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Community leaders will apply for millions

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court adopted a resolution at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday in support of a local effort to obtain funding that will benefit the entire county.

The Community Development Initiative is a joint effort of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court, the Rockcastle Development Board and the cities of Mt. Vernon, Brodhead

and Livingston.

Mt. Vernon will actually appear on the grant application, along with the county.

The Community Development Initiative is administered by the United States Department of Agricultural.

Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolius told the court that Rockcastle County was one of only five communities across Kentucky

chosen by the USDA to participate in a pilot project known as the RSDA Community Advancement Program.

"The fiscal court is the lead agent in the project for the county and, up to this point we have been gathering information on how better to serve and improve our community," Carlolius said.

By participating in the USDA's program the county will be in priority position for federal grants.

The main thing the county must do is come up with a long range community development plan, which will also go hand in hand with a project of Kentucky Governor Paul Patton.

The Judge-Executive said that upon the new program, Kentucky Appalachian Community Development Initiative, will provide funding for counties such as Rockcastle, if those county grant applications are ap-

proved.

Recently, the Governor awarded \$20 million to Hindman and \$9 million to Jenkins so those communities could make improvements.

The funding for Patton's program comes from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Last week about twenty people from across the county, representing different groups met for four hours to form committees and begin the grant application process.

The main theme of the possible funding is to enhance, preserve and our resources, potential and ability to make Rockcastle County a more dynamic community in the future," Carlolius said.

Carlolius said the group was also focused on cleaning up the environment and beautifying the county, promoting tourism on a larger scale, safeguarding the local farming community and attracting better paying, higher skilled jobs for Rockcastle Countians.

Director of Rockcastle Development Board Bige Towery, Jr. added that if the grant is approved, there will be extensive planning that will involve more and more of the citizens in the county in the process of community development.

The group has yet to determine how much money will be applied for. The grant application is due on January 14.

Towery said that members of the group will work through the holidays in order to have a rough draft ready by the first of the year.

In other action:

Court agreed to pay Gary Asher \$4,885 in back pay, which is the funding paid to the county by the state for Disaster and Emergency Operations coordinator, and must be used for that purpose only.

Court agreed to 911 Board of Directors' request to lease funds in the amount of \$179,285 for the development of the Computer Aided Dispatch system and subsequent mapping and addressing for the county's Enhanced Version of 911.

Accepted Buschner Lane (off Copper Creek Road) into the county road system for District One.

Agreed to provide a room for the Veterans Administration to meet with Veterans on the first and third Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the newly-renovated EOC room behind the county judge's office.

Accepted the county judge's emergency order to bypass bid procedures due to boiler at the courthouse that must be replaced. The court agreed to purchase a new gas-fired, high-efficiency boiler at the cost of \$28,755 to replace the coal-fired boiler, which would cost \$38,740 to replace. (The coal-fired boiler has served the courthouse for 35 years, but has had numerous problems over the years.) Court gave

county judge authority to proceed with funding.

Reappointed Jerry Cox, the present deputy-chair of the Cumberland Valley District Health Board, to be the fiscal court's representative on the district board in London.

Appointed Geoffrey McGuire and Lloyd Cain to the Rockcastle County Extension District Board.

Hired Mary Jane French as full-time assistant to Anna Rose Mullins, County Fiscal Court Clerk and Bookkeeper, and for assisting the Office of Solid Waste Management and Enforcement.

Approved a resolution authorizing the Road Foreman, Jack Cromer, to advertise the county's intention to relocate a portion of the Old State Road for reasons of safety to the public, as permitted under Chapter 424 of State Law KRS 178.050.

Approved the Workforce Investment Act (to participate in the program). Rockcastle County is represented by Dr. John Parsons, Square Bill McKinney and Mike Buckles, Executive Director of Daniel Boone Development on the Workforce Investment Act Board in Clinton County. These three were appointed by County Judge Buzz Carlolius.

Was informed of the National Guard's plans to provide assistance to the county, as needed or necessary, during the Y2K roll-over.

Heard from Tom Leonard, author of the Piney Branch story in last week's Signal. He asked the court to work with all officials who can make Piney Branch area near Livingston an environmental reserve for study by students and to be enjoyed by hikers and visitors. Carlolius said he was very interested in pursuing the goal. Congressman Hal Rogers PRIDE project could be a possibility, since one of the program's objectives has been the construction of outdoor classrooms for study by elementary and high school students.

Was informed of the Lambert Road's possible extension into Garrard County. Steve families living there. Carlolius had talked to Garrard County Judge E. Hasty about the branch that has to be crossed. Any work, however, on the improvements would have to be made by Garrard County Road Department unless an interlocal agreement is signed by Rockcastle and Garrard County fiscal courts, which would mean that Garrard County would be responsible for reimbursements to Rockcastle County (District Four).

Approved a warranty contract with GTE for 911 Rockcastle Communications Board at \$656.28 per year. Contract will, however, have to be approved by 911 Board before payment is made.

Heard from numerous residents concerned about the road from Pine Hill to what is now known as Hal-

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Boys beat Clay for first time ever

By: Richard Anderkin

For the first time in school history the Rockcastle County boys varsity basketball team has defeated the Clay County Tigers.

And they did it in impressive style, beating the Tigers on their own floor Tuesday night by 23 points.

The win also put the Rockets back in the thick of things in the 49th district, with Clay having one loss and Jackson County having two.

Ironically the only team in the district that does not have a district loss this season is Oneida.

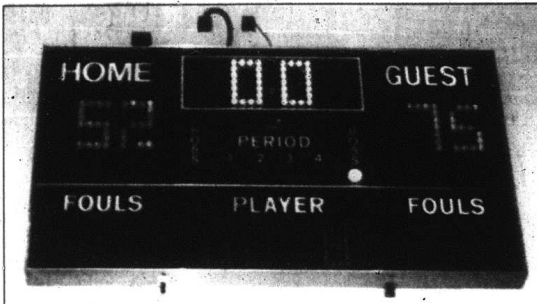
The Mountaineers have not played Clay County as of yet, but they defeated Jackson County in overtime and Rockcastle on Friday night at Oneida.

Tuesday night the Rockets found their shooting eye for the first time all season shooting a red hot 64 percent from the floor on 23 for 36 shooting.

"I thought we played our best defensive game of the season too," head coach Clayton Cash said. "We kept forcing Clay to shoot from the perimeter and they aren't a very good shooting team," he said.

Cash said his team was much more patient on offense than they had been in the first four games of the season, which probably accounted for the high shooting percentage.

The Rockets opened the game



The scoreboard in the Clay County gym said it all Tuesday night, following the Rockets first ever win over the Clay County Tigers. Rockcastle will travel to Clinton County on Friday night and host Bellevue Saturday.

with a three point basket by senior Andrew Cash, who led the Rockets with a career high 35 points.

The very next trip down the floor senior Matt Brown also sank a three pointer and the Rockets were off to the races.

Clay County fought back in the first quarter and managed to take the

lead at seven to six. They held onto the lead until three minutes to go in the first quarter when senior Jacob Burdette hit two free throws to give Rockcastle a 15 to 13 lead.

At 2:14 in the first quarter Rockcastle took a four point lead and ended the quarter with that same lead.

The Rockets then opened up a 13

point lead in the second quarter before Clay cut the lead down to eight points.

The historical win was probably decided in the first two minutes of the second half when the Tigers made a run at the Rockets and cut the lead to three at 38-35.

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Kirby pleads guilty in federal court

Matthew Kirby, 20, of Rt. 4 Mt. Vernon entered a guilty plea last week in federal court in London to two charges involving the sale of illegal drugs.

Kirby pled guilty to possessing with intent to distribute a quantity of Oxycotin capsules and Tylox capsules both schedule II controlled substances.

The charges stem from a July 24 incident in Rockcastle County.

Kirby was sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined \$1 million.

He is scheduled for sentencing on March 10, 2000.

The initial investigation in the case was conducted by the Mt. Vernon City Police Department and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

Owens is top officer in D.U.I. arrests for state

Kentucky State Trooper Jesse L. Owens of Mt. Vernon, won top honors at the 1999 Governor's DUI awards ceremony held in Lexington last week.

There were a total of 184 officers representing 159 participating police

agencies across the state honored at the ceremony.

Trooper Owens led all individual officers with a total of 201 DUI arrests for the 1999 reporting period.

Trooper Owens is assigned to Rockcastle County. He graduated from the Kentucky State Police academy in 1998.

Indictments returned

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down indictments against three people on Friday.

Christopher Sean Mullins, 24, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, was indicted in connection with a May 16 incident in which he is accused of breaking into the home of Julian Cromer on Old Hwy. 461 and taking jewelry valued at over \$300.

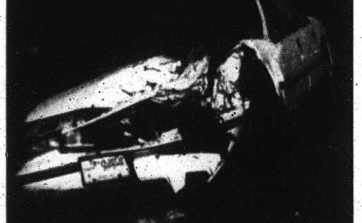
Delbert W. Leger, 24, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of persistent felony offender.

Sherry Ramsey, 34, of Livingston was also indicted, on one count of being a persistent felony offender.

Correction

In last week's Signal we stated that Brian Lovell, 30, of Mt. Vernon was in district court facing a charge of D.U.I., when he was arrested for retaliating against a witness.

We were wrong. Mr. Lovell was not facing a D.U.I. charge. He was facing five other charges involving riding an ATV on the roadway.



Two people were injured in a head-on collision on Brindle Ridge Road Monday afternoon. Police said that Georgia McWhorter, 71, of Brindle Ridge and Greg Dixon, 37, of Mt. Vernon, were involved in the 4 p.m. wreck. Dixon was treated at Rockcastle Hospital and transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Mrs. McWhorter is still in Rockcastle Hospital with a broken ankle. A hunter heard the collision and came out of the woods to free Mrs. McWhorter from her burning car by breaking out the window. Members of the Brindle Ridge Fire Department and Rockcastle EMS also responded to the wreck.



The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club recently purchased a welcome sign for downtown Mt. Vernon located behind the Signal building. Gary and Gertha Mink had the embankment cleared, Maderna Woodmen helped to buy plants, and inmates from the County Jail helped in the planting. The club has plans to add much and more plants in the future. Pictured above are Kiwanis members on hand to dig the ditch to run electricity for the sign that will enhance the entrance to our town. From left are: Teresa Vanzant, Tammy Cox, Gertha Mink, Gary Mink, Bev Rockwell and Rocky Rockwell.



The county spent \$25,000 recently, just on disposal fees for the garbage picked up along Hammonds Fork Road.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Time is fleeting. Christmas one week ahead and I am not ready for it. Shopping has taken second place in my life this year. Decorating has no place in my schedule. Thank goodness for son-in-law that understands my lack of ability and in instability in times like this and does these things for me. Chuck and Polly have made my place presentable for guests by to-see, and installed in my shrinking desire for a normal Christmas, the overpneering of joy to the world. The Lord has come. And this new inspiration has brought forth the desire to wake up and get busy.

