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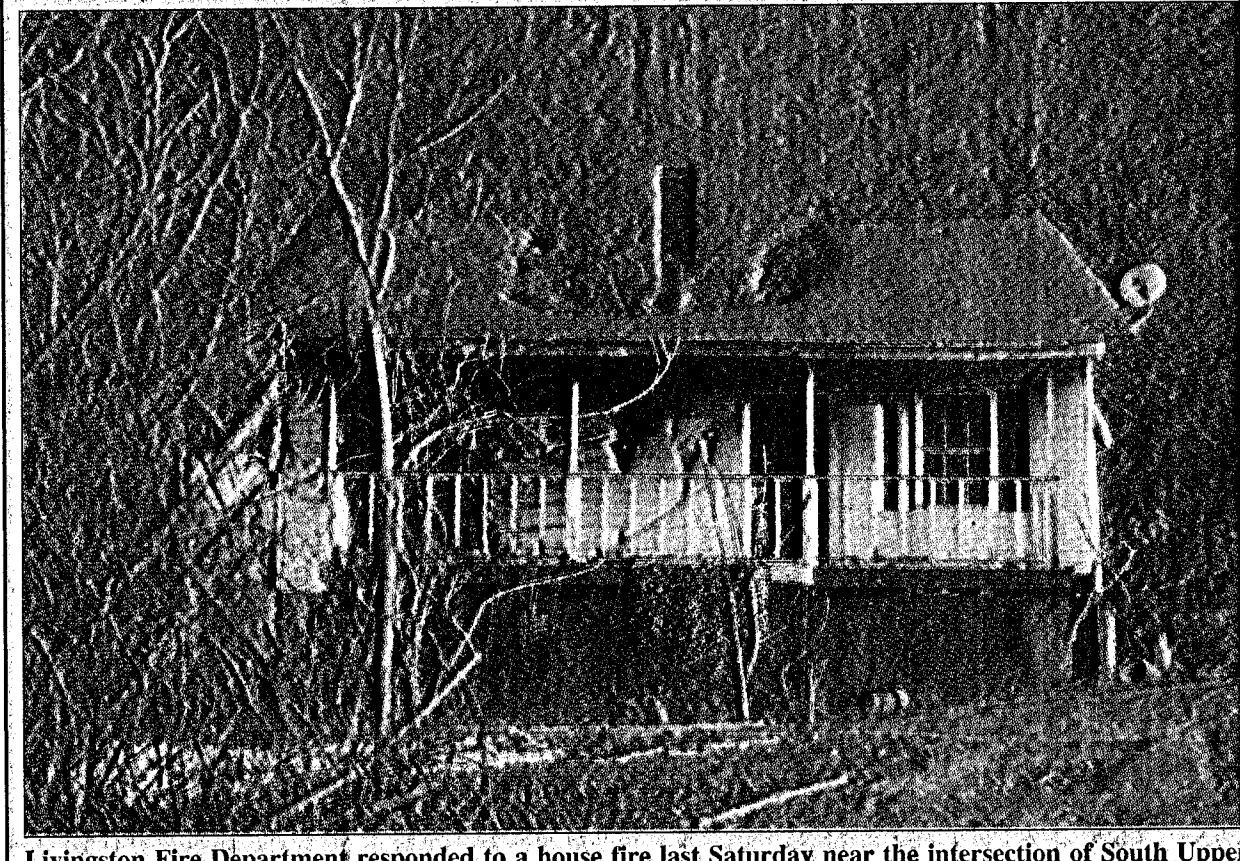
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Livingston Fire Department responded to a house fire last Saturday near the intersection of South Upper River Road and Red Hill Road in Livingston. Authorities say the house was abandoned and belonged to Mike Arnold. The cause of the fire remains unknown. LFD was assisted by the Mt. Vernon Fire Department, Climax Fire Department and Western Rockcastle Fire Department. The house was included in the original purchase last year of land for the City of Livingston by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. However, the house was later carved out of the deal and the fiscal court approved the purchase of 43 acres of land, adjoining the home for \$40,000. The land was purchased for expansion of Trail Town activities for the City of Livingston.

Winter weather issues discussed at monthly RCIDA meeting

By: Doug Ponder

Several items of interest were discussed at the monthly Rockcastle County

Industrial Development Authority meeting on Monday including updates on Rockcastle County indus-

trial park projects and recent winter weather issues affecting the industrial parks.

RCIDA Executive Director Holly Hopkins said that employees at the SourceHOV building weathered Winter Storm Octavia the best they could and only experienced minor delays. She said the

Farmers/Business Banquet rescheduled for March 17th

The 55th annual Rockcastle County Farmers/Business Banquet will be held at Rockcastle County Middle School on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m.

The event was originally scheduled to take place last Monday but was cancelled due to the winter storm.

Michael Lewis will be the guest speaker at the banquet. Lewis is the Executive Director of the Growing Warriors Project and vice-president of Freedom Seed and Feed.

Everyone is invited to attend the event. Tickets are \$18 each and dinner will be catered by the Limestone Grille.

Tickets can be purchased from the Rockcastle County Conservation District office, Mt. Vernon IGA or Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York's office.

State of the County address rescheduled for March 24th

The annual "State of the County" address has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at noon at Community Trust Bank on Hwy 461 in Mt. Vernon.

The event, sponsored annually by the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, was originally scheduled for February 17th but had to be cancelled as a result of the recent inclement weather.

The event will feature a State of the County address by County Judge Executive Doug Bishop.

There will also be State of the City addresses by Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant; Livingston Mayor Jason Medley and Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash.

Everyone is invited to attend the free event and lunch will be provided.

For more information call 606-256-0070 or visit www.rockcastlecountychamber.com.

Three arrested for meth possession

Three people were arrested for meth possession in two separate incidents this past week.

In the first incident, a Mt. Vernon woman was arrested for meth possession last Thursday night after police responded to a complaint at a local grocery store in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Amanda Bradley, 35, of Mt. Vernon.

According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, officers originally responded after receiving a complaint of an intoxicated woman at the store.

Once officers arrived, they said Bradley appeared

intoxicated while performing field sobriety tests. She also told officers that she

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Kiwanis Club radio auction this weekend

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club will be hosting their 20th annual charity radio auction this Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items to be auctioned off include: sports memorabilia, show tickets, gift certificates, gym memberships,

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A major snow system is currently moving across the state bringing rain, sleet, freezing rain and snow to the county. The photo above was taken Wednesday morning at the Town Branch Apartments on Crawford Street in Mt. Vernon and shows leftover snow from Winter Storm Octavia two weeks ago. Local Weatherman Bud Cox had already recorded .96 inches of rain at 8 a.m. in Mt. Vernon Wednesday morning. Meteorologists expect the rain to turn into sleet and freezing rain around 11 p.m. Wednesday night, according to the National Weather Service. The sleet and freezing rain is expected to become all snow around 2 p.m. on Thursday (today). The winter storm is anticipated to bring anywhere from 5 to 10 inches of snow to Rockcastle County.



Points East

By Ike Adams



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In fact, now that I think about it, not one single paper has the same editor, today, as it had when the column began running in that publication. One paper has had at least 8 changes in the top dog of the newsroom since I've been around and a few editors have not lasted long enough for me to even get acquainted with them.

I was 30 years of age when this thing started as a letter to the editor of the London, KY, Sentinel Echo more than 35 years ago. Then editor, Charles House, ran in his weekly column, in late 1979, a list of ten or so pieces of Appalachian Kentucky slang language and invited readers to respond as to what they meant.

I don't recall the entire list, but I was the only person who responded correctly to the answer for "rocking chair" which is a term old timers used for unemployment insurance payments. In other words, if you got laid off at the mine, and somebody asked where you were working, you simply told them that you were "in the rocking chair right now, and you didn't intend to go back to work until the chair stopped rocking."

As I recall, I used each term in a complete sentence, similar to the last one in the previous paragraph. A couple of weeks went by before Charles called me at my office and asked if I was the guy who had written the

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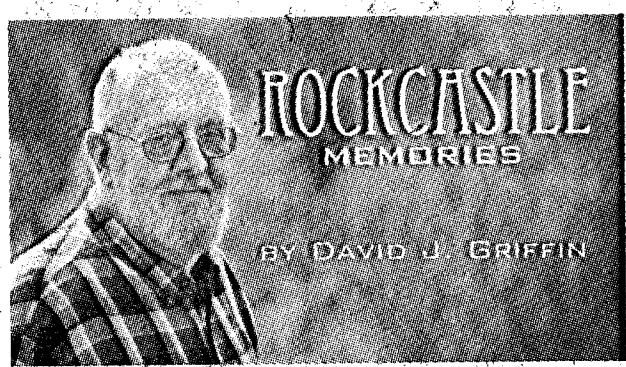
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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Hunting the Elusive Red Osmus

Dear Journal,
What a winter this has turned out to be. The last month has been horrid with all of the snow and freezing temperatures. We had about fourteen inches of snow and a few nights down below zero.

As a matter of fact,

washing my car.
I truly miss real service stations, don't you? But the days of pulling your car into a station and just telling the attendant what you need are long gone. Never to return, I'm sure.

As a matter of fact, the entire idea of catering to a customer and doing everything possible to please him seems to have vanished in modern times. No matter what kind of business, the concept of serving one's clientele has gone by the wayside.

It's a shame, really – for all of us, no matter one's age or station in life. It was a way of living that seemed to maintain a general kindness amongst people – a mark of a civilized society. I miss service stations, not just for the mechanical services available but for all of the friendly banter between us that was also a part of the experience. But we have gas stations now rather than service stations. Even though younger people don't know the difference, we old codgers well remember those good old days.

You can contact me at themthman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road – Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

Op-Ed

SB 76: Helping schools guide our youth

Submitted by

Kent Ostrander

The Family Foundation

Clearly, any transgender student deserves all the protection and care to which any other student is entitled, but breaching the right of privacy of all other students in restrooms, locker rooms and shower rooms to satisfy that particular student's request is a step too far.

State Senator C.B. Embry's Student Privacy Act (Senate Bill 76) provides a framework to accommodate transgender students while respecting the rights and safety of all students. Last year, Louisville's Atherton High School embraced a California school policy that allows a transgendered student to choose the restroom or locker room of their choice. One concerned parent concluded the obvious, "The concerns of one student are

being given more weight and legitimacy than the concerns of many other members of Atherton."

Several Kentucky schools have struggled with this issue and some have made poor choices. SB 76 eases the burden placed on school boards by providing the needed guidance while still preserving the local board's discretion in addressing the issue for their

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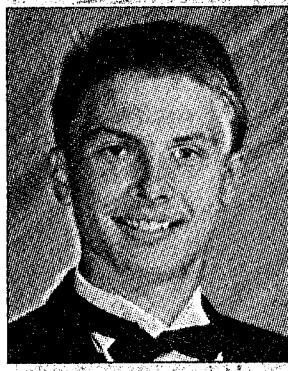
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Obituaries



**James
'Jamie'
Linville**

James Luther "Jamie" Linville, 37, of Richmond, died Sunday, March 1, 2015. He was born December 23, 1977 in Mount Vernon, the son of Delilah (Jeff) Blair and Luke (Sherri) Linville, all of Mount Vernon. He was a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and attended Sue Bennett College. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

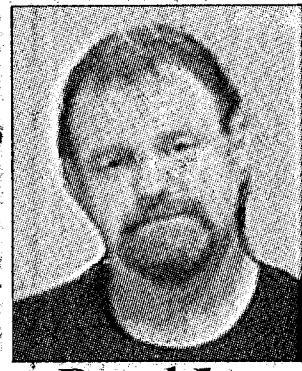
He is survived by: one son, Canaan Linville of Crab Orchard; his parents; a sister, Brittnay Mullins of Mount Vernon; brothers, Saben Blair and Jeffrey Linville, both of Mount Vernon, and Sean Linville and Dustin Linville, both of Berea; a girlfriend, Brandy Adams and her children Kaylee and Kyler; and many other friends and family.

He was preceded in death by: his grandparents, Jr. and Pauline Alexander, Elmo and Juanita Linville and Kermit and Dorothy Blair; and one cousin, Shane Vincent Linville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. (today) Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Vaughn Rasorand and Rev. Jerry Owen officiating. Burial will follow in the Chasteen/Cope Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Eddie Todd, Jared Singleton, Mickey Taylor, Chad Chamberlain, Josh Linville, Saben Blair, Sean Linville, Dustin Linville and Jeffrey Linville.

www.lakesfuneralhome.com



**Derel Lee
Griffin**

Derel Lee Warren Griffin, 49, of Mount Vernon, died Thursday, February 26, 2015, at his residence. He was born in Berea, on February 21, 1966, to Paul Kenneth Griffin and Vada Glenna Griffin Powers. He was a self-employed auto body technician for Cumberland Classic Collision Center. He was of the Pentecostal Faith. He loved four-wheeling, camping and restoring vintage automobiles.

He is survived by: his mother, Glenna; his son, Brandon Lee Griffin of Mount Vernon; his brother, Douglas (Carolyn) Griffin of Mount Vernon; three sisters, Juanita (Bill) Stallsworth of Independence, and Etta (Charles) Brinson and Becky Matias, all of Somerset; his grandson, Tyler Lee Griffin; his former wife, Rhonda Middleton Griffin; a special friend, Teresa of Mount Vernon; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by: his father, Paul; his step-father, Edward Powers; his daughter, Kaitlyn Adrianna Griffin; his brother, Robert Griffin; his grandson, Nicholas Ayden Griffin Steele; and his brother-in-law, Darrell Matias.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Chapel of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randall Adams and Bro. Steve Mullins officiating. Interment was in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

You are welcome to view the obituary and send condolences to the family at our website: www.lakecumberlandfuneralservice.com



Dawn Brock

Dawn Albright Brown Brock, 72, of Brodhead, died Friday, February 20, 2015 at her residence. She was born November 1, 1942 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late John Benton and Mollie Viola Hamm Albright. She was a member of Providence Church of Christ and found great joy in U.K. basketball, talking and socializing with friends in the community about community events. She was a 25 year employee of Gibson Greeting.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Robert G. Brown, Jr. of Lexington, Gary Wayne Brown of Wimberley, TX and Terry Lee Brown of White House, TN; grandchildren, Danielle Nicole Brown, Carolyn Dawn Brown and Alexander Jerry Brown; sisters, Mary Harper of Brodhead and Hazel Smiley of Stratton, VA; sisters-in-law, Helen Albright, Jean Albright, and Marianne Albright; brother-in-law, Willard Nicely; her previous husband, Robert G. Brown, Sr.; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: a son, Jerry Lynn Brown; brothers, Jay Albright, Lloyd Keith "Pooner" Albright, Everett Moses Albright, D.G. "Alex" Albright and P.D. Albright; sisters, Edith Brown Nicely, Leon McClure, and Faye Hurley White; and her previous husband, Daniel Brock.

