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State tournament team of '72 to be honored at BES

The annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

This year's banquet will honor the classes of 1927, '32, '37, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67 and '72, the last senior graduating class at Brodhead.

The 1972 basketball state tournament team will also be honored.

Billy Riddle was in his 14th season at Brodhead when they went to the State.

Members of the team were: Clayton Cash, Ronnie Brown, Dennis Harris, Terry Burton, Tommy Mullins, Duane Mink, Larry LaFevers, Derrell Proctor, Coy Taylor, David Collins, Derrell Proctor, Ronnie Arnold and the late Pat Crawford.

Support staff for that team were: score keeper Clinton Winstead, managers Mike Crank and Robbie Lay and the Tiger Ernie Graves.

Cheerleaders for that squad were: Cheryl Riddle Brown, Cindy Whitehead Burton, Debbie Silcox Harper, Elaine Price Coleman, Joan Poynter Garrison and Paula Holbrook Kane. The head coach was Billy Riddle and assistant coach was Johnny Hamm. Mrs. Shirley Martin was the cheerleading sponsor and Bill Frank Martin drove the bus. The Tigers were 29-9 on the season.

This year's banquet will be held in the new elementary school for the first time ever and guided tours of the school will begin at 5 p.m. For more information call Brodhead School at (606) 758-8512.

Livingston Mayor resigns, is now police officer

Former Livingston Mayor Charlie Newcomb resigned his position late in February and was apparently hired as a part-time police officer.

However, newly appointed Mayor Curtis McHargue said that Newcomb must undergo training before he will be allowed to carry a gun and continue to work. McHargue said that he was currently trying to complete the proper paperwork for Newcomb, who will join Joe Johnson on Livingston's police force when he receives his certification. McHargue said that Newcomb would be a part-time officer.

McHargue said that he is also trying to find someone to fill the spot left vacant on the council when he took the Mayor's job. Right now, Todd Mink, Kathy Carpenter and Jason Medley serve along with McHargue.

Mt. Vernon man sues 911

A Mt. Vernon man who was stopped by police on Halloween night of last year is making an all out effort to obtain the name or names of those who may have called the Rockcastle County 911 center to complain about him that night.

Michael Sheliga says in a suit filed in Rockcastle Circuit Court that he was unfairly singled out by Mt. Vernon police.

According to court records, Sheliga was detained by police and questioned for a lengthy time because he was over 21-years-old and not with a child who was "trick or treating." Sheliga was also carrying a bag of uncooked rice. He was not charged with a crime.

Sheliga threatened legal action against the City of Mt. Vernon, but has not filed suit against them as of yet.

According to court records, Sheliga requested that he receive an audio tape of the 911 call, but his request was turned down by County Attorney Jeff Burdette. Attorney General Ben Chandler's office agreed with Burdette and said that the county did not have to turn over the tape.

"We don't want people afraid to call in when there is an emergency because they are afraid of a lawsuit - it is just a matter of privacy for a concerned caller," he said.

The case will now be heard in Circuit Judge William Cain's court. The next hearing is Friday.

Nearly four inches of rain during the last four days

Rockcastle County residents have been lucky when it comes to the latest round of rainfall.

Plenty has fallen, but for the most part very little flooding has occurred throughout the county.

Rockcastle County weatherman Bud Cox said that 4.39 inches of rain has been recorded in the month of March.

Since last Friday 3.89 inches was recorded and for a twenty four hour period from 8 a.m. Tuesday to 8 a.m. Wednesday 1.61 inches of precipitation fell.

The recorded high temperature for the month was 74 on the 15th and the recorded low was nine on the fourth. Cox recorded a trace of snow once in March.

County road crews had to clean-up Sweet Water Road on Wednesday morning after the banks of a farm pond apparently broke loose, according to County Road Foreman Jack Cromer.

"We've been pretty luck here, considering all of the rain," he said.

Ford gets $500,000 put in House budget for walkway

Kentucky State Representative Danny Ford, of Mt. Vernon, announced this week that he has been able to include a $500,000 project for a new crosswalk at Renfro Valley, in the House of Representative's version of the state's budget.

The new crosswalk would cross over U.S. 25 and allow pedestrians to safely go from one side of the road to the other.

The crosswalk would be built at approximately the same time that a $2.5 million road project in the same area is going on. That money was secured by U.S. Representative Harold Rogers of Somerset. It will add a lane at Renfro Valley and widen the existing lanes to make it safer for motorists and pedestrians. Ford said that he hoped the project would now make it through the state senate and be signed off on by Governor Paul Patton.

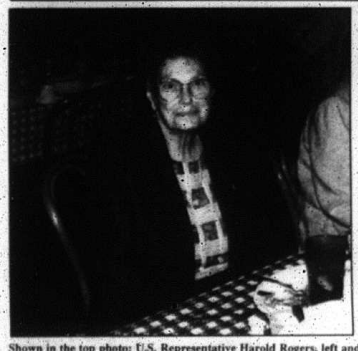
Ford has been largely responsible for the nearly $4 million the state has pumped into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame at Renfro Valley.

Still no arrests in shooting

Police still have made no arrests in a drive-by shooting near Brodhead last week.

Melissa Carmen Lawson, 23, was shot twice in the shooting. She was one of six people in the home on Negro Creek when the early morning shooting occurred. Police said that at least 13 shots were fired into the house.

