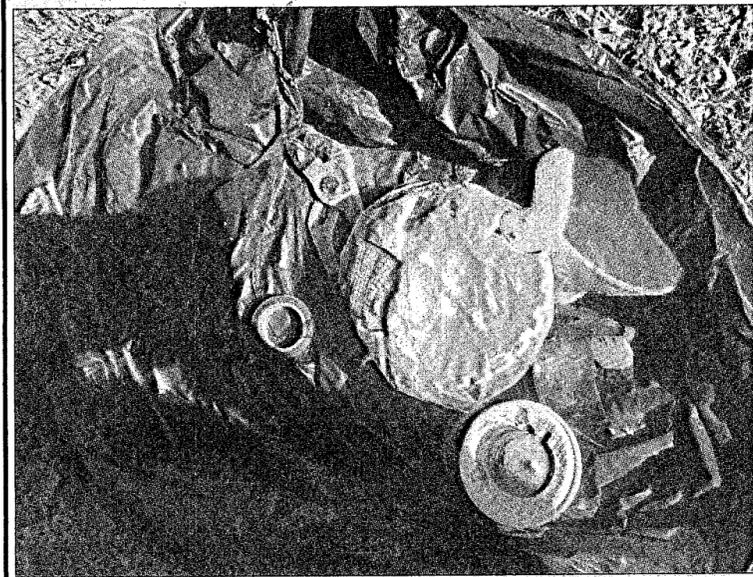
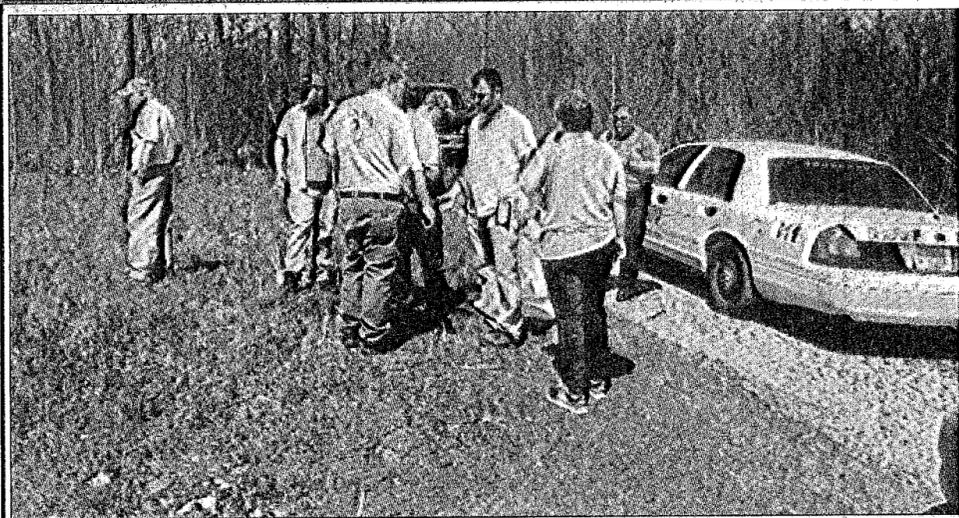


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Deputies and firemen scour the area for needles and drug paraphernalia at the site of a meth lab discovered on Carnation Lane Monday afternoon by police. Officials found all the chemicals and supplies needed to manufacture meth which is often done at the end of hidden lanes throughout the county. Daniel Blackburn was arrested at the scene and police are searching for Josh Sowder and Bobby Hensley.

Lawson pleads guilty to theft by deception

By: Mike French
According to Commonwealth Attorney Eddy F. Montgomery, Robert Lawson, of Mount Vernon, entered a guilty plea on two counts of theft by deception over \$500 Tuesday morning.

Lawson is the former Director of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and former Chairman of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. According to arrest citations, Lawson was accused of stealing more than \$28,000 since July of 2013 from accounts belonging to the Hall of Fame and the Rockcastle County Cystic (See "Lawson" on A8)

Man arrested for sodomy and indecent exposure

Two victims under 12

By: Mike French
A Beattyville man is accused of disturbing crimes he allegedly committed in Rockcastle County, according to a uniform citation. Geffory Combs Jr., 32, of Highway 11 in Beattyville, was arrested Sunday, April 17, by Kentucky State Po-

lice Post 7 in Richmond at his home in Lee County. According to the citation, the crimes occurred on Saturday on Main Street in Mount Vernon. Combs was charged with Indecent Exposure, first degree, first offense and Sodomy, first degree with a victim under 12 years of age.

Local man arrested for starting fire

By: Mike French
James Kidwell, 37, of Crab Orchard was arrested Tuesday after police say he set fire to a field in the area. The citation says the Brodhead Fire Department was called to extinguish a fire on Possum Kingdom Road on Tuesday. However,

More details were not available at press time. Combs was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday afternoon. However, according to reports by WLEX 18 in Lexington, Combs was arrested after two small children were interviewed by a local social worker. WLEX says the two children involved were a 9 and 7-year-old female who told police that Combs had exposed himself to them multiple times.

(See "Fire" on A8)

Local Meth lab located by police

By: Mike French

After receiving a tip, police disposed of a local meth lab in Rockcastle County Monday afternoon. Sheriff's Deputy Matt Bryant arrived at the scene of the lab on Carnation Lane, along with Sheriff Mike Peters and Deputies Casey McClure and Ron Bradley, at 2:40 Monday afternoon. Bryant said upon arrival, he saw Josh Sowder and another male, later identified as Bobby Hensley, flee on

Two cooks escape on foot

foot through the heavily wooded area. Deputies McClure and Bradley chased the two men but were unable to catch them. Bryant also saw Daniel Blackburn who remained standing behind a truck parked in a pull off spot beside the Carnation Lane Cemetery. (See "Meth" on A8)

Rockcastle Constable arrested for Terroristic Threatening

By: Mike French
Rockcastle County District 3 Constable Frank Maples, 62, of Brodhead, was arrested last Wednesday and charged with third degree terroristic threatening.

According to a uniform citation, Maples presented himself at the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office upon request from officers. Upon arrival, Maples was served with a warrant of arrest,

stemming from a recent domestic case at his residence. According to the warrant, Deputy Matt Bryant was dispatched to Maples' home on Napier Road on a domestic complaint

Wednesday, April 13th. Once on the scene, Bryant, according to his report, was met at the end of the driveway by Maples. The report said that Maples told Bryant that if she (his

wife) got an EPO on him they would have to shoot him when they came to serve it because he would be shooting back.

According to Bryant, Maples then left the scene while the deputy interviewed his wife. Bryant said in the warrant that Mrs. Maples told him that her husband had pulled a gun and told her he was "not afraid to go" and "If I can't come back home I will send myself to hell and take you with me."

According to the warrant, Mrs. Maples claims that her husband also said, he would take the first police officer that pulled in (to his driveway) with him.

Maples' bail was set at (See "Constable" on A8)

Channel 18 also says Combs had asked the children to "kiss his privates." Though the eldest child refused, the youngest child reportedly was made to perform oral sex on Combs.

WLEX also says that Combs had made the two girls' brother go upstairs and take a bath when this occurred.

Combs is currently being held on a \$75,000 bond.

Blood Drive Planned

For many, springtime in Kentucky means Keenland, Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby. The Kentucky Blood Center is celebrating the season and Kentucky's racing tradition with a special shirt for donors.

Area donors are invited to give so others may live at (See "Blood" on A8)

Local Grand Jury indicts seven

Nine indictments were handed down, against seven defendants, on Friday, April 8th by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

Indicted were: Jacob K. Phelps, 32 of West Main Street, Mt. Sterling on two count -- one of fleeing and evading police and the other of resisting arrest. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property; William Pendery, 27 of Mt. Vernon was indicted on four counts: tampering with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance, promoting contra-

band and fleeing or evading police. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property; Gregory S. Damrell, 39 of Mt. Vernon was named in two separate indictments.

The first indictment charges Damrell with the offenses of burglary and theft by deception. The second indictment is for tampering with physical evi-

dence and theft by unlawful taking. Damrell's bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property each indictment;

Two separate indictments were also returned against William B. Bailey, 34 of Bee Lick Road, Brodhead.

In the first indictment, Bailey is charged with the offenses of tampering with physical evidence and possession of a synthetic drug. (See "Jury" on A8)

I-75 project approved

By: Mike French
The widening of I-75 in Rockcastle County to six lanes has been approved by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Late Friday evening after the vote was taken, Kentucky State representative Johathan Shell announced (See "I-75" on A8)

Drugs found in local jail

By: Mike French
Four people were arrested Sunday on drug charges however, three of them were already in jail.

According to Mount Vernon Police Officer Lucas Tucker, Natasha McClure, 31, of Mount Vernon was visiting an inmate at the Rockcastle County Detention Center, when inmate Elliott Dooley asked McClure if she "had anything on her."

After listening to the recorded conversation, Tucker said McClure told Dooley she had a few cigarettes and (See "Jail" on A8)



Residents of Chad's Hope sang "My Chains Are Gone" alongside Marlana VanHoose, 2015 Artist Music Guild's Young Artist of the Year, during the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition's Community Celebration held at RCMS last Thursday. A large crowd heard testimonies of victory over drug abuse given during the annual meeting.

Free trash pick-up Day planned for May 14th

The annual Free Trash Drop-Off Day will be May 14th this year. The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court offers the day for local residents to get rid of unwanted items. This year's event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 (See "Trash" on A8)

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Aces Over

By Mike French



The phrase, "Easy to install," should be an illegal sentence.

I recently purchased a "Shed in a box." It is like a 10X10 garage with steel poles and a heavy duty tarp that wraps around it.

The front had a zipper and I can roll it up and park my Gator in there and zip it up.

We saw it at Tractor Supply and thought, "now isn't that snazzy?" It would be much cheaper than building a garage or a wooden shed. And after all, the instructions said "Easy to set up."

Once I opened the box and saw more parts and pieces than there are dollars in our national debt, I knew I was in trouble.

The first page of instructions showed little pictures of the tools I was going to need (as if I didn't know what a drill looks like) along with half a page of instructions for "getting ready to set up your shed."

I had to follow directions before I could follow directions. This was not going to be a breeze.

The very first step was to twist these huge, steel anchors into the ground. The picture showed a fellow doing this with a big smile on his face like it was nothing at all. In fact, he seemed to be enjoying it.

By the time I had twisted the first of four of them into what is apparently a piece of ground made of shale and granite, I was a sweaty, wild-haired, sore-backed, knuckle-busted mess.

Dena was trying to keep my fresh lemonade on hand as I tugged and turned and pushed and twisted and dug until my twister needed a break.

After the third day, I finished the last of the four anchors and was ready to tackle page two of the instructions.

Here's some advice, if it's windy outside and you unroll a 10X30 tarp, one person just can't hold it. I chased that thing like a Beagle after a rabbit. Somehow, it cleared the fence and looked somewhat like a grey parachute headed to my neighbor's field of cows. Mean cows.

Once I had the weather balloon back under control and in my yard again, I laid out all the parts and was ready to start.

The instructions had me build the steel frame and bolt it all together. That took most of the day but seemed to go okay. Just a bunch of repetitive nut tightening and fitting parts together.

Of course there were three different size bolts and once I got to the final side of the frame, I realized the bolts left were too short to do what the instructions said to do. Apparently I had used the long bolts somewhere that I was supposed to use the short bolts.

So, back apart comes the frame and start again. This time I used the right bolts and the right pieces and the frame looked great.

End of day four.

Now I have to wait a week because it rained for six straight days and what used to be a nice 10X30 tarp, was now a yard pond that would have looked great with some rocks around the edge and a fountain in the middle.

Once I rolled the water off the now 200 pound tarp, I was ready to begin placing the tarp around the steel frame.

With an aura of satisfaction, I flipped to page three of the instructions as if I had beat the other two pages against all odds.

The first instruction for "tarp placement" was "disassemble the steel frame." WHAT???? Apparently I was supposed to put the frame together to "see how it works" and then place the tarp on the frame as I reassemble it for the third time.

Yeah, right. Ain't gonna happen.

Time for improvisation. I just cut holes in the tarp and fit it over the already-put-together frame. That has to be easier.

It wasn't. It turns out that what held the tarp in place was the way it was weaved in and out of the



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Shell in Frankfort...

Dear Editor,

As Vice-President of the Teenage Republicans, I've seen first hand what a great State Representative we have in Jonathan Shell. He cares about Rockcastle, he goes above and beyond to

help our club, and he has proven to be an effective conservative leader for our community and state.

One of the things that impresses me the most about Jonathan Shell is that he is endorsed by Kentucky Right to Life. Politicians try to convince us they are pro-life when elections roll around, but Jonathan Shell has a record to show he always fights for the rights of our most vulnerable. He was a leader in fighting against the illegal abortions being performed by Planned Parenthood.

Many times Right to Life doesn't endorse in primaries. Their endorsement shows Representative Shell is the candidate we can trust to stand up for life. I hope you will join me in helping to keep a conservative voice representing us in Frankfort and support Jonathan Shell.

Sarah Poynter, Junior, RCHS

Points East

By Ike Adams



My little brother Steve, who lives at Hotspot, there in Letcher County, was lamenting on Face Book last Sunday that it was getting too late to plant the 50 pounds of seed potatoes he'd purchased the day before.

He was also worried that 50 pounds might not be enough to do him and our brother, Keeter, through the winter and was speculating that maybe they'd go back and get another 50 lb. sack of seed.

I believe the first sack was Kennebec and that maybe the second was going to be red Pontiacs, not that anybody can tell much difference once they're cooked or fried.

Now to put this into proper perspective, let me assure you that I am intimately familiar with the big 4 acre bottom on Blair Branch where Steve and Keeter do their major gardening and know it to be as rich as soil gets in eastern Kentucky. It will grow a bumper crop of anything planted in it.

I also know that 50 pounds of seed potatoes will produce at least 20 bushels of eating potatoes, even in "bad year" and over 30 bushels in a good growing year. The total yield is mostly dependent on the amount of rainfall. Too much or too little can be bad. Proper fertilization also helps boost the crop.

But I am still left to wonder what on earth my brothers do with that many taters because, between them,

they only have 5 mouths to feed. I reckon they give most of their surplus to in-laws and anyone else who looks like they need taters because there is no way they could devour that many, themselves, even if they had taters 3 meals a day and 5 times on Sunday.

From the time I was old enough to use a hoe until I went away to college, I spent the better part of warm weather helping raise field corn for our livestock and green beans for marketing along with sundry other vegetables such as melons, cushaws and pumpkins that we grew around the perimeter of the corn/bean crop we raised in that bottom. I do not recall ever enjoying a minute of that labor but it had to be done to get our family through the winter and to supplement Dad's meager coal miner wages.