Today I will bake a cake, perhaps two and oatmeal cookies are a must at our house and those between meals, or late evening snacks with a cup of hot tea.

I have been thinking of other things other than books, jewels and toys we should be giving at this season. Kind deeds have been uppermost in my mind. Not the kind one does when he visits the nursing home and adds his well wishes to all the other well wishers who feel that is the only place where aging lonely people are, but to the homes of some of these, and the offering of a hand at helping in some way or a bit of cooking for those who may no longer be able to do for themselves. Or an offer to take these hands, capped by age, shopping or to take the homes decorated with pretty lights at night. Many seniors who no longer drive, especially at night, ever get to see these marvels of light and human ingenuity lighting up a whole street or hillside. I know for I have been one of them. One drive through Renton Valley and on to Berea, dur-

ing the holiday season is worth more than a dose of medicine to one confined to his/her home.

Gifts come in many packages, but enveloped with love and caring. I recently had an experience with a giver of one of these gifts and it has brightened the lives of more than one person while bringing back faith in an old profession I had begun to believe was a thing of my past. Thank you.

I am enclosing a recipe of the cake I am baking today. It is one of our favorites for the Holidays.

- Orange Slice Cake
- 3/4 cup flour
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1 lb orange slice candy cut into small pieces
 - 2 cups pecans or walnuts (chopped)
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 - 1 8 oz pkg dates-cut coarsely
 - 1 large can angel flake coconut
 - 1 cup margarine
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/2 cup buttermilk
 - 1 tsp soda
- Mix together flour, salt and combine orange slices, dates, nuts and coconut. Add 1/2 cup flour to orange slice mixture. Beat sugar and margarine together well and add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add soda to buttermilk and add alternately with flour to egg mixture. Add candy mixture and mix well by hand. Bake at 300 degrees 1 hour 45 mins. When done mix cup of orange juice with 2 cups coffee, 2 cups sugar and pour over hot cake.

wanted to check out and there were 30 or more registers with no lines because nobody was manning them. In the meantime some associate had nothing better to do than swipe my shopping cart and put my stuff back on the shelf. I marched back to Customer Service and told them in terms that can't be used in your paper precisely where they could stick their motor oil and their flat fixer and I left the building.

And I ain't going back until way, up in January.

I've bought some stuff from ebay auctions on the Internet without having to worry about finding a parking spot or a cash register with someone behind it. I have not counted a single soul as angry as I was the other night although I understand that just about everybody was over the weekend. I am, in a word, jolly. Ho, Ho, Ho and all that stuff. I've even put up lights around the outside of the house and bought a big steel reindeer with about a thousand bulbs that I have propped up in the front lawn. This season to be tacky. Ta la la lah lah la la la hahhhhhhhhhhh I love it.


I've had to stop by the Paint Lick Post Office and purchase a few money orders and also to pick up my packages that are arriving in the mail, but that's a pleasure. Betty and Katie who run the place are reason enough to stop at the Post Office whether you got any other business or not.

Folks you can find anything imaginable on ebay. They even had a couple hundred of those Barbie Cash registers, but they were going for about five times what they cost in a store. If my little friend in the Big Easy doesn't score one from Santa Claus, they'll be cheap the day after Christmas and I'm going to arrange to have one mailed to her as consolation prize.

In the meantime, be careful out there. And if you're looking for work and can run a cash register, go to the Berea, Wal-Mart and sell em I sent you.

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Points East

By: Ike Adams



First of all, my Christmas shopping is done so eat your heart out. On the other hand, if I told you how much I actually spent Christmas shopping out in the malls and department stores and losing my truck in the parking lot and all that you'd figure I didn't have much to buy in the first place and you would be right. I buy just enough to keep up the appearance that I know what's going on.

For the first time in two and a half decades I'm actually enjoying the season. I'm at peace with myself and those around me and it's Christmas at the same time. I'm not depressed and I don't intend to get that way. Long time readers of this column know that both my parents were buried, 10 years apart, on Christmas and that tends to take the shine off things for me this time of year.

But over the last year I've come to the solid realization that they are in a better place than we'll ever know on earth and the last thing in the world they would want is me moping around half suicidal and the other half ornery. So I've decided to be content.

One of the best ways to be content is to sit at home on the weekends before Christmas and even evenings through the week and write a little bit or play with the pup or mess around on the Internet. I've been out and about just enough to know that it's crowded and dangerous out there. I have a friend in New Orleans who says that her daughter isn't going to get the Barbie Cash Register she wants for Christmas because there are none left in the state of Louisiana, so I volunteered to see if I could find it up here. Suffice it to say that it wasn't at the Berea Wal-Mart last Friday night.

And I will never know if it's any where else by finding out myself. In the process of doing this, but of shopping I left a cart with four cars of that I've I'd found on sale very hands stuff if you garden with implements requiring inflated tires along with a tarp, an oil filter and five quart of motor oil parked in front of the candy rack near the check out lines. I figured it would be safe enough until I went to see about the Barbie paraphernalia. They didn't have the cash register so I assumed myself with a couple of other gadgets and got into a heavy argument with a lady who thought I was sick for revealing that I loved the cap guns. I used to get for Christmas.



So I came back to the candy rack to get my cart, but it was gone. No where in sight. I'd even memorized the register number so I knew I wasn't confused about where I left it. I finally found a lady wearing a Wal-Mart vest and asked if she'd seen my cart. She suggested I check with the Customer Service Department and they suggested that if the cart was "unattended" an associate might have put the stuff back on the rack.

Which is precisely what had happened. I'd bought the last four cans of flat fixer on sale and when I went back to the automotive department, there it sat. And as far as I know it's still sitting there because my blood pressure was getting dangerously close to popping a few veins and start squirting out my eyes and ears.

They've got fifty or more check-out counters in the Berea Store and maybe ten of them actually had somebody checking people out. There were lines of people 12 to 15 deep forming new friendships or ready novels or friendships they stood

Holiday News...

From The Bank of Mt. Vernon!

Shawna Baker won the bicycle given away at our Main Street office. She is shown with her grandmother, Dora Smith.

Chelsea Payne, daughter of Roger Payne, won the bicycle given away at our Hwy. 461 office.

One of the real joys of the holiday season is giving. The Bank of Mt. Vernon announces the winners of the girls bikes from our December 10th drawing: Shawna Baker, left and Chelsea Payne, right.

Stop by our Highway 461 office or Main Street Office to register for two more bikes to be given away on December 17th.

Merry Christmas from The Bank of Mt. Vernon!

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

On November 18th my opinion of Livingston's second fire department was published. I must say that I firmly stand behind that opinion. But being that I no longer live in Livingston, I feel that the matter is no longer my business. On December 7th, I called Mayor Sandra Tyne and I resigned as being city clerk. Citizens of Livingston I wish you a lot of luck.

Tim Hayes,
East Bernstadt, KY

Parents and other Community Members

I am writing on behalf of the Rockcastle County High School faculty and staff to express our sincere appreciation for all the support you have always given and continue to give our students.

We are so very proud of our students and their achievements in academics, athletics and all the other programs in which they are involved. You have contributed greatly to those achievements because you have readily given your time, hard effort and resources to help our student be successful.

Our young people truly hold our community's future in their hands; however, our continued efforts of working together with our students will create the leaders need for Rockcastle County and other communities in the new millennium. We believe that we are "in good hands". Again, thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
Ruth Allen
Principal

Dear Editor,

Top Ten

The following is the top ten examples of the Rockcastle County steps to file a criminal complaint.

1) Call the County Attorney- they will refer you to the local police.

2) Call the local police- they will refer you to the Sheriff's office.

3) Call the Sheriff's office- they will refer you to the County Attorney's Office.

4) Call the County Attorney's office- they say we can't help you or it's a conflict of interest (still haven't figured that one out). Referred to the local police again.

5) Local police state that it is not in their jurisdiction. Refer you to Sheriff's office.

6) Sheriff's office states that it sounds like your getting the run around. Refer you to County Attorney's Office.

7) County Attorney's office rudely states that you need to take your complaint to the local police.

8) Reality sinks in and you realize that we the people voted these public servants into these offices.

9) Realize that we as Rockcastle citizens are not as protected by the local law enforcers that we once thought.

And the top tenth most example:
10) Call GJ Simpson and ask for advice.

Kevin Saylor
Brodhead, KY

Dear Editor,

In recent weeks, compelling new evidence about the long-term effects of child abuse and neglect has received nationwide media attention.

First, Prevent Child Abuse America's survey of the nation's 50 states and the District of Columbia revealed that more than 3 million children were reported as abused or neglected in 1998, a thirty percent increase in the number of reports over the previous ten years. Then, a coalition of children's advocacy groups identified child abuse and neglect as one of the top ten threats to American children in the new millennium.

As our heads swim with images of happy children in safe, loving, nurturing environments, the reality is that millions of children in this country are subjected to abuse and neglect at the hands of those adults responsible for their care and safety.

We all have a role to play in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. How many times have we stood in line to buy holiday gifts at a department store, watching with silent disapproval while a stressed-out adult physically or verbally abused a child in front of our very eyes?

Here are some tips on responding to such behavior in a public place:

1. Start a conversation with the adult to direct attention away from the child. For example: "Children can wear you out, can't they? Is there anything I can do to help?"
2. Divert the child's attention (if misbehaving) by talking to the child.
3. Look for an opportunity to praise the parent or child.

4. If the child is in danger, offer assistance. For example, if the child is left unattended in a grocery cart, stand by the child until the parent returns.

5. Avoid negative remarks or looks, which are likely to increase the parent's anger and could make matters worse.

Any readers wanting additional information on how they can help prevent child abuse and neglect can call the Parent Helpline 1-800-432-9251.

As we approach the new year, let our commitment to protect Kentucky's children be among the resolutions we keep.

Sincerely,
Jill Seyfred, ACSW

New traffic collision reports

By Shirley Smith,

Rockcastle County Sheriff. Effective January 1, 2000, anyone involved in a traffic accident in the State of Kentucky can expect a delay in obtaining a copy of the report. Unlike now, the traffic collision reports must be approved by the investigating agency and then submitted by mail to the Records Section in Frankfort, to again be approved. The traffic collision reports will not be available for pick up from the investigating agency for at least ten days, and may possibly be as long as four to seven days, if the collision was fatal.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Kentucky State Police, local law enforcement agencies, and other federal and state governmental agencies have all worked together and revised the Commonwealth of Kentucky Uniform Police Traffic Collision Report.

