caps. The group was rewarded by sitting where they wanted to at lunch. The next competition for the grade level with the most bottle caps and plastic lids will end on March 16th.

Applications for Unite Camp are available in the office. This is a great week at the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg and is free to all middle school students. Apply as soon as possible. The camp quickly fills up.

4-H camp applications are available in the Youth Services Center. 4-H camp is for students ages 9-13.

We would like to recognize Kind Kids Aliyah Lopez and Laurel Yates who help out the teachers on the Challengers Team in the mornings. We also recognize

Damien Johnson, Logan Brown, and Dylan Allen for putting chairs up after class in Mrs. Bishop's room and Heather Carroll who held the door open for everyone to exit yesterday and Natalie Erwin and Sabrina Miller who diligently put up the ipads in Mrs. Rader's room every day. Thanks to Kind Kids Jacob Cromer for picking up trash in the hallways, Kenny Ballinger who puts down the extra chairs in Mrs. Sadler's homeroom every morning, Leann Doan and Journey McGuire who go around and take out the recycling for the Shooting Stars team. Leann, Journey, and Kaylee Butler are always helpful to Mrs. Sadler during homeroom time.

Congratulations to Mr. Gentry's 8th grade Challengers on winning the attendance race last week. Coming in second place were Mrs. Franklin's 7th grade Shooting Stars and in third were Mrs. Parker's Challengers.

Congratulations to our winners in Friday's Hat contest. The winners were Denver Goforth, Bethany Ann Cromer, Lindsey Robinson, and the grand winner was Justin Wynn with his awesome homemade balloon hat.



Fourteen members of the RCMS Student YMCA attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly in Louisville on March 5-7. The group represented the country of Spain and included a visual display, a performance on the international stage and a resolution to make bull fighting illegal in the country. The group did a great job in all areas. Pictured are: Justin Mink, Kaden Kidwell, Tim Duncan, Carson King, Chase Gilliam, Kendra Fetters, Kyle Coffey, Bailey Bullock, Camden Mink, Emma Ballinger, Mya Hunt and Jacob Cook.

Kentucky rising junior may win scholarship

A rising junior at one of Kentucky's public or private high schools will win a \$500 scholarship and a photo shoot at his or her school through the "Promote Your School" scholarship contest, sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The school must participate in the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program.

To enter, the student must submit an essay about one of these subjects:

- What my aspiration for my generation is.
- How education makes a stronger community.

The essay must be no more than 200 words long and cannot mention the student's name, school, county or community. The essay topic must be shown at the top of the page. The student's name, address and high school must be listed at the bottom of the essay. The student must be a junior during the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, visit www.kheaa.com/website/contest/intro.

Photos from the winning school will be used in KHEAA publications and on KHEAA websites.

To enter, mail your essay to KHEAA Publications, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may also email your essay to publications@kheaa.com or fax it to (502) 696-7574. The winner will be chosen by a committee of KHEAA employees. The deadline for submissions is May 31.

Students from high schools that have been featured in the past five years — Daviess County, Lexington STEAM Academy, Somerset Christian, J. Graham Brown and Sacred Heart — are not eligible to enter this year's contest.

KHEAA is the state

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

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

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28th Judicial Circuit
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Joseph Graybeal, Et Al Plaintiff
William Clarence Hornsby, Et Al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this partition action on December 14, 2016 I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.
At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 17, 2017
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

The subject real property has no given mailing/physical address on file at the PVA Office and only has a PVA Map #086-00-041.

J.A. Hornsby (a/k/a James A. Hornsby) acquired a 7/8 interest in the real property by Master Commissioner deed dated December 23, 1978 of record in Deed Book 109, Page 656 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. J.A. Hornsby (a/k/a James A. Hornsby) passed away on February 12, 1984, see Will Book 3, Page 512 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. A 1/8 interest in the real property was left to William Clarence Hornsby but no deed has been found of record in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

- The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:**
1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
 2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
 3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
 4. The purchaser shall pay the 2017 local, county and state property taxes.
 5. The 2016 and any unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
 6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
 7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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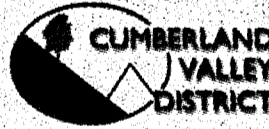
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Applications may be obtained at Cumberland Valley District Health Department, PO Box 158, 470 Manchester Square Shopping Center, Suite 200, Manchester, KY 40962 (606-598-5564) Office hours Monday–Thursday 8:00am to 5:00pm & Friday 8:00am to 11:30am or at the local health department or online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/lhdapp.htm>.

Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business on Monday, March 13, 2017 to Cumberland Valley District Health Department, PO Box 158, 470 Manchester Square Shopping Center, Suite 200, Manchester, KY 40962.

