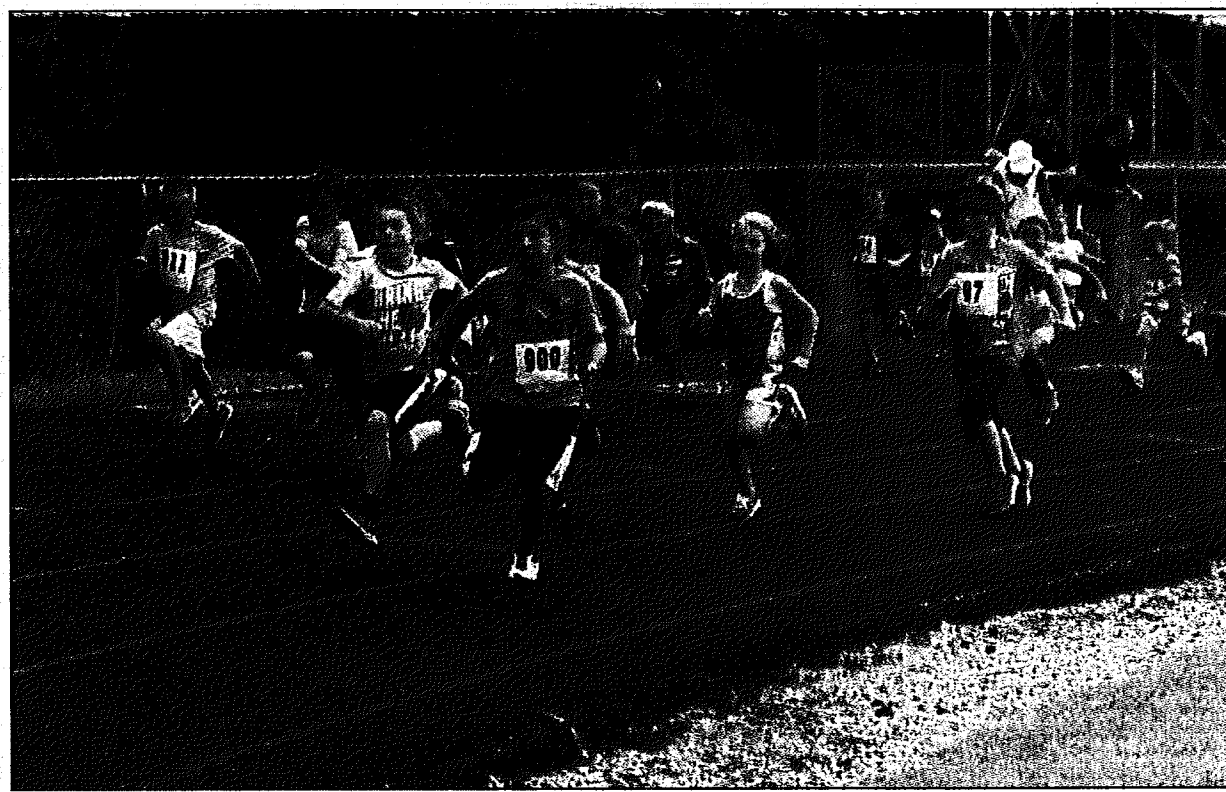


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Longest Day of Play held last Thursday

Great weather allowed for a big turnout for the annual Longest Day of Play held last Thursday at RCMS. The event, sponsored by Rockcastle Health Communities, featured educational booths, inflatables, races and activities for children of all ages. Shown above are kids taking part in one of the Fastest Kid in Town races and at right are children enjoying playing at the KCEOC Head Start's booth.



City approves budget, attacks theft problem

By: Mike French
 The Mount Vernon City Council held their last Monday night meeting this week. At this meeting, members of the council held the second reading of an ordinance changing the monthly meetings to the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. beginning with the July meeting on the 20th.

Councilmembers also heard the second reading of the city budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins July 1st.

City Administrator Josh Bray informed members of the council that he recently discovered some changes in the numbers but they are not enough to affect the budget.

"We found out today that our workers compensation payments will be just slightly higher than we had budgeted. But it's such a small amount that it won't really have an effect and we don't have to change the budget," he said.

Members of the council discussed adding a "light duty clause" to the city worker's comp insurance. "Instead of sending them home after a minor injury or sickness, we can let them answer phones or do light duty work," said council member Jamie Bryant.

"We are looking into adding that clause. We can

(See "City" on A5)

Fiscal Court hires company to market Anchor building

At the regular meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court Tuesday, June 13th, the court voted unanimously to hire Binswanger Realty, under an 18 month contract, to market the county-owner former Anchor Packaging building.

Binswanger, an interna-

tional company, has made two presentations to the court touting their success in marketing commercial property.

The only initial outlay the county will have to make will be a little over \$15,000 for advertising materials, which will include direct mailings of brochures to

(See "Court" on A5)

BES students will receive free school supplies in 2017-18

Brodhead Elementary is proud to announce that for the 2017-2018 school year,

every child at BES will receive free school supplies. Students will only need to

bring a backpack and ear buds, if needed.

Brodhead Elementary would like to thank the students, parents, and staff for the work and dedication required to raise the funding needed to acquire this year's supplies. Money raised

through fundraisers, such as Tiger Pride Stride, PTG Painting Party, Fall/Spring Book Fair, 21 Salute, Winter Carnival, Little Caesars Pizza sells, Student Holiday Cards, and Penny Drives made it possible to purchase these supplies for every stu-

dent. Plans are to continue with fundraising efforts throughout the 2017-2018 school year in order to continue providing all students with the needed supplies.

(See "BES" on A5)

Court is refinancing SourceHOV property

At a called meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court Monday, June 19th, the second reading of an ordinance, authorizing the refinancing of the SourceHOV note was held.

The refinancing will be for the balance of the note,

(See "HOV" on A5)

Relay for Life is this Friday

Rain location changed

Hundreds of local residents are expected to join together at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Rockcastle County on Friday, June 23 at 7:00pm at Rockcastle Middle School. (In case of rain, all events will be held at Mt. Vernon Elementary School). This year's theme is "Kentucky Inspired."

Relay For Life of Rockcastle County is open to the public. This free, family-friendly event celebrates local cancer survivors, remembers those who have passed away from this disease and allows the community to fight back against cancer.

A Cancer Survivor Dinner will start at 5:30pm in the cafeteria. Opening cer-

emonies will start at 7:00pm at the track, and include a survivors' victory lap, caregivers lap, and first re-

(See "Relay" on A5)

Livingston woman arrested with meth

By: Mike French
 Juanita Renner, 35, of Livingston, was arrested Saturday, June 17 on several charges, including trafficking methamphetamine.

According to the Kentucky State Police report, Trooper Pruitt was dispatched to a fight complaint on Calloway Road. When the trooper arrived he was

met by Renner and William Milburn.

The report says through the course of the investigation, police discovered that

(See "Meth" on A5)

Freedom School Road widening underway

By: Mike French
 Rockcastle county workers are in the middle of widening Freedom School Road. The project is being funded through the Rockcastle County's road department budget and Judge/Executive Doug Bishop said the county is saving a lot of money by doing the work instead of hiring contractors.

"This is a very dangerous, narrow and highly traveled road in our county," said Bishop. "We are going to make it much safer for citizens by widening it and straightening out some sharp curves."

Officials are not yet sure what the total cost of the project will be but Bishop said money is budgeted for the project. "We were able to bring back a couple of road department employees for the project and by doing the work ourselves it will be much cheaper."

Bishop said the road is traveled by many cars and

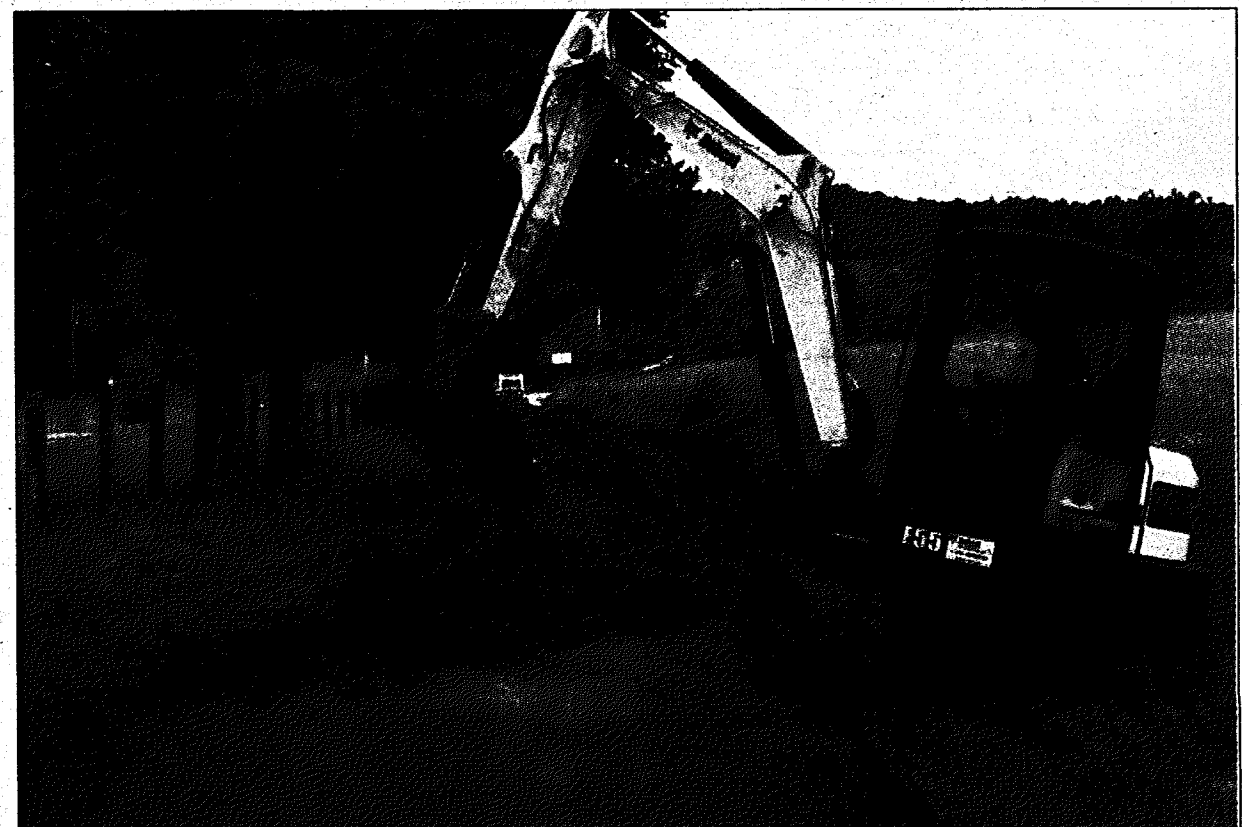
at least five school buses every day and he is proud that the project is underway.

"This is long overdue and I am glad we have started. It's a long project and we

may not finish it this summer. But if not, we will stop work during school so that

the road can be used and then finish it next summer

(See "Road" on A5)



Matt Northern operates some of the equipment on site as Rockcastle County Road Department workers are widening Freedom School Road. The road will be closed in places for most of the summer but work will stop when school is back in session.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



I sometimes wonder how far people will go and just where we are headed as a society. To me, every year society accepts and supports a little more darkness and un-Christian behavior.

In the early 1950s a fellow named Elvis Presley came on the scene and my mother had to sneak and hide her Elvis records because she would have been in terrible trouble for listening to that "evil, dark man."

It was considered a sin by many to watch or listen to Elvis because he moved his hips when he sang and his music was often about sexy women.

By the 60s, I was a huge Elvis fan. (still am). His pictures are hanging on the wall beside me as I type this.

I remember thinking so clearly that grandma was so ridiculous in thinking Elvis was evil. To me, there was nothing wrong with his music and I enjoyed watching him dance.

For some of his early shows, television stations refused to show him below the hip as they broadcast him singing.

Perhaps it was because of that "forbidden fruit" scenario that the younger generation began to love him and he sold more albums and broke more musical records than any singer before him.

This hip-shaking, rock and roller became the idol of millions and millions of people.

But to grandma, he was evil and was heading the country in the wrong direction.

Later, a fellow came along and broke a couple of Elvis' records and the same thing happened.

Michael Jackson was considered evil by the next generation. But he did a lot more than shake his hips. He grabbed his privy parts and did sexual stuff in

his shows.

So, once again, older people thought he was an evil fellow and should not be watched.

But the younger generation fell in love with him and again there was a man who was loved by millions and millions.

I was in the middle sections that really enjoyed Jackson. I loved to watch him and I even learned to moon walk, but when he grabbed himself and did those sexual acts on stage, I had a little twitch and thought it was inappropriate.

