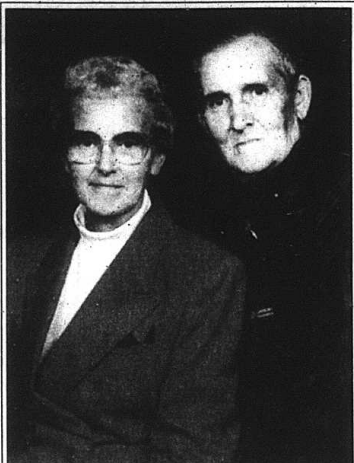


98th Birthday Celebration

Mrs. Elnora Gray celebrated her 98th birthday November 30th. She was born November 30, 1902, the daughter of the late Andy and Captain Herman Frith. She was one of ten children. These living siblings include Christine Stewart of Louisville, Corinne Brooks of Louisville and Geraldine Jacobs of Sun City, Florida.

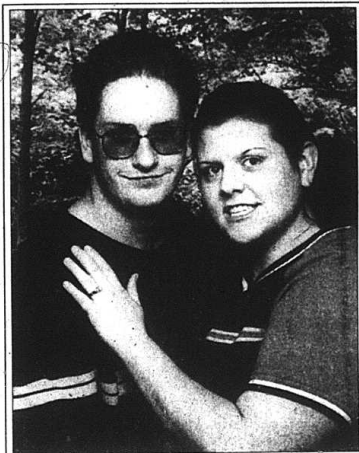
Mrs. Gray grew up in Brodhead where she attended high school. She has fond memories of the old grocery store and the first all brick house built in Brodhead, it being the first to use electricity. At the age of 18, Elnora Frith married Dan H. Gray in the parlor of her parents' home on November 30th, her birthday. In the 1920s, she and Mr. Gray owned and operated Gray's Drug Store on Main St. This became a popular hangout for the five cent Coke. From about the early 1940s to the mid-1950s, they operated Gray's Theatre (Brodhead's only picture show for years). They also ran Gray's Furniture Store for about 15 years, prior to Mr. Gray's death in 1984.

Mrs. Gray still lives in Brodhead in the same house she and Mr. Gray built 73 years ago. Her friends and family wish her many more "Happy Birthdays."



50th Wedding Anniversary

Kenneth and Ruby Reynolds of Crab Orchard will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 12th. They were married on December 12, 1950 in Somerset. They have two daughters: Janet (Gary) Taylor and Betty Ann (Charles) Broughton, all of Crab Orchard. They also have two granddaughters, Rita and Michelle Taylor.



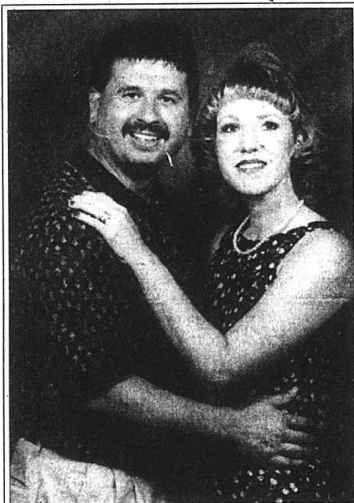
Cromer - Renner

Coy and Gail Cromer, along with Everett and Naomi Renner, all of Mt. Vernon, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Melissa Gail and Randy Lee. The wedding will take place on December 23, 2000 at Blue Springs Church of Christ, 7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Sand Springs Rd. Family and friends are welcome to attend the event.



25th Wedding Anniversary

Bob and Betty French will celebrate their 25th anniversary December 6th. They were married December 7, 1974 in Somerset.



Happy 4th anniversary to the woman I love with all my heart. Thank you for the best four years of my life. I thank God for you!
Love, Your Husband and Best Friend,
Barry L. Blanton

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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.

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

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., Dec. 11th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
Tue., Dec. 12th: Green Hill, Conway, Fairview, Boone, Lambert Rd., Respiratory Care.
Wed., Dec. 13th: Mt. Vernon Manor, Sr. Citizens/Day Health Ctr., Hammond Trailer Park, Brindle Ridge.

VA Rep Here
VA representative will be at the Rockcastle County Courthouse the first and third Mondays of each month behind County Judge/Executive's office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Conway TOPS
TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly). For more info, call 256-3633, 256-9448 or 1-800-932-TOPS. TOPS meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at BRVFD.

