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A Livingston man was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on Hwy. 490 near Livingston, Tuesday morning. Bobby Lee McClure, 53, was treated at the Rockcastle Hospital for head and internal injuries and flown by helicopter to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Above, McClure was aided at the scene by Livingston firefighter John Kuhn, EMT's Harry Harmon and Roy Lucas and Mt. Vernon firefighter Steve Griffin. According to police, McClure apparently lost control of his motorcycle in a curve and struck a tree in the 11 a.m. accident.

Court discusses monument for Commandments

By: Richard Anderkin

The Ten Commandments issue was brought back before the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court on Tuesday during their regular monthly meeting.

Local citizens involved with Family U.S.A., Inc., told the court they would like to erect a monument on the courthouse lawn displaying the commandments.

Linda Neal, Regional Coordinator for Family U.S.A., and Larry Burdette, owner of WRVK radio station simply asked the court for their blessing on the project and told them they would not even have to vote on it so as to not be libel if any type of legal problem arose.

Neal and Burdette told the court they had a petition with 1,500 names on it, for such a monument and that the vast majority of the 81 churches in the county had responded positively.

Burdette said that Family U.S.A. would construct the monument themselves on the courthouse lawn.

County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolus told Burdette that he thought the majority of the people working in the courthouse would be in favor of such a project and that he himself had the Ten Commandments posted in his office as did other office holders in the county.

After much discussion on the matter, Carlolus appointed a committee of Larry Burdette and magistrates Bill McKinney and John Holbrook to research the project.

Carlolus said the three would look into what other counties have done and see what some of the legal ramifications would be if the monument was built.

A representative of the Kentucky Association of Counties was also in attendance at the meeting and restated KACO's position that they would not pay for any legal defense if the county was sued over the Ten Commandments.

Suit has been brought against McCrory and Pulaski counties by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The representative said that KACO had no position on what a county should or shouldn't do, but that they simply would not pay out any

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Larkey speaks to school board concerning summer football camp

By: Richard Anderkin

Rockcastle County High School athletic director and head football coach, Tom Larkey took center stage at the Rockcastle County Board of Education meeting Tuesday night to discuss athletics at RCHS.

Much of the discussion concerned football camp and whether or not

players were properly supervised during the four day camp at Jabez in Wayne County.

Larkey was asked to speak to the board after Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond received a letter from a parent, which made serious allegations concerning the football camp.

The letter from the parent of a former freshman player apparently accused older football players of hazing and "initiating" freshmen players during the annual summer camp.

According to Hammond the letter also questioned the supervision of players during camp.

Larkey presented a daily sched-

Council delays action on tax

By: Richard Anderkin

The Mt. Vernon City Council is still without a payroll and net profits tax.

The council delayed a first reading of an ordinance Monday night after councilman Clark Mullins requested more information.

A committee, which was formed by Mayor Karen King, had recommended that the council pass a one percent tax, instead of the one and half percent tax they had originally sought last November.

But, after a lengthy discussion between council members and concerned citizens, the first reading was put off until next Monday night, January 17.

When Mayor King read the ordinance Monday night, there was at least one blank space, which she said would be filled in later and the ordinance stated that the tax would be retroactive to January 1, 2000.

That was because she had intended to have the tax in place at that time, according to the Mayor.

Mt. Vernon City Attorney John Clontz said Wednesday that the council could not pass a tax with a retroactive date and that ordinances usually are completed before the first reading.

During Monday night's discussion, the Mayor still did not present a solid plan for what the council is going to do with the extra money.

The Mayor referred to the city's debt and the fact that the city owed \$370,000 on the city park. In addition they owe their own water and sewer department \$250,000 and the Kentucky County Music Hall at Renfro \$24,000.

According to the ordinance read on Monday night, retirement benefits, investments and social security will not be taxed.

Also the first \$2,000 of other income for those 65 and older will not be taxed.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, who attended the meeting in the capacity of a private citizen, asked about confidentiality concerning the tax.

Burdette said that he thought it was important that measures be in place to protect the privacy of the people of Mt. Vernon who were paying the tax to the city.

Mayor King said there was a clause in the ordinance that addressed that and that everyone's information would certainly be confidential.

When councilman Mullins requested the delay so more information could be gathered, he said that the one percent may not be high enough.

If the council does pass the first reading of a payroll and net profits tax on Monday night, they must then publish it in the Signal seven days prior to a second and final reading and vote.

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Gates building retreat for blind, disabled

By: Richard Anderkin

Although Mike Gates is blind, he certainly has a clear vision of what he wants to do on his 800 acres located at Pine Hill on the Toddy Payne Road.

Mike, and his wife Lori, head Christ Outreach Inc., an organization for the blind and physically disabled.

They are currently in the process of cleaning up and fencing their property, which actually lies between Pine Hill and Maple Grove.

The Gates plan to build a retreat, the main function of which will be to help the blind and disabled get on with their lives.

"We want people to know that life is worth living, that there are thousands of options available to them after they are injured and they shouldn't just give up," Gates said.

On their property the Gates plan to build an 8,000 square foot building that will have ten bedrooms with two beds each, a community room, bathrooms and a commercial kitchen. That

will be just part of their complex that will also have other buildings including one for a spa and weight room.

Gates has already excavated the site and he plans to start construction this Spring.

Besides the complex, he plans to build six lakes and an outdoor swimming pool.

One of those lakes has already been built, and as of this week, had about two feet of water in it.

Those attending the Christ Outreach Retreat will be taught horse-back riding, hunting, fishing, swimming, hiking and mountain climbing.

"Our goal is to help people, ages eight to eighty, learn that they can live productive, active lives," Gates said.

Gates, who was blinded eleven years ago in a hunting accident when his best friend's 12 gauge accidentally discharged, said that after his accident he thought his life was over. "At first I really thought that because I was blind, I couldn't do anything," he said.

"But it wasn't long until I realized that I could do whatever I wanted and now I am so busy doing the things that I can, that I never think about the things that I can't do," Gates said.

The entire project is slated to cost \$3.2 million. Of that, he plans to spend nearly \$400,000 on fencing alone.

Gates said his retreat will eventually have 20 full-time employees with an annual operating budget of \$600,000.

Gates also said that he has raised

approximately \$200,000 in private donations thus far and he has spent a lot of his own money on the project.

"We will try our best to hold the line on cost for our retreat to about \$35 per week per visitor," Gates said.

"We will also have a buddy system in place for those physically handicapped people that need a lot of help," he said.

Gates said that he chose Rockcastle County for his project because of price. "The land was simply more affordable here than other places," he said.

But Gates has already run into

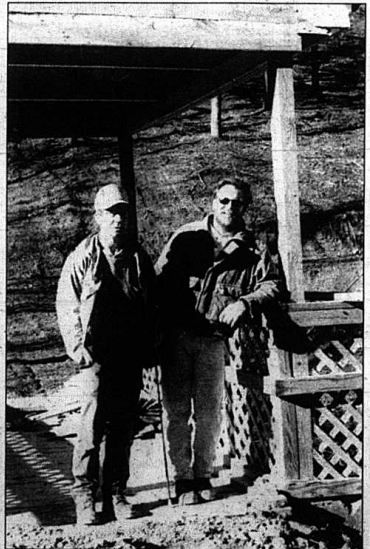
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Gambling machines confiscated at S & M

Last Thursday afternoon, Kentucky State Police Detective Tommy Ritter executed a search warrant involving illegal gambling at the S&M Grocery/Deli, 17 miles north of Somerset on KY 39 in Pulaski County.

Confiscated in the search were 7 gambling machines, along with the coins inside. No arrest was made at the scene, but the owners of the grocery, James Michael Brown, 42, and Sue Anna Brown, 43 of Crab Orchard, were both cited to appear in Pulaski District Court in Somerset on charges of Promoting Gambling 2nd, according to a State Police news release.

Detective Ritter of the London State Police Post is continuing and conducting the investigation. He was assisted by members of the Somerset Police Department and the Lake Cumberland Area Regional Task Force, according to the release.



Billy Wynn, left and Mike Gates stand on the covered bridge they built over a dam on one of the six small lakes Gates intends to build on his property at Pine Hill.

Solid Waste Program cleaning up the county

By: Richard Anderkin

Rockcastle County's Solid Waste program is apparently making great strides in cleaning up the county.

Solid Waste Coordinator Scott Berryman told the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court on Tuesday that since November 29, 699 bags of garbage had been picked up along the county's roadways, and eleven illegal dump sites had been cleaned up, which generated 25 dump truck loads of garbage.

Berryman also told the court that 32 notices of violation have been sent to residents whose names were found in the dumps and along the roadways.

Berryman said that even if one piece of paper, such as a check stub was found along the roadway, a violation notice will be sent.

Of the 32 violation notices sent, eleven people have responded.

"They simply have to tell us how their garbage is disposed of and that is it, as long as it is in a legal way," County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolus said.