To celebrate her love for the Kentucky Wildcats, decorations were provided by Your Frame of Mind Galleries of Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 26, 2015 with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Brown-Albright Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Alex Brown, Lynn Albright, Danny Albright, Scott Harper, Tim Albright, Mike McClure and Jimmy Albright.

Memorial contributions in honor of Mrs. Dawn Brock may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomely.com



James Abney

James Kenneth Abney, 85, of Brodhead, died Sunday, March 1, 2015 at his residence.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Darren Cupp and Bro. James Poynter officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Clara Wall

Clara Kay (Kitty) Wall, 75, died Friday, February 13, 2015 at her home in Indianapolis, Indiana.

She was born May 12, 1939 to John Dee and Vira Graves Vance in Rockcastle County. She was a member of The Good Shepherd Methodist Church of Indiana.

Survivors include her daughter, Robin King and her son, Donald Wall, both of Indiana; two grandchildren, Sasha King and Corey King; a brother, Martin Vance; three sisters, Iva Dean Vance and Glee Crowder, both of Indianapolis, Ind., and Wathalyne Payne of Somerset; a step-sister, Charlene Wotpest of Florida; a special sister-in-law, Jackie Vance of Canoe, Ky. and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.



**Dale L.
Norton**

Dale L. Norton, 75, of Brownstown, IN and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Schneck Memorial Hospital in Seymour, IN. He was born February 19, 1939 in Berea, the son of the late Denver and Mauda (McKinney) Norton. On September 5, 1986 he was united in marriage to Mary Jane (Carr) Norton.

He is survived by: his present wife; as well as former wife, Velma L. (Jones) Norton of Crothersville, IN; three daughters, Betty (Allen) Pugh, of Indianapolis, IN, Jo Ann Fee of Crothersville, IN and Pam Mason of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Dearl (Laveda) Norton of Edmonton; one sister, Lena (Floyd) Hayes of Crab Orchard; six grandchildren, Ricky and Brandi Pugh, Tim and Mike Fee, Dustin Thomas and Devon Mason; two great grandsons, Benjamin Pugh and Ryder Mason; loving step-children, Shane (Jessica) Wingler of Brownstown, IN and Jason (Mary) Wingler of Brownstown, IN; step-daughter, Greta (Jim) Bowman of Freetown, IN; five step grandchildren, Craig Bowman, James Dale Wingler, Mary Jean Wingler, Zenas Wingler and Nicholas Wingler; and step-great grandchildren, Bianca Hammond, Natalie Goodyear, Addie, Abby and Delilah Bowman.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Billie Norton and step-mother, Eva Bullock Norton.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 1, 2015 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randy McPherson officiating. Burial was in the McKinney Cemetery.

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

Card of Thanks

Dawn Brock

The family of the late Dawn Albright Brown Brock would like to express sincere gratitude for the heartfelt sympathy and condolences.

We would like to thank Marvin and Judy Owens of Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and Monuments in Brodhead KY for the compassion shown during this difficult time. Brother Rick Reynolds for providing a comforting message during the funeral and well as songs performed by Dewayne Hutton. Pam's Flowers and Gifts in Brodhead handled the majority of the floral arrangements and made the process so easy while assisting the family members and friends ensuring their wishes and personal touches were added to the floral arrangements/gifts. Brodhead Baptist Church provided a meal after the burial and as always opened their hearts to family and the community.

Special thanks to Your Frame of Mind Galleries in Lexington for the University of Kentucky memorabilia and decorations provided.

We would like to thank each and every person who made a visit, call, sent a card, sent beautiful flowers and gifts to the funeral, but most importantly for the words of comfort, hugs and prayers.

The Family of Dawn Brock

Una Mae Roberts

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Una Mae Roberts, 65, of Mt. Vernon, died February 22, 2015 at the UK Hospital in Lexington. She was born November 12, 1949 in Mt. Vernon the daughter of the late Robert Ernest and Alma Mae Cromer Moore.

She was a homemaker, U.K. Wildcat fan, enjoyed crocheting, reading her Bible, spending time with her grandchildren, and a member of the of the Light-house Assembly of God.

Survivors are: her husband, Robert "Rob" Alvin Roberts of Mt. Vernon; one son, Robert Jason Roberts of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Teresa Ann Prewitt of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Ruby Mink and Phyllis Adams, both of Mt. Vernon; and four grandchildren, Hannah Prewitt, Gary Prewitt, Jr., Jamison Roberts, and Chelsea Roberts.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Moore.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Hampton and Bro. Troy Roberts officiating. Burial followed in the Roberts Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Mink, Greg Mink, Jason Roberts, Clayton Robinson, Jarod Robinson, Brian Mink, and Gary Prewitt, Jr.

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Joy Whicker

Joy Whicker, wife of Bro. Mark Whicker of White Plains, and formerly of Brodhead, died Monday, March 2, 2015.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church (Pleasant View Road), Madisonville, KY. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Mt. Carmel Church Cemetery in White Plains.

Memorial donations in memory of Joy may be made to her burial fund at Reid-Walter Funeral Home, 202 E. Farren Ave., Earlington, Ky. 42410.

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

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Rockcastle Regional joins effort to promote patient safety awareness

In an effort to raise awareness and encourage the engagement of patients, families, health care providers, and the public, Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center announced today its participation in the 2015 Patient Safety Awareness Week campaign, "United in Safety."

Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 8-14, 2015, is an annual education and awareness campaign for health care safety led by the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF). Each year, health care organizations around the world take part in the event, creating awareness in their community and among their staff.

In recognition of Patient Safety Week, Rockcastle Regional Hospital will engage staff, patients, and the community through educational and awareness-building activities specific to patient safety science and practice.

This year's theme, "United in Safety," highlights how everyone in the health care process plays a role in delivering safe care and that by uniting together and sharing that common goal, we can make a difference in patient safety. From patients and family advocates to care providers, from the front lines to senior leadership — we are all united in the goal of keeping patients and those who care for them free from harm.

"At Rockcastle Regional, we have built an environment that is obsessed

with safety," said Traci Bullens, RN, patient safety coordinator. "A great example of this are our daily safety huddles, which were implemented in January 2014. Every morning, seven days a week, our management team begins their day to discuss any existing or potential safety issues, and then report these back to their departments. By doing this, we are able to anticipate safety issues before they arise, create a solution, and ultimately avoid potential patient harm."

A focus of this campaign is patient engagement and emphasizing the importance of the relationship between providers, patients, and their families. Enhanced communication begins with an informed and engaged patient, which at the end of the day helps lead to safer care.

To promote patient engagement and communication at Rockcastle Regional, nurses round on patients during their stay to ensure all their needs are being met and that they have the best experience possible.

"As a patient, one thing that you can do to promote safety and improve communication is to complete any surveys you receive asking you to rate your experience during your hospital stay," said Cindy Burton, RN, chief nursing officer at Rockcastle Regional. "The information you provide on these surveys is important as it gives us feedback on every aspect of the care we provide — allowing us to continually improve patient

care and safety."

Another way Rockcastle Regional promotes transparency and the engagement of their patients is through the online patient portal.

"When patients and their families are engaged in their own care, it leads to better health outcomes. The online portal allows our patients to view health records online both during and after their hospital stay. Ultimately, it helps to empower patients to manage their own health and care plan, along with their physician and nursing team," said Maleigha Amyx, director of information technology at Rockcastle Regional.

If you are interested in learning more about the steps Rockcastle Regional Hospital takes to ensure patient safety, or would like to take a tour of the facility, please contact Traci Bullens at 256-7762 or Jana Bray at 256-7880.

For additional information on Patient Safety Awareness Week, please visit www.npsf.org/psaw.

"Points East"

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umn. By 1985, Charles House had moved to greener pastures and I, too, had moved away from London. I purchased a personal IBM Selectric, which to this day, I believe to be the best typewriter ever invented. I commenced writing the column at home and sending it to the paper via US Mail.

In 1986, I began getting inquiries from other papers, offering to cut a deal if I would allow them to run Points East.

I called Al Smith, the owner/publisher of the paper at that time. The paper also owned the title, Points East, because originally I was only one of several writers who contributed to a page that bore that name.

Anyway, Al told me that he didn't care who I sold it to as long as it was not another paper serving Laurel County and he also told me I could keep the name.

Now that I think about it, I have never once tried to sell this column. The papers that carry it all made the initial contact. I've lost a couple along the way when papers changed ownership but never for a change in editors. I'm not going to say which paper is getting a new editor because it is not yet public news. However, if you don't see me here in a week or so, call the paper and tell em you want me back.

"Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

He withdrew the stick, and there on the tip was a big clump of red osmus fur. Then he got a lantern and looked into the darkness. "Oh, yes, boys. There must

be at least two or three dozen big, fat red osmuses in the nest, but we've scared 'em toward that back." All osmuses have a back door for such occasions, you know.

"Well boys, we'll have to go 'round back and flush 'em out. We'll need one man to stay here and shoot 'em as they come out." They all agreed that the new boy should have the honor to shoot the first one. They left him there to guard the hole and they sneaked back home to hot coffee and warm beds. They didn't know exactly how long the new boy stayed, waiting for the appearance of the first elusive red osmus.

"SB 76"

(Cont. from A2)

specific schools.

The actual text of the bill lays forth the commonsense reasoning that forms its foundation. It recognizes that "[s]chool personnel have a duty to protect the dignity, health, welfare, and privacy rights of students in their care." It also acknowledges that "[c]hildren and young adults have natural and normal concerns about privacy while in various states of undress, and most wish for members of the opposite biological sex not to be present in those circumstances." These truths are undeniable.

Currently, schools have no legal obligation to open restrooms, locker rooms and shower rooms to biologically opposite-sex students. Senate Bill 76 allows schools to have secure choices — an administrator can do nothing, can provide a single-user bathroom, can provide a uni-sex restroom or can allow the student to use the faculty facilities. The one thing SB 76 disallows is putting students of the opposite biological sex in the same restroom, locker room or shower room at the same time.

While Atherton's desire to respond with sensitivity is admirable, the policy violates other students' privacy rights. Regardless of a student's sexual inclination, the privacy of other students cannot be compromised.

It is time the General Assembly give schools the needed guidance and options to handle such matters. The Student Privacy Act creates a safer environment for transgender students while also honoring the privacy of other students.

To oppose this bill is to place the new gender politics before the privacy of students.

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Special Spay/Neuter Promo

The Pulaski County Humane Society has qualified for a grant which offers a special reduced rate for Pit Bulls and Pit mixes. The cost to owners is \$130, which includes a rabies shot. If you have a Pit Bull or Pit mix and want to participate, contact the PCHS at 606-451-2367. Leave your name, phone number, animal's age, sex, name and weight. Include whether your animal is a Pit Bull or Pit mix. This will put them on a waiting list.

Hot Rods T-Ball Sign-Up

Sign-ups for the Hot Rods T-Ball League (ages 3, 4 and 5 year olds - 2 year olds in some cases) will be held April 4th and 11th at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Please do not call Godfather's. All they know is that we will be there). \$40 sign-up fee includes free shirt and cap for each child. \$13 for parents t-shirts with \$1 added for each size larger than small, medium or large. Cash only! Season runs from last weekend in April through second weekend in July. We play at ballfield at the lake. We teach the basics.

Books for Bikes

All forms need to be turned in no later than March 14th for the Twelfth Annual Books for Bikes. Rockcastle County Public Library, 60 Ford Drive, Mt. Vernon. Call 606-256-2388 for more info or www.rockcastlelibrary.org

Start-It: Entrepreneurship Training

Want to start a business, but don't know where to start? Start-It! Entrepreneurship Training is a free three-part series designed to help you put together a successful business and marketing plan. The training will be held at the Rockcastle Adult Education Center March 5, 12 and 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. If you have any special requirements, please notify us 5 days prior to class. For more information, call 859-622-7995 or Yvonne.harrison@eku.edu

KPR Meeting March 10th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, March 10th at the Golden Corral Restaurant in London. Mealtimes will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Julie Brown, a representative for Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield (non Medicare). Any retiree receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting on kentuckypublicretirees.org.

Grandparent Support Group

Are you raising a grandchild in your home? If so, you are invited to attend our support group meetings. The group will meet every other month and share experiences. We have programs and speakers designed for grandparents. Free lunch provided. Meetings are held at the Rockcastle Extension Office, 1050 West Main St., Mt. Vernon. Next meeting is Thursday, March 26th at noon. If you plan to attend, contact Angie Payne at 256-5484 or Jessie Mahaffey at 256-4818. Speakers will be Somerset Mental Health Therapist.

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.

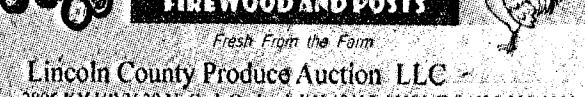
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"Meth"

(Cont. from front)

had taken a Xanax.

After searching Bradley's purse, officers found a metal tube containing two suboxone strips, one Xanax and a small baggie of methamphetamine.

Bradley was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication and illegal possession of a legend drug.

She was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was later released on a \$5,000 10% bond.

In the second incident, two people were arrested for meth possession on Tuesday after officers made a traffic stop on West Main Street in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene were Sabrina Brumagen, 27 of McKee and Charles York, 52, of Crab Orchard.

According to state police reports, officers made a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle traveling on West Main Street in Brodhead.

As officers approached the vehicle, they saw Brumagen place something in her mouth. Officers said that Brumagen and York were both passengers in the vehicle. The driver was not arrested but was cited for a minor traffic violation.

According to the report, Brumagen and York appeared intoxicated while performing field sobriety tests.

While searching the vehicle, various drug paraphernalia items were found under the seat where Brumagen was sitting in the vehicle. Brumagen admitted to officers that a needle found under the seat contained meth and that she swallowed a pill while officers were approaching the vehicle.

Officers also found marijuana inside York's socks at the time of his arrest. Officers had received information that York had meth on him and he told officers that he swallowed the meth before officers approached the vehicle.

Both Brumagen and

York were charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), tampering with physical evidence and public intoxication. Brumagen was separately charged with drug paraphernalia and York was separately charged with possession of marijuana.

Brumagen and York were both lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and both were later released on \$5,000 unsecured bonds.

"RCIDA"

(Cont. from front)

ested parties for the building. One person had to cancel because his flight was cancelled because of the snow storm. The snow stopped everything."

