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Thomas Bullen, 36, of Mount Vernon, was killed Thursday after his pick-up truck struck a mobile home on Tincher Drive. The passenger in the truck was not injured. An investigation of the crash is underway by state police. Mount Vernon Fire Department and Rockcastle EMS assisted at the scene.

Truck crashes into mobile home

Drug use suspected

By: Mike French

According to a Kentucky State Police report, Thomas F. Bullen, 36, of Mount Vernon, was killed Thursday, April 6 after his vehicle ran into a mobile home owned by Glen Bowman.

Police say around 10 a.m. last Thursday, the 1995 Ford pick-up truck Bullen was driving, was traveling north on Highland Drive in Mount Vernon when the vehicle left the roadway, traveled through yards in the residential area and struck a mobile home on Tincher Drive before stopping.

Trooper Ritchie Baxter determined the path and direction of the vehicle and began the investigation at the scene.

scene.

Bullen was pronounced dead at the scene by the Rockcastle County Coroner's office. However, a passenger, Zackery Mullins, 27, of Brodhead, was not injured. Neither of the two men were wearing a seat belt at the time of the incident.

The report says there were also residents inside the mobile home during the impact but no one inside was injured.

Assisting at the scene were the Mount Vernon Police Department, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office, Rockcastle County Coroner's Office and the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

Fiscal Court to help sheriff's department get new vehicles

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, a motion was approved to provide Sheriff Mike Peters with an estimated \$64,500 in financing for three new vehicles.

The presentation for purchase of the vehicles was made by Deputy Dale McNew who told the court that the court had acquired a 55/45 grant - up to \$50,000 - through the Cumberland Valley Area Development District to be used toward the vehicles.

McNew said the sheriff's department needed three vehicles and the court approved the purchase which will entail the county taking a lien on property, located across from the rear of the courthouse, which belongs to the sheriff's department and was purchased with forfeiture funds.

Rockcastle County Jailer Carlos McClure wants one of the buildings on the property to use as a commissary and has funds in his commissary account to cover most of the cost. However, the county will have to borrow the \$64,500 from KACo until arrangements to

sell the building can be worked out.

With the grant, and the 45% financing provided by the county, the sheriff's department will purchase two 2017 Explorers with 4WD and a 2017 F150 Crewcab, also with 4WD.

County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop spoke in favor of the court's action, saying "some of the vehicles the sheriff has are not able to be driven up and down the highway safely."

(See "Court" on A7)

Phone scam hitting local businesses

By: Mike French

Some local businesses and possibly some residents, have been receiving calls from a man who claims to be with Kentucky Utilities. However, officials say the call is a scam.

According to City Administrator Josh Bray, several local businesses have been called recently by a man who tells the business owner that their electric bill is overdue and unless the bill is paid within 15-20 minutes, the electric will be turned off.

The man, who is reported to have a foreign accent, tells the victim they must take cash to Rite Aid and wire the payment immediately to avoid shut off of electricity and rehook charges.

According to officials no local business owners have fallen for the scam and Rockcastle Countains

(See "Scam" on A7)

Brodhead making upgrades and repairs throughout city

By: Mike French

Members of the Brodhead City Council are continuing their aggressive moves focused on growing the community's economic development, improving infrastructure and providing a clean, safe environment for

citizens of Brodhead.

Newly-appointed Councilman Brian Bullock recently said there are a lot of improvement and growth plans for the city but that the councilmembers are prioritizing those needs and attacking them one at a time.

During Monday evening's regular monthly meeting, councilmembers, and Mayor Walter Cash,

continued that pattern by making specific plans for the area.

Sewer smoke tests coming

Members of the council heard a list of needs to up-

(See "City" on A7)

School board hears new plans

By: Mike French

Rockcastle County Principal Jennifer Mattingly and Rockcastle Middle School Principal Marcus Reppert

gave presentations to the Rockcastle County School Board during Tuesday evening's regular monthly meeting.

Mattingly explained to the board the CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs and pathways

(See "School" on A7)

UNITE CEO Nancy Hale testifies on Capital Hill

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers recently invited Nancy Hale, President and CEO of Operation UNITE to testify before the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS) about the importance of continuing the fight to save lives and combat the nation's drug abuse epidemic.

"Tragically, our commonwealth has been the epicenter for the explosion

of opioid abuse: The drug overdose rate in Kentucky currently is more than 1.5 times higher than the national average. Rates in several counties are triple the national average," said Hale.

In 2015, more than 52,000 Americans died from a drug overdose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(See "UNITE" on A7)

Plans announced for Founders' Day Festival

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley has released plans for the upcoming Founders' Day Festival, scheduled for May 12th and 13th.

Medley said in the release that some events have been eliminated and others scaled back due to the un-

certainty of the amount of traffic coming through town on U.S. 25 because of construction on I-75. "Safety is and always will be our main concern," the mayor said.

However, the festival

(See "Founder" on A7)

New RCIDA members

By: Mike French

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA), introduced themselves to the two new members of the board during Monday's regular monthly meeting. The two new spots were vacated recently due to resignations and County Judge/Executive Doug

Bishop appointed Roland Mullins, former Mayor of Mount Vernon and County Judge/Executive and Dr. George Griffith to fill the positions.

Mullins has been a member of several county and city boards and was director of Cumberland river

(See "RCIDA" on A7)



This two vehicle accident trapped the driver inside the car after he stuck a tractor trailer at the exit 62 ramp Thursday, April 7th. According to the Mount Vernon Fire Department, the extraction was lengthy and very detailed and took an extraordinary amount of time for the safety of everyone involved. Once extracted, the unidentified driver was flown by an Air Method Flight crew to the UK Medical Center and the passenger of the car was transported by Rockcastle County EMS to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. The driver of the tractor trailer was not injured. The local fire department was assisted by the Kentucky State Police, Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, Rockcastle EMS, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Constable Donnie Cope. The Constable and the Wildlife crews helped officials control traffic as I-75 had to be closed, as well as the exit ramp at the 62 mile marker. Two other separate five-car accidents occurred in the construction zone Sunday, April 9th and minor injuries were reported from those accidents. I-75 was closed during the clean up of each of the accidents as well.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Oh I thought the time would never arrive. Did someone slow down the clocks? It's Sunday morning and it's beautiful weather and it felt like time had simply stalled.

I stared at the clock and watched the second hand click. If I went to the bathroom and thought 20 minutes had passed, I would go back to the clock to see that only 2 minutes had passed.

Good grief! This is taking forever.

Finally, after what seemed like a week, 10 a.m. would finally arrive. "Let's go, let's go, let's go."

I'd run out to the car, climb up in the back window (which is where I always rode as a child) and as the morning sun hit my back through the rear window, I would see mom and dad coming out to the car in what appeared to be slow motion.

Would you please hurry up.

We drove to church and I would have to sit through Sunday School and then through that man up front yelling and all the singing hymn after hymn after hymn.

It always seemed like on this particular Sunday every year, the song leader would pick the slowest songs on the planet. It seemed as though it took an hour to get through "Just as I am."

Finally, to this five-year-old boy, the long wait was over. The preacher finally stopped talking, the choir finally stopped singing and that long, long, long, long prayer was over. We were out of there!

Now on to what I have looked forward to all year long.

We would show up at my Aunt Mary Ruth's house and all my cousins' and aunts and uncles and grandparents would have the tables covered with food of every kind.

So, I still had some waiting to do but at least the time is closer now. I'd watch the grown-ups eat

every bite, again with the slow motion chewing, and chatting about work. Just eat already and let's get this ball rolling.

Finally, the time had come. The eternal wait was over. The procrastination, the hesitation, the wait was over.

We kids had to wait in the bedroom with the door closed and the curtains drawn so we wouldn't peek. But my basket, half filled with that fake green grass, was in my hand and ready to be filled with hard boiled, colored, marked-up Easter eggs. One of them even had the word "Prize Egg" written on it with the wax pencil so the vinegar dye wouldn't stick to it.

The worst part of the hunt was the smallest kids, who were too small to hunt by themselves. Their parents would always help them find Easter eggs. I always thought, "Well something isn't fair about that! It's every man for himself out here in the real world!"

Who ever found the "prize egg" would get an extra surprise that the grown-ups had hidden. But I didn't worry about that so much as long as I got to sit on the porch and peel my eggs and eat till my belly was full.

Some of the eggs I would save because later mom would make deviled

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Points East

By Ike Adams



If you are over 60 and have been a life-long fan of country music, you need to put a visit to The Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum on your bucket list. And if you're, like me, living with the knowledge that your bucket is more precariously positioned to tip over than most other folks, may I suggest that you do it between now and Labor Day of this year so that you'll have one great memory to dwell upon until that old bucket completely loses balance.

If you're an under-60 fan, unworried about your bucket, you should make the visit because I can almost guarantee you'll learn a bunch of interesting stuff about home grown Kentucky entertainers that you didn't previously know. In fact, the younger you are, the more you'll learn unless you've devoted the greater portion of your life to studying the history of country music.

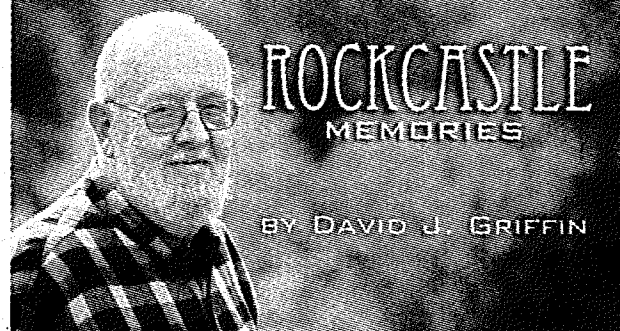
Even though the Museum is located within spitting distance (if you can spit 100 feet) from the big Renfro Valley entertainment and shopping complex you would be sorely mistaken to assume that it is simply a shrine to the late John Lair, the creator and founder of The Renfro Valley Barn

Dance that had an incredibly popular international radio broadcast from the early 1930s until well into the 1950s.

Unfortunately, like so many other popular radio shows of the mid-20th century such as The Green Hornet, Amos and Andy, Uncle Remus, The Shadow, Lone Ranger, etc., The Barn Dance was unable to sustainably make the transition to television and gradually lost its radio programming as big national advertisers switched their dollars from radio to television.

While there are numerous photographs and recordings of The Barn Dance heydays at the museum they do not overshadow or upstage dozens

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The Postal Service

I make it a point to read my fellow columnists in the Mt. Vernon Signal each week. Sometimes I notice how we all revert to the past in many of our writings. While recently reading Ike Adams, I noted that he was discussing the changes in the United States Postal Service (USPS).

I was glad that Ike did not lay the faults at the feet of the local Post Office workers but rather upon the policies of the USPS. I agree with what he said, "... it's important to me that the reading public and my mailman know that I wouldn't trade him for a horse and a hundred dollars..." Ike and I have experienced very similar shortcomings in the USPS during recent

months.

I live in Stanton, located just ten miles from Natural Bridge State Park in Eastern Kentucky. During the last six months (or possibly a year), I have been made aware that letters mailed in Stanton can take weeks to reach their destination in the eastern portion of the United States.

Permit me to use my AT&T cell phone bill as just such an example. For years, I have mailed my monthly payment to AT&T in Atlanta. I mail my payment as soon as I receive the bill. Over the past few months, I have received notices from AT&T that my check was received past the due date. That was completely puzzling (not to mention aggravating) to me. My bills are always paid on time, so I decided to schedule a meeting with the Stanton Post Master.

When I met with Andy, our local Post Master, I was taken aback at his young age. He was, however, very knowledgeable about the current workings of the USPS. Andy informed me that all mail from Stanton is first routed to Cincinnati for sorting—and that even includes letters that I might be mailing to someone here in Powell County. Can you believe that? If it is going to be sent down the street, it first goes to Ohio.

I decided to test the workings of the USPS. The next time I received my AT&T cell bill, I took it to the Post Office and asked Post Master Andy to send my check by Certified mail so that I could track its progress. Within three days, the letter was signed for in the Atlanta AT&T office. However, before it was

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Thank you...