"We have had some people pretty upset and we have had some that

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Points East

By: Ike Adams

It may be snowing where you are right now and if it isn't, it may be by the time you read this, but I'm sitting here grieving because I have to write a column when I'd rather be outside playing with Lovely June and taking advantage of the warm weather we're having here in the Paint Lick Valley, in the middle of January.

Fifty-five degrees may not meet your definition of balmy, but the weather forecast, for anybody who has any confidence in the meteorologists, calls for thunderstorms later in the night. My position on that possibility is let her rip. Every time the storm we get in January could very well have been a blizzard and I prefer my precipitation fresh instead of frozen.

I didn't come home until well after dark tonight and the moon is casting enough light to sort of tell what is going on. And what's going on is the beavers. There are four beaver dams on Paint Lick Creek between here and Berea. There are still some local folks who maintain that the dams were secretly constructed as practical jokes by some local teenagers.

First of all, the observation that tree branches and saplings that have been used to build the dams have been chewed on the ends. Teeth marks are also conspicuous on stumps on both sides of the creek for several hundred feet in either direction of the construction sites. Finally, there are no teenagers with either the architectural talent or old fashioned ambition who would get out of bed in the wee hours of the morning and sneak around to build wooden dams in waist deep water in the dead of winter. They might stay up late to see if they can electronically break into your computer files, but they would not put as much effort into something as these dams have obviously required.

All of which is beside the point because I have personally seen the beavers, several of them, with my own eyes three times over the last five days (twice in broad daylight) busily repairing the damage that high water did to them last Monday night. The fact that they have become brave enough to work, even when automobile traffic is passing by, less than a hundred feet away, has to be a sign of something and I am terribly disappointed that the press is not speculating on whatever looming disaster the beaver activity may herald.

I did not personally stock up any extra stuff in anticipation of Y2K, though I must admit that I went to the bathroom shortly after midnight to see if my toilet paper had melted back to 1900 and turned into a Sears & Roebuck Catalogue. But I don't know about this beaver business and I truly

believe that someone with more time on his hands (i.e. big city journalists) should be investigating. Somebody is missing a golden opportunity to turn this phenomenon into the first big scare of the century.

In the meantime, it is supposed to pour the rain here in a bit so I need to get a gas can and go back to town. When the aforementioned big rain hit last week, thank Heaven it did not involve much thunder and lightning, else I would have been up the proverbial creek without a paddle. More accurately, I would have been up to my underpants in the basement with a bucket trying to keep my house from floating off its foundation.

The rain fell for just over two hours as hard as I've ever seen it rain and then stopped around midnight. During the course of the storm I heard the sump pump kick on a couple of times which means that more water was running in than the floor drain could handle. Around 3:00 a.m. I was awakened by the kicking on and off at 15 second intervals so I figured the gizmo that makes it work in the first place was stuck.

I finally got out of bed and went to the basement where water was running in faster than the pump could get it out. My HVAC unit was in imminent danger of being flooded. I pulled the breaker to the pump and finally figured out how to disable the switching gizmo so that the pump would run full time and even then it barely kept pace with the inflow. I don't even want to think about what would have happened if the power had gone off which normally happens if lightning even fizzes, much less strikes.

I have a Homelite gasoline pump on the ready now, but I used up all the fuel I had in stock making sure it works. Apparently the drought has caused cracks in my basement walls and the limestone that surrounds them and it took several hours for the rain to soak down enough to cause my basement to flood. All I know for sure is that water was still gushing in at noon the next day.

If any of you readers know anything about water proofing a basement without digging ditches around the house give me a call. Ditching is not an option because of the limestone situation. I need to figure out a way to seal the sucker from the inside. Believe it or not, I wouldn't even quarrel about the price if I could rid myself of the worry that every little rain is going to cause me until the problem is solved.

The number to call is 606-925-2105 or email me at ikedams@aol.com. Until next week, keep your powder dry because I may need to borrow from you. Mine's mildewed.

The Indian turnip "Jack-in-the-pulpit" had one large root that resembled a turnip but lo unto the person that tried to eat it. One touch of the tongue to a raw section of it would set the tongue on fire, or rather the peculiar and unusual sting or burning sensation would sear the memory of it into your mind till it was never forgotten. It also had medicinal qualities. Old timers knew about them and used the wild turnip frequently for poultices when mixed with other compounds, and placed them on the chest to relieve the symptoms of pneumonia. Mom made cough syrup by scraping the bulb, as one would an apple, add a spoonful of scrapings and a dash of cider vinegar to the pulp of honey and the syrup couldn't be beaten for relieving coughing and congestion. The tangy sting of the Indian turnip added an unusual but pleasant flavor to it.

Somewhere in my rambling I left Ish in a place he would rather be than anywhere else; searching for herbs and artifacts on the hillsides and hollows of the country he loved so dearly. But my memories didn't stop there.

There was the little boy from Irondale, Ohio, pulling a wagon dad gave him for Christmas, loaded with the "Cleveland Plain Dealer," a daily paper delivered by train to the local station, and met by the little boy who could never be idle, and delivered faithfully to his customers, rain or shine. Even on Sundays, when the load was twice as big, he never faltered. As a ten year old boy he was given an award for his faithfulness to his job. And there was the little boy with a mischievous streak that could not let an apron string or dress sash, stay tied. He would invariably catch me, or anyone with a bow tied in the

back busy, with both hands full, slip up behind and with one quick jerk the boy would be two limp stang hanging down one side or an apron jangling on the floor. Or it may be teasing with the tip of a wet towel used to flip us as we passed by. That could bring forth a loud reprimand from the one being flipped for it often left a sting that couldn't be forgotten easily. He was a tease and loved to play pranks on his siblings. At the same time he was the gentle one that smoothed over the rough spots of living in a family of

rambunctious kids. The older siblings respected his ability of caring for the younger ones and the younger ones looked up to him to do it. Mom often said Ish was the one child she never worried about and had never given her one moment of trouble. And Dad loved to tell of how they got along when he was no more than a baby and went on an overnight trip together. It was a cold blustery night and dad carried him from the depot to their lodging and when they arrived dad gave the shivering little boy a sip

of his hot toddy. That was when dad would always say with a twinkle in his eye and warmth in his voice, "and the little guy looked up and said, 'dads dood poppy.'"

In school Ish was a model student and by being so, won the honor of being appointed monitor of the halls during the changing of classes. Yet, even though his grade and ability to learn was on the honor role he quit

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Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



A Tribute to Ishmael Lynn Tackett
My Big Brother

On September 27, 1913, I entered the world by special delivery. When a midwife and grandma finally coaxed me into letting go of the security of my mother's womb and I left the warm nest I had been cuddled in for nine months. I grudgingly came forth and took my place in the family. I was the fifth child, and as it turned out later, the middle one of nine.

Ishmael, the brother two years and four months older than I, had to give up his place and let this new arrival take his place in the bed and mom's arms. Knowing him so well later in life I can almost see the quiet little toddler slipping up to the bed and tipping so he could get a better look at the little creature that was taking his place. A special bonding took place with the first peck and his love and care overshadowed my life till he passed away on December 21, 1999. And not only I, but the whole family felt this special love he was capable of showing to one and all.

My very first memories of him being my protector was when I was about two years old and Dad put the two of us on the back of a young mare he had just brought home, Ish in front and me clinging onto him with all my might. As Dad led her to the barn, we

passed under a tree with limbs just long enough to sweep us off her back, but neither was hurt, for my big brother was still holding onto me.

And it was he and I that watched mom milk the young mare after she brought forth her first colt. Another old time remedy, perhaps handed down from mom's Indian heritage, was that milk from a mare with a young colt would protect children from whooping cough or at least make it a light case if one was already exposed. So, mom, with her nose full of growing kids, and knowledge handed down from her ancestors, took no chances, she milked the mare and we drank the milk.

I guess Ish must have been the one with most of mom's Indian genes flowing through his veins for it was he that searched the woods for, wintergreen, Indian turnips, buck-eyes, birch bark and a pocket full of anything else that interested him. Wintergreen grows close to the ground, with shiny dark green leaves and red berries in the winter. The leaves and berries are edible and had a flavor merry chewing gum. A pocket full would always be taken home for others to enjoy. We called it mountain tea, for on it could also make delicious tea from it.

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Lady Rockets beat Corbin; lose to Pulaski and Central

It's been a rough last three games for the Lady Rockets. After huge wins over Harlan and, at that time, unbeaten Clay County, the Rockets traveled to Pulaski County last Thursday night and, clearly, were in the throes of a big let down.

Their offense didn't click, their ball handling was sloppy and their defense didn't defend and the Rockets were handed their 5th loss of the season.

It was a little better outing against Corbin Saturday at home, although the Rockets squandered a 7 point fourth quarter lead to see the Redhounds tie the game at 54 all at the end of regulation play.

