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Robert Connell, 48, of Mount Vernon was flown to the U.K. Medical Center with non life threatening injuries after crashing a Redi Mix Concrete truck Tuesday on Big Cave Road in Orlando. John Dyehouse, Brodhead Fire Chief, said this was a complicated extraction with many tools having to be used to rescue Connell. The truck left the roadway and went over an embankment with the drum of the truck falling further down the hill. On the scene were members of the Brodhead Fire Department, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Rockcastle EMS, Rockcastle EMA, Air Methods, Rockcastle Sheriff's Office, the Kentucky State Police and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined.

Trump wins Rockcastle and Kentucky

Kentucky Caucus labeled success

By: Mike French
Nearly 18% of Rockcastle County registered Republican voters showed up at the Republican Caucus Saturday and nearly 45% of those voted for Donald Trump. Statewide, Trump took the victory as well but with only 35.92% of the vote.

According to Doris Cromer, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Republican Party, there were 1,652 votes in the county of 9,278 registered Republicans.

Results for the Rockcastle Caucus are:
Donald Trump 743
Ted Cruz 481
Marco Rubio 235
John Kasich 164
Ben Carson 16

Though they had withdrawn from the race, Jeb Bush received 2 votes, Rand Paul received 2 votes, Chris Christie received 1 vote and Mike Huckabee received 1 vote. There were also seven Rockcastle Countians who voted "uncommitted."

Statewide, Trump took 35.92% of the vote while Cruz finished a close second with 31.57% and Rubio won 16.36%. Kasich gathered 14.43% across the state while Carson received 0.85%.

There were 26 delegates up for grabs in Kentucky and Trump took 17 while Cruz took 15, Rubio and Kasich each took seven.

The next election is Tuesday, May 17. Even if you voted in the caucus, you may still vote on May 17 for other offices.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 8.

Rockcastle County Caucus results

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Ben Carson	16
Uncommitted	7
Jeb Bush	2
Rand Paul	2
Chris Christie	1
Mike Huckabee	1

Allen gives court \$103K in excess fees

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen had a nice surprise for the Rockcastle Fiscal Court Tuesday when she presented them with a check

for \$103,615 for excess fees for 2015. The amount estimated by Allen in her 2015 budget for excess fees had been just over \$40,000.

When asked what the difference was by County Treasurer Joe Clontz, Allen put it succinctly, "We were up on income and down on ex-

penses." Allen went on to say that she had two clerk positions that were not filled for several months that contributed to the increase in excess fees.

The court also heard a report from Lynn Tatum, Director of the Rockcastle Development Board, who said that she was working with Livingston Mayor Jason Medley to develop Livingston's assets into income-producing assets.

Tatum said that plans were afoot to promote Livingston as a wedding destination and a bridal show, including presentations by local musicians, catering, florists, photogra-

phers, was planned for March 23rd to provide information as to what is available.

Tatum said that a three-day bachelor party had already been booked for May with nine participants who planned to take full advantage of what is offered such as canoeing, fishing, caving, etc.

Tatum also asked for permission to apply for a Brownfield Grant, Phases I and II. Phase one of the grant would be a visual survey of the Livingston School building to establish the need for testing for hazardous materials. If indi-

(See "Court" on A5)

150 new jobs coming to county at SourceHOV

By: Mike French
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced 150 new jobs at SourceHOV in Mount Vernon, according to Kentucky State Representative Jonathan Shell. The new jobs are part of an effort to digitize veteran's medical records.

During a budget hearing for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Congressman Hal Rogers questioned VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald about efforts to improve management, reduce waiting lists for veterans seeking medical treatment and enhance prescription opioid abuse prevention efforts.

A release from Sen. Harold Rogers office said the senator applauded the VA for vamping up efforts to digitize VA medical

records. In an effort to speed up the digitization process, the VA recently announced the new 150 jobs in Mount Vernon.

In an unexpected turn of events, Rogers said that he received reports that waiting lists have increased by 50% in one year's time after congress appropriated \$15 billion to "reduce the wait lists" last year.

Shell agreed that this will provide good opportunities for residents of Rockcastle County. "I will continue doing everything I can to bring economic opportunity to the people of Rockcastle County," said Shell.

Shell said the new jobs coming to Mount Vernon will focus on making the claims process more efficient to ensure veterans' access to rightfully-

earned benefits.

The 150 new jobs are expected to have an impact on the local economy and according to Lori Jones, H&R Director at SourceHOV, hiring of the new employees is already underway.

High-speed Internet coming to county

Kentucky ranks last in nation in internet speed

By: Mike French
Most people have heard the remark, "what are the three keys to a successful business? Location, location and location." However, this may not be the case anymore, according to Larry Combs, Director of Technology and Business Ser-

vice at the Center for Rural Development.

"In this age of technology, the first question a new business needs to know is, 'do you have high speed internet and data in your area?'" Combs said.

Thanks to the Kentucky Wired project, Rockcastle

County will have the same, or better, data transfer speeds as the largest cities in the country sometime next year.

Kentucky Wired, also known as the "Kentucky I-Way," has begun a project bringing fiber optic cables, with 288 strands that can

carry the fastest data transfer in the country, directly through Rockcastle County.

According to Combs, Kentucky is currently ranked in last place as the state with the slowest average internet speed in

(See "Speed" on A7)

RCIDA meeting held

By: Mike French
The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority held its regular monthly meeting Monday.

Larry Combs, of the Center for Rural Development, gave a presentation to the

board (see story on Kentucky Wired Project).

In old business, the members of the board approved the March, 7 financial statement with a change to include the cost for the new (See "RCIDA" on A7)

School Board renews Superintendent contract

By: Mike French
The Rockcastle County School Board held its regular meeting Tuesday night in Mount Vernon.

Several members of Operation UNITE attended the meeting and received awards to RCMS and RCHS UNITE Clubs. This is the seventh consecutive year

that these two clubs have been named UNITE Club of the Year. (See photos in next week's issue).

Awards were presented, along with a check for \$750, by Carl Varney, UNITE Coalition Coordinator, and Nancy Hale, president and

(See "School" on A7)



Nearly 18% of Rockcastle Countians turned out to vote in Kentucky's first Republican Caucus Saturday. Presidential Candidate Donald Trump took the most votes in the county as well as the state with 743 votes in Rockcastle County. Ted Cruz took second with 481 votes and Marco Rubio was third with 235.



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Aces Over

By Mike French



Sitting in a 1971 Chevelle, cruising the back roads, I had a bench seat and a headlight dimmer switch on the floor. I had an 8-track tape player with Elvis bursting my Pioneer speakers.

In the glove box, beside the ash tray and cigarette lighter, I had four more 8-track tapes. The Eagles greatest hits, Bob Seger, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, and my band at the time, Train 45. (We sold our 8-track recordings for \$3.)

This car didn't have seat belts but, that was before making seat belt buckles was a billion dollar industry that donated to election campaigns.

Back home, I was proud of my Cannon AE-1, 35mm camera. I enjoyed photography so much that I built a dark room in our basement and could develop and print black and white photos. Because of my interest, I studied photography and darkroom technology extensively.

I got good enough at it that I could get something out of film, that the big photo labs would have returned as "ruined" film. If I ever considered myself an expert at anything, it was darkroom work. I could perform "miracles" with those chemicals and knew the stuff the books didn't mention and only experience could teach.

I also owned a Commodore 64 home computer and began to learn "Q-Basic" programming. By no means my specialty but I could create a program and play black jack with the computer.

So those are some of the ways that I was getting ahead of the curve in life. Even in my early 20s I knew I needed to be good at some things so that as I aged, I could be proficient at something.

Well, talk about a wasted youth!

There is nothing about a car today that is the same as they were back then ex-

cept the gas is on the right. As far as 8-track tapes, when cassettes first came out, all my 8-tracks were useless. I couldn't even find players for 8-track anymore.

So I bought all new stuff in cassette. A few years later, out comes the CDs and my cassettes were useless.

Not to mention that I still had a couple hundred of my band's 8-track tapes that I could no longer sell because no one could play them anymore. They became useless.

Then, along came digital photography. Suddenly there was no need for film of any kind. Hence, a darkroom to develop and manipulate film was not needed. A basement full of chemicals, print paper, and enlargers were suddenly obsolete.

Years of self training, useless.

Then came a huge step in computer technology. The Commodore 64 company developed a way to store programs one had written onto a cassette tape. (As long as it was less than 64K in size.)

That way, once I wrote a program, instead of losing it all when I turned the computer off at night, I could store that program on tape and then reload it later without having to rewrite the entire thing.

I thought that was a great idea. Unfortunately, so did IBM.

Suddenly there were home computers everywhere that stored everything you typed and used a completely different programming language. Nothing I had learned in college or my self-training was worth a plug nickel. Suddenly Commodore 64s were discontinued.

You guessed it, years of training, useless.

As I look back over my...X number of years, I can think of many things I have learned and studied

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Points East

By Ike Adams



According to an internet post I just read, from The Old Farmer's Almanac, 2016 will mark the earliest spring of any of our lives.

Before you get your hopes up, we are only talking about it being a day or so early, or even a few hours, depending on where you live, and only because of the way leap years are calculated. Officially, on your calendar, the first day of spring will be March 20. It's usually the 21st. But the almanac claims that the vernal equinox, one of only 2 days each year when the day is equally divided between daylight and darkness, will actually take place on March 18 or 19.

It's too complicated to explain in the space your newspaper allots my drivel, but you can look it up yourself at: <http://www.almanac.com/blog/astronomy/astronomy/earliest-spring-our-lives>. It's actually pretty interesting reading.

In the meantime, it is March in Kentucky and you can be reasonably sure that, if you don't like the weather right now, wait a few hours and it will change and keep changing until you finally get something you can enjoy for at least a few minutes.

I recall one year, in mid-March back in the 1990's, when we had a genuine blizzard in Garrard County with snow drifts several feet deep, completely covering the fence rows on one side of highway 52 and grass poking up on the other side. As I recall, we experienced, at least locally, both the warmest and coldest days of winter in March of that year. On the other hand, it has felt like March, to me, ever since Thanksgiving.

As most of you know, if you regularly read this column, I contend with Parkinson's disease. I don't say I "battle" it, beyond taking medication three times daily, because that would imply putting up a fight and expending a lot of effort trying to fix something that can't be fixed. It simply is what it is and there it is and there's not a thing I can do about, so why waste effort?

Mr. Parkinson affects different people in very different ways that are often peculiar to our own situations.

We Parkinson's patients all put up with a bunch of common physical and mental limitations caused by our brains' inability to produce sufficient dopamine but the way we react to any given

situation is oftentimes radically different from other people who have contend with the same disease.

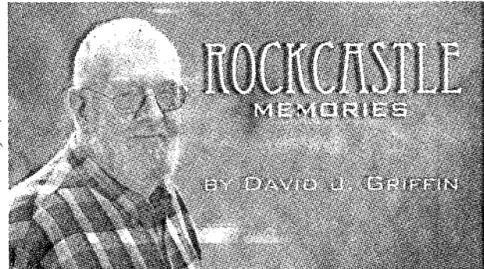
I do not, for example, know of any other Parkinson's patient who is as aggravated by frequent changes in barometric/atmospheric pressure as yours truly.

Matters not if it is high or low, I can get adjusted to a change in pressure within a matter of hours and function relatively normal. But it seems to me that, except for a scant few consecutive days, the barometric pressure has not stayed steady for more than a few hours at a time since late last fall and it usually starts changing well before I've had time to get used to it.

Changing temperatures, sunny or overcast conditions or falling weather (rain, snow, etc.) have no noticeable effect on my ability to function if they are not accompanied by rapid rises or falls in pressure.

I can't usually tell which way it's going unless I already know where it is. But I can darn sure tell you if it's moving because I get splitting headaches, lose equilibrium/balance and muscle control. My left arm and hand, which function at less than 50% in the best of circumstances, go completely out of control and I don't even try to negotiate the stairs or porch steps unless I have a sturdy rail for my right hand or someone to lean on.

So come on spring and hurry up about it too. And while you are at it, please let this March weather that began over 100 days ago finally come to an end.



The Tonight Show

In the fall of 1962, I was a freshman at the University of Kentucky. At the time, I had several new friends, and we watched a lot of late-night television in the basement of our dorm.

One of the new shows that several of us found to be almost addictive was The Tonight Show, starring Johnny Carson. Johnny's wit and intellect made him the perfect host for the college crowd. Also, his guest list was appropriate for those of us who caught his show on a regular basis.