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Notice is hereby given that Katherine Bradley, 373 Smithern Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Frank Bradley on the

27th day of February, 2017. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Katherine Bradley or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 28, 2017 at 11 a.m. 8x3

Notice is hereby given that Nerissa Baker, 17 Baker Rd., Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Homer Shelton, Jr. on the 1st day of March, 2017. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to

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Notice is hereby given that Nerissa Baker, 17 Baker Rd., Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of

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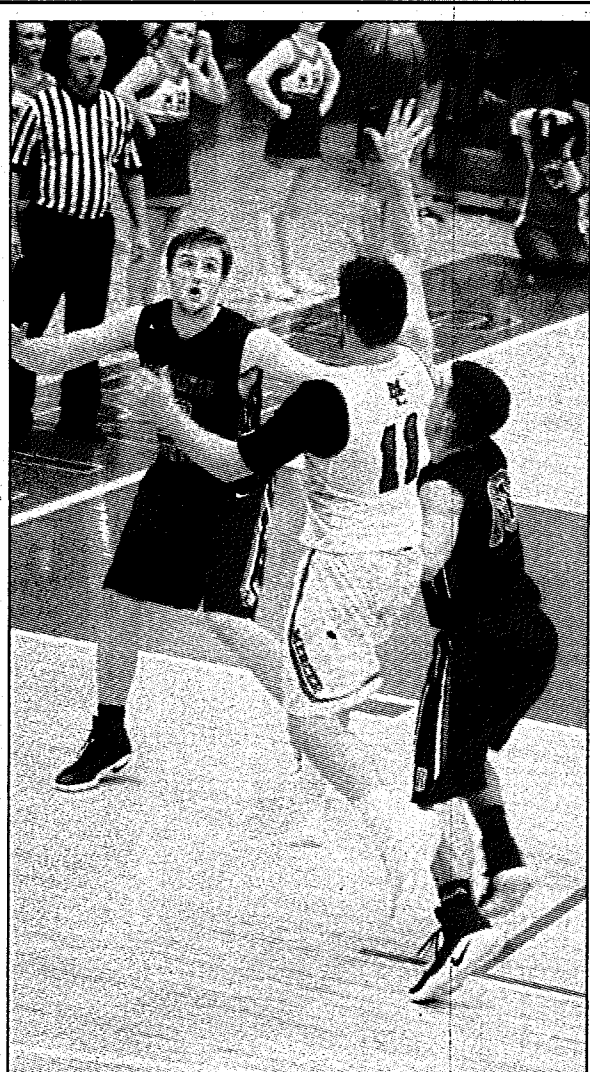
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Seniors Carson Noble and Lucas Gentry try to stop a Mercer County player from driving to the basket during first round action of the 12th Regional Tournament held at Lincoln County.

Rockets lose 72-52 to Mercer Titans

The Rockcastle boys basketball season ended last Wednesday night when they went down to defeat to the Mercer Co. Titans 72-62 in the opening round of the 12th Region Tournament at Lincoln Co. High School.

The Rockets kept up with the Titans in the first quarter, battling them to a 15-15 tie and, in the second quarter, the Rockets were up 24-22 when the Titans went on a 12-0 run to take the lead and never look back. The run came primarily from Rocket turnovers, 6 of 7 possessions, midway through the second quarter. In all the Rockets had 12 turnovers in the game to the Titans eight.

That run enabled the Titans to take a 38 to 29 half time lead and, at the end of the third quarter, they were

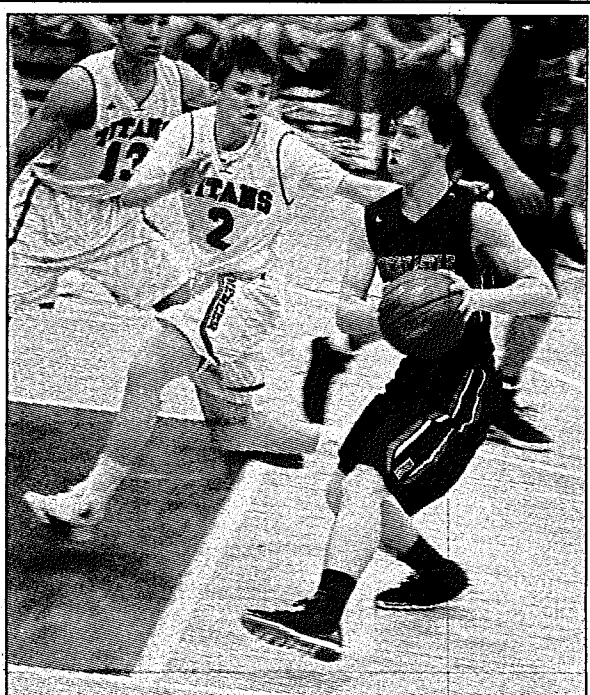
up 53-48. The closest the Rockets got in the fourth quarter was on a basket by senior Lucas Gentry making it a four point 59-55 deficit. However, again, the Titans mounted a run to go back up 65-55. The Rockets could only manage two free throws and a three point basket by senior John Cornelius the rest of the way while the Titans were sinking five of seven free throws and a basket for the final 72-62.