In overtime, the Rockets got the tip, but failed to score and the Redhounds worked their possession for an easy lay-up and the lead. How-

ever, Jessie Rickles came right back to can the three point basket, her fourth of the game, for a one-point Rocket lead. Rachelle Hammond was the next Rocket to score when a Redbound went over her back on a rebound. Hammond hit the front end of a 1 and 1. The score was knotted again at 58 all when Brooke Roberts came through with a huge basket to give the Rockets the lead with 8 ticks left on the clock. The Redhounds committed a turnover and Brandy Reynolds was fouled, hitting one, to give the Rockets their 61-58 win.

Behind her four three point baskets, Rickles led the scoring for her team with 22 points; Reynolds got 18; Hammond scored 8; Roberts 7 and Amber Demney, who was 4 for 4 from the free throw line, scored 6.

Monday night at Madison Central,

against the 4 and 9 Lady Indians, it was deja vu (and sub-par officiating) for the Rockets. As in the Pulaski County game, nothing went right, including losing the services of starting guard junior Jessica Rickles at the end of the third quarter when she took a hit and suffered a concussion and neck injury. Rickles was wearing a

neck brace Tuesday night and she would probably be out of action for about a week.

In the game, the Rockets started off slowly -- very slowly -- getting down 15-5 in the first quarter before

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Rockets route Jackson Co. 90-63; lose to Southwestern Pulaski

The Rockcastle County Rockets beat district rival Jackson County last Friday night, routing the Generals 90-63 behind a 31 point effort from senior Andrew Cash.

The Rockets are now 5-9 on the season.

Senior Nick Leger also had a big night against the Generals, scoring a season high 22 points.

The Rockets scored 22 points in the first quarter and then more than

doubled that in the second quarter to go ahead of Jackson County 47-28.

Six Rockcastle Rockets scored in the first half, with Cash, Leger and Matthew Brown reaching double figures.

Rockcastle stretched their lead to twenty seven by the end of the third quarter, 67-40.

The Rockets were 13 for 16 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, as eight Rockcastle players

scored. The Rockets went on a 11-0 run to end the game with the 90-63 win.

Rockcastle was not so lucky Tuesday night as the Warriors from Southwestern Pulaski visited and then went home with the 52-43 win.

Neither team could get into double digits the first quarter, as the Warriors were up 9-8 at the buzzer.

The Rockets did however regain the lead during the second quarter and went into the locker room at halftime up 22-19.

Rockcastle held on to the lead throughout the third quarter, and ended the quarter up by five, 37-32.

Southwestern took over, however, during the fourth quarter, and outsized the Rockets 20-6 to gain the 52-43 win.

Rockcastle Linescores

Jackson	14	14	12	23	63
Rockcastle	22	25	20	23	90

Andrew Cash 31; Nick Leger 22; Matthew Brown 17; Jacob Burdette 8; Shea Taylor 4; Andrew Hammond 3; Josh Rowland 2; Aaron Andkerin 2; Aaron Cash 1.

SW Pulaski	9	10	13	20	52
Rockcastle	8	14	15	6	43

Andrew Cash 17; Matthew Brown 14; Jacob Burdette 6; Andrew Hammond 4; Shea Taylor 2.

Rocket Jayvees are 7-3 on season

The Rockcastle Jayvees are enjoying a winning season thus far, with a route of Southwestern Pulaski Tuesday night giving them their seventh win of the season.

The Rockets beat the Warriors 55-36 behind a 23 point effort by the Rockets in the second quarter.

Leading scoring for the Rockets was Jeremy Neeley with 21.

J.V. Linescores

Rockcastle	7	11	9	14	41
Adair	8	13	11	13	45

Jeremy Neeley 18; Aaron Cash 7; Thomas Coffey 6; Josh Rowland 5; Aaron Andkerin 5.

Rockcastle	8	6	11	13	38
Clay	6	8	8	18	40

Jeremy Neeley 15; Aaron Andkerin 10; Thomas Coffey 4; Josh Rowland 4; Shea Taylor 3; Aaron Cash 2.

Browning named to SCAC honorable mention team

Adam Browning, a Centre College senior linebacker and defensive tackle for the Colonels 1999 football team, was named to the Southern Collegiate Athletic conference honorable mention team.

Browning, a 1996 Rockcastle County High School graduate, is a four-year football letterman and was the SCAC defensive player of the week on September 18.

Centre competes in the NCAA's Division III as a member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. The SCAC was formed in 1962 to provide an association through which the member institutions may encourage organized competition in intercollegiate

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Aaron Andkerin 16; Jeremy Neeley 10; Jason Reynolds 10; Josh Rowland 8; Thomas Coffey 4; Aaron Cash 2.

SW Pulaski	8	11	9	8	36
Rockcastle	12	23	11	9	55

Jeremy Neeley 21; Aaron Andkerin 10; Thomas Coffey 10; Stephen Boring 6; Josh Rowland 4; Shea Taylor 2; Austin Miller 2.

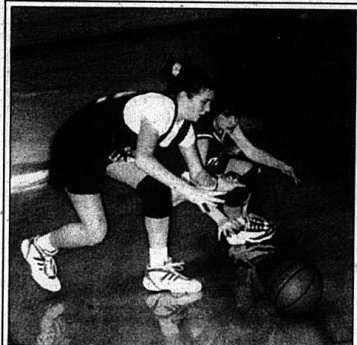
Freshman are 7-2 on season

The Rockcastle Rockets freshman team won a four team tournament at Somerset High School last weekend, defeating Garrard County and Somerset.

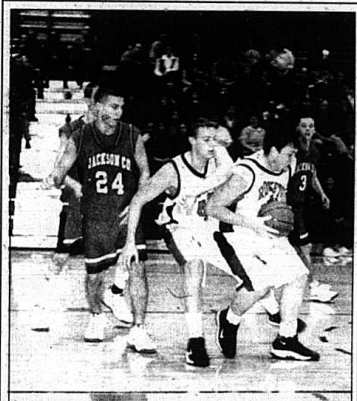
The Rockets gained their seventh win of the season Monday night against visiting Madison Southern.

Aaron Andkerin had 17 points to lead the Rockets, and Aaron Cash hit

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Eighth grader Rachel Childress goes for a loose ball during freshman action Saturday against the Corbin Redhounds. The freshmen won easily 55-15. Coach Dawn Quigly got to clear her bench and 11 Lady Rockets scored in the lopsided victory.



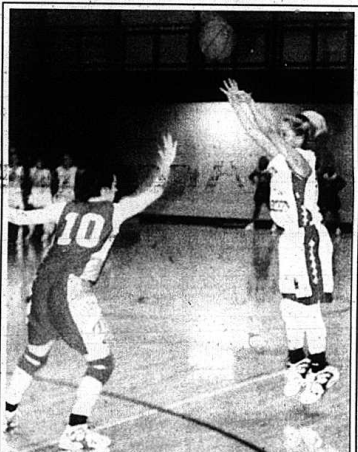
Junior Josh Rowland and senior Matt Brown fight for a loose ball in the Rockets game against Jackson County Friday night. Brown had 17 points and Rowland 2 in the 90-63 Rocket win.



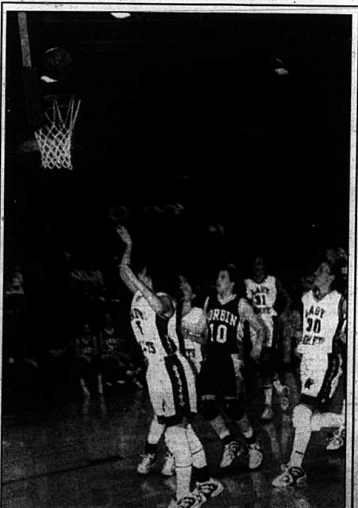
Senior Nick Leger scored 22 points in the Rockets blow out of Jackson County Friday night. Also in the photo is No. 3, Jacob Burdette, who scored 8 points in the win.



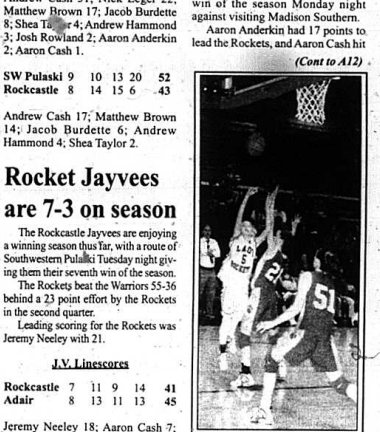
Sophomore Amanda Barnett tries to save a loose ball inbound during action Saturday against Corbin. The Jayvees won 36-24. Also in the photo is Jessica Carpenter.