The continuous and rapid escalation in the use of motor vehicles constantly creates a major public health and safety hazard. Traffic collisions producing death, serious injury and property damage pose an ever-present threat to the public's safety and well being. Professional investigation and reporting of traffic

collisions are universally recognized and accepted functions necessary for the maintenance of a modern day transportation system. Traditionally speaking, police officers have been the designated authorities to carry out this public responsibility, and police readily accept collision investigation as a basic part of their everyday duties.

Anyone, who is involved in a traffic collision and would like further information, may contact Deputy Sonya Prewitt in the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office at (606)256-2032.

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Obituaries



Betty Whitaker

Betty Pearlly Whitaker, 96, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 12, 1999, at Northfield Center in Lanesville. She was born June 3, 1903, in Osceola, Arkansas, the daughter of William Houston and Mary Elizabeth Wengate Harrell. She was a member of Burnett Chapel Methodist Church and a retired private duty nurse. She also charted in 1977 and organized the Goff Cart for Rockcastle Hospital in 1982. Survivors are three daughters: Sherry Zamo, Anna Davis and Mildred Berry, all of Louisville and 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She is a great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Homer B. Hickey, her second husband, Tom Whitaker and son, Homer B. Hickey.



Carl Renner

Carl T. Renner, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 7, 1999, at his residence. He was born April 27, 1939, in Rockcastle County, the son of Lepso and Nannie Deaithage Renner. He had been a clerk at West City Auto Note and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Betty Woodall Renner of Mt. Vernon, three sons: Tim Renner, Bobby Renner and wife, Clara and Scotty Renner, all of Mt. Vernon, two daughters: Barbara Miller and husband, Jerry of Cove Branch and Norma Jean Renner of Florence, one brother, Jesse Renner, two sisters, Pauline Bradley and Christine Tyler, all of Mt. Vernon and eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Services were Friday, December 10, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Virgil Bustle officiating. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jerry Woodall, Ricky Woodall, Henry Woodall, James Renner, Rocky Miller and Jamie Lawson.

Card of Thanks

Carl Thomas Renner

We would like to thank everyone (friends, family) for their kindness and support in our time of grief. We would also like to thank everyone for all the flowers, food and money that

was sent. We would also like to thank all the churches that had prayer for Carl. And also thank Bro. Virgil Bustle. Also Dowell and Martin for their kindness and support. Thank You All.

The Renner and Miller families



Ethel Vukosavljev

Ethel Moore Vukosavljev, 84 of Lowell Lane, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, December 8, 1999, at the Berea Health Care Center. She was born in Livingston on November 24, 1915, the daughter of William and Stella Reynolds Moore. She had been a cafeteria worker for the Cincinnati Board of Education and was a member of the Rockcastle County Senior Citizens Club.

Survivors are one son, James Stedam and wife, Carolyn of Cincinnati; two daughters, June Vargen and husband, Fred of Garland, Texas and Jean Cade and husband, Robert of Saint Joseph, Michigan; one brother, Calvin Moore of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Louise Rader of Mt. Vernon and Carrie Kelley of Livingston and

14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Jack Stedam; three brothers, Herbert, Robert and Arthur Moore; and one grandchild.

Services were Saturday, December 11, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Lillibridge officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jack Stedam, John Wilson, Paul Wilson, Mack Stedam, Mark Stedam and Wesley, Flaeg.

Deadline for next week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday

Lorraine Morris

Lorraine Morris, 64, of Poplar St., Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at the Berea Health Care Center. She was born in Jackson County on February 4, 1935, the daughter of Ben and Bessie Turner Carpenter. She was a homemaker and a member of the Livingston Pecosotol Church.

Survivors are three sons, David Morris and wife, Ann of Berea; Michael Morris and wife, Sarah of Hamilton, Ohio and Marvin Morris and wife, Cheryl of Haver, Montana; two daughters, Debbie Anglin and husband, Jack of Mt. Vernon and Susan Lorraine Coffey of Richmond; three brothers, Roland Carpenter, Eddie Carpenter and Darrell Carpenter, all of Livingston; nine sisters, Jerni Kaecig of West Chester, Ohio, Corrie Robinson, Ella Mae Kilburn, Jewell Couch, Beulah Andrews and Bonnie Wilson, all of Hamilton, Ohio, Janet Greer and Norma Pitts, both of Woodbury, Tennessee and Faye Waddell of Somerset and 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, December 11, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jimmy Miller officiating. Burial was in the Morning View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill Kilburn, Lee Robinson, Larry Greer, Duane Couch, Duane J. Couch and Steve Wilson.

In Loving Memory

In Memory of All My Loved Ones The Westerfield Family

What a happy time for all my family As they celebrate Christ's Birthday. Heaven will be all a glow. As they all gather around the great white throne

Christ will be by their side To lead them to through promised land. They will answer as their name is called

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They will be in the fields of clover. Everyone will be dressed in white and those angels will play the music. Everyone will be shining bright. They will all sit down at Jesus' feet. The lamb can lay down by the lion. But we all will meet very soon. But I'm happy to know I will meet you all some day. From their daughter and sister, Lora Westerfield Hamilton

Judy Croucher

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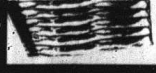
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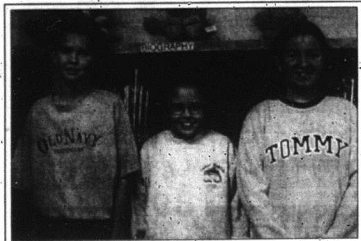
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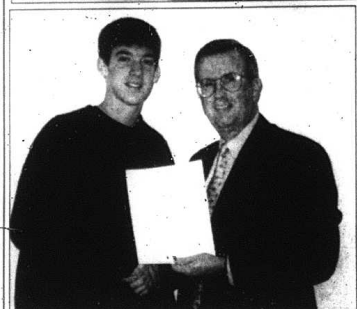
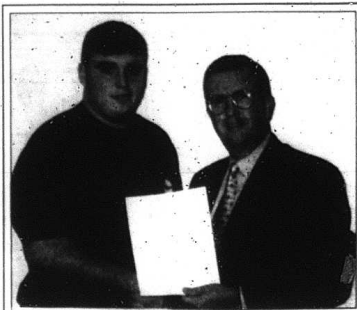
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BES is blessed with success! The 1999 Math-A-Thon was a true success. Over the past several years we have teamed with St. Jude's Hospital to raise money to help children that are sick. This year we raised \$3578.52. Sarah Day raised \$173.04 making her the student raising the most money at BES. The old saying, "It is better to give than to receive" definitely is true for our students this year.

Our students took part in the Soil Conservation poster contest. We had a total of 37 entries and our top three school winners were Coty Childress, Lura Cash and Hillary Proctor. Friday will be the last day of school in 1999. The faculty and staff hope you have a safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you and learning with you in the New Year.



Coty Childress, Hillary Proctor, and Lura Cash were the top three school winners in the Soil Conservation poster contest.



Two students recently completed a 10-session Leadership seminar at Cumberland College. The students were presented with a certificate by vice-president of Student Services, Dr. Michael Colegrove, upon completion of the course. The seminar is part of a four-year leadership project at Cumberland College. Its purpose is to teach students how leadership is effectively exercised for the enhancement of personal skills. The seminar is designed to strengthen leadership skills, analyze characteristics of good leadership and the assessment of leadership style and potential. In the top photo is John LaFavers, son of Larry and Jamie LaFavers of Mt. Vernon. In the bottom photo is Matt Cory, son of Randy and Kathy Cory of Mt. Vernon.

Mt. Vernon Message

Friday, December 17 is our last day of school before Christmas vacation. We will come back to school on

Monday, January 3, 2000. Enjoy the time with your children.

Mrs. Brown has notified the PTA of the need for a called election for a parent member of the SBDM. Nominations must be made in writing to Mrs. Brown. The last day to nominate a parent for council membership will be January 3, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. The election will take place at the PTA meeting on January 13, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Brown at 256-2953.

Thought for the week: We have to reach their hearts before we reach their minds.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School recently held an awards program. The following students received academic awards:

Academic Excellence Entry Level

Alexander, A.M.; Katie Cowart; Christa Doan, Jacob Langford, Pairy Mullen, Chelsea Payne, James Stewart, Jordan Whitaker, Everett Wilson, and Sarah Woodall.

Davidson, A.M.; Clark Asher, Quentin Bishop, Holly Ham, Cory Johnson, Ashley Lewis, Jeffrey Renner and Carly Westad.

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Alexander, P.M.; Robert Bowman, Jordan Carpenter, Lasandra Gibbons, Stephen Harris, Brooke

McGuire, Jerika Robbins, Clarissa Stoots, Willie Dean Vance and Courtney VanWinkle.

Davidson, P.M.; Samantha Arthur, Jacob Bullock, Sha Bustle, Billy Cameron, Jon Paul Kidwell, Kendra

Leger, Dalton Rhodus, Tyler Smith, Courtney Smith, Kaylee Vanwinckle and Brian Bishop.

Todd, P.M.; Brandon Baker, Chase Delaney, Megan Martin, Andrew Phillips, Dalton Singleton and William Wheat.

Primary One
J. Carter; Sydney Arvin, Joshua Campbell, Stacia Cloose, Sara Hammond, Morgan Hill, Elliot Jackson, Ella McQuay, Jessica Thompson, Allison Washburn and Dakota Williams.

K.K. Howard; Samantha Stewart, Samantha Choward, Brittany Breang, Heather Bullock, Felicia Cameron, Jennifer Cox, Derek Jones, Joe Miller, Zachary Napier, Rachel Nicely and Zachary Reams.

P. Phillips; Casey Carpenter, Kayla Carpenter, Stephanie Proffitt, Nichole Roberts and Elijah Wynn.

J. Smith; Rachel Halcomb, Nikki Jones, Abigail McClure, Zachary McClure, Kassie Robinson and Erica Smith.

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M. Cable; Katie Howard, Candice Kidwell, Kim Northern and Britany Zinkhorn.

L. Clontz; Bethany Clontz, Tiffany Mason, Casey Sturgill, Amber Whitaker and Brandon Young.

P. Cowan; J. White; Dillon Asher, Ty Gray, Courtney Ham, Reba Johnson, Tracey Jones, Shayla Kirby, Katie Lawler, Samantha Lindsey, Kayla Lovell, Zachary McCracken, Craig McCreary, Megan Perkins, Ashley Warren and Nikki Wilson.

J. Maples; Heather Barnes, Jessica Bullock, Adrienne Childress, Devin Davidson, Michael DeBorde, and Kimberly Hall.

Primary Three
D. Brewer; Aaran Barnes, Jordan Cash, Matthew Cromer, Elizabeth Dooley, Megan Hood, Danielle Mink, Kayla Rowe, Jay Skinner, Samantha Smith and Maverick Whitehead.