Hopkins shared with the board that the fiscal court recently held the second and final reading of the Right-To-Work ordinance and adopted it unanimously. She said Rockcastle County is now one of 10 counties that have adopted the ordinance and several other counties are considering the ordinance or have passed their first reading of it as a result of the state's Right-To-Work law not making it out of the state House.

Bishop said that he had received two phone calls in opposition to the ordinance. Hopkins said that she only received one phone call from someone in the county against the ordinance.

In final action, board member Corey Craig reminded the board about establishing term limits for RCIDA board members. He asked that members think about the issue so they can discuss and possibly vote on it at a future meeting.

"Auction"

(Cont. from front)

oil changes, tools, knives, coins, healthcare products, restaurant certificates, candles, salon products, swim memberships, Longaberger baskets, home decor, photo sessions and tanning packages.

The auction will be broadcast by WRVK 1460 radio station.

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You can also add the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club on Facebook to see a list of all items to be auctioned.

"Renfro"

(Cont. from front)

7th, John Anderson on August 8th, John Conlee on August 15th, Gene Watson on September 12th, Mickey Gilley on September 26th, T. Graham Brown and Jimmy Fortune on October 2nd, Marty Stuart and Connie Smith on October 10th, Russell Moore and Third Time Out on October 16th and Dailey & Vincent on October 17th.

The shows in the Old Barn Theatre are also scheduled to begin next month. Rouse said the first show in the Old Barn will be Friday, April 10th with a "Tribute to the Legends" show at 7 p.m.

After the opening show, Rouse said the current weekly schedule for the Old Barn is the "Tribute to the Legends" show every Friday at 7 p.m. On Saturday, she said the "Gospel Jubilee" show will take place at 3 p.m. followed by the World Famous Barn Dance show at 7 p.m. Rouse said the Renfro Valley 50s Show will start on Thursday, May 7th at 7 p.m. and it will take place at the same date and time each following week throughout the season.

Rouse said that tickets for headliner concerts and Renfro Valley shows will go on sale next week. For more information visit www.renfrovally.com or "like" Renfro Valley Entertainment Center's page on Facebook. For tickets and other information call 1-800-765-7464.

Rouse said Renfro Valley will not be holding their annual open auditions this year. However, she said they might hire more Renfro Valley Entertainers once the season is underway.

Rouse went on to say that the Renfro Valley Shopping Village will be open to the public during the season, and that the Historic Lodge Restaurant is currently not open but expect it to open at a later date.

Rumors have also been spreading across the county that Renfro Valley had been sold. Rouse said that Renfro Valley has not been sold and that the owners and staff are excited about opening for the 76th season.

On the first vote, by written ballot, there were two votes cast for Richard Gibbs, two for Doug Prewitt and one for another applicant. The results of that vote were not made public except to say that there was a tie between two of the candidates. Bishop was then asked to vote to see if his vote would break the tie but, as it was for a different applicant than any of the first three, the magistrates were then asked to vote to break the tie between Gibbs and Prewitt. On that vote, Gibbs got three votes to Prewitt's two.

As with all new hires, Gibbs was placed on a six-month probation period and

his starting salary will be \$1,000 month.

During the meeting, the court also approved payment of several claims for snow removal during the recent storm. The claims total \$9,695 and ranged from one for \$60 to Clifford Collins to one for \$6,360 to Leger Construction.

"Weather"

(Cont. from front)

depending on when the freezing rain and sleet completely changes over to snow. Rockcastle County was under a Winter Storm Warning at the time of publication.

CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook said that this winter storm has everyone in the county's emergency management department on edge as it includes too many "ifs" and it is simply "unpredictable."

"We don't know for sure what we will get this time and that's what is scary about it," Holbrook said. "But we do know we will get some type of precipitation whether it be water, ice or snow."

Holbrook said that Rockcastle Countians need to make sure they are prepared to stay in their homes for an extended period of time depending on the conditions. He said people also need to be prepared for power outages and water outages.

"People need to have more than enough groceries, packaged water, medicines and all those necessities before this storm hits," Holbrook said. "Rain and snow is fine but if we get an abundance of ice it will be bad. People need to make

sure they have a non-electrical source of heat like fireplaces, kerosene heaters or whatever it may be because there is a possibility we might lose electric."

Holbrook went on to say that the local volunteer fire departments in the county are always on stand-by to help in their respective communities during winter storms. However, he said nothing can take the place of the preparations made by each person or family.

"It's important for everyone to know their local fire department's phone number as well as 911. Those numbers can be found in the phone book or online," Holbrook said. "But nothing takes the place of each person or family taking the necessary precautions, staying tuned, planning all they can and staying off the roadways unless it's absolutely necessary."

The American Red Cross also offers the following tips during major winter storms: Always keep a working flashlight, charged cell phone, battery powered radio or TV, extra food and water, first aid supplies, heating fuel and other emergency heating sources.

"Robbery"
(Cont. from front)

The clerk complied and handed the two men an unknown amount of cash. The two men then fled the store and it's unknown whether they fled on foot or in a vehicle.

Once officers arrived, they searched for the two men in the surrounding areas but could not find them.

One male is described as wearing a black coat, black

ski mask, black gloves and armed with a handgun. The other male is described as wearing a brown coat with a black hood, black ski mask, black gloves and armed with a knife.

State Police Trooper Brian Maupin is in charge of the investigation and if you have any information regarding the robbery please call the Kentucky State Police at 606-878-6622 or 1-800-222-5555.

Card of Thanks**Marie McKinney***Perhaps you sent a lovely card**or sat quietly in a chair**Perhaps you sent a floral piece,**If so, we saw it there.**Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,**As any friend could say,**Perhaps you were not there at all.**Just thought of us that day.**Whatever you did to console our hearts,**We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

We want to thank Bro. Zandell Hasty and Bro. Marcus Reppert for the wonderful words, Mattie Miller, Ruby Powell and Emmanuel Creech for the beautiful songs and the staff of Rockcastle Rehab for taking such good care of our sweet Mama.

Also, Dr. Saylor, Dr. Bullock, Lewis, Sherry, Shirley and Bud Cox for making Mom so beautiful, Angie Mink and all her employees for the delicious meal, all our wonderful friends that helped with food and love during this difficult time.

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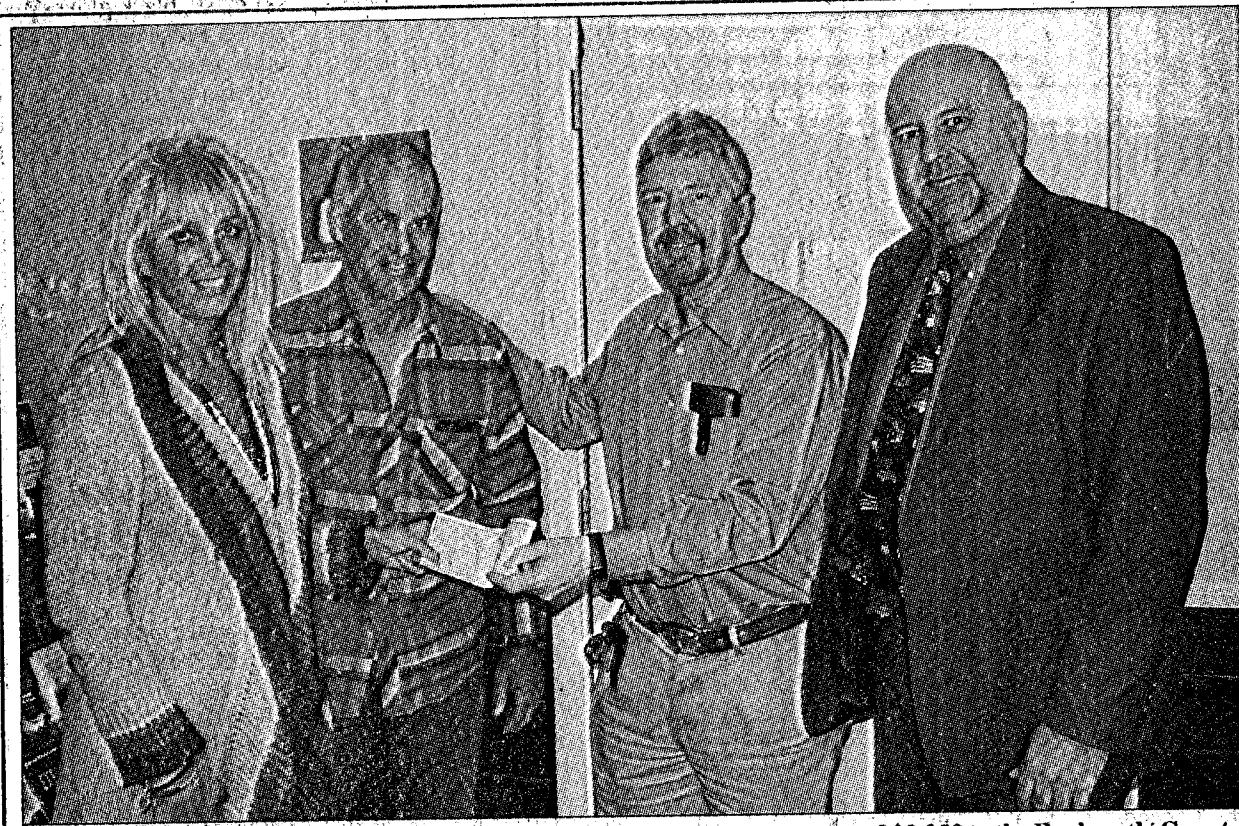
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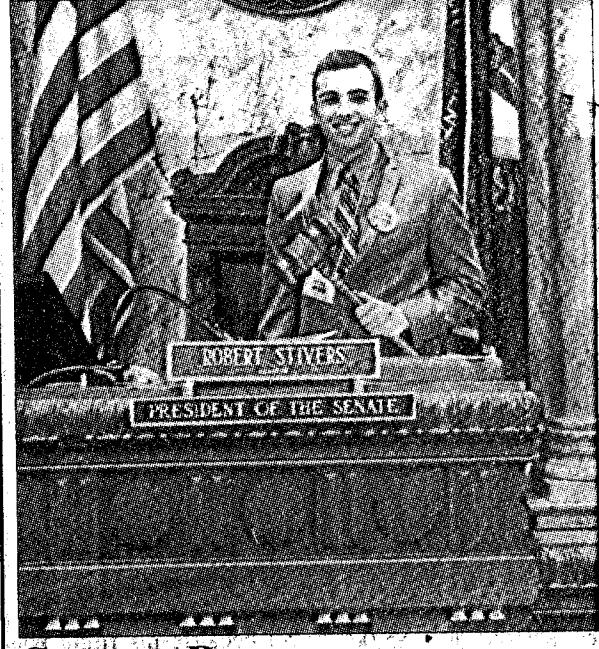
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Senate Page...

Evan Hendrickson, an 8th grade student at Rockcastle Middle School, recently served as a Senate Page, after being selected by the Family Resource and Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky. Evan wrote an essay about how his Youth Services Center serves his school. By serving as a page on the Senate floor, Evan was able to get a first-hand view of how government works. Evan has been involved in KUNA/KYA since 6th grade and, this past year, during KYA, he ran for the executive committee and was elected President of the Senate. Besides KUNA/KYA, Evan is involved in the UNITE Club, Leadership Team and RCMS football team and track. He is the son of Chris Hendrickson and Angie Hendrickson of Mt. Vernon.

NASA astronaut to speak at Somerset Community

Christopher J. Cassidy, an astronaut with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will be a guest speaker on the campus of Somerset Community College (SCC) on Thursday, March 19, 2015. The event, which is part of the college's 50th Anniversary Speaker's Series, is free and open to the public. Cassidy will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the Meece Hall auditorium and a free, public reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Meece Hall lobby. The title of Cassidy's presentation is "International Space Station Expedition 36."

Meece Hall is located on the SCC Somerset North campus, at 808 Monticello Street in Somerset.

About Christopher Cassidy
Cassidy was born on January 4, 1970 in Salem, Massachusetts, although he considers York, Maine his hometown. He and his wife Julie, are the proud parents of three children.

Cassidy graduated from York High School, York, Maine and completed Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Science in Ocean Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Prior to his career with NASA, Cassidy served for ten years as a member of the U.S. Navy SEALs Team, achieving the rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy. He made four six-month de-

ployments: two to Afghanistan, and two to the Mediterranean. Cassidy served as executive officer and operations officer of Special Boat Team Twenty in Norfolk, Virginia; and SEAL platoon commander at SEAL Team THREE in Coronado, California. He deployed to the Afghanistan region two weeks after September 11, 2001, served as ground assault force commander for international and U.S. only combat missions in Afghanistan, and led two months of noncompliant shipboardings in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

He was SEALs delivery vehicle platoon commander at SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team TWO in Norfolk, VA. He accumulated more than 200 hours underwater as pilot/navigator/mission commander of a two-man flooded submersible SEAL Delivery Vehicle (SDV), which is launched and recovered from a host-ship submarine. He also served as dry deck shelter platoon commander at SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team TWO in Norfolk, VA.

In 2004, Cassidy was selected as an astronaut by NASA. In February 2006, he completed Astronaut Candidate Training that included scientific and technical briefings, intensive instruction in shuttle and International Space Station systems, physiological training, T-38 flight training, and water and wilderness survival training. Completion of this initial training qualified him for various technical assignments within the Astronaut Office and future flight assignment as a mission specialist. From 2006 through 2008, he served as Capsule Commander (CAPCOM) in the Mission Control Center. During his NASA career, Cassidy completed six spacewalks, totaling 31 hours, 14 minutes and accumulated 182 days in space. He is currently in charge of the EVA branch within the Astronaut Office.

Space Flight Experience

Cassidy was part of the STS-127, International Space Station Assembly Mission 21/A, aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour which took place July 15, 2009 through July 31, 2009. The mission delivered the Japanese-built Exposed Facility (JEM-EF) and the Experiment Logistics Module Exposed Section (ELM-ES) to the station. The crew completed the construction of the KIBO Japanese Experiment Module, installed scientific experiments on its exposed facility and delivered critical spare parts and replacement batteries to the orbital complex, in addition to transferring 24,638 pounds of hardware and 1,225 pounds of water to the station.

While the shuttle was docked to the station, the mission featured a record 13 astronauts working aboard the station representing all five space station partners: NASA, the Russian Space Agency, the Canadian Space Agency, the European Space Agency and the Japanese Space Agency.

Cassidy performed three spacewalks totaling 18 hours and 5 minutes. The mission was accomplished in 248 Earth orbits, traveling 6,547,853 million miles in 15 days, 16 hours, 44 minutes and 58 seconds.