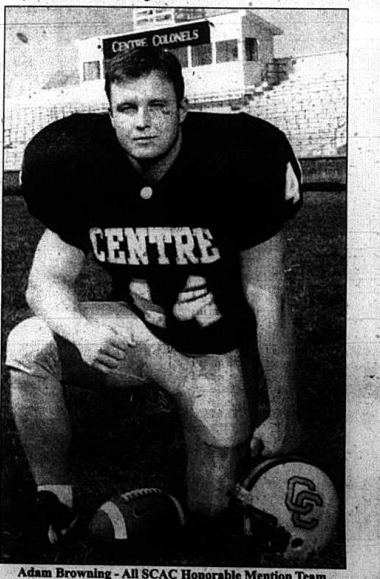
Junior Jessica Rickles demonstrates her shooting style from behind the three point line during Saturday's varsity game with the Corbin Lady Redhounds. Rickles hit four three point shots in the game and led the scoring for her team with 22 points. The Rockets pulled the win out in overtime, 61-58.



Senior Brandy Reynolds puts in a lay-up against the Corbin Redhounds Saturday. Reynolds scored 18 points in the Rockets overtime, 61-58, win. Also in the photo is Brooke Roberts who scored 7 points against Corbin.



Freshman Jesse Hayes goes in for a lay-up during Jayvee action against Corbin. The Rockets were down 20-15 in the third quarter when they staged a comeback, outscoring the Redhounds 21-4 for the 36-24 win. Hayes led the scoring for the Rockets with 9.



Adam Browning - All SCAC Honorable Mention Team



Farm News

By: Tom Mills
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture
**Cross-County Tobacco
Leasing Referendum**

The Farm Service Agency has been authorized to conduct a referendum on statewide cross-county tobacco leasing for Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

Kentucky's referendum will be held January 10-14, 2000. If the referendum passes by a simple majority vote, quota owners will be allowed to lease burley tobacco

quota to any county within the state registered with the 2000 crop. Currently, quota may only be transferred across county boundaries when disaster conditions are met. Unlike the vote on the tobacco program, which occurs every three years, this referendum, if passed, would result in a permanent change in the tobacco program. It is a one time referendum that will not be conducted again without congressional legislation.

In general, current tobacco quota owners and growers/tenants and their spouses will be eligible to vote in this referendum which was mailed to eligible voters last week. For more specific details on the

referendum and voter eligibility, check with the local FSA office.

TOBACCO EXPO 2000.

Tobacco producers are invited to attend the Tobacco Expo on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at Heritage Hall on West Main Street in Lexington, Kentucky. An Industry Trade Show as well as seminars on Irrigation, Meeting Labor Needs, and Integrating High Value Crops will be held before lunch. FSA Director, Hampton Hinton, will discuss Cross-County Leasing. Also, John Mark Hack will discuss the Tobacco Settlement. In addition, Danny McKinney and Will Stuell will give an economic update on tobacco.

activities. People often do more sitting and eating during the holidays than at other times and it is easy to continue that pattern. If you overindulge in eating, set a realistic goal to lose the two or three pounds you gained. Walking, bicycling, jogging, or calisthenics can help get your body in better physical condition.

Diversify your interests. Most of us have put too much time, money, and resources into a holiday time that we need new challenges. This may mean you become actively involved in a community organization whose goals and activities you support. As you involve yourself in community service, you may continue to nurture the pleasant feelings of the holiday.

Revive old interests or hobbies. Fill the gap you feel from having the holidays end with activities you may have wanted to pursue in the past, but did not have the time.

Enjoy some of the simple pleasures of life. As the hustle and bustle slows down, rediscover the joy that comes from taking a walk, visiting a favorite place, watching birds eat from an outdoor feeder, or watching snowflakes fall.

Plan beyond the holidays. Plan fun activities for the months after the holidays. You can then begin to look forward to the future. If you overstep an already tight budget, develop a plan to pay your bills. Ridding yourself of that burdensome worry will be a great relief.

Visit trusted friends regularly. When you do, make a point of listening to them and sharing concerns, joys, and successes with them. You and your friends will enjoy your time together more during the relaxed post-holiday time than during the hectic pace of the holiday.

Even if you aren't prone to the post-holiday blues, these suggestions may help you manage the everyday stress which tends to plague most of us.

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Post-Holiday Blues

By: Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science

An event or series of events that take a lot of time and energy leave people feeling relieved and let down once the event has passed. As the holidays come to a close, family members may be returning to homes far away. Decorations must be packed away. The children are restless. Seemingly the balloon has popped. Many times people end up feeling bleak and sad after the holidays. Any of us can experience such post-holiday blues.

How can you avoid or get through these feelings? What can you do to prolong the festive, warm feelings of the holidays while re-adjusting to everyday routines? Consider the following as you try to answer these questions:

- Get ample rest. Be careful not to overdo it, however. Too much can cause sluggishness.
- Engage in a variety of physical

Clothing classes scheduled

4-H News

By: John McCreary, Agent

The 4-H Clothing Classes will again be offered after school at each of the elementary schools. At the first meeting, we will go over class schedules, supplies and materials needed. It is essential for anyone who plans to do a clothing project to be at the first meeting. The first meeting will be over at 4:30 p.m. This year the sewing projects will be conducted by local leaders and the Family & Consumer Science Agent. Following is the date and location of the first meeting at each school:

Tue., Feb. 22 - Mt. Vernon Elem.
Wed., Feb. 23 - Broadhead Elem.
Thur., Feb. 24 - Roundstone Elem.
NOTE: Middle School students may meet with the elementary school of their choice.

After the first meeting, the schedule will be as follows:
March 13-16 - Mt. Vernon Elem.
March 20-23 - Broadhead Elem.
March 27-30 - Roundstone Elem.
These classes will be over at 5:00 p.m. You will need to provide fabric and notions for the garment. DO NOT purchase these until after

the first meeting. 4-H'ers will choose their pattern at the first meeting and we will order for a cost of \$1.25.

Parents, you will need to provide transportation home after classes at 5:00 pm PROMPTLY. During the classes, your child will learn to use a sewing machine, follow a pattern, and construct a simple garment. First year students may make pants, shorts or skirt with elastic waistline. Second year students may make a skirt with a waistband or a simple top. Third year students will make a simple complete outfit; fourth year students, a garment using knits; and fifth year students will make a complete knit outfit using a challenging knit.

If your child wishes to participate in this 4-H project, please complete the permission form given to your child by the Extension Service and return it to their teacher by February 11, 2000.

For more information, contact the Rockcastle County Extension Service at 256-2403.

January designated as cervical health awareness month

January is cervical cancer awareness month, with the goal of educating and empowering women across America to visit their clinician for annual Pap smear test. It is important for women to learn about early detection through cervical cancer screening because cervical cancer, if caught early, is nearly 100 percent curable. Cervical Cancer is one of the most common causes of cancer worldwide, and one of the most preventable and treatable. The American Cancer Society (ACS) reports that between 60 and 80 percent of American women with newly diagnosed invasive (late stage) cervical cancer have not had a Pap smear in the past five years and may have never had one. The underscreened population groups include older women, the uninsured, ethnic minorities, and poor women, particularly those in rural areas.

In Kentucky, the Cumberland Valley district is one of three regions with a high rate of invasive (late

stage) cervical cancer. According to the Kentucky Cancer Registry data for 1996-1997, we have 12.73 cases per 100,000 compared to the statewide rate of 10.17 cases per 100,000. "We would love to see this rate come down, reflecting that more women are being screened and treated earlier," states Becky Simpson, Cumberland Valley Regional Coordinator of the Kentucky Cancer Program. "A woman need not die from cervical cancer when it is treatable and preventable." Local cancer coalitions have been working hard to inform women of the importance of early detection. If you would like to learn more about joining a cancer coalition, please contact Becky Simpson

of the Kentucky Cancer Program at 104 Cumberland Avenue, Barbourville. You may also call her at 545-6444.

Check with your clinician about having your Pap test this month.

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Obituaries



Freddie Noe

Freddie D. Noe, Sr., 64, of 920 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at his home after a long illness. He was born on November 4, 1935 in Mt. Vernon, the son of the late Joe B. and Mabel Blanton Noe. He was a retired Conservation Officer for the State of Kentucky where he attained the rank of sergeant, a deputy sheriff of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, an avid hunter and fisherman and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Lorene Baker Noe of Mt. Vernon; one son, Freddie Dale Noe, Jr., and wife, Lisa of Berea and one grandson, Mason Sage Noe. He was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Noe and three sisters, Ann Pike, Sadie Welch and Lucille Ponder.

Services were Saturday, January 8, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Maynard Hale officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were The Kentucky State Conservation Officers.

Active pallbearers were Garry Hansel, C.C. Ponder, Jim Earl Hammons, Leo Hopkins, Owen Hunt and Jimmy Silvers.



Ollie Harrison

Ollie Smother Harrison, 90, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, December 28, 1999 at the Berea Hospital after a long illness. She was born August 29, 1909, in Brodhead, the daughter of the late Henry and Emma Smothers. She was a homemaker, a devoted mother and a member of the Union Chapel Pentecostal Church.