Now comes entertainers who have taken the sexual acts to an unbelievable level. And again, us older people think they should be arrested for indecent exposure while the younger generation screams and claps and

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Points East

By Ike Adams



A fellow by the name of Harry S. Miller is generally credited with writing a song in 1893 that goes something like this:

"Oh the cat came back, she couldn't stay no longer
Yes the cat came back, the very next day
The cat came back, thought she was a goner
But the cat came back cause she couldn't stay away."

The song has numerous verses and has undergone dozens of renditions over the years but I lifted this one from what is supposed to be the original sheet music. Of course I found it on the internet and that does not necessarily mean it's anywhere close to being true or accurate.

Which is beside the point because this column is not about the song. It's about a cat that did, in fact,

"come back" even though I wish it had stayed away.

Early last spring (2106) we were looking for a home for a kitten that had found its way to our front porch, helped itself to a bellyful of our regular cat's (Fancy Pants') Meow-Mix and curled up in Fancy's favorite chair.

Fancy was not amused but she is not a fighter and there is not an aggressive gene in her body. Fancy reluctantly relinquished her chair to the kitten to avoid violence.

At that point in time we were experiencing a vole plague that would have made Moses proud, had he pulled it off.

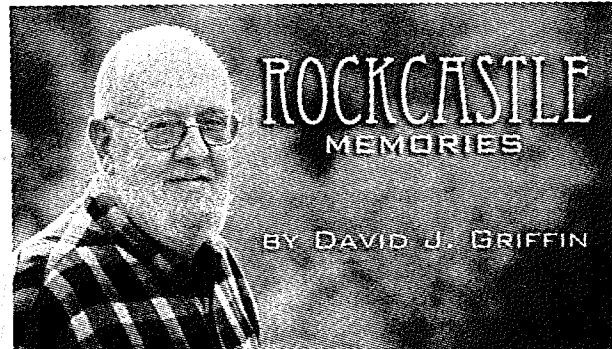
The kitten had only been here 3 or 4 days when we started advertising and trying to find her a home. You may recall that I used this column for that very purpose. You may also recall that I promptly revoked the offer after "Cooney" (named for her ringed tail) started catching voles and bringing them to our front porch.

I stopped counting when her haul got to 20 or so but it was not long before we could walk across the yard again without tripping over a vole ridge. It was not unusual for her catch 2 in one day but her average was about 5 each week. This went on all last summer and well into last fall.

By this time last year we had invested over \$100.00 in vet bills alone to assure that Cooney would not present us with a litter of kittens and she was more than earning her keep until, I'm guessing it was up in December, I noticed that I hadn't seen a dead vole on the porch in some time.

The reason I finally paid notice to Cooney's loss of interest in catching voles coincided with the appearance of several conspicuous mounds of soil in our front yard with 3-inch ridges running between them. At the ripe old age of just under 1, my vole killing cat had decided to retire and spend her time/energy making Fancy as miserable as possible.

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A Day at the Stockyards

In the early 1950s, my Dad (Hobe Griffin) raised hogs and, therefore, he was a frequent visitor to the Lincoln County Stockyards. Whenever circumstances permitted, he would ask me to accompany him because it was nearly an all-day event. In addition to participating in the hog sales, we drank RC Colas, lunched on hotdogs or hamburgers, and chatted with many of his friends. To me, visiting the stockyards was a lot like attending the county fair.

I was delighted to recently discover an advertisement from the Mt. Vernon Signal for Lincoln County Stockyards dated Thursday, July 8, 1954. The ad gave hog prices as listed below:

Sows - \$14.50 - \$17.50
Shoats - \$18.50 - \$25.35

Boars - \$9.50 - \$12.50

It also announced that the Auction Sales were held every Tuesday.

That ad actually helped to answer several of my own questions as to how often Daddy asked me to join him. Now I realize that most Tuesdays found me in school and therefore unable to go with him. Now I understand that I could only have gone during the summer months or on Tuesdays in which school was not in session.

Yet I distinctly remember going with him in his dark green, F150 Ford pickup. Daddy had purchased that truck with an AM radio, and I recall us listening to country music all the way to Stanford and back home again. I believe I was in the fourth grade around that time, so it was probably 1954 or 1955.

On one particular trip, Daddy allowed me to ask one of my friends, Kenneth Hansel, to accompany us. Upon arriving at the stockyards, Kenneth and I rolled out of the truck, and Daddy handed each of us a whole dollar bill to cover

our snacks. It was actually a pretty generous amount for the time. In those days, you could buy a Coke and a bag of peanuts for less than a quarter.

Kenneth and I spent the day observing farm animals - cows, hogs, and sheep. When we finally hooked up with Daddy later in the day, he advised us that he had purchased four Hampshire piglets and directed that we needed to load them into his truck. After complying with his wishes, Kenneth and I voluntarily kept our eyes on them through the back window during the entire drive home.

One of us asked Daddy why it was that hogs loved mud so much. He proceeded to explain that there were actually several reasons why that was true. "Hogs don't have sweat glands, so they use mud to keep them cool," and then added that the mud also keeps insects away.

During that time period, Daddy usually kept 25-30 hogs on his lot on Fair Ground Hill. I went with him to feed them on a regular basis. After they reached maturity, he sold his stock to several different individuals living in Mt. Vernon.

He usually kept two or three to slaughter for our own family. Daddy salt-cured the hams and shoulders, made lots of sausage, and produced as many pork chops as possible. He personally loved both country ham and pork chops better than anyone I knew. We ate very well for a long while after hog-killing time.

Being around my dad was usually an interesting, fun, and informative time. He had a way about him, Daddy did; and he had a way with those hogs, too.

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

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



It's Finally Melon Season Again

Dear Journal,
It's finally melon season again and Stanley is in the kitchen right now cutting open one of the largest cantaloupes I've ever seen. We've had it for about a week, waiting for it to get ripe.

Melon season was always kind of special when I was a kid growing up. The first watermelon of the season was really something special. The whole family would gather around and wait for the distinct sound of a knife slicing into the melon rind and then the prying open, and then the

unique smell just hitting you in the face. Ah, the smell you hadn't enjoyed since last summer.

Back in those days there was only seasonal fruit in the stores. If you wanted melon or strawberries after the local season, you were out of luck until next year. There weren't any seedless watermelons or seedless oranges, either, as best as I can recall. If you got something like grapes from California, they were rather expensive. In the summer after Sunday dinner, there was usually watermelon or strawberry shortcake for dessert. When we would go on a picnic, there were the usual sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, the usual sides, and the watermelon. It just wasn't summer without it.

My Uncle Junior always prided himself on choosing the "just right" melon at the store. He was the melon authority. One year, when I was about five or six, my Grandma Norton made some watermelon preserves. Oh, my! What a treat! It was like a little taste of heaven on a homemade biscuit. Of course, it had good old home-churned butter on it, too.

As it turns out, melons are very ancient. When the Israelite slaves left Egypt in the Exodus, they wandered in the desert wasteland.

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On Saturday, June 17, members of Rockcastle County American Legion Post #71 attended the 99th Annual Department of Kentucky American Legion Convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Louisville. Post #71 was awarded the "Stanley Hudson Memorial Trophy" for highest percentage of increase in membership for 2017 over previous all time high and the Department of Kentucky "New Year Thought" Post Award for achieving the highest numerical number of members in the 15-99 category for 2017. Post #71 also received a 2017 Incentive Goal Award for outstanding achievement in membership. Pictured are: Tommy Hodges, Recruiting Officer; Commander Rick Bobo; and Adjutant Kathy Bobo.

"Aces"

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loves them. Miley Cyrus actually pretended to have sex on stage in front of the world. Madonna and others seem to have no limit in what they wear in front of people or

what actions they perform on stage.

My generations typically thinks this kind of public display should be banned and she should be arrested.

Then again, that's what grandma thought about Elvis.

So, I just sit and wonder how far it will go. Did my support and love for Elvis aid in the direction our society is heading? Did it all start when youth fell in love with a guy that gyrated his hips on television which evolved into this public sex display?

What's next? The only way I know to be more explicit than some current entertainers, is to be completely nude on stage.

Will teenagers love it as us oldtimers condemn it? It's been my experience

"T.J.'s"

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They became hungry, thirsty, and irritable. They longed for some of the things they had back in Egypt. Among those things were melons. Is it any surprise?

Stanley has cut the cantaloupe and brought me a big plate of chunks. It smells so good and is so sweet and juicy. Our eastern box turtle, Terry, is back for his fourth year with us. He, too, loves melons and he will really love this one. No wonder he comes back every year.

I've got to stop now and take care of some urgent, pressing business.

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"Points East"

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About two weeks ago we called some friends who had inquired about acquiring Cooney just before we decided to keep her around. Fancy is nearly 10 years old, very much my main cat, and does not deserve the bullying Cooney seemed intent on dishing out. Turned out our friends were still interested in getting Cooney.

It took some doing to get her into the pet carrier but we managed to do it with only minor wounds to my hands.

Our friends live, I'm guessing, about 4 miles from us, over 3, I'm sure. But a couple of days after taking Cooney to their place, they told us she hadn't stayed around long enough to get acquainted.

In the meantime Fancy Pants had begun relishing her renewed and exclusive province as undisputed Queen of our front porch. But it only lasted a week. Last Friday morning I went outside to feed Fancy, but she was nowhere to be seen. Cooney was prancing around like she owned the place.

I doubt that our friends will want to try again but we have to find this cat a home from which she won't come back.

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WRFD July 4th Celebration
 Western Rockcastle Fire Department will hold their annual 4th of July celebration Saturday, June 24th on Hwy. 70 at the fire station. Rusty and the Greenhorns will begin performing at 7 p.m. There will be hot dogs, chili dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips and drinks available. Please come out and help support your fire department.

DBCAA Board Meeting
 Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will have a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, June 27th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Free Summer Meals/Kids and Teens
 Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens are being served Thursday afternoons, June 1 - August 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Drive, Brodhead. No income guidelines, registration or enrollment required. All children 18 and under are welcome.

Butterfly Plant Sale
 There will be a Butterfly Plant Sale Saturday, July 8th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memorial Park on Jefferson Street in Berea. Rain or shine. Sale will benefit MonarchWatch.org.

VA State Service Officer in London
 A certified and trained State Service Officer will be at the London DAV building on East 80, behind Valero Truck Stop on Tuesday, June 27th from 8 a.m. to noon to assist all veterans, for free, and their dependents with VA claims. For more information, call 606-862-0032 or 606-877-1308.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings
 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 Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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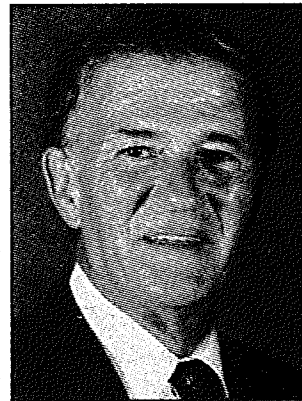
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Obituaries

Jones Oscar Hamm

Jones Oscar Hamm, 83, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Ephraim McDowell Hospital. He was born August 11, 1933, to the late Pleasant Harris and Ruby Margaret (Hiatt) Hamm in Rockcastle County. On January 14, 1956, he was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Sarah Faye Hunt and from that union came Jones Kevin Hamm. Mr. Hamm served in the United States Army as a Specialist 3rd Class and he had retired from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. He was a member and Deacon of the Maretburg Baptist Church and enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing and his grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, Jones Kevin (Linda) Hamm of Brodhead; his grandchildren, Jarrett Kevin (Mallory) Hamm, Jeriah Konner Hamm and Emily Roark, all of Brodhead; his sister, Betty Lou (Johnny W.) Adams and Mary "Molly" Batey (Bill) Belcher, both of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife of 60 years, Sarah Faye Hamm; and his brothers, Eddie Ray Hamm and Bennett Harris Hamm.

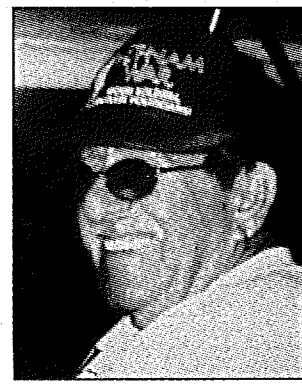
Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, June 23 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2017 at the funeral home with Bro. Wayne Harding officiating. Burial will follow in Sayers Cemetery.

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

Marion C. Bishop

Marion C. Bishop, 76, of Belleville, MI, loving husband and dedicated father, died Tuesday, June 13, 2017 peacefully at his home with his family by his side. He was born May 11, 1941 in Broadhead, the son of James A. and Sarah Ellen Elizabeth (Singleton) Bishop. While attending grade school, he met his childhood sweetheart, Laura Helton, they married on March 31, 1959 in Jellico, TN. They moved to Michigan in 1964 and he began working at Ford Motor Company. He loved hunting and fishing. He restored older cars and attended car shows numerous times a week. He was a true family man and would do anything for them.



