

Burdette chosen for Inaugural course

County Attorney Jeffrey Burdette has completed the inaugural class of the Kentucky Prosecutors Institute. Attorney General Ben Chandler opened the first annual training course of the Kentucky Prosecutors Institute in September of this year, that was developed as a training for a select number of prosecutors. Burdette was chosen in part based on his experience in the criminal law field, and his commitment to law enforcement in Rockcastle County.

The prosecutors chosen from around the commonwealth were given lectures covering almost every aspect of trial work and was a collaborative effort of the Office of Attorney General, Prosecutors Advisory Council and the University of Kentucky College of Law. "It was quite an honor to be chosen by the Attorney General's office and being a part of the Inaugural Class," Burdette said.

KCVL debuts at Rockcastle Library

The Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library (KCVL) is now available at the Rockcastle County Public Library, providing comprehensive information resources and services to support the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University (KCVLU) and to support the lifelong learning for all Kentuckians.

Beginning November 1, 1999, library users have access to online information resources, either housed in Kentucky libraries or accessible via the Internet, through a "one-stop shopping" gateway.

The KCVL Web site (<http://www.kcvl.org>) offers a common look and feel for information seekers and provides access to the online public access catalogs of the eight public universities and 28 community and technical colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), along with online catalogs of other Kentucky libraries. This access allows users to find out the holdings of each library and to have the materials delivered to the library nearest them.

There are 32 databases available to the statewide audience, including 16 databases from OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc., 15 databases from EBSCO Information Services and the online Encyclopedia Britannica. They contain full text from close to 5,000 journals, magazines, newspapers, news wires and reference books, as well as indexes and abstracts to both scholarly and general interest content.

The KCVL Web site also offers access to a unique Kentuckiana collection; state and federal government information resources organized by subjects and annotated by librarians; an "anytime, anywhere" tutorial to help students and citizens tap into the riches of the Web by showing them step-by-step what the Web resources are, how to use and assess them, and how to use them responsibly; and a Virtual Reference Desk, built as a gateway to non-governmental Web resources that are of value to Kentuckians in general.

Mt. Vernon Message

Monday, January 10 will be the called election for a parent member of the SBDM Council. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

ESS for Primary Three through Fifth Grade will begin later this month. There will be notes sent home with your child.

The month's Fast Forward newsletter included the following article on reading with your child. It included some simple activities that help build reading skills.

Children must learn to read before they can read to learn. How can parents help their children become readers? The Learning First Alliance a group of education organizations, suggest that parents help in these ways:

- Read at bedtime. From the time your children are very young, get in the habit of reading aloud at bedtime. If you haven't started this tradition, it's not too late to begin.
- Enjoy the library together. Take your child to the public library regularly. Together, explore all the resources available. Spend some time looking at children's biographies one week. On your next visit, see what books are available—outer space...or dolphins...or ancient Egypt.
- Encourage your children to write. Look for ways to motivate children to write. Leave a note on the refrigerator and ask your child to write back. Buy your child a journal.
- Play rhyming games. Young children learn a lot as they think about rhyming words. They focus on the sounds inside words and start to hear

the sounds that letters make. Choose a word, and have a contest to see who

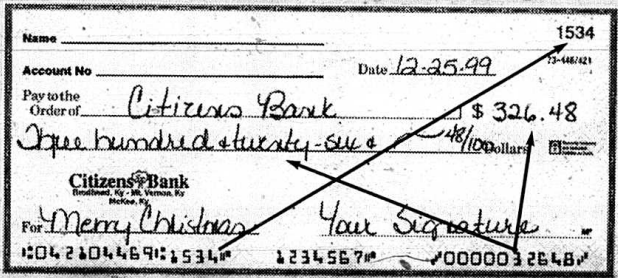
can think of the greatest number of rhyming words. Remember practice makes perfect. Young readers need lots of practice to polish their skills. Keep reading material around your house. Have your child read the reci-

pes when you cook. And be sure you have a regular reading time every day. Thought for the week: We leave traces of ourselves where we go, on whatever we touch.



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TOPS

(Take off Pounds Sensibly) TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Brodhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., Jan. 10th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.

Tues., Jan. 11th: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Rd., Respiratory Care.

Wed., Jan. 12th: Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Village, Senior Citizens, Brindle Ridge.

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome.

R.A.A.P. Meeting

Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets Inc. meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Help build an animal shelter in Rockcastle County. Call Terry at 758-9202 or Vickie 256-5183 for directions.

Free Rat Bait

The local Health Department, Dancy Feed Supply, Adams Feed Supply and the Cooperative Extension office will make available free rat bait starting December 15th at the Extension Office and the feed supply stores.

Marine Corps League

Bluegrass Chapter 1012 of the Marine Corps League meets every fourth Thursday of the month at the Igloo Club at the Bluegrass Army Depot. For more info, call Jack Dimer at 369-7310 or Nathan Seals at 256-0741.

JobStart

Can't find a job? Need new skills? JobStart, a job skills training program, can help. For more info, call Jennifer at 256-9612.

Attn. Brodhead Seniors
Brodhead Seniors: Are you tired of eating alone? The Senior Center located at the fairgrounds at Brodhead has openings for congregating lunches served Monday through Friday. Join us in our social activities during 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Transportation can be arranged if needed. For more information call 758-4113.

Attn. Class of '80

Send address changes to: PO Box 27, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Plans are being made for the 20th reunion.

Fish Fry

Brindle Ridge Vol. Fire Dept. will hold a Fish Fry January 8th at the firehouse in Conway, 5 to 8 p.m. Carryouts available.

Project Graduation 2000

An organizational meeting for Project Graduation 2000 is scheduled for Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in the RCHS Library. All parents of the 6th/7th/8th grade class need to attend as well as anyone else interested in carrying on the successful tradition of a drug/alcohol free, all-night party for seniors only. It takes the "whole bunch" to make it work. Call 256-2125 or 256-4816 if you have any questions.

New TOPS Chapter

TOPS, a non-organizational, no diet to follow, no dietary products to pay, \$20 annual membership fee. Brindle Ridge Vol. Fire Dept. in Conway 256-2490 or 256-3633. 1-800-932-8677.

Board Meeting

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in regular monthly session Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 7 p.m. at Rockcastle County Board of Education Administrative Offices. The public is welcome to attend.

NWTF Meeting

Wildcat Mountain Longbeards local chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation will have a meeting at Kastle Inn on the 6th of January 2000 at 6:30 p.m. All members and public welcome to attend.

Low-Income Home Heating Program

The cost of home heating is a problem for many low-income Kentuckians. Your Community Action Agency, Daniel Boone Development Council, Inc. (DBDC) may be able to help. Credit Application will be taken January 10th through March 15th, 2000, or until available funds have been expended. Call 606-256-5315 for more information.

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