Cornelius led the way in scoring for his team with 17 points, including three three point baskets; Gentry got 16; senior Jordan Hawkins 10; senior Carson Noble and Thomas Burdette eight each and junior Devin Mullins three.

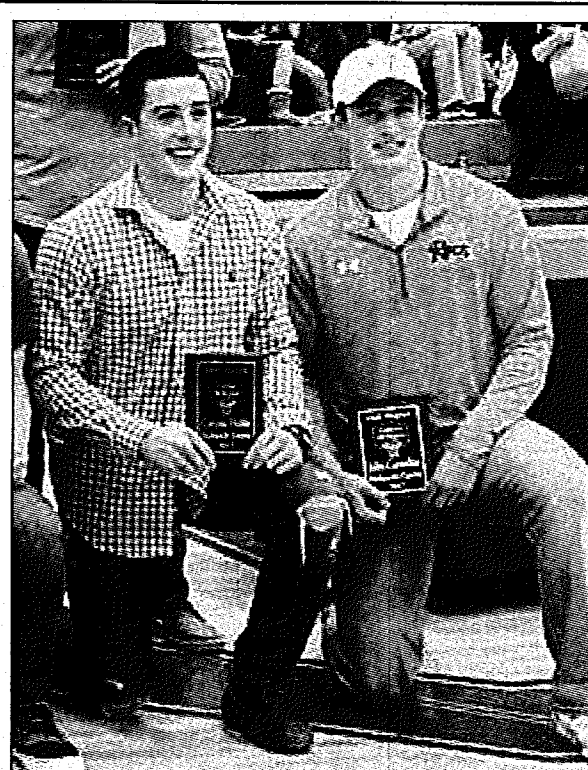
The Rockets finished the season with a 20-12 record.



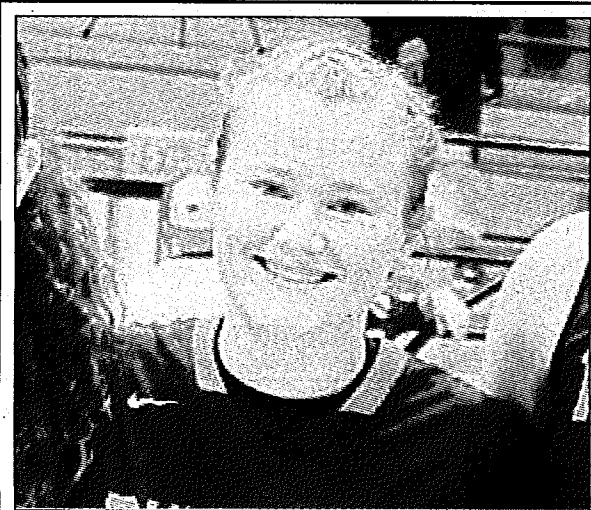
Senior John Cornelius takes a charge in the Rockets' 72-52 loss to Mercer County in the 12th Region Tournament last Wednesday. Also shown is senior Lucas Gentry helping Cornelius out on defense. Cornelius led the way for the Rockets with 17. Gentry was closed behind with 16.



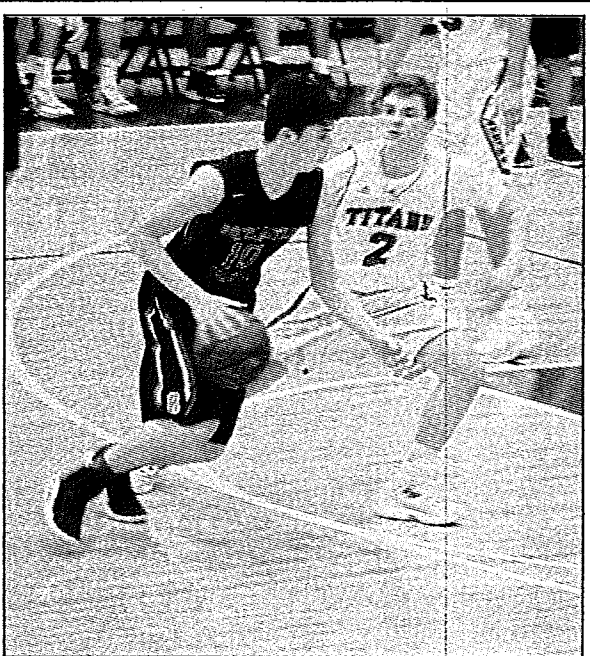
Senior Thomas Burdette looks to pass in the Rockets' loss to Mercer County last Wednesday night. Burdette scored eight points for the Rockets.