In addition to his loving wife of 58 years, survivors include: three children, Marion Ardell (Charlotte) Bishop of Belleville, Laura Elizabeth (Chris) Gibson of Milan and Lisa Michelle (Jenay Kightlinger) Bishop of Redford; grandchildren, Jessica (Dave) Souva, Jeremiah (Tammi) Preston, Meghan (Aaron) Lenzen, Nicole (Larry Love) Bishop, Chris (Amanda) Gibson, Jr. and Stacy (DeAngelo Little) Gibson; 15 great grandchildren, Brenden, Anjelina, Jasmine, Lyla, Jaxen, Tegin, Andrew, Eryn Alexis, Jordan, Lauryn, Paul, Karma, Kalani, Kendrick and Isaiah; brothers and sisters, Delray, Alvin, Bobby, Jean, Doug, Genelia and Ernie; brother-in-law, Harley (Barbara) Helton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; his daughter, Regina Lorrene Preston; son-in-law, Howard Preston; and brothers and sisters, Nellie, Lauvadia, Verdrey, Wanda and David.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church, 5667 Denton Road, Canton with Bro. Danny Adams officiating. Burial was in Denton Cemetery.

Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com

Fannie Elizabeth "Bessie" Gadd

Fannie Elizabeth "Bessie" Gadd, 84, wife of the late John H. "Buster" Gadd, died Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born September 21, 1932 in Mount Vernon, to the late William A. and Rena Croucher Cain. She was a member of the Clear Creek Baptist Church.



She is survived by: two daughters, Linda (Tim) Kirby and Dorothy Gadd Thomas, both of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Carroll Cain of Berea; and one sister, Dorothy Cain of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Other than her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Wanda Laswell, and one brother, Henry Cain.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Bro. Jerry Owens officiating. Burial was in the Gadd Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Pallbearers were: John Thomas, Josh Meritt, Roger Mason, George Clark, and Tim Kirby.

www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com

NOTICE

Anyone interested in setting up a vendor's booth at the "Blast in the Valley," scheduled for Sunday, July 2nd, **MUST** pre-register by calling 606-256-0914 by June 30th.



William Hayes

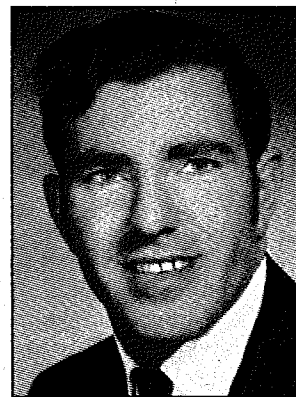
William Michael Hayes, 31, of Mt. Vernon, died June 12, 2017. He was born December 1, 1985 in Louisville, to William Clay and Rhonda Elaine (Boyde) Hayes. He was of the Baptist Faith and he enjoyed playing pool.

Those left to celebrate his life are his parents and his brother, Ryan Bradley.

He was preceded in by his brother, Tony Hayes.

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

Donations may be made to the funeral home in memory of William towards the burial fund.



Ernest Scott

Ernest Scott, 79, of Norwood, OH and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, June 12, 2017 at his residence. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 27, 1938, the son of William H. (Willie) and Ellie Mae Jennings Scott. He was retired from General Motors Corporation where he was a painter for 30 years and was a Cincinnati Reds fan.

He is survived by: his wife, Norma Martin Scott of Norwood, OH; his son, Jason Scott of Connorsville; one brother, David Scott of Cincinnati; and one sister, Betty Sue Planck of Norwood. Also surviving are a host of nephews, nieces, friends and neighbors. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 18, 2017 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Jimmy Miller. Burial followed in the Corinth Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Worley, Kay Webb, Calvin Scott II, Daryl Gabbard, Dave Scott and Scott Baker. Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Rockcastle 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.

Cemetery Notices

Red Hill Community Cemetery

Caretakers of the Red Hill Community Cemetery would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity over Memorial Day week end.

All donations will go for the maintenance and upkeep of the Red Hill Community Cemetery.

Brodhead Christian Church Cemetery Notice

Damaged headstones will be repaired, at the Brodhead Christian Church Cemetery, beginning in June of 2017.

Anyone who objects to having a deceased family member's headstone repaired or uprighted, please notify in writing to: Brodhead Christian Church Cemetery, P.O. Box 183, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

McKinney Cemetery

Anyone wishing to make a donation for the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery can send a donation to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

The annual meeting will be held at a later date and will be announced in the local newspaper and over local radio as to when and where.

Maretburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep for the Maretburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, Maretburg 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.

Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing the Sand Hill Cemetery to: Brady Hensley,

2683 Sand Hill Rd., Livingston, Ky. 40445.

Call 606-453-4511 for more information.

Johnetta Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery may be sent to: Harold D. Ballinger, Sr., 5777 Three Links Road, McKee, Ky. 40447.

Please note: Any flowers left on the ground will be removed before the next mowing date.

If you want to save yours, please pick them up before Friday, June 9th.

Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery. Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

To contact Bill, his cell phone number is 606-308-3245.

Thanks to everyone for your support. It does not go unnoticed.

Briarfield Cemetery

Thank you for all the donations given for the upkeep of the Briarfield Cemetery.

Maret Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Maret Cemetery should be mailed to: Sandra D. Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Checks should be made payable to Maret Cemetery.

Saylor Family Cemetery

Donations for mowing and upkeep of the Saylor Family Cemetery should be mailed to: 5237 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Climax Cemetery

Donations are needed for the upkeep of Climax Cemetery. Please send to: Clifton and Kim Daugherty, P.O. Box 1667, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Maple Grove Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep

of Maple Grove Cemetery should be sent to Michael Robinson, 503 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, Ky. 40460. All donations appreciated.

For more info, call 606-308-5439.

Roberts Cemetery

Please help keep Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) mowed. Send donations to: Don Cummins, 67 School House Hill Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Elmwood Cemetery

To all individuals having loved ones buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. The Elmwood Cemetery Perpetual Care Corp. is asking for assistance in the upkeep of the cemetery. The "Trust" into which monetary contributions are placed, produces insufficient revenue to maintain the cemetery in these inflationary times. Mowing, trimming and general litter pickup exceeds \$8,000 each year and the Memorial Day weekend contributions yield only approximately \$2,500. This leaves few funds to do any other projects desired without using funds generated by the trust fund.

Please send donations to: Elmwood Cemetery Perpetual Care Corp., c/o Joe Clontz, CPA, 75 Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

High Dry Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of High Dry Cemetery can be sent to High Dry Cemetery Fund, c/o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make checks payable to HDCF.

Piney Grove Cemetery

Thanks to all who donated for upkeep of the cemetery. Donations can be made to Piney Grove Cemetery, 16 Silver St., Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SWEET POTATO CROQUETTES

2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
Marshmallows, optional
1 egg white, slightly beaten
Bread crumbs for coating
Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a cookie sheet. Mash sweet potatoes very fine and add salt, sugar, and butter. Shape into croquette rolls or patties; chill in the refrigerator for a half hour. If desired, place a marshmallow in the center of each of the croquettes. Roll each croquette in bread crumbs, dip in the egg white, and in the crumbs again. If using marshmallows, make sure they are completely coated with the crumbs. Place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes.

GRANNY BURTON'S POTATO CROQUETTE
This is my favorite way to use up leftover mashed potatoes. A couple of years ago while visiting Rhonda, some of her friends from church dropped by. Rhonda had told them so much about these very tasty croquettes; they asked me to make some. Everyone agreed—delicious.

1 large egg, divided
25 saltine crackers, crumbled and divided
1 and 1/2 cups cold leftover mashed potatoes
4 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil

1/2 onion, chopped fine
Divide egg and put yolk in a large bowl. Put the egg white in a smaller shallow bowl. In another small shallow bowl put all but 1/3 cup of the cracker crumbs. Add potatoes to the large bowl with the egg yolk. Add onions and 1/3 cup of the crumbled crackers. Mix thoroughly. Set back in refrigerator to cool for about 15 minutes. This makes the croquettes easier to shape. Beat the egg white with a fork until frothy and doubles in volume.

Shape the potato mixture into 6 triangle shaped tubes (or into patties). Roll each croquette in egg; then in the cracker crumbs. Press cracker crumbs in to the mixture until evenly coated. Put oil in large non-stick skillet. Heat on medium-high. When hot, carefully place the croquettes in skillet. Let brown, about 3 minutes. Turn with spatula so the second side is in the oil. Brown. Turn again so the third side gets brown. This process should take about 15 minutes. Serve hot.

The Spirit of Renfro Valley

by J.C. McQueary and Exit 62

In the hills of East Kentucky from a gentle valley flows
A wellspring of creation that touches every soul
And all who come to visit soon come home to their own
The Spirit in the land that calls us home

The Spirit of Renfro Valley
The Spirit of Love and Family
The Spirit of Renfro Valley calls us Home
The Spirit of Renfro Valley
The Spirit of Family and Love

The pioneers of music blazed a trail across the sky
Now the stardust from the Heavens falls down on you and I
Let's gather in the Valley, let's gather on our own
The Spirit in the land that calls us home

The Spirit of Renfro Valley...

And now a generation has walked upon the stage
Empowered by the Light and Love beyond both time and age
Let's gather in the Valley, let's gather on our own
The Spirit in the land that calls us home

The Spirit of Renfro Valley...

This song was written for Jake's maternal grandmother Jackie Burdine, a headliner at the Renfro Valley Gatherin' for many years.

Lyrics and music by Jake McQueary, John Perosky and Matt Lipkovich

Single now available on iTunes and Apple Music

“City”

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use light duty workers anyway in several areas of the city and that will keep them working and reduce our worker's comp expense," Bray added.

Bray also announced that the city has broken ground for the Splash Pad at Lake Linville Park and that the city brought in over \$20,000 in revenue from the park last month. "That is an amazing help to the budget and we expect even more in June," the city administrator said.

While discussing the budget, Bray also reported that city workers had discovered and repaired a water leak that had been losing 80 gallons of water per minute for years. "This will impact the budget as well," he said.

Mayor Michael Bryant said he is pleased with the budget. "We are very happy with this budget and Josh and his team are to be commended for their hard work. This is the best budget we have seen. But, we can still improve even more," said Mayor Bryant. "We can work on some areas and a few different issues and make an even better budget next year."

According to Bray the budget will now show a \$70,000 surplus. "We are in good shape as a city and we are proud of the budget," he said.

The council voted to accept the budget with no changes from the first reading. The budget passed unanimously.

In other action, local resident Rebecca Sturgill addressed the council with issues about increased theft in the city.

"Theft in the city is getting out of hand and we are getting fed up. I'm afraid something bad is going to happen if we don't do something. I shouldn't have to nail down everything I own or build a fence around my home," said Sturgill.

Sturgill continued to inform the council of many thefts on Main Street in Mount Vernon and the increased pedestrian traffic in the early morning hours.

Mayor Bryant said the city is aware of the problem. "Half of the battle is knowing we have a problem and we are aware that theft is growing and we are battling it head on," said Mayor Bryant. "We have beefed up patrols in the area and we have made arrests."

Police Chief Brian Carter said patrols have helped. "We have made several arrests. The problem is that if I see someone walking at 3 a.m., I go up and talk to them and try to get them to go home. But unless I see them doing something illegal, there just isn't anything we can do to them," he said.

On the matter, Bray suggested, "We have cameras we can put up in the area, especially the high traffic areas. This will both deter theft and help us catch those who are stealing."

Mayor Bryant agreed. "We are a small town with a limited number of officers and 95% of the problem is the drug culture. The cameras will make a big difference and we will continue to attack the problem head on."

Carter said the judicial system is part of the problem. "We are facing the problem that people are getting out of jail as quick as we can arrest them. They are right back out on the street."

Carter also informed the council that citizens concerned about the issue should place "No Trespassing" signs on their property. "If there is a No Trespassing sign up and we see someone on the property, then we can arrest them for trespassing. Otherwise they are just pedestrians. But the cameras are a great idea. They have already helped us in several arrests at IGA and McDonalds. Cameras are a huge help to law enforcement."

The council agreed to place cameras in high theft areas.

"Thank you so much. We just don't feel safe anymore but this will be a big help," said Sturgill.

"You can be assured that we won't give up and we won't stop attacking the problem. Theft is rampant in our town but we are going to keep fighting it," said Mayor Bryant.

The agenda called for John Fox to give a presentation on the Boone Trace Planning Workshop, but Fox didn't show up at the meeting.

The All American Club reported to the council that they had picked up 35 bags of trash this month in an effort to keep Mount Vernon clean.