Dear Editor,
The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame would like to extend thanks and gratitude to everyone that attended our open house on March 25th, 2017.

With a record crowd in attendance we truly felt the support from our local community and the state of Kentucky.

We hope that everyone will continue to support the

Kentucky Music Hall of Fame as we move ahead into a new era of ownership and management.

We hope our local community stops by and visits us often to tour the museum, shop in our gift shop, enjoy our picnic areas with grills or to rent our facility for their own events.

Again, thank you to everyone for your continued support as we strive for a

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



The Return of the Redbud

Dear Journal,
When I got up this morning I noticed a chilly nip in the air. It was so chilly I had to turn on a bit of heat. Shortly, I was beginning to feel toasty and warm. It is Redbud Winter, usually the first of "winters" to come.

We, in the next few days will experience the "Dogwood Winter" and the "Blackberry Winter". Somewhere in the mix is "Hoot Owl Winter". I had never heard of it until three of four years ago when Stanley learned of it from someone. I'm not sure where in the order it falls.

Actually, Redbud Winter is a sign of hope, hope for the warm summer days ahead. Most of us look forward to getting out of the house and doing all of the things we love doing outside. I've seen a few gardens already tilled and planting will soon begin. Flower gardens will be cleared and planted. I'm looking forward to seeing Terry, the eastern box turtle again. He usually arrives in late May to a certain flower bed. There is the place he is sure to get a meal of tomatoes, peaches, strawberries, and various melons every day.

Stanley was telling me yesterday about something he had seen on Facebook. It was redbud jelly. It's the most unusual jelly I've ever heard of, except kudzu jelly. I've eaten it before and it is unique, I'll admit.

He said that in order to make the redbud jelly you must gather several redbud blooms and pluck them off the branch. Then you put them in a large container of water. Then you let them soak for a time, like a day or so, until the water is saturated. It probably wouldn't hurt to stir the mixture occasionally, either. Then you drain the blossoms off until the water is clear of blossoms. The you boil the water with sugar and Sure-Jell and then put it in jars like any other jelly. I'm not certain about any of this but I would like to try it sometime.

The redbud was one of my mother's favorite blooms, other than the dogwood, especially the pink dogwood. My favorites are the lilac, iris, and peony, at least of the early spring blooms. I think these are particularly welcome be-

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Rockcastle County PRIDE Spring Clean-Up
March and April are Spring Cleanup Months in Rockcastle County!

Volunteer during the remainder of the month of March and the month of April, 2017

There will be a free gift for each volunteer (while supplies last) and cleanup supplies will be provided

Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office will provide trash pick-up and disposal, safety vests and signs for safety for roadside cleanups.

If you can help with Roadside Clean-up at any time in the months of March and April, please call Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

It's our community and it's up to us to take care of it! You can make a difference, one piece of trash at a time and one cleanup at a time!

2017 is the 20th anniversary of PRIDE! Since 1997:
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A Basic Narcotic Investigator 2 week course was completed by MVPD Assistant Chief Joe Rush and Sergeant Adam Stallsworth. The course was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Training Staff at Richmond, Kentucky.

"Memories"

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credited to my account, it was forwarded off to Louisville. Even my Post Master could not determine why that had occurred. From Louisville, it was returned again to Atlanta, where it was, again, signed for.

And here is the "but": that check was never credited to my cell phone account. It is lost in the hinterlands of the United States Postal Service, apparently never to be seen again. (I have since authorized AT&T to automatically deduct the monthly amount from my local checking account.) Now, I even hand deliver all of my local utility bills because I am afraid they will never reach their proper destination.

All of this depresses me even more than the average Joe because of my particular background. I am very aware of the workings of the Post Office. Before I was born, my grandfather (Eugene Stokes) was the Post Master when he lived in the Hopewell section of Rockcastle County. When I was a young boy, Pop always made a trip to the local Post Office on Main Street in Mt. Vernon to get our mail and to mail his own letters. You never heard of any mail not being delivered or taking three to four weeks to reach someplace like Atlanta.

I was convinced that the United States Postal Service would be the last remaining stable institution of our proud nation. Was I ever wrong! I totally agree with Ike

Adams' statement from the Signal. "I'm sitting here wondering where my check has been, (and) what sort of tales it could tell about its trip..."

Even though the cost of mailing a letter has increased from 3 cents when Pop was a Post Master, to 49 cents today,

"Points East"

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of other displays. Bits and pieces of information about performing artists native to Kentucky are far too numerous to mention in this column. Suffice to say that big names like Bill Monroe, The Osborne Brothers, Red Foley, Loretta Lynn, Naomi Judd, Ricky Skaggs and Keith Whitley are among the more prominent displays but ample tribute is devoted to well over a hundred other performers.

For example, Loretta snapped a photograph of me having a stare down with a card-board cut out of Billy Ray Cyrus that a lot of people thought was the real Billy Ray. The pic had over 140 facebook likes at last count and that's a record, by a large margin, for my facebook page. The photo caption said that Billy Ray had offered a hundred bucks for the old beat up western hat I was wearing and I turned him down. Little brother Steve promptly commented that I'd probably delivered the fatal blow to Billy Ray's "Achy Breaky Heart," a song that literally makes me cringe.

Admission to the Hall of Fame/Museum varies by age group and special prices for groups. The highest admission is less than \$9.00 and I believe it's \$7.50 for seniors. As of this writing their website kentuckymuseum.com, has been hacked by an internet crook and I get di-

rected to a scammer trying to sell something else. Hopefully it'll be fixed by the time this column hits your paper. If not, you can email kmhof@snapp.net and someone will answer any questions you may have.

And when you get there make sure you cross the road to the Renfro Valley Shops a few dozen steps from the museum and hit the Gristmill General Store for a couple scoops of their blueberry cheesecake ice cream which was easily the best new taste sensation I experienced in 2016 when we were there see the Rhonda Vincent concert last November.

In fact, I highly recom-

"Aces"

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ended spending a day in the museum and taking in a music show that evening. The sound quality at "The Big Barn" auditorium is as good or better than most places we've experienced in KY or, for that matter, any place in the country.

Visit their website, renfrovalley.com for a schedule of some 20 or so headliner acts coming up throughout the year including Bobby Bare, Pam Tillis with Lorrie Morgan, Exile, Wynonna Judd, The Oak Ridge Boys, Ricky Skaggs and at least a dozen other big name acts coming soon. Check the website for their regular, ongoing shows and ticket prices.

By the end of the day, I was always stuffed with eggs and all the cobbles and pies and cookies and candies that the family had made.

I usually tried to keep one egg just as a memory of the fun day but by bedtime, I couldn't stand it and always ate it too.

The good old family Easter Egg Hunt. What a great day it was. No such thing happens in our family now. Everyone moved far away and grew up.

But this Saturday, I'm going to hide a bunch of plastic eggs with little things in them for my grand daughter.

I feel like my dad must have felt when I hide eggs. Enjoying every minute of it and sort of missing 1965 at the same time.

But when I see my granddaughter find an egg in the grass and look up at me with such pleasure, if a heart can smile, that's when mine does.

"Letters"

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bright future at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, and follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with our upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Avery Bradshaw
Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, Manager

Thank you...

Dear Editor,
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the over 200 walkers from Rockcastle and surrounding counties that braved the ugly weather

and participated in the annual Red Bud Health Walk on Friday, March 31st.

We would especially like to thank our sponsors, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, the Christian Appalachian Project, the City of Mt. Vernon and ASPI for always making this event a success. We would also like to thank Renfro Valley Entertainment Center

for allowing us to use their parking lot.

I loved seeing all the young folks with their rain shoes and umbrellas at this great family event. We look forward to the walk next year and we hope to see everyone there!

Susan Tomes,
Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission

"T.J.'s"

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cause it has been so long since I've seen any kind of pretty blooms. All winter we've seen nothing but bleak, drab colors since the bright foliage of the autumn. So you can say tht spring is most welcome even with its little winters.

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Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, April 17th: KY 3245, Bryant Ridge. Tuesday, April 18th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

Health Department Notice
The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed Friday, April 14th in observance of Good Friday.

National Day of Prayer
The annual National Day of Prayer will be held May 4th at noon on the courthouse lawn. Scripture for this year's prayer is Daniel 9:19 and theme is "For your great names sake, hear us, forgive us and heal us."

Brodhead Alumni Banquet
The Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be Saturday, April 22nd beginning at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School. Honor classes this year will be 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. Everyone is welcome. Please make arrangements to come and visit with old friends and classmates.

RRTA Meeting
The Rockcastle Retired Teachers' Association will meet Wednesday, April 19th at 11:30 a.m. at Limestone Grille. Livingston Mayor Jason Medley will be the featured speaker. He will share information about all the projects completed in Livingston and future plans for the city. Also, the county winner of the Grandparent Essay Contest will be introduced. Please plan on attending this very informative meeting.

Veteran Suicide Awareness/Prevention Ride
There will be a Veteran Suicide Awareness/Prevention Ride Saturday, May 6th with kickstands up at Wildcat Harley-Davidson at 9 a.m. with pickups for those who wish to join us along the route. This ride is for anyone who wishes to support this important cause. It will bring attention to the epidemic of our brothers and sisters who feel this is the only way out. We encourage all to ride with us and show your support for this important cause. For more information, call Bob Ellison 606-862-0032.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries



Linda Eaton

Linda Eaton, 66, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, April 7, 2017 at the U.K. Hospital in Lexington. She was born December 16, 1950 in Lexington, the daughter of Mrs. Patricia Mink Holland of Mt. Vernon, and the late James Holland. She was a homemaker, enjoyed cooking, bird watching, music, reading, spending time with her grandchildren, and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors are: her husband, John Eaton of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Mark (Elizabeth) Eaton and John (Lori) Eaton III, both of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Angela Eaton of Lexington, and Julie (Kevin) Coulter of Canmer, KY; one brother, David (Caren) Holland of Kingston, TN; one sister, Jessica (John) Riley of Woodland, CA; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Dave Smith officiating. Burial was in the Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Harold Crank, Donnie Doan, Randle Adams, Larry Hammond, Scott Riley and Kelly Mink.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to: Central Baptist Christian Academy in Mt. Vernon.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at: www.coxfuneralhome.com

Card of Thanks

Jesse L. Taylor

The family of Jesse L. Taylor would like to thank everyone for the food they brought, cards sent and the prayers in the loss of our dad and husband. It was all so very much appreciated.

To everyone who sent flowers, they were beautiful. To everyone that brought food, thank you so much. To Melvin Session, thank you for the kind words. To Natalie and Courtney, the singing could not have been more perfect. To Kent, the words you spoke were so sweet, they could not have been more perfect. Dad would have been so proud of you all.

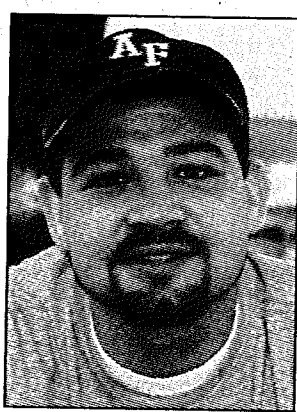
To Citizens Bank, both at Brodhead and Mt. Vernon, we owe gratitude for the food they sent the day of the funeral. It was so nice and was waiting on us when we got to Mom's (still warm). Even had a big cake and two pies, so appreciated.

Thank you to Western Rockcastle Fire Dept. for their assistance with the funeral. To Marvin Owens and staff at the funeral home, words cannot express how we appreciate them working with us with so much patience and also for setting up for the Stanford Honor Guard at the cemetery. They were so good and did an awesome job. Dad would have been so proud and happy with it all.

Again, thank each and everyone for what you did for us and a special thank you to Tootsie Bullock for all she did. She was so good to us through it all, helping a lot.

Thank you again everyone, it was all so much appreciated more than you know.