One of my best friends at the time was Steve Stacey, who was also my first college roommate. Steve and I got into the habit of watching Johnny whenever we did not have a late night social arrangement. If we were available, we would gather up some liquid refreshment and some snacks in order to enjoy the TV show without interruption. I can vividly remember the experience of "rolling on the floor" at some of Johnny's antics, particularly those involving the "Mighty Carson Art Players." Several other dorm residents frequently joined us for our favorite television show.

The Tonight Show began its long run on NBC television on October 1, 1962 and ran until May 22, 1992. For thirty years, Johnny entertained late-night America on a regular basis. For many of those 30 years, I was a fixture in front of a television set somewhere. I became one of his best fans. Some of the shows have become all-time favorites of the regular viewing audience.

One of the funniest segments was the night that Ed

Ames decided to teach Johnny how to throw a tomahawk. Ed had played the Native American named "Mingo," on the popular NBC Daniel Boone Show. Ed had set up a plywood cut-out of a man so that he and Johnny could practice throwing a real tomahawk. When Ed demonstrated the proper technique and took the first throw, it struck the plywood form of a man in what we often refer to "private parts." The landing position took everyone by surprise (including Ames), causing Johnny, Ames, Ed McMahon, and the entire studio audience to be overcome with laughter. It was one of those times when the longer you think about it, the funnier it gets, and it proved difficult for Johnny to get the show back on schedule. It still is one of the funniest things I have ever witnessed on television.

Another segment that brought the house down occurred on the night that Myrtle Young brought her collection of potato chips that resembled famous people and household items. She had chips that looked like Bob Hope, a pair of socks, a camel, and many other items. Mrs. Young became upset when Johnny ate one of her collectible chips. He had to apologize for several minutes. I don't think she ever did forgive Johnny.

One of my favorite segments was the night that Dean Martin arrived on the set unannounced. Johnny was taken completely off-guard. Dean walked onto the set with, as usual, a drink in one hand and a cigarette in the other. Johnny tasted a sample of Dean's drink and declared, "I hope you don't have to cough, you will set off the sprinkler system!" Dean became a regular guest on Johnny's show.

Presently, the re-runs of The Tonight Show are airing on local television in Lexington. Because Kathy and I are both retired, we have become regular fans of Johnny and his shenanigans all over again. We watch him nearly every night. It is a great way to end our day, overcome with laughter. We sometimes laugh until we are crying.

Isn't television wonderful? I am enjoying Johnny Carson again just like I did as a freshman in college in 1962. It's great to have him back to entertain us once again.

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



GOP Struggling...

Dear Editor,

Watching these past months as my beloved GOP struggles to choose a standard bearer reminds me of a "truer-than-most" tale my Dad told of two snakes in the woods trying to eat one

another. One was doing quite well, never realizing that he had gotten hold of the wrong tail and swallowed himself - until he got to the eyes. Oops!

Thanks for the space.
Flossie Christine McKinney
West Chester, OH

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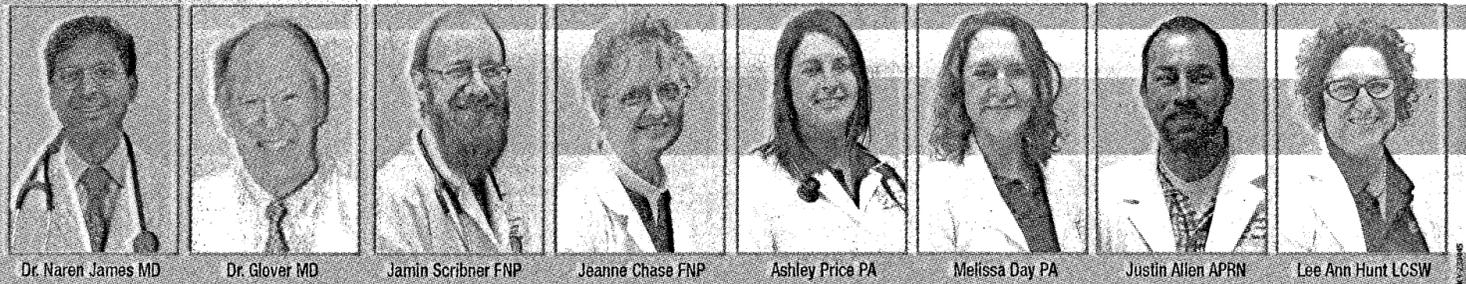
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Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

The passage of bills that would help children with disabilities, preserve rights of victims in criminal cases, and fight for the rights of the unborn highlighted another busy week in the Senate. Last Thursday marked day 40 of our 60-day legislative session in Frankfort, and we are still anxiously awaiting a budget bill from our colleagues in the House.



A couple of my bills saw movement. My Senate Bill (SB) 192 would make it a requirement for all public high school students to pass a basic civics test. The exam would be made up of 100 questions drawn from the test administered by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. There

would be no cost to school districts as the exam, along with study materials, are available online through the Joe Foss Foundation. The Senate Education Committee passed the bill on Thursday.

The Senate passed my SB 188 by a vote of 38-0. This bill is an oil and gas modernization bill that establishes requirements for permitting and regulation of test wells.

Last week we passed another pro-life bill, Senate Bill (SB) 152. The bill requires a woman to get an ultrasound prior to obtaining an abortion. We also passed legislation that would reorganize the structure of the Kentucky State Fair Board in order to maximize state efficiency, and a similar bill, SB 200, which would reorganize the Kentucky Horse Park Commission to create better financial planning and accountability within the Commission while also offering better representation of those

who most use the park.

Here is a look at some other significant bills that passed the Senate this week:

- Senate Bill 179, known as the "ABLE Act," would allow parents of disabled children the opportunity to establish a bank account for their child's disability-related expenses without fear of losing eligibility for federal benefits.

- Senate Bill 175, also known as "Marsy's Law," would ensure that victims of crime have the same equal rights as the accused and convicted.

- Senate Bill 37 would give prosecutors the option to charge a minor younger than 18 giving or receiving a digital nude picture of himself, herself, or another minor with strong but smaller penalties than a felony.

- Senate Bill 168, relating to municipal audits, would keep local governments accountable and provide in-

creased transparency for their financial actions.

- Senate Bill 106, well-known as the "Charlie Brown Bill," passed the Senate and protects religious freedoms in school productions.

- Senate Bill 173 would encourage free enterprise by not giving government a leg up on local business when making purchases.

- Senate Bill 141 would encourage better local representation on municipal utilities boards.

- Senate Bill 188 is a continuation of efforts to modernize Kentucky oil and gas regulations. It would make test wells subject to current oil and gas permitting, reporting, and construction standards.

March 3 was the last day to file bills in the Senate. We will begin hearing House bills in our Senate committees in the coming weeks. As we enter the homestretch of the 2016 Session, some tough decisions will need to be made, along with some compromises.

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

"Aces"

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that are of absolutely no use to anyone anymore.

Even my old fall-back plan of being a musician is changing.

At least a C-chord is still a C-chord. I still know how to play my instruments.

However, these days with You-Tube and Facebook, people can learn how to play so much easier. These days, one doesn't need talent as much as a good memory to be able to play.

I had to learn by placing a Pepsi can on an album to slow down the music so I could try to figure out how someone played a note.

But with all the social media, a nine year-old kid can play things that it took me 15 years to learn.

I could go on and on about how we used to use wax to paste up newspapers and had to use a knife to cut headlines onto a page as opposed to these days when you just hit "send."

One simply has to accept the changing world and realize that many (if not most) of the things that you are learning to do right now, will be completely useless in 20 years.

The problem is, we never know which things will be obsolete in 2036 so we can't stop learning.

But it does make one wonder, what did my grand father learn and take pride in that no one even knows exists anymore?

And what are our kids learning now that they will never use?

Here's to trying to keep up and to hoping that at least a few of the important things never change.

Frankfort Update

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative

This week in Frankfort, I worked along with other House Republicans to promote something we all value, transparency in government. Our caucus attempted to bring the first House reading on Senate Bill 45. This bill requires public disclosure of retirement benefits from any public retirement system for all current and past legislators, myself included.



SB 45 passed the Senate earlier this session by a margin of 38-0. Unfortunately, the bill has not had the same success in the House. However, it is important for Kentuckians to have the ability to know what their elected officials are doing in Frankfort, and that includes the public pensions they will be collecting. Public pension transparency remains a priority of mine, and I will work to see positive action on this important issue.

Also concerning pensions, last Monday I attended a press conference with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce aimed at highlighting the seriousness of the state's \$36 billion pension crisis. Many years of failed leadership has led to this crisis, and tough decisions must be made in Frankfort to right the

ship for our teachers and other public employees. A new website was launched to help provide the public accurate information on the state's pension crisis: www.kypensioncrisis.com.

Tuesday was a discouraging day in Frankfort with Planned Parenthood holding a pro-abortion rally in the Capitol. Following their event, Democratic Leadership in the House allowed a prayer that was incredibly partisan and supportive of abortion. This was not a prayer offered to the God that I pray to, and I know this does not reflect the values of the people in Rockcastle County.

The Senate passed the first House Bill of the 2016 Regular Session this week. House Bill 175, a peace officer bill, passed unanimously and will now head to the Governor for signature. It will be only the second piece of legislation signed into law by the Governor so far this session.

Wednesday was my committee day as both Banking and Insurance and Local Government met. The highlight of Banking and Insurance this week was passing HB 408, which requires insurance companies to make a "good faith effort" to locate beneficiaries of life insurance policies. This issue has been in the news some lately, and the bill was in response to Governor Bevin's decision not to pursue legal

action in a related case.

The budget process seems to go on forever, perhaps too long for many. But the work of our subcommittees, which has been ongoing for several weeks now, is a reminder that the process is working as it should.

The Executive Branch budget is typically not voted on by the House budget committee until after the first week of March, as was the case during the 2012 and 2014 sessions. That is expected to be the case again this session. The budget subcommittees are expected to meet up to that point and possibly beyond.

Education is always at the top of our list for funding in a budget session, however this year is particularly challenging because of the more than \$30 billion pension liability Kentucky faces. K-12 education comprises around 44 percent of all state General Fund spending, with post-secondary education claiming a share of around 14 percent. The next largest share of General Fund spending goes to health care—or, specifically, state Medicaid—which claims around 13 percent of General Fund appropriations.

On a more personal note, last week we marked National Future Farmers of America Week. As a proud former member of FFA, this is something that is near and dear to my heart. FFA was extremely important in helping me develop many skills and gave me many opportunities and relationships that I wouldn't have had otherwise.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues facing our Commonwealth during the 2016 Regular Session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via email at jonathan.shell@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature at www.lrc.ky.gov.

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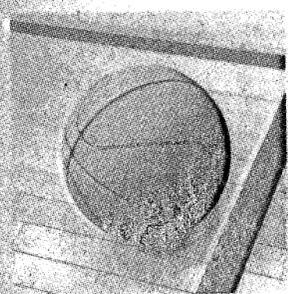
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Bus Drills - Early Dismissal

Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills on Thursday, March 17th. Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal. **No school on Friday, March 18th - CKEA.**

Brodhead Alumni Banquet

The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held at the Brodhead Elementary gym on Sat., April 2nd at 6 p.m. This year honor classes are: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Ladonna's Catering of London will be provided the meal. \$20 per person and reservations should be made by March 20th. Send checks, made payable to Brodhead Alumni, to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

US 25 Yard Sale

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

RCHS Class of 2006 Reunion

Time has flown by and plans are being made for our class reunion. Volunteers are needed to get the planning started. If you are interested in being involved with the committee, please make plans to attend our first committee meeting at Rockcastle County Middle School on Thursday, March 10th (today) at 5 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

MVFD Fundraiser

The Mt. Vernon Fire Department is holding a fundraiser. For a donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a free 8x10 color portrait (a \$30 value). Pictures will be taken at the MVFD in the near future. All funds collected will be used for operation of the fire department. Volunteers for the department will be going door-to-door soliciting these donations and will have identification.

Free Community Lunch

To show their appreciation for community leaders, First Baptist Church will have a Free Community Lunch on Thursday, March 10th from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. There will also be prizes and giveaways! Please RSVP to 606-256-2922.

Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans

American Legion Post 71 would like to contact Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans concerning important events that will be honoring your service to our country. Please send your name, mailing address and email address to: PO Box 1467, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by no later than March 18, 2016 or send info to info@snapp.net or call 606-256-9814.

Hot Rod Sign-ups Begin

Hot Rod Sign-ups for 3,4 and 5 year olds will be held the first and second weekends of April at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 per child. Adult shirts will be available for \$13 (extra dollar per x) at the sign-up. The shirts this year will carry a picture of the late Anthony Reams' car. Hot Rod coaches teach the basics of the game but the main objective is to have fun. The season begins the last Saturday in April. There will be a picnic the second week end of July to end the season.