Miners, in those days, were paid a mere pittance compared to the wages they commanded after the mid 1970s and most of them simply could not survive unless they raised a substantial amount of the food their families consumed.

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Spring Yard Work

Dear Journal,

For months that seemed like an eternity, I've longingly looked out my window surveying a forelorn yard without plants and colorful flowers, and flower beds that looked like wastelands. I have been so sick for so long, not being able to do anything, things at the Cook house, inside and out, have "gone to pot", so to speak. I've looked forward to the day when the weather was warm and I felt like doing something.

Now that I'm doing somewhat better, I got a few things to plant at Lowe's. I didn't get very many blooming plants as they attract bees, wasps, and such. I usually get colorful grasses and shrubs. There is always one problem. Will my plants die before or after I plant them? Sometimes, usually in fact, the poor old plants never get into the ground.

Sunday morning, Stanley unloaded the plants from my

car. As he wheeled them toward the flower beds, he "talked to the plants", and apologized to them for the long, agonizing, and torturous death that lay ahead for them at the hands of his well-meaning wife.

Later that day, Stanley and I worked in the yard, I being in more an an advisory capacity. He weeded one area and put some more landscaping stones in a section. He even watered the plants so they wouldn't die. I'm anxious to get everything weeded and the liners down with the plants in the ground. We have some mulch coming in a few days so things have to be just right.

Today, I hope to get outside and do what I can. Maybe I can, at my own pace, do a little weeding. I'm looking forward to seeing our yard at its best. Maybe in the future I can look out of my window and see a truly inspiring yard.

ence, advanced gadgetry, and his own wits in this early example of the police mystery story. On January 13, 1946, the 2-Way Wrist Radio became one of the strip's most recognizable icons. Tracy and members of the police force wore the radios and were able to communicate with each other as they fought crime. This very popular idea was certainly the earliest representation of today's cell phones. In 1964, the radio was upgraded to a 2-Way Wrist Television, not unlike the features of a smartphone. At the time, the very idea seemed preposterous, but it made for great reading and high drama. It certainly reflected the American way of imagining what might be possible in the future—especially since the electronics of transistor radios were now in our hands.

Tracy usually sought independent criminal elements rather than members of organized crime. The first real mobster on the series was called Big Boy, which was a fictionalized version of the very real Al Capone.

Even in those days, the beginning of the "rights of the accused" were frustrating to Tracy and to the police force. For example, having caught a gang of diamond thieves red-handed, Tracy was unable to make an arrest because he could not prove within a reasonable doubt that the diamonds were even stolen. As he saw the thieves getting off without penalty, he was witnessed saying, "Under today's interpretation of the laws, it seems it's the police who are handcuffed."

I was reminded of all of this upon acquiring a new cell phone. A few weeks ago, when my old cell phone began to give me problems, I decided to purchase a new iPhone. After spending several hours at the AT&T store, I walked out with the 6s Plus version of the phone, which is far more advanced than my own laptop. This phone has many apps that I did not even know existed. Some include: a 12 MP camera (I have over 1,200 photos already) that is even more powerful than my Nikon camera; a Wi-Fi system that is twice as fast as my original phone; a 5.5-inch HD display screen, and a thumb-print "unlock" identification system.

It took me several days

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“Points East”

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We raised huge gardens along with hogs, chickens and milk cows because we absolutely had to or face starvation.

I was in college before I discovered that I actually enjoyed gardening and began helping numerous, mostly elderly, folks in Prestonsburg and Pikeville plant and tend little kitchen gardens in their back yards.

For whatever reasons, the work that I had dreaded with passion while growing up suddenly became my favorite past-time when I no longer absolutely had to perform it. Go figure that out.

Thanks to my next door neighbor, Billy Hale, I have nearly a quarter acre of garden tilled up like a huge lettuce bed while knowing full well that I am not physically able to tend anywhere near that amount of space. Mr. Parkinson is even more reluctant to do garden work now than I was as a child.

Still I have started several varieties of tomatoes, bell peppers and onions from seed because I like to grow varieties that are not, normally available at greenhouses or at the retailers who sell bedding plants.

I expect I will be sending the larger portion of the

baby plants to my brothers and that this may well be the last year I grow my own plants except for the Giant Syrian and Molly Helton Sunburst tomatoes that I've never seen anywhere else.

Loretta and I discovered that Patty Jennings at Jennings' Best Home and Garden Supply store there on highway 21 just less than a mile west of Berea had nearly all the heirloom plants we grow from seed at prices far less than I can buy the seed. Not only that, but she has an Amish supplier in Crab Orchard so the plants are, indeed, locally grown. However, at the re-

tail prices she is getting for the healthiest plants I've seen all season I can't see how Patty or her supplier can possibly be turning a profit.

Usually, when I stop at Jennings' looking for a file or whatever other single item I need when I get there. I wind up buying an arm load of other stuff I suddenly find myself unable to live without. It is that kind of place. If you are ever passing through Berea, Patty Jennings' bigstore is less than a mile west of I-75 off exit 76. Her store may well be the best kept secret in central Kentucky.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, April 25th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tuesday, April 26th: Green Hill, Fairview, Lambert Road, Brindle Ridge.

Organ Donor Awareness Month Bake Sale
The Rockcastle Circuit Clerk's office would like to thank everyone who purchased items at our first Trust For Life Bake Sale on April 15th for Organ Donor Awareness. It was a huge success! Because April is Organ Donor Awareness Month, we are planning another Bake Sale on Friday, April 29th. Come help us make this month a huge success in earning money for Organ Donor Awareness.

Rockcastle DAR Tea

The Rockcastle DAR will be hosting their annual Mother's Day Tea on Thursday evening, May 5th in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. Seating begins at 5:30 p.m. with tea served at 6 p.m. The theme this year is "An Evening in Paris." There will be three courses of delicious food, served along with three courses of tea. Catering will be by Mama's Treats of Livingston. Tea tickets are \$15 each. Deadline for ticket sales and registration is May 1st. For tickets and registration, please call Tonya Cook, tea coordinator, 606-453-2218.

4th Annual May Kids Event

Room 4 Me will host their 4th annual May Kids Event at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon on May 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students at all elementary schools will receive a form to sign up for the completely FREE event within the coming weeks! If you are a high school student who would like to volunteer at the event, contact Kelsey Mattingly at 606-386-0372 or Caroline Coguer at Rockcastle County High School.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Hospice Care Plus is recruiting volunteers for a new volunteer training on Saturday, April 30th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Volunteers are especially needed for patient care and non-patient care roles. Register at 859-986-1500 or at hospice@hospicecp.org.

US 25 Yard Sale

June 2, 3 and 4, 2016. 5th Annual US 25 Yard Sale. Woodfin, NC and Rocky Top, TN to Richmond, KY. The nation's 4th longest yard sale event. 859-779-3005 or https://www.facebook.com/US25YARDSALE.

Former Livingston School Teachers

It would be our honor have all former Livingston School teachers as our Grand Marshalls for the Livingston Founders Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Lineup for the parade is at 10 a.m. at the Livingston Pentecostal Church south of White Star. Please contact any teachers that you feel would be interested in participating. You can also contact Charlene Newcomb at 606-453-9077 for more information.

Cancer Support Group

There will be a Cancer Support Group meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 4:30 p.m. at Rockcastle Regional. The meeting is open to cancer patients, family members and friends. To sign up, call 256-7486.

DBCAA Board of Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will hold a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, April 26th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, 1535 Shamrock Road, Manchester. During the meeting, a possible conflict of interest situation will be discussed between the board and an individual. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Alpha Recovery

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

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

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 Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

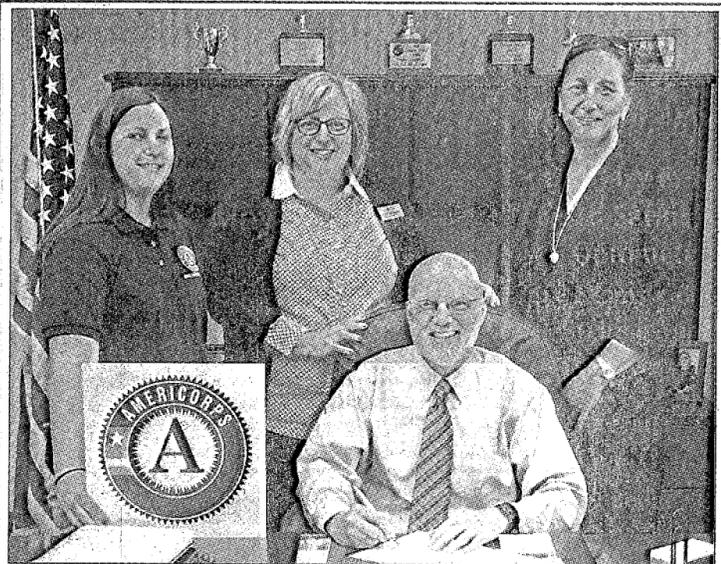
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

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

American Legion Post 71

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



Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service Proclamation was held at City Hall on April 5th. Present at City Hall for the signing were from left: MVES UNITE Service Corps Member Morgan Smith; UNITE Service Corps Director Melinda Kincer; Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant; and, Tamara Cox, a Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteers and Service Commissioner.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

just playing with my new phone to be able to understand all of its possibilities. The first time it rang in my Ford Explorer, the name of the person appeared on my car dash screen. It was then that I said to Kathy, "I feel like Dick Tracy."

From the time I was eight years of age until now, the advent of technology has increased with unlimited possibilities. The idea of having a radio attached

to your arm and having a phone with a camera, the internet, and even email is almost too much to digest. Dick Tracy's amazing technology has been far surpassed.

Frankly, if I think about it long enough, it just "blows my mind," as the hippies used to say. It also makes me wonder what kind of technology will be experienced by my grandchildren by the time that they are my age. Actually,

I'm not really sure that I would want to know; besides, I probably would find it just as preposterous as Dick Tracy's wrist radio.

(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.)

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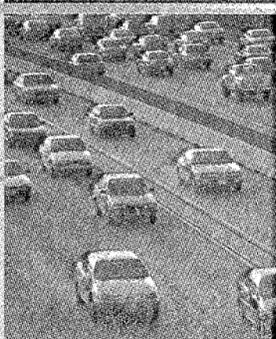
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Obituaries



Vivian Doris Renner

Vivian Doris (Reynolds) Renner (Mommy Jo Jo), died Sunday, April 17, 2016. She was born September 3, 1943 in Laurel County. She was married June 11, 1961 to Donald Glen Renner who preceded her in death. Also preceding her were her parents, Charles Hughes Reynolds, and Ora Mae (Arthur) Reynolds, and her brothers, Doyle Wayne, and Oscar Lowell Reynolds.

She is survived by: her children, Barbara Jo (Jerrold) Collins, Donna Glynn, Roger Dale (Lynnett), Timothy Wayne (Tammy), Sandra Gayle (Rex) Williams, and Sarah Jolene; 14 grandchildren, Tara Mink (Danny) Boone, Leanna Mink (Coy) Farmer, Pamyla Mink, Matthew (Crystal) Renner, Morgan and Clinton Fortney, Jennifer Renner (Ivanilson), Amanda (Jordan) Carpenter, Andrew Vaughn, Samantha and Timothy Glen Renner, and Brittany, Tyler and Olivia Williams; eight great grandchildren, Clifton Boone, Lydia Mink, Autumn Bradley, Kinsley Carpenter, Briar Farmer, Harlynn Renner, Waylon McWhorter, and Isaac Renner; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, children and young adults who came into her home who she loved, fed, and nourished. She always gave selflessly of herself.

She attended Hazel Green High School where she graduated in 1961. She later attended Miami University in Columbus Ohio, earning an Engineering certificate. She retired from Caron Spinning Company after 25 years, later working at St. Joseph Hospital (Marymount) in London for 20 years, retiring in 2015. She attended Swiss Colony Missionary Baptist Church. She had numerous hobbies including gardening, quilting, genealogy, cake decorating, reading, cooking, and traveling or planning her next great adventure. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as friends, family, and even strangers. She always took the opportunity no matter the situation, to get a story out of each encounter. She enjoyed the flowers in her garden and the many humming birds she insisted on feeding.

She had the opportunity to travel to Germany with her husband, Hawaii with her daughters, and many US states, beaches, parks, caves, rivers, and oceans with her children, grandchildren, and friends. She was always looking to make a memory for herself or others. She enjoyed taking pictures and sharing them as well as her stories. She laughed with her whole being, smiled from her heart and hugged from the depths of her soul. Everyone who met her was drawn into the light of her being and was made better from the encounter. She forgave easily and without question. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the National Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (donate.lls.org) or to the Hibbard Cemetery fund. Contact London Funeral Home for arrangement details.



Wanda Maxine Lawrence Smith

Wanda Maxine Lawrence Smith, 82, of Brodhead, widow of Luther Smith, died Thursday, April 14, 2016. She was born in Brodhead on April 20, 1933, a daughter of the late Herbert Lawrence and Mae Brumett Lawrence. She attended and was a member of Ottawa Baptist Church since her teenage years. Mrs. Smith was a retired seamstress for Rockcastle Manufacturing. She enjoyed gardening and cooking for everyone. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Most of all she will be remembered for the great love she had for her family.

She is survived by: her children, Gary Smith, Ronnie (Louise) Smith and Darlene (Bill) Cromer, all of Brodhead, and Judy (Benny) Childress and Debbie (Rodger) Smith, all of Mt. Vernon; her grandchildren, Rhonda (Jerry) Childress, Jason (Kristin) Childress, Shawn Childress, Crystal Childress, Vanessa (Chris) Burnell, Rebecca Smith, Tiffany (Eric) Wallin, Brittany Smith, Samantha Smith and Dustin Smith; and her great grandchildren, Adrienne, Emily, Morgan, Johnathon, Jordan, Collin, Gage, Jace, Tom, Paisley, Marley and Connor. Also surviving are her brothers, Eugene, Bobby, Jackie and Charles Lawrence and her sister, Evaline Reynolds.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Luther Smith, whom she married September 17, 1948; her brothers, Richard Lawrence and Herbert Ray Lawrence; her sister, Margie Blanton; and her son, Phillip Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jim Craig and Bro. Shelby Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jason Childress, Shawn Childress, Chris Burnell, Johnathon Cromer, Dustin Smith and Eric Wallin. Condolences to the family may be made online at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



James "Everett" McClure

James "Everett" McClure, 77, husband of Ruby McClure, died Monday, April 18, 2016 at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, April 21, from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 22, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Mark Raulerson officiating. Burial will follow in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Jerry Wayne Price II

Jerry Wayne Price II, better known as Jed, 34, of Eubank, husband of Amanda Wright Price, died Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born April 25, 1981, the son of Jerry Wayne Price I and Samantha Barron Price. He was a master logger with Price Logging and of the Church of God faith. He enjoyed horses and all outdoor sports and activities. He enjoyed his family and especially his children whom he loved dearly.