In his second mission, Cassidy and Russian cosmonauts Pavel Vinogradov and Alexander Misurkin launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan to the International Space Station for Expedition 35/36, lasting from March 28, 2013 to September 11, 2013. The three crew members were the first to complete an expedited trip to the station - instead of taking the standard two days to rendezvous and dock, they arrived at the orbiting complex in less than six hours. Cassidy, Vinogradov and Misurkin were welcomed to the space station by Chris Hadfield of the Canadian Space Agency, Tom Marshburn of NASA and Roman Romanenko of Roscosmos. The crew members saw the arrival of the European ATV-4 cargo spacecraft, the Japanese HTV-4 cargo spacecraft and two Russian Progress resupply spacecraft. The trio also worked on hundreds of research experiments and science investigations that will have benefits for future human spaceflight and life on Earth. Cassidy conducted three spacewalks during his 166 days aboard the station. During the expedition, the crew completed 2,656 Earth orbits and traveled more than 70 million miles.

Honors and Awards

Cassidy is a member of several professional and honor organizations, including the following: U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association; Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Association; Fraternal Order of Underwater Demolition Team (UDT)/Sea, Air, Land Team (SEAL) Association.

As a volunteer, Cassidy completed a week-long, 180-mile charity kayak paddle from Norfolk, VA to Washington, D.C. to raise money and awareness for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

His special honors include: Honor graduate of Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) Class 192; awarded the Bronze Star with combat 'V' and Presidential Unit Citation for leading a nine-day operation at the Zharwan Kili cave complex - a national priority objective directly on the Afghanistan/Pakistan border; Guest speaker at the U.S. Naval Academy Combat Leadership Seminar, 2003, 2004; awarded a second Bronze Star for combat leadership service in Afghanistan, 2004; and NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal.

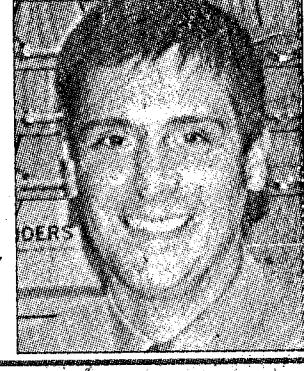
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STOP TALKIN' AND START FLOCKIN'

Lady Rockets and Rockets fall in opening round of districts

Both the Lady Rockets and Rockets played in their respective opening games of the 47th District Tournament, and the results were the same with both of them losing out in the first round.

The Lady Rockets, who held the first seed in the tournament, played the Somerset Lady Briarjumper in the opening round, a team they had beaten twice in the regular season.

However, it was not to be last Wednesday night as Somerset jumped out to an early 18-10 first quarter lead due, in part, to seven turnovers by the Lady Rockets, half of what they had for the entire game.

In the second quarter, the Lady Rockets did manage to get within one at 26-25 but, Somerset then outscored the Lady Rockets 7-2 in the final minutes for a 33-27 halftime lead.

The Lady Rockets came back in the third quarter to tie the score at 38 all but turnovers and missed shots

by the Lady Rockets spurred the Briarjumper to a 10-0 run for a 48-38 third quarter margin.

That was as close as the Lady Rockets would get the rest of the game and Somerset advanced by a score of 61-50.

Leading scorer for her team was sophomore Hope Kelley with 12; senior Alaina Coguer had 11; junior Morgan Renner and sophomore Mahala Saylor got 8 each; junior Ashley McKinney scored 6; sophomore Jayna Albright got 3 and sophomore Emme Barker scored 2.

Three Lady Rockets were named to the All-Season 47th District Team. They were: Ashley McKinney, Mahala Saylor and Jayna Albright.

The Rockets were the fourth seed in the tournament and had to play the first seed, Pulaski County, in the opening game of the boys tournament Thursday night.

The Rockets were behind 10-15 at the end of the first

quarter but fought their way to within one point at 24-23 in the second quarter. However, the Maroons then went on a 13-0 run for a 36-23 halftime lead.

Late in the third quarter, a basket by senior Sam Pensol pulled the Rockets within 8 but that was as close as the Rockets would get as the Maroons advanced in the tournament by

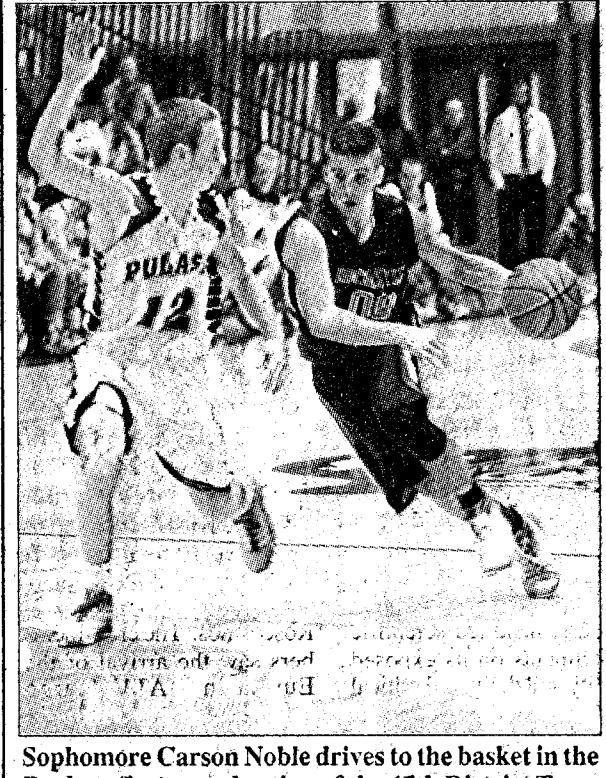
a score of 69-58.

Sophomore Carson Noble led the scoring with 20 points; Pensol got 18; sophomore Lucas Gentry scored 9; senior Dakota Hasty got 5; junior Dylan Rowe scored 4 and senior Blake Mullins 2.

Named to the boys 47th District All Season Team were Sam Pensol and Lucas Gentry.



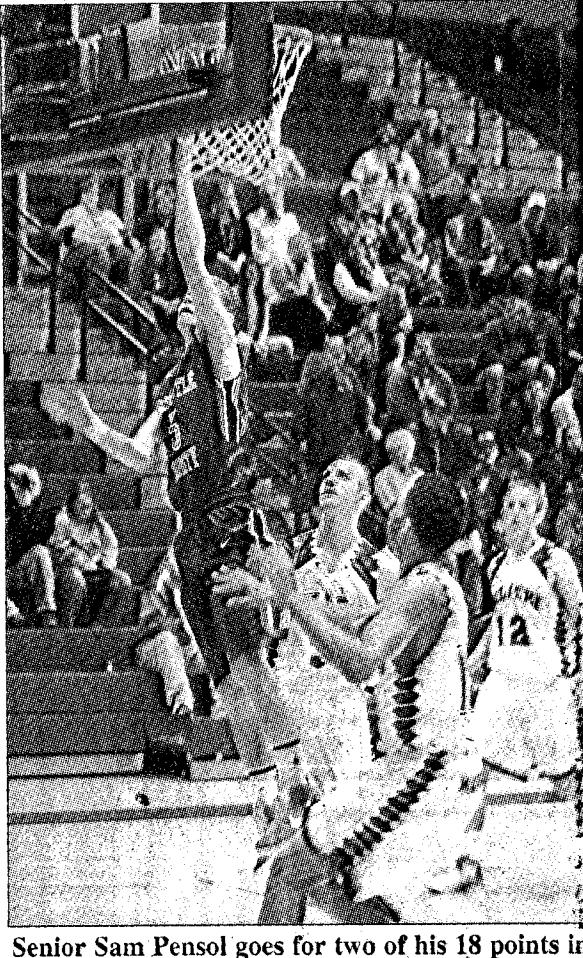
Senior Sam Pensol goes for two of his 18 points in the Rockets first round loss of the 47th District Tournament to the Pulaski County Maroons.



Senior Alaina Coguer applies the defensive pressure during the Lady Rockets first round loss to Somerset in the 47th District Tournament held last week. Coguer scored 11 points in the losing effort.



Sophomore Lucas Gentry works for a shot in the Rockets loss to Pulaski County last Wednesday night.



Senior Sam Pensol goes for two of his 18 points in the Rockets first round loss of the 47th District Tournament to the Pulaski County Maroons.



Sophomore Hope Kelley works around a Somerset defender in the Lady Rockets first round action of the 47th District Tournament. Kelley led the Lady Rockets in scoring with 12.



Sophomore Mahala Saylor drives to the basket for the Lady Rockets in their loss to Somerset last Wednesday night.

The RCHS cheerleaders led the student section in cheers and support for the Rockets and Lady Rockets.

RCHS and RCMS Track results at Mason County

The RCMS girls' and boys' track teams both won at Mason County on Saturday. The RCHS girls' track team also won a close meet defeating powerhouse Louisville Central by a score of 80.5-78.

7th grader Victoria Dotson scored 22.5 points to lead the RCHS girls' indoor track team to an 80.5 to 78 victory over a very talented field of teams including runner-up Louisville Central, Bryan Station, St. Henry, and Dixie Heights. Tori won all of her events easily, dominating both the 1600 (5:39.4) and 3000-meter runs (11:35.09) and also running lead leg on the 4 x 800-meter relay team that finished way ahead of the field with a great time of 10:58.36.

RCHS sophomore Sierra Mercer scored an impres-

sive 20.5 points to help lead the RCHS girls' indoor track team to a close victory over a talented field of competitors including many of the best teams in the state. Sierra placed 3rd in the 400-meter dash with the fastest time ever at Mason County for an RCHS competitor in the event. Her time of 1:04.1 was over a second faster than the previous fastest time for an RCHS girl. She followed that shortly after with an awesome back-to-back performance in the 800-meter run, coming from behind to claim first place down the stretch with an awesome season's best time of 2:35.49. Sierra also ran anchor leg for the winning 4 x 800-meter relay team (10:58) and lead leg on the second place 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished with a season's best time of 4:33.71.

RCHS sophomore Jennifer Mercer had several outstanding performances for the girls' team. Jennifer placed 3rd in long jump with an awesome leap of 15'0". In the 55-meter dash, she placed 11th with a fast time of 8.01 seconds. Her best performance came in the 55-meter hurdles. After a tough fall during the hurdle race the last time she competed at Mason County, Jennifer bounced back with an awesome new all-time personal best effort, placing 9th overall in 10.02 seconds. She also ran a great anchor leg of the 2nd place 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished with a season's best time of 4:33.71.

The RCHS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team ran an awesome race placing 2nd overall with an exceptional

new season's best time of 4:33. Their exceptional performance sealed the close victory over Louisville Central, giving them the edge in the team standings with a final score of 80.5 to 78. Team members included Sierra Mercer, Autumn Courtney, Katie Hensley and Jennifer Mercer.

RCHS freshman Grant Isaacs had great performances in the distance events for RCHS. In the 1600-meter run, Grant ran an awesome all-time personal best, finishing 11th overall in an impressive time of 5:20.34. His best race came in the 3000-meter run where he finished 5th overall with an awesome time of 10:58.29, another RCHS sophomore Katie Hensley had great performances in both long and triple jump for RCHS. In

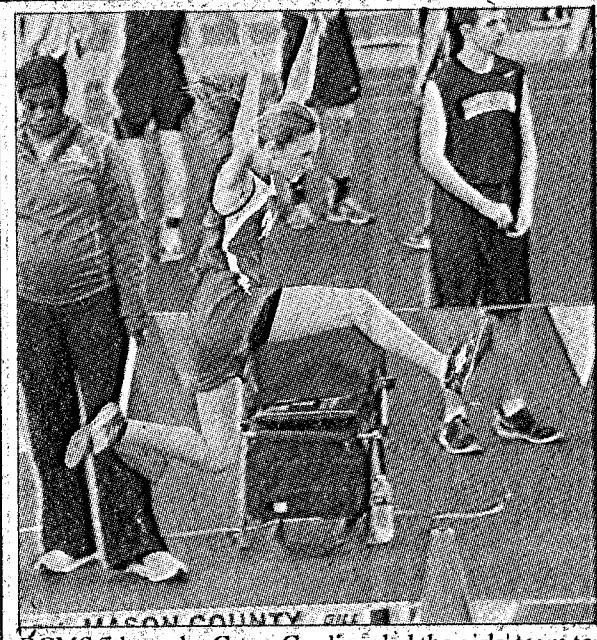
triple jump, Katie finished 3rd overall with an impressive jump of 31'2.5". In long jump, she placed 2nd with an awesome jump of 15'1". Both performances were close to indoor season's bests. She also ran a great 3rd leg of the 2nd place 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished with a season's best time of 4:33.71.

7th grader Autumn Courtney had several great performances for RCHS. In the 55-meter hurdles, Autumn ran an all-time personal best finishing 15th overall with an awesome time of 10.66 seconds. In triple jump, she placed 8th overall with a great jump of 28'9". She followed that with a solid 7th place finish in long jump with an exceptional jump of 14'2". Autumn also ran a great leg of the girls' 2nd place 4 x 400-

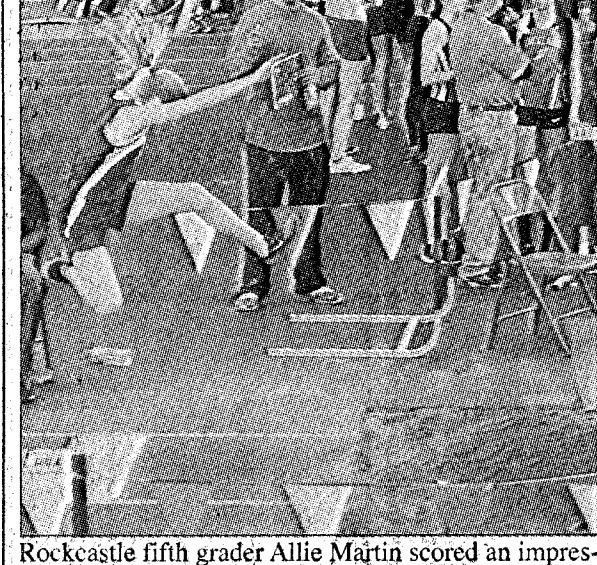
meter relay team that finished with a season's best time of 4:33.