Alpha Recovery

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

Historical Society Hours

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

American Legion Post 71

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

Obituaries



Lana Jean Albright

Lana Jean Albright, 74, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Diversicare of Claiborne in New Tazwell, TN. She was born December 22, 1941 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Elmer Raymond and Martha Marie Carter Owens. She was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church, Brodhead Auxiliary, Brodhead Homemakers, NOAH Club and WMU. She found great joy in fishing, camping, embroidery, clogging and spending time with her family. She had previously been the Cafeteria Manager of the Rockcastle High School and an Avon representative.

On November 5th, 1960, she married Moses Everett Albright, who preceded her in death in 2005, after 45 years of marriage. From that union came four children, Teresa, Larry, Tim and Shonna.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Teresa Ann (Frank) Lawrence, Larry Everett (Betty) Albright and Timothy Ray (Anita) Albright, all of Brodhead, and Shonna Jean (Ricky) Westerfield of Livingston; grandchildren, Jamie Shafer, Rebecca Lawrence, Shannon Isaacs, Matt Wilder, Sandy Alexander, Brady, Jacklyn, Dustin, Timothy Keith and Justin Albright; great grandchildren, Jackie and Joanie Alexander, Keaton and Jenna Shafer, Lane and Eli Wilder, and Ella Albright; sister, Mary Ann (Garner) Brown of Brodhead; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: brothers, Kenneth, Harvey Paul, and infant Herman Ray Owens; and sisters, Marie Burton, Juanita Simpson and Janet Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Toby Mullins and Bro. Don Jones officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Jean Albright's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

Casketbearers were: Robert G. Brown, Jr., Chris Albright, Justin S. Albright, Dustin Albright, Chris Childress, Scott Harper and Daryl Shafer.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

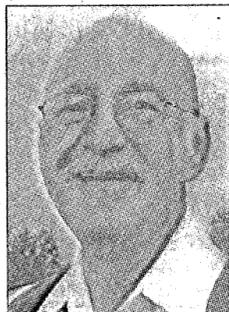
Cemetery Notices

Bids Wanted by McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Board is now accepting bids for the 2016 upkeep and mowing season. All bids must be sealed and mailed to McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and must be received by April 6, 2016. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Briarfield Cemetery

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



Winford Cummins

Winford Cummins, 64, born January 3, 1952 in Crab Orchard, died Thursday, March 3, 2016 in Knoxville, TN. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. He was also an active member of the community throughout his life, participating over the years as a Special Olympics Coach, President of the Pulaski Beagle Club, showed racking horses for several years, and was a member, teacher, and caller of the Somerset Square Dancing Club and the Fort Logan Pioneers Square Dancing Club. Additionally, he was an avid Bible scholar, and Sunday School Teacher and loved sharing his knowledge of God's word.

He was a professional barber for over 45 years, and was currently working at Brian's Barber Shop and Hair Design in Somerset.

He is survived by: his daughter, Amanda Prentice, son-in-law, Dave Prentice, and granddaughter, Kailyn Prentice of Lexington; son, Ryan Godbey, and his wife, Sarah Todd Godbey, of Somerset; mother, Flossie Cummins of Crab Orchard; brother, Charles Lee (Jeleen) Cummins of Winchester; sisters, Freida French, and her husband Dallas Harold, of Simpsonville and Marlene Cummins Falconberry of Eubank; and girlfriend, Rita Haynes, of Russell Springs.

He is also survived by: several nieces and nephews, Randall (Betty) Brown; Tammy (Wayne) Taylor; Angela French; Brittany Brown and children Tate, Jayden, and Zariya; Ashley Falconberry Lovett and husband Kyle and daughter Kiley; Tiffany French; Alisha Falconberry and boyfriend Alan; Olivia Brown; and Matthew Brown.

He was preceded in death by: his father, E. J. Cummins; sister, Treva Cummins Brown; and brother, Dearl Cummins.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be pleased with donations being made in his name to the American Heart Association.

Pallbearers were: Brian Dalton, Brandon Colyer, Butch and Darrell Kirby, Debbie Cummins, Michael Smith, and Robert and Larry Reynolds.

Honorary pallbearers were: Ryan Godbey, Dave Prentice, Gary Reynolds, Harold French, Matthew Brown and Tate Johnson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 6, 2016 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mike Winters officiating. Burial was in Bethel Church of Christ Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

William Melcher

The wife of William (Bill) Melcher would like to thank everyone who helped with his funeral. Thanks to those who brought food and the ladies who cooked at Brodhead Baptist Church, for the flowers, cards, gifts and prayers.

A special thanks to Marvin and Judy Owens, Dwayne for the songs, the medical staff at Rockcastle Hospital, doctors, Lifeline and Hospice who helped take care of my husband. Thanks also to Bro. Don Jones and Bro. Wayne Harding.

Lena Marie Melcher
Alvin and Donna Pigg



Richard L. (Rick) Combs

Richard L. (Rick) Combs, 57, of Brindle Ridge, died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at his home following a long illness. He was born in Madison County on March 3, 1959, the son of Robert (Bobby) and Jean Wilson Combs. He was a self-employed mechanic and he and his wife Kathy were owners of Ricks Excavating and Ricks Towing and Truck Repair. He was also a member of Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, loved to fish and loved old classic cars.

He is survived by: his wife of nine years, Kathy Parsons Combs; four sons, Rodney (Amy) Combs and Eric (Bridget) Barnes, both of Berea, Adam (Sarah) Parsons of Mt. Vernon and Blake Saylor of London; three daughters, Tabitha (Phillip) Combs of Georgetown, Hilary Combs of Berea and Traci Parsons of Mt. Vernon; three stepchildren, Becky (Randy) Bullock, Clinton (Sherry) Parsons, and Cathy (Larry) Kaluzny; his mother, Jean Combs of Berea; and two sisters, Lesa (Larry) Combs of Berea and Kim (Steve) Kellerman of Richmond. Also surviving are: three grandchildren, Summer Barnes, Eric Barnes, and Jayden Combs; special grandchildren, Madeline Paige Parsons and Dillon Parsons; step grandchildren, Will and Deanna Parsons, Sherry and Chris Whitt, and Allen Druin; and step great grandchildren, Cierra and Camryn Druin, Bryan and Nykalya Whitt, and Christian and James Parsons.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents and one brother, Bruce Combs.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church by Bro. Jerry Owens. Burial followed in Saylor Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Eric Haycraft, Mike Williams, Blake Saylor, Ricky Healy, Clinton Parsons and William Parsons.

Honorary pallbearers were: Adam Parsons, Chris Whitt, Robert Gregory, Chester Powell, Billy Anglin, Randy Anglin, Randy Bullock, Bobby Parsons, Joey Croucher, Clarence "Floppy" Blevins and Larry Kaluzny.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Dillie Marie Elliott

Dillie Marie Elliott, 87, mother of June (Ronnie) Smith, Imogene Renner, Connie (Rob) Barnes and Donna Cameron/Hines, died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility.

Visitation will be Friday, March 11, from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial will follow in the Phelps Cemetery.

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



Kyle Edward Bowman

Kyle Edward Bowman, 32, of Mt. Vernon, died suddenly Sunday, March 6, 2016. He was born March 26, 1983 and was a self-employed mechanic. He attended Berea College and Eastern Kentucky University, loved sports, and was a very avid and loyal fan of the Green Bay Packers and Notre Dame Fighting Irish. He had lived in Rockcastle and Madison Counties most of his life and faithfully attended Church on the Rock.

Survivors include: his mother, Carol Vaughn (Lynn) Abrams; his father, Edward "Mickey" Bowman; fiancée, Nikki Slone; four children, Emaleigh Jayde Bowman, Brodye Asher Robin Bowman, Raiden Slone and Bella Slone; two siblings, Bryan Douglas Phillips and Kelley Lynne (John) Wendel; as well as a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one sister, Tracy Leigh Phillips.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Reppert Funeral Home. Acceptance of friends at 12 noon. Graveside committal service with burial of cremains at 3 p.m., Sunday March 20 at Davis-Witt Cemetery at Scaffold Cane in Rockcastle County.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.



Brandi Sexton

Brandi Sexton, 36, of Lancaster, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 29, 2016 at her home. She was born December 10, 1979 in Richmond. She was the daughter of Bill Sexton and Peggy Taylor of Mt. Vernon. She was a Physical Therapist Assistant, enjoyed music, reading, and spending time with family and friends, and member of the Clear Creek Baptist Church!

Survivors, besides her parents are: her husband, Robert Lee Lear, Jr. of Brodhead; three sons, Keegan Riddle of Brodhead, and Kooper Sexton-Lear, and Knox Sexton-Lear, both of Lancaster; one daughter, Kenley Wilson of Opelika, AL; and two sisters, Lacy Jones of Mt. Vernon, and Christy Cook of Brodhead.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Long and Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial was in the Clark Cemetery.

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

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Donald Ambrose

Donald Ambrose, 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, March 6, 2016 at UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was a life-long resident of the Scaffold Cane section of Rockcastle County, born July 6, 1944, son of the late James Robert and Less Croucher Ambrose, a farmer, property owner and attended Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one sister, Ellen Ambrose; one sister-in-law, Roxie Ambrose; one brother-in-law, David Coffey; as well as, numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, relatives and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by seven siblings, Bessie Bargo, Carlouse Ambrose, Eva Ambrose, Thursie Ambrose, Mary Coffey, William Ambrose, and Wayne Ambrose.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Scaffold Cane Cemetery with Bro. Raymond Offutt officiating. In order to carry out Donald's wishes, no visitation is scheduled.

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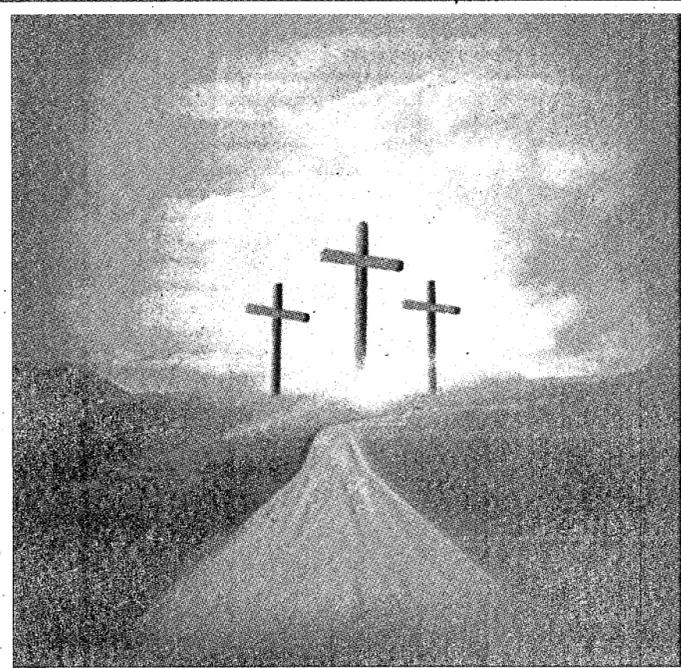
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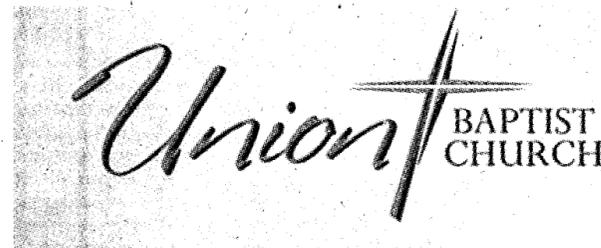
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Honor Flight Program

Veterans have opportunity to visit memorials in Washington, DC

There is no greater honor than to be of service to the individuals who built our nation after a world war and to those who are responsible for sustaining and maintaining our freedoms and the way of life we so cherish. The Honor Flight Program is one way of saying "Thank you, and Welcome home!" Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter flies veterans to Washington D.C. for a one-day all expenses paid trip to visit the memorials that have been built to honor their service and sacrifices.

In 2016, Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter will fly two missions to Washington-August 27th and October 1st flown out of Lexington Bluegrass Airport. Each hero will have a guardian (taken from the term guardian angel) accompany them on the flight. The trip can run 12 hours from wheels up to welcome home; and that guardian will be with their hero for every minute. If the hero needs a bottle of water, wants a picture taken, or simply wants to remember their military experiences: the guardian will be there for them. Veterans and their Guardians will depart Lexington Bluegrass Airport for Reagan Int'l Airport and arrive back in Lexington the same day. They visit the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Air Force Memorial, and the Arlington National Cemetery. The public is invited and encouraged to welcome home HFK flights as they return from Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter is now taking applications for the flights out of Lexington, KY for Veterans, Guardian and Volunteers. Applications can be found on line at their website: www.honorflightbluegrass.org or by contacting George Campbell (888) 432-2965 or george@honorflightky.org.

