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Girls Track Team Undefeated A-9

C. Graves will be new principal at Brodhead

Brodhead Primary Science teacher, Caroline Graves has been hired as the new principal at Brodhead Elementary School.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond said he has officially hired Mrs. Graves, effective June 30th, after he received the recommendation of the site based council at Brodhead.



Caroline Graves is the new principal at Brodhead Elementary. She will begin her new duties June 30th.

Mrs. Graves was one of eight applicants for the job and the only local person to apply.

She was chosen after the council narrowed the field to three, all of whom were interviewed.

Mrs. Graves, 35, has taught at Brodhead for the past eleven years. She and her husband Keith live at Brodhead with their two sons ages 13 and 7.

Mrs. Graves replaces Mark McKinney who has been principal at Brodhead for the past eight years.

McKinney announced his retirement earlier this year, after teaching 31 years in the local school system.

Besides a new principal for the next school year, Brodhead will be getting a new building for the 2001-2002 school year.

Construction on the 6,100 square foot facility is slated to begin in June and be completed by the summer of 2001.



Over 75 children visited with the Easter Bunny last Thursday in Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon. Above, Emily Adams gets to know the Easter Bunny with the help of her grandmother Barbara Bennett. The event was sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club.

County's site based council elections to begin on May 2

The five Rockcastle County schools are in the process of preparing to elect site based council members for next school year.

The first election in the county will be held for teacher members at the Rockcastle County High School on Tuesday May 2.

Six teachers have been nominated for the three seats on the council.

Those nominated are: incumbent members Adam Coleman, Jennifer Mattingly and Janet Wells. The other three are Dana Singleton, Connie Riddle and Wanda Gonzalez.

Parent elections at RCHS will be held on Tuesday May 16. Nominations are being accepted until Monday May 8th.

Incumbent parent members are

Roy Adams and Cindy Anderkin. Mr. Adams has said he will not seek re-election, but Mrs. Anderkin will seek a second term.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Rockcastle County High School.

Parent and teacher elections at the Rockcastle County Middle School are both scheduled for Monday May

8 with the deadline for nominations being Monday May 1. Nomination forms can be picked up at the middle school.

Parent elections at Mt. Vernon Elementary are scheduled for Monday May 8, with nominations being accepted until Friday May 5. Teacher elections at MVES will be on Wednesday May 10.

Both parent and teacher elections for the site based council at Brodhead Elementary School will be Thursday, May 18. Nominations will be accepted until Thursday May 11.

Teachers and parents will be elected to the council at Roundstone

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County loses \$50,000 in state road funding

May have to lay off workers

By: Richard Anderkin
The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court may have to make some tough decisions on Thursday (today) about the county's road department, after the state failed to make good on a \$50,000 payment.

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolitus told members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court last week that he had been notified by the state that the county would not receive their last installment of \$50,000 from the state.

Carlolitus said it had been at least twenty years since the state reneged on a payment that was included in their road department budget and approved by the state.

Carlolitus said the state said that one of the larger gas companies in the state had paid a tax on gasoline twice and that the state had had to pay it back to the gas company, creating the shortfall.

But third district magistrate Bill McKinney said it sounded to him like Governor Patton was still upset because he could not get his gas tax passed and he was simply showing the counties in the state who had the power in Frankfort.

"We use that money every year to make it through May and June and it's certainly going to put a hardship on the road fund," Carlolitus said.

During Thursday's special meeting the court will decide what steps

to take to make sure the road fund ends the year in the black.

"We will no doubt have to use money from the general fund to get through until June 30 and we may even have to lay some workers off because of the state's action," Carlolitus said.

"Laying off workers will be a last resort, but if you don't have money to pay them, you don't have any choice," he said.

This year's road fund budget was \$794,000.

The special meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m.

The Judge also announced this week that the county would receive funding from the state to fix a county road, that was heavily damaged during the reconstruction of Big Hill on U.S. 421.

Carlolitus said the state had agreed to pay \$50,000 toward the repair of Burnt Ridge Road, because they had detoured heavy trucks across the road during the work on Big Hill.

"They really tore that road up and we are going to use that \$50,000 to blacktop Burnt Ridge Road as far as we can until we run out of money," the Judge said.

"We have to use that money on that project, because that is the only way the state would pay anything toward its repair," Carlolitus said.

"We simply can't take that \$50,000 and replace the other \$50,000 the state shorted us," he said.

Suit threatened over Oscar Isaacs roadway

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court may end up getting sued again over a county road.

A long running dispute over the Oscar Isaacs Road in the northern part of the county heightened last Thursday when Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolitus and road department employees were confronted by landowner Denver O'Neil.

Carlolitus said that he and county employees went to the road after he had received numerous complaints about obstructions being placed in the road, which is already very narrow and in bad condition.

Carlolitus said that it was his understanding that Mr. O'Neil was the one who had built a concrete object the size of a filing cabinet in the roadway and that he was also the one who had driven stakes into the pavement of the road along his property line.

Carlolitus said the stakes were on the other side of the ditch line in the road bed.

Carlolitus said that Mr. O'Neil told him that a recent survey showed his property line running out into the road and that he (not the county) owned that property.

On more than one occasion, other residents who live along the road

have attended fiscal court meetings asking the county to widen and maintain the road, which was accepted by the county eleven years ago.

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Commissioner meets with local industrial board

Commissioner J.R. Whitte of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development met with the Rockcastle County Development Board on March 22, 2000.

Commissioner Whitte stressed the importance of community development, stating that progressive economic development is tightly linked to effective community future growth.

He strongly emphasized that Rockcastle County continue its efforts to develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan which clearly defines goals and strategies for future growth.

After the meeting Commissioner Whitte toured the community which included a visit to the industrial parks. He commended the improvements made to Rockcastle Industrial Park South.

The Commissioner concluded his visit by meeting with the Board's Executive Committee.



Acting Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery was in Rockcastle County on Friday to present a new computer to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. Montgomery obtained the computer through a federal grant involving domestic violence. Rockcastle County administers the funds for the domestic violence program for Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties. The computer can be used by the county for whatever their needs may be. Shown above from left, are Anna Rose Mullins, the county's chief financial officer, Montgomery and Mary Jane French, Mullins' administrative assistant. The new computer cost over \$2,000.



Those meeting with Commissioner J.R. Whitte are shown above from left: Bie Towery, Whitte, John Clouts, Roger Kirby, (Cabinet for Economic Development), Lee Keene and David Jarry.