Those left to cherish his memory are: his parents; his wife, Amanda, whom he married April 24, 2010; and his children, Jeriann Price, Isaiah Price, Emma Price and Bailey Price. Also surviving are: maternal grandmother, LouAnna Fletcher Chaney and his cousins, Wendy Collins, Rebecca Worley and Larry Price, Jr. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Willie Barron and paternal grandparents, Charles Price and Ruth Payne Price.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Jon Burdette officiating. Burial was in the Cuba Church of God Cemetery in Eubank.

Honorary casketbearers were his children.

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



Vernon "Peanut" Payne

Peanut Payne, 94, of Berea, died at Berea Health Care on April 17, 2016. Peanut will be remembered for his passion for bluegrass music and his extraordinary talent to play the fiddle. He was a World War II veteran, a member of the Masonic Lodge as well as a member of Wallacetown Baptist Church in Berea. He retired in 1983 from the Bluegrass Army Depot.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Ruby Mae Ogg Payne; two brothers; and nine sisters.

He is survived by: his seven children, Marjorie A. Carrier of Lexington, Vernon D. Payne of Williamsburg, Earl V. Payne of Berea, Darrell G. Payne of Berea, Cathy C. Collard of Louisville, Cheryl L. Hicks of Berea, and Albert S. Payne of Berea. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Lighthouse Baptist Church on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Burial was in the Pilot Knob Cemetery with Masonic and Military Honors.

Lakes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

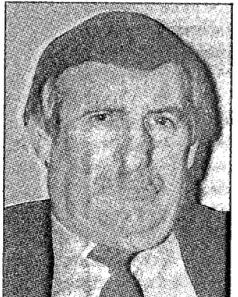
Condolences at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Debra Lynn Daniels

Debra Lynn (Duncan) Daniels, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at her residence.

Visitation will be Friday, April 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Wayne Harding officiating. Burial will follow in the Cresthaven Cemetery.



Ronald Lester Scott

Ronald Lester Scott, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born in Williamson, WV on August 13, 1939, the son of Ralph Lester and Ella Mae Coyer Scott. He had been a Vice President and Hotel Executive for 45 years and was a veteran of the US Air Force. He was a graduate of Elkhorn City High School, where he was the recipient of many awards, and of the University of Kentucky. He was of the Church of Christ faith.

He is survived by: his wife of 44 years and love of his life, Ethelene Cummins Scott; a son, Ronald Lester Scott, Jr. of Nashville, TN; two step-sons, Rodney Steven Moore of Owenton and Johnnie Litton Moore of Winchester; and three grandchildren. Also surviving are a close first-cousin, Peggy Jo Justice of Tampa, FL; and two close friends, Donald Ray and Verna Jane Hackney of Mt. Sterling.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 17, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Danny McKibben. Burial was in Maretburg Cemetery.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Card of Thanks

Mable Reppert Burdette

The family of Mable Reppert Burdette would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, prayers and all expressions of sympathy and comfort during our bereavement.

We extend our utmost appreciation, sincere gratitude and deepest thanks to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for the beautiful services. A very special thank you to Dr. Michael Bryant and Bro. Marcus Reppert for their comforting words; to Julie Coffey Phillips, Jan Cummins Parker and Pam Cummins Martin for their lovely songs and to Loving Arms of First Baptist Church for the delicious funeral meal.

Your kindness, caring and support will always be remembered.

The Family of Mable Reppert Burdette

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Cemetery Notices

Briarfield Cemetery

Briarfield Cemetery is accepting donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery and mail to Tim Robinson, Briarfield Cemetery, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, KY 40460 or see Dean Carpenter or Tim Robinson. All donations greatly appreciated.

Maretburg Cemetery

Please send donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Maretburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409.

Livesay Cemetery

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

Johnetta Cemetery

Donations are needed for upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery and should be sent to: Harold Ballinger, 5777 Three Links Road, McKee, Ky. 40447

Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for the mowing of the cemetery at Sand Hill Baptist Church to: Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Road, Livingston, Ky. 40445 or call 606-453-4511. All donations greatly appreciated.

Roberts Cemetery

Please send donations for the upkeep of Roberts Cemetery at Freedom to: Don Cummins, 67 School House Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Thank you for contributing to this worthy cause.

Maple Grove Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the Maple Grove Cemetery should be sent to: Michael Robinson, 503 Maple Grove Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460. For more information, call 308-5439.

Phillips Cemetery

Donations for mowing and upkeep of the Phillips Cemetery at Three Links may be sent to: Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

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, call 606-308-3245.

Donations will also be accepted at the cemetery May 28-30.

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



In Loving Memory

of my beautiful daughter, Mildred Ann Bullock

Although you are so far away, you are still alive in my heart. I miss you so much, I think of you every day and hope to be with you again some day and then we will never have to part no more.

I love you so much, Mom



In Memory Of Jeffrey Mark Bullock

4/19/72 - 9/20/14

The Lord saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So, he put his arms around you and whispered come with me. With tearful eyes I watched you suffer and saw you fade away. Although I loved you dearly, it was not meant for you to stay. A golden heart stopped beating, your beautiful smile at rest. God broke my heart to prove he always takes the best.

Sadly missed

Mom, Dad, Brother David Mark, your many Facebook friends, your cousins Rick Lee, Jason Bullock, Jeremy Bullock, Jared Cromer, Angie Shewmaker Hack, will always remember special times with you, along with your Aunt Carol Cromer, Uncle Willard Bullock (you were very special to them). Your Great Aunt Lavonne Shewmaker, with your great talent in computers and electronics, she once said Mark you are a genius (and you were). Also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

To all the wonderful people who helped in any way and was there for Mark during his sickness and time of need, and after Mark's passing, each of you know who you were. Your kindness will forever be remembered. To all of you, thank you so much. God bless.

Mark's Mother Judy

Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to 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/insets, 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, old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers 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 (behind the old school gym)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

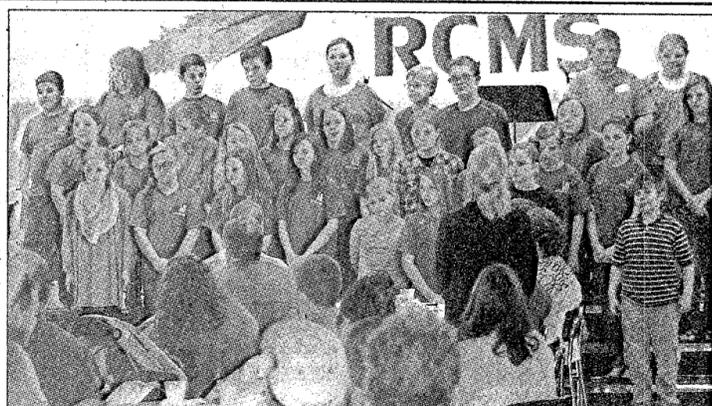
If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

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





A great crowd turned out for the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition's Annual Meeting and Community Celebration held last Thursday at Rockcastle Middle School. Attendees were treated to songs by Marlana VanHoose, Chad's Hope, students from all elementary schools and testimonies of victories over drug abuse.



UNITE Club members from Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Roundstone Elementaries helped Marlana VanHoose sing "I Believe I Can Fly" during the annual celebration held by Rockcastle UNITE Coalition last Thursday night.



UNITE President and CEO Nancy Hale gave an update on the progress and development within the UNITE Coalition. Ms. Hale also introduced Marlana VanHoose, the 2015 Artist Music Guild's Young Artist of the Year. Featured guest Scott Phipps shared his inspirational story of victory over drug abuse.

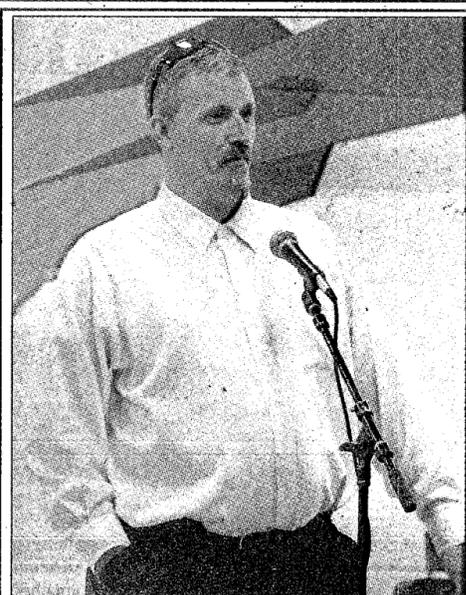
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UNITE Club members from RCHS led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance and UNITE Pledge to kick off the celebration.



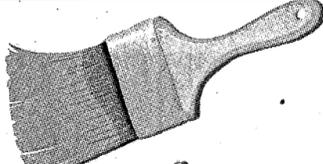
Rockcastle UNITE Coalition President John Hale presided over the annual meeting held during the Community Celebration last Thursday night. Mr. Hale also served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.



Brodhead resident Eric Burke gave his testimony of living a life of recovery thanks in part to a UNITE voucher which helped to provide treatment.

Notice

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency has applied for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Cabinet for Families and Children. The plan is available for public review at the local Community Action Agency.



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Rockcastle County Relay For Life

Friday, May 20, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
 Survivor Dinner (RCMS Cafeteria) @ 5:30 PM
 Survivor's Victory Lap / Opening Ceremony @ 7 PM
 Special performances by:
 -RCHS Color Guard
 -Relay For Life Cheerleaders
 Live Auction @ 8 PM
 Luminary Ceremony @ 10 PM
 Closing Ceremony @ 12 midnight

For more information, call Melissa Brock at 256-7703

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Cancer Survivors Dinner

Cancer Survivors: in honor of your battle against cancer, the 2016 Relay For Life of Rockcastle County would like to extend to you a special invitation to participate in our Survivor's Dinner. You are a personal testimony of the progress we're making in our fight to eradicate cancer!

Please join us May 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School for a dinner in your honor.

Food and entertainment will be provided by First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

Each Survivor is entitled to bring one guest to the Survivor Dinner. There is no cost for you or your guest to attend this Survivor Celebration! All Survivors will receive a gift!

After the dinner, we invite you to come to Rockcastle Middle School track for Relay for Life Survivor Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

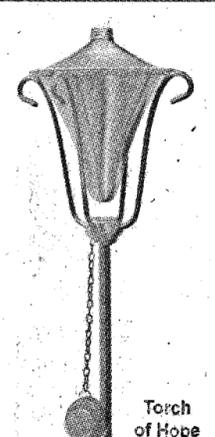
Please register by Tuesday, May 17. Call Melissa Brock at 256-7703 or Jana Bray at 256-7880.

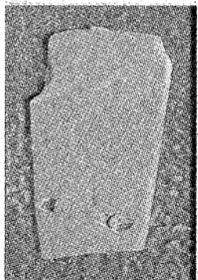
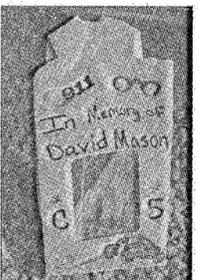


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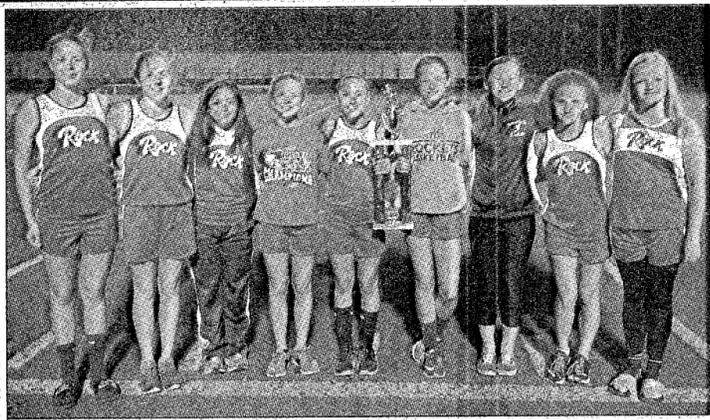
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Make checks payable to: American Cancer Society

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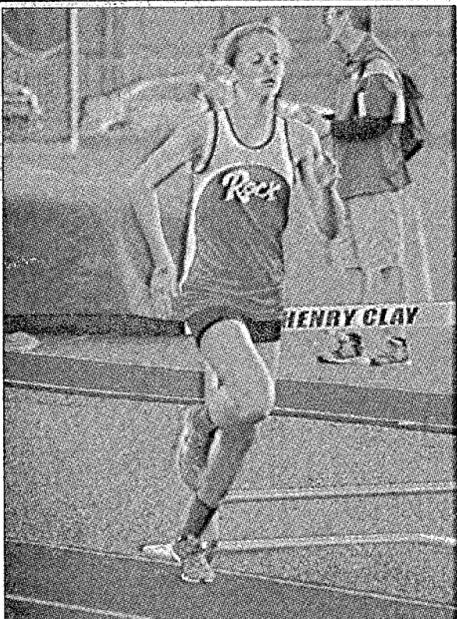
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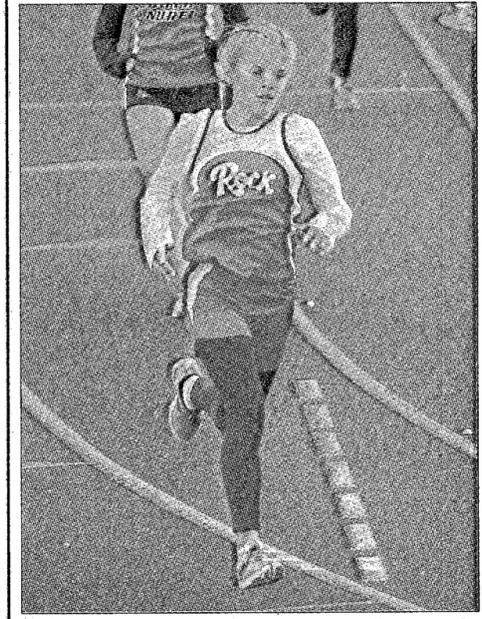
The RCMS girls' track team won the Henry Clay Invitational this past Friday in Lexington by 90 points over some very talented teams. The girls are currently ranked # 1 in the state and are the defending outdoor state champions from last year. Team members are from left: Erin Hindman, Allie Martin, Hannah Davis, Savannah Thacker, Brianna Owens, Tori Dotson, Aliyah Lopez, Jasmine Ashcraft and Delani Reynolds. Not pictured - Valerie Kendrick, Jessalyn Burton, Natalie Tolle, Grace Gardiner, Autumn Courtney, Kylie Martin, Karalinn Loudermilk, Jenna Wells, Sydney Carrera, Reina Lykins, Jailey Martin and Gracie Spoonamore.



The RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team of Aliyah Lopez, Brianna Owens, Savannah Thacker, and Allie Martin placed 1st at the Henry Clay Invitational on Friday and ran the second fastest middle school time in the state of Kentucky.

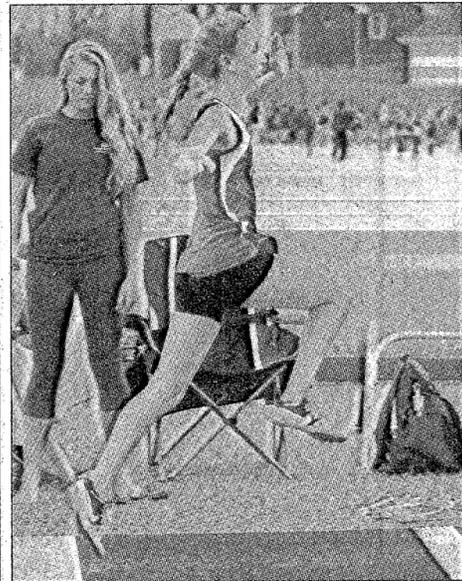


RCMS 8th grader Autumn Courtney is currently ranked 6th in the U.S. among all 8th grade long jumpers and 9th in triple jump. She won the 100-meter hurdles and long jump at Henry Clay Invitational.

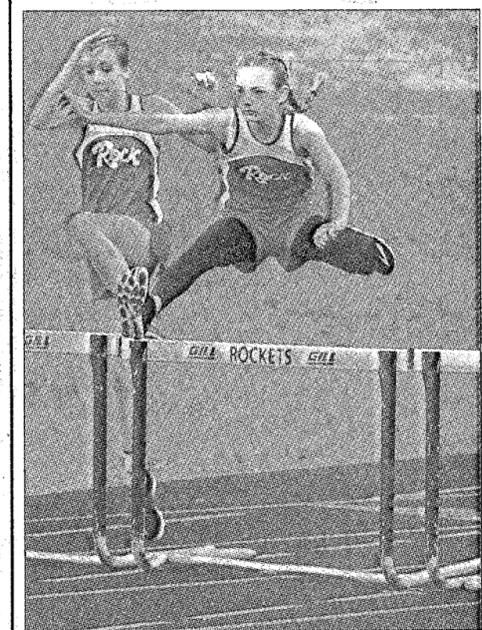


RCMS 6th grader Savannah Thacker is currently ranked 24th in the U.S. among all 6th graders that have competed in the 400-meter dash.

After winning all three events at the Henry Clay Invitational, RCMS 8th grader Tori Dotson is currently ranked 3rd in the 1600-meter run and 5th in both the 800 and 3200-meter runs in the U.S. among all 8th graders who have competed. She's also ranked 1st in Kentucky in all three events.



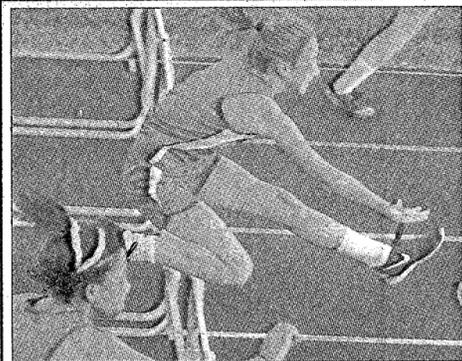
RCMS 8th grader Grace Gardiner is ranked 11th in the U.S. among all 8th grade long jumpers and 1st in the state of Kentucky.



RCMS 6th graders Sydney Carrera (right) and Jailey Martin are currently ranked 7th and 17th in the U.S. among all 6th graders that have competed in the 300-meter hurdles.



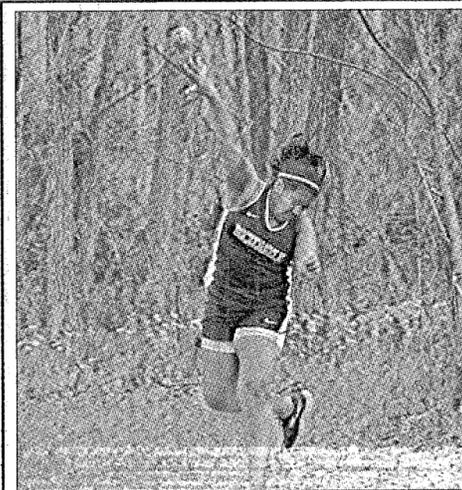
RCMS 6th grader Allie Martin is currently ranked 4th in long jump, 15th in the 400-meter dash, and 26th in the 200-meter dash among all 6th graders in the U.S. that have competed in the events, both the 800 and 3200-meter runs in the U.S. among all 8th graders who have competed. She's also ranked 1st in Kentucky in all three events.



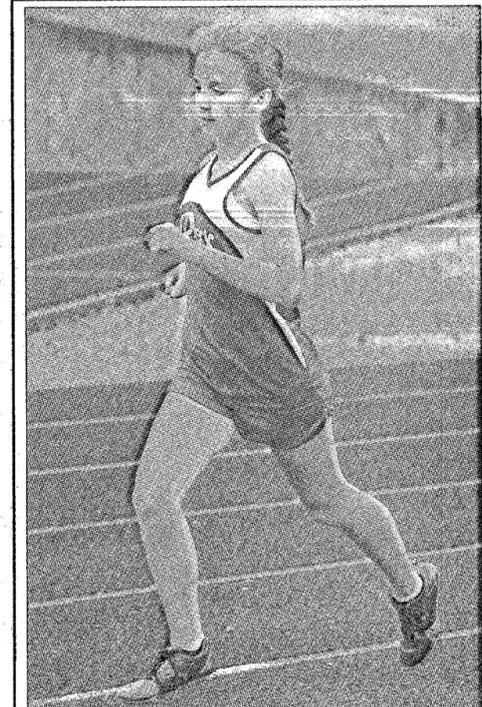
RCMS 6th grader Reina Lykins is currently ranked 9th in the U.S. among all 6th graders that have competed in the 300-meter hurdles.



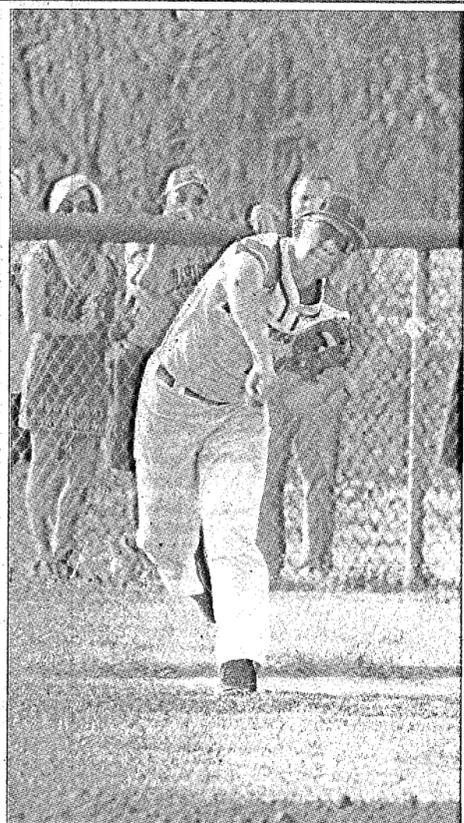
RCMS 7th grader Valerie Kendrick won shot put and discus at the Henry Clay Invitational. Valerie is currently ranked 11th in the U.S. among all 7th grade competitors in discus.



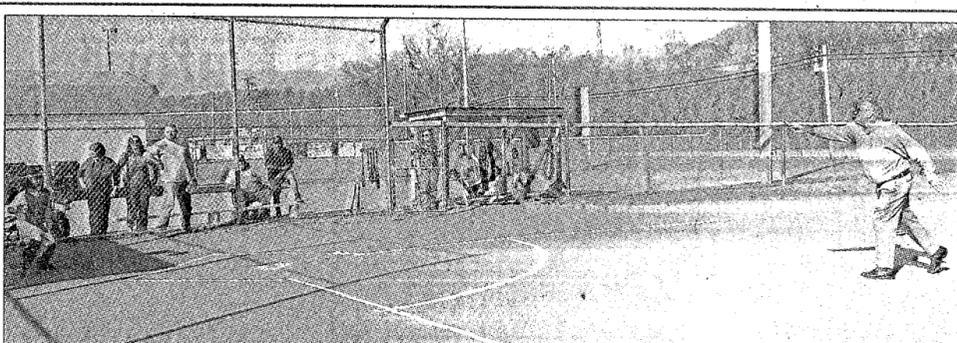
RCMS 7th grader Jessalyn Burton placed 3rd in both shot put and discus at the Henry Clay Invitational. Jessalyn is currently ranked 27th in the U.S. among all 7th grade competitors in discus.



RCMS 7th grader Jasmine Ashcraft scored 32.5 points and led all scorers at Caudill Middle School recently, winning all four of her events including the 800, 1600, 3200, and 3200-meter relay.



Third baseman Anthony Houk throws a runner out at first in the Rockets 11 inning 3-2 win over Pulaski County Tuesday night. The win brings the baseball team's record to 14-4 on the season.



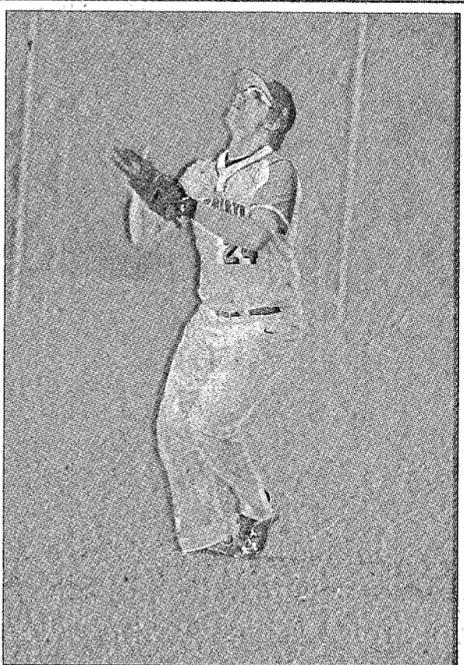
Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop threw out the first pitch on opening night of Little League Baseball Tuesday at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. He was presented the baseball by League President David Sargent.



Lauryn Carpenter waits for the ball from pitcher Kristin Holcomb for a put out at first base in Tuesday's win over Pulaski County.



Second baseman Jayna Albright takes a cut during the Rocket softball 4-2 win over Pulaski County Tuesday night. The win brings their record to 13-5 on the season. Their next game is Thursday at Pulaski at 6 p.m. and at Lincoln County Friday. They are hosting a Lady Rocket Triangle this Saturday and will face Russell County at 11 a.m. and Estill County at 3 p.m.



Rockets' right fielder Isaiah Mercer waits for a fly ball in the Rockets 3-2 win over Pulaski County Tuesday night.



Left fielder Amber Collins catches a line drive during the Rockets 4-2 win over Pulaski Tuesday.

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Rockets go 4-0 in last week

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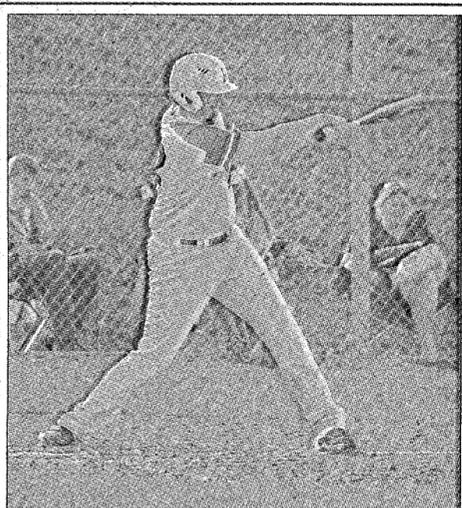
The Rockcastle Rockets baseball team has gone four for four in their outings this week, defeating Somerset twice, Montgomery County and Pulaski and bringing their season record to 14-4.

In a game last Wednesday at Somerset, the Rockets beat the Briar Jumpers 5-4.

The two teams traded the lead six times before the Rockets pulled out the win with a strong seventh inning which saw Hunter Rigsby get an RBI double plating Keaton Renfro.

The Rockets had jumped out to an early 2-0 led in the top of the third started by a two run blast by Brent Lovell which scored John Cornelius to start the inning off.

Brent Lovell racked up three RBIs on two hits for the Rockets, homering in the third and singling in the fifth.



Hunter Rigsby takes a swing during the Rockets' win over Pulaski County Tuesday night. It took 11 innings but the Rockets finally came away with the 3-2 victory.

Lucas Jones got the win for the Rockets and Cornelius picked up the save.

Rockets 7 Somerset 2

On Thursday, April 14th, the Rockets hosted Somerset and again came out on top 7-2 behind Lucas Jones who went one for three; including a triple in the first inning.

The Rockets took the lead in the first inning, scoring three runs - one on an error, a sacrifice fly by Cornelius and an RBI triple by Jones.

Two Briar Jumpers crossed the plate in the top of the third, making it 4-2 but winning pitcher Chayse McClure ended the inning with a strike out.

Cornelius brought the heat during his outing, holding Somerset hitless over two innings and allowing no earned runs or walks and striking out two.

Rockets 2 Montgomery Co. 1

The Rockets didn't give starting pitcher Hunter Rigsby much support, in their game Monday at Mt. Sterling against Montgomery Co., but Rigsby got it done without it, pitching 5 1/3 strong innings to carry his team to a 2-1 victory in seven innings.

Isaac McClure gave the Rockets the lead in the seventh after Lucas Jones singled and went from first to third on a single by Anthony Houk.

Rocket John Cornelius went three for three against Montgomery Co. pitching, doubling in the first and singling in the third and sixth inning.

Montgomery scored its only run in the sixth on a sacrifice fly.

Rockets 3 Pulaski Co. 2

John Cornelius's walk-off hit into a fielder's choice in the 11th inning gave the Rockets a 3-2 win over the Pulaski County Maroons Tuesday night in a home game.

The Rockets were up 2-0 in the top of the seventh but the Maroons came back to tie the game and send it to extra innings.

Hunter Rigsby broke a scoreless tie in the fourth with an RBI single and Brent Lovell scored Chayse McClure, the winning pitcher, in the fifth.

Lovell was solid at the plate for the Rockets, going three for five, with singles in the fourth and fifth and a double in the seventh.

The Rockets are scheduled to play at Clay County on Saturday, host Wayne County Monday and traveling to Casey Co. on Tuesday.



