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Roundstone to be featured on KET show

Roundstone Elementary School will be one of five Kentucky Schools featured on *Inside Kentucky Schools*, which airs on Kentucky Educational Television at Noon this Saturday. J. Roundstone, which recently received state-wide attention because of a visit from Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit, will be featured on Saturday's show because of its high scores in Science.

Roundstone students have consistently had the highest scores in the county in the past few years.

Calendar set for 2001-02

The Rockcastle County Board of Education approved the school calendar for 2001-2002 at their regular monthly meeting last week.

Professional Development for teachers will begin on August 8 and run through August 14.

District Wide Day will be held on the 14th of August.

The first day students will attend school will be on August 15. Besides the regular holidays, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, school will be dismissed on October 5, November 5 and 6, January 21, February 18 and April 1-5 for Spring Break.

The last day of school next year is scheduled for May 17.

School is scheduled to be dismissed this year on June 4, but if no more school is missed because of bad weather, school will likely be dismissed on Saturday, June 2, according to school officials.

Hepatitis B vaccine required for sixth graders

Hepatitis B vaccine is now required for all children entering the sixth grade (effective 8/1/01). This is a series of three shots. The health department has received free vaccine through a grant. The grant requires that the vaccine be given at school.

Children who are currently in the fifth grade will be bringing home a packet of information this week. The information must be returned to the school by February 23. Please read all instructions carefully.

The first dose will be given March 9 and the second dose on April 6. The third dose will be given at the middle school shortly after school begins in August. We will also give the Mumps, Measles, Rubella (MMR) vaccine on March 9 to those children who need it. There will be no charge for this vaccine if your child receives it at school, however there will be charge for any vaccines given at the health department.

This schedule has been approved for Mt. Vernon Elementary. The schedule for Brodhead and Roundstone Elementary Schools is to be announced.

McConnell visits Rockcastle County



United States Senator Mitch McConnell was in Rockcastle County on Monday. Above he speaks with Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Lambert, right and State Senator Albert Robinson, left. Below are McConnell, center, and Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotta, left and Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, right.



State may have some of your money

Treasurer visits Rockcastle

Kentucky State Treasurer Johnathon Miller was in Rockcastle County on Tuesday to notify 150 local residents that the state was holding \$31,582 in the state treasury owed to Rockcastle countians.

Miller said that currently the state has \$40 million in the state treasury of unclaimed properties.

Miller said that last year, his office returned \$3 million to the public

and he would like to return more than that this year.

Miller said there are several reasons the state may have your money. Such as money left at a bank when a family member dies that no one knows about or a life insurance policy know one knows about but the owner or someone may change jobs and leave a last pay check.

Miller said that when institutions

end up with unclaimed money or properties they must turn it over to the state after seven years.

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In case of nerve gas leak

Meeting held to discuss readiness

Last week Rockcastle County Emergency Management and Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Director Bonnie Roark met with Charles Scott, Richard Frances and Bill Hilling of the Kentucky Emergency Manage-

ment/CSEPP to discuss Rockcastle County's capability assessment readiness in the event of a chemical accident/incident at the Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond.

According to Roark, all fire departments, law enforcements, city

county utilities, EMS, Rockcastle Hospital, Rockcastle County Health Department, Rockcastle County 911, American Red Cross and other agencies participated.

Various areas were discussed to see where the greatest needs are regarding additional equipment, training, public alert and notification, protection action for schools special populations, communications and

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McConnell pushes President's tax cut plan at meeting

By: Richard Anderkin

One of the most powerful men in the United States Congress visited Rockcastle County on Monday.

Senator Mitch McConnell gave a brief speech at the Kastle Inn Restaurant, in a very good crowd, including most county officials.

McConnell covered numerous subjects including social security, gun control, tobacco, NAFTA, recent air strikes against Iraq, a prescription drug plan for the elderly and the Inauguration of President George W. Bush.

McConnell also made a pitch for the President's \$1.5 trillion dollar tax cut for working Americans, who pay taxes to the federal government.

McConnell called Bush's tax cut plan fair for everyone. He said that if Bush's plan was passed by Congress exactly as it was written, the richest Americans would pay more taxes than they do now. He said it wasn't true, that Bush's plan would benefit the middle class more than anyone else.

McConnell said that Bush's tax plan also calls for the abolishment of the marriage penalty tax and the death

penalty tax. He said both taxes were "abused."

McConnell said that the federal government was taking in more money at the present time than any other time in history except for during World War II.

The Senator said that every federal fund, including social security, had a surplus - but that social security would not be affected in any way by the tax cut.

He said there would be plenty of money for President Bush's plans for defense and education.

McConnell said that he, like the President, knew that if the federal government continued to have a huge surplus, the money would get spent and that often times Congress and the President do not make the wisest spending decisions.

"We all know that if you have money lying around in Washington, it tends to get spent and there is no reason for the taxpayers in this country not to get some relief when the surpluses are as huge as they are right now," he said.

McConnell said that he agreed with last weekend's strikes against Iraq and that President Bush was sending a message to Saddam Hussein.

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Audit at RCHS for Title IX

Representatives of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSA) Title IX Audit staff will be visiting Rockcastle County High School and meeting with school personnel Monday, February 26, 2001, to assist and counsel personnel with regards to responsibilities of compliance of Title IX.

Title IX refers to the equality between girls and boys sports in high school.

There will be a public comment session at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

The visit is part of a series in which the KHSA visits 20% of its membership schools each year during a five-year cycle to assist and counsel with regards to compliance. During the 1999-2000 school year, Association representatives visited 57 of the Association's 285 schools.

Blood Drive is March 5

Every day, thousands of patients nationwide receive the gift of blood to help them survive. Rockcastle Extension Homemakers realize the continuous need for donors and in conjunction with Central Kentucky Blood Center is sponsoring the next Rockcastle County blood drive. The drive will be held Monday, March 5 from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the basement of the Extension Office.

Many say "I'll wait until a member of my family needs blood and then I'll donate." Unfortunately, if a person waits until a need arises, it may be too late. It takes 24 to 48

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First Lady will help raise money for Hall of Fame

First Lady Judi Patton and Kentucky Racing Commission Chairman Frank Shoop announced plans at a press conference for the fundraising campaign for the Kentucky Music County Museum and Hall of Fame.

The Commonwealth's role and importance in the world of music will be depicted in the new Kentucky Music County Museum and Hall of Fame, which will be located in Rockcastle County, just north of the Reifro Valley Entertainment Center, on land donated by the John Lair family.

"Kentucky is known for its musical heritage, and through the museum we are actively promoting and pre-

serving its rich musical traditions," said First Lady Judi Patton.

Currently \$2.5 million has been committed from private and public sources toward the \$4.1 million fundraising goal. "Private support is critical to making this vision a reality," said Mrs. Patton.

The First Lady joins Kentucky native Loretta Lynn as honorary chairs for the endeavor along with Shoop, a Georgetown car dealer, who will serve as the Leadership Cabinet Chair.

The Leadership Cabinet is a group of 25 volunteers from Kentucky and beyond who give input on the mu-

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KEMS Director Bonnie Roark displays some of the protective suits that would be used by emergency personnel in case of a spill at the Army Depot.



Kentucky State Treasurer Johnathon Miller, left, was in Rockcastle County on Tuesday. Miller brought a list of names of Rockcastle County people who have properties held by the state. Center is Rockcastle Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotta and at right is magistrate John Holbrook.