"Court"

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cated, the second phase would provide for the actual testing for asbestos, chemical vapors, lead paint, etc. all at no cost to the county.

The testing is necessary, Tatum said, to protect volunteers working on the building.

The grant would be awarded through the Cumberland Valley Area Development District from the Kentucky Waste Program.

The director also said that a grant would be applied for in the future to remodel the third floor of the former school building, probably into a bed and breakfast for visitors. Tatum also said that plans for two rooms on the second floor of the building include an area for 5 to 12 year-olds and a room for teenagers, as a learning centers including computers. There is already a Space2Create room for younger children in the building.

Tatum also discussed with the court the Dr. John Parsons building on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. The building has been offered to the City of Mt. Vernon but she said that the first step would be to determine if the building can be preserved and, if not, a grant would be applied for to demolish the structure.

Fiscal Court Secretary Patricia Martin gave the court an update on their costs/reimbursements from the Livingston Sidewalk Project.

Martin told the court that she had been informed that the reimbursement to the county from the state would be \$63,780. This would put the county's out-of-pocket expense for the project, paid on behalf of the city, to around \$50,000.

Major Eric Brock of the Rockcastle Detention Center asked the court to approve an Intermediate Weapons Policy involving the use of a taser to subdue a physically violent prisoner.

The court approved the request.

County Coroner Marvin Owens was before the court to ask that Jeff Smithern be sworn-in as Deputy Coroner, replacing Bud Cox. County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop did the honors.

The court also approved a request by Pongo Fire Department, allowing them access to state surplus property.

The court did not take any action on a lease agreement with CSX Railroad for property at Boone's Gap in northern Rockcastle County. There are plans by the DAR to use the property as a park, commemorating part of Daniel Boone's trail through Kentucky.

However, Judge Bishop said that terms of the lease were not to his liking, since it held the county liable for any damage or erosion and the property would have to be surveyed at the county's, and Madison County's, cost plus a lease fee.

Brodhead Fire Chief John Dyehouse was before the court to ask for help with expenses of the fire department. Dyehouse said the city was currently paying out over \$2,000 a month for electricity, phone and insurance. This amount includes \$1,400 a month for insurance which is high because it covers replacement cost of fire department vehicles, Dyehouse said.

The chief noted that five of the rural fire departments in the county currently are reimbursed at 90% of their utility costs.

Magistrate Bill McKinney pointed out that the court cannot reimburse a city-owned fire department, including paying insurance on a building owned by the city.

However, the court reallocated a \$1,000 monthly contribution they had made for "security" to the city, which had not been used, into a program support contribution which the city can use at their discretion beginning this month.

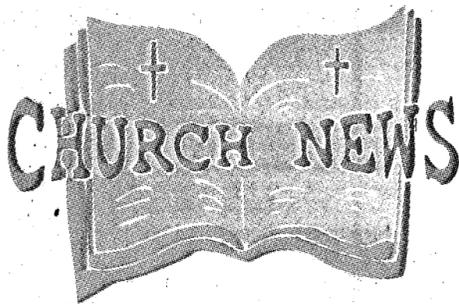
The court also addressed personal time for county employees which is currently set at 80 hours a year with no carryover.

Judge Bishop told the court that he felt that at least a portion of the hours should be available to the employees to be carried over. Martin told the court that she would like them to clarify employees using overtime as comp time so she would have documentation for auditors.

The court did not take any action on either matter until more research could be done as to how comp time would be allocated in relation to overtime hours.

As a final action, the court transferred \$50,000 to the detention center from the general fund.

Judge Bishop told the court that a called meeting will be held before the next regular meeting to discuss jail finances.



Celebrate Recovery

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

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

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

Spring Revival

New Hope Baptist Church, 3213 New Hope Tower Road at Orlando, will hold their Spring Revival March 14-18.

Services will be held at 7 o'clock nightly with Tim Owens, pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church as guest speaker.

Pastor David Carpenter and the New Hope Baptist Church family invite everyone to come and join them in revival.

Gospel Singing

Lighthouse Baptist Church will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, March 12th beginning at 6 p.m. New Harvest from Tennessee will be the featured singers. The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.

Kid Friendly Service

Flat Rock Baptist Church will be having a special "Kid Friendly" Service this Sunday morning, March 13th at 11 a.m.

We invite all families and children to come.

Also, Sunday night at 6 p.m. will be movie night at Flat Rock. The Movie, *Son of God*, will be shown.

Pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth welcome all to be a part of these two special services.

Revival

Revival Services will be held at Sunrise Baptist Church March 13-16 at 7 o'clock each evening. Evangelist will be Bro. William Brown and there will be special singing each evening. Everyone welcome.

For more information, call 606-425-0708.

Cornerstones at Wildie Christian

The Cornerstones, finalists for the prestigious Singing News Fan Awards and owner of seven national Top 40 Chart songs, will be singing at Wildie Christian church March 20th at 16 p.m.

You are invited to join The Cornerstones in a time of worship, celebration and praise of the One who deserves it all...Jesus!

Special Saturday Service

Berea Gospel Tabernacle, U.S. 25, Berea, will hold Special Saturday Service on March 12th at 7 p.m.

Rex Templeton from Indiana will be the speaker.

Pastor Eugene Webb and congregation invite all.

Free Bible Courses

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Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Applications and addresses of each district office will be located at state highway garages.

Fundraiser for

TEAM DEXTON



Gospel Singing, Silent and Live Auction.
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Dexton is a one year old little boy, the son of Paul and Denise May. He was diagnosed with Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome back in July. He went through extensive chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant which started on December 1st at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Dexton and his mom and dad are currently having to stay in Ohio for Dexton's treatments. Family and friends are hoping to help raise money for medical and living expenses. So, please come out and help someone from the local community.

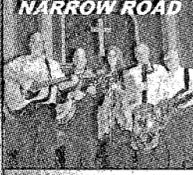
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Community Easter Egg Hunt
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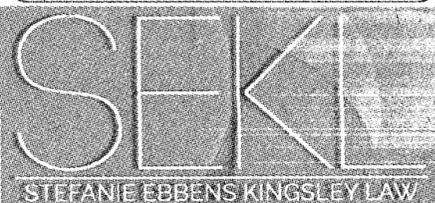
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Rockets lose to Mercer in first round of region

The Rockcastle Rockets closed out their 2015-16 season with an opening round 61-49 loss in the 12th Regional Tournament to the Mercer County Titans, who were ranked 8th in the state.

The Rockets, a much smaller team than the Titans, battled valiantly. They got down 20-13 in the first quarter and were down by ten at the half, 32-22. However, in the third quarter, the Rockets came out on fire, hitting three three point baskets to begin the third and Carson Noble added another to tie the score at 42 all with 1:25 left in the third. Mercer scored the last basket of the period and it was 44-42 at the third quarter stop.

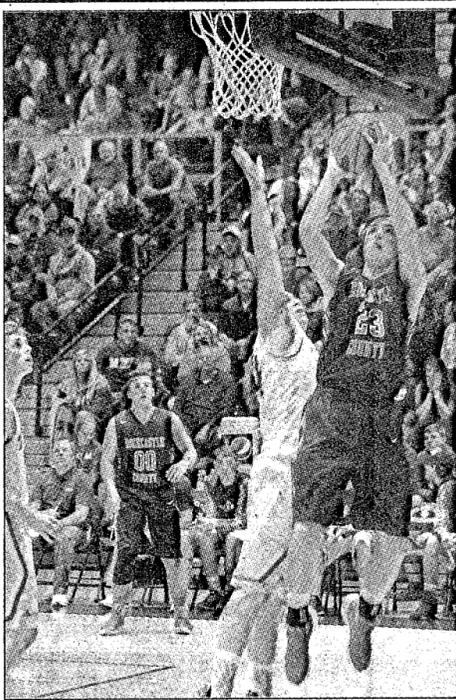
However, in the fourth, the Rockets went cold and Mercer didn't. It wasn't un-

til the 3:51 mark of the fourth that the Rockets got their first basket of the quarter, a three by Dylan Rowe his third of the game, to make it 49-45. Mercer then outscored the Rockets 10-0 to seal the win.

The Rockets put in nine three point baskets in the game to Mercer's two, with Rowe scoring all of his nine points from three point land. John Cornelius accounted for three more, Noble got one and Lucas Gentry contributed two.

Gentry led in scoring for his team with 17; Cornelius got 11; Rowe 9; Noble 8 and Thomas Burdette 4.

The Rockets finished the season with a 19-13 record and head coach Benny Blanton receiving the 12th Region Coach of the Year Award.



Junior Lucas Gentry goes for two of his team leading 17 points in the Rockets' first round 12th Region Tournament matchup against Mercer County last Wednesday. The Rockets fell to the Titans 61-49. Gentry was named to the 12th Regional All-Tournament Team.



Junior Carson Noble drives to the basket during Rocket action in the 12th Region Tournament last Wednesday night. The Rockets lost their first round game to Mercer County, 61-49. Noble had eight points in the contest.



Senior Zach Loudermilk puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' first round 12th Region Tournament matchup against Mercer County last Wednesday. The Rockets came up short in the 61-49 loss and finished their season with a 19-13 record.



Junior Hope Kelley was named to the 12th Regional All-Tournament Team for the Lady Rockets. The girls lost in the first round to Mercer County last week. The Lady Rockets finished the season with a 16-14 record.

Rocket Baseball begins 2016 campaign this Thursday at South Laurel at 5:30. Rocket Softball opens their season Saturday at home at 11:00 a.m. against Mercer in the Rockin' Round Robin at Rockcastle. Also play at 4:45 against South Laurel



The RCMS girls' softball team will open their season this Thursday night when they host Northern Pulaski at 5:30. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Kaleigh Richards, Emma Hackworth, Candice Mahaffey, Haley Thacker, Madison Yates, Reagan Chasteen, Lacey Bryant, Sarah Powell and Allison Coffey. Back row from left: Jordyn Harper, Darby Smith, Selicity Broadbent, Casey Coleman, Ashlyn Brock, Jaylon Ponder and Sadie Howard. Not pictured: Madison McIntosh, Natalie Kirby and Terayn Powell. The Rockets are coached by Ainsley Bussell, Donna Coffey and Tim McIntosh.

Pride Fall Cleanup very successful

By James Renner, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity (very late as usual) to thank all of the groups and individuals that participated in the 2015 Rockcastle County Roadside Pride Fall Cleanup. Once again, we had a very successful Fall Cleanup!

There were a total of 84 volunteers that worked a total of 199.75 hours to clean up 220 bags of trash, and 58 tires over a span of 25.9 miles along different stretches of roadsides. These numbers do not include the totals from the Cities of Brodhead, Livingston and Mt. Vernon.

Congratulations on an outstanding Fall Cleanup!!!

The following groups and individuals participated:

Concerned Citizens of Pongo: Logan Cromer, Nathan Munguia, Erika Munguia, Jonathan Munguia, Victoria Munguia, Regina Munguia, Jalon Stewart, Alex Swafford, Carolyn Swafford, Frank James, Edna Renner, and Zoey Holland; Brindle Ridge Baptist Church: Ron Roberts, Mike Sowder, Judy Sowder, Kim Ramsey, Willy Ramsey, Austin Ramsey, Marcia Coffey, and Jan Roberts; Freedom Baptist Church: Doug Singleton, Gary Bullock, Angie Bullock, CS McKinney,

Carolyn McKinney, Ray Bullock, Sheryl Bullock, Tabitha Bullock, Preston Holcomb, Charlotte Holcomb, Darlene Reynolds, Leah Rowe, Leshia Cromer, Jackson Cromer, Jenny McKinney, SheinaMcKinney, Ronnie McKinney, and Lena McKinney; Pongo Volunteer Fire Department: David Hawk, Jerry Bullock, Sandra Bullock, Bobbie Womack, and Larry Womack; University of Notre Dame: Yutong Liu, Kat Herring, Kelly McGarry, Carlie Sloan, Cole Mitchell, Dan Pichler, Pat Weiland, Danielle Bucci, Ann Keenan, Beth Vander'Hook, Nicole Micoletti, Carolina Ochoa, Frank Sizemore, Jeremy Holt, Coby Chasteen, and Josh Wray; All-American Club/NAMI: Wayne Bullock, Cassie Kendrick, and Christin Hardesty; Great Salt Peter Cave Preserve: Harry Goepel, Valerie Brodbeck, Dan Zabal, W. Orlandi, Brian Widmayer, Matt Indrutz, and Spencer Ott.