"Nobody is saying much, which is making the investigation pretty hard," said Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Aaron Matthews.



Shown in the top photo: U.S. Representative Harold Rogers, left and State Representative Danny Ford. At left is Mrs. Juanita Davis, County Republican vice-chairman and at right is Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette with a copy of the Abraham Lincoln print painted by well-known artist Mark McFerron.

Annual Lincoln Day Banquet held

The annual Rockcastle Lincoln Day banquet was held at the Renfro Valley Lodge on Friday night.

About 150 people attended the event which was sponsored by the local Republican party.

U.S. Representative Harold Rogers of Somerset was on hand for the event. State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette served as emcees.

Ten prints of Abraham Lincoln were auctioned off and brought in over $1,300. Burdette and former Rockcastle resident and noted artist Mark McFerron donated the prints to the local club.

Local county officials and candidates for the May Primary were also recognized.

Rockets lose in first round of state

The Rockcastle County High School Rocket basketball team ended their historic season last Wednesday afternoon in Rupp Arena.

The Rockets fell to the Blue Tornado of Paducah Tilghman High School 58-43, in the first game of the first round of the Sweet Sixteen.

The Rockets finished the season with a mark of 25-8, which was a school record and they also claimed the school's first ever boys' basketball regional championship.

The Rockets seemed a little nervous from the outset and before it was over they would commit 26 turnovers compared to Tilghman's 13.

Tilghman also outrebounded the Rockets 39 to 33, 21 of those on the offensive glass.

The Blue Tornado outscored Rockcastle in every quarter on the way to the victory.

The Blue Tornado would eventually finish second in the tournament, losing to Lexington Catholic in the finals.

Freshman Aaron Cash had 15 points and five assists.

Senior Andrew Hammond had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Junior Jason Reynolds had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Junior Austin Miller had three and junior Chris Settles had two.

Juniors Aaron Anderkin and Stephen Boreing and sophomore Devin Taylor all saw extensive action, but did not score.

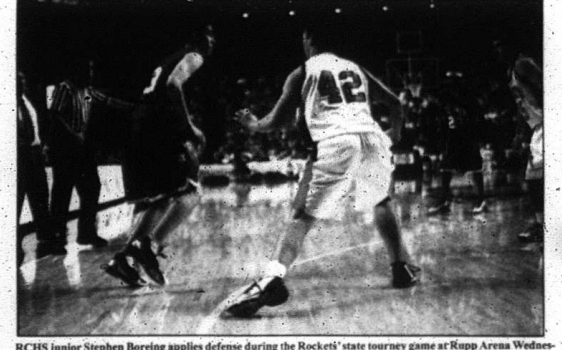
All fifteen Rockets saw action in the contest.

"We were a little tight and they had a very quick ball club - they showed how good they were by reaching the finals," said head Coach Clayton Cash.

"I am really proud of these kids, their hard work and determination paid off for them this year," he said. "I want to thank all of the fans who supported us this season, especially during the regional tournament and at Rupp," he said.

Rockcastle fans turned out in huge numbers for the boys' first appearance at the state tournament since Rockcastle County schools were consolidated.

The last boys' team to play in the Sweet Sixteen was the Brodhead Tigers of 1972.



RCHS junior Stephen Boreing applies defense during the Rockets' state tourney game at Rupp Arena Wednesday afternoon. The Rockets lost by 15.

Fourteen indictments returned

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down indictments against 14 people during their regular session last week.

Many of the indictments were for drug related crimes.

Those indicted were:

Dewayne S. Blair, 36, of Mt. Vernon, indicted again on a charge of manufacturing methamphetamine (Meth), while in possession of a firearm. He was indicted on the same charge last year.

Johnathan H. Saylor, 28, Mt. Vernon, manufacturing meth, first offense, while in possession of a firearm.

Scotty K. Chatelle, 30, Mt. Vernon; 30, of Mt. Vernon, manufacturing meth and Joey Chatelle, 29, manufacturing meth.

All four were involved in an incident at Joey Chatelle's rented home on February 7th.

Tracy Phillips, 24, of Mt. Vernon was also indicted on a drug charge.

Phillips is accused of having meth in her possession on June 29th of last year.

Fred N. Hampton, 42, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on three counts.

He is accused of possessing meth and marijuana and of assaulting Phillips on the same day as Ms. Phillips was alleged to have meth in her possession.

David Denny, 29, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on a count of receiving stolen property. He is accused of having a stolen firearm in his possesson in November of last year. Denny, who is a convicted felon, was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Phillip Falin, 27, also of Mt. Vernon was indicted on the same charges.

Nancy Jane Jones, 31, of Livingston and Tasha Sandlin, 18, Brodhead were indicted on one count of theft by unlawful taking over $300.

Mt. Vernon City Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney said the two were employees at Curry Oil Company and that they are accused of taking money from January 1, though February 20.

John David Riddle, 33, of Mt

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Three arrested

The Attorney General's Division of Financial Integrity Enforcement has brought charges against three Kentucky men for providing and receiving illegal television satellite services.

After a three-month investigation, Melvin Taylor, 42, of Mt. Vernon, Benjamin Croucher and Michael Gevedon of Berea, were arrested last week for theft of services; counterfeiting trademark property; possession and use and transfer of a device for theft of telecommunication services.

The Attorney General's investigators were assisted by Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery, Madison County Attorney

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