On August 8, 1927, she was united in marriage to Arthur Lee Harrison, Sr., and from that union came twelve children. Survivors are eight sons, Arthur Harrison, Jr., and wife, Helen, Everett Harrison and wife, Agnes, Willard Harrison, Melvin Harrison and wife, Lela Mae, all of Brodhead, Herbert Harrison and wife, Joyce of N. Kingston, Rhode Island, Norman Harrison and wife, Betty, Ervin Harrison and wife, Carolyn and Ronnie Harrison and wife, Linda, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; three daughters, Dorothy Stevens and husband, J.B. of Mt. Vernon, Ruby Wilson and husband, Avery of Richmond, Indiana and Lorene Jones and husband, Russell of Goshen, Ohio; 25 grand children, 10 step grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, 16 step great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Besides her husband, Arthur Lee Harrison, Sr., she was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Ruth Harrison and one brother, Robert Bradshaw.

Services were Friday, December 31, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel in Brodhead with Bro. Buford Patterson and Bro. Bobby Owens officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Ronnie Stevens, Wayne Harrison, Robert Harrison, Ervin Harrison, Jr., William Harrison and Michael Harrison.

Goldie Cope

Goldie Lavada Cope, 66, of Berea, died Monday, January 10, 2000, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 13, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

A more complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.



Dolly Payne

Dolly Francis Owens Payne, 86, of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at the Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness. She was born November 13, 1915 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late William David and Julia Bell Owens. She was a homemaker and a member of the Freedom Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Thomas Payne, Jr., and wife, Tracy of Mt. Vernon and Jackie Payne and wife, Jennie of Mt. Vernon; four daughters, Joyce Taylor, Joyce Norton, Jeanie Singleton and husband, Doug, all of Mt. Vernon and Sharon Payne of Clarksville, Tennessee; 18 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and a special friend, Della Mason. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover Thomas Payne, Sr.; an infant daughter, Dottie LoPayne; four sisters, Sally Denny, Ollie Bradley, Myrtle Roe and Mary Ellen Noe.

Services were Saturday, January 8, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Larry Harmon and Bro. Burtie Both officiating. Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Tommy Payne, Mel Taylor, John Payne, Ben Wirtz, Mike Harbold and Michael Singleton.

Harry Harmon was Honorary.

"Slick" Johnson

Horace "Slick" Johnson, 82, of Berea, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at his residence after a brief illness. He was born in Estill County on April 27, 1917, the son of the late Marion and Betty Ann Alcorn Johnson. He worked as a building contractor for many years, was a member of The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, The Three C's and The Church of God.

Survivors are three sons, Horace Johnson, Jr., of Brodhead, Raymond Johnson and Marion Johnson, both of Berea; two daughters, Lucy Johnson and Charlotte Johnson, both of Berea; two brothers, Speed Johnson and Miley Johnson, both of Berea; one sister, Elizabeth Green of Berea; ten grandchildren, Gary Johnson, Kim Halcomb, Brian Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Amy Sue Parker, Roman Johnson, Cindy Johnson, Scottie Johnson, Monica Sue Johnson and Robert Shane Johnson and 11 great grandchildren. Jeffrey, Jordan, Kelsey, Kall, Kristen, Shandy, Shawna, Rachel, Arie, Zachary and Emily. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fairy Parson Johnson; two brothers, Albert Johnson and John Johnson and two sisters, Molly Johnson and Nellie Beuge.

Services were Thursday, January 6, at Williams Funeral Home in Berea. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Honorary casketbearers were Mike Brock, Miley Brock, Jimmy Johnson, William Johnson and Ben Johnson.

Active casketbearers were Cecil Logston and grandsons, Roman Johnson, Gary Johnson, Brian Johnson, Scottie Johnson and Shane Johnson.

Catherine Langford

Catherine Phillips Langford, 86, of Paris, died January 5, 2000 at the Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthiana. She was born July 10, 1913 in Lawrenceburg, the daughter of J.B. and Susie Stratton Phillips. She was a member of the Baptist Church and had been a homemaker and a sales clerk.

Survivors are three nieces, Sue Mann and Kathy Marks-Spivey, both of Lexington and Jerri Jones of Paris and one nephew, Don Combs of Lexington. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Langford.

Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Foster

Mary Eta Foster, 66, of Calloway, died January 4, 2000, at her residence after a long illness. She was born in Laurel County, the daughter of the Arrie and Lillie M. Collins Foster.

Survivors are her caregiver, Linda M. Foster of Calloway; two brothers, Emmet and Kenneth Foster, both of Calloway; three sisters, Glady Foster of Calloway, Bette Brown of Mt. Vernon and Carolyn Prewitt of Ottawa; five nephews and six nieces. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Silas Park and Mary Pauline Hubbard Collins; her paternal grandparents, William and Cordelia Renner Baker Foster; a sister, Geneva Foster; a very special brother-in-law, Edd Allen and several other family members.

Private graveside services were held at the Foster Family Cemetery at Calloway.

Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Arrangements were made by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Verna Barker

Verna Fricobauer Barker, 71, of Hollywood, Florida and formerly of Broadhead, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at the Pembroke Memorial Hospital in Pembroke Pines, Florida. She was born on April 30, 1928 in Broadhead, the daughter of Sophia Cable Barker of Broadhead and the late John Barker. She was a former toll collector for the Florida Department of Transportation.

Survivors besides her mother are four daughters, Sharon Cartday of

Hollywood, Florida, Sonja Weiss of Coral Springs, Florida, Mary Ann Breen of Homestead, Florida and Linda Copeland of Tallahassee, Florida; two sons, Joseph Fricobauer of Miami, Florida and Joshua Fricobauer of Jacksonville, Florida; one brother, Ernest Barker of London; two sisters, Norma Jean Wilson of Broadhead and Janet Bishop of Cincinnati, Ohio and 11 grandchildren.

Graveside services were Saturday, January 8, at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Lincoln County with Bro. Mark Whittaker officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Watson Funeral Home.

Nellie Miller

Nellie Frances Miller, 90, of Richmond, died Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at Heritage Regency. She was born February 12, 1909 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Melvin and Rachel Creach Johnson. She was a homemaker and member of Pentecostal Church of Richmond.

Survivors are three daughters, Alene Sutton and Nadene Owens, both of Richmond, Indiana and Geneva Brockman of McKeesport, Pa.; four sons, Rev. James Miller of Mt. Vernon, Thomas Miller of Richmond, Indiana, Cecil Miller of Christianburg, Ohio and Roy Miller of Parker, Colorado; four sisters, Minnie Abney of Mt. Vernon, Sinnie Shell and Dorothy Abney, both of Hamilton, Ohio and Nancy Roddy of Richmond, Indiana; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie I. Miller; one son, Edward Miller; three brothers, Arthur, Gilbert and Cellan Jennings; three sisters, Ella Mae Scott, Myrtle Bond and Hazel Vanzant.

Services were Thursday, January 6, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home in Richmond, Indiana, with Rev. Elbur L. Hale officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Burial Park in Hamilton, Ohio.

Arnold Bratcher

Arnold Benjamin Bratcher, 78, of Berea, died Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at the Berea Hospital, apparently of a heart attack. He was born August 13, 1921, the son of the late George and Pearl Pigg Bratcher. He was a retired Gibson Greeting Card Company employee, a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Galilee Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Leonard Bratcher and Kenneth Bratcher; one daughter, Carolyn Isaacs, all of Berea; three brothers, Ralph Bratcher of Berea, Ernest Bratcher of Ohio and Fred Bratcher of Florida; one sister, Bernice Gregory of Berea; two grandchildren, Timmy Isaacs and Eric Randall Bratcher and one great granddaughter, Amber Isaacs. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Mae Bratcher and one son, Randall Bratcher.

Services were Thursday, January 6, at Repp Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. John Dodson officiating. Burial was in the Silver Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Lake, Jr., Clayton Gabbard, Harold D. Johnson, James Rowlett, Buck Ingram and Lee Abney.

Honorary pallbearers were Clyde Whittemore, Ira Dean and Charlie Bill Collins.

"Jay" Gaines

Joseph "Jay" Whorley Gaines, 64, of Berea, died Thursday, January 6, 2000, at the Berea Hospital. He was born in East Bernstadt, on August 8, 1935, the son of the late Claude and Delia Marie Howard Gaines. He was a self-employed carpenter.

Survivors are his wife, Delores Johnson Gaines; one son, Ricky Dale Gaines and wife, Tony; two daughters, Angela Smith and husband, Roger and Tammy Pigg and husband, Daniel, all of Berea; one brother, Tide Ellis Gaines and wife, Tildie of Lexington; one sister-in-law, Mary Gaines of Lexington and three grandsons, Timothy Wayne Pigg, Joshua Dale Gaines and Andrew Joseph Gaines. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ora "Bank" Gaines and Beige Cecil Gaines; four sisters, Beatrice Madden, Gladys Mae Mitchell, Christina McElroy and Irene Madden.