The Jesse Taylor Family



Thomas Bullen, Jr.

Thomas Franklin Bullen, Jr., 36, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, April 6, 2017 as the result of an automobile accident. He was born in Mercer County August 5, 1980, the son of Thomas Franklin and Margaret Ruth Falin Bullen. He was an employee of Pittsburgh Glass Works in Berea and was of the Baptist Faith. He enjoyed fishing and visiting flea markets.

He is survived by: his father and step-mother, Thomas, Sr. and Shirley Bullen of Mt. Vernon; sister, Brittany Cheyenne French of London; grandmother, Patsy Falin of Mt. Vernon; a nephew, Jerry Miller of Mt. Vernon; and a niece, Angelia French of London. He was preceded in death by: his mother, Margaret Bullen; maternal grandfather, Monroe Falin; and paternal grandparents, Bob and Betty Bullen.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Lyman Fisher. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brad Durham, Dalton Durham, Brandon Falin, Wesley Falin, Dennis Miller, and Jeffery Miracle.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Larry Taylor

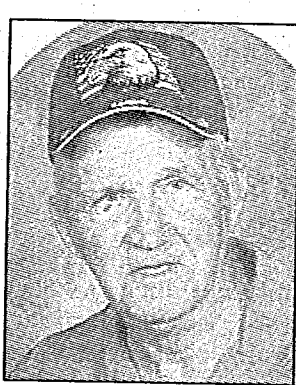
Larry Dwight Taylor, 57, of Crab Orchard, died Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at his home. He was born December 20, 1959 to the late James Everett and Eula Annette (Braley) Taylor in Rockcastle County. He was a mechanic by trade; he enjoyed fishing, spending time with his daughter and most of all spending time with little Abigail, his granddaughter.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Jessica (Glenn) Leanne Caddell of Lancaster; granddaughter, Abigail Brooklyn Nicole Taylor; step-grandson, Trenton Caddell; brothers, James "Button" (Carole) Taylor, Harold Taylor and Denna Sellers, and Allen (Linda) Taylor, all of Crab Orchard; sisters, Janet (Kenny) Adams and Donna (Michael) McCoy, both of Crab Orchard; special friends and members of Liberty Baptist Church, Cindy Taylor of Lancaster, KY., Jamie Walton of Lancaster, and Buck Wheat Gilbert of Stanford, Wayne Elder of Brodhead; as well as many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Zandle Haysty officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jamie Walton, Michael McCoy, Kenton Adams, Austin Taylor, Jordan Taylor and Chris Taylor.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Franklin Dee Bond

Franklin Dee Bond, 78, of Orlando, died Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. He was born June 23, 1938, in Rockcastle County to the late William Franklin and Mary Bell (Moore) Bond. He had worked for the Trane A/C Company in Lexington for 28 years before he had retired. He enjoyed watching U.K. Basketball, hunting, fishing and he loved to go to the old Jean's Restaurant that used to set right off of Exit 59 in Orlando. He was a member of the Brush Creek Holiness Church and attended Flat Rock. He was also a member of the 25 year club through the Trane Company.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Jeffery (Danita) Bond and Brian Kieth (Earlene) Bond, both of Orlando, Nelson Dee (Gail) Bond of Mt. Vernon, and Terenia D. Bond Isaacs of Richmond; grandchildren, Jeffery Jr., Carlita Kate and Byron Bond and Taylor and Travis Isaacs; great grandchildren Jacob, Kandance, Teagon and Xavier Bond, Jaden Clemons, Braxton and Asher Isaacs and Jaitavious Mullins; brothers, Lee, Lloyd and Elmer Bond; sister, Sally Mason; as well as many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his brothers, Floyd (infant), Bill, Ira, Lenard and Ross; and sisters, Alene McGuire and Ada Robinson.

Visitation will be held (today) Thursday, April 13, from 6-9 p.m. at the Brush Creek Holiness Church.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2017, at the church with Bro. Lonnie McGuire officiating. Burial will follow in Briar Field Cemetery.

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

George Van Winkle

George Hubert Van Winkle, 73, of Franklin, Ohio died Saturday, March 25, 2017 at home.

He was born in Mt. Vernon on November 27, 1943 to Shird and Polly VanZant VanWinkle.

He was employed as a truck driver and was an avid carpenter.

Survivors are his wife, Tammy VanWinkle; four sons, Terry Scoville, Luke Clark, George VanWinkle, Jr. and Isaac Clark; grandchildren, Sam, Kacie, Coraline, Alyssa, Cullen and Peyton; Godchildren, Miranda, Marisa and Brittani; a brother, Duane (Kim) Dean; mother-in-law, Sandy Gill Profit; father-in-law, Jerry Dean; nieces, Nichole and Summer Schwab and a nephew, Justin Schwab.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Della Myrtle, four brothers, William Isaac, T.J., Cecil and John Henry and a brother-in-law, William Coyle.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 29th at Harvest Ranch Cowboy Church in Middletown, Ohio with Pastor Chuck Purvis officiating. Burial was in Gratiot, Fairview Cemetery.



Connie Lynn Adkins

Connie Lynn Adkins, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, April 10, 2017, at the Rockcastle Hospital with family by her side. She was born December 9, 1953, to the late Edward Cecil and Chessie Lee (Holt) Singleton in Dayton, OH. She was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church, enjoyed animals, working puzzles, playing computer games and most of all spending time with her family.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Christopher Allen (Verna) Harner of Clyde, OH, Kelley Lynn (Charles) Scriver of Clyde, OH, and Timothy Ryan (Amber) McClure of Stanford; her grandchildren, Emiley, Laura, Gabriel, Gideon and Grayson Harner, Donald, Makala and Autumn Scriver, and Timothy Josiah and Izabella McClure; great grandchild, Violet Hall; her sister, Alma Rebecca Singleton Daugherty of Mt. Vernon; a special niece, Caitlin Daugherty; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Lydia Harner.

Visitation will be held (today) Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Cornerstone Fellowship Church from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. with funeral services beginning at 4 p.m. with Bro. Buford Parkerson officiating. Burial will be in Red Hill Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Joey Daugherty, Greg Daugherty, Gabriel Harner, Gideon Harner, Shannon Parkerson and Chris Harner.

Honorary casketbearers are: Grayson Harner and Timothy Josiah McClure.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations in memory of Connie be made to the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals for the burial fund. Condolences may be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Notices

Fairview Cemetery Mowing Notice

Fairview Cemetery is looking for someone to mow and provide regular maintenance of the Fairview Cemetery at Mullins Station. Call Bill Cummins at 606-308-4816 by Saturday, April 8th if interested.

Red Hill Community Cemetery Clean-Up

Red Hill Community Cemetery, located 4.3 miles on Hwy. 1955, livingston, will have a Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 15th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All flowers on ground will be removed 14 days after Decoration Day. Headstone flowers and items such as, trees, shrubs, bushes, lights, etc., must be maintained by family members.

Everyone encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, call 256-9259, 453-3005 or 453-2469.

Mareburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep for the Mareburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, Mareburg Cemetery, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Livesay Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep for the Livesay Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, Livesay Cemetery, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.



Caitlyn Grace Wilson

Caitlyn Grace Wilson, 11, daughter of James and Alicia, died Friday, April 7, 2017 at the U.K. Hospital. She was born September 30, 2005 in Stanford. Caitlyn enjoyed animals of all kind, playing outside, visiting with church friends, playing and spending time with her brother and sister, playing soccer and most of all spending time with her family. She was a member of the Beta club and involved in the school choir.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her parents, James Anthony and Alicia Ann (Shears) Wilson of Paint Lick; brothers, James Nicholas Wilson of Crab Orchard and James Christopher Wilson of Paint Lick; sisters, Cassie Lynn Wilson and Ashley Hope Wilson, both of Paint Lick; maternal grandparents, Judy (Ralph Mayes) Morgan of Paint Lick and Ike Shears of OH; paternal grandfather, Earl Wilson of Crab Orchard; maternal uncles, James Shears of Paint Lick and Danny (Tonya) Middleton of Richmond; paternal uncles, Bobby (Kasey) Wilson of Danville and John (Barbara) Wilson of Stanford; aunts, Angela (Dale) Carpenter of Brodhead; and many friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Shirley Wilson and her uncle, Earl Dewayne Wilson.

Casketbearers were: Alan Collins, Ed and Chris Gross, Dustin Wilson and Jerome Wilson, Shad and Randy Shears and Craig Broughton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Valley Baptist Church in Cartersville with Bros. Tony Shelton and Matthew Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Wilson Family Cemetery.

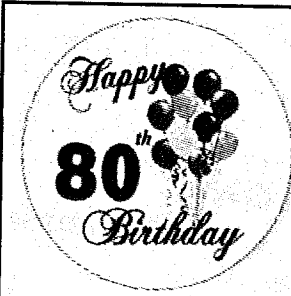
Donations may be made in memory of Caitlyn to the funeral home for the burial fund.

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

Upcoming Reunion

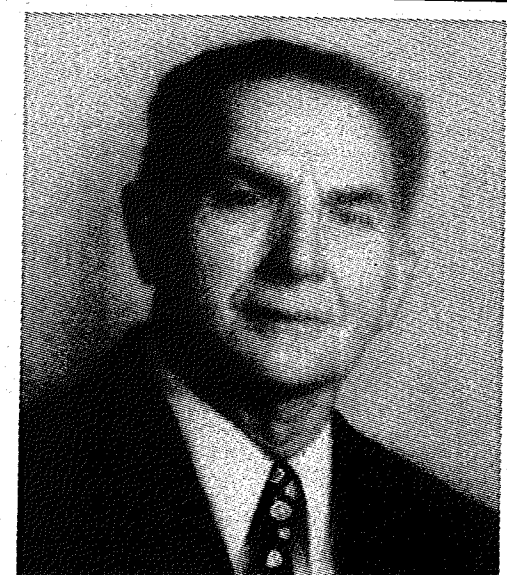
Hansel Reunion

The Hansel Reunion has been moved from July to April 15th at 4 p.m., meal at 5 p.m. at Quail Community Park. Please come, bring a co ered dish and enjoy spending time visiting with family and friends.

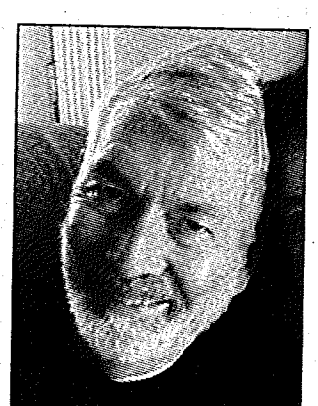


Friends and family are invited to celebrate **Glynn and Jerri Burdette's 80th Birthdays** at Roundstone Elementary Cafeteria **Saturday, April 29th** Drop-in anytime between **12:00 and 2:00**

Help us celebrate this milestone with them!



In Loving Memory of Rev. Virgil Brock 1917 - 1991
Gone But Never Forgotten
Love - Family & Friends



Boyd Jerome Graves

Boyd Jerome Graves, 71, of Amelia, OH, died Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Hospice of Cincinnati East. He was born February 2, 1946 at his home in Sand Springs, the son of the late William Leonard and Lavada Kirby Graves. He was married to Joanne Smith Graves, who survives for 46 years. He honorably served in the United States Army from 1968-1970 and was in the 1st Air Cav Division in Vietnam.

He retired from H.C. Nutting Company, which is now known as Terracon, where he served as Vice President of Business Development. He was an avid runner who ran the Boston Marathon as well as the Columbus and Louisville marathons. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and as a loyal friend to many who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by: his daughters, Vickie Lynn (Bobby) Tomlinson of Murfreesboro, TN and Melissa Graves (Paul) Evans of Amelia, OH; grandson, Michael Eldon Innis of Loveland, OH; loving mother-in-law, Allene Evelyn Smith of Rawl, WV; and brothers, Stanley Graves of Peru, IN, Clinton (Lynn) Graves of Springhill, FL, Raymond Graves of Somerset and Dallas Graves of Mt. Vernon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two infant brothers and his sisters, Vina Lou Graves Renner and Lena Graves Gibson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Cox Funeral. Interment was at Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions to The American Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131, Clermont County Senior Services, 2085 James E. Sauls Sr. Drive, Batavia, Ohio 45103 or Hospice of Cincinnati, c/o Bethesda Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 633597, Cincinnati, Ohio 45263.



