

Girls Track enjoys undefeated season

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High school SBDM holds interviews

The Rockeastle County High School Site Based Council will meet again Thursday (loday) to discuss the possible hiring of a new principal at the high school. On Monday, the council inter-viewed Rockeastle County Middle School Briscial Lehs Hale and Dr.

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of school.

Approximately 170 seniors will receive their diplomas during graduation ceremonies at the Rockcastle High School graduation, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, June

Mrs. Loretta Powell will deliver

Rainfall is 1.62

state.

According to local weatherman
Bud Cox, the county has received 1.62
inches of rainfall in the past week.

That compares to 1.97 the entire
month of April, when most of that
precipitation fell in the early days of

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1.89 inches of rainfall has fallen in May. The recorded high has been 89 on May 6th and the recorded low has been 42 on May 14.

Lions Club **Horse Show**

The annual Brodhead Lions Club Horse Show will be held on June 2nd at 5 p.m. at the Brodhead Fair-grounds.



Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation donated \$25,000 to the Rockcastle County Community Scholarship Fund, in honor of the late Wayne Stewart, who had served as chairman of their board for over 20 years. The donation was made on Wednesday at Citizens Bank in Mt. Vernon, Above, from left are: Jerry Ricketts, Executive Director of Kentucky Highlands, Bill Singleton, Chairman of KHIC, Mrs. Ruby Stewart, widow of Wayne Stewart and Willis Coffey, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Community Scholarship Fund. The interest from the scholarship, which is amend in honor of the late Mr. Stewart, will be used to fund an annual scholarship for a Rockcastle County High School graduate.



After 51 years Parker Seal closing, Dresser Industries to remain open

Many Rockcastle Countians have come and gone and many have retired from the Berea plant, but come the first

of September, no one else will be employed at Parker Seal in Berea.

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According to company officials,
the last day of operation at the Parker
Seal O-Ring Plant will be the first
week of September.
Approximately, 120 people still
work at the plant, but economics are
forcing it to close.

In the 1980's as many as 765 people re employed at the Berea plant, ny of them from Rockcastle County. The plant had operations in Berea

for 51 years.
On the other side of the coin, there

is good news for employees of Dresser Industries.

For its 40th birthday in Berea, Dresser got a new start as an indepen-

dent company.
That sounds complicated. But what

happened was that senior Dresser offi-cials arranged an internal buy-out of the manufacturing portion of Dresser from Halliburton Corp., which merged with Dresser about two and a half

Many Rockeasue at the Berea plant.
Patrick M. Murray, CEO and president of Dresser, Inc., and other members of Dresser's managements team
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Kidnappers arrested in Missouri

A Missouri couple, who has been wanted in connection with a kidnap-ping in Mt. Vernon last week has been

ested.

Exactly one week after the inci-nt, Justin Lillard, 22 and Ruth Lillard, 29, of Joplin, Missouri, were arrested

29, of Joplin, Missouri, were arristed in Carthage, Missouri.

Both were wanted in the Robbety and Kidnapping of Mike Jones, John Mt. Vermon which occurred on Monday, May 14, in Rockeastle Countys. According to police, Mike Jones, Wassensing his 1989 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup to the Lillard's and their infant child at the home of his mom, Mary-Ida Jones.

Ida Jones.
Police say Mike Jones was forced at knifepoint to go with them in his whiche where they drove south on 1-75 to Caryville, Tennessee.
Upon stopping in Caryville, a fight occurred between Jones and Jastin Lillard, which resulted in Jones, receiving minor trease have received. Lillard, which resulted in Jones, re-ceiving minor cuts as he was escaping from Lillard. After escaping, Jones was taken to the Caryville Hospital where he was treated and released. Information was released on Wednes-day, May 16, giving the suspects name,

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description and a description of the which leading to their arrest earlier today. According to Detective Mike Stephensot the Jasper County Sheriff's Department in Carthage, Missouri, information was received by the Sheriff's Department on Monday, that both suspects were in their area attempting to sell the stoden 1989 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup. Captain Trevor Coleman with the Jasper County Sheriff's Department and observed the stoden vehicle-parked at the Jackson Auto Sales in Carthage. As Captain Coleman stopped to

at the Jackson Auto Sales in Carthage. As Captain Coleman stopped to investigate, he observed Justin L. Lillard and Ruht Lillard along with the infant child leaving, the dealership where they were stopped and arrested without incident.

Both are currently being held in the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, Jail where they will be held pendingestradition back to Kentucky. The Lillards have been residents of Ashlee's House in Mr. Vernon since April 2nd. They were acquaintances of Mike Jones.

Mock disaster to be conducted

In light of school shootings across the country, the Rockeastle Country, Crisis Tean is working diligently on a plan to address potential problems that could arise in Rockeastle Country. In preparing the plan, the team deems it is necessary to conduct a practice session, according to team leader Lorenta provell.

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The Crisis Team has scheduled a practice session, or mock crisis, to put the plan to a test. Revisions to the plan will be made based on the results of the test, accord-ing to Mrs. Powell. The mock crisis will take placet the Rockeastle County Area Technology Center (Vocational

situation which will require ambustuments and another the continued in the mock incident at the Technology Center, Participants/ pretend victims in the drill will be ten dult students who notatend the Technology Center. According to Mrs. Powell, it is very important for citizens to understand that this is a mock crisis and not an actual crisis.

Agencies which will be assisting the Crisis Team will include the following: 911 Dispatch, The Kentucky.

Culbertson retiring as Mt. Vernon Postmaster

A familiar face will not be behind the counter at the Mt. Vernon Post Office come June 1st.

After eight years as Postmaster at Mt. Vernon, Ben Culbertston will be

onl. Vernon, sen culteriston will be retiring.
Culbertston, who has headed the Mt. Vernon operation for the postal service since 1993, will retire to do as he said, "whatever he wants to do."
Culbertson has worked for the postal service for 23 years, starting as

a rural carrier and moving on to post-master at Salyersville and Salvisa, before taking over at Mt. Vernon. A Berea College graduate, Culbertson is originally from Vir-

He and his wife, Xenia, now live in Berea and will spend time camping, something they have made a hobby of for fourty years.

Culbertston plans a slow trip out



ckeastle County Extension. Office board and members of the local staff sponsored a ribbon cutting ceremony at their ne lain Street in Mt. Vernon Friday afternoon. The new building has 3,600 square feet and includes two conference rooms and extension agents. Shown above from left are: board members Lydia McLemore, Geoff McGuire, kyo Reynolds, building r Satica Morgan, board member Mike Robbins, building committee member Patty Hinses, Mt. Vernon Mayor Karen Kir tee members Cindy Anderkin and Brenda Powell, Area Program Director Cheryl Witt, Connie Graham and Keith Smith nk, board members Norelita Thompson and Millie Eaton.