D. Cameron; Joshua Abney, Sara Barnett, Michelle Bullock, Morgan Campbell, Felicia Chesnut, Amanda Hedrick, Mathew Jones, Amanda McDaniel, Pamorya, Cody Mize, John Moon, Joshua Patterson and Bridget Wesley.

J. DeBorde; Kelsie Bradley, Brandon Bussell, A.M. Cameron, Britni Cope, Steven Miller, Brandon Murrell, Kimberly Stewart, Grant Thompson and Whitney Whitaker.

S. Ford; Jaelyn Bullock, Rebekah

DeBord, Skyler Hayes, Ronnie Lainhart, Cody McGuire, Michael Pendery, Jonathan Rhodes and Jeff Smith. C. Lykins; Bryan Clontz, Morgan Collins, Cody Kirby, Devon Mason, Lyndsey Reynolds and Rachel Woodall.

M. Rouk; Tamara Blanton, Jordan Cook, Lauren Graham, Katy Mattingly, Sam Renner, Jacob Riddle and Tim Singleton.

Fourth Grade
J. Asher - Honor Roll; Jessica Barnes, April Chesnut, Brandon Childress, Travis Evans, Whitney Fry, David Harris, Wylan Miller and Andrea Wynn.

C. Bryant - Principal's List; Dustin Johnson and Jake Woodall. Honor Roll; Casey Bowles, Jessica Cummins, Colton Isaacs, Sally Mize, Michael Nicely, Sarah Rowe, Steven Scaff and Cody Smith.

F. Clark - Principal's List; Jeffery Mullins and Emily Renner. Honor Roll; Chris Ayers, Bethany French, Rachelle Hoskins, Adrienne Lovell, Megan Lovell, Beverly Miller and Christopher Mullins.

M. Versore - Principal's List; Jordan Barnett, Brandon Carpenter, Cody Carpenter, Laura Childress, Brian Mize and Anthony Smith. Honor Roll; Jeremy Bullock; Katie Burdette, Josh Chambless, Scott Daugherty, William Mason, Joshua Moberly, Brandy Owens and Jason Rader.

R. Rumsey - Principal's List; Rhonda Abney, Courtney Bullock, Dustin Day, Ashley Marcum and Melissa Thomson. Honor Roll; Zachary Goebel and Cody Mullins.

H. Woodall - Principal's List; Brooke Kirby, Blake McKinney, Rebecca Mounce, Daniel Myers and Christy Scott. Honor Roll; Phillip Hampton, T.J. Kidwell, Cassie McFerron and Cody Wilson.

Fifth Grade
K. Cameron - Principal's List; Drew Davidson, Cody Robinson, Lisa Robinson and Kayla Stewart. Honor Roll; Eric Howard and Bethany Taylor.

T. Connelly; Megan Alcorn and Josh Blair. Honor Roll; Britany French, Leanne Holden, Stephanie Mason, Krystal McFerron, Steven Refiner, Cara Rowe and Matthew Martin.

L. Davidson - Principal's List; April Bullock, Honor Roll; Brandon DeBorde and Kelli Martin.

M. Kinser - Principal's List; Victoria Clontz, Ethan Connelly, Meagan Griffin and Izak McQueary. Honor Roll; Brandon Barnes, Lynn Miracle, Kyle Riddle, Brandy Scalf and Ashley Stewart.

S. McQueary - Principal's List; Morgan Kinser and Michael Vanwinckle. Honor Roll; Tiffany Cox, Justin Henley, Leanna Mink, Ashley Mullins, Brittany Robinson and Kayla Whitaker.

M. Robbins - Principal's List; Shane McClure, Heather Spires and Dustin VanWinkle. Honor Roll; Brandon Dykes, Adam Mink and Randall Wilson.

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Lady Rockets fail to Clay County 58-51

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets are having a rough go of it thus far this season against district opponents. After losing their first district game to Jackson County, the Rockets dropped their second game Tuesday night at Clay County, 58-51.

The Rockets came out strong in the opening minutes of the first quarter, outscoring the Lady Tigers 6-2 and were ahead 9-4 when the Tigers went on a 5-0 run to tie the score at the end of the first period.

The Rockets added 33 points to their total while the Rockets only offense came from Brooke Roberts who scored all 11 points for her team, hitting a three just before the half to cut the margin to 22-20.

got two goals and Jessie Rickels two, one of them a three pointer, to tie the score at 29 all, the Tigers put together an 8-0 run and were ahead 41-34 at the end of the third quarter.

A Rickels basket to open the fourth quarter pulled the Rockets to within five at 41-36 but that was as close as the Rockets would get.

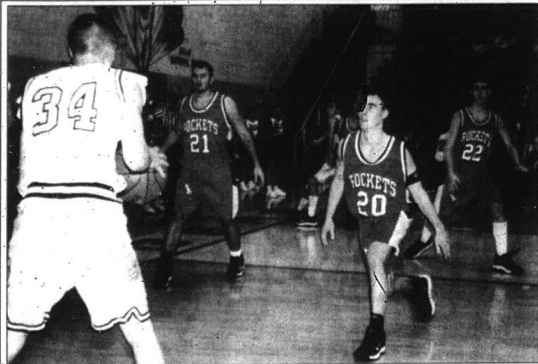
Free throw shooting didn't have a bearing on the game for the Rockets as they only got a chance at five during the entire game, hitting three of them. Meanwhile, the Tigers converted 18 of 20 at the free throw line, with nine of their fourth quarter 17 points coming at the charity stripe.

Roberts led the scoring for her team with 20. Rickels had 18, Brandy Reynolds and Leshe Carpenter, 4 each. Amber Falin 3 and Jessica Cobb 2.

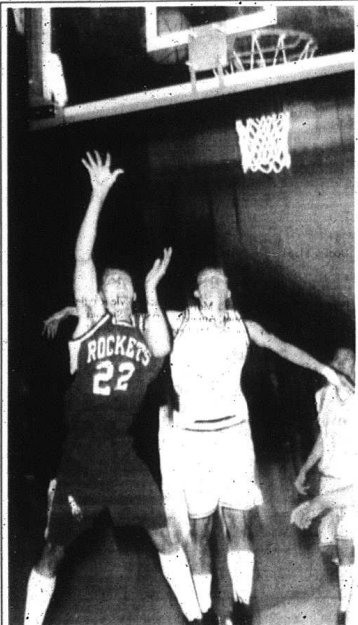
Saturday, the Rockets hosted Everts and added to their win column with a 70-29 victory.

The score was tied at the end of the first quarter, 17 all but the Rockets came out strong in the second quarter, outscoring Everts 13-4 for a 30-21 half-time lead. Everts won the third quarter 18-16 but the Rockets came back to take the fourth 24-13 for the final 70-52.

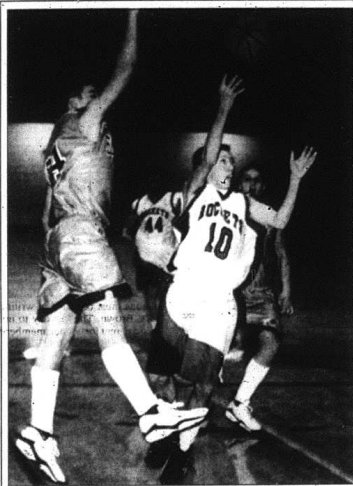
Reynolds led the scoring for her team with 24. Rickels got 14; Roberts 11, Cobb and Falin 7 each; Rachelle Hammond 4; Carpenter 2 and Amber Denney 1.



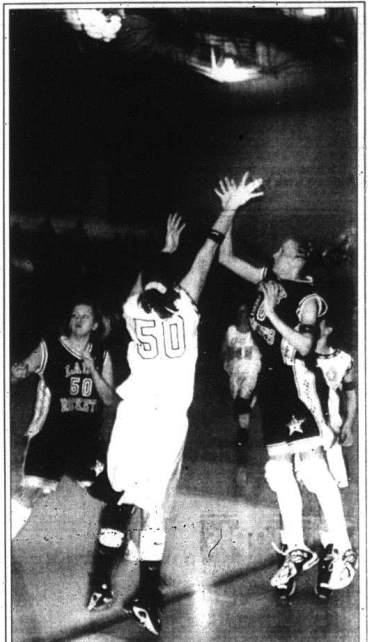
The Rockets 2-3 zone worked effectively Tuesday night to force Clay County to take outside shots, something they were not successful at. Shown in the zone above, from left are Christopher Parsons, Andrew Cash and Andrew Hammond.



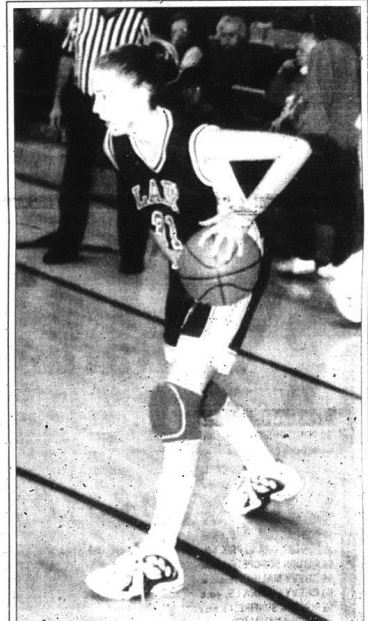
Andrew Hammond scored nine points and played excellent defense as did the rest of the Rockets in their first ever win over Clay County Tuesday night.



Junior Jeremy Neeley scored 16 points in the junior varsity's win over Oneida last Friday night.



Brooke Roberts scored 20 points in the Lady Rockets 58-51 loss to the Clay County Tigers Tuesday night. Also in the photo is #50 Leshe Carpenter.



Rachelle Hammond looks for a passing lane in the Lady Rockets loss to Clay County Tuesday night. The girls will play in the Berea Invitational beginning December 17th.

Rockets beat Clay

(Cont. from front)

But the Rock didn't fold their hand, as they have in the past. Sophomore Andrew Hammond hit a shot in the lane to give the Rockets a 40-35 lead and, on the next possession, senior Matt Brown came

up with a steal and Andrew Cash hit a three pointer to give the Rockets their eight point lead back.

The Rockets also led by eight at the end of the third period and, in the fourth quarter it was all Rockcastle, as they pulled steadily away from the Tigers.

Besides Cash's 35, Matt Brown had 13, Andrew Hammond, 9, Jacob Burdette, 6, junior Christopher Parsons, 6, senior Nick Leger 4 and junior Josh Rowland, 2.

It was a little different story on

Friday night as the Rockets lost to Oneida on the road.

Senior Nick Leger scored a career high 18 points, but it wasn't enough as the Mountaineers pulled off the victory 65 to 60.

Several factors contributed to the loss. Andrew Cash was injured midway through the third period and never returned.