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By Mt. Vernon City Council

Members to new Codes Enforcement Board named

By: Mike French
The Mount Vernon City Council held their regular meeting Monday night at City Hall.
Mayor Mike Bryant presented the names of those he suggests the council approve to sit on the newly created Codes Enforcement

Board.
Bryant suggested Lloyd Bennett, former Mayor Karen King and Martha Cox/Mink to one year, two year and three year terms, respectively. Alternates, in case one or more members cannot complete their term, are RCMS assistant princi-

pal Robbie Phelps and former school superintendent Larry Hammond.
The council voted to approve all suggested members.
The new board was created to help enforce the newly updated Nuisance Ordinance adopted by the

city. Members of the Codes Enforcement Board will hear arguments or discussion from any local resident or business who may receive a citation for non-compliance with the Nuisance Ordinance.
The board members will have the authority to impose

finest or to eliminate fines if the business owner agrees to correct the issue.
Mayor Bryant also informed those in attendance that the city is currently working on the annual budget and he expects to hold the first reading at the May meeting.

In other action, council members were informed that materials have been ordered to provide water service to the East Fork area and work is expected to begin within two weeks.
The council also received another request to use the city parking lot beside city hall for a yard sale.
However, council members held a lengthy discussion concerning the safety and liability issues involved with letting public property be used for this purpose.

"Lawson"

(Continued from front)
Fibrosis fund as well as the Rockcastle County Tourism Commission.
The charges stem from checks that Lawson wrote to himself from each of those funds.
Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy A. Bartley handled the court proceedings and indicated that Lawson was sentenced to six months imprisonment and then will be released to a suspended sentence.

Lawson will face a five year sentence should he violate the terms of the diversion, which includes paying back all the money he stole.
The terms of release after the 6 month sentence also include maintaining a full time job and the full restitution to each victim as well as the possibility of court ordered drug screening.
Television news reports this week about the plea arrangement were inaccurate,

according to Bartley. "They took conversations that happened in other meetings and bunched them together in this news story. Some of our comments were taken completely out of context," he

said.
Bartley said the Commonwealth Attorney's office had three goals in this case. "We wanted to incorporate an element of deterrence and punishment. This

is why we recommended the six month sentence. Second, we wanted reassurance that restitution would be made in full and that's where the five year suspended sentence provides motivation for Lawson to pay it. And finally, we must look at fairness because the truth is that Lawson has zero criminal history."

According to Bartley, this plea allows Lawson to place his future in his own hands. "After he has served his sentence and made the victims whole, he has the possibility of putting the matter behind him. Should he not do those things, then he will face the five year sentence."

"Meth"

(Continued from front)
As Bryant was taking Blackburn into custody, Bryant said he smelled the familiar odor of meth coming from behind the truck.
Bryant then searched Blackburn and found a plastic container with a Suboxone strip inside (a schedule II controlled substance) and a Hydrocodone tablet.
After securing Blackburn, Bryant located an active reaction vessel (commonly known as a meth lab) located on the ground behind the truck. Bryant also found funnels, Lye (hydroxide) crystals, electrical tape, a partial cold pack, some tools, a bottle of Liquid Fire (Sulfuric acid), and an empty container of salt.
Bryant also found inside the reaction vessel, pseudoephedrine anhydrous, ammonia and lithium metal pieces from batteries. According to Bryant these are the items needed for a meth lab.
"These substances create

the chemical reduction process necessary to produce a meth oil base. The acid and the salt then create an HCL gas generator which is then used to convert the meth oil base into a water-soluble solid," said Bryant.
Bryant said people who make such chemicals often use dead end lanes around the county because there is no traffic and is secluded.
The area around the cemetery had been used for other purposes as well since deputies found several hypodermic needles and other drug paraphernalia on the ground around the cemetery.
The chemicals found on the grounds were neutralized by Laurel County Deputy James Sizemore and transported from the scene.
Blackburn was charged with manufacturing meth, first offense, and possession of a controlled substance, second degree, first offense, and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.
Warrants are being secured for Sowder and Hensley, Bryant said.

"I-75"

(Continued from front)
the final passage of the Transportation Budget that includes the plan for I-75.
"This project is long overdue. Senator (Jared) Carpenter and I have worked hard to ensure that this vital section of I-75 is expanded to six lanes," said Shell. "It's not only an economic development issue, but more importantly, it's a safety issue."
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop also met with Governor Matt Bevin about the project earlier in the year and praised the work of Shell and Carpenter in securing the funding.
"We are thankful for Jonathan and Jared securing this project for our county. Their leadership, along with Governor Bevin's, made this needed project possible," he said.
Shell said the funding for the project will be used to widen the interstate highway in some of its most troublesome areas. "I-75 in Rockcastle County has been the source of many traffic backups and wrecks over the years and especially during inclement weather," he said. "This is going to have a very positive impact on our community."
The transportation bud-

get includes \$6 billion in state and federal funds to address transportation issues across the state. The total state funds allocated for the Rockcastle I-75 project is \$60 million.
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"Jail"

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a Perc 30 (Oxycodone pill).
"I think she went to the jail with no intent to smuggle anything into the jail. Dooley just talked her into it," said Tucker.
According to Tucker another inmate Dyllon Wright, 24, of Jenkins, Kentucky had taken a pizza cutter apart and tied a string taken from potato bags, to the flat blade of the cutter.
McClure then went to her car and retrieved four cigarettes and the Oxycodone. Upon returning, Dooley slid the pizza blade under the door so that McClure could tape the contraband to it and then

Dooley pulled the blade back under the door with the drug, according to Tucker.
Meanwhile, Mitchell Dooley, 31, of Mount Vernon was attempting to block the camera inside the jail so that deputies, who were watching monitors, could not see the transaction, Tucker said.
However, there are also cameras placed in the visitor's side of the building which could not be blocked and deputies saw the entire transaction, along with other visitors who were in the visitor's room. Tucker said.
On the recording, Tucker said Elliott Dooley can be

heard telling McClure, "It's out there. Go, go, go," once the pizza blade was slid under the door.
Deputy jailers then immediately approached the inmates and McClure, confiscating the contraband and arrested McClure.
The three inmates were charged with promoting contraband and complicity and Dyllon Wright was also charged with possession of a sharp instrument. McClure was also charged with complicity to promote contraband and possession of a controlled substance, second offense, which is a class "D" felony with a 1-5 year prison sentence.

"Fire"

(Continued from front)
when police arrived, they say they found Kidwell and said he smelled like burned marijuana.
After a search, police found marijuana and a pipe on Kidwell.
According to reports, Kidwell told police he wanted to start a "pretty fire

like he used to when he was a little boy." Kidwell said the fire hadn't hurt anyone and had not gotten out of control.
He was arrested and charged with setting a fire on land he did not own, public intoxication, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He

was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center.
Officials say the recent dry weather has created a dangerous situation for forest fires this year and residents are urged to avoid starting any kind of outdoor fire until some rain falls in the area.

"Jury"

(Continued from front)
from a January 2016 incident. The two offenses listed in the second indictment are the same except occurring in February of 2016. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property on each indictment.
Randall Wayne Wilson, 27 of Dailey Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for

tampering with physical evidence. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.
Amanda Bullen, 35 of Carpenter Road, Orlando was named in a five count indictment. Bullen was indicted for: tampering with physical evidence, unlawful transaction with a minor, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of

alcohol or drugs and two counts of persistent felony offender. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property; and,
Brandi D. West of Ridgewood Ave., Monticello was indicted for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

"Constable"

(Continued from front)
\$15,000 cash or property but with the condition of wearing an ankle monitor and that Maples may not leave his house or have contact with his wife.

Duly-elected constables in Kentucky generally serve papers such as warrants and summonses and have the authority to make arrests. KRS statutes provide for similar duties and responsibilities as a peace officer.
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"Trash"

(Continued from front)
p.m., rain or shine, at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. Only Rockcastle County residents are eligible to utilize the event. Identification and sign-in at the gate will be required.
Workers will be accepting household trash, bulk goods (such as couches and chairs and mattresses), appliances, televisions, com-

puter equipment and more. Personnel will be on hand to help unload items.
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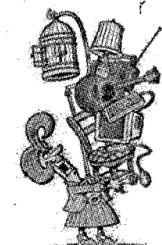
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"Blood"

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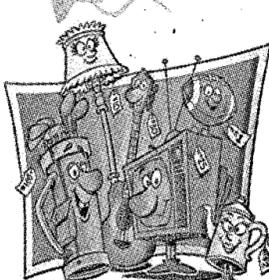
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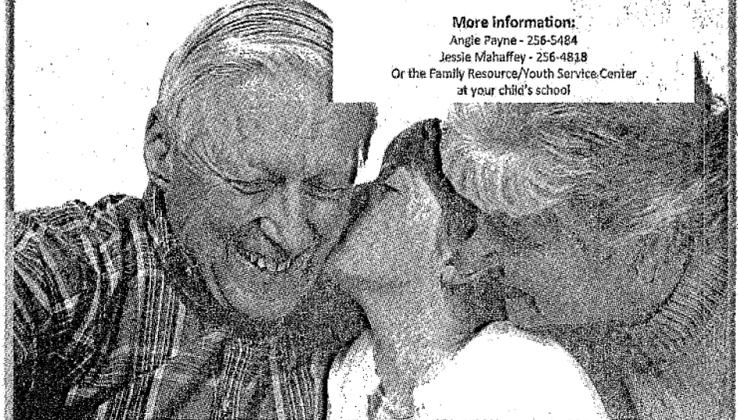
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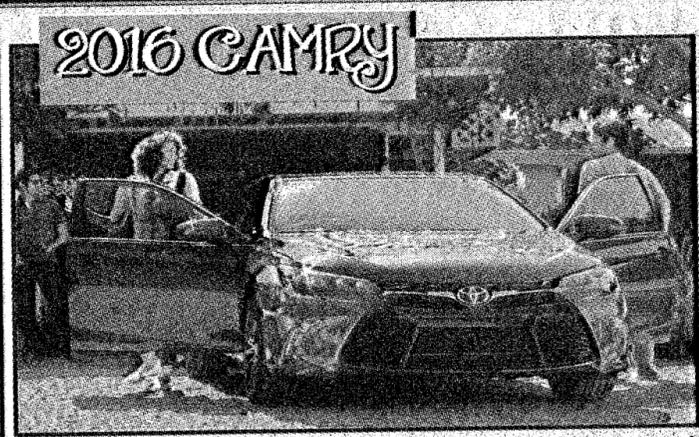
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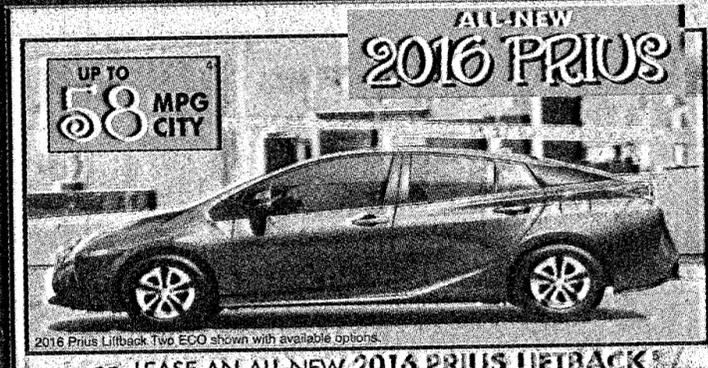
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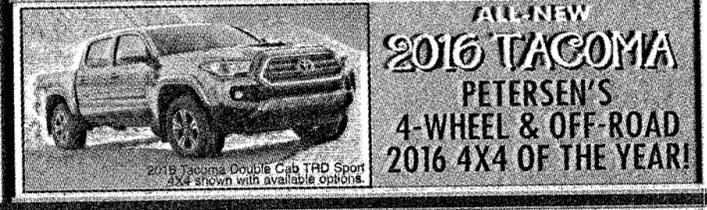
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McClure honors four for outstanding service to local jail

By: Mike French
Damage from a fire, started by an inmate in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on December 23 of last year, has been fully repaired for several weeks. After months of work by contractors and jail workers, the facility is fully operational again.
However, according to Jailer Carlos McClure, one step remained to complete the process. "We owe a big 'thank you' to a lot of people. So many people went above and beyond the call of duty the night of the fire as well as supporting us during the repair process," said McClure. "People of this county should know it was a combined effort of some really dedicated people to get the jail reopened."
As part of his appreciation, McClure held a recognition ceremony

Monday evening at the Limestone grill where he pointed out special efforts by some of his staff.
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop addressed the workers and their families. "You all took some serious risks that saved lives that night. You need to know how proud we are of each of you," Bishop said.
McClure also made a short speech to his fellow workers. "I watched some of you rushing back into the building and dragging people out. I saw you do things that go well above and beyond the call of duty," said McClure.
Jail Supervisor Howard Haddix, Deputy Jailer/Supervisor Brian Cromer, Deputy Jailer Grant Burdett and Deputy Jailer Ressa Bowman were all recognized with certificates of appreciation for their actions the night of the fire and subsequent efforts to rebuild the facility.

"Without these people and their extra effort, it would have taken much longer to reopen our jail and they deserve recognition for their work that saved time and money for Rockcastle County," said McClure.

Along with the supervisors and deputies, McClure also said the Sheriff's Department, Mount Vernon Police Department and all the fire departments and emergency workers performed extra duties to en-

sure the safety of all the prisoners and staff.
"Also, I don't know what we would have done without the help of the local school board and bus drivers," said McClure.
"The people of Rock-

castle are lucky to have such dedicated first responders," said McClure. "The fiscal court and Judge Bishop and all the magistrates have stood by us all the way."



Jailer Carlos McClure, left, presented plaques of appreciation to members of his staff who served above and beyond the call of duty during the fire in late December of 2015 at the Detention Center. Shown with McClure are recipients Brian Cromer, Grant Burdette and Howard Haddix receiving their awards at a presentation at the Limestone Grille Monday night. Ressa Bowman is not pictured.

Scholarship Awarded



To honor the service of the Rockcastle County School Board members, a \$250 scholarship has been awarded to James Matthew Newcomb, the 18-year-old son of James and Sherry Newcomb of Livingston. Matthew excelled in criteria categories and received a Silver Work Keys certificate and passed the state MNA exam making him college and career ready. He currently works as a SRNA at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital and has completed accelerated and honors courses. Shown above from left are: Superintendent David Pensol, board member Carrie Ballinger, Board Chairman Tina Hasty, Newcomb, Vice Board Chairman Angela Mink, Technology School Principal Ralph Baker, RCHS Principal Jennifer Mattingly and Newcomb's father James Newcomb.