8th grader Kensie Sheffield and RCHS sophomore Lanna Prewitt had great performances in the distance events for RCHS. In the 4 x 800-meter relay, Kensie ran a great leg of the race helping the team dominate the competition with a great winning time of 10:58. In the 1600-meter run, she finished 18th overall with an impressive time of 6:42.11. Lanna nearly ran a season's best time, finishing 11th overall in an impressive time of 6:23.77. In the 3000-meter run, Lanna finished 8th overall with an awesome time of 13:21.97, her second best this season, while Kensie finished 12th overall with a great time of

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RCMS 7th grader Grace Gardiner led the girls' team to victory with an impressive 26 total points. She won long jump with an awesome all-time personal best of 13'0.5". In the 55-meter dash, Grace finished 2nd and nearly set a new personal best with a great time of 8.62 seconds. Later in the 400-meter dash, she placed 3rd with an all-time indoor personal best of 1:14.05. Grace also ran lead leg of the 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished 2nd in 5:24.96.



Rockcastle 5th grader Allie Martin scored an impressive 14 total points for the RCMS girls' team. She placed 2nd in long jump with an awesome all-time personal best of 12'5.5". In the 55-meter dash, Allie finished 5th and nearly set a new personal best with a great time of 8.78 seconds. Later in the 400-meter dash, she placed 5th with an all-time indoor personal best of 1:15.55. Allie also ran anchor leg of the 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished 2nd in 5:24.96.



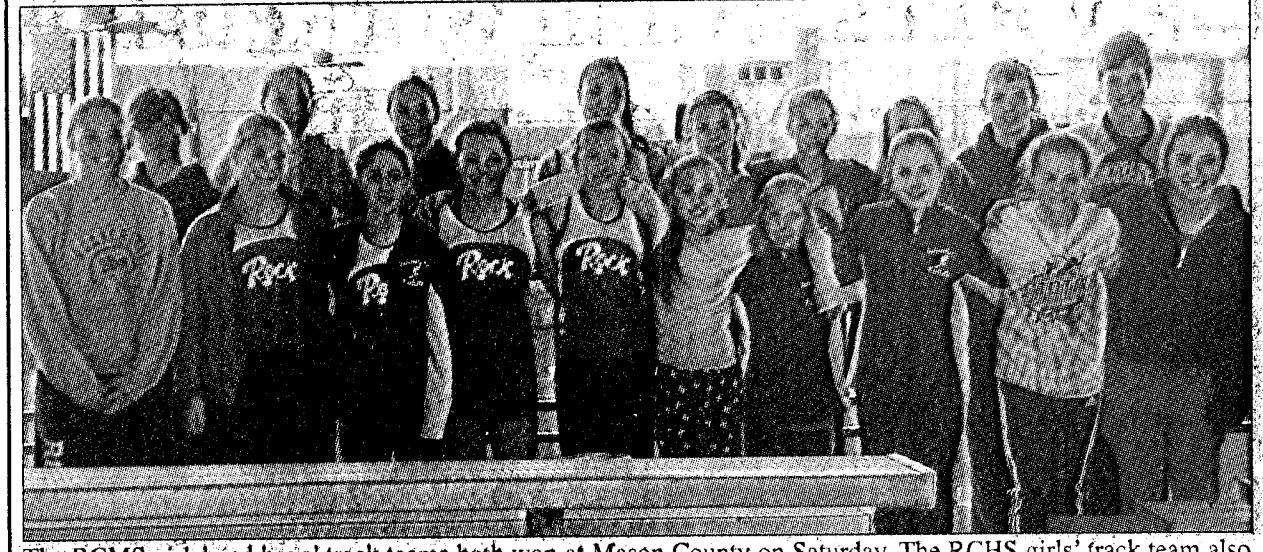
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RCMS 8th grader Evan Hendrickson won all three of his events in the middle school competition, scoring an impressive 30 points to help lead RCMS to the team victory. In the 55-meter dash, Evan won with an awesome all-time personal best of 7.52 seconds. In the 400-meter dash, Evan won with a great time of 1:04.9, an indoor middle school personal best. He also won long jump matching his all-time middle school best jump with a leap of 16'5".



The RCHS girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team dominated the competition winning with an exceptional time of 10:58, 13 seconds ahead of their nearest competitor. Team members are from left: Tori Dotson, Kensie Sheffield, Taylor Bullock and Sierra Mercer.



The RCMS girls' and boys' track teams both won at Mason County on Saturday. The RCHS girls' track team also won a close meet defeating powerhouse Louisville Central by a score of 80.5-78. Girls' and boys' team members are front from left: Taylor Bullock, Audrey Childress, Gracie Spoonamore, Makayla Browning, Aliyah Lopez, Brianna Owens, Kylie Martin, Allie Martin, Tori Dotson and Sierra Mercer. Back row from left: Tori Phillips, Jenna Rumsey, Madison Hoskins, Natalie Kirby, Erin Hindman, Karalinn Loudermilk, Nikki Chasteen, Grant Isaacs and Jonmark Loudermilk. (All team members not present for photo)

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The RCHS girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team dominated the competition winning with an exceptional time of 10:58, 13 seconds ahead of their nearest competitor. Team members included (l to r) - Tori Dotson, Kensie Sheffield, Taylor Bullock, Sierra Mercer.

RCMS 8th grader Evan Hendrickson won all three of his events in the middle school competition, scoring an impressive 30 points to help lead RCMS to the team victory. In the 55-meter dash, Evan won with an awesome all-time personal best throw of 31'7". Her incredible throw shattered the old indoor record and established a new all-time RCMS indoor record in the event for 8th grade and under. She also placed 3rd in long jump with another awesome all-time personal best jump of 12'2". In the 55-meter dash, Natalie came close to her personal best finishing 8th overall with a great time of 9.01 seconds.

Rockcastle 5th grader Karalinn Loudermilk scored an impressive 10 total points for RCMS despite sustaining a terrible fall after being tripped in the 4 x 800-meter relay. Battered and bruised, Karalinn showed tremendous heart and recovered in strong fashion to help her relay team finish 2nd in 13:05.18. In the 55-meter hurdles immediately after, she placed 2nd with an incredible new all-time personal best of 12.27 seconds. Karalinn also placed 4th in long jump with an awesome all-time personal best of 12'2" and ran a great race in the 800-meter run.

Rockcastle 5th grader Kylie Martin scored an impressive 12 total points for RCMS. Kylie ran an awesome all-time personal best of 6:20.18 and placed 3rd overall. In the 800-meter run, she placed 5th with another incredible race and an all-time personal best of 3:14.3.

RCMS 6th grader Raegan Chasteen scored for an impressive 15 total points for the girls' team. She won triple jump for the second straight meet with an awesome jump of 26'1", just missing her all-time personal best. In long jump, she placed 5th with an exceptional new personal best jump of 11'5.5". In the 55-meter dash, Raegan finished 4th with a great new personal best time of 8.77 seconds. Raegan also ran a great leg of the 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished 3rd in 5:35.65.

RCMS 6th grader Madison Hoskins scored an impressive 8 total points for RCMS. In only her second meet ever, Madison placed 2nd overall in shot put with an incredible new all-time personal best throw of 29'0.5". Her awesome throw was one of the best indoor throws ever for an RCMS competitor. In the 55-meter dash, Madison ran an all-time personal best finishing 13th overall with a great time of 9.24 seconds. Madison also ran great in her first-ever 400-meter

dash, placing 25th overall with a great time of 1:30.22. RCMS 6th grader Aliyah Lopez had several outstanding performances in both relays and individual events. In the 55-meter dash, she ran an awesome all-time personal best of 8.88 seconds and finished an impressive 6th overall. In the 400-meter dash, Aliyah ran another all-time personal best, finishing 6th overall with an exceptional time of 1:16.39. She also ran a great leg of the 3rd place 4 x 400-meter relay team that finished with a great time of 5:35.65.

The RCMS girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team placed 2nd overall with a great time of 13:05.18. Team members included Karalinn Loudermilk, Destiny Hamm, Grace Gardiner and Kylie Martin.

The RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team placed 2nd overall with a great time of 5:24.96. Team members included Grace Gardiner, Gracie Spoonamore, Destiny Hamm and Kylie Martin.

Another RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team placed 3rd overall with a great time of 5:35.65. Team members included Aliyah Lopez, Raegan Chasteen, Brianna Owens and Rachael Reed.

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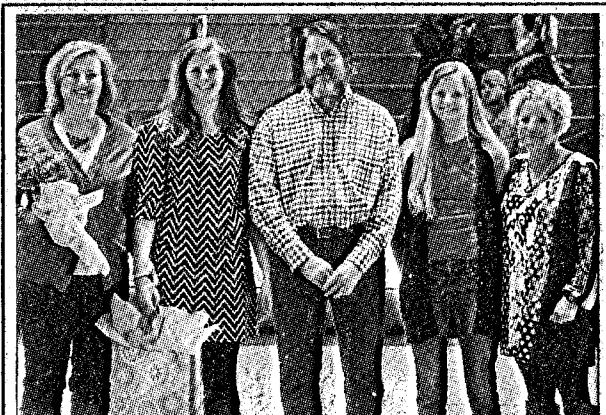


RCMS 6th grader Natalie Kirby scored an impressive 10 total points for RCMS. Natalie dominated the competition in shot put, winning with an unbelievable new all-time personal best throw of 31'7". Her incredible throw shattered the old indoor record and established a new all-time RCMS indoor record in the event for 8th grade and under. She also placed 3rd in long jump with another awesome all-time personal best jump of 12'2". In the 55-meter dash, Natalie came close to her personal best finishing 8th overall with a great time of 9.01 seconds.



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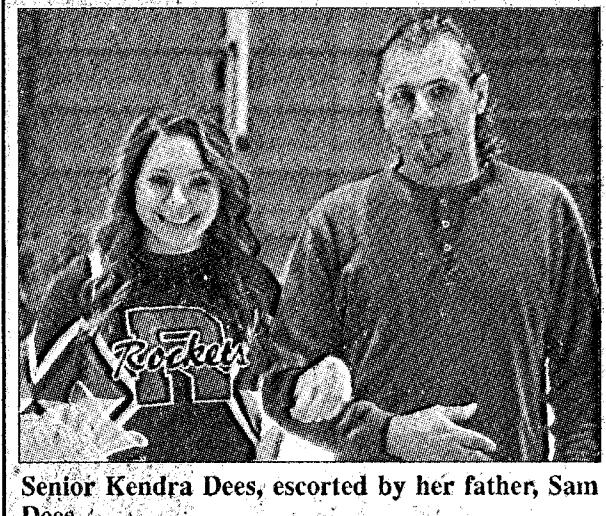
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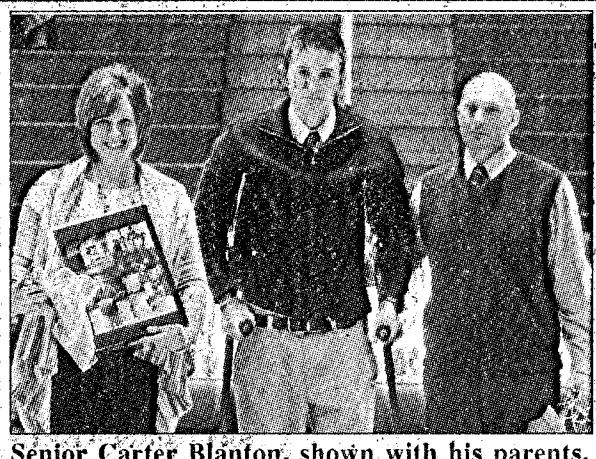
The Rockcastle County Rockets recently recognized senior members of the boys and girls basketball squads, JROTC and cheerleaders. Shown above is senior Amelia Eversole, escorted by her parents, Ethan and Lisa Eversole and sister, Megan. Also pictured is Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble.



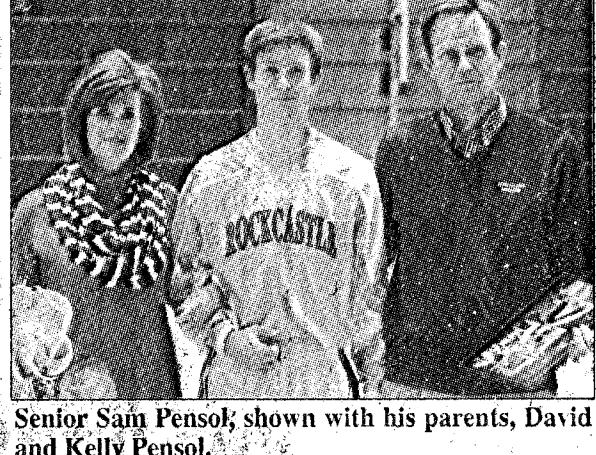
Senior Alaina Cogner, escorted by her parents, Jason and Sara Cogner, sister, Caroline and brother, Reese. Also pictured is Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble.



Senior Kendra Dees, escorted by her father, Sam Dees.



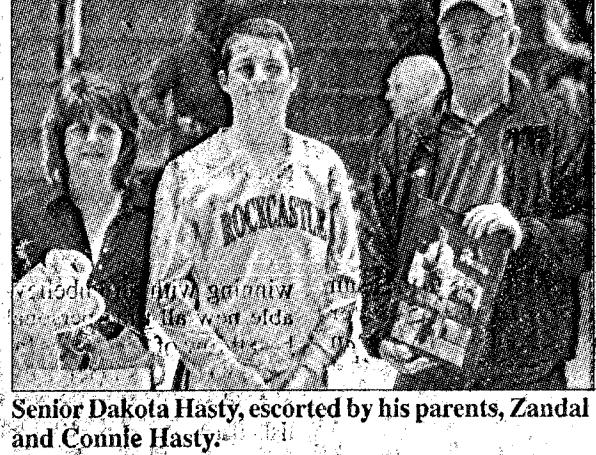
Senior Carter Blanton, shown with his parents, Benny Blanton and Danielle Carlson.



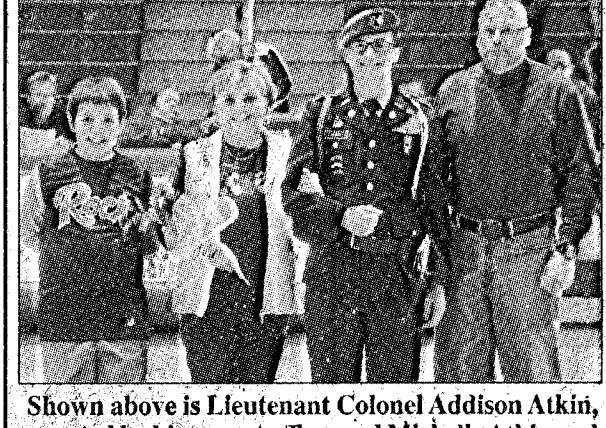
Senior Sam Pensol, shown with his parents, David and Kelly Pensol.