Free Bible Courses

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

Let the Bible Speak

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Revival

Brush Creek Holiness Church will be in Revival April 16-19 with Bro. Glen Wilson preaching.

Pastor Lonnie McGuire and congregation welcome everyone to come.

Revival

Bro. Allen Hensley will be the evangelist for a Revival at Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church April 16-20.

The Sunday, April 16th service, will begin at 6 p.m. and the April 17-20 services will begin at 7 p.m.

Everyone welcome.

Special Service

Berea Gospel Tabernacle, U.S. 25, Berea, will hold a Special Service Friday, April 14th, at 7 p.m. Bro. Randal Adams will be speaking. Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

Easter Service

Crosspoint Church of God invites you to join us for our Easter Service on Sunday, April 16th at 2 p.m. with dinner and an Easter Egg Hunt following the service.

The church is located at 211 Industrial Park Road in Mt. Vernon.

Everyone welcome. For more information, call 859-582-2553.

Easter Egg Hunt

Flat Rock Baptist Church will have an Easter Egg Hunt Sunday morning. Easter Service and message begins at 11 a.m. Egg Hunt will be held after the morning worship.

Pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth and the church

welcome everyone.

Sunrise Service

Sand Springs Baptist Church will hold an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 16th at 6:30 a.m. with regular service at 11 a.m.

Dinner and an Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 11 a.m. service. No evening service.

Pastor Eguene Gentry and church welcome all.

Gospel Singing

Red Hill Baptist Church will hold a Gospel Singing on Saturday, April 29th, beginning at 6 p.m. Singers participating include: The Level Green Boys, The Overall Gang, Larry Settles and Imogene Miller.

The church is located 4.3 miles out of Livingston on Hwy. 1955.

Pastor Bill Hammond invites everyone to attend.

Revival

Revival services will be held Sunday, April 23rd through Wednesday, April 26th at Macedonia Baptist Church. Evangelist will be Bro. Johnny Adamson, pastor of Sunrise Baptist Church.

Evening services will begin at 7 p.m. with special music each service.

The church is located at 6567 Scaffold Cane Road.

Pastor Barry Hurst and congregation invite everyone.

Braswell at Crossroads Assembly

Southern Gospel Soloist Brenda Braswell will be at Crossroads Assembly of God Easter Sunday evening, April 16th, at 6 p.m.

The church is located on South Main St. in Broadhead.

Come out and join us. We would love to see you there.

Benefit Sing

There will be a Benefit Sing for Vernon Willard, a Church of God pastor, recovering from an automobile accident, on Saturday, April 22nd, beginning at 6 p.m. at Crossroads Assembly of God, South Main St. in Broadhead. Come help us help him during his recovery. Free refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the singing.

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.

Come and join us for a wonderful revival.

Thanks to organ donation

Mom celebrates 30 years of life

Kathy Anderson's heart was severely damaged by medicine she was prescribed while pregnant with twin girls. The damage wasn't evident until after her daughters were born. Within a couple of weeks, she was given only a slim chance of survival. Her doctors knew her only option was a heart transplant. This was in March of 1987.

National Donate Life Month is celebrated each April to bring much needed attention to healing lives through organ, tissue, cornea and living donations. Through the entire year, Kentucky's Circuit Clerks are dedicated to providing education and registering Kentuckians as organ donors, while obtaining a license or ID. April, especially this year to Kathy's family, holds particular significance.

"I am so blessed to have been able to see my twin daughters grow up," says Kathy today. In April of 1987, Kathy received her gift of life and, in addition to raising her daughters, enjoys five grandchildren. "For the most part, I am as healthy, or more so, as most 50-year-olds. I hit the ground running and stay busy." She works in accounting in Meade County and is celebrating life 30 years since her heart transplant.

Anderson understands organ donation, both as a recipient and as a donor family member. Her brother Kevin died in 2010 and was able to be an organ donor. "My experience has been full circle. I definitely understand both sides."

Each year, Donate Life America creates artwork for National Donate Life Month that illustrates the power of donation from all sides. The 2017 art uses pinwheels to tell the donation story. Pinwheels capture and pass on energy. Each Donate Life pinwheel has four sails, supported by one stem. The one stem symbolizes the power of one person to save and heal lives through donation. The four sails represent organ, tissue, cornea and living donation, the four ways one person can save and heal more than 75 lives through organ, eye and tissue donation.

"The image of the pinwheel reminds us that we all have the potential power to save and heal lives. This April, we encourage you to watch the pinwheels transform the breeze into colorful motion. Think of the lives transformed by donation and transplantation and register to be a donor," says Rockcastle Co. Circuit Clerk Eliza Jane York. "Stories like Kathy's remind us why we ask every person to join the registry and donate a dollar

for education at our driver's license office. Transplantation is a miracle."

In Kentucky everyone can register your decision to be an organ donor and save people like Kathy. Regardless of age or medical history, everyone can say 'yes' at your Circuit Clerk's office or join today at www.donatelifeky.org.

Kathy's daughter, Kristin Dossset, wrote a letter to her donor family, which said in part, "Thank you for letting me experience life with the person who was there to take me to kindergarten, who put on my makeup for my first middle school dance, who taught me how to do laundry before I went to college, who watched me walk down the aisle. Thank you for giving me Mom, who now gets to hold five grand babies. Thank you for giving them Nana. I'm so sorry for your loss, but in the midst of that hor-

rible situation, you gave us an invaluable gift. I want you to know that his life and death were not in vain. I want you to know that he is one of our greatest blessings. I want you to know that his heart is still beating."

Currently, 53 percent of the Kentucky adult population are registered organ, eye and tissue donors. Yet the number of people in need of transplants continues to outpace the number of organs donated. More than 118,000 people are waiting for a transplant and a second chance at life. On average, 22 people die each day because the organ they need is not donated in time. That is almost one person dying every hour. Registering your decision to become a donor is the most effective way to save lives through donation and is a symbol of support to those who continue to wait.

An encouraging word:

The Power of Easter

By Howard Coop



It was, indeed, an awesome moment, and for me, it was a powerful reminder of the significance of Easter. The observance of Easter will never be the same for me.

Near the end of an exciting day in that land called Holy, I stooped low and slowly stepped into an empty tomb that is located just outside the wall of old Jerusalem. That tomb may be the actual tomb of Jesus. All references in the Gospels lead to that conclusion. After that unique experience, I stood with my head bowed, and in complete silence, I thought about what I had seen and felt during that overwhelming experience.

In that awesome place and in that reverential moment, I imagined myself standing in the same place where Mary of Magdala stood on that first Easter morning, with spices that had been prepared, when she looked at the tomb of Jesus and saw that the stone that sealed it had been rolled away from the entrance. To her amazement, the tomb was empty, and the body she had come to anoint for final burial was not there. Then, she saw someone standing nearby, a man she thought was the gardener. In utter distress, she cried out, "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him." The man she thought was the gardener, calling her by name, said, "Mary." At once, she recognized who he was! It was Jesus! And she knew her Lord was alive! He said, "Go...to my brothers and tell them..." Mary obeyed. At once, "she went to the disciples with the good news" and said, "I have seen the Lord!"

Mary was transformed by that experience, and all the disciples, when they heard the news, were transformed. At once, beginning in Jerusalem, they went into "all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" proclaiming that message, "The Lord is risen," and a little group of "unschooled, ordinary men," persecuted and some put to death, changed the world with that message.

That's the power of Easter!

Join Us AT **The Depot** Located on Main Street in Livingston, KY

Friday April 14th 7pm

Special Guest Singers
The Shepherd's Way Gospel Quartet from Oneida, TN

Contact: Mike Smith 606-256-0927 or Mayor Jason Medley 606-308-4543

We'll be serving up pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad and hickory smoked hotdogs.

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 15-CI-00009

MSPC Development, Inc. Plaintiff

Darrell Arvin and Robin Arvin Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 10, 2017 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$53,791.44) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. 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, April 14, 2017 Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot 41 in Sunny Side Estates as shown on Plat Book 4, Page 226, Slide 451 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

This being a portion of the real property which M.S.P.C. Development Inc. obtained by deeds of record in Deed Book 166, Page 318 and Deed Book 166, Page 315 both in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2016 local, county and state property taxes.
4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. 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".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

You are invited to attend a **Gospel Meeting** at the **Blue Springs Church of Christ** with **Bruce Roebuck, Evangelist**

April 19th - 23rd
7:30 p.m. Nightly
Lord's Day Worship:
Sunday, April 23rd - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!
Church is located on Hwy. 1249 - 7 miles south of Mt. Vernon

Rockcastle County Recycling Center
open for recycling drop-offs

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

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

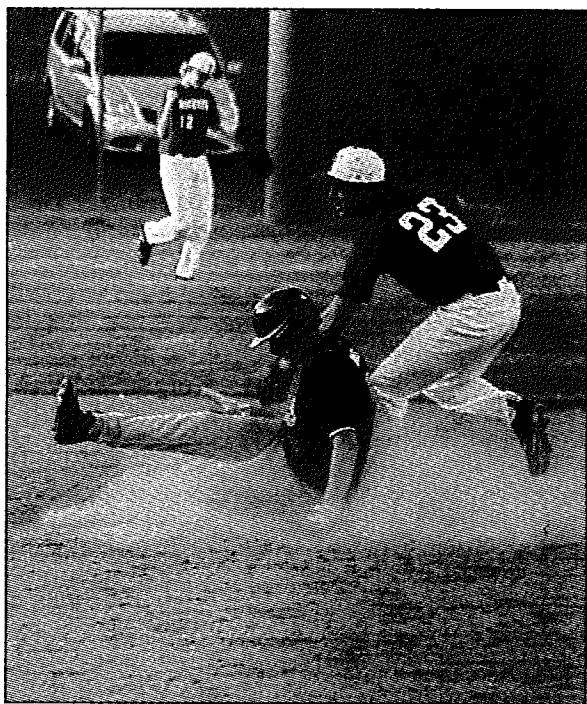
Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:
Broadhead (at the back baseball field)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Livingston (beside the old school gym)
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

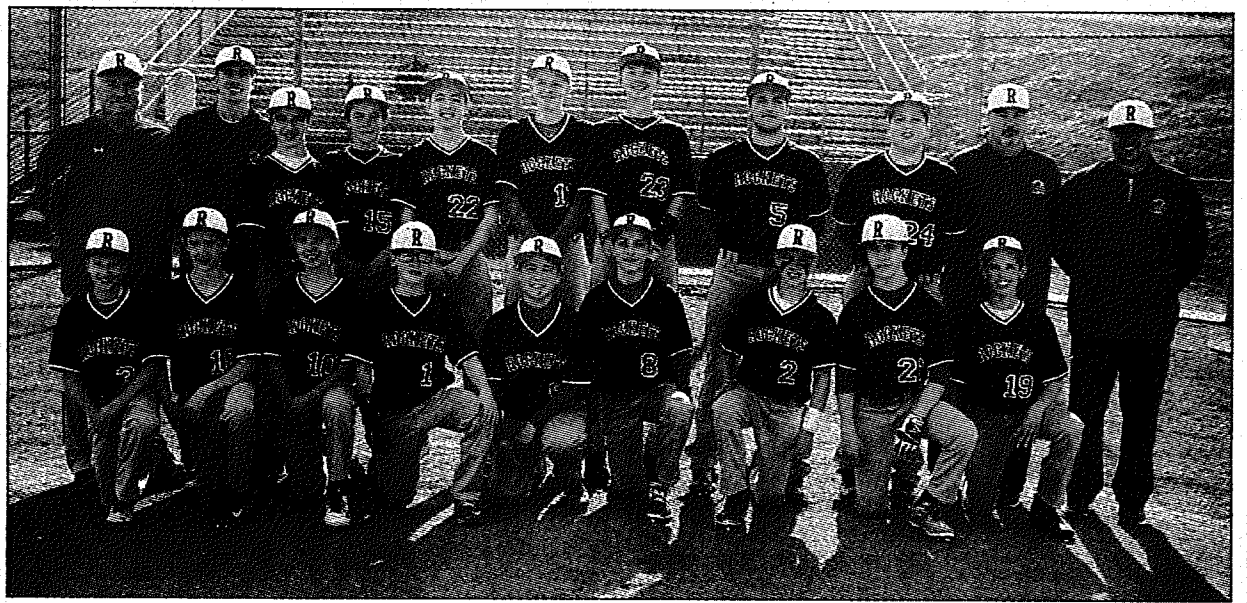
If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