Local student named 2016 Rogers Scholar

Rockcastle County student Rebekah Lake has been selected by The Center for Rural Development to attend the 2016 Rogers Scholars program.
Rebekah, a sophomore at Rockcastle County High School, will join 62 high school students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky this summer for the 19th annual Rogers Scholars youth leadership program.
Rogers Scholars—The Center's flagship youth program—is an intensive one-week summer program that provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for high school students in 45 Kentucky communities to build their skills as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders.
"The Rogers Scholars program gives high school students an experience of a lifetime to grow their lead-

ership skills while learning how to become more community-minded individuals," said youth programs coordinator Delaney Stephens. "Each graduate earns access to exclusive college scholarship offers from some of the state's top-ranked colleges and universities upon completion of a required community service project."
The 2016 Rogers Scholars program will be held June 26-July 1 and July 10-15 on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Adair County. There is no tuition charge to attend the program and lodging and food are provided free of charge to participants.
Rebekah is the daughter of Mike and Julie Lake of Lancaster.
Since 1998, 1,056 high school students have graduated from Rogers Scholars, and potential scholarships valued at more than \$7.2 million have been offered to graduates by 17 partner colleges and universities.
For more information about the Rogers Scholars program, call youth programs coordinator Delaney Stephens at 606-677-6000 or visit www.centeryouthprograms.com.

DAR hosting reception for Vietnam Veterans and families

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have been a Commemorative Partner of the United States through the Department of Veterans Affairs. We take this opportunity to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their services

and sacrifices during this war. The Vietnam War from Nov 1, 1955-May 15, 1975.
In their honor the Rockcastle Chapter DAR is hosting a reception for all Vietnam Veterans and their families. DAR has tremendous gratitude and want them to know we support this generation of Ameri-

cans.
Nine million Americans, approximately 7 million living today, who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during this period, and makes no distinction between those who served in country, in theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years.- all answered the call

of duty. Veterans' Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29, 2016 as the last day that U.S. Troops are on the ground in Vietnam, as a day to honor those who have 'borne the battle', and we want to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families.

Please contact Kathy Bobo, 606-308-1208, Veterans and or their families for your names and to help us plan appropriately for this event on Saturday, May 14.

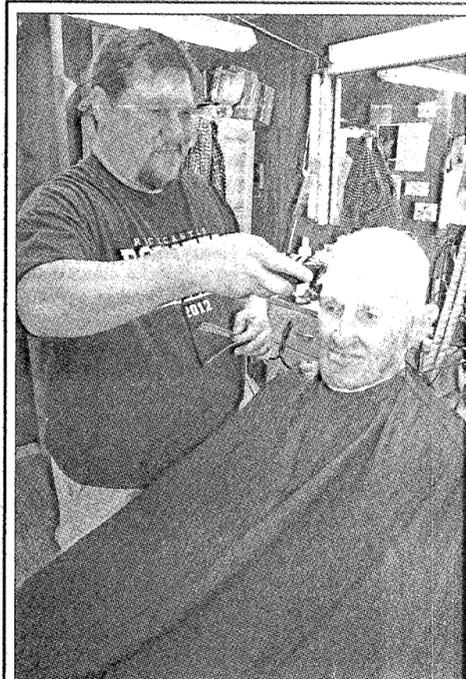
Frankfort Update

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative
I-75, Teacher and State Employee Pensions to be Funded
Last Friday was the 60th, and final legislative day, of the 2016 General Assembly. While we worked right up until midnight, we were able to take care of some much-needed business in Frankfort.
I've been working since before session to make sure that the widening of I-75 in Rockcastle County was included in the transportation plan. I'm pleased to report that Friday night the General Assembly passed the transportation budget and it includes the first section of I-75 funding for Rockcastle! Senator Carpenter and I made this a priority and I am pleased we were able to secure this funding.
The top priority of the

2016 session was crafting a biennial budget. This is a constitutional responsibility of the legislature. This budget is not perfect and required some compromise from both sides of the aisle. However, I am pleased that we were able to address several important issues including fully funding our state's ailing pension systems.
KTRS and KRS, the pension systems that cover our teachers and state workers, have faced tough times in recent years and currently face a near \$38 billion liability. Funding pensions without crippling our state with debt has been my and other House Republicans priority. This forward-looking approach led members of both parties to come together and make the biggest pension contribution in the history of our state.
Totalling over a billion dollars, this unprecedented yearly contribution is a bold step in protecting the retirement of our teachers and state workers.

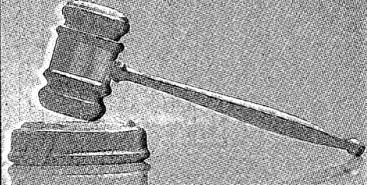
Past budgets have resulted in as little money as possible going to the pensions of our state workers and teachers making a bad situation a crisis. I was pleased to join with Governor Bevin and other Republican legislators to present an early plan that was fiscally responsible. That paved the way to making sure that in this budget, we were able to dedicate every dollar possible to keeping our promises to Kentucky's teachers and state workers.
K-12 education is fully funded in this budget. I'm proud to stand behind the next generation of Kentucky students in funding these crucial programs, including our Youth Service Centers and the Read to Achieve program.
Another part of state government that is now fully funded is the Judicial Branch of government. While the original budget proposal from House Democrats included crippling cuts to our court systems, I fought from day one to maintain current support

levels. As Chief Justice John Minton stated repeatedly, these cuts would have not only forced hundreds of layoffs, but also would have forced important programs such as our drug courts to come to a screeching halt. In a time where our Commonwealth faces a heavy drug epidemic and stiff economic headwinds, it was important to stand up for the responsibilities of Kentucky's court systems.
Whether it be K-12 public education, our crucial court systems, or the Commonwealth's struggling pension crisis, this budget strongly reflects compromise and overall fiscal responsibility. I appreciate the leadership of Governor Bevin helping us reach a budget that meets our state's needs and keeps our promises to Kentucky's taxpayers and families.
As always, I welcome your thoughts and comments. You can contact me anytime at jonathan.shell@lrc.ky.gov or by calling (800) 372-7181.



100th birthday

Joe Abney, of Disputana, was born on April 3, 1916 and is still going strong after recently celebrating his 100th birthday. Tim Roberts has been cutting Abney's hair at Robert's Barber Shop for many years and gave him a free cut this week. "Anyone who has been around for a hundred years, deserves a lot of things free," said Roberts. When asked how he has remained in such good shape after a hundred years, Abney said, "by eating shuck beans, hog meat and polk salad."



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Billy Ray Cope v. Leslie Carol Goosey, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Bank of America v. Charlotte L. Broughton, \$16,438.66 plus claimed due. CI-00097.

Marriage Licenses

Sonali Gammon, 31, Belle Rive, Illinois, homemaker to Trent Taylor, 34, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 4/11/16
Jamie E. Cromer, 38, Berea, cook to Jeffery S. Blair, 38, Mt. Vernon, HVAC tech. 4/11/16
Jacqueline Stallsworth, 29, Somerset, pharmacist to Thomas Wayne Sears, 27, London, sales. 4/12/16
Megân Lee Doan, 16, Brodhead, housewife to Thomas Lavon Johnson, 28, Crab Orchard, lawn care. 4/12/16

District Court

April 11, 2016

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
Jerry L. Brown: failure to wear seat belts and part 395/Fed Safety Regs - Hours of Service for Drivers, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.
Will Arnold Callahan: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Eli D. Newsted: traffic all other, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
John C. York: possession of synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
Paula Ann Cameron: failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, \$25 fine and costs.
Speeding: Audrey Dumas, license suspended for fta; Talmadge Vee Hays, II, Jeremy G. Scrimager, ac-

tion slip.

James C. Price: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Jonathan T. Allen: fleeing or evading police, 30 days/costs waived; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 30 days/concurrent.

James L. Kidwell: criminal mischief, sentencing order entered/costs waived.

Kevin J. Mink: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 10 days in jail/costs waived.

Cassidy Ramsey: disorderly conduct, 90 days in jail/probated 12 months; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/\$400 suspended on condition/costs merged.

Deeds Recorded

Joe and Joanna Allen, property in Cedar Point Subdv., to Darlena Allen, Cathy Allen, David Allen and Kelly Allen. No tax

Bentley and Joyce Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Floyd Bullock. No tax

U.S. Bank Nat'l. Assn., property in Mountain View Estates to Princess Properties. Tax \$45

Janet K. and Amos Owens, et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Bobby R. and Debbie L. Jones. Tax \$53

Bentley and Bobbie Ann Durham, property in Rockcastle County to Walter Bentley Durham and Rebecca Durham. No tax

Ronnie L. and Nancy J. Fetters, property in Dixie Heights Addition in Livingston, to Nancy J. Fetters. No tax

Anthony Girod, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Perry and Amy Mink Properties LLC. Tax \$4.50

Dorothy B. Page, property in Rockcastle County, to Cameron Properties LLC. Tax \$5

Curtis and Krystal Gatliff, property in Robert Ford Subdv., to Bobby and Patricia Davidson. Tax \$70

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Expands Safety-Net for Dairy Operations Adding Next-Generation Family Members

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that dairy farms participating in the Margin Protection Program (MPP) can now update their production history when an eligible family member joins the operation. The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, protects participating dairy producers when the margin—the difference between the price of milk and feed costs—falls below levels of protection selected by the applicant.

“This change not only helps to strengthen a family dairy operation, it also helps new dairy farmers get started in the family business, while ensuring that safety net coverage remains available for these growing farms,” said Secretary Vilsack. “When children, grandchildren or their spouses become part of a dairy operation that is enrolled in MPP, the production from the dairy cows they bring with them into the business can now be protected. By strengthening the farm safety net, expanding credit options and growing domestic and foreign markets, USDA is committed to helping American farming operations remain successful.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) published a final rule which makes these changes effective on April 13, 2016. Any dairy operation already enrolled in the Margin Protection Program that had an intergenerational transfer occur will have an opportunity to increase the dairy operations production history during the 2017 registration and annual coverage election period. The next election period begins on July 1, 2016, and ends on Sept. 30, 2016. For intergenerational transfers occurring on or after July 1, 2016, notification must be made to the FSA within 60 days of purchasing the additional cows. Each participating dairy operation is authorized one intergenerational transfer at any time of its choosing until 2018.

For \$100 a year, dairy producers can receive basic catastrophic protection that covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin coverage level. For additional premiums, operations can protect 25 to 90 percent of production history with margin coverage levels from \$4.50 to \$8, in 50 cent increments. Annual enrollment in the program is required in order to receive margin protection. The final rule also provides improved risk protection for dairy farmers that pay premiums to buy-up higher levels of coverage by clarifying that 90 percent of production is covered below the \$4 level even if a lower percentage was selected above the \$4 margin.

Earlier this year, FSA gave producers the opportunity to pay their premium through additional options including via their milk cooperative or handler. This rule facilitates those options and also clarifies that the catastrophic level protection at \$4 will always cover 90 percent of the production history, even if a producer selected a less than a 90 percent percentage for the buy-up coverage.

Assuming current participation, had the Margin Protection Program existed from 2009 to 2014, premiums and fees would have totaled \$500 million while providing producers with \$2.5 billion in financial assistance, nearly \$1 billion more than provided by the old Milk Income Loss Contract program during the same period.

The Margin Protection

Program was established by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on USDA’s historic investments in rural America over the past seven years. Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for home-grown renewable energy and materials. USDA has provided \$5.6 billion of disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like to Whole Farm Revenue Protection; helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit; provided \$4.32 billion in critical agricultural research; established innovative public-private conservation partnerships such as the Regional Conservation Partnership Program; developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA’s BioPreferred program; and invested \$13.3 billion in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

For more information, visit FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy or stop by a local FSA office and ask about the Margin Protection Program. To find a local FSA office in your area, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: May 4, 2016 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Serviceberries for Blossoms and for Fruit

The serviceberry is a lovely bush or tree in bloom in early April, and also in June as the fruits ripen. It goes by common names like sarvis, shadbush, Juneberry, Saskatoon and so forth. Its Latin botanical name is Amelanchier. The biggest blooms and fruits are produced by hybrid trees, called amelanchier x grandiflora or apple serviceberry. There are few lovelier landscape plants, and fewer still that are easier to grow.

Serviceberry is a native of most of the United States, and lower Canada. There are a half dozen or more species in the wild in the country, and some natural hybrids also. Some shrubs, especially amelanchier alnifolia, are always shrubs. Some, such as amelanchier lavioides or amelanchier lamarkii can become trees if given enough decades of opportunity to get there, as they grow pretty slow, especially as they get older. The record serviceberry tree is in McCreary County, Kentucky, with a trunk diameter of 28 inches. In the home landscape, usually they are no bigger than a crape myrtle, and some hybrids are actually dwarfish and fit superbly in the smallest of spaces.

The habit of the serviceberry is to flourish at woods edge or stream edge. Both because it likes those places, same as dogwoods, and that’s also where the birds drop the seeds. It grows in deep woods but the blooms are scarce and growth is slower. In the open areas, serviceberries are generally clumps, unless pruned into a tree form—but, in the forest, as they mature, they usually lose the lower limbs and become trees with one trunk in old age.

The serviceberry is a native plant, attracts native bees and predatory insects, is happy in most soils except waterlogged or bone dry,

and has lovely white blooms (occasionally tinted light pink) that are often lightly fragrant to the discerning nose.

I personally prefer eating a service berry to eating a blueberry any day. The only reservation I have is the seeds are larger and therefore the jam is a little ‘seedy’; the flavor is the very best. Better than blueberries, strawberries, blackberries or currants and gooseberries. Picking a fresh ripe serviceberry in your yard (that the birds haven’t eaten yet) is one of those treats in life usually reserved for the farmer or back-to-nature folks. I recommend them regularly to my clients, and don’t recall that I have ever had one die and have to replace it.

That’s a pretty strong recommendation for serviceberry as a landscape plant. Add to that the lovely blooms and some nice yellow, orange or reddish purple fall color, and its good behavior. And if you’ve ever eaten any that are ripe, you know it is nearly without equal as a fruiting plant as well.

For the neat tree that will grow anywhere, flower early, have tasty fruit, be so attractive to wildlife, and is a native that is not invasive, how can you go wrong with planting serviceberries at your place?

The author is a landscaper. Your comments and feedback are welcomed. www.rockcastles.net

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CHURCH NEWS

Free Bible Courses

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

Let the Bible Speak

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

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Tuesday night, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-Centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m., music at 6:45 p.m., followed by a Celebrate Recovery lesson or an amazing testimony of a transformed life! At 8 p.m., you can join a small group discussion. All sessions are designed to provide the strength to overcome hurts and hang-ups. Large group at 7 p.m.

Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing! Child care and transportation provided. Call 606-256-5577.

Spring Revival

Spring Revival services will be held at Fairview Baptist Church April 24-27. Bro. Ralph Baker, pastor of Brodhead Baptist Church, will be the speaker. There will be special music each service.