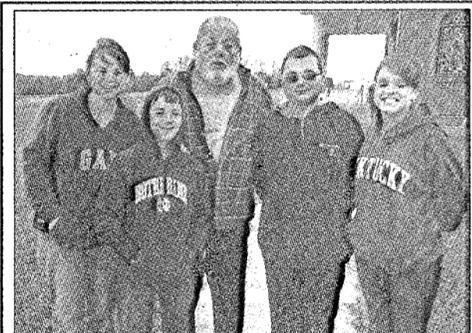
Photos were not available for all groups.

Special thanks to the Rockcastle County Work Release Supervisors: Freddie Cromer and Josie Adams and their respective crews.

I apologize in advance for any misspellings or omissions.



All-American Club and NAMI



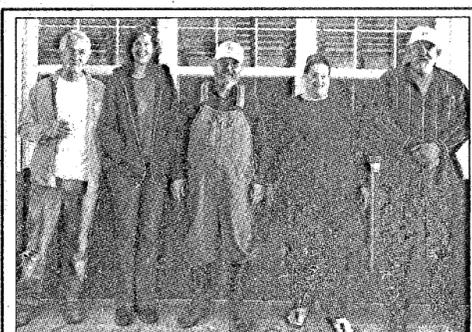
Brindle Ridge Baptist Church



Concerned Citizens of Pongo



Freedom Baptist Church



Pongo Volunteer Fire Department

Kentucky Afield Outdoors New fishing regulations

It is no longer getting dark at dinner time. We are beginning to have days cresting the 50 degree mark. It is enough to make you want to go fishing.

Before you cast a line, however, you need to know about the new fishing regulations that go into effect March 1.

The round goby is an aggressive, non-native fish released accidentally into the St. Clair River from ballast water transfers among cargo ships in the early 1990s. Native to the Black Sea and Caspian Sea regions in Eurasia, the invasive baitfish is now found throughout the Great Lakes system and in the Illinois River. The round goby can negatively impact the reproduction of native fish such as the smallmouth bass.

These fish may not be possessed or released in Kentucky.

Kentucky is restoring the native, river-run walleye to its former range through stocking efforts. To protect these fish, an 18- to 26-inch protective slot limit and a two fish daily creel limit will go into effect on several river systems

throughout Kentucky. All walleye caught from 18 to 26 inches in length from these waters must be immediately released.

"We are trying to give greater protection to the breeding-sized native walleye in the population," said Dave Drees, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "These walleye are about 5 years old before they are sexually mature. We've found a 5-year-old walleye is a little over 20 inches long."

These walleye previously fell under the statewide regulations of a six fish daily creel limit with a 15-inch minimum size limit.

The following waters fall under this new walleye regulation: the upper Barren River and tributaries, the Barren River from Barren River Lake downstream to Lock and Dam 1 and tributaries, the upper Levisa Fork and tributaries, the Cumberland River upstream of Cumberland Falls and tributaries, the Kentucky River upstream of Lock and

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“Speed”

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America. But this new cable, he said, will bring Kentucky into the top few locations in the world with the fastest internet speed available.

“As of now, villages in Afghanistan have faster internet than Kentucky,” said Combs. “This will provide a quantum leap in the world of communication that will take Kentucky from dead last, to very near the top.”

Corey Craig, of the Rockcastle County Indus-

trial Development Authority, said receiving this new fiber optic cable is an important step forward. “This is huge. Having this in our area will be as essential as having lights in our homes,” said Craig. “If there is any doubt, look at cities like Bristol, Virginia who got fiber optics. It completely changed the entire economy of the community. And it can do the same here.”

As an example of how fast this new fiber optic cable can transfer data,

Combs said an HD movie that now takes six hours to download, could be downloaded in 25 seconds.

“We are interested in each home and each family having access to this kind of world communication. But our main concern right now is business benefits. It’s great that someone can do a six-hour download in 25 seconds, but look at the bigger picture,” said Combs. “How quick will we be able to download an MRI from a patient in pain? How quickly can public safety

and police gather information? How long does it take for government services?”

“Not to mention that if I were a large company looking to open a new business, I wouldn’t even consider Kentucky right now. If my employees have to wait 4 hours to download training videos or schematics, I’m going somewhere with high speed optics,” he said.

According to Combs, industry standards and national goals are to have 88-90 percent of people in a community using the inter-

net. He said that 55% usage is considered extremely low. “Rockcastle County is currently at 34%. That’s a lot of people who are not shopping on line, not researching, not communicating. Partly because internet is too expensive to access in these areas,” he said.

Combs said this new cable is expected to provide internet in even the hard to reach areas and drive down costs through competition.

“Having a town without fiber optics is like building an industrial park without

running electricity to it. No one is going to be interested in locating there,” he said.

According to Combs, Kentucky Wired is an open access network, meaning local public or private internet service providers such as cable and phone companies, can tap into the system and run broadband to businesses and homes.

Kentucky Wired is not an internet service provider (ISP) and will not bring fiber optics to individual homes or private businesses. But it will instead provide a local hub for ISPs to bring the high speed cable into homes and businesses, Combs said.

According to Combs, Rockcastle County will have to create connection points that are convenient for ISPs to tap into and to promote business for future growth, but courthouses across the state will have access to the fiber optic cable at no cost, he said.

The new cable will be built in four separate loops and is already underway. But the loop that includes Rockcastle County is the second of the four loops. Since the entire project is slated to be finished in 2018, Rockcastle County is expected to have access well before then.

According to Combs, the initial funding for the project comes from the Kentucky General Assembly which created \$30 million, Congressman Hal Rogers assisted with \$23.5 million in federal funds and there are private sector investments of \$271 million.

Craig said that county officials need to address ways to utilize this cable immediately. “This is by no means too early to begin working on the best ways to take advantage of this gift that is coming to our county. This can be a major economic factor in our community and we need to approach it with smart, aggressive plans.”

“School”

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CEO of the local UNITE Clubs.

Varney said Rockcastle County students and clubs are exceptional. “I work nine counties and I can honestly say, young people in Rockcastle County are unlike any other counties. You all are doing something right. They are respectful, genuine and honest kids. Your kids have hope and you should be very proud of that,” said Varney.

The board members entered closed session to review the contract renewal for Superintendent David Pensol. After the closed session, the board unanimously voted to renew Pensol’s contract for another four years at a salary of \$122,188.

“We have a great appreciation for Mr. Pensol. Your desire to teach every individual child is important and

your work here is appreciated,” said Angela Mink Co-Chairman of the board.

Pensol said he feels he and the board have worked very well together.

“We have a mutual respect and appreciation for each other and I am honored to be a part of this school board. We have accomplished a lot together and we have a lot more to accomplish,” said Pensol.

Mink went on to say that Pensol’s contract is unlike other superintendent contracts. “I would say there are no contracts like yours. It is so cut and dried and simple. There are no hidden costs or travel expenses or cell phones. It’s just to the point and that is a huge benefit to our school system,” Mink said.

In other action, the board agreed to sell four school buses in a different manner than previous years. “I think the buses are worth much more than we are getting for them when we sell our old buses,” said Pensol.

The board agreed to sell the four buses this year through the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) who sells buses at auction. “We believe the buses will bring more money this way,” said Pensol.

The board also heard the

bid amount for improvements at the Rockcastle County Adult Education Center of \$358,000 from McKnight and Associates of London. The N3D Group, Rockcastle’s consulting engineering firm, recommended accepting the bid pending KDE approvals.

The board also discussed the Capitol Outlay program that has \$228,463 remaining that the school system may use for certain projects.

Jason Coguer, Finance Officer for the board, said if the money is not used, the grant would not be available next year. “It’s a use it or

lose it scenario,” he said.

Plans for the funds include document cameras, projectors, desktop computers, auditorium upgrades at RCHS and laptops district wide.

The board also began discussion on the 2016-17 school calendar and are working on specifics of the calendar.

In personnel action, the board approved the hiring of new employees.

Rebecca Smith was employed as the new RCMS head girls’ basketball coach, Tim McIntosh, RCMS assistant girls’ softball coach, Ja-

son Brock, RCMS Assistant softball coach, Jearl Evans, RCMS Custodian, Kathryn Mattingly, Hannah Ponder and Lori Hendrickson as substitute teachers, Wanda Bussell as a substitute cook/baker, and volunteers Abbey Eaton as RCMS assistant volleyball coach, Johnny Hopkins as RCMS assistant boys’ baseball coach and Burt King, RCMS assistant girls’ basketball coach.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street.

“RCIDA”

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HVAC unit placed at SourceHOV.

Board member Corey Craig said the costs were not reflected in the budget but that the board has been holding back monies from the SourceHOV’s lease payment to cover the cost of the unit for several months.

Craig also informed members of the board that the plan to get sewer and water to the new Optometry Center (Smith property) has been completed and the plan includes room for future growth in the area as well.

Members also discussed the selling of hay on county property to bidders. Craig said until now, the county has taken bids yearly for the hay but it had been suggested that the bids change to three-year contracts.

“This would give the winning bidder a chance to fertilize the ground and have better, more productive hay in the time of their lease,” said Craig.

Craig also suggested the new three-year contract should add some changes that will not limit the county’s right to sell property that has been leased out for hay cutting and that reimbursement issues be addressed.

Craig said though reimbursement can be given to someone who had leased the ground for hay if that property sells, the leasee would have to fertilize at his own risk.

The board then entered closed session.

The next meeting of the RCIDA will be Monday, April 4.

“Fishing”

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Dam 14 including the Middle Fork, South Fork and the North Fork from Carr Creek Lake downstream and all tributaries.

The regulation on native walleye also extends to Barren River, Fishtrap, Martins Fork and Wood Creek lakes.

Dewey Lake, a 1,100-acre impoundment in Floyd County, began receiving stockings of muskellunge in 2014. To protect these stocked fish and create a trophy muskellunge fishery, there will be a 36-inch minimum size on muskie in the lake.

The flathead catfish harvest restrictions are now removed on 175-acre A.J. Jolly Lake in Campbell County. The prohibition on the possession of shad on 784-acre Cedar Creek Lake in Lincoln County is also removed starting March 1.

The first day of March is not only the start date of these new fishing regulations; it is the beginning of the new license year. Anyone fishing in Kentucky after this date must have a new fishing license.

“We receive no general fund tax dollars,” said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “Our funding relies on license sales and the federal matching monies. Kentucky anglers fund the fisheries division.”

The \$20 annual resident Kentucky fishing license pays for many benefits enjoyed by anglers, such as the more than 5.5 million fish stocked annually in waters across the state produced by the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery near Morehead and Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery near Frankfort.

These stockings fill the popular Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes with bluegill, catfish and trout.

“Several of our popular fisheries such as hybrid striped bass, walleye and striped bass wouldn’t exist without stocking,” Ross said.

License sales power the scientific management of fish populations in Kentucky, place fish habitat in lakes and maintain the smaller state-owned lakes.

These funds help biodiversity. The restoration of the native walleye into the previously mentioned river systems is an example as well as the recent restorations of lake sturgeon and alligator gar.

You may purchase your Kentucky 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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Second Section

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Tori Dotson named High School Meet MVP

RCMS and RCHS girls win Indoor Track State Championships

Rockcastle's girls' indoor track teams had an outstanding competition this past Saturday at the KTCCA Indoor Track State Championships held at Mason County. RCMS competed at 9:00 am with RCHS competing at 3:15 pm. From warm-up to the last event of the day, both meets lasted a total of 12 hours with very little time in between. Our girls' teams were certainly up to the challenge, coming away with two more team indoor state titles.

RCMS got the day underway with competition in the 55-meter dash. 8th grader Autumn Courtney led the way for RCMS with an incredible 3rd place finish overall and a new all-time personal best of 8.05 seconds. 6th grader Allie Martin placed 9th with an all-time personal best of 8.24. 8th grader Grace Gardiner placed 12th with an all-time personal best of 8.37. Several other RCMS competitors also ran personal bests including: 6th grader Gracie Spoonamore (8.56), 7th grader Aliyah Lopez (8.95), 6th grader Sydney Carrera (8.95), 7th grader Elisabeth Owens (9.12), 6th grader Jailey Martin (9.25), 6th grader Candace Mahaffey (9.33), 6th grader Melanie Vanwinkle (9.61), and 7th grader Delani Reynolds (10.56). RCMS had several come very close to their personal best times including: 8th grader Brianna Owens (8.97), 6th grader Savannah Thacker (9.06), 7th grader Hannah Davis (9.09), 7th grader Jasmine Ashcraft (9.28), and 6th grader Reina Lykins (9.41).

In the long jump competition, RCMS was limited to only two competitors. Autumn Courtney and Grace Gardiner performed exceptionally well in the event. Autumn won the indoor state title, leaping an incredible season's best of 15'2" to seal the win. Grace had an awesome jump of 13'6.75" and placed 4th overall.