The Mount Vernon Police Department reported 423 calls for service in May with 25 drug charges lodged and 77 total arrests.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department reported 35 runs in May for a total of 152 runs for the year.

Before closing the meeting councilmember Shelly Lewis asked Carter if there is anything that can be done about the dump trucks that are coming through town. "It's constant and they are absolutely flying," she said. "It's a dangerous situation for our city."

Bray said the trucks are an offshoot of the widening of I-75 and he has already requested to the state of Kentucky that the trucks use the bypass instead of coming through town. "I asked them to use the bypass but there isn't much more we can do. These are contractors driving these trucks and they save a few minutes on each load by coming through town."

Carter said the truck drivers make more money by coming through town. "By saving that couple of minutes on each load, they may get an extra load each night and they get paid by the load." He did tell the council that he would be more watchful for speeding trucks.

“Court”

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companies with an interest in the type of production the Anchor building is already set up for.

If successful in selling or leasing the building, the company will be paid 6% of the sale price or 6% of the lease price for the term of the lease.

Magistrate Shannon Bishop, who told the court he was "impressed" with the presentations made by representatives of the company, made the motion to employ Binswanger, seconded by Magistrate Mike McGuire.

The court also heard a request from Charles Hawk, representing the Pongo Volunteer Fire Department, for the installation of a drain pipe where the blacktop meets the building. Hawk told the court that the driveway to the building sloped downward causing water to get into the building when it rains.

Hawk presented the court with a bid from Yard Farmers of Somerset for \$8,902 to saw out the blacktop in front of the building, install a drain, which will carry the water behind the building toward the water tank.

On a motion by Magistrate Bill McKinney, seconded by Magistrate Mike McGuire, the court approved paying 80% of the cost of the project or \$7,120.

The court also heard a request from Nadine Almond, a resident of Copper Ridge Road, that the county take the road into their county system for maintenance and upkeep.

Ms. Almond told the court that easements had already been obtained from all property owners along the road, leaving only the Durham Cemetery property, the ownership of which cannot be determined.

The road, which has seven residents and deadends at the cemetery, has a drainage problem, Almond said, and it is a problem in winter for residents to "get out."

In order for the road to be accepted into the county system, there must be a 30 ft. wide right-of-way deeded to the county so Magistrate Shannon Bishop suggested the county just condemn the property in front of the cemetery in order to get the needed width all along the road. However, County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop suggested to Ms. Almond that she ask the property owner across the road from the cemetery if they would be willing to deed more property in order for the county to get the needed 30 ft. width in that area since condemnation proceedings would take a longer.

Almond later contacted Judge Bishop and told him that the property owner across the road from the cemetery had agreed to deed additional property for the 30 ft. easement needed.

Judge Bishop told the magistrates that a motion was needed to accept a 50/50 grant from the Brushy Fork Institute in Berea to help with costs for the planned Veterans Memorial Park at Renfro Valley.

The grant is for \$8,200 of which the county will have to put up \$4,100.

Bishop also told the court that a plat of the park area was presently being prepared by a surveyor.

Also, the court appointed Magistrate Mike McGuire as the court's representative to the park's committee.

In other business, the court:

approved an agreement with Jackson County under which Rockcastle will be paid \$25 per dog brought to the local shelter from Jackson County;

approved renaming Copperhead Road and part of Lower River Road the Charlie York Road;

approved reimbursing FEMA \$21,817 for an average payment for work done on the Merritt Cemetery road;

approved a donation of \$350 for one camper to attend the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch;

approved the payment of \$900 to stripe the new floor recently installed in the gym at the former Livingston School;

approved the continuation of the court's supplemental financial support for the county attorney's office under new Rockcastle County Jeremy Rowe, and approved the transfer of \$150,000 from occupational tax funds to the general fund with \$50,000 to be transferred from the general fund to the detention center account.

“Relay”

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sponders lap. The live auction will start at approximately 8:00pm.

Throughout the evening, Relay For Life teams will offer inflatables and activities for children, as well as good food including BBQ sandwiches, soup beans and cornbread, and homemade baked goods.

One of the most special ceremonies is the luminaria ceremony which will take place at 10:00pm. The public can make a \$5.00 donation to put a loved one's name on the special bag. The light inside each luminaria represents a life, which shines with the hope for a cancer-free world.

This year's corporate sponsors are: Citizens Bank, Community Trust Bank, Don Marshall of Somerset, and Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. Signature sponsors include: Conway Baptist Church, Brodhead Lions Club, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, and People's Bank.

Relay For Life is the signature fundraising event of

the American Cancer Society held in more than 5,200 communities nationwide. The money raised through Relay For Life events helps realize the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives, celebrate life, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. Donations are used to fund cancer research, patient support services, prevention and education information, and advocacy services.

Many of the services provided by the American Cancer Society are available right here in our community through partnerships with Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Some of the services you might recognize are the "I Can Cope" patient support group meetings, the "Look Good Feel Better" program for ladies undergoing cancer treatments, the 24/7 toll-free call center and the Hope Lodge located in Lexington serving many of our Rockcastle County friends and families.

For more information about Relay For Life of Rockcastle County, please contact the Event Chair, Melissa Brock at 606-256-7703.

Rain decision will be made at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 23. Tune in to WRVK or visit Rockcastle Regional's Facebook page for announcement.

“Road”

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when buses don't need the road."

According to Bishop there are many culverts that will have to be removed and replaced during the project as well. "It's a big project, but we are going to do it. We are going to get a lot done this summer to improve our county."

Bishop said several other projects will be announced soon as the fiscal court is gearing up to improve roads and parks throughout the county.

“BES”

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Brodhead Elementary is currently working on summer hours from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you have any questions, or would like to set up a preschool/kindergarten screening, please call (606) 758-8512.

Back to School Night will take place Monday, August 7th from 4 to 7 p.m. During Back to School Night there will be an additional presentation for kindergarten parents starting at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Everyone have a safe and wonderful summer.

“Meth”

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Renner had an outstanding warrant for her arrest.

As Renner was being arrested, she asked to hug Milburn before she was placed in the cruiser. However, while hugging Milburn, police observed Renner placing something in Milburn's pocket.

The report says when police tried to separate the two, they began to "lash out" and act erratic.

That's when troopers found a baggie containing crystal meth in Milburn's pocket.

Renner admitted to police that the meth belonged to her and that she had placed the baggie in Milburn's pocket.

Police also found digital scales on Renner after a

search of her person.

Renner was arrested and charged with trafficking meth, tampering with physical evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

“HOV”

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about \$750,000, and will lower the monthly payment to bring it more in line with the amount now being paid as a lease payment by SourceHOV.

The payment on the note now is \$19,000 a month. Originally SourceHOV was paying \$30,000 a month to lease the building and the entire amount was being paid on the note which has brought the over two million loan balance down rapidly.

However, SourceHOV terminated their lease on the building several months ago to move to another property with a much lower rent. SourceHOV later decided to once again occupy their former building but, with a work force of only 55. They took a 13 month lease on the building and are currently paying \$8,500. With the refinancing of the note, the county's payment will be reduced to around \$10,000 a month.

County Judge Executive Doug Bishop told the court that there is a chance the lease will be extended but it depends on whether the Veterans Administration decides to continue to farm out their record keeping responsibilities to private companies.

The interest rate on the current note is 4.25% but County Treasurer Joe Clontz said it is hoped that the rate will be lower under the refinancing.

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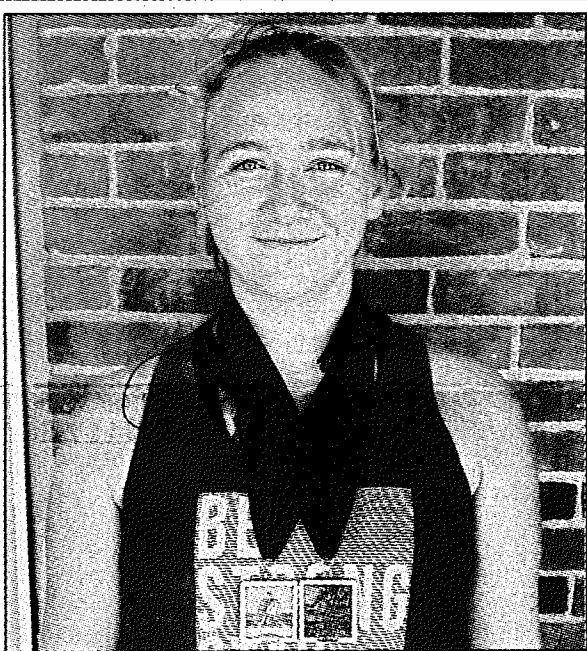
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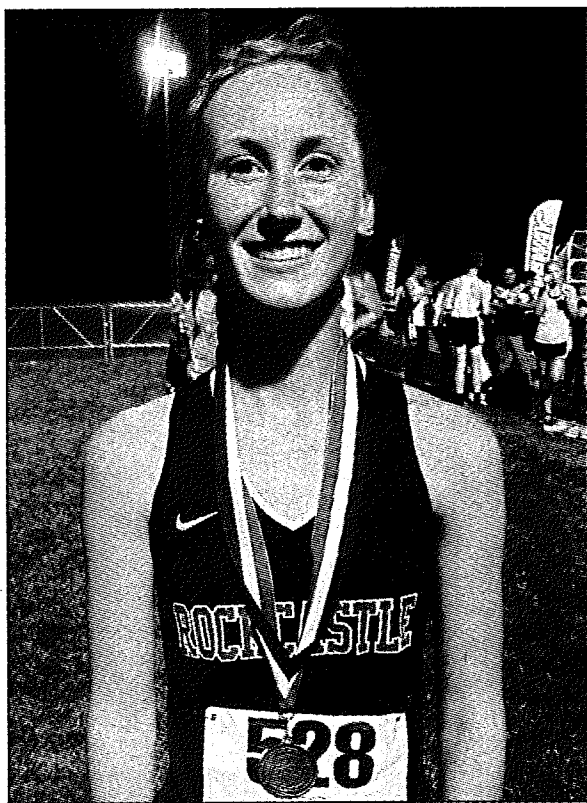
SPORTS



RCCHS sophomore Tori Dotson won gold with her first place victory in the 3000-meter run at the Bluegrass State Games recently at Centre College in Danville. Earlier that week, Tori attended the Maximum Velocity Track and Field Academy at Centre where she received instruction from Coach Rose Monday, the 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic team distance coach. Tori was recently named first team all-state in the 800-meter run and second team all-state in the 1600-meter run for her brilliant performance at the Class 2A State Track Championships. She was also recently named academic all-state in track and field, an honor bestowed on athletes that excel in the classroom and qualify for the state meet.

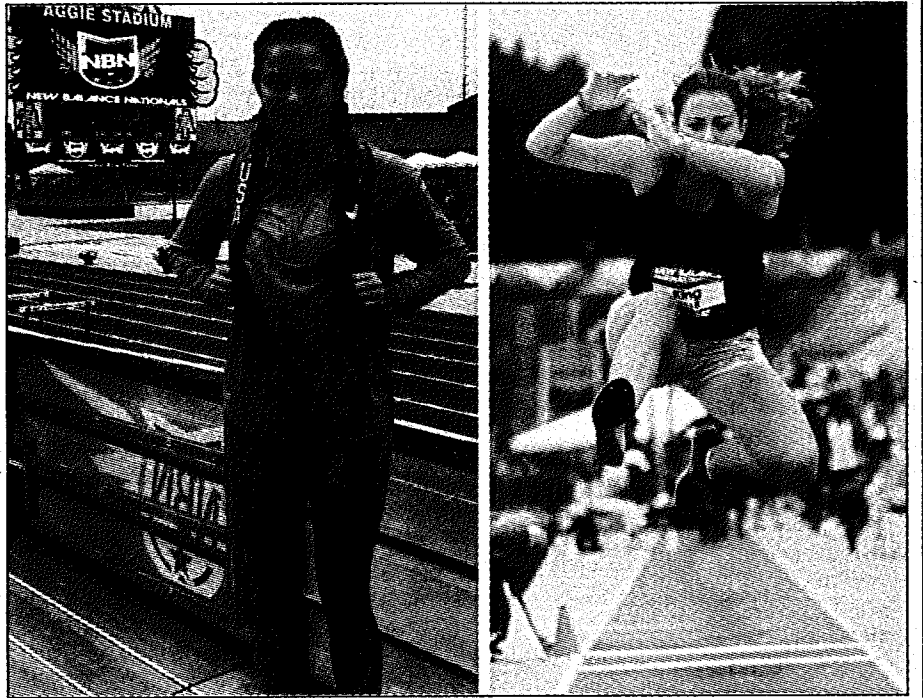


RCCHS freshman Valerie Kendrick dominated shot put and discus, winning gold with first place victories in both at the Bluegrass State Games recently at Centre College in Danville. Valerie attended former UK great and Olympic trials qualifier Andy Fryman's throwing camp in Mason County the following week. She was also recently named academic all-state in track and field, an honor bestowed on athletes that excel in the classroom and qualify for the state meet.