Evening services will begin at 6:45 with a time of informal singing. Sunday morning service, April 24th, will begin at 11 o'clock.

Pastor Vaughn Risor and all members of Fairview invite all to attend. Call 606-256-3722 or email: fairviewbapt@aol.com for more information.

The church is located at 520 Fairview Loop Road.

Special Singing

Sand Springs Baptist Church will hold a Special Singing on Sat., April 23rd at 6 p.m.

Featured singers will be The Believers Quartet.

Bro. Eugene Gentry invites everyone to attend.

National Day of Prayer

The annual National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 5th at noon in front of the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

The theme for 2016 is "Wake Up America" with scripture from Isaiah 51:8 "Shout it aloud do not hold back raise your voice like a trumpet."

Guest speaker will be Dr.

John Mark Toby and Zach Rice will present special music.

Lunch will be served in the courthouse by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club.

The public is invited to attend.

Singing

The Praise Singers will be at Philadelphia United Baptist Church on April 24th at 10 a.m. The Praise Singers will also be at the Brodhead Nursing Home with the church on May 1st at 10 a.m.

In Revival

Brush Creek Holiness Church will be In Revival, with Bro. Danny Byrd, Sunday, April 24th through Friday, April 29th. Sunday night service begins at 6 o'clock with week night services at 7 o'clock.

Pastor Lonnie McGuire and congregation welcome all to come.

Homecoming/ Revival

Maple Grove Baptist Church will hold their Homecoming on Sunday, April 24th, beginning at 11 a.m. with Bro. Jamie Hamilton speaking (no Sunday night service).

There will be special singing nightly.

Week night services begin at 7 o'clock through April 29th.

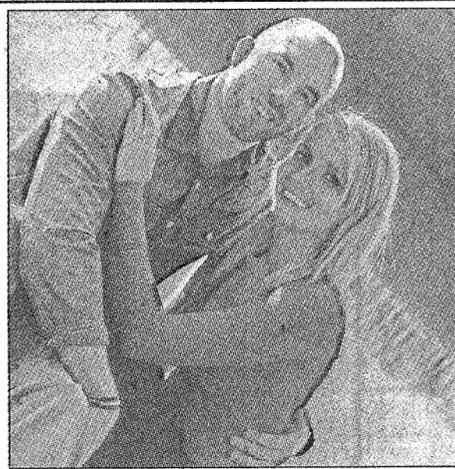
Pastor Jerry Owens and congregation welcome everyone to attend.

Alpha Recovery

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

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.



Stallworth - Sears

Jack and Dawn Stallworth would like to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Jacqueline Surprise Stallworth, to T. W. Sears, son of Beverly and Ron Bolin of Somerset, and Tommy Sears of Covington.

The wedding will be held at Flat Rock Baptist Church on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Jacqueline is a graduate of McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, AL, and currently works for Kroger. T.W. attended Lindsey Wilson College and is a Sales Representative for Sleep Outfitters. The couple will reside in Somerset.

An encouraging word:

There Has To Be More

By Howard Coop



It was a beautiful summer morning. The sky was blue, the sun was bright and warm, the grass was green, birds were singing, and the temperature was just right. It was a perfect time to be outside and enjoy the beauty of nature. To make the most of the moment, I unfolded a lawn chair, placed it on the drive by a little red maple on the north side of the house, and sat down to relax.

As I sat there enjoying the moment, something caught my attention, and I looked at the little red maple. I saw a little gray bag-like thing hanging from a limb. Looking closer, I discovered that it was a cocoon, a little silky case containing the larva of some insect.

As I continued to enjoy the moment in the sun, I was amazed, for I witnessed an unusual event. The little cocoon moved a little, and I thought: How strange. Then, a few moments later, something even more incredible happened. The lower end of the cocoon began to open, and in a few more moments, something began to emerge from that cocoon. When it was fully out, it spread its wings, and there was a beautiful butterfly. To become an adult, it had gone through four stages of development. First, there was an egg. Then, after the egg, there was the larva when it was known as a caterpillar. After that, in the pupa stage, it was called a chrysalis within a cocoon. Now, it was an adult, a beautiful butterfly flitting freely wherever it wanted to go in the world around it.

In the reverie of that moment, I thought of William

Understanding and responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage.

Join us to learn how to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

The program will take place on Wednesday, April 27th, from 1p.m.-3 p.m. at the Pulaski County Senior Center located at 125 University Avenue, Somerset. Registration is required; call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

Please no professionals. Program sponsored by the Stoeckinger Foundation.

Wordsworth's "Intimations of Immortality" written in 1804. An intimation is a hint or a declaration of something ahead.

So, I thought: If a caterpillar, a low form of life, seems to die to become a butterfly, there has to be more for the highest form of life on this planet.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

PECAN PIE TRIFLE
1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
1 tub (8 ounce) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 frozen (2 pound) Pecan Pie thawed and cut into 1-inch cubes
1/2 cup chocolate fudge topping
1/2 cup caramel topping
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Beat cream cheese and vanilla until smooth, fold in whipped topping. Place half of pie cubes in bottom of a 4 quart trifle dish or glass bowl. Spread half of whipped cream mixture over pie cubes. Drizzle with half of the chocolate fudge topping and half of the caramel topping. Sprinkle with half of the chopped pecans. Repeat layers. Cover and chill at least 1 hour or up to 8 hours. NOTE: I used Edwards Georgia Pecan Pie.

OREO TRUFFLES
1 bag (16 ounce) Oreo® cookies
1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
8 ounces white chocolate chips
1/2 to 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Finely crush half of the cookies and coarsely crush the remaining half. Stir all into cream cheese until well-mixed. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Form into one-inch balls. Place on a cookie sheet that has been covered with foil or parchment paper. Refrigerate until ready to coat them with the white chocolate. Melt white

chocolate in microwave. Dip candy balls in melted white chocolate and place back on paper-covered cookie sheet. In same bowl used to melt white chocolate, melt the semi-sweet chocolate chips. Drizzle over white chocolate. Refrigerate until all chocolate has hardened.

HUMMINGBIRD PIE
1/3 cup lemon juice
1 can sweetened condensed milk
2 or 3 ripe bananas, sliced
1 graham cracker crust, 9-inch
1 can (8 ounce) crushed pineapple
1/2 cup pecan pieces
1 carton (8 ounce) Cool Whip®
1/2 cup coconut
Combine lemon juice and condensed milk, stir until thick. Place banana in bottom of crust. Spread milk and lemon juice mixture evenly over bananas. Drain pineapple some, but not until dry. Spread pineapple and half of the pecans over banana-milk layer. Spread whipped topping evenly over that layer. Refrigerate. When ready to serve, garnish with remaining pecans and coconut.

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65th ANNIVERSARY
ARSON AND ROSE DEBORDE

Mr. and Mrs. Arson DeBorde celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on March 1st.

A.F. DeBorde and Rose Marie Hamm were married March 1, 1951 in Somerset Ky. Mr. DeBorde is retired from Formica/Cyanamid Corporation after 39 years. Rose DeBorde is retired from real estate after 46 years including a Century 21 franchise and then owning her own company, Rose DeBorde, Inc.

The couple attend the Blue Ash Church of Christ and are active there with Mr. DeBorde filling in as minister when he is needed. They are members of the Blue Ash Seniors Center and enjoy meals, recreation, and exercise there. Arson enjoys vegetable gardening and fishing. Rose enjoys reading and cooking.

May 14, 2016
Rockcastle County
FREE TRASH
DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a **Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day**. This event will be held Saturday, **May 14, 2016** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

This event is open to Rockcastle County residents only! Identification and sign-in at the gate will be required!

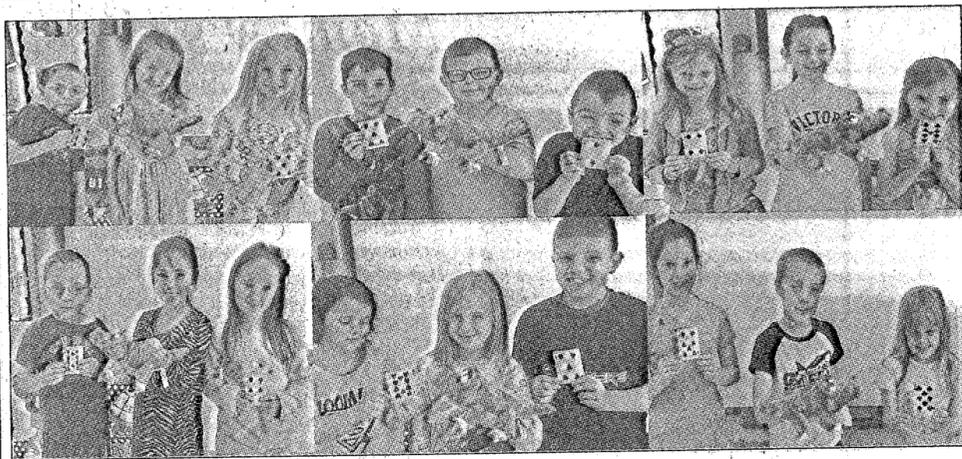
We will be accepting the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc. Personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items.

We will NOT accept any tires, liquids, brush, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

For more information, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902

SPRING
Revival

Fairview Baptist Church
April 24th - 27th
Revival Speaker:
Bro. Ralph Baker
~ Pastor of Brodhead Baptist Church ~
Sunday, April 24th • 11 a.m.
Evening services begin at 6:45 p.m.
with a time of informal singing
Special Music Each Service • Everyone Welcome
Pastor Vaughn Risor and all members of Fairview invite all to attend.
Call 606-256-3722 or email: fairviewbapt@aol.com for more information.
Church is located at 520 Fairview Loop Road • Mt. Vernon



Tiger Pause

Ms. Gina's first graders used Greta Gator to compare numbers telling if they were greater than or less than. The Greta Gator came to help our young mathematicians. Students were able to see that the alligator always eats the greater number. Pictured are Jaken Masters, Ally Brummett, Jaycee McIntosh, Eihan Kirby, Malachi Newman, John Bell, Gracie Gabbard, Aaroley Griffith, Kathryn Coffey, Jaken Masters, Haley Hopkins, Makayla Burke, Jaimey Harris, Jaycee McIntosh, Cameron Smith, Kendra Bullock, Chase Wooton, and Madison Morgan.

Free booklet gives tips about financial literacy

April is National Financial Literacy Month, and Kentuckians can tap into free resources from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). "It's Money, Baby," a booklet about financial lit-

eracy, is available free from KHEAA. The 32-page booklet includes sections about such topics as: Cash basics, Banking, Credit, Insurance, and Fraud and identity theft. To order a free copy, send an email to

publications@kheaa.com. Please include your mailing address. An online version of the booklet is available on www.kheaa.com, while financial literacy videos can be found at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>.

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

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

Office of Highway Safety asks motorists to share road

"Safety is a mutual responsibility for motorists and motorcyclists alike," said KOHS Executive Director Bill Bell. "We urge drivers to be extra cautious because motorcycles are difficult to see, and we urge motorcyclists to do their part in staying visible."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), on a per vehicle mile basis, motorcyclists are 26 times more likely to die in a crash than occupants of cars, and five times more likely to be injured.

The KOHS offers the fol-

lowing tips for drivers to help keep motorcyclists safe on our roadways:

- A motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle;
 - Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width;
 - Frequently check mirrors and blind spots before entering or exiting a lane of traffic and at intersections;
 - Always signal your intentions before changing lanes;
 - Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle - motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling;
 - Allow more following distance - three or four seconds;
 - Pay attention. Motorcyclists can increase their safety by:
 - Wearing a U.S. Department of Transportation-compliant helmet;
 - Using turn signals for every turn or lane change;
 - Wearing brightly colored protective gear, and using reflective tape and stickers;
 - Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers; and
 - Never riding while impaired or distracted.
- "Our message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: Help to share the responsibility of keeping all road users safe, and do your part by safely sharing the road," said Bell.

Water bottle filling station at Roundstone Elementary

The Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition recently purchased a water bottle filling and filtering station for Roundstone Elementary School.

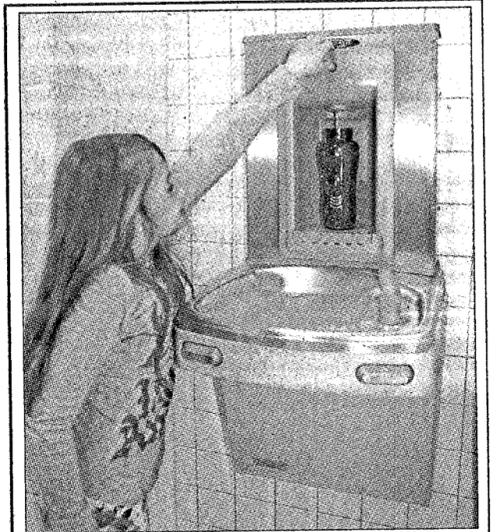
Funding for this project came from a Kentucky State Mini Grant to promote 5-2-1-0. The 5-2-1-0 Campaign focuses on proven methods for preventing obesity. It emphasizes eating 5 servings of fruits and or vegetables daily, limiting screen time to 2 hours, incorporating 1 hour of active play in your day, and drinking zero sugary drinks.

According to the 2013

Youth Risk Behavior Study students in Rockcastle County consume significantly more sugary drinks compared to students nationwide.

It is the goal of our coalition to emphasize the importance of drinking water. And by providing a readily available source of good tasting water to the students we hope that water will become the go-to beverage of choice.

If you are ever at Roundstone for a ballgame the water station is located near the gym. So bring your water bottle and fill up.



Roundstone Elementary now has a water bottle filling and filtering station located near the gym. The station was purchased by the Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition.

Mount Vernon Message

School News
Brownies (2nd & 3rd Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.
Tutoring will be each

Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.
5th Grade is going to Somerset for The Lightning Thief on Monday, April 25.

RCMS Chorus Concert will be at MVES on Tuesday, April 26 at 1:00.
5th Grade will be going to RCMS from 9:15 until 11:00.



Mrs. Jamie Bryant's 1st grade class at MVES recently studied the life cycle of a chicken. They hatched eggs in an incubator and were thrilled to see the results, 10 baby chicks. Pictured from left are: Jaden McPhetridge, Cole Powell, Clara Shaffer, Davin Barnes, and Hadley Bray.



CHEER CLINIC

Cheer for Hope

Rockcastle Regional Hospital's Relay for Life team is sponsoring a **CHEER CLINIC** on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at Rockcastle County Middle School. The cheer clinic will feature basic cheer motions, jumps and a dance routine.

Participants will perform at the opening ceremony of the 2016 Relay for Life on Friday, May 20!