Matt Brown got in foul trouble and had to sit much of the second half on the bench.

Senior Jacob Burdette also fouled out of the contest.

The Rockets also played extremely poor defense, giving up three pointers on numerous occasions.

Tuesday night's win upped the Rockets record to 2 and 3 on the season and 1 and 1 in district play.

The Rockets travel to Clinton County on Friday night, host Bellevue Saturday and then they travel to Adair County on Tuesday night.

While Tuesday night's victory was a first for the boys, the girls' varsity has defeated Clay several times, dating back to 1997 when they went to the state tournament.

However Tuesday night's win was the first for any Rockcastle varsity boys' team since the Brodhead Tigers defeated Clay County during the regular season of 1971-72. That team is also the last boys team to go the state tournament; Rockcastle Head Coach Clayton Cash was the starting point guard on that team and Bill Riddle was head coach.

Look for a complete update on all Rocket junior varsity and freshman games in next week's Signal.

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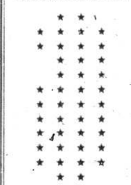
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comb East, and its extension to Mullins Station Road. According to residents, the road had been an old county road, and that the road was attempted to be closed during Judge Carl Williams' tenure, but was prohibited.

County Judge Executive Buzz Carltoftus, after having heard from the citizens and after reciting the state's law regarding roads, made the motion to declare that the road, indeed, is a county roadway and that the county has never made any moves to close the road. The court agreed with his motion.

The magistrates and judge agreed, however, to travel the road and review the road's condition. The request to close the road had come from Mike and Laura Gates of Christ Outreach, who have indicated that they want to build a camp for blind

THE LORD'S LIGHT



Rev. 18:1 (A Cloud of Heaven)
4:2
Matt. 28:27

The bible says the people on the other side of the flood worshipped other Gods.

Now stop and think, their Gods didn't die, and they are here now, and if your name is on a church book somewhere you belong to that God, but God has granted a period of time "right now" if you will write letters and get your name taken off, you can be Christs again. REV. 20, 7-9 are the people that failed to act in time.

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youth.
County was informed that the Work Release Program supervised by County Judge Buzz Carltoftus and Scottie Berrymann, the newly-appointed Solid Waste Coordinator, has been picking up roadside litter along highways. The cost of getting rid of the roadside litter averages \$100 per day (disposal fees).

County Judge Buzz Carltoftus informed the court that cleaning of Hammond's Fork Road alone cost \$25,000 for garbage pick-up. \$20,000 of that will be reimbursed to the county through the federal PRIDE program. The Office of Solid Waste has sent out over 20 notices of violation regarding illegal dumping, and over half of those were to people in neighboring counties dumping garbage and littering in Rockcastle County.

Andy Barnett, of Barnett's Auto Salvage, and his drivers would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship in 1999 racing and derby: Andy placed fourth in points at Cumberland Speedway and second at Pendergrass Speedway. He also placed 1st time in derbies.

This was the best year we have had - thank you.

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Also, I would like to thank all those who sponsored the women's Mud Run at the Brodhead Fair

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High School YEARS

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Short Clips

Improving math scores
Pass on these math tips to your high schooler. Write down all the steps for each problem so you can quickly check your work. Also, leave plenty of space between examples so you have room to make changes if necessary.

Breaking up is hard to do
Is your teen upset about a relationship? Try to show your support in little ways, such as making a favorite meal or spending more time at home. Listening is the most important thing you can do, but try not to rush in with questions.

Carencn for others
Teens are often preoccupied with their own lives. Help them look beyond themselves to develop compassion. Examples: Call a sick friend, run an errand for a family member, keep in touch with a grandparent.

Worth quoting
"It's not that I'm so smart. It's just that I can deal with problems longer." - Albert Einstein

Just for fun



Strengthening family bonds

Many teenagers feel overwhelmed by the challenges they face. Dealing with school work, extracurricular activities, part-time jobs, social lives, and personal safety can be tough.

Now more than ever, teens need the love and trust of their families. Try these ideas: other families use to build supportive relationships.

Routine tasks
When it's my son's turn to do the dishes, I often volunteer to do it. It's one time he actually doesn't mind being seen with me! It gives us 15 or 20 minutes of uninterrupted time to talk about what's been going on.

Table talk
"Teens schedule what is impossible for our family to eat together each night. So, we plan ahead to share a meal several times a week. It's wonderful! Because we keep the conversation upbeat and positive. We're careful not to bring up big problems during this time."

Night out
"I'm on the road a lot, and my daughter is busy, too. Each week we try to spend at least one evening together. Sometimes we rent a movie or DVD. We've had some of our best talks over a bowl of popcorn."

A good laugh
"My friends at work forward jokes to me on the computer. I started printing



Tackling high school projects

- Is your child struggling to get special projects done? Share this checklist to help your teen tackle large assignments.
- I decide what the final product should look like then work backward to create the steps.
- I break the project down into manageable parts by grouping several steps together.
- I use a calendar to schedule the steps allowing extra time for unexpected delays.
- I work on difficult steps when I am most alert.
- I ask the teacher questions as I go.
- I check the calendar weekly to track my progress.

Financial savvy

Teens often earn money through part-time jobs, and some receive an allowance. What they do with these funds can shape their money habits for life. Try these ideas for teaching your teen financial smarts.

- Have your high schooler calculate how much he earns in a month and how much he spends (short on cash? Discuss options such as new ways to earn money or cut spending).
- If your teen doesn't have a savings account, help her set one up. Talk



Q & A

Staying in school

Q My daughter seems down on school. She has even mentioned quitting. What can I do...?

A Assure your daughter that she's not alone. Explain that plenty of kids feel this way at one time or another. Also let her know that you will help her get through this rough period.

Then, try to find out why she's unhappy about school. Is she having trouble with some tough classes? Did she have a falling out with a friend? Work together to help her find solutions. If your daughter has trouble opening up to you, perhaps a family friend or relative could talk with her.

You can also contact her guidance counselor and explain your concerns. Ask about ways you can support your daughter. Your love and willingness to be involved may make all the difference.

Parent to Parent

When teens cheat

I know kids sometimes cheat on tests. But I never thought my son would do it, until a teacher called to say he'd failed. I tried to find out why. He acted like it wasn't a big deal. He said he wanted a good grade and hadn't studied much. Plus, the test was a lot harder than he'd expected.

I knew my son felt pressure to do well in school. After all, he's a junior and will no excuse for him to cheat. I explained that honesty is more important than a good grade.

I decided not to punish him but to level with him. The teacher said that he'd get an F on the test and three days of detention. This is one lesson he learned the hard way.

Preventing inhalant abuse

Did you know...

- One in five teen-agers has used household items, such as glue, markers, and spray paint, to get high. This practice is called "sniffing" or "huffing."
- Inhalants are the fourth most common substance abused by high schoolers—after alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.
- Using inhalants even once can lead to death.
- Signs of abuse include chemical odor on breath or clothing, pinprick or fluid near the mouth or fingers, and red or runny eyes or nose.

For more information, visit the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition on the Internet at www.inhalants.org or call (800) 269-4237.

Minds in the Middle

We appreciate all of those business owners, community members, and parents who helped with our Career Expo last Wednesday. Those who participated were: Citizens Bank, Bank of Mt. Vernon, Services of Protection and Permanency, Somerset Beauty College, Kentucky State Police, RCHS ROTC and FFA, Rockcastle Co. Schools and Migrant Program, Madison Co. Library, McDonalds, Kentucky Area Vocational Education Center Welding and Health Service Departments, Berea College, Kentucky Dept. of Environmental Protection, USDA Farm Service, Dept. of Soil Conservation, Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center, Vogue of Lexington, and Rockcastle Hospital. Thanks also to the wonderful students who worked hard setting up and serving refreshments. We will be featuring some pictures from that event in a later edition.

Congratulations to our Y-Club who once again made an excellent appearance at the Kentucky Youth Assembly in Louisville last week. Approximately 100 students attended. They will be providing us

with more details later.

The Christmas concert by the RCHS Choir and Band will be presented Thursday, December 16, at 1:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the 6th grade Enterprisers for having the best team attendance for the month. The best homeroom attendance was by Mrs. Angie Hunt's class with 98.68%. Other homerooms with good attendance were Ms. Burton's at 97.18% and Mrs. Ballinger's at 96.67%.

Thursday after school we will be having a dance. Students should be picked up at 5:00. As usual, they must have parental and team permission in order to stay.

Thursday night, the boys basketball team will be playing at Southern Pulaski. On Monday, they competed at South Laurel. The 6th and 7th grades teams both lost in hard fought battles. Leading scorers were Colby Brown for the 6th grade with 15 points and Brandon Griffin for the 7th grade team with 12 points. Devin Taylor led the 8th graders with 14 points in their 52-41 win. They will then take a break until we re-

turn to school on January 3 and complete at home against Corbin.

We apologize for leaving two deserving names from our honor roll last week. Seventh graders Courtney Rose and Harold Burdette should have appeared as honor roll students for the Shooting Stars team.

Our Future Problem Solving team began practice this week. Anyone interested in joining this activity should see Mrs. Jennifer Cook for details.

We will be missing two wonderful members of our staff in January. After many years of dedicated service to our students, Mrs. Judy Doyle and Mrs. Katherine Bradley will retire. We wish them loads of fun!

Christmas break begins Friday afternoon! We will return to school on Monday, January 3. Enjoy your break!

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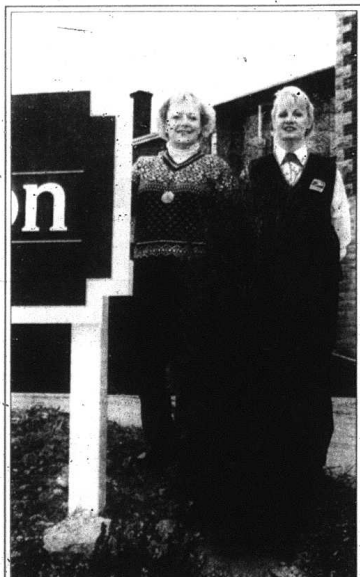
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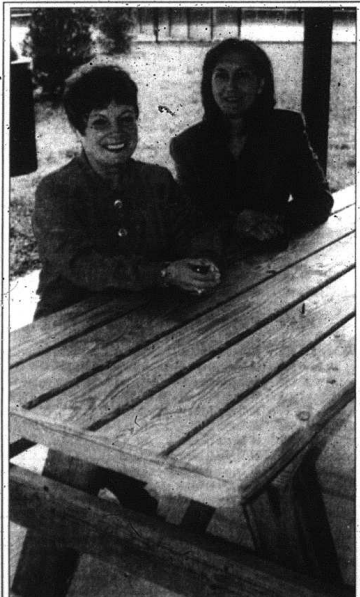
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Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance society, sponsored a Good Neighbor Project to help landscape the new sign located at the entrance to downtown Mt. Vernon. Modern Woodmen provided \$500 toward the purchase of plants for the area. Pictured are camp members Jan Gill and Peggy Baker.