RCCHS sophomore Grace Gardiner was recently named second team all-state in long jump for her incredible performance at the Class 2A State Track Championships. She was also named academic all-state in track and field, an honor bestowed on athletes that excel in the classroom and qualify for the state championships.

RCCHS sophomore Autumn King had an exceptional performance in the freshman division of the New Balance National Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina this past weekend. She went for the win in long jump on Friday, jumping well enough to win the event but fouled slightly in each attempt. Her regional championship jump of 18' would have won the event. She came back in the triple jump competition on Saturday with a great jump of 34'9", good enough for 15th place. Her state championship title jump of 36'5" would have placed her sixth overall. At the Bluegrass State Games recently at Centre College in Danville, she won the silver medal in the 100-meter hurdles. Earlier that week, she attended the Maximum Velocity Track and Field Academy at Centre where she received instruction from Kenny Harrison, Olympic gold medalist and Olympic record holder in triple jump. Autumn was recently named 1st team all-state in triple jump and 2nd team all-state in long jump for her sensational performance at the Class 2A State Track Championships. She was also recently named academic all-state in track and field, an honor bestowed on athletes that excel in the classroom and qualify for the state meet.



Several RCMS track athletes were named all-state academic recently including (left to right): Hannah Davis, Jailey Martin, Allie Martin, and Aliyah Lopez. Academic all-state is an honor bestowed on athletes that excel in the classroom and qualify for the high school state meet either individually or as a member of a relay team or alternate.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Grouse restoration plan comes into focus

A newly published plan developed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources offers a long-range strategy to help ruffed grouse populations rebound in eastern Kentucky after years of decline.

The Ruffed Grouse and Young Forest Strategic Plan looks 10 years out and its success hinges on an array of partners working together to create the young forest habitat on which grouse and other woodland species can thrive.

"This will be an ambitious effort, aimed at turning the tide for the ruffed grouse," Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Gregory K. Johnson said. "There is no doubt this is a challenge that can become a real opportunity. We are accepting this chal-

lenge with every intent to be successful. We will need your help — our sportsmen, our partners, our colleges and universities, and our forest products industry. Only together can we be successful restoring this magnificent game bird to our landscape."

The strategic plan, more than two years in the making, incorporates input received from the public and other stakeholders. It is available on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website at fw.ky.gov.

Grouse are upland birds that spend much of their time on the ground. Prized by hunters for the challenge it presents, and renowned for its explosive take-offs when flushed, the species needs a mosaic of habitat.

Hunters in Kentucky enjoyed decades of high

grouse densities last century; a direct result of the timber harvest, farm abandonment and surface mine reclamation that took place in preceding years.

Much of eastern Kentucky's forests have matured since then into more open stands that do not provide the dense protective cover or food sources grouse need to survive and reproduce. At the same time, in many forests a lack of management has favored red maples in the understory. Maples do not produce the protein-rich nuts like the acorns that mature oak trees do. The hard mast helps grouse survive winter in better condition, leading to better reproduction in spring.

"The ideal recipe for grouse is a landscape that is at least 75 percent forested, at least 5,000 to 10,000 acres, and at least 20 to 30 percent young forests. The bigger and more diverse in terms of forest stand ages and species diversity, the better," said Zak Danks, ruffed grouse and wild turkey program coordinator with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "A large clear-cut that is 10 years old is prime for grouse, but only for another 10-15 years. They also use older forest for nesting and foraging. You need that mix of young and old forest together. Patches of cutting don't have to be that big — 20 to 40 acres is ideal — but you need a lot of those patches clustered within an area and across the surrounding landscape."

The strategic plan covers the next 10 years and lays the groundwork for success far beyond that timeframe.

"The department is committed to working on grouse," Danks said. "Over the next 10 years, we need to take a targeted approach

for grouse. The objectives outlined in this plan will not be easy to accomplish, but provide the only real way to get grouse back."

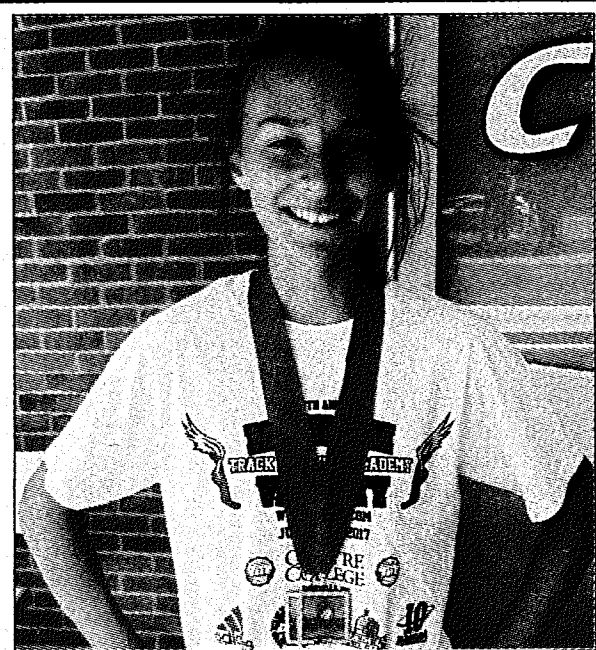
A collaborative, science-guided approach to habitat management is at the heart of the new strategic plan.

It calls for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife working with federal, state and local agencies, as well as corporations and private landowners to manage forests on focus areas by creating habitat beneficial to grouse and other wildlife. Focus areas may include wildlife management areas, state forests, the Daniel Boone National forest and private lands.

A successful outcome will require a commitment to sustainable forest management. This includes commercial timber harvests and noncommercial habitat treatments designed to stimulate plant growth for grouse broods, high stem densities for year-round cover and oak regeneration for the future forests, while maintaining select mature, acorn-producing trees to help boost oak stands in the forest. Public outreach to promote the importance of young forest habitat for woodland species will be key.

"In the grouse woods, a hunter often gets only a fleeting glimpse of his flushing quarry, and shots are often taken on faith," Danks said. "We must embrace the challenge of grouse restoration now, and on behalf of grouse, blue-winged warblers, oaks and the suite of other species that cannot lobby for their own existence."

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



RCMS 8th grader Reina Lykins picked up silver medals for her second place finishes in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles at the Bluegrass State Games recently at Centre College in Danville. Earlier that week, Reina attended the Maximum Velocity Track and Field Academy at Centre where she received instruction from Olympic gold medalist and current 400-meter hurdle world record holder Kevin Young, as well as Olympic silver medalist Terrence Trammell. She was also recently named academic all-state in track and field, an honor bestowed on athletes that excel in the classroom and qualify for the state meet.

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CHURCH NEWS

VBS at Crossroads Assembly of God
 Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-30 at Crossroads Assembly of God, S. Main St. in Brodhead from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening.

Join us on an exciting adventure through Rome as we visit with Paul and other great characters each night. All children are welcome to come out and enjoy this wonderful week of food, fun, crafts and learning.

Hope to see you there.
VBS at First Christian
 First Christian Church, Mt. Vernon, will be having Vacation Bible School, "Exodus Adventure," July

3rd-7th, 6 to 9 o'clock nightly.
 Classes for four-year-olds through 5th grade.
 Call 606-256-2876 to register.

VBS at Bible Baptist
 Vacation Bible School will be held at Bible Baptist Church June 26-30 from 6:00 to 8:45 each night.

There will be classes for children entering kindergarten through entering the 6th grade.

For a ride on our church van, call Steven at 308-1072.

You don't want to miss out on this God filled week where your child will learn what it takes to be a Hero and all about the Ultimate Hero, Jesus Christ.

Reunions

Stewart-Leger
 The Stewart-Leger Reunion will be held Sat., July 1st at Flat Rock Baptist Church, beginning at noon. Bring a covered dish.

Cummins Reunion
 The annual Cummins Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, June 25th at Quail Community Park. Plan to arrive around 11:30 a.m.

Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.
Harrison Family
 The Harrison Family Reunion will be held Satur-

day, June 24th, beginning at noon at the Woodstock Community Center.

All family and friends are invited.

Mullins Reunion
 The Mullins Family and Friends Reunion will be held Saturday, July 8th, beginning at noon, at the Fairview Baptist Church shelter.

Come and enjoy a day of fellowship and memories.

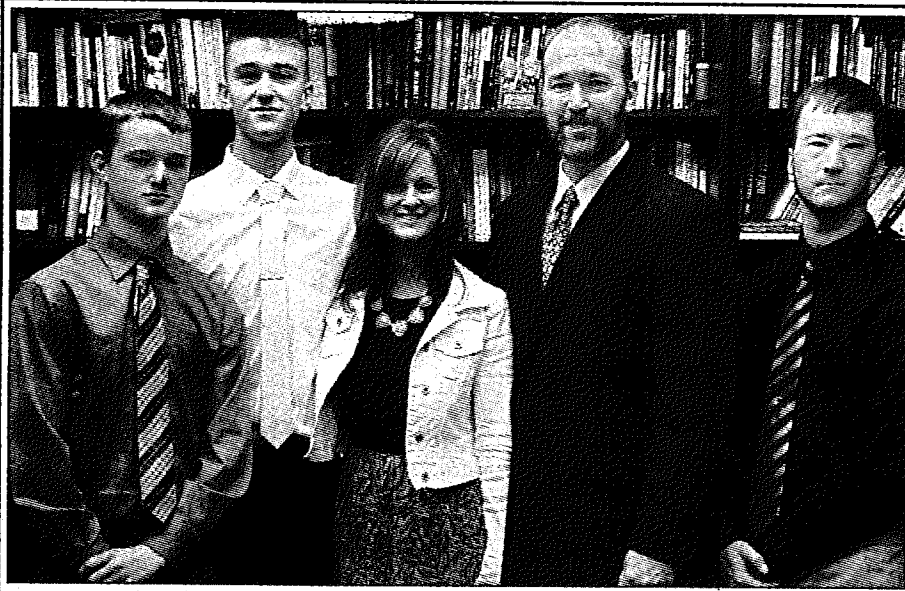
Phelps Reunion
 The annual Phelps Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 1st at KCA Church Camp. The gate will open at 11:30 a.m.

Bring a covered dish and enjoy a day of fellowship with family and friends.

Everyone is invited to come.

For additional information, call Sheary at 758-8617 or 606-308-1886.

He whines like a baby but looks like he's 80!
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Bible Baptist Church welcomes new Pastor...
 The Bible Baptist Church of Mount Vernon welcomes new Pastor and family. Pastor Travis Gilbert's first Sunday was June 18. He has come from the Rodgers Baptist Church of Garland, TX where he served as the associate pastor for eight years. Pastor Gilbert and his wife Dianna have been married for 25 years. They have two adult sons who remain in Texas, and one teenaged son. You are invited to meet our new pastor, and come worship with us. Our services are Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m.



60th Wedding Anniversary
 Happy 60th anniversary to the greatest parents, Joe and Joanne Allen. We are blessed to have your love, knowledge and guidance in a Godly home as children. Thank you for always being there. Hope you have many more years together. *We love you - Darlena, Sabrina, Delani and CayDee.*



Harrison - Niceley
 James W. Harrison and Betty Sue Niceley were united in marriage at the Berea Church of God on June 9th. Brother Steve Hobbs performed the 5 p.m. ceremony. Those in attendance were their children and friends. A large reception with cake, ice cream, punch and music was at their home on Meadow Dr.