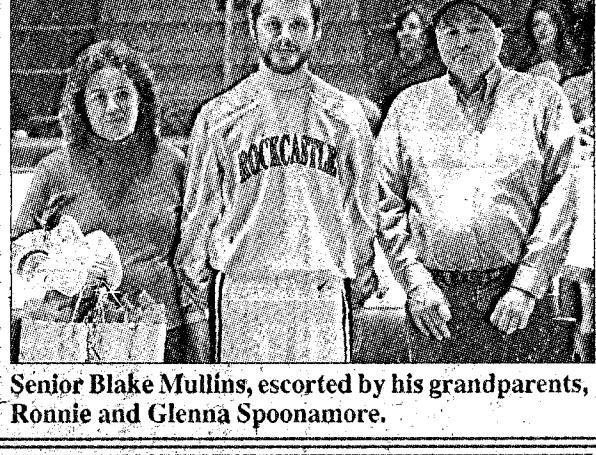
Senior Cheyenne Morgan, escorted by her father, Eddie Morgan.



Senior Dakota Hasty, escorted by his parents, Zandal and Connie Hasty.



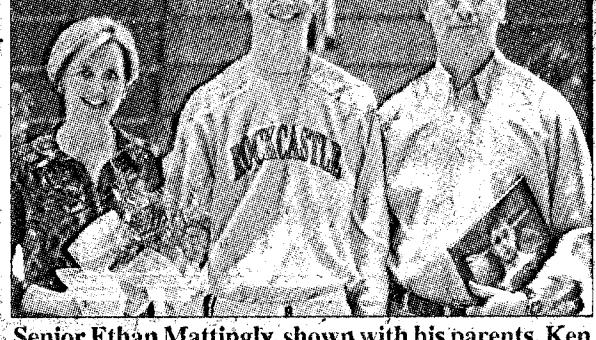
Shown above is Lieutenant Colonel Addison Atkin, escorted by his parents, Tom and Michelle Atkin and brother, Bryson.



Senior Blake Mullins, escorted by his grandparents, Ronnie and Glenna Spoonamore.



Major Tiffany Horn, left, escorted by Jordan Moore.



Senior Ethan Mattingly, shown with his parents, Ken and Jennifer Mattingly.



Staff Sergeant Samantha Skinner, escorted by Danielle and Joseph Bocsko.



Senior Cody Burton, escorted by his parents, Brian and Nikki Phelps.



Major Will Martin, escorted by his parents, April and Grant Martin.



Senior Isaiah Adams, escorted by his mother, Krisenda Chasteen.

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Why buying your fishing license is important

It is the time of year anglers must make an investment in their future fishing. Current 2014-2015 fishing licenses expire this weekend. If you plan to fish on or after March 1, you'll need a new fishing license.

A Kentucky resident annual fishing license sets you back \$20. This isn't as cheap as it was 20 years ago, but it is still a great bargain for all you receive in return.

"We do not receive General Fund state tax dollars for our funding," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Our funding is reliant on license sales and the federal monies that go along with them. The anglers of Kentucky fund the fisheries division."

For each fishing license sold, the federal government sends monies back to Kentucky from excise taxes on fishing tackle, trolling motors, electronic sonar units for boats, commonly called fish finders, and boat motor fuels.

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act is the legislation empowering the collection of monies and dispersal back to the fisheries divisions of state wildlife agencies across the country. Originally passed by Congress in 1950, the Wallup-Breaux Amendment to the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act expanded the base of monies in 1984.

"It is a user pay and user return system," Ross said. "The anglers pay the money up front and they get it back in what our fisheries division does to benefit fish populations across Kentucky." Funding from fishing license sales powers the annual stocking of over 5.5 million fish in Kentucky waters.

These monies fund the operation of the two hatcheries that provide fish for the Fishing in Neighborhoods stockings of bass, catfish, bluegill and trout.

"Without these hatcheries, several popular sport fish species such as hybrid striped bass wouldn't exist in Kentucky," Ross said.

These hatcheries provide the fish to sustain the world-class muskellunge fishing found in Cave Run, Buckhorn and Green River lakes. The same goes for the fantastic walleye fishing found in our reservoirs such as Laurel River Lake or Lake Cumberland.

These monies also provide for the scientific management of the state's fishery resources, the construction and maintenance of boat ramps and other fishing accesses such as carry-down canoe launch areas.

"These funds pay for fish habitat work, lake renovations and studies designed to better

manage fish populations," Ross said. "It provides money for maintenance of our smaller state-owned lakes."

This money benefits future biodiversity in Kentucky as it helps fund the restoration of fish species such as lake sturgeon and alligator gar. The fisheries division assists in the recovery of negatively impacted fish populations.

Funding from the sale of Kentucky fishing licenses facilitated the planning and construction of Cedar Creek Lake, Kentucky's only lake managed for trophy largemouth bass.

Not everyone has to purchase a fishing license. Kentucky residents fishing a pond or lake on land they own don't need a fishing license, but their guests, and even blood relatives, must have a valid fishing license. Dependent children and tenants who live and work on the land also are license exempt if they are fishing a pond on the land on which they live.

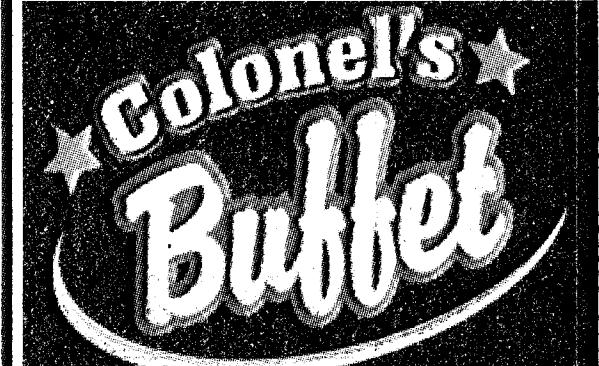
Those who live outside of Kentucky, but own land here, must still purchase a fishing license if they plan to fish a lake or pond on their land. A general rule of thumb about residency: if you don't possess a Kentucky driver's license, then you are not a resident.

Anglers under the age of 16, military personnel on furlough for more than three days, those participating in Free Fishing Days in June and visitors fishing inside the boundaries of Mammoth Cave National Park also don't need a fishing license. People fishing at pay lakes need either a valid fishing license or a permit issued by the pay lake operator.

Those who intend to keep trout or plan to fish the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam must purchase a \$10 trout permit. Kentucky residents certified as disabled or those 65 or older get their fishing license and trout permit with the \$5 senior/disabled license.

A great deal is the resident combination hunting and fishing license for \$30, a savings of \$10 if bought separately. A resident one-day fishing license costs \$7, while the same license for non-residents is \$10. An annual non-resident Kentucky fishing license runs \$55.

Remember to buy your fishing license if you plan to fish after this coming Sunday, March 1. You may purchase your fishing license in person at tackle stores, in the sporting goods section of major department stores and at county clerk offices across Kentucky. You may also buy a fishing license 24 hours a day by calling 1-877-598-2401 or online at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov.



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Atkin receives President's Volunteer Service Award

Addison Atkin, 17, a student at Rockcastle County High School, has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to service their communities and their country, was granted by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama.

Rockcastle County High School and the Junior ROTC program nominated Addison for national honors this fall in recognition of his volunteer service.

Addison has been very active in the community for most of his life. Currently, he has over 330 community service hours alone with the Junior ROTC program. "Serving and helping others is a passion of mine," Addison stated. "It will always be a focus in my life and my future career."

"There really is no higher calling than to help those in need when they need the help," said Captain Jeffrey Thompson. Captain

Thompson is the Senior Army Instructor for the Junior ROTC program at Rockcastle County High school. This organization stresses the importance of community service and the benefits of the projects.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "By recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community."

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life," said

NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate."

Prudential Spirit of Community Award applications distributed nationwide last September through middle level and high schools, Girl Scout Councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross Chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates. These schools and officially-designated local organizations nominated Local Honorees, whose applications were advanced for state-level judging. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards selected State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists and Certificate of Excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) is the leading organization of and voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and school leaders from across the United States and 35 other countries around the world. The association connects and engages school leaders through advocacy, research, education, and student programs. NASSP advocates on behalf of all school leaders to ensure the success of each student and strengthens school leadership practices through the design and delivery of high quality professional learning experiences. Reflecting its long-standing commitment to student leadership development, NASSP administers the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Elementary Honor Society, and National Association of Student Councils.

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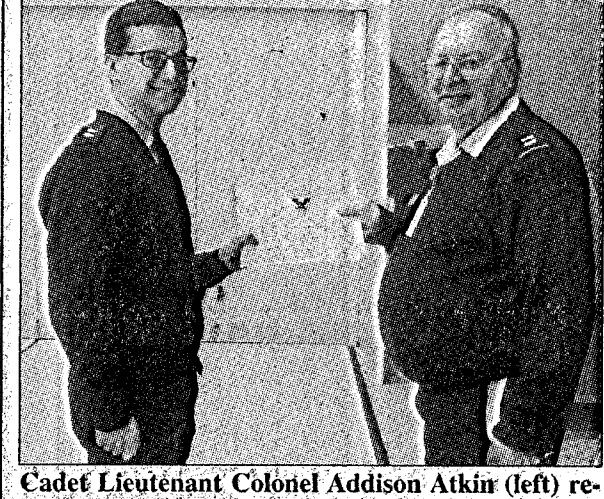
UNITE Luncheon

Come join the Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition luncheon on March 11th, at 12 p.m. at El Cazador Restaurant.

Special guests in attendance will be County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop, PVA Janet Vaughn, Jailer Carlos McClure, First District Magistrate Shannon Bishop, and Fifth District Magistrate Michael McGuire.

There will be a panel discussion talking about the effects of addiction and substance abuse and how it has affected our county as well as things we can do to prevent it.

Come join and get to know Rockcastle's newest elected officials.



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Addison Atkin (left) receiving his Silver President's Volunteer Award presented by SAI Captain Jeffrey Thompson.

Deadline extended for CSP

USDA's National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced that the deadline for producer applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) has been extended to March 13, 2015.

While CSP is a continuous sign-up program and producers can apply to enroll at any time of the year, NRCS applies a cut-off date for applications to be considered during a particular fiscal year. Once the cut-off date is past, producers may continue to apply for the program, but they will not be considered for entry until the spring of the following year, in this case spring of 2016. In order to enroll in 2015 applications must be filed by March 13.

"We hope more farmers and ranchers will take advantage of this extension for the CSP application deadline. To meet this deadline, they just need to submit the basic application form to their local NRCS office," said Traci Bruckner, Assistant Director of Rural Policy at the Center for Rural Affairs.

According to Bruckner, the Conservation Stewardship Program is a voluntary stewardship incentives program, administered by NRCS, designed to reward farmers, ranchers, and foresters for maintaining existing conservation, as well as for the adoption of additional conservation measures that provide multiple environmental benefits that run beyond the farm or ranch. This program pays producers for clean water, better soil management, improved habitat, energy efficiency, and other natural resource benefits. Since the program began in 2009,

nearly 70 million acres of farm and ranch land have been enrolled in the program.

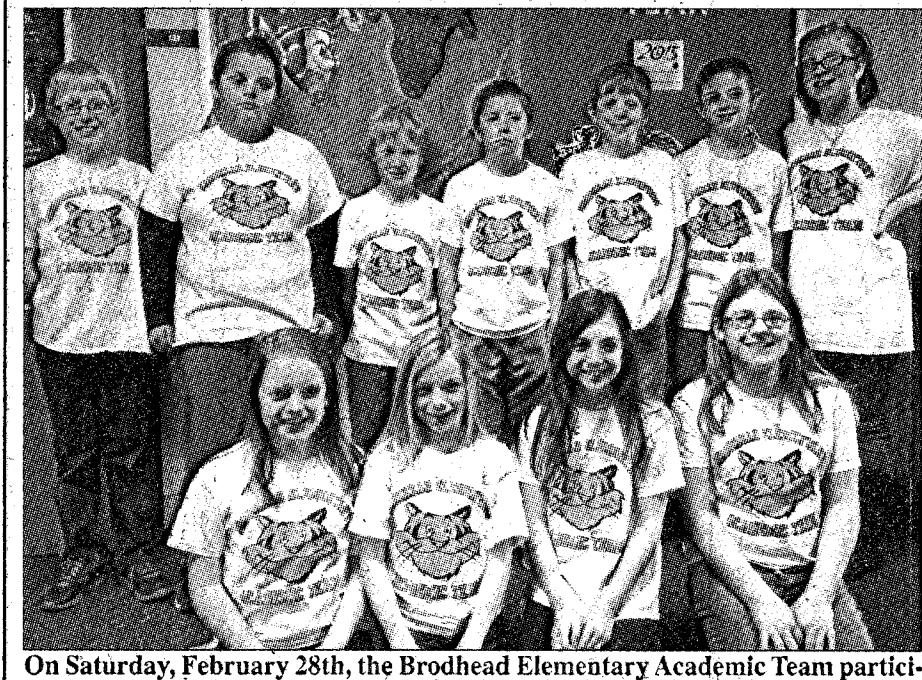
To sign up, producers should visit their NRCS local service center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>).

Bruckner is encouraging farmers, ranchers and others to call the Center for Rural Affairs' Farm Bill Helpline to share their experiences, both positive and negative. "We know the previous sign-ups have yielded some great success stories for farmers and ranchers, but also some disappointments and frustrations."

"We want this program to work for all farmers and ranchers employing conservation-based farming systems, and firmly believe the CSP is a step in the right direction for policy to financially reward historical commitments to conservation, as well as encourage further adoption," Bruckner continued. "This is a far better approach than paying to clean-up problems."

One of the main goals for our Farm Bill Helpline is to identify the strengths and weaknesses of programs such as the CSP," said Bruckner. "It is only with that information that we are able to push for any needed changes and improvements."

Producers can also receive guidance for applying for other conservation programs. "Through our helpline you will speak to someone who is knowledgeable about the program rules to help you understand how to participate in the program," Bruckner added. Producers can call (402) 687-2100 and ask for the Farm Bill Helpline or send an email to tracib@cfra.org.



On Saturday, February 28th, the Brodhead Elementary Academic Team participated in the 87th District Governor's Cup Competition. Brodhead students left the competition as the Overall District Champions and Quick Recall Champions. Individual awards were: Language Arts - Callie Creech and Meghan Summer, tied 2nd place; Science - Granville Graves, 3rd and Hunter Day, 5th; Arts/Humanities - Riley Sherrow, 2nd and Madalyn White, 3rd; Math - Hunter Day, 1st and Samuel Burdine, 3rd; Composition - Callie Creech, 1st, Kaitlyn Burgin, 2nd and Riley Sherrow, 4th; and Social Studies - Ethan Carpenter, 1st and Meghan Summer, 3rd.