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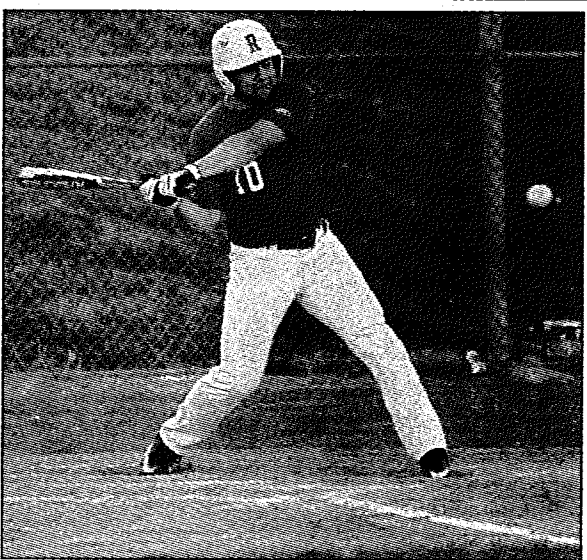
SPORTS



Shortstop John Cornelius makes a successful tag on a throw from catcher Brent Lovell on an attempted stolen base during the Rockets' 15-2 win over Casey County Monday night. Cornelius led the Rockets with three hits in four at bats.



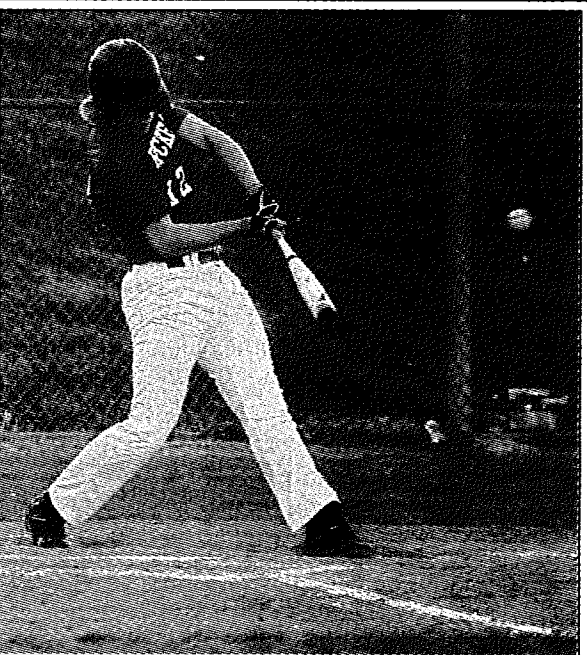
Members of the RCMS Baseball team are shown above, front row from left: Sean Cash, Landon Dillingham, Dalton Gibbs, Cameron Wright, Jaden Albright, Landon Broaddus, Silas Shaffer, Noah Fain, and Carson King. Back row from left: head coach Scott Smith, asst. coach Dustin Reynolds, Ethan Fain, Xander Fletcher, Reese Coguer, Tanner Noel, Hunter Spivey, Riley Smith, Landon Gentry, asst. coach David Fain and asst. coach Mikhael Shaffer.



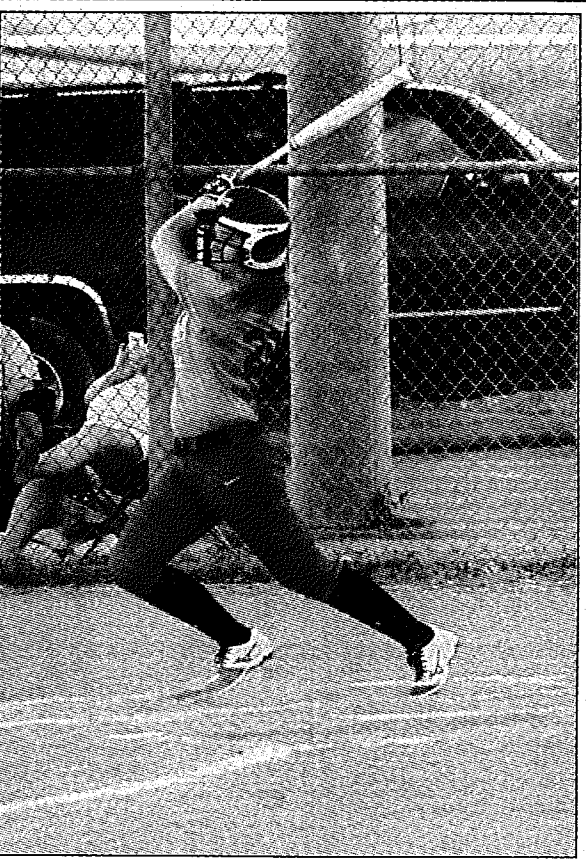
Senior second baseman Chayse McClure gets an RBI single for the Rockets in their 15-2 rout of Casey County Monday. The Rockets also picked up wins this past Saturday over Letcher County Central 10-0 and Harlan County 5-1.



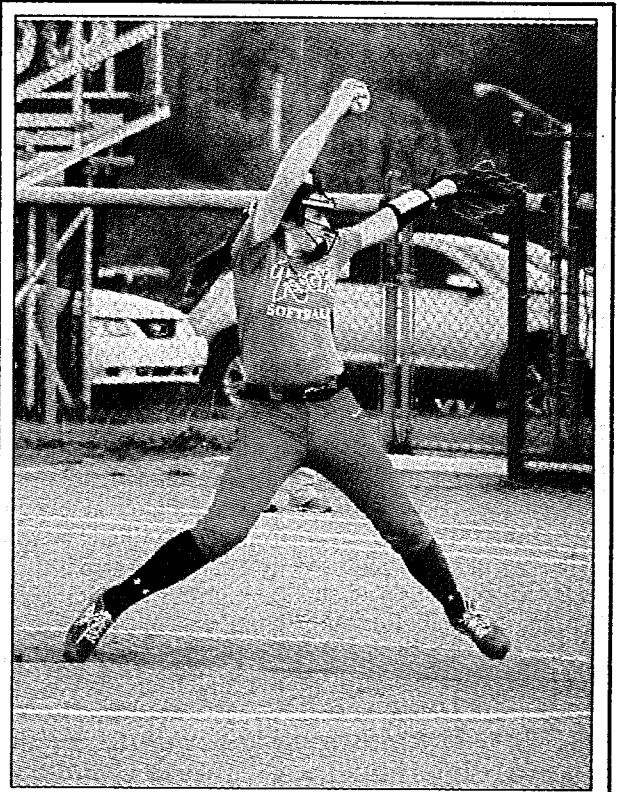
Members of the RCMS Softball team are shown above, front row from left: Makinlee Goff, Candace Mahaffey, Laney Bryant, Raegan Chasteen, Emma Hackworth, Haley Thacker, Jordan Harper, Haley Pingleton, Makenzie Lopez, and Katie Durham. Back row from left: head coach Ainsley Bussell, Abby Shanahan, Allison Coffey, Natalie Kirby, Casey Coleman, Darby Smith, asst. coach Mike Bryant, Madison McIntosh, Gracie Payne, Taryn Powell, Madison Yates, Alexis Brock and asst. coach Tim McIntosh.



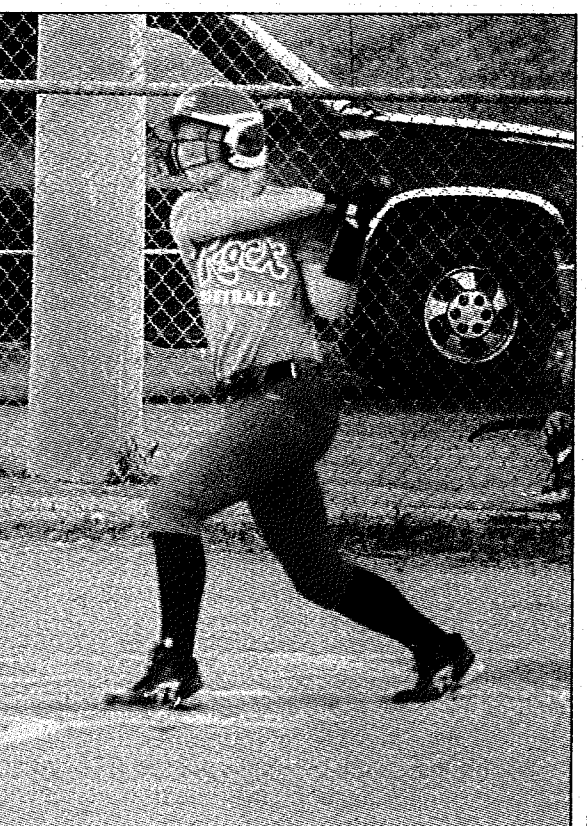
Senior Lucas Jones gets a hit for the Rockets in their 15-2 win Monday. Jones picked up three RBI in the game. The win over the Rebels brings the Rockets' record to 9-5 on the season. The Rockets travel to Casey County Thursday night and host East Jessamine Friday at home at 6 p.m. They also host Campbell County Saturday at 4 p.m. and West Jessamine at 11 a.m. Somerset comes to town next Monday, game time is 5:30 p.m.



Senior Mahala Saylor picks up an RBI single in the Rockets' win over Casey County Monday. The Rockets face Casey again Thursday as they travel to Irvine. They will also take part in the Kentucky Prep 5 Star Classic at North Laurel this weekend. Somerset comes to town next Monday, game time is 6 p.m.



Jaylon Ponder took to the mound in the Rocket junior varsity's win over Casey County Monday night.



Junior Jordyn Powell picked up a hit in the Rocket softball's 16-1 win over Casey County Monday night. The Rockets also picked up wins Friday and Saturday over Garrard County and Russell County.

Woodmen of the World will be sponsoring a baseball/softball night at RCHS. Monday, April 17th against Somerset. Free admission to all Rocket fans.

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"Court"

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The judge also told the court that the Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission had approved allowing the county the use of the property in front of the Aunt Polly House, as a Veterans Memorial Park. The court approved a motion to hire a surveyor to make a plat of the property.

Fiscal Court Clerk and Tax Administrator Patricia Martin told the court that the county's rate for workmen's compensation insurance had risen to \$137,146, an increase of \$22,595, due to several large claims during the past year. She said the liability insurance premium was also increased slightly to \$168,864, an increase off \$266.

The jail's working budget for fiscal year 2017-18 was presented to the court and shows estimated total receipts of \$1,257,482.61, including \$650,000 in revenue for housing state prisoners and transfers from the general fund of \$454,514.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz told the court that the jail was on track to use less than the \$650,000 budgeted for transfer from the general fund for fiscal year 2016-17.

The jail's appropriations include \$543,947 in personnel costs, \$349,600 in operating expense, \$95,625 in debt service and \$265,310 in administration expense which covers \$104,000 in matching retirement for employees, \$54,000 employee insurance, \$40,000 in matching social security and \$27,030 for general property and liability insurance.

Clontz emphasized to the court that this was a working budget and would, no doubt, be revised before being finalized.