Christmas Bazaar
Attention all crafters, The Rockcastle Teen Center will host its annual Christmas Craft Bazaar on Dec. 8th & 9th. The hours will be Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Space and tables are available, yet limited and will be on first-come, first-serve basis. No charge for set-up and your profit is entirely to keep. All crafters interested should call 256-4919 by Nov. 29th. The Teen Center is located by MVES.

Community Day
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center in Mt. Vernon invites you to Community Day-December 8th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blood Drive
A Blood Drive will be held on December 12th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Extension Service.

Basket Classes
Basket Classes will be taught at the Extension Office on December 7, 8 and 9. Class size is limited. Call 256-2403 for details.

RCHS SBDM
The RCHS SBDM Council will hold its regular monthly meetings on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 6 p.m. in the RCHS Conference room. All interested are welcome.

Benefit Sale
"Relay for Life" Benefit Sale each Saturday thru Jan. 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside building at 439 Chestnut Street in Berea. Donation of items appreciated. Call Betty Jo Foster at 1-800-939-2513. Proceeds go to American Cancer Society.

RTEC Notice
RTEC, Broker for Region 12, announces that no transportation services will be provided on December 25, 2000 due to Christmas holiday or on January 1, 2001 due to New Year's holiday. Offices will be closed on these two days with the exception of Urgent Care transportation.

Sewing Polar Fleece
December 11th, 9:30 - 1:00, a class on Sewing Polar Fleece will be taught at the Extension Office. The class is free. Participants need to bring their own supplies. Call 256-2403 for details.

SBDM Committee Meetings
Budget, Curriculum & Instruction Practices, Discipline and Professional Development committee meetings meet the second Tuesday of the month at RCHS.

School Board Meeting
The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in Special Session on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County High School. Public is welcome to attend.

Retired Teachers Note
Retired Teachers Christmas Super will be at Kastle Inn on Monday, December 11th at 6 p.m. For reservations call Gattif Craig at 758-8344 or Betty Glovak at 758-8175.

Fish Fry
Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will have an all you can eat fish fry Saturday, December 9th, 11:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the fire station in Conway. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$3. Carry-outs available call 256-0000. Menu includes fish, french fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, desserts and drinks.

Christmas Party
Senior Citizens Christmas Party, sponsored by Woodmen of the World, is scheduled for Dec. 14th at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle Co. Senior Citizens Center located on Hwy. 255 in Mt. Vernon. You must call 606-256-4316 to RSVP no later than 12:30-00 if you plan to attend.

Bittersweet Cloggers
After Dec. 6th, the Bittersweet Cloggers will be holding classes in the basement of the Clontz & Cox building at 115 Richmond St. Classes will be on Tuesday nights beginning at 6:30. No class Dec. 26th.

Saxton's Cornet Band to perform at RCHS

On Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m., Saxton's Cornet Band will perform at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. No admission will be charged.

The modern day Saxton's Cornet Band recreates the sounds and appearance of American brass bands at the middle of the 19th Century. During the preceding decades innovations in the design of brass musical

instruments made these horns more versatile and easier to play than ever before. Critical to this process was the development of valve systems that allowed brass horns to play the full range of musical scales. Another important step was the development by Adolphe Sax of families of horn matched in pitch. The inventor named these instruments "Saxhorns." Brass bands became enormously popular

and replaced earlier ensembles based upon natural horns, keyed instruments, and woodwinds. Amateur and professional bands formed all across the country. Saxhorn bands were fully developed in time to provide music to both armies during the American Civil War. Saxton's Cornet Band is comprised of some of the finest professional musicians in central Kentucky.

The band has performed in concert halls and parades, at Civil War reenactments and ceremonies, and for other special events from Massachusetts to Colorado and from Florida to Illinois. It appears regularly at National Park Service sites, including the Jefferson National Expansion Park in St. Louis, Harper's Ferry, Lincoln's Birthplace in Hodgenville, Kentucky, Fort Larned, Kansas and the Gettysburg Military Music Master. The band had performed most recently at the Tall Stacks Festival in Cincinnati, Ohio, which *Family Magazine* called, "the greatest family weekend in the world." Motion picture credits include the Turner productions *Gettysburg* and *The Day Lincoln Was Shot*. Saxton's Cornet Band appears most years at the Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville.

Saxton's Cornet Band is sponsored by the 21st Century Community Learning and the Rockcastle Council for the Arts.



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