Seniors Carson Noble and John Cornelius were named to the 12th Region All-Region Team voted on by the coaches. Cornelius was also named to the 12th Region All-Tournament Team for his performance in the Rockets' game against Mercer County.

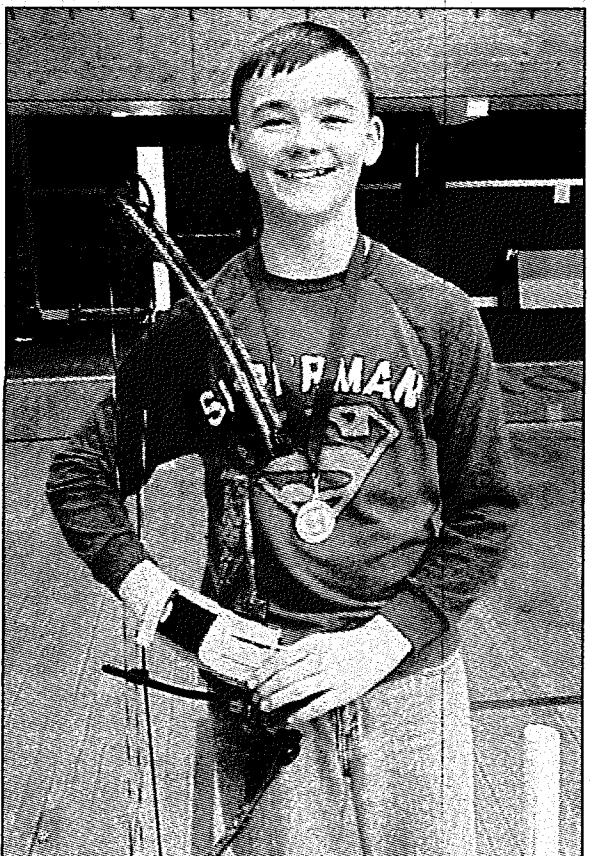


Senior Mahala Saylor was named to the 12th Region All-Tournament Team held last week at Pulaski County High School.



Junior Devin Mullins tries to work around a defender in the Rockets' loss to Mercer County last Wednesday in the regional tournament. The loss ended the Rockets season with a 20-12 record.

Ramsey takes first place at Laurel Invitational



Congratulations to 7th grade RCMS Archer T.J. Ramsey. T.J. won first place at the Laurel County Invitational Tournament in the middle school boys division. 102 boys competed in his division.

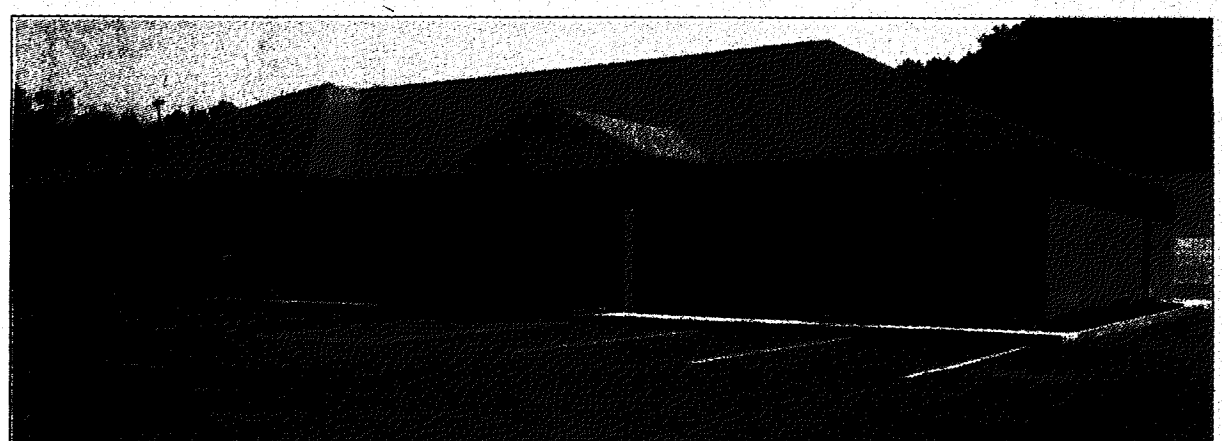
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