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Commissioner

makes visit to

Kentucky Education Commissioner Cene Wilhort spent Friday af-ternoon at Roundstone School. Met Wilhort toured the school, met with Rockcastle School Superintendent Larry Hammond, Principal David Pensol, teachers and sudents. Roundstone waschosen because of its high test scores on both the state's CATS test and the national CTBS, although they have a majority of their students receiving free or reduced lunch.

scored eighth in the state on the Com-prehensive Test of Basic Skills.

Wilholt's visit was designed to recognize Roundstone for for its out-standing performance and provide one on one communication opportu-

Homecoming

February 9th

fer Kidwell, Courtney Alexander, Brittany Asher, Tara Burton and Elizabeth Matekovich.

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Roundstone





Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wilholt, center, was at Roundstone School Friday afternoon. At left is Rockeastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond: At right is Roundstone Principal David Pensol. In the top photo. Wilhoit stakes hands with Transportation Director David Perkins.

### County wins major decision in road suit

By Richard Andrekin
The Rockeathe County Fiscal.

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Rockeastie County Attorney Logical States of Rockeastie County Attorney Logical Burdene, which threw out a cross claim against the chunty and eight other landowners.

The cross claim was filed by laid-

O'Neil filed his claim after the county such him and all of the other landowners along the road, seeking a 30 foot right-of-way.

The county had been involved in several controversies along the road in the past couple of years, because the road is only about 15 feet wide in most places.

In his order, Venters said that by law O'Neil Band no basis for his cross-claim, and he did not file it in time either.

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#### State police will have checkpoints

The Kentucky State Police at London would like to-remind motorists of the presence of traffic checkpoints during the enton of February. Phese checkpoints are utilized to enforce laws relating to the operation of a motor which while under the influence of intoxicants, licensing afteriors, registration of motor vehicles,

#### Two injured

and motor vehicle equipment safety. Other violations or suspected viola-tions of state law observed at the checkpoint will be investigated and enforced.

#### County now has salt supply

all.

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis said the county
had received 61 tons.

Carloftis said the sait had been
delivered by mistake to the county
highway garage.

The Judge said the county would
use the sait on steeper roads, because
it was unlikely they could get anymore this winter.

Traffic checkpoints will be estab-lished on roadways with clear visibil

#### **Boil** water advisory lifted

The Rockeastle Water Associa-on amounced this week that a boil state advisory for customes receiv-ture and the boltom County had the boltom county had. The chlorine residuals are off-quate and officials with the water sociation say there is no needs to oil the water any longer. The lifting of the boil water advi-typy affects customers along the ma-cad and side roads. Anyone with any questions hould consuct Io Cook at 256-5480.

## **McFarland** offers court a settlement

man and landowner who has received permission from the state to put a landfill on his property at Little Clear Creek, is making a settlement offer to the Rockcastle County Fiscal

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McFarland calls his offer a winwin situation for himself and for the

win situation for himself and for the county.

Last week, the state approved a permit for McFarland to operate a less than one acre landfill on his property, which he would use to dispose of construction debrit, although he Rockcastle Fiscal Court passed a resolution against the landfill at their At that meeting several local residents of the debric opposition to the landfill, saying they were concerned about the effect it would have on the environment.

nvironment.
After the court passed the resolu

tion, they joined the tesidents in sign-ing a petition against the landfill. Both the resolution and petition were forwarded to the state.

And as soon as the state approved the permit, Rockcastle Judge-Execu-tive Buzz Carloftis denounced the action and said the county would bring suit if necessary to stop it.

Carloftse, claimed, that if McFarland operated his landfill the would be in visualizated to the claim of the country garbage ordinance, although the state had given their permission.

In his relegae, McFarland sait the hand of a hottow a considerable distance from the Little Clear Creek in the sorthern area of the country.

Roundstone students have consistently scored better on the average than students in the other countries schools in the past Rw years.

Last year students at Roundstone School scored first in the state in science and seventh in reading on the CATS test. The proposed site is also near McEarland's own home but if the county goes along with McFarland's offer, there may be no landfill at all. In his release McFarland offered CATS test.
Students at Roundstone also

If the Yiscal court will allocate funding and proceed to clean up four of the . county's . worst . [He glad dumpsites, with a cleast one of the best on the . Rockeastle . River, whe are a clean country is . We have a considerable . We have a cons

McEartand said that he had also approached several organizations and individuals as an attempt to find the worst illegal dump sites in the county.

McParland said he thought the best way to decide on which four dumps, the county should velear up, would be by a survey of the citizens in the county.

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"Carloftis was quoted in the Signal last week as saying, We, in local government, are obligated to protect the health and safety of our community's citizens," McFarland

community's citteens, see said.

We would encourage Carlotius and members of the fiscal court to stand behind their words and take action to clean up Rockeastle County, 'McFarland said, McFarland said, we have a country, 'McFarland said, 'McFarland said, 'Could be very costly to the country's Languages.'

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Thave viewed the site and spo-ken with Mr. McFarland and after speaking with Rockeastle County At-torney Jeff Burdette, I have decided to delay litigation so that the entire

to delay Italgation so that the entire fiscal gourt can review Mr. McFartand's proposal, which includes withdrawing his state permit and desiring operations. "Carforlis said." I am sending 40th McFartand a letter explaining the county's position and the fiscal court will discount to the mean meeting. "Carforlis said. McFartand has taken no action to begin consputction of operations of his indifficult of the meeting." Carforlis said.

#### Lovell gets 20 years in Baker murder

Eddy F. Montgomery, Common-ealth Attorney for Lincoln, ockcastle and Pulaski counties, an-ounced this week that David Lovell. 33, of Mt. Vernon, was sentenced to

33, of Mt, Vernon, was sentenced to append of vewery years in prison for the 1997 murder of Charles Tyree Toddie Baker. According to Montgomery, the body of the victim was discovered in February 1999 buried unker fourteen feet of dirt and debris on land owned by David Lovell and his wife, Bar-bara. Baker was last seen alive in late April 1997. Montgoinery added that during Basketball homecoming at the Rockcastle County High School is scheduled for Friday February 9th. The crowning of this year's queen will take place between the girls' and boys game,
Homecoming queen candidates
for 2001 are: Angie Boreing, Tamir
Taylor, Lindsey Parsons, Kaleisa
Robinson, Tammy Dees, Rachel
Childress, Allison Anderkin, Jenni-

April 1997.

Montgomery added that durin his guilty pice. Lovell admitted the shot and killed Baker and buric his body in an effort to cover-up h

Lovell's wife, Barbara Lovell en-

for her role in the slaying. Barbara Lovell also shot Baker but her shot

Lovell also shot Baker but her shot did not cause the death of Baker. Barbara Lovell is currently serving a 10 year sentence of imprisonment for her role in the crime. Monigomery further stated that he is pleased with the conclusion of this cause and that he hopes that it will finally add some closure for the fam-ity of the victim.

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