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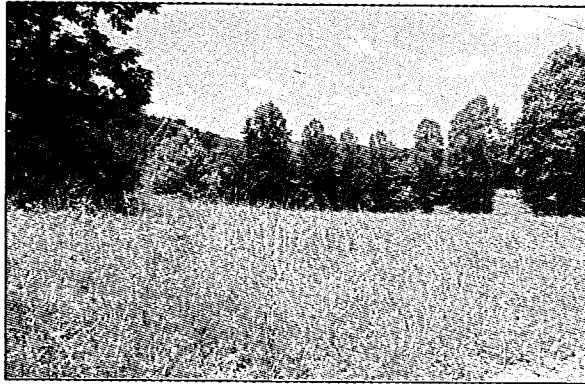

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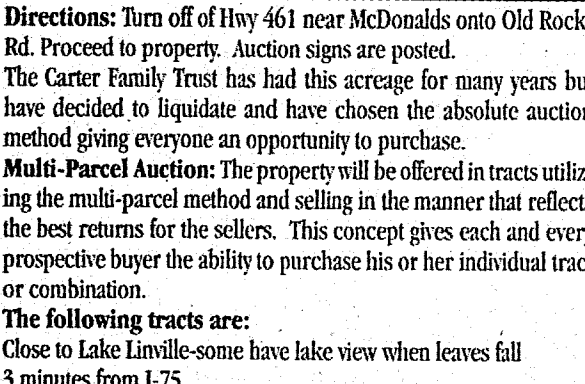
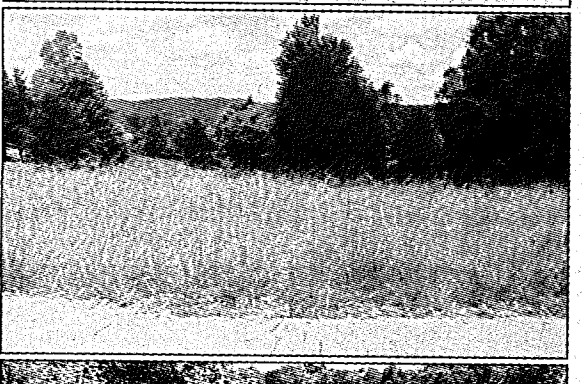
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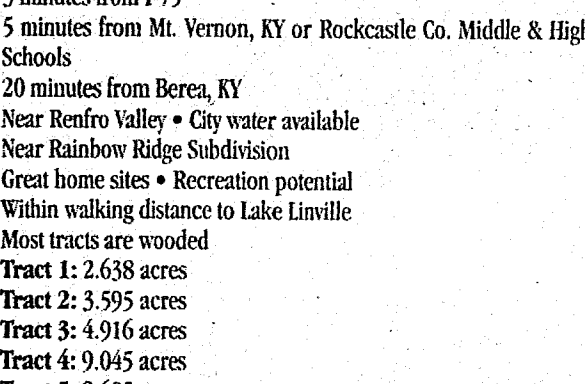

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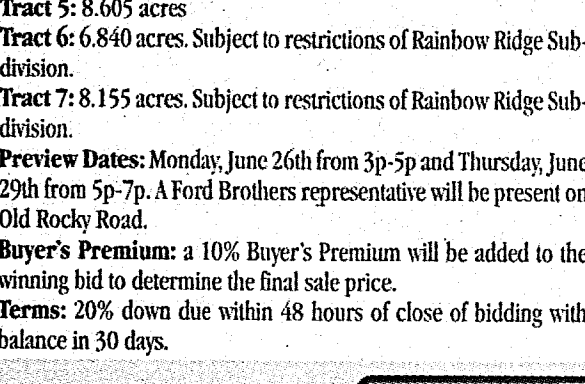
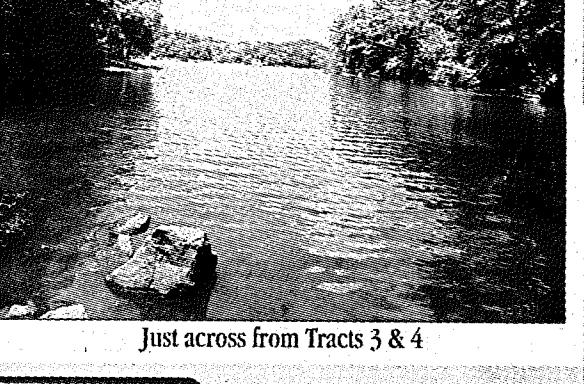
Bidding ends Thursday, June 29, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

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Directions: Turn off of Hwy 461 near McDonalds onto Old Rocky Rd. Proceed to property. Auction signs are posted. The Carter Family Trust has had this acreage for many years but have decided to liquidate and have chosen the absolute auction method giving everyone an opportunity to purchase.

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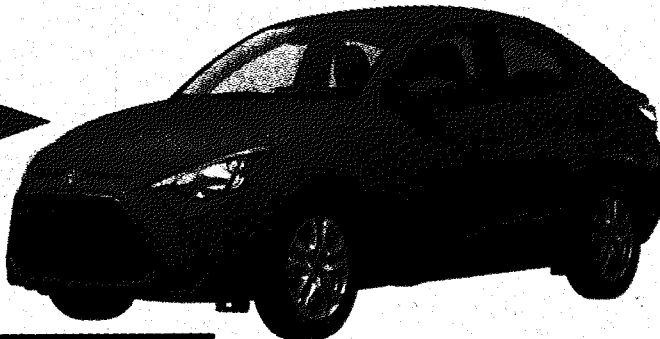
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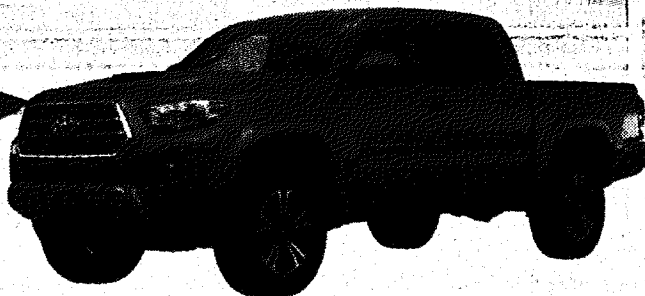
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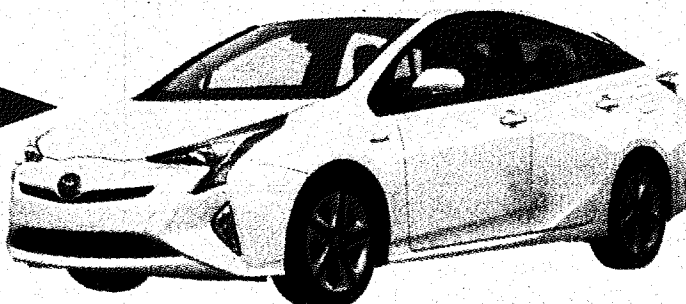
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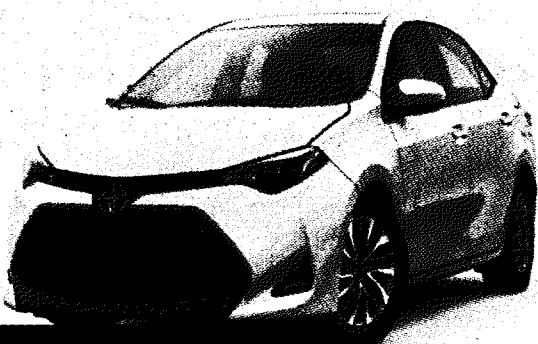
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Second Section

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Rockcastle Regional wins coveted Studer Group Excellence in Patient Care Award

Hospitals today are tasked with constantly providing higher quality care at a lower cost. Every aspect of the patient experience must be approached with a passion for excellence and an eye toward efficiency and effectiveness. It's not easy. That's why receiving an Excellence in Patient Care Award—presented by Studer Group®, a Huron solution—is considered an honor in the industry.

Rockcastle Regional will be awarded that honor in August. Specifically, the Mt. Vernon organization is being recognized for exemplary results related to communication with doctors as measured by the HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) survey. Organizations receiving this award achieved a ranking at or above the 90th percentile for patients dis-

charged in 2016 as measured by the HCAHPS patient experience survey required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Excellence in Patient Care Awards are presented annually to a select group of organizations from Studer Group's partner base of hospitals, health systems, and physician organizations.

To be eligible for an award, an organization must demonstrate outstanding performance and achievement in patient care, employee engagement, or physician engagement.

The awards will be presented at the 15th annual What's Right in Health Care® best practices conference, which will take place Aug. 1-3, 2017, in Chicago, Illinois. The conference attracts administrative and clinical healthcare professionals from the U.S.,

Canada, Australia, and beyond.

What's Right in Health Care aims to improve healthcare for patients, physicians, and staff through peer-to-peer sharing of leading practices. Presenters will share the strategies and tactics contributing to their top results in areas such as patient safety, emergency department wait times, and employee satisfaction.

"We are so proud of all the healthcare organizations that are receiving awards for their outstanding results on this survey," says Debbie Ritchie, president of Studer Group.

"Excellent HCAHPS performance is a true reflection of their commitment to engage with patients and provide them the absolute best possible care. We are grateful to work with such passionate, purpose-driven organizations."

GIS bids farewell to Interim Superintendent Hammond

By Will Perkins
Daily Times, Glasgow

The Glasgow Independent Schools Board of Education held its final meeting with GIS Interim Superintendent Larry Hammond on Monday at the district's

KBC Blood Drive is planned July 11

To help ensure a strong summer blood supply, the Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) is inviting everyone to roll up their sleeves and be a summer life saver.

A blood drive is planned for Tuesday, July 11 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at 340 West Main Street in Mount Vernon. The event will be held in the gym of the church.

Walk-ins are welcome but you may make an appointment by calling 800-775-2522, Ext 3758 or by visiting kybloodcenter.org.

During this drive, everyone who registers to give blood will be entered to win a 2017 Toyota Highlander. The giveaway will run from June 1 to September 8.

Blood donors must be 17 years old or 16 with parental consent and weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

central office.

Board chair Amelia Kiser said they have enjoyed working with Hammond and have learned a lot from him.

Keith Hale, who is taking over as superintendent of GIS, remained principal of Glasgow High School for the 2016-17 school year after he was selected as the new GIS superintendent last August. During that time, Hale was able to shadow Hammond as he performed superintendent duties and attended superintendent conferences.

"It's been a perfect situation for me," Hale said. "I couldn't have asked for anything better."

Hale said that Hammond has mentored him, and he was able to bounce questions and ideas off of the GIS interim superintendent, who was superintendent of Rockcastle County from September 1995 to May 2012.

"I appreciate the board doing this," Hale said of the board allowing him to remain principal until after the school year was over. "I think it was the right thing to do."

"As a district, I think

we have benefitted from it."

Board vice chair Barret Lessenberry agreed that the board learned a lot from Hammond.

"It's been a good thing for us," he said. "It's been a great deal for our system."

"Thanks so much for your leadership and guidance," Lessenberry said to Hammond. "We've all had a good time with you, being here."

The board then gave Hammond a round of applause.

Hammond said it has been a really good experience for him.

"You have a great school district and you have a great community," Hammond said. "Everyone works well together."

"I appreciate you all as board members. You've been great to work with. I've enjoyed my time."

Hammond told the board that he thinks they made a great choice with Hale as the new superintendent.

"I expect you to prosper as you move forward."

"Thank you all very much."



Kids of all ages enjoyed the inflatables provided at the annual Longest Day of Play held last Thursday at RCMS. Numerous educational booths provided by Rockcastle Regional and other organizations kept those in attendance busy enjoying the evening.



Rockcastle Shaolin-Do's Demo Team put on a demonstration during the Longest Day of Play. The annual event encourages everyone to be active.



Sadie Osborne enjoys a water game provided at the Rockcastle Health Department's booth at the Longest Day of Play. The game was encouraging all to drink more water. Looking on is Sadie's mother, Melinda.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Johnna Lucinda Scaff, 30, Mt. Vernon, Madison County Board of Education and Robert Lee Lear, Jr., 34, Brodhead, self-employed. 6/8/17

Jessica Kay Johnson, 37, Mt. Vernon, Pebble Jones and Wendell Nicholas Renner, 33, Orlando, stone mason. 6/13/17

Lindsay Webb Oliver, 33, Lancaster, teacher and Travis Taylor Burton, 33, Brodhead, government affairs. 6/15/17

District Court Suits

Cavalry SPVI v. Robbie Carpenter, \$1,205.06 plus claimed due.

Cavalry SPVI v. Kenneth R. Coffey, \$2,884.12 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Deloris Hart, \$1,611.01 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Hazel Downs, \$1,006.40 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Shawn Adams, \$877.94 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Mary Renner, \$701.60 plus claimed due.

Katherine Hysinger v. Angela Collett, eviction notice.

LVNV Funding v. Bridget Clark, \$751.18 plus claimed due. C-00108

Circuit Civil Suits

Traci Hatfield v. Bruce Wayne Hatfield, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tonya Dams v. Tommy Adams, verified

petition for dissolution of marriage.

William Robert Smith, et al v. Unknown Heirs, et al, verified complaint.

John O'Neal v. Kristie Henry, petition for divorce and joint custody.

Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union v. Joey R. Causey, et al, \$33,272.07 plus claimed due.

