Second Section

<u>In quarterfinals</u>

Sara Hammond leads Louisville past St. Johns

Sara Hammond had 22 points and 11 rebounds to help No. 13 Louisville beat St. John's 62-55 on Sunday in the Big East women's

quarterfinals.

After trailing by three at the half, Shoni Schimmel's gave Louisville a 32-30 lead with 16 minutes Hammond followed three-point play mo-

to extend the advantage. St. John's hung around over the next 11 minutes and trailed 54-50 after Nadirah McKenith's free throws with 3:11 left. That's as close as the Red

Storm (18-12) would get as the Cardinals scored the next four points to put the game away. "Coach told us to run the

floor and get them tired and then go to work inside, because we have the strength inside advantage," said

Shenneika Smith scored 19 points to lead St. John's, which hopes it's done enough to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. The Red Storm, which had won seven of its last eight coming into the game, are hosting the first two

> "I think we had a great year, especially at the finish, so I hope that will be taken into account," said St. John's coach Joe Tartamella. "Finishing 11-5 in our conference, we always feel is tough to do."

McKenith left the game with less than a minute left after getting hit in the head. She was helped off the court.

St. John's trailed 15-2 as Louisville hit five of its first six shots. The Cardinals then went cold from the field and Smith got hot. She scored 12 straight points as the Red Storm went on a 22-6 run to close the half.

Louisville missed 24 of its final 27 shots in the first half, including going 0 for 11 from behind the arc. The Cardinals shot 63 percent (17 for 27) in the second

The Cardinals (24-8) lost to No. 2 Notre Dame in the semifinals Monday night.



For a limited time, Rockcastle County's low-income homeowners can apply for a PRIDE grant to replace a failing septic system or straight pipe. The PRIDE grants will pay for installation of a septic system or connection to a public sewer system, if one runs by the home.

"These grants are for homeowners who want to do the right thing but can't afford a septic system or sewer connection," explained Tammie Wilson of PRIDE, which is the nonprofit organization offering the grants.

"A good septic system or sewer service is critical for the health of homeowners and their neighbors," Wilson said. "They protect the streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater that we all share. They also are required by state law."

The septic system grants are intended to improve the quality of life for homeowners and to improve the environment of southern and eastern Kentucky, which is the mission of PRIDE. PRIDE was founded in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and James Bickford, who was the Kentucky Environmental Protection Secretary.

PRIDE encourages you to apply for a grant if you meet these criteria:

• You own the home that needs a septic system or sewer connection. (Rental properties, leased properties and land contracts are not eligible for this grant program.)

• You have electrical service at the home. The electric bill must show the physical address of the residence where the system will be installed, not a post office box.

• The combined income of everyone living in the home qualifies under 55% HUD poverty guidelines.

"Please be sure you give us everything asked for in the grant application," Wilson said. "For example, the application tells you to include copies of your recorded deed, your last electric bill, and the proof of income for everyone living at the home. The proof of income can be a recent check stub, federal income tax statement, or Social Security ben-

To request a grant application, please call the PRIDE office, toll free, at 888-577-4339. Grant applications also are available from local PRIDE Coordinators. In Rockcastle County, the PRIDE Coordinators are: James Renner, 606-256-1902; Jill Medley (City of Mt. Vernon), 606-256-3437; Sandy Singleton (City of Livingston), 606-453-2061; Mark Buras (City of Brodhead), 606-758-8635.

Grant applications can be printed at www.kypride.org.

NAP coverage deadlines

The Farm Service Agency's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to a natural disaster. The upcoming deadlines to file an application for natural disaster protection under the NAP are March 15 and May 1. The crops for March 15 deadline are: Beans, Beets, Broc-

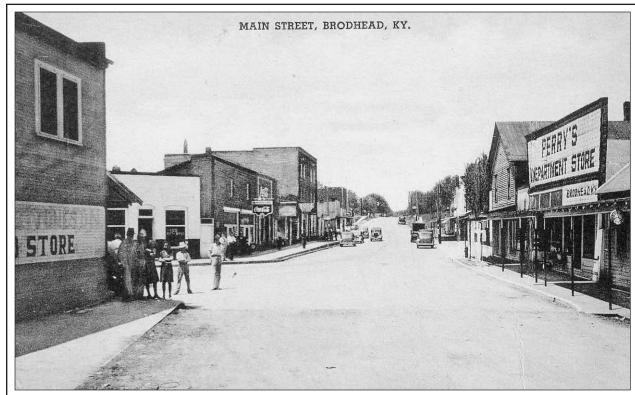
coli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Carrots, Cauliflower, Corn, Corn-Hybrid Seed, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Gourds, Greens, Herbs, Lettuce, Onions, Peas, Peppers, Popcorn, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Radish, Sorghum, Sorghum-Grain, Soybeans, Squash, Strawberries, Sunflowers, Sweet Potatoes, Tobacco-Burley, Tobacco-Dark Air, Tobacco-Fire Cured, Tomatoes, Turnips, and Watermelons.

The crops for May 1 deadline are: Nursery. Eligible producers must apply for coverage of non-insurable crops using Form CCC-471, and pay the applicable service fee at

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Residents at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center were recently visited by several dogs and trainers from Wildcat Service Dogs. WSD is a student run organization with the University of Kentucky. Students raise service dogs for the first 18-24 months of their lives and train them to help disabled people perform basic tasks of their everyday life. Service dogs cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000 depending on the specific training the service dog has received during the first two years of their lives.



Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photograph is of main street Brodhead as it was in yesteryear. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.

Second prayer meeting is tonight at First Christian

cure Rockcastle invite concerned Rockcastle countians to join in an effort to seek God for Spiritual Awakening, relief to the drug problem, and pray for those suffer-

families.

There will be seven prayer meetings in seven places for seven weeks to pray for a safe, healthy, drug-free community and to pray for Spiritual

ing will consist of: uplifting and encouraging singing, challenging messages by spiritual leaders and testimonies by recovered addicts, as well as opportunities to pray for

The Citizens for a Se- ing in addiction and their Awakening. Each meet- the release of those in bondage to drug addic-

> tion and revival. The second meeting is (tonight) Thursday, March 14 at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon at 7 p.m.