Four new picnic tables have been bought and added to the new city park by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club. The club has fund raisers during the year to help in serving the community in this and other ways. Pictured are Jessie Murray, Community Service committee member and Tammy Cox, Kiwanis president.

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Church News

Christmas Play
The Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to attend the annual Christmas play that will be Sunday, December 19, 1999 at 6 p.m. We hope that you will come and enjoy this special event with us.

Gospel Singing
Climax Holiness Church, Dec. 18th at 7 p.m. featuring local singers. Everyone welcome.

Calloway Mission
says thanks
Pastor Jerry Owens and the congregation of Calloway Mission would like to thank everyone for helping to make our gospel singing a success. A special thanks to the singers and musicians for coming out. Thank you

each and everyone. May God bless you all.

Bro. Jerry Owens and the congregation Christmas Play
Poplar Grove Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to their Christmas play entitled "Let's Celebrate Christmas the Right Way With Jesus!" on December 19th at 7 p.m. "The Church is located off Hwy. 70."

Children's Christmas Program
Mr. Vernon Church of the Nazarene, 40 Fair Street, will present their Children's Christmas Program titled "God's Miracle Gift" Sunday, December 19th at 10:30 a.m. This will be a joint service with the pastor bringing the Christmas Message.

Revival
Rose Hill Baptist Church will be having a revival now thru December 18th at 7 p.m. with Evangelist Robert

Miller. Pastor Bob Bradley welcomes everyone.

Live Nativity
The Crab Orchard Baptist Church invites you to attend their live nativity as told through music and dramatization. The stable is located behind the church, which is located on Stanford Street in Crab Orchard. Watch for signs. Everyone welcome. The nativity runs Dec. 20-22 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. In the event of bad weather, please listen to WRSL FM for cancellation notice.

Children's Christmas Program
Mr. Vernon Church of the Nazarene, 40 Fair Street, will present their Children's Christmas Program titled "God's Miracle Gift" Sunday, December 19th at 10:30 a.m. This will be a joint service with the pastor bringing the Christmas Message.

Come and enjoy your children as they give this beautiful program and celebrate with us this blessed time of our Savior's birth.

Christmas Cantata
Bible Baptist Church Choir will present their Christmas Cantata "Behold the Child" on Sat., Dec. 18th at 7 p.m. Pastor Don Strayton and the congregation invite everyone in the community to come and hear the beautiful story of the Birth of Christ told through songs. Also this Cantata will be performed at Bible Baptist on Sun., Dec. 19th at 6 p.m. Bible Baptist is located on US 255 on the hill above Carter's Market.

Christmas Cantata
The Lighthouse Assembly of God will be having a Christmas Cantata entitled "The Nights Before Christmas." There will be a fellowship dinner immediately following the can-

tata. We begin at 6 p.m. The church welcomes everyone.

Christmas Play
Maple Grove Baptist Church presents their Christmas play "What Would You Give?" December 19th at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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"What Saith The Scriptures"

In Ac 9:3-5 we read: "And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." As we read of Saul's persecutions of the saints, the body of Christ, we find Jesus making a point to Paul in this statement, "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks..." The imagery would be that of a ox or horse plowing a field and the master taking a sharp stick and poking it to stimulate it to move, and when the animal would kick against that sharp point, it was really only hurting itself. This is exactly what Paul was doing in his activities, he was kicking against the prick, he was hurting himself worse than anybody. I believe that Paul came to that realization of how he was really hurting himself in sinning against the Lord, of 1 Tim 1:15 Paul spoke about some in 2 Tim 2:24-26 "And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but he gentleness unto all men, even to those which are disobedient, instructing them that oppose themselves; for if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." Notice that it says that they "oppose themselves," not that they oppose the Lord or Paul (though they do), they really hurt themselves worse than anybody, they "kick against the pricks." This is the nature of sin; that it is against God, or against our fellow man, but it hurts us the worst. The farmer who holds the sharp stick and prods the animal when it kicks in rebellion against its master, it hurts itself worse than anybody. Now believe, are you kicking against the pricks, in fighting against the will of God?

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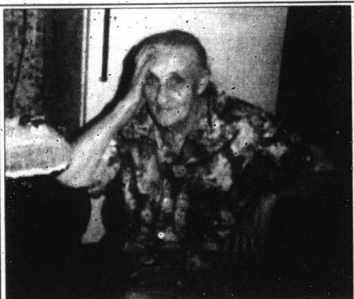
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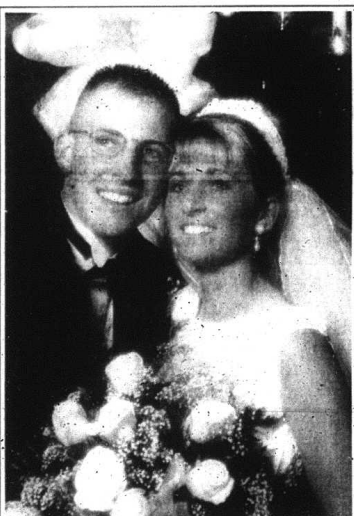
57th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott on their 57th wedding anniversary. Ted and Verla were married on December 20, 1942 at Camp Wallace, Texas.



96th Birthday

Happy 96th Birthday Fannie Mason!
Love - your sisters, Myrtle Bradley, Betty Barron and Lela Jones.



Pittman - Saylor wed

Angela Kaye Pittman and Anthony Heath Saylor were united in marriage at 6 p.m. on the 24th day of September, 1999 at Liberty Avenue Baptist Church. Brother Shelby Reynolds performed the ceremony.

Angela is the daughter of Ricky and Ann Pittman of Brodhead. She is employed with The Family Preservation Program as a therapist in Elizabethtown. Heath is the son of Tony Saylor of Somerset and Brenda Saylor of Mt. Vernon. He is employed by Kentucky Mates as a technician in Fort Knox.

Vicki Lay, the bride's aunt, served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Angela Brown, Selena Cox, Emily Ruppert and Amy Ford. Kahl Morgan Lay, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

Brad Hunt served as best man. Groomsman included Bruce Houk, Daniel Stevens, Jon Martin, and Andy Bishop. Derrick Lee Pittman, brother of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Ms. Caroline Graves served as vocalist. Tom Mason served as pianist. Heather Saylor, sister of the groom, served as guest book attendant. Amanda Brooke Stevens, cousin of the bride, distributed programs and bubbles.

A reception followed the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. Hostesses were Claudia Saylor, Betty Carter, Paula Cowan, and Debbie Mick. The couple reside in Breckinridge County.

We would also like to thank friends and family for attending and for the gifts.

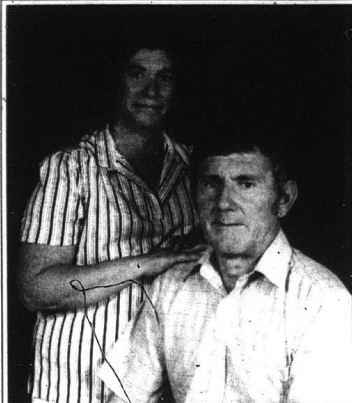
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Second Section
Thursday, December 16, 1999



80th Birthday Celebration

Bentley Allen recently celebrated his 80th birthday at home with a nice dinner. All his children were present along with other relatives and friends. Everyone enjoyed the day.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Charles Bussell and Louella Clark were united in marriage on December 17, 1949. During the years since, they have been blessed with six children, 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren (so far). Charles' mother, Sybil Cummins Mink, and all children would like to congratulate the couple and will celebrate with a large family dinner Saturday evening. Through many good, rough and sad times, we are glad to say that Charles and Lou have prevailed and are still supporting all the family. We are not sure how we could make it without them.

All friends and family are encouraged to contact Charles and Lou and wish them happy years to come.

We love you son, Mom and Dad, Granny and Pap.
From: Mother: Sybil Cummins Mink Children: Sharon Thacker, Carol Kirby, Debbie Bussell (now deceased), Tommy Bussell, Janet McClure, Michael Bussell and all in-laws Grandchildren: Stacy, Dana & Jessica Thacker, Chris and Shane Kirby, Devon Bussell, Mickey, Dusty and Tiffany McClure, James Michael, Scotty, Kyle and Jacob Bussell. Great grandchildren: Robert Christian and Jultann Kirby. Chayse McClure

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 Robert Earl and Barbara Newcomb and Farley and Teresa Newcomb, real property located on the waters of Roughstone Creek, to Jimmy Gunn, Tax 12.00.
 Clarence and Louise Carter, real property located in Sunset Place Subdivision, to Carolyn Powell, Tax 6.50.
 Kenneth and Shirley Gilliam, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Shirley J. Gabhart, Tax 8.00.
 Archie Ray Creech, real property located in the Cowdry Village Sub-

division, to Linda M. Kendrick, Tax 8.00.
 Viola E. Owens and others, real property located in Broadhead, to Roberta A. Taylor, Tax 30.00.
 Ruby Irene Weddle, life estate for real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ruby Irene Weddle and Noel Hendrick, Tax 20.00.
 Ruby Irene Weddle, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James Edward Weddle, No tax.
 Clinton and JoAnn Hensley, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Rosemary Cline, Tax 6.50.
 James Goforth, real property located in Rockcastle County, to William and Jenne D. Martin, Tax 1.00.
 Vicki M. and Ricky Lee Sellers, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lora Sturgell, Tax 10.00.
 Timothy B. and Pam Harding, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Wayne and Thelma Harding, Tax 8.50.

Ashley, Ross and Alicia Jasper and Robert Wayne and Rosa Lee Jasper, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Bobby Cummins, Tax 275.00.
 Doyle and Linda Powell, real property located in Mountain View Estates, to Billy and Omaha Kathleen Bishop, Tax 6.00.
 Anna Lee Smith, Executrix of the Estate of James O. Smith, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James Michael Smith, trustee, No tax.
 Evelyn Mink, general warranty deed for property located in Rockcastle County, to Elmo Greer & Sons, Inc., Tax 1.00.
 Earl Denver Mize, Jr. and Laura Mize, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dennis Vestring, Joshua Michael Vestring and James Robert Vestring, Jr., No tax.
 Edward Charles, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dortha Banks, Tax 25.00.
 Clarence and Louise Carter, real property located in Sunset Place Subdivision, to Scott and Lisa Station, Tax 12.00.
 Oscar E. and Lora F. Hensley, real property located on the waters of Brush Creek, to Charles and Nancy Booth, Tax 16.50.
 James and Ruby Poynter, real property, located in Rockcastle County, to James E. Noe, Tax 17.50.
 Doyle and Linda Mills, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ronald and Margaret Linkes, Tax 35.00.

