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### Roundstone has highest CTBS scores in Kentucky

By: Richard Anderkin
The report card from the latest
round of testing is in for Rockcastle
County Schools and each county
school got a passing grade.
The scores from the Comprehensive Testor Basis (Bills (CTBS) were
released last week.
In fact, according to data released
by the State Department of Education, Roundstone Elementary School
had the best overall scores in the state
for elementary schools!

Roundstone had a total battery score of 91, one point ahead of the

County.

"We are really proud of Roundstone's efforts, the staff, parents and especially students should be commended on their hard work," said Rockcastle School Superinten-dent Larry Hammond. "High test scores such as they have

### County eligible for disaster funds

damages from severe storms, flash ods and torrential rains that have

floods and torrential rains that have hit the region since July.

Ardso f Rockessale County were hit hard by flooding on August Jrd.

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency is already working with the State of Kentucky to provide assistance to our county and nunicipal governments and today's announcements expands that assistance to the people of Rockesste County," Rogers said. "These communities are finding that the repair of public facilities and infrastructure is an expensive undertaking, With this disaster declaration, these local

## U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogen of Somerset said Wednesday that President George W. Bush has added three Kentucky counties including Rockcastle to those eligible for public emergency assistance. Rogers said Rockcastle County is now eligible for emergency between the federal government. Seventeen counties were declared eligible for emergency assistance by the President earlier this month. The disaster declarations are in the wake roddamages from severe stoths, flash of the grant and the gymansium is not complete, but settled is under the control of the president earlier this month. The disaster declarations are in the wake roddamages from severe stoths, flash of the gymansium is not complete, but settled is under the president earlier this month. The disaster declarations are in the wake roddamages from severe stoths, flash of the gymansium is not complete, but settled is under year the president earlier this month. The disaster declarations are in the wake roddamages from severe stoths, flash of the gymansium is not complete, but settled in the president earlier this month. The disaster declarations are in the wake roddamages from severe stoths, flash of the president earlier this month. The disaster declarations are in the wake roddamages from severe stoths, flash of the president earlier than something the properties of two points and at the Rockcastle County Middle School (Cont. to A-8).

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School at Brothead was delayed eight school days because the new \$6 million ficility was not complete. Principal Caroline Gravessaid that things, are running very smoothly, given the circumstances and that everyone had been very cooperative as well as the complete of the complete of the complete of the complete of the circumstances and that everyone had been very cooperative as well as the circumstances and that everyone had been very cooperative and the standard of the circumstances and the veryone had been veryone factor and the veryone had been very cooperative as the circumstances and the veryone had been veryone that the veryone had been veryone had be

We have worked very haft to create the type of learning environ-ment that results in good test scores-but we are also a very community oriented school, which is supported by parents and community members and we are thankful for that, he said. Roundstone primary students, scored the highest in math and language and increased their scores of punguage and increased their scores of the properties of the score of the score of the Composition of the score of the score of the composition of the score of the score of the composition of the score of th

Overall Roundstone increase ir scores by a total of nine poir At Brodhead Elementary stude d a total score of 69, an increase th points from a year ago. Mt. Vernon Elementary scored

Students are also not allowed out-side the building unless an emer-gency arises, so students are cur-rently taking gym classes in an actual

standing that the gymnasium be complete in about 30 days

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classroom.
"We teach things such as safety
and nutrition in class, as well as do
physical activities so we are doing
the classroom work first," she said,
Mrs. Graves said it was her under-

The newly renovated 1-75 Speedway will open Saturday at 3 p.m. with racing starting at 7:00 p.m. Ronnie Bates shown at left on the new trace will operate the track with partner Johnston Suith. The two Lincoln county men have been involved in stock \*car racing for many years. Racing will take place at the track on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with the feature race of the weekend being the Coca-Cola 100 at 3 p.m. on Monday. Bates and Smith have spent S800,000 renovaring the former Rockcastle Raceway. The track is located at Cove. Branch. Above, workers were putting the fine of the state of t wn at left on the new track

> Livingston Homecoming this weekend

orkers were putting the fin-ning touches on the guard-

### I-75 Speedway will hold races this Saturday

am, with a church service at It-30 and practice beginning at 12 noon.
Qualifying begins at 1:30 and racing will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.
Glates will open at the track at 10 a.m. on Monday.
Bases sail that several different classes will compete at the 3/8 mile oval track, including Late Model, Super Street, Pure Street Chevettes and Open Wheel Modified.
On Monday, the track will also sponsor a bicycle race for all young-sters.