Members of the Rockcastle County Middle School Academic Team competed on February 7th at Model Middle School in Richmond for a shot at representing their county at the KAAC State Governor's Cup Academic Championship in Louisville on March 15th. Team members moving on to the state competition are pictured above, from left: Katie Vance - first place Arts and Humanities and second place Social Studies; Tessa Pickle - third place Language Arts; Aden Amburgey - third place Arts and Humanities; and Drew Bullock - fifth place Social Studies.

Hidden Among Us

The American Revolutionary War Patriots of Rockcastle

By Karen Hamm Adams

To celebrate and honor the county's American Revolutionary War Patriots and to enlighten the community about the service and sacrifice of these brave men, on behalf of the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have compiled highlights of the service of the known patriots living in the county and who applied for a pension between the years of 1818 and 1842. All information was taken from the patriot's own account from his pension application and other historical documents. More information can be found on each patriot at the local library or the Rockcastle Historical Society. (Copyright Pending). If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Children of American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606) 256-2851.

Azariah Martin Virginia

Azariah Martin was born about 1764 in VA and died 15 April 1834 Rockcastle County KY. According to his pension application, Martin gave the following account of his service on 27 August 1832 in Clay Co. KY at the age of sixty-eight. Azariah entered the service in 1780 in Amherst County, VA, volunteering in the militia and was stationed at Amherst Court House under Ensign Jonathan Reid to guard deserters, who had belonged to General Horatio Gates' Army in the south. He continued his service as a guard for two months. In the fall of 1780, he volunteered in a company commanded by his uncle, Azariah Martin towards North Carolina for the purpose of cooperating with

General Nathaniel Green. He marched about thirty miles to the Tye River where his company met General Daniel Morgan's Riflemen who had taken prisoners at the Battle of Cowpens (17 January 1781). Azariah's company took charge of the prisoners and marched them to Amherst Co. VA where they handed them over to the Rockingham and other militia and taken to Manchester, VA.

In February 1781, Azariah was a volunteer under Captain James Dillard in Colonel Hugh Rose's Regiment and was marched from Amherst County to Troublesome Iron works and continued for some time with General Green in North Carolina.

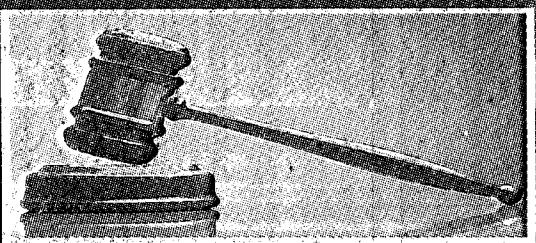
He was finally discharged at Ramsey's Mill on Deep River in Chatham Co. NC. Azariah marched home to Amherst Co. in late May or the first of June. After being home about three or four weeks, he volunteered under Captain James Barrett, who was at that time in the Continental Line. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Hugh Rose. They marched down by Richmond where they joined General Lafayette and fought in the Battle of Jamestown (Green Springs Plantation on 6 July 1781). He continued with the Army until a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis (19 October 1781), when in consequence of ill health he obtained leave of absence and returned home. Azariah served in the Army in different tours of duty for a total of about eleven months.

Azariah married Lucy Rodes 20 April 1791 in Amherst Co. VA. They moved to Kentucky about 1791 or 1792. He was awarded his government

pension on 27 August 1832. He died 15 April 1834 in Rockcastle Co. KY. His final resting place is unknown. Lucy applied for and received a widow's pension on 23 February 1840 while living in Madison Co. KY. According to their pension applications, Azariah and Lucy reared a family of six children. They were: Moriah Martin (23 April 1799 Madison Co. KY- 27 May 1863 Caldwell Co. MO) married Levi Walters (1796-1852) on 2 June 1817. Levi died from Cholera. She is buried at the Tinney Grove Cemetery in Ray Co. MO. They had eleven children: Perlina, Malinda, Mary Ann, Robert Woodrum, Lucinda, Martin, Liberty, Jefferson, Nancy and William. Milton Martin (1805 Madison Co. KY- 9 February 1876 Jackson Co. KY) married Rebecca Roberts on 3 May 1828 Clay Co. KY. They had three children: Caleb, Azariah and Henry. His second marriage to Nancy Isaacs about 1835. They had seven children: Caroline, Mariah, Liberty, Van Buren, Mary, Margaret and Lucy. Third marriage to Martha Jackson about 1847. Littleberry Martin (1806 Madison Co. KY-after 1870) married Margaret Baker 10 September 1841. Merritt Martin (1809 Madison Co. KY-after 1880 Madison Co. KY) married Nancy Baker. They had six children: William, Elizabeth, Lucy, Cassinda, Isabella and Jerry. Liberty Martin (About 1810 Madison Co. KY-After 1880) married Elizabeth Cox in 1840. They had five children: Austin, Josiah, Lucy, Eliza and Jennie Harris.

Azariah Martin is a recognized Patriot of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Amanda Gail Helton v. Ross Wincest Helton, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Mary Ann Hellard v. Adam Leon Hellard, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Randall Eugene Bond v. Teresa Ann Bond, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Delphia Osborne v. Larry W. Clouse, complaint.

James Miller v. Dale Ann Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Shannon Smith v. Eric Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel Vanessa L. King v. Shannon L. Durham, complaint for child support and medical support.

Paul W. Gilpin v. Barbara Harlow Gilpin, pe-

tition for dissolution of marriage.

Lindsey D. Carpenter v. Charles L. Carpenter, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Samantha Lovell and Andrew Lovell, joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tabatha Sue Carpenter v. Jeffery Herman Carpenter, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00037

District Civil Suits

Carla Nicole Green v. Billie and Jeff Isaacs, forcible detainer complaint.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Ronald Powell, et al., \$2,708.86 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Michelle L. Cantrell, \$1,627.90 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Johnathan Rowland, \$2,016.58 plus claimed due.

Winterwood / Livingston Manor v. Adam Davisop, forcible detainer complaint.

Community Trust Bank v. Cody Durham, \$3,007.61 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC v. Mary Lovell, \$1,977.87 plus claimed due. CI-00031

Deeds Recorded

Landis M. Harding, property in Rockcastle County, to James Winford Floyd. Tax \$54

Jerry and Debbie Owens, property in Conway section, to Elmer Williams IV and Brittany Williams. No tax

Edna Alexander, property in Rockcastle County, to Harry James and Diana Sue Martin. Tax \$118

Ricky Dale and Brenda Gail Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Douglas S. and Allison French. Tax \$115.

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erators license and failure of owner to maintain required insurance, bw issued for fta.

Jennifer Vaughn: speeding, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Laura Leigh Renner, 43, Commerce, GA, Krispy Kreme Manager to William Steve Estes, 46, Commerce, GA, truck driver. 2/26/15

Tyler Cole Whitaker: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, \$100 fine.

Chad A. Frederick: part 395/Fed. Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Kimberly S. James, paid; Willie M. May, Roger Smith, license suspended for fta.

Richard N. Mochache: Viol. Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

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**55th Annual
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY**

**Farmers/Businessmen
BANQUET**

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Rockcastle County Middle School

Doors open - 6 PM Event begins - 6:30 PM

Dinner Catered by Limestone Grille

Chicken and rice or roast beef and mashed potatoes, corn, green beans and salad. Desserts are chocolate cake and a variety of other cakes.

Tickets - \$18.

Purchase tickets from:
Mt. Vernon IGA
Conservation District Office
Circuit Clerk Eliza York's Office

Guest Speaker Mike Lewis
Executive Director of Growing Warriors Project
Vice President of Freedom Seed and Feed

Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce
Growing Warriors

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee

Election Results

The December 2014 election for Rockcastle County FSA LAA-3 resulted in a total of 47 votes being counted. A total of 50 ballots were received with 3 being invalid ballots.

The 2015 Rockcastle FSA County Committee will be comprised of Timothy Mink, Chairman, Donnie Hurst, Vice Chairman and John D King, Member.

The COC meetings are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month with the time as 8:00 am in the Rockcastle County FSA Office and are open to the public.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in the COC meeting should contact Warden Alexander at (606) 256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 three days prior to the meeting date.

• USDA Provides One-Time Extension of Deadline to Update Base Acres or Yield History for ARC/PLC Programs

Farmers in KY Now Have Until March 31 to Update Yields and Reallocate Base Acres; Deadline for Choosing Between ARC and PLC also Remains March 31

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced recently that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from Feb. 27, 2015 until March 31, 2015. The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage also remains March 31, 2015.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, 2015, the farm's current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 31, 2015, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year.

Nationwide, more than

2.9 million educational post-cards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and over 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambie, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find your local office visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: March 11th, 2015 : 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

Office Closure Schedule

The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates for observance of a Federal Holiday: May 25, 2015-Memorial Day.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct =2.625%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct=4.000%

Limited Resource Loans=5.000%

Farm Storage Loans-7 yr. =2.000, 10 yr. = 2.250%, 12 yr. = 2.375%

Commerciality Loans=1.125%

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Students should be familiar with credit scores, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Your credit score is a three-digit number that has a long-lasting effect on your buying power. When you apply for credit, your credit score will be checked. The higher your credit score, the better the chances you will be approved.

Although there are several scoring methods, the most widely accepted form comes from the Fair Isaac Corporation, or FICO. Your FICO score ranges from 300 to 850. The exact formula that Fair Isaac uses is proprietary information, but these items make up your credit score:

• 35 percent of your score is based on your payment history. Early payments will have a higher number than on-time payments, which will have a higher score than late payments.

• 30 percent of the score is based on outstanding debt. This outstanding debt is how much you owe on car loans, mortgages, credit cards, etc. The number of credit cards you have and if those cards are near the maximum borrowing limit will hurt your score.

• 15 percent of the score is based on the length of time you have had credit. The longer you have been

borrowing money and paying it back in a timely manner, the better your score.

• 10 percent of the score is based on new credit. If you have opened several new accounts, that will have a negative effect on your score. Also, the more inquiries on your credit report in a year, the lower your score.

• 10 percent of the score is based on the types of credit you currently have. It helps to have a mix of loan types. If you have a credit card, an installment loan will even the credit out.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). It provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>.

KHEAA also provides free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request.

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. 6-7372.

ply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



The Rockcastle County FFA Officers visited the office of Danetta Allen, County Court Clerk, to promote the AG Tag program. Last year, this program generated over \$170,000 for Kentucky FFA, assisting them with things such as attending FFA Camp and going to FFA Conventions. The \$10 donation motorists make when they purchase a farm license plate benefits 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud products. Pictured above, from left are: Michaela Barron, Eric Bullock, Hannah Prewitt, Trevor Sweet, Danetta Allen, James Clay Ballinger, Samantha Callahan, David Gabbard, Mary Bishop, and Allie Johnson.

AG Tag Program benefits Rockcastle Youth

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

Once again 4-H and FFA have an opportunity to raise funds for Rockcastle County and Statewide Youth programs through the Ag Tag Voluntary Donation Program. All farm license plate voluntary donations will be

split evenly among 4-H, FFA, and the Kentucky Proud Program. And over the past years these donations have helped 4-H, FFA, and the Ky Proud programs grow.

Farmers can make the voluntary donation of \$10

culture and more. Farmers are encouraged to make an investment in our youth.

Making the voluntary \$10 donation is an excellent opportunity for our agriculture community to support youth of our community and help fund the programs that can make a lasting difference in their lives.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit

Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I

Civil Action No. 14-CI-00252

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.

Plaintiff

Adam Higgins, Leslie Higgins, and Commonwealth of Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 23, 2015 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 24/100 (\$51,785.24) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

on Thursday, March 19, 2015

Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

174 Bryant Ridge Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

Beginning at an orange stake at the North right of way of the Bryant Ridge Road, a new corner to John Baker, thence in an easterly direction with the meanders of the Bryant Ridge Road for a distance of 153 feet to an orange stake, a new corner to John Baker, thence in a northerly direction a new line with John Baker for a distance of 100 feet to an orange stake; thence in a westerly direction a new line with John Baker for a distance of 153 feet to an orange stake; thence in a southerly direction a new line with John Baker for a distance of 100 feet to the beginning orange stake, and having an area of 15,300 square feet.

The real property is improved with a 2006 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial No. CLA054626TNAB.

This being the same property conveyed to Leslie Higgins, married, by deed dated July 16, 2012, and recorded on July 17, 2012 in Deed Book 239, page 697 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

5. The purchaser shall pay the 2015 local, county and state property taxes.

6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

8. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

9. The successful bidder shall at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on any improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the court-appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court.

10. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Clerk

Commonwealth of Kentucky

28th Judicial Circuit

Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I

Civil Action No. 13-CI-00071

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.

Plaintiff

V.

Barbara Frith, et al

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 4, 2013 and order dated January 23, 2015 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS AND 66/100 (\$86,563.66) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the heretofore described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

on Thursday, March 19, 2015

Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

754 Union Chapel Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

Tract 1

A certain tract or parcel of land located on the north side of Union Chapel Road in Rockcastle County, Kentucky approximately 1.0 miles from the junction of KY 1505.

Being all of Tract 1 of a plat named Gary Frith project filed in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 922 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office at Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

The above described having an area of 9.0000 acres as surveyed by Bobby Hudson, LPLS 1253 on 04/13/2009.

All corners or witness monuments referred to herein as iron pins set are one-half inch rebar 18 inches long and capped with an orange cap marked LS 1253, except as otherwise noted. All bearings are referenced to the meridian.

This property is subject to any and all rights of way and/or easements of record or in existence at this time and regulations that may apply through planning and zoning.

Also included herein is a 2009 Clayton 32 X 52 River Run Mobile Home with VIN#RS0.

This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Gary Frith by deed dated August 10, 1993, and recorded in Deed Book 153, page 302 and further conveyed to Joshua Frith, unmarried, by deed dated April 29, 2009 and recorded in Deed Book 226, Page 133 both in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

5. The purchaser shall pay the 2013 and all subsequent local, county and state property taxes.

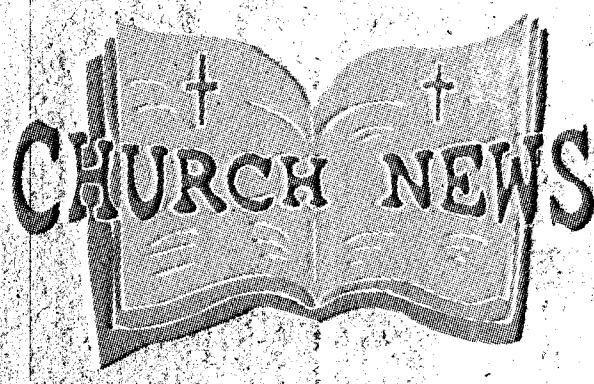
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8. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Clerk

**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.

Alpha Recovery

Conway Missionary Baptist Church is sponsoring an Alpha Recovery Program. "Everyone in life has to start out somewhere. This is place that you can have a new beginning in your recovery." The program is held each Friday night at 7 o'clock.

