



The Brodhead fire department was called to the Sowder Nursing Home on Monday afternoon where they extinguished a chimney fire. No residents of nursing home or none of the employees were evacuated during the fire, which caused very minimal damage to the back of the nursing home.

"Dale Ann Bradley"

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tunes Bradley wrote with bandmates Vicki Simmons to tracks carefully chosen from a huge quantity of tapes submitted for the project. You'll hear love songs, a swing tune and in keeping with her abilities as a fine stylist of pop material, she offers a superb rendition of the 1970's Stealers Wheel classic, "Stuck in the Middle With You."

Bradley learned her powerful singing style in the Primitive Baptist church where her father was a minister, and began performing in bands by the time she was fourteen. In 1989 she became a member of the Renfro

Valley Barn Dance, and was a regular on the famed "Sunday Morning Gatherin'" radio show for eight years. Bradley recorded two solo albums for the Renfro Valley label. She soon became a highly sought-after vocalist and made numerous guest appearances on recordings by other artists.

In 1992 Bradley joined The New Coon Creek Girls as guitarist and lead singer. Formed in 1979, the New Coon Creek Girls was one of only a handful of all-female groups in the history of bluegrass/acoustic music, and as long time members of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance, they helped pave the way for many of the women stars of today. Founding member Vicki Simmons led the group for eighteen years playing bass, singing harmony vocals and penning many of that group's superb original

songs. Vicki also learned to play the clawhammer banjo from original Coon Creek Girl patriarch, Lily Mae Ledford. The clawhammer banjo is always a delight to the audience and are always requested to be included in the band's show.

Vicki's organizing and songwriting skills are very much a part of the success of Dale Ann Bradley and Coon Creek as the books for the bank. She and Dale Ann are one of the most respected songwriting teams in the industry. After Bradley's success with "East Kentucky Morning," the focus of the group shifted. Dale Ann Bradley and Coon Creek debuted in 1997.

Eddie Miller, joined Coon Creek in 1999 on mandolin and fiddle. Eddie is a distinctive singer, fiddle player, songwriter and one of the hottest mandolin men on the circuit today. Eddie has performed with bands that include Richard Bennett, The New River Boys and The Dollywood staff band. The most recent addition to Dale Ann Bradley is Michael McLain. He is one of the most dynamic and creative performers of contemporary styles on the banjo and guitar. Coming from the strong tradition of one of America's most prominent musical families, the McLain Family Band of Berea, Michael has also played and recorded with such artists as Claire Lynch, Kevin Williamson and most recently The McLain Brothers. When he's not playing with Dale Ann Bradley & Coon Creek, he teaches Bluegrass Styles at Belmont University in Nashville, TN.

With Dale Ann's incredible voice as the centerpiece, flanked by a multi-talented support team, Dale Ann Bradley & Coon Creek has it all. This group can perform anything from hard-edged bluegrass and soul stirring gospel numbers to tear jerking country love songs and wistful folk ballads. The powerful song writing skills of Vicki and Dale Ann, who wrote or co-wrote six of the twelve songs on "Old Southern Porches," as well as their knack for bringing in fresh material from unusual sources (Steaders Wheel) makes for a fresh, exciting and distinctive sound. Add to this a two-decade tradition of emphasizing entertainment as well as musical virtuosity and you have one of the most dynamic bands in acoustic music today... Dale Ann Bradley & Coon Creek!

"Arrests"

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officially began the Home for the Holidays campaign.

During this holiday period the Kentucky State Police at London were out in force targeting intoxicated drivers and speeding motorists to help make the holiday season be a safe one for those living in and traveling through our post area.

This effort was to reduce traffic accidents and fatalities that are contributed by intoxicated drivers and speeding motorists. The State Police at London reported the following activity, a total of 951 citations were issued, which occurred on Thursday, a total of 495 speeding, 97 seatbelt, 15 child restraint violations and 37 drivers were arrested for Driving Under the Influence. The remaining citations were for other traffic and non-traffic related offenses. A total of 24 accidents were investigated with one reported fatality in the London Post area, which occurred on Thursday on KY 92 in McCree County.

Additionally, the Kentucky State Police at London responded to 351 complaints, opening 37 criminal cases, made 72 criminal arrests and gave assistance to 58 motorists.