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Small Claims

Minnie Harrison vs Charlotte Bell, \$500, claimed due for items. 99-C-00072

District Civil Suits

Patric A. Clay Hospital vs Michael B. Houk, \$1,647.00 claimed due for services. 99-C-00148

Circuit Civil Suits

Bank One Financial Services, Inc. vs Michael Jett, et al, \$80,417.82 claimed due on mortgage. 99-CI-00310

Crystal Gayle Mullins vs Christopher Sean Mullins, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CI-00311

John Thurl Bank vs Anthony B. French, et al, \$6,777.07 claimed due on note. 99-CI-00312

United States Lending Corp. vs Rosemarie Baker, et al, \$24,884.38 claimed due on mortgage. 99-CI-00313

Conbank vs Troy Benze, \$4,321.86, claimed due. 99-CI-00314

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District Court News

**Hon. Michael L. Henry
November 24, 1999**

Kenton D. Abbott: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Michael W. Armstrong: Speeding, paid \$32.85 fine and \$92.15 costs.

Ernest L. Arvitt: Speeding, \$42.50 costs, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Robert J. Bosley: Speeding, \$26 fine and costs.

Tanky D. Butler: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Lawrence D. Carpenter: Fines due (\$149.50), defendant found in contempt, 15 days in jail.

Saravjeet S. Chahal: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

John Lee Durham: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.

Ashley B. Freson: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Carl O. Garrett: Defective equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Jason K. Gregg: Speeding, \$12 fine and costs. No license in possession, \$25 fine.

Don Van Ho: Speeding, \$44 and costs, suspend \$10.15 of fine.

Timothy W. Hoskins: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.

Ryan K. Koch: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.

David W. Luneford: Defective equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Thery Miller: Harassment and Theft by unlawful taking, dismissed on proof of restitution.

Brian W. Ramsey: Fines due, (\$145.15), found guilty of contempt 15 days.

Karen H. Sawyer: Speeding, \$30 fine and costs.

Joshua Sowder: Possession of marijuana, \$500 fine and costs.

Deborah S. Walker: Faulty equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Michael D. Withers: Faulty equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Misty M. Coffey: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Tiffany S. Hines: Speeding, \$30 fine and costs.

Robert M. Lakes: Speeding, \$30 fine and costs.

Teresa C. Moberly: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Mary M. Moreland: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Dennis D. Sams: Defective equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Ryan Jay Taylor: Improper passing, \$20 fine and costs.

Charles R. Warner: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Claude L. Cope: Driving DUI suspended license, 20 days in jail/credit one day time served, \$100 fine and costs.

Kathie J. Weston-Denny: Speeding, state traffic school authorized.

Terry L. Tyree: No Ky Registration Plates, \$25 fine and costs. No Exp. Reg. Receipt, \$25 fine.

Tabitha M. Detney: Speeding, dismissed on payment of court costs.

November 29, 1999

William H. Renner: Alcohol intoxication, 3 days in jail/credit 3 days time served. Contempt Failure to Appear, 3 days in jail/credit 3 days concurrent.

Keith Carpenter: Operating on suspended license, 30 days in jail conditionally discharged one year and \$100 fine and costs.

Annette S. Caudill: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs. Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine. No insurance, \$500 fine suspend \$450.

Norman Richard Clouse, Jr.: Operating motor vehicle under influence drugs, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund time served, No insurance evading, 9 months in jail conditionally discharged one year.

Karla J. Correll: Fines due (\$68.50), found in contempt in absentia, 6 days in jail.

Daniel R. Cuthron: Defective equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Phillip J. Cromer: Harassment, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Charles L. Dawes: Disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine and costs, illegal

transportation of alcoholic beverage in dry territory, dismissed on forfeiture and destruction of alcohol.

Timothy N. Desportes: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Mary L. Hamilton: Owe \$384.50 and \$46.24 transportation fee, found guilty of contempt in absentia, 40 days in jail.

Bessie H. Harris: Speeding, \$40 and costs.

Donald L. Hellard: Alcohol intoxication, 10 days/credit 10 days time served.

Shelly R. Hodges: No license in possession, \$25 fine and costs.

Eric L. Isaac: Speeding, Failure to wear seatbelt, Learner permit no license operator, suspend license for failure to appear.

Ronnie P. Johnson: Reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs, Operating motor vehicle, controlled substance impaired, \$500 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund, 180 days to serve 30/credit 3 days time served.

Johnny S. Kirby: Fines due (\$237.55), found guilty of contempt in absentia, 20 days in jail.

Franklin T. Lassiter: No Exp. Reg. Receipt and No Ky. Reg. Plates, suspend license for failure to appear.

Nathan D. Lempe: Possession of marijuana, \$500 fine and costs.

Shawna G. Luville: DUI, \$100 fine and costs and 30 day suspension of operators license.

Elbert P. Mansfield: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Jack McCormick, Jr.: Fines due (\$143.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Bruce D. Morris: No operators license, \$25 fine and costs, Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Joan Mrowiec: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.

Alva Mullins: Nonpayment of state traffic school authorized on payment of costs.

Phyllis A. Renner: Operating vehicle under influence drugs, \$500 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund, 180 days to serve 30/credit 5 days time served, Possession of marijuana, 180 days to serve 30 concurrent/credit 5 days time served, plus \$100 fine and costs, Possession of controlled substance, 180 days to serve 30-concurrent/credit 5 days time served plus \$100 fine.

Billea J. Smith: Theft by deception, 10 days in jail conditionally discharged one year on payment of restitution and costs.

Eddie D. Smith, III: Reckless driving, suspend license for failure to appear.

Travis D. Stewart: DUI, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10/victim compensation fund/time served.

James Stidham: Assault, 4th degree, 7 days/credit 7 days time served.

Ricky D. Turpin: Illegal transportation of alcoholic beverage in dry territory, dismissed on payment of costs.

James J. Vaughn: Fines due (\$93.50), found in contempt in ab-

sentia, 10 days in jail.

Lee Roy Williams: Operating motor vehicle under influence, \$350 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund, 30 days to serve 7/credit 5 days time served.

Jonathan Helm: Alcohol intoxication, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Vester B. Parker: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Ronald L. Sturgill: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Jeremy Matthew Holt: Public intoxication, \$25 fine and costs; Resisting arrest 12 months in jail to serve 10 days/credit 2 days time served concurrent; Receiving stolen property, 12 months in jail to serve 10 days/credit 2 days time served concurrent plus \$100 fine.

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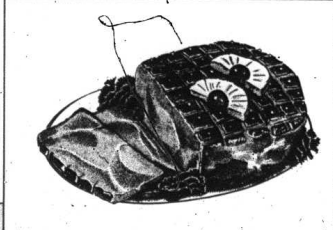


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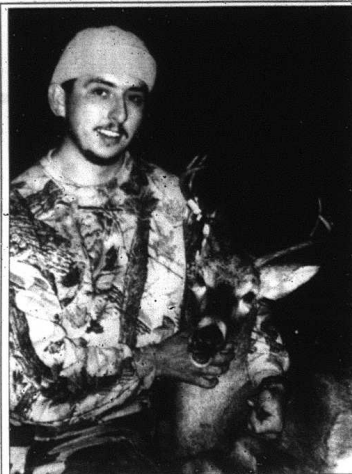
Michael Anthony Lovell got his first deer during the Youth Hunt Week-end field in December. The doe was shot at Grayson Lake State Park with a 308. Michael is a 6th grader at RCM's and the 12-year-old son of Mike and Sharon Lovell of Maple Grove Road in Orlando.



Lee Newcomb of Livingston killed this 8-point buck in the Livingston section of Rockcastle County on November 22, 1999. It weighed around 170 pounds.



Freda Remier shot this five-point buck on November 15th. It field dressed at 150 lbs.



Michael David Lovell, of Freedom School Road in Mt. Vernon, got this six-point buck on a hunt at Land Between the Lakes in late November.



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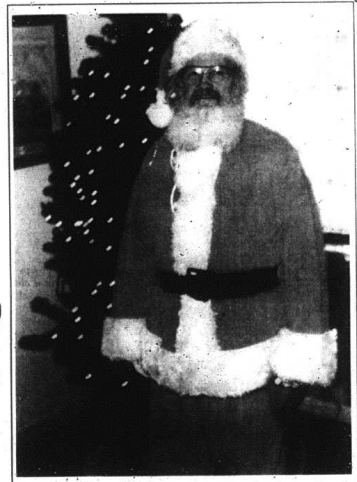
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By John McQuary
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The Rockcastle County 4-H Council held their annual 4-H Speech Contest on Monday, Dec. 7, 1999, at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Champions and alternates were recognized in each age category 9 thru 13. The 1st and 2nd place winners have earned the privilege of representing themselves and Rockcastle County in the Wilderness Trail Area 4-H Communications Day on Saturday.

April 15, 2000 at West Knox Elementary School at Corbin, Ky. Special thanks goes to all who participated in the contest and thanks to Berea College students, "People Who Care" for judging the contest; to Mt. Vernon Elementary School for hosting the event and to all teachers and 4-H Council members who helped in this 4-H event. The winners and participants,

and the speech title are:
9 Year Old Division:
 Erick Jordison, "Champion, "A Special Veteran"; April Johnson, Alternate, "Helping Others".
10 Year Old Division:
 Ethan Connelly, Champion, "The Championship Game"; Izak McQuary, Alternate, "A Winner Never Quits"; Josh Blair, Blue Ribbon, "Falling Out of a Tree"; Drew Davidson, Blue Ribbon, "Cowboys & Indians: The Myth"; Victoria Clontz, Blue Ribbon, "Living With Diabetes"; and Morgan Kincer, Blue Ribbon, "My Good Friend Casey".
11 Year Old Division:
 Alison Carter, Champion, "The Amazing Book"; Brittany McFaddon, Alternate, "Basketball Dreams"; Cody Broughton, Blue Ribbon, "Rebecca"; Jamie Lynn Neal, Blue Ribbon, "Posting the Ten Commandments in Our Schools"; Casey McClure, Blue Ribbon, "Honor Our Father & Mother"; Michael Campbell, Blue Ribbon, "Karate"; Sammi Jo Proffitt, Blue Ribbon, "Too Much TV"; Angela Coffey, Blue Ribbon, "A Family Torn Apart"; Minnie Uffman, Blue Ribbon, "A Foster Life"; Amber DiDonato, Blue Ribbon, "The Ten Commandments are Needed"; and Mary Hensley, Blue Ribbon, "Stressed Out".
12 Year Old Division:
 Tressie Robinson, Champion, "A Good Sport".
13 Year Old Division:
 Matthew Whitaker, Champion, "Greatest American".