For more information, contact Jessica Johnson at 606-392-9440 or Ray Owens at 606-308-5593.

Revival at New Hope

New Hope Baptist Church will be in Revival the week of March 9-13. Bro. Keith Carr will be the guest preacher bringing The Word.

Services will begin at 7 o'clock nightly.

Everyone is invited by Pastor David Carpenter and the New Hope family to come and be with us.

The church is located at 3213 New Hope Tower Road at Orlando.

Services at**Union Baptist**

Union Baptist Church at Red Hill is now having services every Thursday night at 7 o'clock and Sunday

Cemetery Notice**McKinney Cemetery**

The McKinney Cemetery Board is now accepting sealed bids for the 2015 mowing season. Anyone interested, send bid to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Bids must be received by Friday, March 27th. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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- Jazz style?
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- WWW address
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- Kind of approval
- Knott Co. area, or flying toy
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Frankfort Report.....

**By Jared Carpenter,
State Senator**

As we approach the final days of the 2015 Legislative Session, we have worked diligently to:



complete our consideration of Senate bills while also vetting legislation that has been passed by the House. We will begin considering several additional House bills next week and, on Monday, the Senate plans to pass the first bill to receive the approval of both legislative chambers.

A major focus for both chambers this week was the approach to combat heroin in the Commonwealth. The House's measure was presented in the Senate Committee on Judiciary on Wednesday, and our Senate Bill 5 was discussed in the House Judiciary Committee on Thursday; both were informational hearings only.

It is imperative that we find common ground on this legislation and make an impact on the heroin epidemic that has plagued so many Kentuckians over the past few years. As the Senate president stated, this session will be judged on whether or not heroin legislation is passed. The fact that both chambers had informational hearings is a positive step in protecting Kentucky families.

While heroin continues to be the focal point, plenty of other significant bills passed this week. From technical changes and statutory updates, to legislation that was the fruition of years of work, the Senate continued to move bills with the intent of creating Kentucky jobs and strengthening Kentucky families.

Legislation that creates jobs, incentivizes entrepre-

neurship, improves infrastructure, and grants greater access was passed this week with bipartisan support. Senate Bill 168 creates a funding mechanism to deploy grants and incentives, better known as "SOAR," an acronym for "Shaping Our Appalachian Region." This is a 501C nonprofit corporation that would provide aid to Eastern Kentucky coal counties that have taken a significant economic hit as a result of the war on coal.

The Senate also passed Senate Bill 110, which would create a new opportunity for Kentucky's students by translating education into jobs. The bill enables Kentucky high school juniors and seniors who have performed well and earned scholarship money through the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program, to take up to six hours of dual credit courses from an accredited college or industry-recognized program offering certification or licensure in a skilled trade.

In order to improve awareness regarding child abuse, Senate Bill 119 was passed. This bill would ensure that educators and other certified staff are taught how to recognize abuse and neglect as well as how these acts should be reported.

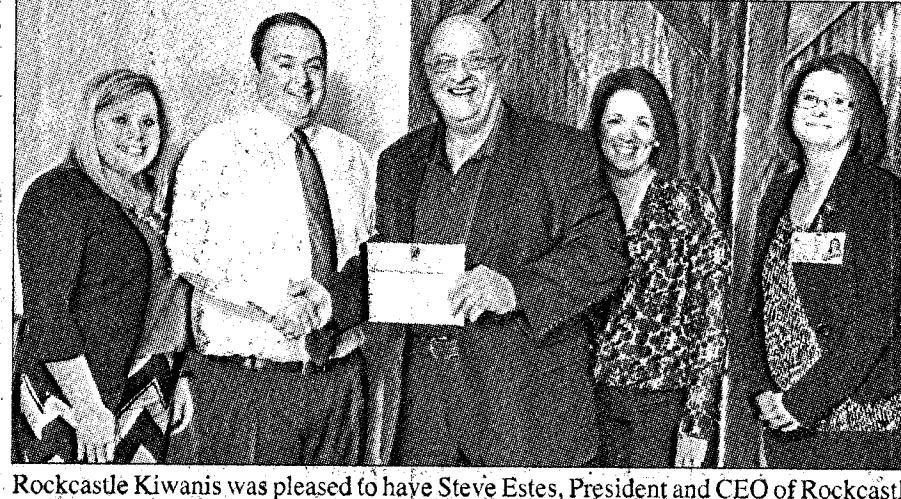
In an effort to curtail illegal gambling sites that are popping up throughout Kentucky, the Senate passed Senate Bill 28. Internet cafés, which are masquerading as office-related or game-playing establishments, are actually allowing patrons to gamble and potentially win sweepstakes. Senate Bill 28 inserts language to clarify that these computers and gambling devices are illegal.

The Senate also passed measures to save money

through efficient elections, and to create a debt limit. Senate Bill 93 would move all elections of Kentucky's statewide constitutional officers to even-numbered years along with federal elections. By doing this, state and local governments would save a great deal of money. Because the elections would coincide with federal elections, voter turnout also would likely increase. Statistics prove that more voters go to the polls for the federal elections.

The Senate majority is resolved to keep debt reigned in and government accountable to current and future taxpayers. Senate Bill 94 would address this in addition to working in favor of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System by limiting the issuance of general fund-supported debt, calculating the debt limitation savings, and transferring the savings to the nonhazardous employee unfunded liability trust fund.

All of these bills now move to the House for its consideration. If you have any questions or comments about the issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181. You can also review additional bills passed by the Legislature online at www.lrc.ky.gov.



Rockcastle Kiwanis was pleased to have Steve Estes, President and CEO of Rockcastle Regional Hospital as the guest speaker at the February 26th meeting. Mr. Estes provided a comprehensive update along with detailing future plans for the hospital. After speaking to club members, Mr. Estes and other hospital employees presented a \$940 check as a donation to the club. \$940 represented the 940 WOW moments the hospital had last year. A WOW moment is how Rockcastle Regional recognizes someone going above and beyond. Rockcastle Kiwanis is very appreciative of the contribution. Pictured from left are: Kayla Rowe - Rockcastle Regional Community Relations; Jeremy Rowe - Kiwanis President; Steve Estes; Jana Bray - Rockcastle Regional Community Relations; and Melissa Brock - Chemotherapy Service Line Manager.



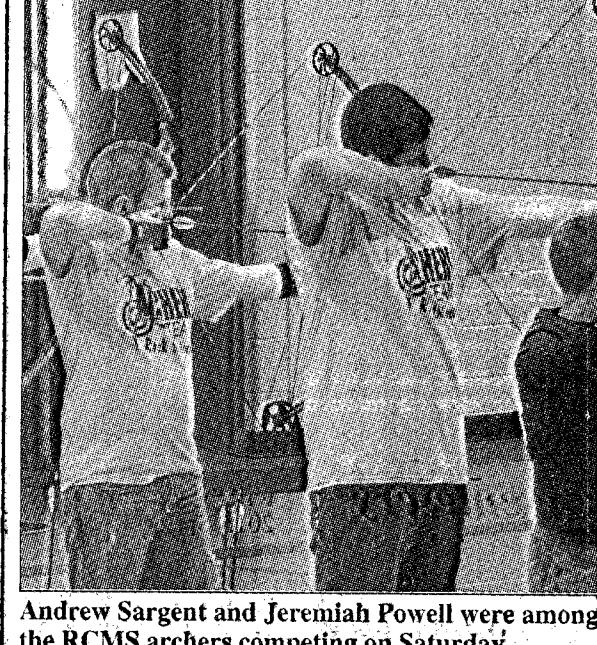
Pictured shooting for the RCHS Rockets on Saturday is Joseph Cowan, Jackson Cromer, Rachel Chadwell and Megan Hampton.

Archery teams compete at Pulaski Saturday

The RCHS Archery Team participated in the Pulaski Warm Up for State Tournament on Saturday. The team received a total score of 3146.

The top scoring archer for the Rockets was once again was Rachel Chadwell with a 270. The top male scorer for the Rockets was Jackson Cromer with a total of 268. Also scoring a 268 was Alyssa Bustle. This was Alyssa's top tourney score this season. Erika Howard, Nicholas Ford (with a personal best of 265), Dustin Gentry, Joseph Cowan (with a personal best of 263), B.J. Wynn, Ethan Thompson (with a personal best of 261) and Tyler Owens rounded out the Rockets top ten and all scored 260 or better. Megan Taylor and Anna Poynter added to the Rockets total score with 251 and 248 respectively.

The archers from RCMS also competed on Saturday. The top shooters for the middle school Rockets were Leann Tankersley and CJ Cameron each with a score of 255. Taylor Sloat, Michael Allen and Drew McGuire all scored 252. Rounding out the top twelve to calculate the RCMS score were Kyle Coffey, Layne Bustle, Joseph Coffey, Ben Tyler, Jeremiah Powell, Freddie Doyle and Andrew Sargent. Both teams will compete next Saturday in Harrodsburg at the Mercer Titan Classic.



Andrew Sargent and Jeremiah Powell were among the RCMS archers competing on Saturday.

KU and LG&E providing support after record cold

The sub-zero temperatures have moved on and much of the snow has melted, but many Kentucky shelters and families are still feeling the chill. With area temperatures averaging more than 40 percent colder than normal, the frigid conditions are straining the resources of some agencies that serve the most vulnerable community members and making it tough for families in need of assistance to make it through the bitterly cold season.

Shelters and Day Centers

In an effort to ease the strain, Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric companies are providing more than \$160,000 in outreach to more than a dozen shelters and day centers, as well as 19 community action agencies across the utilities' service territory. Community action agencies based in Barboursville, Bowling Green, Frankfort, Harlan, Jamestown, LaGrange, Lexington, Manchester, Owensboro, Pineville, Shelbyville and West Liberty in Kentucky, as well as Norton, Va., are among those receiving the funds.

The aid is part of more than \$200,000 identified by the utilities to be allocated to community action groups, shelters and other nonprofit organizations.

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within its service territories – specifically to address heightened concerns stemming from season's extreme conditions.

"When temperatures dip like they have in recent weeks, these organizations take on an increased burden to ensure no one is without shelter and some families struggle to make ends meet as they try to keep everyone comfortable," said John P. Malloy, vice president of Customer Services for LG&E and KU. "It's our hope these grant dollars will provide these vital agencies much needed resources to help get them and the families they serve through the remainder of this difficult season."

Heating Assistance Programs

In addition to working with area shelters, KU and LG&E are also stepping up contributions to the utilities' heating assistance programs – doubling the usual year-round \$1 for \$1 match with customer donations to the programs – retroactively contributing \$2 for every customer dollar donated from February through the end of April. The KU WinterCare Energy Assistance Fund, the LG&E Community WinterHelp and the WinterShare Fund offered by Old Dominion Power, the name under which KU operates in Virginia, are operated by area third-party nonprofit organizations. The agencies make this financial assistance available to community members who may be struggling this winter to pay their heating bills.

KU and LG&E encourage residential customers anticipating difficulty paying their bills to contact customer service representatives, who will address their individual situation. KU residential customers can dial (800) 981-0600. Customers can also visit lg-e.com/helpingyou for information on available resources.

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For Rent: Three bedroom/two bath trailer. \$375 month. In Brodhead. 606-758-8700. 10x2p

3 Bedroom House: on Hwy. 70/Quail area. Available March 1. Wood floors, central heat and air, no pets. Deposit and reference required. \$450 month. 606-758-8692. 8x3p

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

2 Bedroom Home: in Mt. Vernon. 2 Bedroom trailer in Brodhead. No pets. 758-4729. 50xntf

Duplex in Brodhead: All appliances furnished. Call Patty. 758-9666. 17xntf

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

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

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

Property For Sale

For Sale: 1985 14x70 2-bedroom/1 bath trailer on rented lot (\$110 a month) in Mt. Vernon behind Jack's Hardware. \$7,000 obo. 308-2436. 10x1p

By Owner: Large house on about two acres, 3,000 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, very large basement w/fireplace built-in, 2 car garage. Large living room and dining room adjoining. Aboveground pool off back deck. Price reduced to \$199,000. In Mt. Vernon. 606-308-1561. 9x4p

For Rent

Maple St. Storage of Brodhead:

256-2884 or

606-308-2491



House For Sale: 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, living room, family room, wet bar, office, storage room, laundry room, walk-in closets, large eat-in kitchen with stainless appliances that stay. Over 2,300+ sq. ft. living space. MOVE-IN CONDITION. 434 Freedom School Rd. Mt. Vernon. \$110,000. No land contracts.

606-207-9669



House For Sale

Completely remodeled, approx. 1,400 sq. ft. house, new appliances including washer & dryer, new flooring, counter tops and faucets, light fixtures and freshly painted. Central heat and air. Located at 337 Chestnut Ridge Rd. \$62,500.

If interested, call Willis Coffey (606) 256-4405

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. DaNny Smith, 47tnf

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 Benge property).

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

3BR/2BA Home with garage. Just north of Mt. Vernon on one acre +/- Ready to move into. Serious inquiries only. Shown by appointment only. 606-308-3669 or 606-308-1689. 9xntf

3 Bedroom Brick Home w/ 24x36 detached garage in city limits of Mt. Vernon. Electric heat/air. \$94,500. Call 386-0440. 4x10p

1 1/2 Acre Trailer Lot. City water. 859-358-3560. 40xntf

2BR/2BA 1450 sq. ft. Selling for \$89,900. Rick Szaks, Broker. 859-255-7777. Lincoln Real Estate, Inc. rickszaks@aol.com 18xntf

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Call Dwight at 859-331-4888. 8xntf

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Barbara DeBorde, 125 DeBorde Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Garla DeBorde.

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Notice is hereby given that

Sue Brown, 644 Baker Rd., Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Dorothy French.

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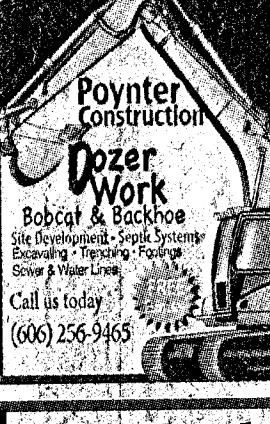
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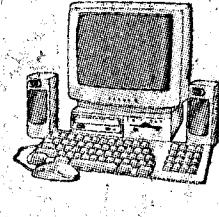
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