Bates said the track would also be

Bates said the track would also be leased out from ime to time for larger races, sponsored by different people. Bates has been stock car raking for 35 years and said he hópes his connections will help bring out the best car and drivers to the new track. Bates, who runs at Charlotte and the Kentucky Speedway himself, will not race at the track, anless he races when someone else has the track leased.

The new track has the ability to seat 1,800 and even more room in the

seat 1,800 and even more room in the grass.

There are also four luxury skyboxes, which have all been leased for this year, but Bates said that more will be constructed in the near future.

Bates said that he and his partner, a Chicago attorney, decided to buy the racetrack, because of their love for stock or racing.

# By: Richard Anderkin "The 1-75 Speedway at Cove Branch will open on Saturday, withracing on Saturday, Sunday and Moday of this week. The former Rockcastle Raceway has undergone amajor change, thanks to new owners Ronnie Batse and Johanshon Smith. The two Linco County men are the two Linco County men and Johanshon Smith and Johanshon Smith. The two Linco County men are two Linco County Linco County Men are two Linco County Linco County Linco Linc

A three-year-old Brodhead boy visiting relatives near Crab Orchard Saturday wandered away from the house and into a neighbor's pool,

house and into a neighbor's pool, where framic parents found him min-utes after noticing he was gone.

According to police, Stephen Russell Baldwin, son of 'Dean and Marilyn Chesnut Baldwin, was unconscious in the pool about '7-40 p.m. when he was found and his family took him to Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford.

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child was flown from there to the University of Kentucky Medi-(Cont. to A-8)



#### KCA dining hall renamed Colson Hall

At Sunday's annual meeting at the Kentucky Christian Assembly camperound near Brodhead, Glay Coloson was honored by having the dining hall renamed "Colson Hall."

Mr. Colson was recognized for his donation of the original land for the campground in 1963.

The presentation was made by Billy Haitst of Mt. Vermon who was one of the five original trustees of the camp.

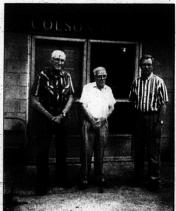
Billy Hist of Mt. Vernon who was, noe of the five original trustees of the camp.

Calling Mr. Colson, "A man who gave his talent in service to the people," Mr. Hist gabe a synopsis of Mr. Colson's life and career with the Soil Conservation Service.

Colson's lifest job, after Beaving Berea College where he met his without the Middison County as an assistant ounty agent to Bob Spene. He then moved to Letcher Co. as county agent and took a leave of absence from there to return to the University of Kentucky to work on his graduate degree, taking 51 hours in one year. Mr. Colson served as a naval officer during World War II and later territorial from the Naval Reserve as a Lt. Commander. Following graduate school, he moved to Jessamine County to work and then moved about 17 times in short span of time before coming to Rockeastle Co., he introduced the first fescue, helped start dairy farming and the first fescue, helped start dairy farming and the first fescue, helped start dairy farming and the first finith route, helped start dairy farming and the first fescue, supervised the building of hundreds of farm ponds and home use.

The idea for Lake Linville orisi-

nated as he was driving home from a soil conservation meeting and he was very instrumental in getting the Mt. Vernon City. Council to pursue the In 1956, he bought a farm in ockcastle County and moved his Rockcastle Count, family to it. After retiring in 1972, Mr. Colson (Cont. to A-8)



Clay Colson, left, is shown in front of the dhaing hall at Xec Christian Assembly camp which was renamed Colson Hall Sun honor of Mr. Colson's donation of land for the church camp in He is shown with two of the original five trustees of the camp Owens, Jr., middle and Billy Hiatt. The other three trustees we Mullins, Estill McBee and James Taylor.