Gilbert Harrison v. Marvin Lee Moore, \$11,350.14 plus claimed due. CI-00154

Deeds Recorded

April Jean Reed, property on Tick Run Road, to Sue Abney. No tax

Helia Cahue Correa, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Alfredo C. Gomez. No tax

Clifford and Peggy Hill, property in Rockcastle County, to Sandy Renninger. Tax \$55

Patrick and Mary Greene, property on Jerri Lane, Mt. Vernon to Linda L. Martin. Tax \$137

Samuel N. Thornton, Jr. and Ashley Thornton, property in Green Acres Subdv., to Ken S. and Serenity Hopkins. Tax \$231

Linda E. and Ronald Jarrell, property in Rockcastle County, to Ronald F. Brummett. No tax

Tammy Overbay, property in Rockcastle County, to Rick Fry. No tax

Jane and Henry D. Saylor, property on Frank Thacker Road, to Greg and Sandra Sutton. Tax \$10

Robert and Shirley Wilson, property in Bowling Ridge Community, to Michael G. Frith, Sr. Tax \$7

Donna Loomis, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Billy and

Aletha Bryant. Tax \$144

District Court

June 12, 2017

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
Charles Abney: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Kerri Abrams: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol//drugs, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Cierra Bailey: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

George Adam Carpenter: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, \$100 fine/suspended on condition plus costs.

Michael Lee Cummins: failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.

Johnny W. Harris: contempt, two days in jail plus costs of drug tests.

John Kemper: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Angela Grace Lovell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Jarrod R. New: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine (suspend \$400) on condition; license to be in possession, \$50 fine.

Jacob R. Pearson: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Joshua Spoonamore: resident fishing without a license/permit, bw issued for fta.

Joshua L. Campbell: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Speeding: Renee L. Gibson, license suspended for fta; Lesley D. Herring, \$20 fine plus costs.

Robert C. Smith: disorderly conduct, sentencing order entered.

Tyler R. Cox: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/

suspend; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 fine; obstructed vision and/or windshield, \$25 fine.

Weekend effort aims to make waterways safer

Boaters can feel safer during the upcoming holiday weekend as conservation officers with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources join other law enforcement agencies for Operation Dry Water June 30-July 2.

Operation Dry Water is a national campaign to educate the public about boating under the influence. The increased law enforcement presence around Kentucky's lakes and rivers will serve as reminders for people not to boat impaired - the leading contributing factor in recreational boating deaths.

"The overall goal of our officers is not to write tick-

ets and make arrests, but to make sure our waterways are safe for our families," said Maj. Shane Carrier, assistant director of law enforcement for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We will have enhanced patrols and increased vigilance for dangerous boaters on our waterways."

Operation Dry Water is an annual event coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and various other law enforcement agencies. Since its inception in 2009, participating officers across the

country have made contact with more than 860,000 boaters as part of their outreach efforts.

According to U.S. Coast Guard statistics from 2016, alcohol use is a leading contributor in fatal boating incidents. Where the primary cause is known, alcohol is cited as the leading factor in 15 percent of boating deaths.

For Kentucky Fish and Wildlife conservation officers, reducing that statistic is critical.

"We want everyone to enjoy Kentucky's waterways over the holiday weekend - and be safe as well," Carrier said.

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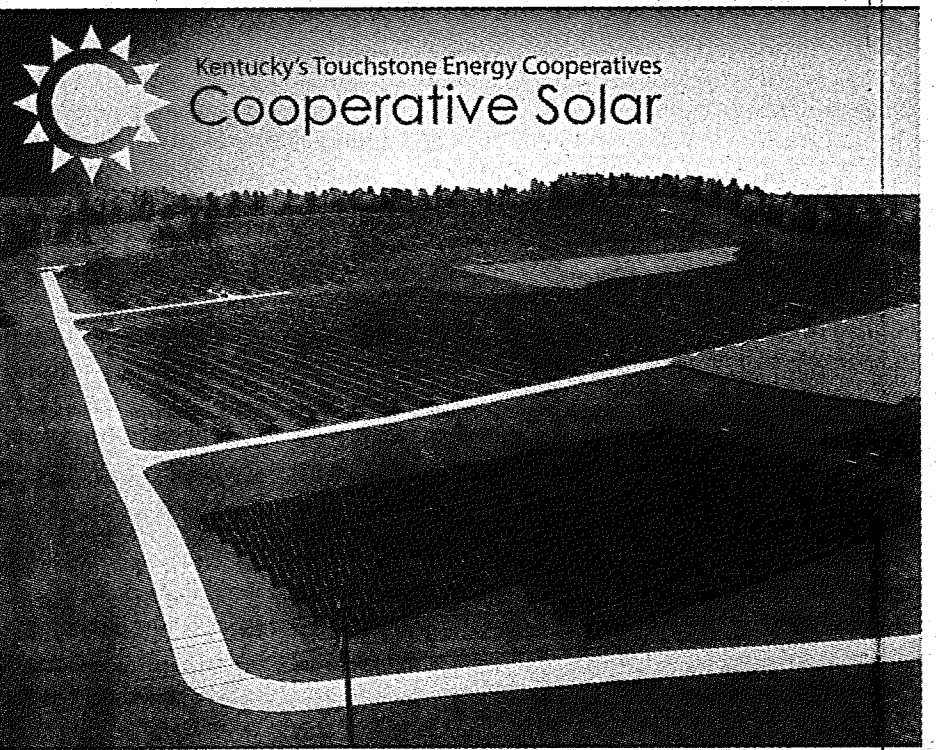
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Absolute Live On-Site Auction of Mr. Joe Bussell's

2 Houses, Lots, Tools, Personal Property

Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 a.m.

342 & 356 W. Main St., Brodhead, Ky.

Mr. Bussell was a long time public servant in the Brodhead area having served as a policeman, constable, and doing wrecker and mechanic work. In addition, he was retired from the Army Reserve. There are many, many tools in this auction. You don't want to miss it.

Directions: From 150 in Brodhead, turn right on S. Main Street. Go 1.3 miles, houses are on the left just before nursing home. Auction signs are posted.

342 W. Main St. - This 2-story house has 3 bedrooms upstairs, and living room, kitchen and 1 bath on first floor. House has aluminum siding, storm doors & windows, and Williamson furnace. House is located on a nice, level lot with mature trees and outbuildings. House is in need of repairs.

356 W. Main St. - This 1-story house has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, laminate and carpet flooring, electric baseboard heat, window air conditioning, aluminum siding, storm doors & windows and carport. House sits on a nice, level lot.

Along with the real estate, the following items will sell:

Furniture & Household items: Maple breakfast set w/ table & 6 chairs - Early American sofa - maple coffee table - RCA floor model television - Hoosier type modern cabinet - Sanyo television - Fridgair refrigerator - wardrobe w/ mirrors - entertainment center - 3 piece bedroom suite - microwave - Crosley automatic washer - Maytag dryer - recliner - Dirt Devil upright vacuum.

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Preview by appointment only.

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

Terms: Real Estate - 20% down due day of sale with balance in 30 days. Personal Property - Payment due in full day of sale in the form of cash, check, Visa or MasterCard with 3% processing fee (\$3 minimum). Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.

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JRTOC cadets attend Junior Cadet Leadership Camp

On May 27th through May 31st, 12 JRTOC cadets from Rockcastle County High School attended Junior Cadet Leadership Camp (JCLC) at the Bluegrass Army Depot. All our Cadets pushed themselves to the limit and were successful in all activities. The cadets that attended were: Clare Beichler, Shawna Mink, Aleya Powell, Billy Boggs, Chanler Cole, Jordan Davidson, Benton Kuntz, Hunter Medley, Cody Morris, David Peavie, and Larry Vanwinkle.

The first day, Saturday, May 27th the cadets arrived at the Depot. Due to the strict expectations of the Platoon Leaders, cadets were taught how to organize and make their beds and hang their uniforms to set standards. Cadets were required to have everything according to the barracks Standard Layout Document which showed a particular order of clothing, equipment, and specific measurements for the uniforms. The cadets were expected to keep the designated barracks clean, if they failed to do so they were expected to use their free time until the barracks met the standards.

On Sunday, the cadets woke up early in the morning to do the Army Physical Fitness test. The Army Physical Fitness test consists the maximum amount of pushups a cadet can do in two minutes, the maximum amount of sit ups a cadet can do in two minutes, and a one mile run. After this the cadets marched to the mess hall for a well-de-

served breakfast. Next the cadets went to rappel training to get familiar with the movements needed. During the afternoon cadets went to survival training where they learned the following: how to build a fire, how to filter water, how to make a shelter from ponchos, and how to treat someone using first aid. In the evening the day ended with a one rope bridge contest.

Monday, the cadets had their water day which started at the Bluegrass Army Depot pool. The cadets started off with a swim test to make sure they knew how to swim. After it was certified they could swim they were tasked with jumping off the diving board while blindfolded. Then each cadet had to jump into the pool using a pair of ACU's pants as a floatation device so they could learn some more water survival skills. In the afternoon the cadets were bused out to Lake Buck where they learned how to paddle a raft, steer it, and use teamwork to help each other back into the raft after having to jump out. After the evening meal the entire battalion marched to the One Rope Bridge site to finish the competition between the cadets and the cadre (instructors) for who could put up and get across a rope bridge the fastest.

Tuesday was the best day of camp and the most challenging for everyone. The company was broken down into two platoons who travelled to their designated spots in Richmond. The

morning was spent on the EKU high ropes course, where cadets got the chance to conquer their fear of heights. They were strapped into a safety harness and used teamwork to get across the various obstacles on the high ropes course. A new challenge was offered to the cadets in the form of the 50-foot tower that cadets had to climb and tap the knobs at the very top. In the afternoon cadets were bused to the Richmond Fire Department to rappel off a 40-foot tower. The day wrapped up with going back on base and completing several team building activities. The cadets were treated to a cook-out at the very end of the day to congratulate them on their completion of JCLC.

The final day was the Award Ceremony. It started out with the clearing of bunks and moving everyone's things out of the barracks. The Award Ceremony started with the awarding of silver muskets to successful cadets. This musket signifies that they completed everything at JCLC to the best of their ability. Benton Kuntz was awarded with the Overall Company Leadership award for his performance at the JCLC Leadership board. Clare Beichler and Benton Kuntz were both awarded with the Individual Squad Leadership Award. Billy Boggs, Hunter Medley, David Peavie, and Larry Vanwinkle all received awards for helping their squads place in the One Rope Bridge Competition.



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Take precautions during 4th of July to avoid injuries

The Fourth of July and fireworks go hand in hand, and while bright lights and loud bursts will soon fill the air to signify the national holiday, thousands of people will spend it in the emergency room, suffering from a fireworks-related injury. For the upcoming celebration, Saint Joseph Berea, part of KentuckyOne Health, is encouraging everyone to take precautions to avoid injuries and ensure a safe holiday.

In 2015, there was an increase across the United States in fireworks-related injuries that sent people to the hospital. An estimated 11,900 people were treated in emergency rooms, the highest number of injuries in 15 years, according to a report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Sixty-seven percent of those injuries occurred between June 19-July 19.

CPSC data reveals more than 50 percent of fireworks-related injuries in 2015 were burns. The most injured body parts include the hands and fingers (36 percent); head, face and ears (19 percent); eyes (19 percent); trunks (11 percent); legs (10 percent); and arms (5 percent). In 2015, at least 11 people died as a result of fireworks-related injuries. In at least one incident, the victim was not using fireworks, but died in a house

fire caused by fireworks.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety recommends the following when handling fireworks for any occasion:

- Do**
- Have an adult present to supervise older children
 - Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby
 - Use common sense
 - Read and follow directions on labels
 - Buy from a reliable source
 - Use eye protection
 - Light one firework at a time
 - Back up to a safe distance after lighting the fireworks
 - Avoid fireworks packaged in brown paper (this is a sign they were made for professional displays and could pose a danger for consumers)
 - Douse the fireworks with plenty of water after they have finished burning

Don't

- Wear loose clothing
 - Allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks
 - Place your body over the fireworks device when lighting the fuse
 - Point or throw fireworks at another person
 - Ignite more than one at a time
 - Mix drinking alcohol and fireworks
 - Try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully
 - Make or use homemade products
 - Launch fireworks from glass or metal containers
 - Carry fireworks in a pocket
- If you receive a life-threatening injury as a result of fireworks or are in doubt, call 911. For non-emergency injuries, visit website chooseyourdoor.org or call 888.570.8091 to find a provider near you.

DESTRUCTION of RECORDS NOTICE

In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines, the following special education records housed by Rockcastle County Schools will be destroyed forty-five days from date of this notice: June 21, 2017. Special Education Due Process Records to be destroyed are those for students who attended Rockcastle County Schools and whose birth year is 1992. It is noted that portions of these records may be needed by the student or parent/guardian for future services or benefits. A record of the student's names, grades, classes attended, grade level and year completed will be kept permanently. The student (eighteen or older) or parent/guardian may obtain a copy of the records by contacting Jason Coguer, Director of Special Education, at 606-256-2125, no later than August 7th, 2017.