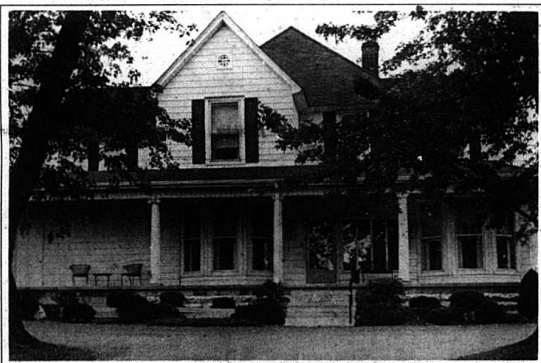
Services were Saturday, January 8, at Williams Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Gary Linville officiating. Burial was in the Charlie Collinsworth Cemetery in Sand Gap.

Casketbearers were Roger Smith, Timothy Pigg, William Pigg, Sam Broadbush, Donnie Riddell and Doug Edwards.

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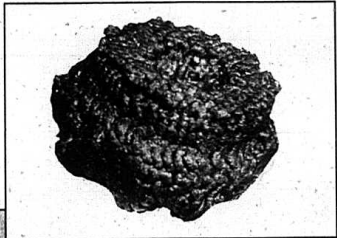
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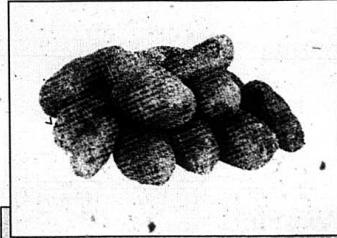
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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:
(The City of Mt. Vernon, through its mayor and council members, is again trying to get a part of your hard-earned dollars. This time their proposed ordinance is trying to take one percent of your gross pay. To further take from the pockets of the working person of Mt. Vernon, the Mayor and her appointed committee have decided to include a net profit tax of one percent on city businesses. As anyone with common sense knows, the business owners will pass this levied tax to their customers, namely the people who shop in Mt. Vernon. In effect we will end up paying two percent.

The Mayor's committee supposedly researched (during only two meetings) the surrounding cities to determine the percentage to take out of your pocket. They did not research alternatives to this tax proposal other than to suggest charging those who park in the city parking lot. During the Monday, January 10 meeting it was stated that the one-percent occupational tax proposed in this ordinance was the same as London's. However, London is a 4th class city with an estimated population of 7,201. Mt. Vernon is a 5th class city with an estimated population of 2,873. Com-

paring Mt. Vernon to London is very much like comparing apples to oranges. The two are just not the same. We are about forty percent smaller than London. We don't have the large tax base that London has. I believe that basing an occupational tax and net profit tax for Mt. Vernon on statistics from London is ridiculous. The 17 page proposed occupational and net profit tax was supposedly copied from Palaski County. Again, we are not the same size or class as Palaski, which is a county, not a small city. The committee should have researched cities the same class and size as Mt. Vernon. Of course this was not done, probably because 5th class cities with a tax base the size of Mt. Vernon's don't have an occupational tax profit tax on their citizens.

The Mayor stated that the city had debts from water and sewer expenses, water tank and water plant expenses, from the City Park, from the Country Music Hall of Fame and some "director" of something. These amounts supposedly amount to 7.3 million. However, no one at City Hall seems to be exactly sure what is owed, when it is owed, how much the monthly payments are, or how much the current balance is in their budget. Instead of the previously owed \$92,000 for the city park we somehow owe

\$370,543.04. We owe the Country Music Hall of Fame \$24,000 that was supposed to have already been paid. The city supposedly owes \$247 thousand to the water and sewer department. The question of whether or not the city can "borrow" from the water and sewer department was not adequately answered, so the legality of this debt is questionable. The water and sewer debts which were the largest part of the city deficit are supposed to be paid through federal and state grants and what all of us pay in water and sewer bills. This makes one wonder whether or not these bills should never be included in the city's debt.

Anyone who attends a council meeting quickly realizes that the people don't know what they owe, when it is due, and don't have a clue how to figure it out. It must also be noted that the state of Kentucky requires that city budgets be audited by February 1, following the end of the year. However, the audit for the 1998 budget has not been completed yet because the city can't get the correct information to the CPA. They haven't even thought about trying to audit the 1999 budget. Would you trust someone who manages the city's budget in this way with the authority to examine your tax records, your W-2 form, or your business records? The new ordinance gives authority for the city to do exactly that. This calls to mind letting the third mind be king.

The Occupational Tax Administrator job created by this ordinance allows someone from City Hall to examine all business books and records to look for discrepancies. If they can't find the budget at City Hall, do you think they are qualified to examine your business records?

When asked what the proposed funds generated from this tax would be used for, the Mayor mentioned a new water tank. Also mentioned was a city pool, new equipment for the new water plant, and repairing the holding tank on Sand Springs Road. That is how untold hundreds of thousands of your hard-earned dollars will theoretically be spent. What to do with the rest of the money generated year after year if this silly ordinance goes into effect is still as clear as mud at City Hall.

The actual ordinance is full of discrepancies. The first attention grabbers are the blank lines in the ordinance. All dates were left blank, perhaps on purpose. This was especially troublesome to me since one line contained the words "This ordinance shall become effective retroactive to the date of its passage." Retroactive could be yesterday or it could be two years ago. Would we then owe occupational and net profits taxes for previous years? When questioned, the Mayor suggested, but did not confirm January 1, as the effective

date. Do you trust the city to fill in the blanks for you?

The Mayor stated that the first \$2,000 of earnings would not be taxed. It sounded reasonable. However, upon closer examination of the actual ordinance this only applies to a person over age 65 that is desperately trying to supplement their Social Security. The cost of this tax to the retired citizen could very well determine whether or not he has enough money left to get needed medicines or groceries.

The Mayor also stated that retirement, 401K, and social security would not be considered when assessing the tax for purposes. However, the ordinance in Definition 21 under salaries says that gross pay will be used for calculation without deduction for social security benefits, retirement, insurance or other deductions. This means your retirement is taxed along with your social security contributions, and your 401K. So much for trying to save for your old age. A person working at two jobs within the city would have to pay the tax twice, since both incomes would be taxed.

We will also be required to complete a questionnaire detailing personal finances, social security numbers, addresses, etc. You could also be fined if you don't keep the records up to date. With the way the budget is being handled, do you want just anyone at city hall having access to your social security number?

A special called meeting of the City Council of Mt. Vernon will be next Monday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. I strongly urge each working person affected by this foolish ordinance to call or see the members of the City Council to voice their displeasure at this ordinance. Show up at the meeting. Voice your opposition to this tax. Let the council members see by your presence that you oppose the tax. Don't sit idly by and let the City of Mt. Vernon take what you work so hard for. Remember this tax could be retroactive. It can be increased on the simple whim of the majority of the council since there is no provision within the ordinance to stop it from being increased whenever they can't balance their budget.

If you like to give away your money, then stay at home on Monday, January 17. If you like to give away money you need for food, medicine, utilities, then don't call or see your council member. If you think the city is managing their budget and can manage yours too, then stay at home. But if you don't want to give away your money, then you need to come to the meeting to show the

council members that you oppose the occupational/net profit tax.

Sharon Lovell
Orlando, KY

Sweet attends Longaberger Convention

Local Longaberger Branch Advisor, Jenny Sweet, from Mt. Vernon recently attended The Longaberger Company's annual Advisors Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. More than 1,700 Longaberger Advisors from around the United States attended.

During the three-day convention, known as "JAM," Advisors attended Longaberger University training sessions, received recognition for their management accomplishments and had the opportunity to network with Advisors from around the country. Independent Longaberger Advisors draw from their own business experience to provide direction and training for the Independent Sales Consultants they sponsor, helping them to establish and build their own Longaberger business.

The Longaberger Company is an \$850 million direct sales company, the largest manufacturer of handmade baskets in the U.S. and a tourist destination where more than half a million guests visit each year. In re-

sponse to the number of visitors, the Company opened a 34-acre entertainment destination, Longaberger Homestead in June 1999 and Longaberger Golf Club in May 1999.

The Longaberger Company has been recognized in *Forbes Magazine* for four consecutive years as one of the Top 500 Largest Private Held Companies in the U.S. It was founded in 1973 by the late Dave Longaberger and today, Dave's oldest daughter, Tami Longaberger, serves as President and CEO and her sister, Rachel Longaberger leads the Company's giving efforts as President of The Longaberger Foundation. More than 1,600 employees from 36 Ohio counties are employed by the Company and over 56,000 Independent Longaberger Sales Associates market and sell a full line of Longaberger Baskets, pottery and dinnerware; fabric and home accessories; and wrought iron products through home shows nationwide. For more information about The Longaberger Company, visit its website at www.longaberger.com or call 1-800-966-0374.