The court also approved a list of roads, to be submitted to the state, sections of which will be repaired/patched using FLEX funds received from the state, expected to be \$207,000 this year.

The roads selected will have to be approved by the state.

Roads selected were:

District 1: Purr Rigsby, Barnett Road, Possum Kingdom and Rev. Green Loop. District 2: Old Somerset Road, Knobby Lane, Indian Lane, Vanzant Road, Log Cabin Hollow Road and Spirit Camp. District 3: Bethel Church, J.T. Boone, Tarlin, Strawberry Lane, Cleft Rock, Caldwell Road and Seminole. District 4: Flat Gap and Fairview and District 5: Town Branch, Lower Piney, Daily Street and White Star Road.

At the request of John Fox, president of the Friends of Boone Trace organization, the court approved a resolution accepting ownership and maintenance of Old U.S. 25 from the state highway system.

Fox told the court that his organization, along with the National Park Service, will hold a workshop on May 25th in Livingston which will be a planning session to develop and preserve a Boone Trace Trail through Rockcastle County.

The court also heard a proposal by Lynn Tatum, director of the Rockcastle Development Board, to apply for a land and water 50/50 grant to construct a 24x30 shelter on land across the bridge at Livingston and known as Fish Point Trail Head.

Tatum said the county's share (\$25,000) of the grant could mainly be made up of in-kind work, including equipment and labor. However, Judge Bishop told the court that just before the meeting he learned that accepting the grant would entail the county having to commit the 44-acre site for recreational use in perpetuity and he felt the county should be able to make a separate deed for the property on which the shelter will be built and only commit that part.

Magistrate Shannon Bishop asked that the proposal be tabled until more information could be obtained and further discussion held. He voiced the opinion that it might be better if the county were to build the shelter themselves rather than committing the whole 44-acre site for recreation forever.

Tatum also told the court

"School"

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planned for the next school year's curriculum. The pathways will provide technical classes directly leading to employment opportunities and prepare each student for the "real world" needs that will better prepare them for a job.

Reppert discussed Encore Classes that will be offered at the middle school and how they are tied to the pathways programs which will have students several

"City"

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grade, improve, repair or maintain the Brodhead Sewer Plant. Sewer plant workers are gathering cost estimates for all the suggested work as well as inspecting all existing pumps and valves and equipment.

Mayor Cash also said he is looking into when the company that is nearly finished repairing the city's sewer lines will complete their work. "There are still some things that need to be made right and I won't sign off on the project until everything is complete and done to our satisfaction," the mayor said.

Councilmembers also discussed the upcoming smoke test of Brodhead sewer lines. According to Councilman John Burton, the test will show any leaks where rain water may be entering the system and going to the sewer plant. This excess water processing

"RCIDA"

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Comprehensive Care for six years before his retirement. Griffith has practiced medicine in the county for 43 years and is a member or chairman of several boards involving the local school system and the local hospital.

During the meeting, the board looked over the monthly financial reports and budget in more detail for the benefit of the newest members.

Chairman of the Board Corey Craig, Chairman told members that Community Trust Bank is working to refinance the loan on the SourceHOV building since the payment from the company has dropped to \$8,500 per month and this is not enough to cover the board's monthly payment on the property.

Through the use of local occupational tax income and the SourceHOV payments, Craig said he expects the property to be paid of at or near the same date that was planned when the property was originally purchased. "We, as a board, have done a

"UNITE"

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tion (CDC). Mrs. Hale shared details about Operation UNITE's multi-faceted approach as a national model for success.

"Congressman Rogers and other local leaders feared that if we did not take swift and decisive action, an entire generation would have been wiped out," said Hale. "Operation UNITE pioneered a holistic approach that has become a model for other states and the nation. Through collaborative partnerships, UNITE's progress in our 32-county region is evident. Fourteen years later, more than 100,000 youth have participated in UNITE's programs, tens of thousands of community members have volunteered, and more than 4,000 people have entered treatment using a UNITE voucher."

Mrs. Hale's testimony was an important part of the LHHS Subcommittee's budget hearing for federal fund-

that a new community magazine, featuring what the county has to offer, will be printed this year. She said that the magazine will be composed locally with Carrie Mullins-Amburgey writing the feature articles, Jennifer Begley taking the photographs and Jamie Lear composing the layout and this would lower the cost of advertisements for sponsors.

steps ahead by the time they leave middle school and begin high school.

The high school pathways offered will include a Family and Consumer Science, Agriculture, Health and Science, Computer Science, Welding, Pre-Engineering, Automotive, Electrical, JROTC and a Business Pathway.

A carefully-constructed class schedule, beginning in middle school, is expected to have the students more

prepared for actual hands-on work.

Mattingly also addressed the new dual credit classes that will be offered in which students will be able to take certain classes that provide credit for their high school graduation while the same class will provide credit for a future college degree.

"We are very excited about these programs," said Mattingly. The board also approved the SBDM allocations for

general clean-up work.

All the repair work listed was estimated to cost slightly over \$800 and the council voted unanimously to proceed with the work immediately.

"This will not only make the area safer but will provide a good, clean atmosphere for those who use the park," Evans said. Evans also noted the park is being used more by local residents since the area is being maintained better and kept clean.

Councilmembers also discussed the work done in the city recently through the Rockcastle County Detention Center Work Release Program under the direction of councilman Rick Kirby.

"The work these guys are doing is wonderful and making a notable difference in our community," said Burton.

Councilmembers agreed that with the hiring of the Brodhead police officer and

vides benefits to everyone involved."

Craig and County Judge Executive Doug Bishop also discussed becoming more aggressive and providing more options towards getting the Anchor Building leased as soon as possible.

"We have had some very interested but the deal just hasn't worked out," said Bishop. "We have to get on top of this and show site selectors what we have."

Craig agreed and discussed some advertising of the property and told the board that there are three real estate companies interested in listing the property.

Craig is setting up meetings with the board and magistrates to meet with each real estate agency to see their proposal for leasing the building.

Craig said the goal is to have the property listed by mid-May.

A special called meeting of the Fiscal Court has been set for Thursday, April 13th at 2:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Court House to hear presentations by the real estate companies.

ulate their holistic efforts across the country to help fight illicit drug sales, improve education and prevention, and increase access to treatment and recovery nationwide," said Congressman Rogers.

partment and a demonstration by Rockcastle Shaolin Do Karate.

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the other half, at a cost of \$700.

The court also approved:

a \$1,000 donation to the upcoming Dix River Festival in Brodhead; a resolution for the 2018 County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement of \$1,060,897 with the state; a bid of \$2,805 from Eads Fence Co. to install a 20 ft. gate, additional fencing and repair of the backstop at the

school year 2017-18.

In other action, the annual Board Member Appreciation Day was held. Superintendent David Pensol said in honor of the members of the school board, the district will purchase books for the elementary library in the name of each board member.

"We are truly blessed here. We have good, Christian board members who are doing this for the right reasons," said Pensol. "I hope

the public is aware that board members do not get paid for all the time and effort they put into this. Our board members use their own money and time because they honestly care deeply for every student and their heart is in the right place."

Also during the meeting, Pensol begrudgingly provided the state required self evaluation to the board. Pensol expressed his desire to be the best superintendent possible and to work with the board in every way. "We work together here. I don't like doing this evaluation on myself but here it is and now the board can use this in their own evaluation of the job I have done," he said.

Board members pointed out that Pensol usually underestimates the job he is doing and that he will most likely receive a higher rating from the board's evaluation than he gave to himself.

Board members were also informed that the surplus school buses are now registered to be auctioned May 11th.

The board was also presented with the Superintendent's Personnel Action report for the past month.

Full time certified employ Joanie Alexander was hired as head cheerleading coach at RCHS.

Classified substitute Jason Childress was hired to do lawn care for the entire district.

Pensol also accepted the resignations of Vanessa Bowling, Tara Brown, Aaron Rupard, Mike McNabb, Allene Cornelius and Stephanie Harmon, all from coach-related positions at RCHS.

David Fain and Michael W. Bryant will be volunteer as assistant coaches at RCMS.

It was also noted that the time/place of next month's regular meeting may be changed due to a conflict with other events scheduled.

Details will be released when the meeting time and place are officially scheduled.

the increased maintenance around the city and projects that are underway, the entire city seems to be safer.

"Keeping things neat and clean, the presence of our police officer and the visible improvements we are making to the city has made a difference recently," said City Clerk Becky Bussell. "There is less riffraff roaming the streets at night and people feel much safer now."

Burton said recently that the council is "just getting started," and that many projects are on the future agenda for the city of Brodhead.

Members also discussed a few street lights that are out and agreed to have them repaired. Bullock also suggested the light at the basketball court be replaced on a timer so it will turn off at 10 p.m. since the park closes at that time.

And Bullock suggested the City of Brodhead create a Facebook page to post photos and information about the city and upcoming events as well as boil water advisories and other announcements.

Brodhead Police Officer William Harris reported his monthly activity to the council members.

Last month, Harris issued 28 tickets (mostly for no driver's license or no insurance card), made seven arrests and responded to 21 complaints. Harris said he also works accidents and other events in the area and is staying visible throughout the community.

RESOLUTION

Incorporated City of BRODHEAD

Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the Incorporated City and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are a part of the Incorporated City.

Be it resolved by the Legislative Body of the Incorporated City that:

The Legislative Body of the Incorporated City does hereby accept all streets referred to in said Contract as being city streets which are a part of the Incorporated City; and

The Legislative Body of the Incorporated City does hereby ratify and adopt all statements, representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in said Contract and does hereby accept said Contract and by such acceptance agree to all the terms and conditions therein stated; and

The Chief Executive Officer of the said Incorporated City is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Contract as set forth on behalf of the Legislative Body of BRODHEAD, and the City Clerk of BRODHEAD is hereby authorized and directed to certify thereto.

The vote taken on said Resolution, the result being as follows:

AYES	NAYS
John Burton	
Brian Bullock	
Rick Kirby	
Whitaker L. Case	

CONSESSORSHIP OF KENTUCKY) SS:

INCORPORATED CITY OF BRODHEAD

I, Becky Bussell, City Clerk of BRODHEAD certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the order above. Given under my hand and seal of office this the 13 day of April, 2017.

Becky Bussell
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Second Section

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Rockcastle Chapter DAR honored at State Conference

By Karen Adams
Rockcastle Chapter DAR was recently honored at the 121st KSDAR State Conference held in Lexington March 31st - April 2nd. Over 65 chapters were represented at this year's conference with nearly 300 women in attendance.

Rockcastle Chapter won awards in the fields of public relations, membership, historical preservation, conservation and national defense.

Other awards given to the chapter were for outstanding leadership support for the Daniel Boone Society Children of the American Revolution, outstanding Constitution Week activities and for the state honor roll.

Several chapter members received individual awards. Tonya Cook, Native American Chair, received two awards for the dedication ceremony of Chief Standing Rock of the East and for participation in the Southeastern KY Shawnee Council. She also was awarded the American Heritage Award

for her essay "Ghosts in the Mirror: Images of Times Past and Future."

Amanda McNew, CAR Chair and Junior member, was presented two awards at the KSDAR Junior breakfast and the state banquet by State Regent, Leslie Miller. She received the Chapter Outstanding Junior Award and KSDAR Sunshine Junior Award.

Kathy Bobo, Service to Veterans Chair, received an award for the chapter's involvement in Veteran projects such as the Veterans Day Program, Veteran History Project, the traveling Vietnam Wall and the 50th Anniversary celebration of Vietnam Veterans.

Chapter Regent, Debbie Brown was presented the award for Outstanding Chapter Regent of the Year by State Regent Miller and the Junior State Committee Chair Rosannah Slone. This is Mrs. Brown's second year to receive this honor. Her conservation work on the prayer garden at the church camp was also recognized.

Karen Adams, State

Conservation Chair and Chapter Volunteer Information Specialist, won awards for outstanding chapter newsletter, outstanding chapter/community event publicity and for her work as chapter volunteer information specialist.