Blood Drive is Dec. 12th at Extension Service

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such festive holidays. Many families will spend Christmas in Central and Eastern Kentucky Hospitals where many patients are awaiting blood transfusions.

Rockcastle Extension Homemakers and Central Kentucky Blood Center are joining together to sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, December 12, in order to protect these families from the pain of losing loved ones. To carry out this mission, volunteer donors must step forward and give the gift of life. By donating blood between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the basement of the Rockcastle Extension Office you could aid up to three patients with a single donation.

This holiday season give the perfect gift to someone who will really appreciate your generosity. Give blood! It's a gift that will last a lifetime, but won't cost you a cent. For more information contact Loretta Robinson at 679-7413. All donors will receive a special gift for volunteering.

"Gabbards"

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Gabbards also grow a large variety of vegetable and bedding plants, as well as flowers.

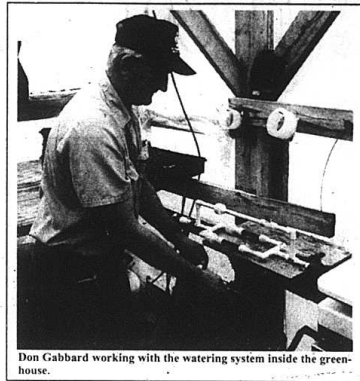
Currently the Gabbards have three greenhouses in operation, but will add another one when their tobacco is completely stripped. They currently

raise 1,500 pounds of tobacco, which used to be over 5,000 pounds.

The fourth greenhouse will house 300 more tomato plants.

The price of the tomatoes is \$1.35 per pound and Mrs. Gabbard cautions people to call and see if they have ripe tomatoes before they go to the greenhouse.

For more information call 256-3007.



Don Gabbard working with the watering system inside the greenhouse.



Don, Michael and Joyce Gabbard inside the greenhouse, which currently houses 150 tomato plants.



Country music singer Dale Ann Bradley will perform in Berea on Friday night.



New Listing 1694 Mt. Vernon Rd. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home is very well kept. Whirlpool tub, carport, workshop with electric and another storage building included. Large beautiful lot. All this at only \$39,900.00. MLS#1291075. Call Lesha at 986-8663.



New Listing Rt. 3 Box 153E, Mt. Vernon Road. This 2 year old log home is a must see. Property includes 6.6 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, beautiful stone fireplace, whirlpool in master located on first floor. All this and only 8 miles from Berea. Town in a private setting with a view to die for. MLS#1291082. Call Lesha at 986-8663.



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Announcing The Mt. Vernon Annual Christmas Parade

is scheduled for

Sat., Dec. 9, 2000 at 2 p.m.

All participants are asked to meet at Mt. Vernon Elementary at 1 p.m. The parade is being coordinated at City Hall. So we can plan the line up, we need for all participants to please contact Phyllis Deatherage at 606-256-3437, at least two weeks before the parade, if possible. The theme for this year's parade is

"Helping Hands in the Spirit of Christmas"

Nativity scenes (on a float or walking) would go well with the theme. The most creative float will be recognized as the first place winner. There will also be second and third place recognition. There will be no prizes awarded, only recognition.

Entry fee for parade participation is one can of food. In the spirit of the holidays, Mt. Vernon City Hall is going to sponsor a Community Food Drive. The drive will begin Friday, December 1st and end the day of the parade, Saturday, December 9. **All local and county businesses and merchants are asked to participate by setting out a container marked food drive on it.** All donations will be picked up and distributed by the First Baptist Church Food and Clothing Mission, located in Mt. Vernon on Church Street. The food will be given to families within our community for Christmas dinners or as needed. Protein items are desperately needed such as peanut butter, tuna, pinto beans, etc. All non-perishable items will be accepted. Cash donations will be accepted at First Baptist Church. You can drop off the donation or mail it to: Food and Clothing Mission Fund/First Baptist Church, West Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Deatherage at City Hall/256-3437 or Kim Singleton at 256-1219.

Everyone please attend our Annual Parade and bring some food with you for the Food Drive. Boxes will be set up from Dec. 1st until Dec. 9th at Hiatt's 5&10, City Hall, Young's Pharmacy, Mt. Vernon Florist and at other businesses in the community.