Next for RCMS came the 1600-meter run. 8th grader Tori Dotson dominated the field, easily winning the indoor state title in the event with an awesome time of 5:42.00. 7th grader Erin Hindman finished with a great new all-time personal best of 6:36.83. 6th grader Kylie Martin ran well and finished with a great time of 6:55.20.

In the 400-meter dash, Allie Martin led the way with an amazing 5th place finish overall in an all-time personal best of 1:10.17. Gracie Spoonamore also ran

an exceptional race, placing 7th overall in 1:11.46, an all-time personal best. Grace Gardiner ran a great race as well, placing 10th overall with an impressive time of 1:12.2, just missing her personal best in the event. Several other RCMS girls had outstanding all-time personal best performances in the 400 including: Savannah Thacker (1:14.30), Sydney Carrera (1:14.34), Reina Lykins (1:16.27), Brianna Owens (1:16.84), Elisabeth Owens (1:17.56), Jailey Martin (1:18.07), Candace Mahaffey (1:28.10), Melanie Vanwinkle (1:31.69), Delani Reynolds (1:35.84). Aliyah Lopez ran a season's best time (1:16.23) and Hannah Davis came very close to her personal best (1:21.31).

In the 800-meter run, Tori won her second state title of the morning with an unbelievable performance. She blazed her way through six laps, finishing with the win in an all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record time of 2:29.40, eclipsing the previous mark set in 2003 at the Mason-Dixon Games on a much larger track. Her exceptional time was also a facility record for Mason County as well as an all-time middle school personal best and new RCMS indoor record. Jasmine ran an incredible time, placing 9th overall with a new all-time personal best of 2:51.57. Erin also ran an awesome all-time personal best in the 800-meter run (3:01.78), and Kylie followed with an exceptional race of her own and an all-time personal best (3:03.98).

RCMS excelled in the shot put competition as well. 7th grader Valerie Kendrick unleashed a monster throw on her final attempt and finished as state runner-up with an awesome new all-time personal best of 30'7.75". She missed the state title by only 7". 7th grader Jessalyn Burton also had an awesome performance, launching the 6-pound shot put 27'1.75" and earning 4th place overall. She missed her all-time personal best by less than an inch. 6th grader Natalie Tolle continues to show tremendous improvement. She threw a very impressive 18'3" and finished 12th overall. Her throw was an improvement of 1' over her previous personal best mark.

In the final event of the morning, the RCMS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team won the state title in the event in a very exciting race. The team of Autumn, Gracie,

Allie, and Tori had an historic performance, not only winning the event but also breaking the all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record in the process. Their amazing time of 4:39.37 broke the mark established by RCMS in 2013.

The relay team win secured the state title for RCMS and was their 9th overall team indoor state title. They defeated a tough Campbell Middle School team by a score of 73-55. North Oldham Middle was 3rd with 42 points and St. Edward finished 4th with 41 points.

The end of the middle school meet came very

close to the start of the high school competition. RCMS had several athletes that participate in both. With little rest in between, they were definitely up to the challenge.

RCHS got the meet off to a great start with an awesome performance in the 4 x 800-meter relay, one of their signature events. The team of Tori Dotson, freshman Kensie Sheffield, junior Taylor Bullock, and junior Sierra Mercer dominated the competition, easily winning the state title in the event with a new RCHS indoor record time of 10:44.18.

Next up came the 55-

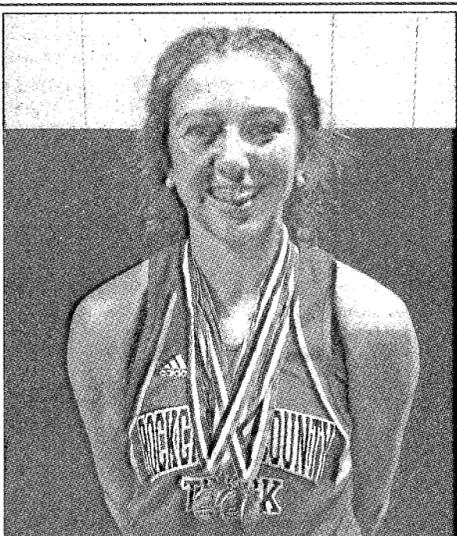
meter hurdles. 8th grader Autumn Courtney led the way for RCHS with a 3rd place finish overall in an amazing new all-time personal best of 9.97 seconds. Junior Jennifer Mercer placed 5th overall with an awesome new season's best time of 10.33.

In the triple jump competition, Autumn had an incredible series of jumps. She won the indoor state title with an awesome all-time indoor personal best jump of 32'4.75". 8th grader Grace Gardiner com-

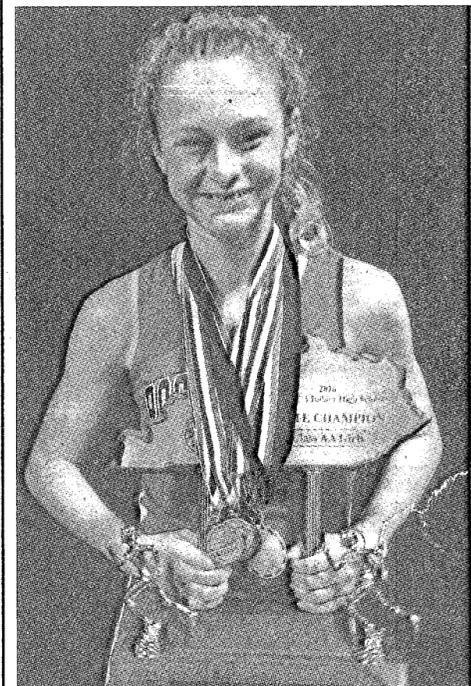
peted in her first-ever triple jump competition after only a couple of practices in the event. She placed 5th overall with a great jump of 27'1.5". After several jumps close to 30' in practice, Grace will continue to improve in the event and should do very well as the season progresses.

Back on the track, RCHS competed in the 55-meter dash. Jennifer led the way with a great race and an 11th place finish overall, tying

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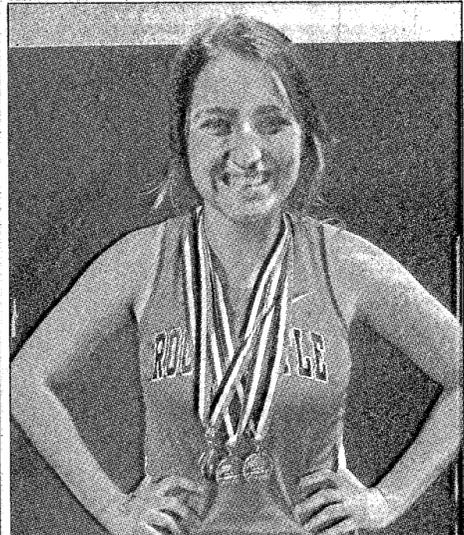
RCMS 8th grader Autumn Courtney scored 28.5 points at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships in Mason County on Saturday. Competing in both the middle and high school indoor state meets back-to-back, Autumn won five state titles including long jump and the 4 x 4 relay in the middle school competition. She also placed 3rd in the 55-meter dash with a personal best. For the high school team, she won long jump state with the best jump in all three state classes. She also won state titles in triple jump and the 4 x 4 relay, while placing 3rd in the 55-meter hurdles with a personal best. She also set a new all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record in the 4 x 400-meter relay (4:39.37).



RCMS 8th grader Tori Dotson scored 32.5 points and won the MVP award at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships in Mason County on Saturday. Competing in both the middle and high school indoor state meets back-to-back, Tori won state titles in all seven of her events, including the middle school 1600, 800, and 4 x 4 relay, as well as high school wins in the 4 x 8 relay, 1600, 800, and 3000-meter runs. She also set a new all-time Kentucky middle school indoor state record in the 800-meter run (2:29.4) and the 4 x 400-meter relay (4:39.37).



The RCHS girls' track team won the Class 2A Indoor State Track & Field Championship at Mason County on Saturday, winning by 23 points. This was the team's ninth indoor state championship title overall and fifth in a row. Team members are front from left: Jasmine Ashcraft, Jennifer Mercer, Taylor Bullock, Sierra Mercer and Tori Dotson. Back row from left: Jessalyn Burton, Valerie Kendrick, Samantha Douglas, Nikki McGuire, Autumn Courtney, Kensie Sheffield, Erin Hindman and Grace Gardiner.

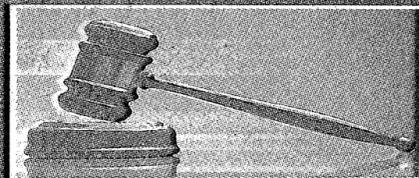


RCHS junior Sierra Mercer helped the Lady Rockets to the Class 2A Indoor Track State Championship at Mason County on Saturday, scoring an impressive 23 total points. Sierra ran anchor leg on the state title winning 4 x 800-meter relay team that broke the all-time RCHS record in the event. In the 400-meter dash, Sierra won the indoor state title (1:03.6). She competed in the 800-meter run immediately after and finished as state runner-up (2:41.3), only 35 hundredths of a second away from the state title. She capped off her incredible afternoon with an awesome lead leg of the girls' state champion 4 x 400-meter relay team.



The RCMS girls' indoor track team won the KTCCA Middle School Indoor State Track & Field Championship at Mason County on Saturday, winning by 18 points. This was the team's 9th indoor state championship title and 2nd straight. Team members are front from left: Candace Mahaffey, Elisabeth Owens, Sydney Carrera, Gracie Spoonamore, Kylie Martin, Melanie Vanwinkle and Savannah Thacker. Back row from left: Jasmine Ashcraft, Aliyah Lopez, Valerie Kendrick, Jailey Martin, Erin Hindman, Grace Gardiner, Autumn Courtney, Tori Dotson, Brianna Owens, Allie Martin, Natalie Tolle, Delani Reynolds and Jessalyn Burton. Not pictured: Reina Lykins and Hannah Davis.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Tara Lorena Smith v. Joseph Craig Smith, joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Deborah Phillips v. Jason Price, child support enforcement.

Janet Harrison v. Wayne Harrison, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tanya Cole v. Russell Cole, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. David Waymire, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Shawna Waymire, complaint for child support and medical support.

Citizens Bank v. Amy Holtkamp, et al, \$96,474.55 plus claimed due.

Joseph Kenneth Irvine v. Joset Carolyn Irvine, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Midwest Carpenter and Millwright FCU v. Danny Smith, \$5,232.65 plus claimed due.

Karen Denise Brummett v. Jeremy Terry, motion for temporary custody and child support.

Derek Lawson v. Tina Prince, motion for temporary custody. CI-00061

District Civil Suits

Citizens Bank v. Mike Fields, \$1,288.18 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Crystal Helton, \$3,303.32 plus claimed due. C-00031

Deeds Recorded

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property on Conway Road, to Felicia Smith. No tax

William D. L. Mink and Barbara Jo Collins, property on waters of Buffalo Creek, to Timothy Wayne and Tammy Sue Renner. Tax \$40

Leonard and Demie Hammond, property in Happy Acres Subdv., to Timothy Blake McKinney. Tax \$17

Elizabeth R. and Anthony Smis, property in Brodhead to Danny C. and Christian Hurley. Tax \$95

Howard W. and Gale Lash, property on Copper Creek Road, to William C. Alexander. Tax \$45

Jones David and Valerie Lyn Hiatt and Jones Conn and Ramona Sue Hiatt, property in Rockcastle County, to Jones Conn and Ramona S. Hiatt. No tax

Michael and Linda Michelle Mason, property in Rockcastle County, to Emily Cromer. Tax \$2.50

Ballard Hensley and Ethel Hensley, property in Rockcastle County, to Clinton Hensley. Tax \$2.50

Wesley Paul and Mary Elizabeth Midden, property on Breezy Hollow Lane, to Gregory Merrell Chandler. Tax \$38

Jerry E. and Anna Mae Morris, property on Gauley Branch, to Raymond and Lela Griffin. Tax \$5

Tonya Brock, property on Frank Thacker Road, to Jane Saylor. No tax

Roy and Pamela Martin, property on W. Main St., to L.C. and Ruby Mink. Tax \$55

Helen M. Abney, property on waters of Renfro Creek, to Brenda E. Bullock. No tax

Helen M. Abney, property in Rockcastle County, to April D. Abney. No tax

Richard Dale Cromer, Exec., property in Hwy. 70 Subdv., to Mariah, Eva Michelle Rogers. No tax

Leonard and Demie Hammond, property in Happy Acres Subdv., to Farmer and Resch Developments LLC. Tax \$79

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property on Stephens Road, to Billy Anderson. No tax

Marriage Licenses

Amber Nicole Stone, 28, daycare teacher, to Kyle Edward Bowman, 32, Mt. Vernon, vinyl upholstery repair. 2/23/16

Trine From, 43, Brodhead, laborer to Larry Smith, 66, Brodhead, retired. 2/26/16

Heather N. Dunn, 31, Brodhead, unemployed to James Robert Lindsey III, 24, Brodhead, cook. 2/29/16

District Court

Feb. 2-March 2, 2016
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Nadia A. El-Ezz: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

David Denny: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine and costs.