Mrs. Adams was also awarded the American Heritage award for her essay "The Spirit of 76-The Journey of a Quilt" and received recognition for her service at the KSDAR state headquarters, Duncan Tavern.

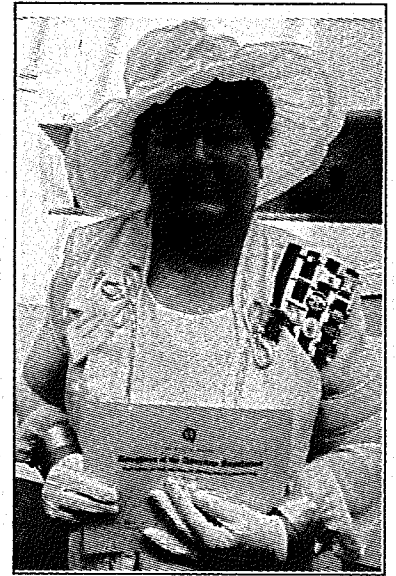


Laura Durham, Ntl. Defense Chair; Jean Gentry, Chapter Registrar; Debbie Brown, Chapter Regent; Amanda McNew, CAR Chair; and Kathy Bobo, Service to Veterans Chair.



Karen Adams, State Conservation Chair and Chapter VIS.

Tonya Cook, American Indian Chair, received two awards for the dedication ceremony of Chief Standing Rock of the East and for participation in the Southeastern KY Shawnee Council.



Pictured front from left: Aden and Lydia Amburgey and Celia and Clara Shafer. Back row from left: Patsy McFalls and Iris Young.

Women of the American Revolution visit DAR

By Karen Adams
The Rockcastle Chapter DAR met for their monthly meeting on Monday, 10 April 2017 at the John Lair House and was visited by four women of the American Revolution.

The narrator for the evening "Clara" portrayed by Miss Clara Shafer (2nd grade) spoke on the importance of the role colonial women played during the Revolution and the time leading up to the war. They boycotted ribbons, fabric and anything British. They also drank liberty tea, made from raspberry leaves and herbs to avoid the British tea tax.

Lydia Darragh, portrayed by Lydia Amburgey (5th grade) greeted the chapter members and told of her experiences as a patriot spy. She was also known as the heroine of the Battle of Whitemarsh. She was a Quaker woman who crossed enemy lines during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her mission was to pass information to General George Washington and the Continental Army, warning them of an impending British attack.

Deborah Sampson, portrayed by Aden Amburgey (9th grade) also joined the group and told her story of disguising herself as a man and serving in the Continental Army under the name Thomas Thayer. She served for over a year and a half before being discovered and was honorably discharged. She is the only woman to receive a military pension

for participation in the American Revolution.

The last woman to join the group was Mercy Otis Warren, portrayed by Celia Shafer (6th grade). She was known as the Conscience of the American Revolution. She was a writer and playwright. She spoke her opinions by writing them down. Her writings included her

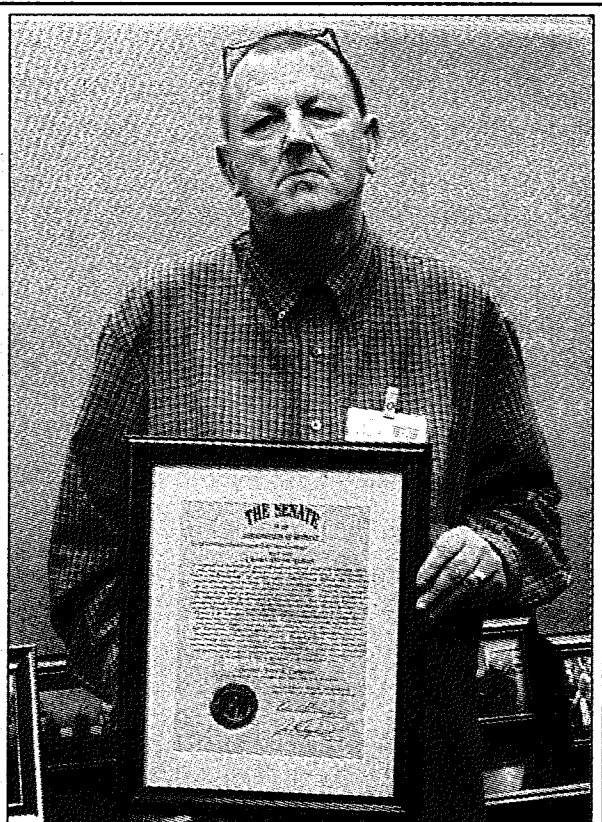
beliefs, thoughts and opinions about the war and politics. She believed in education and pushed for schools to be established for women. She frequently corresponded with revolutionary men and women including Abigail and John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.

After these heroines of

the Revolution had finished their presentation, Mrs. Iris Young and Mrs. Patsy McFalls, coordinators and hostesses for the evening, invited everyone to partake of authentic colonial dishes such as leather britches, Johnny cakes, white beans, hasty pudding and cherry pie. Costumes were made by Nancy Vanhook Mullins.



Celia Shafer and the authentic colonial food.



Kentucky State Senator Jared Carpenter recently presented Mount Vernon City Councilman Wayne Bullock with the "Outstanding Citizen of the Commonwealth" award. The award recognized Bullock's outstanding service to the community through his efforts with the All-American Club and the other organizations Bullock serves with concerning mental health organizations.

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District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank v. Penny L. Wynn, \$4,669.22 claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Mary Newcomb, \$679.91 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Jerry Montjoy, \$2,671.91 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Jane Harper, et al, \$3,121.41 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Matthew Faulkner, \$2,184.76 plus claimed due. C-00054

Circuit Civil Suits

Lester Miller, Jr., et al v. Jerry Reynolds, et al, complaint.

Michael P. McGill v. Marlene McGill, review of support.

Janet Walker Day v. Dustin Lee Day, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services v. Wendell Lovell, complaint for medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services v. Jack McCormick, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00094

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Local judges participate in Opioid Summit in Louisville

District Court Judges Kathryn G. Wood and Jeffrey Scott Lawless, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties, recently joined the statewide discussion on the escalating opioid epidemic at the court system's first-ever summit on this crisis. Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. hosted the Kentucky Opioid Summit for the state's justices and judges Jan. 25 in Louisville.

"One of the most serious challenges facing Kentucky is the opioid epidemic, which is destroying lives, devastating families and increasing drug-related cases in the courts," Chief Justice Minton said. "The court system has a significant role to play in meeting the legal demands and human needs of this crisis. I called this summit because we must gain a better understanding of addiction and treatment so we can make informed decisions from the bench and develop a plan to work with other agencies."

Chief Justice Minton began working on a Kentucky-specific summit after attending the first Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative in August 2016. The Supreme Court of Ohio hosted that event for surrounding states heavily affected by the opioid epidemic: Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The goal of the regional event was to create a framework to coordinate the efforts of state and federal policymakers to combat the opioid epidemic.

"The opioid epidemic is one of the most serious public health and safety issues facing Kentucky today and judges must know how to handle these drug-related cases appropriately," Chief Justice Minton said.

The Kentucky Opioid Summit covered case law, statutes and Americans with Disabilities Act regulations regarding medication-assisted treatment. It also focused on the science of treating addiction and government's role in combating the opioid epidemic. Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin and powerful pain relievers, such as hydrocodone and oxycodone. Kentucky is one of the top five states in opioid overdose deaths per capita, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Medication-assisted treatment involves providing medications to opioid addicts to ease withdrawal systems and reduce cravings. The justices and judges heard about the law, liability and ethics of medication-assisted treatment from attorney Douglas L. McSwain of Wyatt Tarrant & Combs. Dr. Joshua Lee of the New York University of Medicine

provided a session on the neuroscience of medication-assisted treatment.

One way the Kentucky court system addresses substance use disorder is through Kentucky Drug Court. Drug Court programs in 16 counties are now using medication-assisted treatment to help some participants with opioid addiction.

Justices and judges participated in two panel presentations as part of the event. In a panel session on opioid use disorder and the criminal justice system, discussions were about criminal justice and legislative efforts to address the epidemic, the science of treating someone with an opioid use disorder, the history of the opioid epidemic and current crime trends related to opioid use. Panelists were Chief Justice Minton, Secretary John Tilley of the state Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Executive Director Van Ingram of the state Office of Drug Control Policy, Louisville Metro Police Chief Steve Conrad, and Dr. Michelle R. Lofvall, a medical doctor who is an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral science with the University of Kentucky's Center on Drug and Alcohol Research.

The second panel focused

on state government's role in dealing with the growing opioid problem. The session included a presentation on the state's comprehensive plan to reduce overdose-related deaths by Adam M. Meier, Gov. Matt Bevin's deputy chief of staff and health policy advisor. Panelists also covered the scope of the epidemic, the impact on children and families, evidence-based treatment, and KASPER's part in addressing prescription drug use disorder. KASPER is Kentucky's prescription drug monitoring program.

The panel also discussed strategies for reducing the issues resulting from opioid use, such as offering syringe exchange programs and

Naloxone, which is a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent opioid overdose. In addition to Meier, panelists were Deputy Secretary and former judge Timothy Feeley of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Commissioner Dr. Hiram C. Polk of the Department of Public Health, KASPER program manager David R. Hopkins and Dr. Allen J. Brenzel, medical director for the state Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

The Division of Judicial Branch Education at the Administrative Office of the Courts provided the summit.

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 55 Thrasher Lane - Crab Orchard, KY
 Bidding Ends Wednesday, April 19, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.

Directions: Turn off of US Hwy 150 between Brodhead & Crab Orchard onto Copper Creek Rd. Go 2/10 mile, cross bridge and turn right on Thrasher Lane.

This rustic home features a living room w/cathedral ceiling, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, & 2 1/2 baths. Other amenities include fireplace w/insert, large front & rear covered porch, metal roof, septic system & city water situated on 1.214 acres by survey.

Preview Dates: Wednesday, April 12th from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. & Wednesday, April 19th from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Buyer's Premium: There will be a 10% buyer's premium added to the final bid in order to determine the final sales price.

Terms: 20% down within 48 hours at the conclusion of the online auction with balance due in 30 days.

Note: The property has a Right of Way & Utility Easement to use the existing gravel driveway for access to the property from the old Copper Creek Road. Note: The property is located in Rockcastle County but has a Crab Orchard address.

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For more information about the Go Higher Grant, please contact Sheila Roe at 800-928-8926, ext. 67393,

or sroe@kheaa.com.

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For more information visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or you may call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214 during business hours.

Audio versions of two college planning books now available online at KHEAA

Two more college planning books are now available in audio versions on the website of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"Surviving College" provides tips that will help high school seniors during their first year on campus. Topics include class schedules, staying healthy, living in a dorm and campus life.

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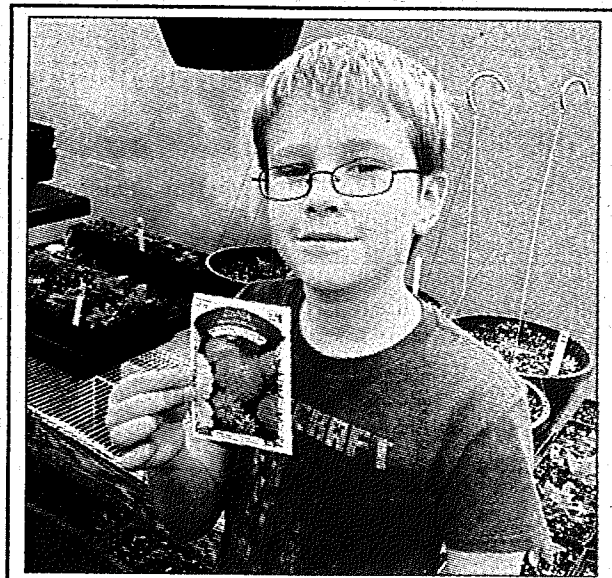
The two books join "Getting In," a complete guide to college admis-

sions and financial aid geared to high school juniors and seniors, on www.kheaa.com.