- For ages 5-13
- Cost is \$30 per child (\$5 off for each additional sibling)
- Snacks, t-shirt, and bow will be provided
- All proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society

Parent/Guardian must be present to sign waiver at registration.

For more info or to register call Amanda Bradley at 256-7780



School News

PROGRAM OPTIONS

There are two programs in Rockcastle County that offer free early childhood education services to qualifying four year old children. (Three year old children may be eligible with an identified disability.) The programs are: The Rockcastle County Public Preschool and Kentucky River Foothills Head Start.

WHAT TO BRING FOR REGISTRATION

Please bring your child's state birth certificate (*hospital copy will not be accepted*), social security card (*optional*), immunization certificate, proof of income and proof of medical coverage (i.e. medical card or insurance card) to register. Call your school with any questions and to make an appointment to register your child.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The following health requirements must be met in order to enroll in the early childhood program and kindergarten.

- Physical exam
- Blood pressure and lead screening
- Dental exam
- Vision exam
- Immunizations

Early Childhood & Kindergarten REGISTRATION & SCREENING

Revised 4/12/16

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for **Rockcastle County Public Preschool**, your child must be 4 years old by August 1st and meet one of the following requirements:

1. Be eligible for Free Lunch
2. Have a disability
3. Three year olds may be eligible with an identified disability
4. Non-qualifying four year olds may attend the Early Childhood program as space allows

To be eligible for **Head Start**, your child must be 4 years old by August 1st and meet one of the following requirements:

1. Meet Federal Income Guidelines
2. Have a disability
3. Be eligible for Public Assistance (SSI, K-TAP, Child Care Subsidy)
4. Meet guidelines for being considered a homeless family
5. Reside in a foster home

What is a disability?
A delay in one or more of the following areas is considered a disability:

1. Speech and language
2. Large and fine motor
3. Cognitive skills
4. Social and emotional
5. Self-help skills

REGISTRATION DATES

Students will only be enrolled by verifying residence within a school's attendance zone.

Brodhead Elementary School

Early Childhood & Kindergarten
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday, May 16th - Friday, May 20th

Please make an appointment by calling your school at (606) 758-9756.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School AND Roundstone Elementary School

Early Childhood & Kindergarten
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday, May 16th - Friday, May 20th

Registration will be located at **Rockcastle Adult Education Center**
955 West Main Street Mt. Vernon, KY
Beside Rockcastle Middle School

Please make an appointment by calling your school:
Mt. Vernon - (606) 256-2953
Roundstone - (606) 256-2235

**No screenings Election Day, Tuesday, May 17th.*

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Take advantage of public hunting areas this spring turkey season

Like deer and elk, the restoration of wild turkeys in Kentucky is a remarkable success story.

The statewide flock now numbers around 220,000 turkeys and telecheck harvest records show spring turkey hunters have taken an average of 31,719 birds over the past five years. The statewide harvest was up slightly last year over the previous spring as hunters topped 30,000 birds for the fifth time in the past six years.

This year, the general spring turkey season opens statewide on April 16 and closes May 8, but hunters age 15 and younger are first up. The special youth-only season runs the weekend of April 2-3.

While gobblers harvested on private land make up the majority of the spring harvest each year, public hunting areas are not to be overlooked. Nathan Gregory has hunted public and private land almost equally over the past decade.

"A lot of turkey hunting is knowing where you're going and where the birds are going," said Gregory, coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Northeast Wildlife Region. "I took one of my biggest birds ever off of a wildlife management area. It was mid-morning in the middle of the season and it had 2-inch spurs. It was just an incredible bird."

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife owns, leases or manages more than 80 public hunting areas across the state, and all but a few are open under statewide hunting regulations for the spring turkey season.

The Green River Region led the state's five Wildlife regions with a total of 8,957 birds harvested last spring. Peabody Wildlife Management Area in Ohio, Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties yielded more birds than any other public hunting area in the region and it, along with Daniel Boone National Forest, holds a reputation as being among the state's best public hunting opportunities during the spring turkey season.

Reputation, proximity to home and perceptions about hunting pressure are reasons a hunter might choose one public hunting area over another. In any case, consider bookmarking Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website (fw.ky.gov). There, you will find the spring hunting guide as well as past harvest results and information about public hunting areas.

The Wildlife Management Areas/Public Hunting Areas web page includes PDF files for every public hunting area in Kentucky. The Wildlife Management Area and Public Lands Search link on that same page takes users to a sortable database of public hunting areas. Clicking the "View More Information" within an area's listing takes users to the webpage for that area. Area pages include printable maps, directions, regulations for the area and a link to an interactive map, which grants access to satellite photos and topographic maps.

It still falls to the hunter to visit the area before the season because not scouting ahead of time leaves much to chance. If planning to hunt public land during the general spring turkey season, now's the perfect time to scout.

"Start looking for some of the things you would look for during the season," Gre-

gory said. "What's the food source? Look for areas off of points, off of ridges that you may think birds will use for strutting. Look for things the birds are using now."

John Morgan, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Small Game Program Coordinator, studied wild turkeys on public lands as a master's student at the University of Georgia. Identifying strutting zones is one of the best things a hunter can do early in the season, he said.

Clearings in the understory, open ridges, old logging roads and small field openings are all potential stages for strutting toms. Also, look for tracks and wing drags left in the loose or muddy soil along trails, fields and creek bottoms. Fresh droppings and feathers concentrated below a large tree can indicate a potential roosting site. Dust bowls formed when a turkey grooms itself are another important sign, as are scratches. A turkey will scratch at the ground while foraging for food and leave behind clearings in the leaf litter.

"You'll see where turkeys have scratched. It's pretty identifiable," Gregory said. "If birds haven't been spooked or knocked off a routine, they're going to come back to that spot... If they've really been picking and scraping the foliage back, I'd sit there and wait a while during the season."

Note on a map or GPS any locations where any of these sights or sounds are observed. If a spot shows promise, look around for potential places to set up when you return for the season.

On public land, not only is a hunter trying to outsmart wily toms but must also assume they are contending with other hunters trying to do exactly the same. A willingness to cover longer distances or tackle tougher terrain can increase the odds of success.

"The more remote the spot, the less likely somebody else is there, the better chance it is for you," Morgan said. "On public land often it is the most inaccessible spot that you can find that more than likely will be the best choice."

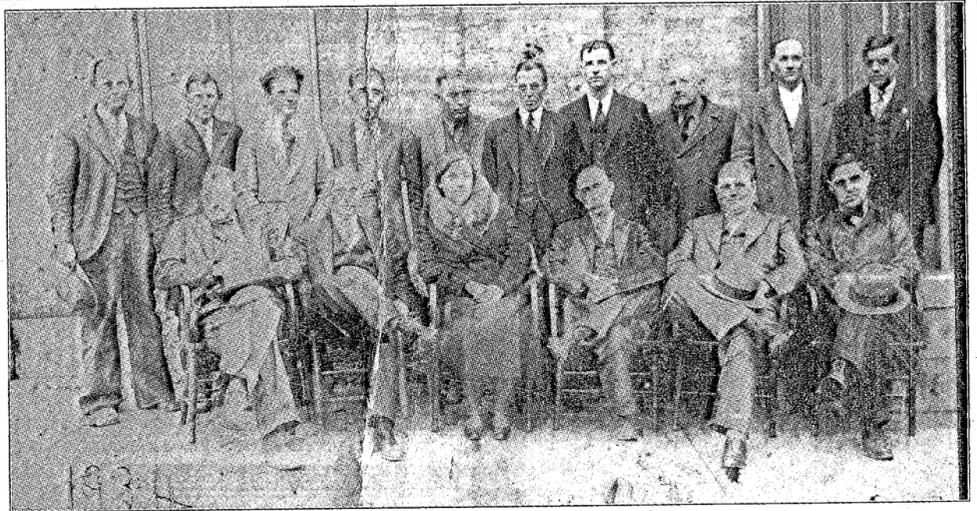
Nobody knows a public hunting area better than the area manager. A simple phone call can pay off with good information about the property and recent observations.

Turkeys are one of the most difficult game species to harvest consistently. Whether it's early in the season, the middle of the season or late in the season, first thing in the morning or in the afternoon, a hunter doesn't stand a chance if they're not out there trying.

"If you want to harvest a turkey you need to hunt any time you can," Morgan said.

The statewide bag limit is two bearded birds, but no more than one bird may be taken per day. For more information about license and permit requirements and other regulations for Kentucky's spring wild turkey season, visit Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website or consult the Spring Hunting Guide, available online and wherever licenses are sold.

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: @kjafield.



Blast From The Past...

Jones Hamm submitted this old photo from 1934. It is apparently of Rockcastle County officials at the time. The only one that can be identified is County Judge Charles Carter, back row far right.

Kentucky Right to Life endorses Shell

The Kentucky Right to Life Association Political Action Committee has endorsed Jonathan Shell for State Representative in the

71st District which includes Garrard, Rockcastle, and a portion of Madison County. The Kentucky Right to

Life Association (KRLA), founded in 1973, serves as the state coordinating body for Right to Life groups representing tens of thousands of Kentucky citizens. They are a volunteer, non-profit organization composed of grassroots people of different political persuasions, faiths, economic, social and ethnic backgrounds.

knew about caring for someone else changes forever. At that moment it's impossible to argue against every human life being precious and created in God's image. That inalienable right to life must be protected."

Shell added "I am proud to have the endorsement of the Kentucky Right to Life Association PAC and I value their very important support."

Shell was elected to the State House in 2012 and is the youngest member of the General Assembly

Family and Consumer Sciences

Hazel Jackson

Rockcastle County Extension Office



Be an aware buyer

We've all heard the old saying, "If something is too good to be true, it probably is." This saying continues to hold true for consumers who are constantly bombarded with products claiming to be cure-alls in areas ranging from germ protection to quick and extreme weight loss.

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission sent partial refund checks to more than 2,000 Americans who purchased Zadro's Nano-UV devices, as a result of the commission's settlement with the company. According to the FTC, Zadro falsely claimed that its Nano-UV devices safely killed 99.99 percent of targeted bacteria including E. coli, Salmonella and the H1N1 swine flu virus in 10 seconds. The device costs around \$159.99, but the refund checks only averaged \$96.50.

As with any purchase, it's important for consumers to do their research on a product before purchasing. As in this case, not only do some products not work, they also can be financially draining.

While it can be tricky to sort through marketing ploys, certain phrases or schemes tend to send off warning signals. These include personal testimonies, quick fixes, hard-to-find and miracle cures as a result of a scientific breakthrough. If these breakthroughs were legitimate, they would be widely and freely reported in the media and not in a paid advertisement.

More information is available on the Kentucky Consumer Protection website at <http://ag.ky.gov/family/consumerprotection/Pages/default.aspx> or by contacting your Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension office at 606256-2403

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**May 12, 2016
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(In case of bad weather, the event will be moved to the MVES Gym)

- For ALL Rockcastle preschoolers
- Pick up enrollment forms
- Make appointments for entry screening & health requirements
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3 Bedroom House. No pets, no smoking. \$450 Rent, \$450 Deposit. 606-308-1274. 16x1p

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Rent To Own: house and trailer, both in Brodhead. 758-4729. 4xntf

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

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

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

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

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Mobile Homes For Sale

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Miscellaneous For Sale

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

Yard Sales

Yard Sale: Thursday-Sunday, April 21-23 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Baby items (toys and clothes), tools, household goods and more. 1503 Lambert Road.

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I will not be responsible for debts made by anyone other than myself. Shirley Maples. 16x4p

Notice is hereby given that Roy Ambrose, 390 Otter Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Jimmy Ambrose, 103 Walnut St., Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Donald Ambrose, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall

present them, according to law, to the said Roy Ambrose and Jimmy Ambrose or Hon. Willis G. Coffey, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before October 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. 16x3

Notice is hereby given that Joel Lakes, 7562 Climax Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of David Lakes, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Joel Lakes or Hon. Christine Carter, 1717-1 Richmond Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 on or before October 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. 16x3

Notice

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency has applied for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Cabinet for Families and Children. The plan is available for public review at the local Community Action Agency.

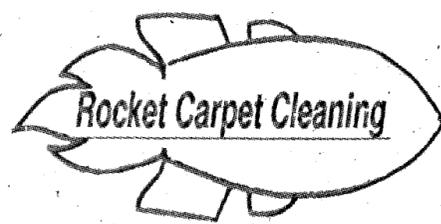
Public Notice

Rockcastle County, in conjunction with the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo), and the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), will be accepting bids via a Reverse Online Auction on May 11, 2016 at 11 am Eastern (10 am Central) time for the purchase of road salt for the respective road department. For bid participation/registration and specification contact Orbis Online at 210-831-6070 or log onto www.orbisonline.com or contact Scott Martin with KACo at 800-264-5226. Rockcastle County reserves the right to reject/accept any and all bids. Bids will be accepted online only.

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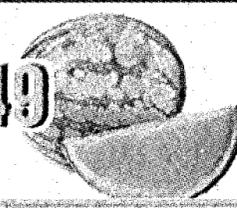
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FRESH PRODUCE ITEMS

Fresh Idaho
Potatoes \$2.99
10 lb. bag 

Fresh Vine Ripe
Tomatoes \$1.29
lb. 

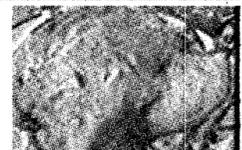
Fresh Mini
Carrots .99
16 oz. pkg 

Whole Seedless
Watermelons \$4.49 

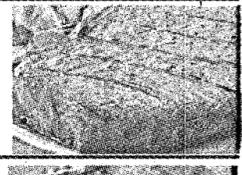
Assorted Varieties
Lays 2/38
Potato Chips 10-10.5 oz bag 

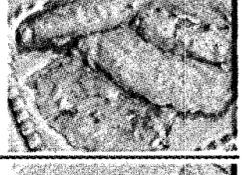
Assorted Varieties
Doritos 2/35
10.5 oz bag 

FRESH MEAT ITEMS

Fresh Whole Chicken
Fryers .79
lb. 

Fresh Whole Boneless
Pork Loins \$1.79
lb. 

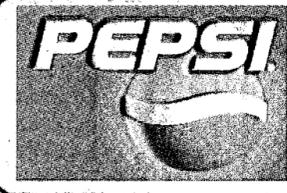
Fresh Whole Boneless Beef
Bottom Rounds \$2.49
lb. 

Family Pack Boneless
Center Cut Pork
Chops \$2.49
lb. 

Fresh Boneless Beef Bottom
Round Roast \$2.79
lb. 

Family Pack Boneless Beef
Stew Meat, Cubed or Bottom Round Steaks \$2.99
lb. 

Aberdeen Sliced
Bacon \$1.99
12 oz. pkg 

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