Derrick J. French: fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Roger French: fines/fees due (\$363), bw issued for fta/8 days in jail or full payment.

Billy G. Gadd: fines/fees due (\$303), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or full payment.

Steven T. Haling: possession controlled substance, public intoxication controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta; fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Anthony Henson: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Alice M. Hill: fines/fees due (\$238), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

Joshua T. Hill: no/expired registration plates l-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Bennett Ellis Hines: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment plus restitution.

Dustin R. Hines: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Joseph S. Holsing: fines/fees due (\$271), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment plus restitution.

Jonathan E. Houk: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

Pochoteco N. Martinez: failure to wear seat belts, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Robert Lee McClure: fines/fees due (\$643), contempt/13 days in jail or full payment.

Brenda S. Meadows: convicted felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.

James Miller: fines/fees due (\$574), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or full payment.

Amanda M. Newcomb: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, li-

cence to be in possession, license suspended for fta.

Terry W. Newcomb: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Kendra L. Owens: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, reg. & title requirements veh. not oper. on hwy., failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, no operators/moped license, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Burford R. Pearson: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Brent A. Powell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.

Troy H. Reed: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.

Speeding: Tonya G. Stone, Latasha N. Woods, paid; Steven M. Dearing, \$40 fine plus costs; Jordan D. Justice, Gregory Jackson Mosley, license suspended for fta.

Kathleen Marie Jarrell: hindering prosecution or apprehension, bw issued for fta.

Danny R. Sowder: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment.

Jacob D. Stewart: fines/fees due (\$243), converted to 5 days in jail/to serve.

Brendon Swanigan: fines/fees due (\$424.25), bw issued for fta.

Frankie W. Wilburn: reckless driving, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, order entered.

Dennis William: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine and costs.

James E. Winchester: improper equipment, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, bw issued for fta.

Roy K. Cope: criminal trespassing, \$100 and costs/fine suspended on condition.

Jonathan Earl Houk: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 360 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Kevin J. Mink: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Paula A. Cope: balance of fine imposed (\$450) due to non-compliance.

Matthew S. Gadd: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, obstructed vision and/or windshield, bw issued for fta.

Nathan Gadd: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, fleeing or evading police, criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Ashley Jasper: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.

Kenneth R. Lewis: fines/fees due (\$1455.41), bw issued for fta.

Brandy Scott: obstructed vision and/or windshield, no operators/moped license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Jody W. Taylor: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, tampering with physical evidence, probation violation (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Everett F. Wilson: assault, 360 days in jail/pro-

probated 24 months on condition.

Amy M. Bingham: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$100 fine and costs.

Jennifer Carr: serving warrant for other police agency, theft by deception, license suspended for fta.

Billy T. Hines: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, 120 days/to serve/costs merged.

Kenneth P. Kelley: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/\$400 suspended on condition plus costs.

William B. Bailey: possession of synthetic drugs, trafficking synthetic drugs, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued.

Nicole M. Cooper: giving officer false name or address, bw issued for fta.

Elliott J. Dooley: rear license not illuminated, license to be in possession, no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued.

Clyde E. Hasty: criminal mischief, criminal trespass, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

John Halen Kemper: assault, bw issued for fta.

Michael H. Martina: fines/fees due (\$733), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or full payment.

Jordan D. McGuire: tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of synthetic drugs, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, bw issued.

Jacob M. Mink: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Robert F. Northern, Jr.: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, bw issued for fta.

Roy E. Perry: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Samantha A. Pittman: possession of synthetic drugs, 30 days/to serve plus costs; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 90 days/to serve/concurrent/costs waived.

Michael, Santo: assault, bw issued for fta.

William D. Smith: no/expired registration plates l-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, license

suspended for fta/bw issued.

Kathy L. Todd: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating vehicle w/ expired operators license, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Jason K. Vanzant: making false statement to obtain increase of benefit over \$100, bw issued for fta.

Adam J. Walker: driving DUI suspended license, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition; driving MV while license suspended for DUI, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition plus merged costs.

Lauren A. Wilson: pos-

session of controlled substance, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 security fee, 30 days operator license suspended/ADE authorized.

Melissa M. Young: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Brandon L. Courtney: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Rockcastle County PRIDE Spring Clean-Up

April is Spring Cleanup Month in Rockcastle County!

Volunteer during the month of April, 2016

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

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

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

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Dodgeball Tournament

April 2, 2016
Rockcastle County Middle School

Details:

- Double elimination tournament
- Games begin @ 1:00 p.m.
- Co-ed teams welcome
- Teams: 6 members each
- Entry Fee: \$50 per team
- Trophies for winning team
- General admission \$1 (Kids 3 and under are free)
- Concessions available

Please register by Friday, March 25.
For more information call Morgan Bray at 256-7704 or m.bray@hrcc.org

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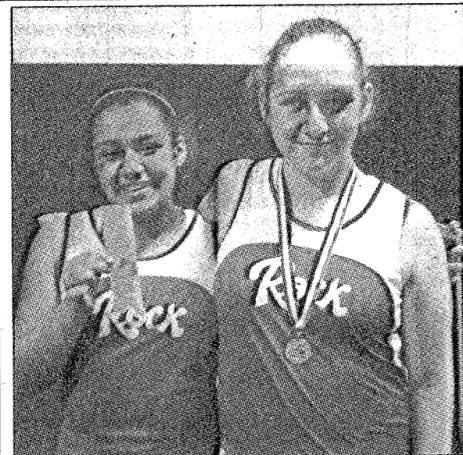
At the Class 2A Indoor Track State Championships in Mason County on Saturday, the RCHS girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team of Taylor Bullock, Autumn Courtney, Sierra Mercer, and Jennifer Mercer won the indoor state title in the event with an awesome time of 4:32.89, their best at Mason County this season. The relay win secured the team state title for the Lady Rockets.



The RCHS girls' 4 x 800-meter relay team won the indoor state championship title at the Class 2A Indoor Track State Championships at Mason County on Saturday with an awesome performance. The team of Sierra Mercer, Taylor Bullock, Kensie Sheffield, and Tori Dotson established a new all-time RCHS record with an incredible time of 10:44.18.



The girls' 4 x 400-meter relay team sealed the team state title for RCMS with a record-setting performance at the KTCCA Middle School Indoor Track State Championships. The team of Tori Dotson, Allie Martin, Gracie Spoonamore, and Autumn Courtney won with a new all-time Kentucky indoor middle school state record of 4:39.37 to break the mark also set by RCMS in 2013. Team members are from left: Tori Dotson, Allie Martin, Gracie Spoonamore and Autumn Courtney.



RCMS 7th graders Jessalyn Burton and Valerie Kendrick scored for the Lady Rockets in the shot put competition at the KTCCA Middle School Indoor State Track Championships. Jessalyn placed 4th overall with an awesome throw of 27'1.75". Valerie finished as state runner-up with an incredible new all-time personal best throw of 30'7.75".

State Champs

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her season's best time of 8.06 seconds. Grace placed 20th overall with a great race as well, equaling her time of 8.37 seconds from the middle school state meet. Senior Nikki McGuire also ran extremely well, finishing in 8.78 seconds. 7th grader Jasmine Ashcraft ran an all-time personal best in the event, finishing with an exceptional time of 9.08 seconds.

In the 1600-meter run, Tori led the field once again with another impressive performance. Since she had already won three events in the middle school state meet, she decided to conserve energy as much as possible in her high school events. She easily won her second indoor state title of the meet with an awesome time of 5:52.83. Kensie Sheffield came through for RCHS with an incredible performance. She finished 4th overall with an exceptional season's best time of 6:19.04. She wasn't far off her all-time indoor personal best. 7th grader Erin Hindman earned an award for her 8th place finish with a great time of 6:53.39.

In the long jump competition, Autumn picked up where she left off in the middle school meet. She had another great series of jumps and won her second indoor state title of the high school meet with an awesome season's best jump of 15'5". Jennifer also jumped well and finished 9th overall with a leap of 13'2".

One of the most exciting races of the afternoon came in the 400-meter dash. Sierra trailed early on against a very fast field of competitors. Coming into the final stretch, she outkicked the lead girl from Ashland-Blazer, winning the indoor state title with an awesome time of 1:03.6 on a very tight 133.3 meter track. Taylor had an awesome race of her own, finishing 12th overall with a great time of 1:09.72, nearly a season's best. After closing the gap with their awesome performance in the 400, RCHS found themselves 10 points behind Mason County in the team standings.

In the 800-meter run, Sierra had the daunting task of back-to-back events since it comes directly after the 400. Along with her,

Tori was looking at her 6th event of the day which becomes difficult not only for the challenge of the event, but the time span that her events covered. With this being one of Rockcastle's most important events from a scoring standpoint, both girls faced the challenge head on. Tori led from wire-to-wire and won yet another indoor state title in the event with an awesome time of 2:40.95. Sierra fought hard and came from behind to finish as state runner-up at the very end of the race. Her exceptional time of 2:41.30 was very close to Tori's and between two and five hundredths of a second ahead of her two closest competitors. Their performance in the 800 put RCHS back in the lead for good.

In the shot put competition, freshman Samantha Douglas came through with a career best performance. She threw an incredible all-time personal best of 28'4.5" and placed 5th overall, gaining 4 very important points for RCHS. 7th grader Valerie Kendrick finished 11th in her first-ever varsity competition with an exceptional throw of 24'3". 7th grader Jessalyn Burton also competed in her first-ever varsity competition, placing 13th with a great throw of 21'11.75". Nikki McGuire was not far behind, placing 14th overall with a great throw of 21'11.5", close to her all-time personal best.

Back on the track, Tori and Kensie competed in their final distance event of the day, the 3000-meter run. Both girls came through with great performances. Despite just having finished the 800 and the 3000-meter run coming right after, Tori led from start to finish. Amazingly, she remained perfect winning her 7th state title of the day with an awesome time of 12:29.21. Kensie placed 4th overall with an incredible race and a great time of 13:12.31.

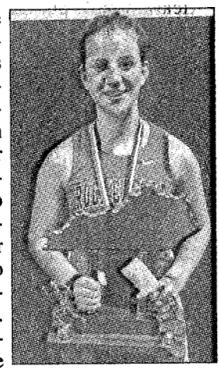
The final event of the day for RCHS was the 4 x 400-meter relay. Always one of the team's best events and a great insurance policy for closing out a close meet if needed. The team of Sierra, Autumn, Taylor, and Jennifer had an awesome team performance against some very fast competition. The girls' won at the end with Jennifer pulling away from their closest competition. The team won the indoor state title in the event with a

great time of 4:32.89, their fastest this season at Mason County.

The relay win solidified the team state championship for RCHS as they defeated runner-up Mason County by 23 points and a score of 116-93. Ashland Blazer finished 3rd with 82 points, while Lexington Catholic and Casey County tied for 4th with 43 points each. Louisville Waggener placed 6th with 42 points. This was the 9th team indoor state championship title for RCHS.

Special thanks to the athletes, parents, grandparents, our bus driver Ms. Diane Stephens, teachers, administrators, custodians and other faculty members, as well as anyone else that has supported us along the way. Both RCMS and RCMS now set their sights on outdoor state titles. RCMS will look to defend their outdoor state championship title from last year and RCHS will seek to improve upon their 4th place finish at outdoor state from last season.

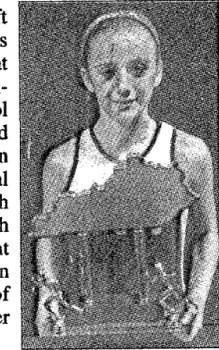
RCHS freshman Kensie Sheffield had several outstanding performances at the Class 2A Indoor Track State Championships on Saturday in Mason County. Kensie ran an awesome 2nd leg of the indoor state title winning 4 x 800-meter relay team that also broke the all-time RCHS indoor record. In the 1600-meter run, Kensie ran very close to her all-time personal best, finishing 4th overall in 6:19.04. She followed that with an exceptional performance in the 3000-meter run, also finishing 4th with a great time of 13:12.31.



RCMS 7th grader Erin Hindman competed in both the middle and high school indoor state championship meets with great performances in both. In the middle school competition, Erin ran an awesome all-time personal best of 6:36.83 in the 1600-meter run. She followed that with a great 1600-meter time of 6:53.39 in the high school competition which earned her an award for placing 8th overall.