Berea College Dean's List

More than 355 Berea College students were named to the Spring 2017 Dean's List. A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least 4 total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

Local students are: Austin Brown of Mount Vernon and Raychel McKinney and Rebekah Renner, both of Brodhead.

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.

HONEY BEE SWARM REMOVAL

Eight out of ten Honey Bee swarms will not survive without our help! Become a Honey Bee Guardian! When you see a swarm of honey bees call D & A Swarm Chasers Doug Brock at 606-386-1890 Audy D. Faulkner at 606-758-8636 Doug & Audy or Email us at: cdougbrock@hotmail.com! So Who You Gona Call? D & A Swarm Chasers Doug at 386-1890 & Audy at 758-8636 This is a FREE community service by D & A Swarm Chasers Bees will be relocated to a safe place!!!!

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Fiscal Court of the County of Rockcastle, Kentucky, at a meeting held on June 19, 2017 at the offices of the County, 205 E. Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 will have second reading and consider adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$750,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING A PRIOR LEASE AND PAYING THE COSTS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing ordinance provides for approval of a lease with the bank, financial institution or finance corporation offering the lowest and best interest rate, as lessor for financing certain public improvements and provides a general obligation pledge to assess and levy sufficient taxes to comply with the obligations to make lease payments, establishes and maintains a sinking fund for the deposit and application of tax revenues, and makes certain designations regarding the Lease.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the County of Rockcastle, Kentucky at 205 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

By /s/ Doug Bishop, Judge-Executive

Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

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

The following items may be recycled:

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

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

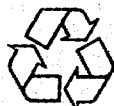
Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (gravel lot between City Hall & Fire Dept.)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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

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



Free Summer Meals FOR KIDS & TEENS

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June 17, 2017 - July 22, 2017
Meals served 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM



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Classifieds

CLASSIFIED RATES

• Local Rates - \$4 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
 • Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch
 Deadline for Classifieds is 10 a.m. TUESDAY

For Rent

House close to Mt. Vernon. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Central heat and air. No pets! 606-256-4802. 24x3p

Efficiency on waterfront of Rockcastle River. Large two large rooms and a large bath. For one person. Must like dogs. \$500 month includes all utilities. 606-308-0971. 24x2p

Mobile Home in Mt. Vernon. Neat 2 bedroom. Low rent. No pets, don't ask. 606-614-9861. 22xntf

House and trailers. No pets. 758-4729. 15xntf

2BR/1BA Mobile Home in Livingston. KU electric, city water. All appliances. \$350 month plus deposit. 453-3121 or 308-9546. 19xntf

Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

Trailers and house in Brodhead. No pets. 758-8922. ntf

Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications: For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only: 1-800-247-2510. 36tfn

Property For Sale

House for sale by owner. Brick/vinyl 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, living room, dining room, family room, detached garage on two acres. Inquires: 1-859-624-2771.
3 BR/2BA House on 1/2 acre lot, located at Rainbow Ridge Subdivision in Mt. Vernon. 606-392-3388.

Wanted

Bush hog work needed near Lamer. 602-790-1146. 24x4

Mobile Homes For Sale/Lease

14x70 2000 model house trailer. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths w/commercial two car garage on large lot at 1344 Chestnut Ridge Road. \$27,000. 606-256-4739 or 308-4739. 24x1p

1998 Victorian 28x52 Doublewide. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new central air, 6 inch walls. \$37,500 delivered. Call 859-985-0344. 24x2

Lease/Purchase: 16x80 mobile home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, big living room. Recently remodeled. \$32,900. 10% down (\$3,290) with \$425 monthly payment. 606-308-5459 or 606-256-8603. 24xntf

Trailer for sale by owner. 16x80, 2009 on one acre on Rockcastle River. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open living room and dining room.

For Rent
 Maple St. Storage of Brodhead
 256-2884 or 606-308-2491

\$80,000 or best offer. 606-308-0971. 24x2p

For Sale: New 2017 28x52 3BR/2BA Clayton doublewide. Priced with northern insulation, thermopane windows. Great floor plan! \$39,900 or \$293 a month w.a.c. Delivery and set up included. Call Blue Ridge Homes in Whitley City, Ky. 606-376-2170. 20xntf

For Sale: New 2017 3BR/2BA 28x60 Clayton doublewide. Nice home! Large kitchen with lots of cabinets. \$44,900 or \$325 month w.a.c. Delivery and set up included. Call Blue Ridge Homes in Whitley City, Ky. 606-376-2170. 20xntf

For Sale: New 2017 4BR/2BA 28x76 Clayton doublewide. Big home! Two large living areas, big bedrooms. Thermo windows, 2x6 side walls with extra insulation. \$52,900 or \$395 a month w.a.c. Delivery and set up included. Call Blue Ridge Homes in Whitley City, Ky. 606-376-2170.

Posted

No Trespassing on property located at 110 Red Bird Rd., Mt. Vernon owned by Paul Kidd. Violators will be prosecuted. 24x1p

Posted: No trespassing, including 4 wheelers and dirt bikes on land at Calloway Hollow, bordering Sand Hill and belonging to Bud Cottengim. Property is fences - no cutting of fence. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 22x4

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Sondra Mullins. No hiking, walking, camping, riding four wheelers, dirt bikes or any other vehicles in boundaries of High St. - Richmond St. - Dailey St. and thereof. Not responsible for accidents. 21x4

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 5x51

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Eric Eversole, in the Green Pond Ridge area and lying on the waters of Brush Creek and Clear Creek. Not responsible for accidents. 9x25

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

Posted: 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

Miscellaneous For Sale

Two 27 1/2 ft. camper trailers, both with super slides. One pull type, one fifth wheel. 2004s. Call 256-4739 or 308-4739 for more info. 24x1p

17 ft. Runabout Boat. 1980 Bomber, 165 HP Mercury w/trailer. \$1,500. 606-256-0001. Sold as is. 21x5

Troy Bilt Tiller, 8 hp. Needs carburetor work. Used very little \$250. Antique hacksaw, sets on a cast iron frame \$100. Two antique well pumps, \$350 each. Call Charlie for info. 606-758-4236 or 606-308-0197. 24x3p

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

Notices

Any property abandoned at 772 Bee Lick Rd., Brodhead, owned by James Payne, shall be removed on July 1st. 23x2

Notice is hereby given that Lora L. Mullins, 10075 E. hwy. 70, Eubank, Ky. 42567 and Theresa G. Davis, 7357 Hwy. 328, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Betty Ann Glovak on the 31st day of May, 2017. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lora L. Mullins and Theresa G. Davis or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford PSC, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Dec. 4, 2017 at 11 a.m. 22x3

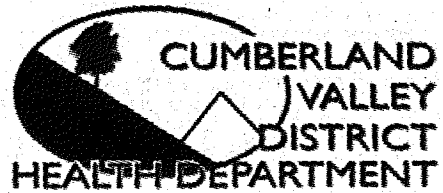
Notice is hereby given that Virginia L. Hansel, 4802 Willailla Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Paul E. Hansel on the 5th day of June, 2017. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Virginia L. Hansel or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford PSC, 45 East Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 6, 2017 at 11 a.m. 22x3

Yard Sales

6 Family Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old Denney's Grocery/Candle Shop on Old Hwy. 461 (Doc Adams Road). We have different items which includes a small freezer, 2 boy's bikes, a solar cover for a swimming pool, toys, clothing, shoes, purses, pictures, kitchen items and much, much more. Rain or shine!

Yard Sale: June 23 & 24, 9 a.m. to 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Saturday, June 24th from 8:00 AM to ? at the home of Scott and Angela Adams - 1198 Chestnut Grove Road, Brodhead. Turn beside Nursing Home in Brodhead, go 1 1/2 miles

Given by: Angela Adams, Trisha Parsons, Krystal Gatliff. Items include: Boys 6 months - 12 months, Girls newborn - size 5, Matilda Jane, Under Armour, Nike, infant shoes, little girl shoes, Girls size 10/12, Junior Girls size S and M, Jeans size 0 - 3/4 (Aeropostale, American Eagle, Rue 21,), Ladies size S, M, L, Men's Size S, M, L (polos, American Eagle Jeans, Khakis (31X30), dress shirts), Ladies Shoes size 5 - 8 1/2; jogging stroller, bouncy seat, play mat, jumperoo, toys, play easel, home decor, purses, luggage set, bedding, too much to mention. Rain cancels.



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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Farm Service Agency 2017 County Committee Election
Every eligible agricultural producer should participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections—whether you are a beginning or a longtime producer, historically disadvantaged producer, or whether you have a large or small operation—because FSA county committees are your link with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Farmers and ranchers who are elected to serve on FSA county committees apply their judgment and knowledge to help with the decisions necessary to administer FSA programs in their counties, ensuring the needs of local producers are met. FSA county committees operate within official federal regulations and provide local input on:

1. Income safety-net loans and payments, including setting County average yields for commodities;
2. Conservation programs;
3. Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities;
4. Emergency programs; and
5. Payment eligibility.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 3, which includes areas for the eastern section of Rockcastle County bound by Garrard, Madison, Jackson and Laurel County.

Highways include HWY 25, I-75 and Little Hurricane Rd.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nominated. All producers, including women, minority and beginning farms and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process.

June 15, 2017—The nomination period begins. Request nomination forms from the local FSA county office or obtain online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, organizations representing underserved (minority and women) farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. Nomination forms are filed in the FSA office that administers a producer's farm records and is available at the FSA county office of online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Nomination forms for the 2017 election must be post-marked or received in the local FSA county office by August 1, 2017.

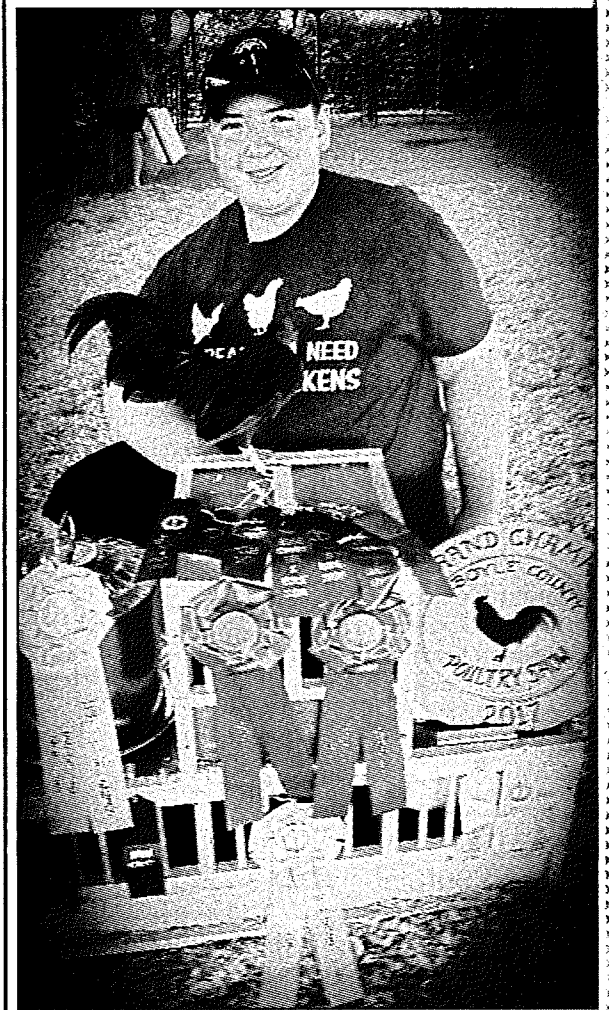
Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: August 2, 2017 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

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

Important program dates and Interest Rates

- Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 2.875%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 3.875%
- Limited Resource Loans = 5.000%
- Farm Ownership Loans Down Payment = 1.500%
- Farm Storage Loans = 3 yr. = 1.500%, 5 yr. = 1.875%, 7 yr. = 2.125%, 10 yr. = 2.375%, 12 yr. = 2.375%
- Commodity Loans = 2.125%

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Kyle Coffey participated in the Boyle County Poultry Show on June 16. Kyle received Grand Champion of Show with his Old English Red Rooster, Champion Bantam, Champion waterfowl with a Gray Call Duck, Reserve Champion Bantam Feather Legged with his Mottled Cochon Hen, Reserve Champion Waterfowl with his Gray Call Drake, 7-first place blue ribbons for first in Class, 3- red 2nd place ribbons and 3-White 3rd place ribbons. Kyle will be a freshman at RCHS this fall.

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Anyone interested in setting up a vendor's booth at the "Blast in the Valley," scheduled for Sunday, July 2nd, **MUST** pre-register by calling 606-256-0914 by June 30th.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Survivor Dinner 5:30 pm
Opening Ceremony 7:00 pm
Survivors' Victory Lap
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Luminaria Ceremony 10:00 pm
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