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Mrs. Julie's 4th grade has been working in the greenhouse. They are investigating which variable will grow the healthiest, tallest and most beautiful zinnia. Pictured is Conor Barton.

Scholarship helps students get training in high-demand fields

Applications for the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship are now available from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

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For the 2017-18 academic year, the workforce fields are construction, health care, advanced manufacturing, transportation/logistics and business services/information technology.

Recipients must be Kentucky residents, be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and have a high school diploma or GED.

For 2017-18, the maximum award is estimated to be about \$3,900.

The deadline to apply is June 15.

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Mt. Vernon Message

School News

This year is coming to an end. There are several activities planned.

Thursday, April 13

- *Tutoring after school
- *RCHS Chorus will perform for our school at 1:30
- *1st grade will have their Easter Egg hunt.

Friday, April 14

- *1st grade to Hummel planetarium

Monday, April 17

- *After School Enrichment

Tuesday, April 18

- *Citizen's Bank meets with 5th grade at 2:00

Tutoring after school

Wednesday, April 19

- *SBDM Council Teacher Elections at 3:30
- *SBDM Parent Elections 7:30

- *Preschool inflatables

Thursday, April 20

- *4th grade to Maywoods
- *2nd grade to Rockcastle Regional

- *RCHS Band performs for our school at 1:00

Tutoring after school

- *Kindergarten Performance 6:00

Class News

- The Great Zinnia Race

Mrs. Julie's 4th grade has been working in the greenhouse. They are investigating which variable will grow the healthiest, tallest and most beautiful zinnia. Students have worked through the scientific method to conduct this research. They will be making and recording their observations for the next several weeks. The students have also started many different vegetables and flowers that they will be able to take home at the end of the school year.

The President Comes to Mt. Vernon!

Recently, Mt. Vernon Elementary fifth grade students had a very special guest speaker. By way of the Mills Springs Battlefield Association, President Abraham Lincoln came and spoke to our students discussing a number of topics which included: his time as a boy in Kentucky, how he got his start in politics, and his time serving as president during the Civil War. This activity helped students convey and appreciate the concepts we've been discussing in Social Studies.

RES Parent SBDM Nomination Form

April 10-21, 2017

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

All parents (except those previously excluded) who will have children attending Roundstone Elementary School during their term shall be eligible to be elected to serve on the council. All parents who will have children attending the school are eligible to vote in the parent elections.

The term of office begins on July 1, 2017 and ends on June 30, 2018.

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

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that individual to see if they would be willing to serve. Then complete the information below and return this form to Mrs. Sandy Bullen by Friday, April 21st, no later than 3:00 PM. Ballots may be completed by any individual that is eligible to vote in the main office on Tuesday, April 25th, from 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM.

I would like to nominate

First Name Last Name Telephone

as a parent member of the Brodhead Elementary SBDM Council for the school year 2017-18.

Signature Date

BES Parent SBDM Nomination Form

April 2017

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

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If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that individual to see if they would be willing to serve. Then complete the information below and return this form to Ms. Satica Morgan by Friday, April 28, no later than 4:00 pm.

Ballots may be completed by the individual that is eligible to vote in the main office on Wednesday, May 3, from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

I would like to nominate

First Name Last Name Telephone

as a parent member of the Brodhead Elementary SBDM Council for the school year 2017-18.

Signature Date

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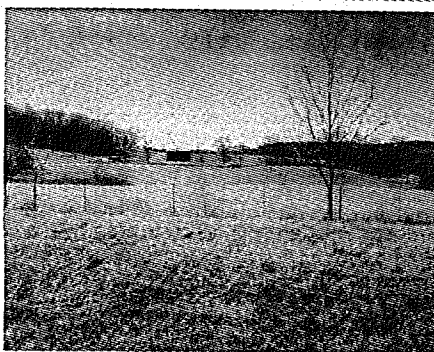
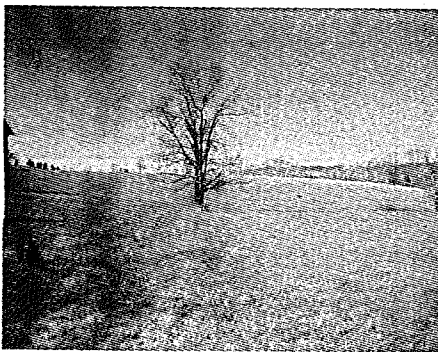
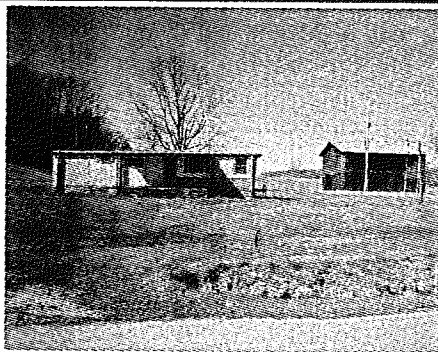
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Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

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

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

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

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

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

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Notice is hereby given that Perry Harding, 167 Hammonds Fork Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Wayne Harding, 6445 Scaffold Cane Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Mary E. Harding on the 21st day of March, 2017. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Perry Harding and Wayne Harding on or before April 24, 2017 at 11 a.m. 12x3

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Bennett, 117 1st Avenue NW, Oelwein, IA 50662 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Marie Joyce Bennett on the 13th day of March, 2017. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Joseph Bennett on or before Sept. 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. 12x3

Notice is hereby given that Karen Damrell, 463 Gabbard Rd., Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Crit Fleming on the 29th day of March, 2017. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Karen Damrell or to Hon. Janet Humphrey Cole, 100 South Main St., Nicholasville, Ky. 40356 on or before October 2, 2017 at 11 a.m. 13x3

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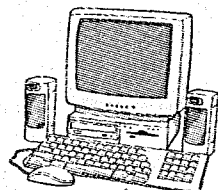
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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
LANDSCAPING: Smart Money Investment

Is landscaping a good investment? Does it add value over time to your home? Does it give instant return if you're wanting to sell the home? And how much, where and why might you want to invest in your property with wise landscaping? My readers should have quite a bit of new and useful information on landscaping as an investment by the time we conclude.

Spending 5% of the total value of your home on landscaping, doing it wisely, can add 15% or more to the value of your home, according to Smart Money magazine in its March 2003 edition. A caveat, poor design and installation could have the opposite effect, so wise use of money is needed in order to reap such nice gains. I am betting a chance to add \$30,000 in value to a \$200,000 home with a \$10,000 investment will encourage you to read on.

A Clemson University study found that prospective buyers value landscaping as adding up to 11.5% to their estimation of a property's worth versus a similar home that is not landscaped. Traditional thinking is that a kitchen or bath update or upgrade will return from 75 percent to 125 percent on the dollars spent. While it's not recommended someone wanting to market their home immediately spend on major landscape upgrades, minor work that delivers a positive curb appeal is a super idea. And, in time, a good landscape can deliver up to 200% or more in return. (Example: a tree that you buy and plant for \$100 or one you hire done for \$225—that tree, depending upon species and what part of the country you're talking about, may be valued by an appraiser at somewhere between \$1,000 and \$10,000 in a decade or two when it becomes a large tree, provided it's healthy and was planted in an appropriate spot to begin with.)

In the real estate sales business they talk a lot about "comps" or comparable homes. Above average landscaping raises pricing 4-5 percent. However, landscaping below neighborhood standards can negatively affect price 8 to 10 percent!

Landscape improvements not only add value, they can help a property sell 5 to 6 weeks faster, according to the American Nursery and Landscaping Association. Again, we have to qualify this to modest expenditures that improve appearance of a home. Fancy or extensive new landscaping to a place you are selling is not wise, both from a cost/return perspective and also that the more elaborate projects will only appeal to a smaller portion of prospective new homeowners looking at your home with the 'for sale' sign. Fairly simple but tasteful is the key. Let the next owner do the big expensive stuff.

What about the homeowner who plans to keep his property for many years and wants to invest in the landscaping? There is more freedom here to do involved projects, and those that are on his family's need or wish list. A swimming pool or a jungle gym may not return full value at selling time, but if it means the kids and grandkids really have a good time and it makes for a much better quality of life, who is to say it isn't money well spent! (Not everything can be totaled up with a dollar value.)

Long term, some of the best return on money spent comes from planting small but healthy trees and shrubs, and they become much more valuable in time. Hardscaping such as patios, decks, terraces, swales, walks, water features and so on are also important to long term satisfaction and reward to the homeowners. The tough part for the beginning

new homeowner is visualizing when they plant that shade tree that it shouldn't be planted in a certain spot if a pool or patio or new driveway or a second garage will need to go there at some future date. Hiring a designer early on in this matter may be much cheaper than dealing with mistakes as time passes and some things have to be removed to make way for more projects at a later date. Planning is useful—so often I see people shopping for trees or shrubs and they have little idea until they get home how it is going to fit in some good looking scheme.

Right tree? Not only right size, right shape needs to be considered. What does your proposed tree look like in each of the four seasons? Will it bloom? Should it be an evergreen tree? Will it

tolerate sun, shade, drought, swampy areas, poor soil, acid or alkaline soils? Will it survive salt trucks, salt mist or runoff water from treated streets that is salty?

Considering just the color of the leaves, or that it has such a pretty bloom can lead to poor choices and followed on by poor performance if planting conditions and other factors are not in line with the preferences of the tree you dream about. This could lead to negative return on your investment, or even death of the tree, not to mention the time wasted and the delay in having the dream tree you want.

The value of a good looking yard that also is functional and usable is huge. Broken sidewalks, rotten porches, unfenced yard with pets: these detract from values. A yard that ap-

peals to the most people will be a winner if selling is in your future. Having all the little particulars you want are fine if you plan on staying awhile, your own comfort and preferences may be a good investment for you and your yard.

Trees and greenery relax people. So does the sound of water. And sometimes wind. Being able to swim, grow a garden, cook outdoors, all of these can be wise investments. They just may not return the same good returns if you are just looking at dollars return for dollars spent. Again, not everything can be priced as having a certain dollar value. Making your place the way you want it is money smart too.

Doing things yourself will save money in the short run. And perhaps even long term, if you do your homework and do things with ut-

most care and attention. It will be easier, for sure, if you turn it over to someone experienced and reputable.

What if you do need expert help? Well, my first bit of advice is don't go to a garden center that also has a landscape crew. The more expensive stuff they sell, the happier they'll be. Instead try going to a place that sells yard furnishings, or a mulch and stone yard perhaps, someone who will feel responsible for it if they refer a poor choice to you. You'll get the best names such a business knows about usually.

Another tactic to insure you don't get a bad contractor or job? Go through some neighborhoods and ask who did the job for that home? And, especially, inquire who did the landscapes that you think look bad! If several homes on a street mention a certain landscaper, and you're looking at what's before your eyes, and you're overwhelmed with crooked, dead, mismatched or unsuitable choices for the

location, you may realize going to that extra effort saves you from the error of calling the same company to do your work!

In conclusion, time is your friend. The right landscaping will gain steadily in value over the years. I believe landscaping, well planned and executed, will produce a positive return on your investment and will be money well spent. (And even if spending money on your property increased the value in an exactly equal amount to what you spent, you would still enjoy the new landscaping, and not for a few days like you would a vacation, or a few hours like a Superbowl, or a few minutes perhaps if you gamble those dollars away. Instead you accumulate equity in your home that will endure and grow as time passes.)

Evidence is abundant, good landscaping is a super investment.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Your feedback is encouraged. www.rockcastles.net



Group photo of hikers who hiked to the boils at Livingston on April 8. Additional hikes have been organized for April 22 to Angin Falls and May 6 at Camp Wildcat. The hikes are free and open to all ages, to register call the Extension Office at 256-2403 or email Hazel Jackson at hjackson@uky.edu. Also, Dips, Sauces and Dressings on April 25 at 1 p.m. The class is free and everyone is welcome. Samples and recipes will be provided.

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