Erick Jordison, left, was the 4-H Speech Contest Champion first place winner in the nine-year-old division April Johnson, right, was second-place finisher.



Matthew Whitaker was the 13-year-old 4-H Speech Contest winner and Tressie Robinson was the 12-year-old winner



The 10-year-old 4-H Speech Contest participants are, from left: Josh Blair, Morgan Kincer, Drew Davidson, Izak McQuary (second place), Ethan Connelly (first place champion) and Victoria Clontz.



The 11-year-old 4-H Speech Contest participants are, from left, Minnie Uffman, Amber DiDonato, Jamie Neal, Sammi Jo Proffitt, Mary Hensley, Mike Campbell, Brittany McFaddon, Allison Carter, Casey McClure, Cody Broughton, and Angela Coffey.

for each pyramid food group makes it easier to maintain portion sizes, and thus reduce calories; at meals and snacks. General recommendations are six to 11 servings from the bread group, three to five servings of vegetables, two to four servings of fruits, and two to three servings from the milk group. From the meat group, five to seven ounces daily is recommended. Fats, oils and sweets should be used sparingly. Consume only 53 to 93 grams of total fat and just 6 to 18 teaspoons of total added sugars.

The higher numbers of servings total 2,800 calories a day, which is a good diet for teenagers, active men and very active women. The lower numbers of servings provide about 1,600 calories a day, a maintenance diet for smaller or more inactive people. Pregnant and nursing women, children under two years old and some other groups have special nutritional needs beyond weight control. For more information on nutrition or the Food Guide Pyramid, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.



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Healthy living tip: control serving size

By Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Science

What do a tennis ball, hockey puck and deck of playing cards have in common? This unusual combination represents the equivalent serving sizes of some important food groups in your daily diet. A portion of fruits or vegetables the size of a tennis ball is the equivalent of one serving. Half a bagel the size of a hockey puck represents one serving from the grain food group. Three ounces of meat is about the size of a deck of cards. It is important to choose the recommended serving sizes of the five major groups in the food guide pyramid to ensure a good balance of nutritional foods. The food groups—bread, fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy—in the pyramid, collectively provide the nutrients essential for a healthy diet. It is easier to watch serving size than count calories. Knowing the recommended servings

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

A Need to Control Hurts the Marriage
John controls Mary. (All characters are fictitious.) Mary is not even aware that this is happening, and John would deny it if anyone pointed it out to him. Even though the two are not aware, their marriage is being damaged by John's need to control.

How does John control Mary? He controls the money of the family. Though Mary works, she gives her paycheck to John and he deposits it in their joint account. It is a joint account in name only because John carries the checkbook and writes all the checks. When Mary asks questions about their finances, John tells her, "Trust me, honey. Everything is OK." John gives Mary an allowance each week, and if she needs more, she has to ask him for it. "Sometimes I do feel like an eight-

year-old," she admits.
2. John also controls who Mary's friends are. If he does not like one of her friends, he lets her know that. "I know he doesn't like my friend Sheila," Mary says. Every time I come home from being with her, he gives me the silent treatment. That is hard to endure, so I have been seeing Sheila less and less." John's method of control is subtle but effective.

3. He also tries to control the amount of time Mary spends with her family. "I don't see my mother and sister as much as I used to," Mary acknowledges. "John is always angry with me after they call or when I visit them, so I repress for me to not go than to put up with his anger." John is never violent. When angry, he may be silent and emotionally withdraw or may make sarcastic comments. He does not have to be violent in order to

control Mary.
4. Mary is intimidated by John, and this adds to his ability to control her. John is six feet four inches tall and weighs 225 pounds. Mary is five feet six inches tall and weighs 125. When John raises his voice to her, which he does occasionally, she is scared of him. "I don't really think he would hurt me," she says, "but he sure does seem scary when he is like that." Mary's father also had a loud voice, and she feels with John the same way she felt as a little girl with her dad scared.

5. John is very critical of Mary, and this also adds to his control. She feels so bad about herself that she has no confidence. She believes she needs someone to tell her what to do, and John happily obliges. "You don't have any common sense," John told her when they were shopping for her car, so he sent her home and made the decision himself. "You talk too much when other people are around," he tells her, therefore she keeps quiet when company comes. "Other people aren't interested in what you have to say," John tells her.

6. John makes all the major decisions for the family. He decides what car to buy and in which house they will live in. When Mary wanted to register her daughter for Girl Scouts, she had to ask John's permission. "He would have been mad if I had done it without asking him," she reports. John decided where they would attend church. "I don't really like the church," Mary confided in a friend, "but John is happy there so that is where we go."

7. With put-downs and intimidation John keeps Mary in line. They have been together ten years, but how much longer can this marriage last?



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Off welfare and glad of it

More than two-thirds of Kentuckians who have left welfare say they do not want to go back to receiving public assistance, according to a study by the University of Louisville.

Most welfare-leavers also are employed, have more income than people still on welfare, and are still receiving Medicaid and food stamps, the study found. Most importantly, the children in those families are in good health.

"These first results are encouraging," says Viola P. Miller, Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. "Many families appear to be on the right track to succeed both economically and socially after they leave welfare. We are pleased that the majority of people both still on welfare and those who have left are satisfied with the help they are

receiving from the cabinet's employees. We are proud of how our frontline staff is implementing welfare reform."

The study by U.L.'s Kent School of Social Work is part of a larger research study commissioned by the Cabinet to monitor and evaluate the impact of welfare reform on Kentucky's families. The report focused on the well-being of children, both in families still receiving welfare and those who have left welfare. Researchers surveyed 507 people drawn randomly from welfare case files. In 1998, researchers will re-survey the same people annually for several years. This method will show the Cabinet how the quality of life changes for these families as welfare reform progresses.

The majority of respondents are young white females who have been Kentucky residents for at least 20 years. 71 percent are natives of the state. Of the 507 people surveyed, 74 percent were still receiving welfare, 26 percent have left welfare.

Not all the news for welfare-leavers is good. Among families with preschool-age children only six percent of those who had left welfare had children enrolled in preschool, compared to 17 percent of families who remained on welfare. The children of welfare-leavers were also more likely to have trouble making passing grades. 30 percent of former welfare recipients said their children had academic problems, compared to 20 percent of families still on welfare.

The study's major findings include:

- 61 percent of those who have left welfare say they are better off, and 17 percent say they are no worse off; 68 percent would not return to welfare.
- Family structure appears to be

related to leaving welfare; those who have left were more likely to have a spouse or partner living with them and to have children no longer living with them. Fifty-four percent of welfare-leavers and 34 percent of recipients are married.

- More than 90 percent of current and former welfare recipients report their children's families to be good or excellent; 94 percent of their children are covered by medical insurance.
- 62 percent of welfare-leavers and 30 percent of active recipients are employed, with average monthly incomes of \$692 and \$359 respectively.
- 72 percent of welfare-leavers and 94 percent of recipients receive food stamps.
- About one-fourth of current and former welfare recipients reported financial hardships related to utility payments and one-fifth reported telephone cutoffs. Welfare-leavers reported more problems than those still on welfare in meeting rent/mousing payments (21 percent vs. 12 percent) and getting needed vehicle repairs (10 percent vs. 4 percent).
- 82 percent of all respondents reported that their welfare caseworkers had given them appropriate information, and 61 percent said their caseworkers had helped them find work.

The report's authors note small or no difference between welfare-leavers and those still on welfare in most measures of child and family well-being and financial hardship. They emphasize the importance of monitoring any negative changes in these measures in future surveys and identifying what factors cause such changes. The Cabinet concurs.

"We are committed to thoroughly tracking the results of welfare reform," Miller said.



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By Marie McKinney

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Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirby of Conway were Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney and Mrs. Sharon Lovins.

Mrs. Peggy Murphy visited her mother, Mrs. Pansy Nicely last Saturday.

David McKinney is still on the sick list, but is doing some better. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirby visited his mother, Mrs. Bessie Kirby last Sunday.

Last Sunday guest of C.S. and Marie McKinney were their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Lovins and grandson, Jack Lovins, and great-granddaughter, Samarha Jackson of Livingston.

Arvid Norton of Indiana and Raymond Bullock visited C.S. and Marie McKinney awhile Friday afternoon. Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Brown were their daughter, Mrs. Brenda McFerrari and grandsons Terry and Jerry.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney visited their grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and Dalton, Dalton Blake of Eubank recently.

Mrs. Lori Eaton and children were returned home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen of Ohio.

Mrs. Libby Burdette her returned home after undergoing surgery at the Patie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one.

Robert Anglin and mother, Julian Anglin were in Richmond, Friday to consult Mr. Anglin's doctor.

Mattie Newton of Somerset visited her mother, Vallie Burton last Monday.

Little Lavonia Eaton spent Thursday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II and Julia.

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Any person interested in participating in the review of this joint integrated Resource Plan should, within 10 days of the publication of this notice, submit a motion to intervene to Megan G. Metton, Executive Director, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.
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In & Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

Lenny York of California was called here due to the illness of his mother, Ms. Ora York.

Mrs. A-llice Robinson of Ohio has returned home after spending several days with her mother, Ora York.

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Tues., Dec. 21st: Ottawa and Bee Lick.
Wed., Dec. 22nd: Happy Holidays!

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, Doney 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 Dittmer 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. Broadhead Seniors

Broadhead Seniors: Are you tired of eating alone? The Senior Center located at the fairgrounds at Broadhead has openings for congregative lunches served Monday through Friday. Join us in other 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.

Open House

The staff of Brush Arbor Craft Shop invites you to attend Christmas Open House Sat., Dec. 18th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hot cider and gingerbread will be served. Come and enjoy the village.

Offices Closed

The County Clerk's office will be closed Friday and Saturday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday.

Closed

The Rockcastle Extension Office will be closed December 24, 1999 through January 2, 2000. The office will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2000 at 8 a.m.

New TOPS Chapter

TOPS, a non-organizational, no diet to follow, no dietary products to pay, \$20 annual membership fee - first meeting free Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Bowtie Ridge Vol. Fire Dept. in Conway 256-2490 or 256-3633, 1-800-932-8677.

Fitness Conditioning Class

Fitness Conditioning Class began Dec. 14th at Lighthouse Assembly of God, \$11 per person per class. Meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Registration will be during the Dec. 14th and 16th classes. The classes are designed for any age over 18 and any fitness level. The exercises are designed to improve flexibility and oxygen intake. Remember to check with your doctor before beginning any exercise program. For more info, contact Beverly Sexton at 256-2242 or 256-9796.

Library Note

The Rockcastle County Library will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday evening, Dec. 16th instead of the normal closing hour of 8 p.m. The reg. hours will resume the following week.

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