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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gentry would like to proudly announce the birth of their second son, Levi Tucker, born December 15, 1997 at Partie A, Clay Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. and 5 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Levi was welcomed home by his big brother, Lucas Davis, maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson of Mt. Vernon. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gentry of Broadhead. Maternal great grandparents are Joe Abney of Disputants and the late Ruth Abney. Paternal great grandparents are Jewell Albright of Broadhead and the late Ambrose Albright.



Introducing... Emily Brooke Adams. Miss Emily was born to Barry and Carrie Bennett Adams on October 29, 1999. She weighed 9 lbs. and 4 ozs. Miss Emily was welcomed home by her two older siblings, Chris Winn, 9 and Sara Adams. Maternal grandparents are Sonny and Barbara Bennett of Mt. Vernon. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Margy Adams of Broadhead. We would like to thank everyone for all the sweet gifts we have received for Emily.

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61st Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winstead celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on January 10. Roy and Virginia (Dillingham) Winstead were married January 10, 1939 in LaFollette, Tenn. They have one daughter, Judy (Jack) Lawless, one son, Roy Dale (LaVerne) Winstead, four grandchildren: Steven (Donnaleigh) Martin, Jeffery (Bridgette) Winstead, Gina (Jensen) Masters and Scott (Rachal) Winstead and four great grandchildren, Roy Scott Winstead II, Justice Heeley Masters, August Isabella Winstead and Ryan Conner Martin. *Congratulations to Roy and Virginia, we love you and hope you have many more anniversaries.*



Mr. and Mrs. Randall McFerron were married November 26, 1999. Mrs. McFerron is the daughter of Allen VanWinkle of Richmond and the late Jean Whittemore of Somerset. Randall is the son of Gerald and Lucille McFerron of Mt. Vernon. *God bless you both.*



Happy Anniversary

Lee and Doris Duncan will celebrate their 54th year together on the 23rd of January. *Congratulations!* from their friends and family.



Linda Tankersley and Dowell Vanwinkle were united in marriage on Sunday, January 9 with Saul Carpenter officiating. The maid of honor was Ella Jones of Mt. Vernon and best man was Randy Tankersley of Red Hill. The bride and groom would like to thank everyone for coming and making this a very special day.



Miss Grubb weds Mr. Reed

Miss April Grubb, daughter of Marlana Grubb and Fillis Grubb and Gary Robert Lloyd Reed, son of Betty Dooley and the late Gary A. Reed and stepson of James Lee Dooley, were married January 5, 2000.

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Billy R. and Linda Carol Bryant, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Gary Asher. Tax \$3.00.
 William Cleiss and Connie Frances Baker, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robbie Dale and Tammy D. Carpenter. Tax 70.00.
 Karen Q. and Bill W. Shepherd, real property located in Brodhead, to Roy E. and Judy L. Adams and Danny L. and Judy M. Ford and Sanny R. and Sue H. Ford. Tax 200.00.
 Janice L. Pearce and Kent H. Gilbert, real property located near the waters of Clear Creek, to Susan K. Lein. Tax 11.50.
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 Janice L. Pearce and Kent H. Gilbert, real property located near the waters of Clear Creek, to Robert W. Rorer, Jr. and Norman and Lois Aich and Timmie Reedy. Tax 13.50.
 Bettye Arvin, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Jon Anthony and Rebekah Arvin. No tax.
 Jerry B. and Sue Gail Pike, real property located in Rockcastle County, to First Baptist Church. No tax.

Benton and Theresa Bullock, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robert and Beth Moore. Tax 5.00.

Randall Anderkin and Christy L. Anderkin, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Randall Anderkin. No tax.

John H. and Janice M. Wynn and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to John H. and Janice M. Wynn. No tax.

Darren and Danetta Allen, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Darrell and Susan Smith. Tax 43.00.

John H. and Janice M. Wynn and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bobby W. and Donna Wynn. No tax.

Jerry I. and Vicki C. Cox and William S. and Rae Cox, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ashland Lodge 640 F&AM. No tax.

Cresthaven Cemetery, Inc., lots, to Anna Lois Baker. Tax 1.00.

Hazel Barnes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ronald Barnes. No tax.

Chris L. Albright and Amanda J. Albright, real property located in Sunset Place Subdivision, to Nathaniel and Anna Fugate. Tax \$6.00.

Clarence and Louise Carter, real property located in Sunset Carter, real property located in Sunset Carter Subdivision, to Jerry L. and Diana Stover. Tax 6.00.

William R. and Dorothy Baker, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Perry Dean and Roseline Baker. Tax 25.00.

Dale Fowler, real property located on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Shannon D. Bishop and Bruce Saylor. Tax 125.00.

Eula F. Reed, Executrix of the estate of Martha M. Brown, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Charles C. Walker, Jr. and wife, Diane L. Walker. Tax 83.00.
 Jerry W. Carter, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robert E. Coffey. Tax 10.00.

Marriage Licenses

Tina Durham, 23, Berea, factory, to Nathan Bowman, 20, Berea, factory. Dec. 30, 1999.
 Beverly Anne Owens, 23, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, to Kevin Wayne Jones, 31, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, factory. Dec. 30, 1999.

April Jean Grubb, 16, Mt. Vernon, housewife, to Gary Robert Loyd Reed, 18, Berea, factory. Jan. 5, 2000.
 Angela Michelle Shepherd, 25, Richmond, receptionist, to Jerry Anthony Hoskins, 22, Richmond, supervisor. Dec. 31, 1999.

Patricia Karen Mason, 31, East Bernstadt, disabled, to Bobby Gene Johnson, 34, East Bernstadt, painter. Dec. 31, 1999.
 Gina Rebecca Carpenter, 28, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, housewife, to Eric Lancaster Payne, 24, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. Dec. 31, 1999.

Laura Lee Fields, 27, Rt. 1, Orlando, cook, to Dennis Matthew Howard, 31, Rt. 1, Orlando. Dec. 30, 1999.
 Dawn Marie Nethers, 18, Berea, unemployed, to Elliott Dooley, 20, Berea, construction. Dec. 30, 1999.

District Civil Suits

Castle Village Apts. vs. Wendy Hale, eviction hearing. 99-C-00145.
 Corbett Hembree, et ux vs. Leroy Hale, et ux, forcible detainer. 99-C-00146.

Circuit Civil Suits

Tammy Sue Stewart vs. Jeffery Charles Stewart, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CT-00335.
 Elizabeth Ann Gray vs. Daniel Edward Gray, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CT-00336.

Chris L. Albright vs. Amanda Jewell Albright, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CT-00337.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Michael C. Harisel, d/b/a/et al, \$9,545.43 claimed due on note. 99-CT-00339.

Billy Tommy Parker, Jr. vs. Dreama Cheryl Parker, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CT-00340.

District Court

Hon. Walter F. Maguire
 December 20, 1999
 Roger French: Nonpayment of

fines (\$621 and \$470), defendant found in contempt, assessed 30 days (consecutive).
 William S. Ward: Speeding, paid \$20 fine and costs.
 Roger Benge: Improper passing, \$25 and costs.
 Michael Blackburn: Alcohol intoxication, \$100 and costs.
 Donald Lloyd J. Bone: Fines due \$164, issue warrant for failure to appear.

Stacy A. Brown: Seat belt/chld restraint, dismissed on payment of court costs.
 Chris Delph: Pass school/church bus, \$100 and costs.
 Heather L. Friend: Public Intoxication, 8 days/term; Giving false name/address, 8 days/concurrent.

Russell T. Gorham: Speeding, paid \$149.15 total fine and costs.
 Shirley R. Gress: Speeding, state traffic school.
 Ralph E. Hamrick: Improper registration plates, issue warrant/suspend license.

Jason L. Hardwick: Speeding, \$10 and costs.
 Patti T. Isaacs: Speeding, \$34 and costs.
 Matthew S. Kirby: Minor in possession/alcohol, issue warrant.

Brandi Lamb: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$20 No Insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450; Failure to register transfer, \$25 and costs; Operating on suspended license, \$50 fine; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.
 Charles D. Leger: Poaching (using artificial light), dismissed on forfeiture of weapon to Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

Charles L. Lehman, Jr.: No Ky. Reg. Plates and other charges, issue warrant/suspend license.
 Ralph Edward Lewis: Fines due (\$601.00), issue warrant/suspend license.

David M. Morris: Overwidth and Resisting Order to stop motor vehicle, issue warrant/suspend license.
 Bobby W. Peters: License to be in possession, \$20 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.
 Jonathan Calvin Price: Fines due (\$490.50), issue warrant/suspend license.

Christopher Sears: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.
 Scott T. Vinson: No operators license, \$25 and costs; No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 fine; No insurance, \$500 fine; Inadequate Silencer, \$20 fine; Failure to register transfer, \$20 fine.