7th grader Jasmine Ashcraft had some great performances for both RCMS and RCHS at the indoor state track championships. In the middle school competition, Jasmine placed 9th overall in the 800-meter run with a new all-time personal best of 2:51.57. She placed 7th in the 800-meter run in the high school division with a great time of 2:56.73. She also ran an all-time personal best of 9.08 seconds in the 55-meter dash.



RCMS 8th grader Grace Gardiner came through with great performances for both RCMS and RCHS at the indoor State Track Championships. For RCMS, she placed 4th in long jump (13'6.75"). She also ran an all-time personal best of 8.37 seconds in the 55-meter dash placing 12th and finished 10th in the 400 (1:12.2). For RCHS, she scored in her first-ever triple jump competition, placing 5th overall with a great jump of 27'1.5". In the high school 55-meter dash, she placed 20th, tying her personal best time of 8.37 seconds.



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Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

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

The following items may be recycled:

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

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (behind the old school gym)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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

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



Mt. Vernon Message

School News

After-School enrichment begins Monday, March 14 from 3:15 until 4:30.

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

Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up their children.

MVES Student Council meets on Thursday, March 10 at 2:00.

There will be no school on Friday, March 18. Have a nice long weekend!

Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 31. Please watch for details.

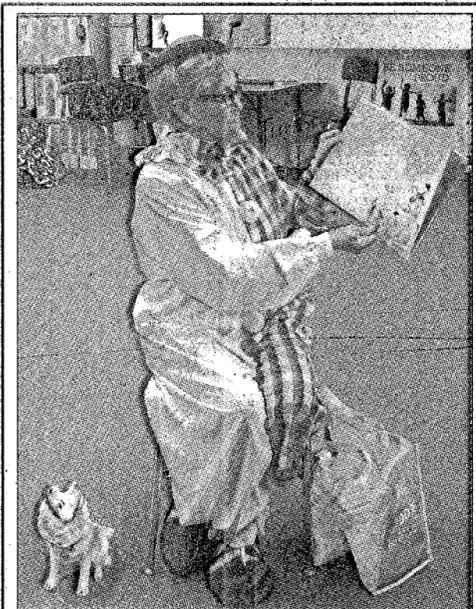
MVES 5th Grader, Carson King was selected to spend the afternoon on Tuesday, March 1st in Frankfort with State Senator Jared Carpenter. Special thanks to MVES Family Resource Center Director, Mrs. Regina Hull-Brown and FRYSC who sponsored the Annual Page for a Day Program. Carson was able to meet many senators, see how the government works and he even had

the opportunity to meet former KY Governor, Julian Carroll. Thanks Carson for representing MVES and Rockcastle County Schools we are very proud of your accomplishment!

Mrs. Angie Hunt's class has been learning about dental health. The

tooth Fairy visited the students to share information about good dental hygiene.

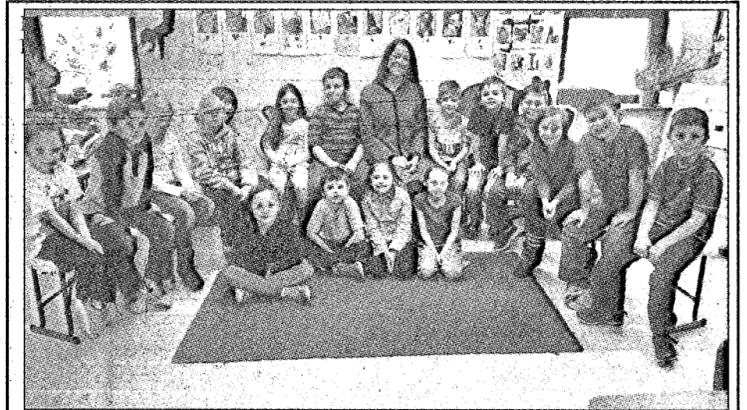
As part of Read Across America Week, MVES celebrated with Dr. Seuss stories. Many community members came in to read Dr. Seuss books to our children.



Mrs. Martha Cox came in to read "Circus Family Dog" to Mrs. Jamie Cornelius' reading groups.



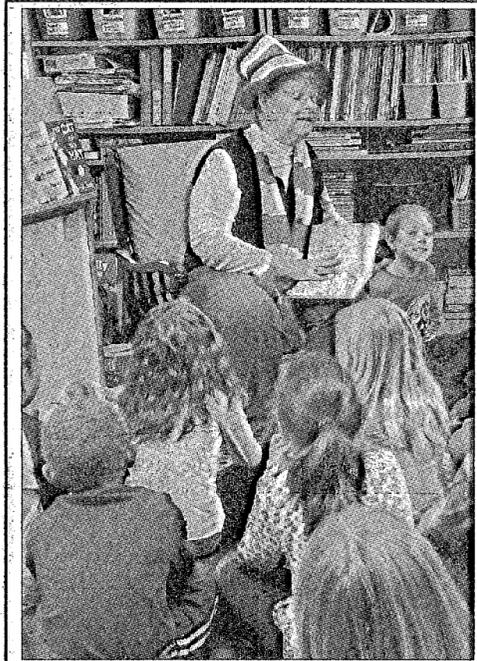
Angie Hunt's class with the Tooth Fairy.



Judge Katie Wood was the Guest Reader for Mrs. Price's class at MVES.



MVES 5th Grader, Carson King was selected to spend the afternoon on Tuesday, March 1st in Frankfort with State Senator Jared Carpenter.



Pam Chaliff read to Mrs. Davis' class at MVES.

Hunt named to President's List

The academic honors' president's list for the fall 2015 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's vice president for academic affairs.

Local student, Casey Brooke Hunt, a senior, from Mt Vernon, has been named to Campbellsville University's President's List for fall 2015.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours. The fall 2015 academic honors' list includes a total of 629 students, with 244 named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average, and 385 named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA.

Parker named to Dean's List

The academic honors' dean's list for the fall 2015 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's vice president for academic affairs.

Local student, Cali Marie Parker, a junior, from Brodhead, has been named to Campbellsville University's Dean's List for fall 2015.

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Bus Drills

Early Dismissal

The Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting Emergency Bus Evacuation drills on Thursday, March 17, 2016. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal.

NO SCHOOL
on Friday, March 18th - CKEA



New Date: March 15

Be a Queen of Hearts

Please join us for a heart health event focused on making you a queen for the night. This FREE event features guest speakers, a free gift, massages, door prizes, educational booths, a heart-healthy meal, and more!

Tuesday, March 15
 Rockcastle Middle School • 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jana Bray at 606.256.7880 or j.bray@rhcca.org by Friday, March 11.



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Love your Heart

FFA Week celebrated Feb. 20-27

Submitted by Reporter Sierra Sturgill
February 20 - 27 was National FFA Week. To kick off FFA week, the chapter had their annual Chili Supper & Auction. We had several people in attendance and we were able to auction off many items.

Several officers and assistants traveled to Rockcastle County Courthouse on February 22nd to have a proclamation signed by

Judge Executive Doug Bishop declaring FFA Week for the county. Along with having a proclamation signed, that week several members of the chapter went on WRVK and asked FFA related questions. People called in their answers and won pizza from the local Pizza Hut.

Students at Rockcastle County High School also participated in FFA Week by dressing appropriately

for the theme days. Monday's theme was 'Merica Mondee. Tuesday's theme was Twin Tuesday. Wednesday's theme was Ag Career Day. Thursday's theme was Blue and Gold Day. Friday's theme was Camo.

On Tuesday, 6 officers went to Boyle County High School to participate in a workshop put on by Abrah Myer, who is the National FFA Central Region Vice President.



Officers and assistants traveled to the courthouse to have a proclamation signed by Judge Executive Doug Bishop. Pictured front row from left are: Caleb Ballinger, Eric Bullock, James Clay Ballinger, and Autumn Kirby. Back row from left: Pamela Miller, Allie Johnson, Brittany Long, Allie Renner, Callie Powell, and Michaela Barron.



Students and teachers that participated in Thursday's theme, Blue and Gold Day were front from left: Eric Bullock, Pamela Miller, Spanish Teacher Stephanie Anderson, and Autumn Kirby. Back row from left: Logan Miller, James Clay Ballinger, and Joshua Andrew McKinney.



Pictured are from left: Rockcastle County graduate and Boyle County Ag Teacher Matt Whitaker, FFA State Executive Secretary Matt Chaliff, Vice President Eric Bullock, President James Clay Ballinger, National FFA Central Region Vice President Abrah Myer, Reporter Sierra Sturgill, Secretary Allie Johnson, Sentinel David Gabbard, Chaplain Trevor Sweet, and State Vice President James Kash

4-H Variety Show provides participants with opportunities to learn and grow

The Rockcastle County 4-H Variety Show is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Registration deadline is Monday, April 4th.

Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the rules and guidelines.

Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. A 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided up into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by Janu-

ary 1, 2016, will be in the senior division.

There must be 5 participants or more for a Club Act. Club acts have a time limit of 8 minutes.

Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act. Other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act.

Variety Show participants may only represent one club and must participate within their own grade and home room.

There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act, club or specialty.

Please use good judgment on dance routines.

An act exceeding the time limit should be permitted to finish but cannot be awarded Champion.

Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted.

Dramatic readings can be entered as a variety show act

All acts must use the same P.A. system. No act will be allowed to provide their own system.

Leaders must take care of their own music. (Have CD set at starting point.)

Each school will sit together until time for their acts. Club leaders are responsible for keeping their group together and quiet. Parents should be recruited to help as chaperones.

Admission will not be charged.

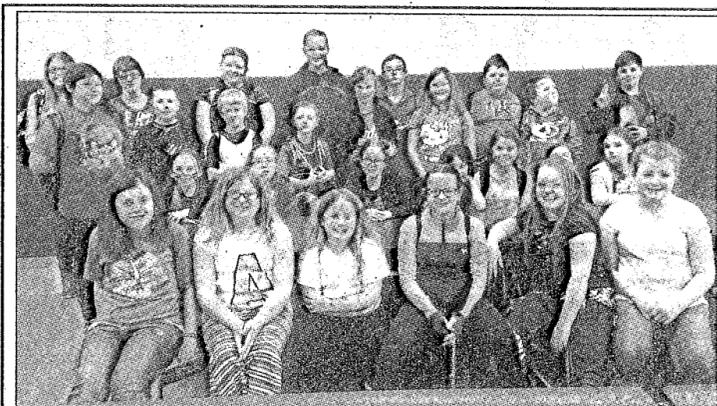
Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403.

Registration information will include:

- 1.) Name of Act
- 2.) Type of music that will be used (CD, piano, etc)
- 3.) Number in the Act
- 4.) Names of participants if it is a Specialty Act

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All acts will receive either a Red or Blue Ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts



4-H Sewing Project participants at Brodhead Elementary School were front from left: Haley Robinson, Alivia Kirby, Molly Irwin, Robin Renner, Kilee Carpenter and Leah Taubee. Second row: Bailey Terry, Hope Kidwell, Brooklyn Carter, Chelsi Laswell, Makinlee Goff, Natalie Prewitt and Kyra Gibson. Third row: Aaliyah Woodall, John T. Kelley, Ezekiel Graves, Joe Wade, Callie Bengel, Gracelyn Robinson and Dawson Farrow. Back row: Kaitlin Burgin, Kaylee Chadwell, Jaelynn Messer, Erica Pigg from Rockcastle County Middle School, John Farrow, Lee Denney and Ernest Bryant.



RCCHS band members selected for Honors Band

Congratulations to members of the RCCHS band who were selected by audition for the 2016 Western Kentucky University High School Honors Band. Band students spent two days of intensive rehearsals with some of the top conductors in the field including Mr. Bob Elliot, Kentucky Director of Bands at Ryle High School, Dr. Jeffery Phillips, Conductor and Trombone Professor of Belmont University and Dr. Sarah McKoin, Director of Bands at Texas Tech University.

The students were also treated to a Prism Concert given by the students of the Western Kentucky University Music Department, which features every ensemble in the department. The honor bands performed in concert at Van Meter Auditorium on the WKU campus on Saturday March 5th. RCCHS members who were

selected are pictured included Samarah Lovins, Logan Anglin, Allison Renner, Ryan Martin, Caitlin Daugherty, Aaron Pevley, and Abigail Fletcher with RCCHS Director Greg Daugherty.

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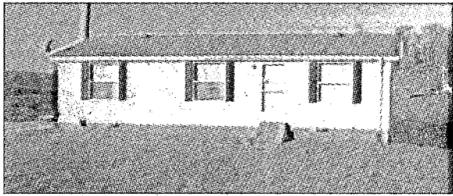
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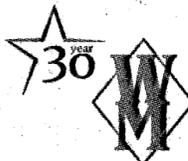
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