Martin Wright: Speeding, paid.
 Bobbi M. Gambill: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.
 Stacey C. Medlin: Speeding, paid \$102.15 total fine and costs.
 Robert E. Bigler: Failure to yield right of way, \$20 and costs.
 Spencer S. Bussell: Speeding, state traffic school.

Patrick Mihalko: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.
 Marilyn A. Miller: Speeding, paid.
 Barry W. Richardson: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.
 Eric L. Isaac: Failure to appear on charges, \$20 fine; Speeding, \$60 and costs; FTWSB, \$25 fine; No Licensed operator w/person holding permit, \$20 fine.

December 22, 1999
 Connie Bussell: Fines due (\$125), issue warrant/suspend license/defendant to serve 60 days previously imposed.
 Scottie K. Cook: Speeding and No Insurance, issue warrant/suspend license for failure to appear.
 Nancy C. Craig: Operating motor vehicle under influence drugs, \$200 and costs; \$200 service fee; \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days/term served.

Michael W. Dunn: Possession of marijuana, \$500 and costs/confiscate and destroy contraband.
 Jesse L. Fisher, Jr.: Disregarding TCD, paid \$93.50.
 Dennis W. Garber: Speeding, \$32 and costs; Failure to use child restraint, \$50 fine; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.
 Brandon D. Hester: Fines due (\$133.50), issue warrant/suspend license.

Brian K. Lovell: Fleeing or evading police, \$100 and costs; Operating ATV on roadway, \$25 fine; Disorderly conduct, \$100 fine, Criminal Mischief, \$100 fine.
 Ricky L. Lovins: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.
 Mary M. Moreland: Speeding, paid \$122.15 total fine and costs.
 Barbara A. Pearson: No license in possession, \$25 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Brian J. Pearsons: No operators license, \$25 and costs; Improper registration, \$25 fine.
 Michael L. Scott: Speeding, paid \$25 and costs.
 Eddie D. Smith, III: Reckless driving, paid \$74 total fine and costs.
 James M. Spencer: Speeding, paid \$87.15 total fine and costs.

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Minds In the Middle

Congratulations to those 8th graders who auditioned and were recognized as part of the 2000 District 11 Middle School Honors Band: Jessie Blevins, Amy Elliott, Jessie Denny, Sarah Hensley, Amy Gilliland, Scott Cain, and Josh Ott. We received several new or returning students last week. We would like to welcome Brandon Isaac, Jordan Palmer, James Legger, Donna Ferch, Kera Mazurek, and Ashley VanWinkle to our student body.

Our Academic Team is preparing for the upcoming Governor's Cup Competition. The team has planned to practice each Monday and Tuesday until 4:30. It is important that each member attend practices.

The Y-Club members are already preparing for the 2000 Kentucky United Nations Assembly which will be held March 9-11. Our teams have been assigned the countries of Russia, Honduras, Egypt, Ireland, and Kenya.

Congratulations to our boys basketball teams. Last Thursday night all three teams came away with wins

over Northern Pulaski. The 6th grade scoring was 50-2 with Weston Riddle leading the way with 12 points. The 7th graders won with a margin of 42-33. Blake Roberts led scoring with 11 points. Tim McIntosh led the 8th graders to a 43-41 win scoring 15 points. The teams will be competing at home again this Thursday night against Mecca Middle School. Next Tuesday, they will be at North Lenoir.

Through our Gear-up program, we are looking for adults in the community who enjoy interacting with young people and would be interested in participating in our mentoring program. If you have an interest in being a mentor, please call Andy Biechler at 985-3553 or you may leave a message for Andy at RCMS: 256-5318. The mentoring program will be open to 6th and 7th grade students. Applications will be given out to students during the month of January.

Remember that next Monday, January 17, is Martin Luther King Day and school will not be in session.

per, April Thompson and Vickie West.

If you have not picked up your award or if you have questions about RIST, contact Shelby Reynolds at 256-2125.

Cumberland College 1999 Fall Dean's List

The Cumberland College Office of Academic Affairs announces that the following local students are included on the Dean's List for the Fall 1999 semester.

Jennifer Cromer, daughter of Troy and Verla Cromer of Mt. Vernon. Kevin Rader, son of Calvin and Kaye Rader of Mt. Vernon.

Jeremiah Taylor, son of Joe and Rita Taylor of Mt. Vernon.

Only full-time students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better may qualify for the Dean's List. Cumberland College, located in Williamsburg, is a private liberal arts college in its 110th year of operation. Cumberland offers four undergraduate degrees in 34 major fields of study, 30 minors and nine pre-professional programs.

Rockcastle County Elementary Schools

Menu January 17-21, 1999

Breakfast Monday: No School - Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday: Scrambled egg, toast/jelly or cereal, pop tart, juice and milk.
Wednesday: Sausage gravy and biscuits or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Thursday: Nutri-Grain bar or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Friday: Peanut butter/jelly sandwich or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch Monday: No School - Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday: Hamburger on bun or burrito, spicy fries, lettuce/pickles, milk and peanut cluster.
Wednesday: Chili and sandwich, crackers, vegetable sticks with dip, milk and banana.

Thursday: Chuckwagon on bun or sandwich, spicy fries, dill pickle spears, milk and brownie.
Friday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, milk and cookie.

Rockcastle County Middle & High School Menu January 17-21, 1999

*Breakfast will be served each day.

Monday: No School - Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday: Chef salad or hamburger on bun or burrito, spicy fries, lettuce/pickles, milk and choice of desserts.

Wednesday: Chef salad or chili and sandwich, crackers, vegetable sticks with dip, milk and choice of desserts.

Thursday: Chef salad or chuckwagon on bun or sandwich, spicy fries, dill pickle spears, milk and choice of desserts.

Friday: Chef salad or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, milk and choice of desserts.



Members of the RCHS Band auditioned and were selected for the 2000 Bluegrass All-Regional Band. The students spent last week end rehearsing long hours in preparation for a concert given on Saturday. They also had the opportunity to perform with students from 29 other counties from across the region as well as working under guest conductors Eugene C. Norton of Morehead State University and Dr. Wayne F. Dorothy of North Dakota State University. Pictured are from left: Cassie Smith, Ricky Barrett, Shana Noe and Tom Mills, Jr.

RIST provides scholarship money to 61 RCHS grads

The Rockcastle Incentive Scholarship Trust provided scholarships to 61 Rockcastle County High School Graduates in 1999. The students were awarded the money based on the number of points they accumulated throughout their school careers. Students can accumulate points for such things as perfect attendance, academic achievement, taking college entrance exams and community service. Parents can earn points for their children by attending activities such as parent teacher meetings and open house meetings. Once the student receives the points, they are eligible for the scholarship if they have been accepted into a college (two or four year) or a technical school.

The 1999 graduates received scholarships ranging from \$13.68 to \$133.98. The recipients are: Joanne Ambrose, Amy Blanton, Bethany Blanton, Lee Ann Booth, Steven Bowman, Kevin Bradley, Becky

Brewer, Suzanne Brown, Mary Beth Browning, Elizabeth Bullock, J.

Nathaniel Bullock, Jon Burdette, Tammy Burton, Justin Butler, Andrew Carera, Joshua Chalif, Denise Clark, Misty Combs, Cody Cox, Christina Crawford, Jennifer Cromer, Jena Davidson, Stephanie Dobbs, Derrick Dooley, Jennifer Dooley, Jacqueline Durham, Travis Eller, Doug Griffin, Rissie Griffin, Christina Mucker, Andy Hale, Shauna Hall, Stephanie Hamilton, Eric Helton, Sonya Hensley, Josh Jones, Shawn Jones, Cynthia Langford, Jason Lintz, Kristy Lovell, Chelle Mason, Jessica McClure, Rebecca Mink, Vanessa Mink, Stephanie Nicely, Andrea Owens, Michael Parsons, Brad Powell, Glenn Phillips, Joshua Remmer, Jamie Rowe, Heather Rucker, Jeremy Saylor, Amber Semers, Jamie Settles, Corina Shearer, Amanda Smith, Craig Sowder, Patricia Stam-

Robinson named to Dean's List

A Rockcastle Countian has earned a high level of academic distinction at Alice Lloyd College for the 1999 Fall Semester.

Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25-3.75 (based on a 4.0 grading scale) was Amy Renee Robinson.

Alice Lloyd College is a private, four year, liberal arts college in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, located in Knott County. Alice Goddess Lloyd founded the College in 1923 to educate mountain students for positions of leadership and service in Appalachia. ALC offers a quality education with tuition guaranteed to any student in its 100 county service area.



Students in CHE 231 - Organic Chemistry at Somerset Community College recently did Poster Presentations in partial fulfillment of the course requirements. Shown prior to their presentation, from left are: Tracy Sears, Danette Harris and Sharon Hensley, Mt. Vernon; Brian Reeves, Corbin and Anthony Edens, Somerset. These students are enrolled in the transfer program and are pursuing careers in engineering, medical, pharmacy or dentistry.

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