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With 3-2 vote

Mt. Vernon passes half percent wage, profits tax

By: Richard Anderkin
By a 3-2 vote Monday night, the Mt. Vernon City Council passed the first reading of a payroll and net profit ordinance that will levy a half percent tax on all wage earners and businesses in Mt. Vernon.

The vote came after a lengthy

discussion between the council, Mayor and concerned citizens.

Last November, Mt. Vernon Mayor Karen King proposed a one and half percent tax and the council passed the first reading.

After local wage earners and busi-

ness people rallied against the tax and presented numerous petitions to the council, the council rescinded the first reading and went back to the drawing board.

A committee, appointed by the Mayor to study the tax, how much

money it would generate and what the city would get with the money, proposed that the council pass a one percent tax.

On Monday night the Mayor presented the council with an estimate from the state showing that a one

percent tax would generate \$600,000 annually for the city just from the wages of those working in the city. That \$600,000 did not include any money from the net profits tax which the Mayor said she thought would be about the same.

Council member Clark Mullins made the motion to pass the tax at a half percent. Council members Wayne Bullock and Lou Vanhoose voted for it. Council members Clarice Kirby and Jackie Renner voted no.

Council member Kirby said she was voting against the tax, because she still was not satisfied with the information that had been supplied about what the city owes and what the council will do with the extra revenue.

The Mayor reiterated that the city owes \$370,000 on the city park, they are \$92,000 short in operating revenue in this year's budget and they owe their water and sewer department \$247,000. The Mayor also said that she would like to see a city pool and in the past, has said she would like to see a new building for the fire department.

She also has told the council on repeated occasions that unless a tax is passed she will not be able to give city employees much deserved raises.

There were also suggestions as to amendments to the ordinance, such as exempting all income of those 65 and older by Mt. Vernon librarian Sharron Lovell. Mrs. Kirby also said that she thought the council should enforce the section of the ordinance that requires the hiring of a person to administer the program and collect the tax money for the city, although the Mayor has said she hoped the work could be done with the current staff and one of them being appointed administrator.

Mrs. Lovell and Jeff Smither with the Rockcastle Hospital also presented the council with more petition

against the tax.

Mt. Vernon resident David Woodall also asked the council, mainly the Mayor, what they city planned to do with all of the money. He also asked the Mayor if she had received any petitions in favor of the tax. The Mayor said that she had received a call from one person, a bus driver, who told her that he supported her and appreciated what she was trying to do for the city.

Woodall also told the council that many people live week to week and any tax, even a half percent, would be a burden. Woodall said that he thought people should be able to do things like save for their children's education, instead of paying tax that would possibly be used for something such as a pool.

Lisa Smither also suggested to the council that they pass a quarter percent tax, and only tax the wages

on one job, of a person working two jobs.

Johnny Tyler also asked the council if the income he derived from working in other cities, although he lives and operates his business out of Mt. Vernon would be taxed.

Mayor King told Tyler that she was positive about how that would work, but that she would certainly check into it before the final reading. Mayor King said after the meeting that there would likely be some amendments to the ordinance before its final passage.

Others in attendance to protest the tax were: Terri Woodall, Beulah "Bootsie" Shepherd, Sylvia Mason, Sherry Hansel and Steve Putman.

Mayor King also said that anyone wanting a copy of the ordinance could request it from city hall, but that the city had adopted an open records policy that gives the city three days to comply when information such as its ordinance is requested.

Local man injured at B&H Tool

A Mt. Vernon man is still in the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset after he was involved in a Saturday accident.

Tony Mahaffey, 33, was pinned against the outside wall at B & H Tool, after an automatic ignition struck on his four-wheel drive truck malfunctioned.

Family members said Mahaffey had walked outside of B & H Tool to start his vehicle and let it warm up before leaving. Mahaffey was standing in front of the truck when it started and pinned him against the building.

His brother Jessie said that the truck was not supposed to start if it was in gear, but it did anyway.

Mahaffey received a broken pelvis and broken ribs in the accident.

Man runs after wreck with bus

Police are looking for a man, who ran off from the scene of an accident involving a Rockcastle County school bus on Friday afternoon.

On Monday afternoon, the accident occurred around 4 p.m. on Hwy. 1505 near Conway, after the driver of a blue Escort G.T. crossed the center line and struck the bus. Police said the man was traveling at a high rate of speed when it hit the bus.

Bus driver Clyde Burdette, who was finished with his evening route, was not injured in the accident and no students were on the bus.

After the Escort hit the bus it left the roadway and overturned.

Smith resigns from council

Mt. Vernon City Council member Daryl "Moody" Smith has resigned from the council.

Mayor Karen King said Smith submitted a letter of resignation after he received outside offers for limos and became ineligible to serve.

King said she must wait until the next council meeting on February 7 to accept Smith's resignation and then the council and Mayor resigned 30 days to appoint a replacement.

Smith had already resigned before Monday's meeting and therefore did not vote on the city's controversial tax.

Debra Lambert files for Judgeship

Judge Debra Lambert has announced her candidacy for Family Court Judge for Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties. She has served a Family Court Judge since September 1, 1999, after having been appointed by Governor Paul E. Patton.

Family Courts handle divorce cases, domestic violence cases, child abuse and neglect cases, paternity and child support, adoptions and juvenile status cases, including truancy and beyond control.

Judge Lambert, a Rockcastle County resident, who practiced law there after her graduation from the University of Kentucky Law School in 1989, also has a degree in child development and a minor in Special Education from Eastern Kentucky University. Her law practice included many family law matters. In addition to her family law practice, Judge Lambert has been an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and at the time of her appointment was the Mt. Vernon City Attorney.



Some Beavers have been very busy this winter in the Renfro Creek. Gary Reppert of Mt. Vernon noticed their efforts a few weeks as he drove toward Hummel. Reppert said that he has never seen any of them during the day, but their efforts are always obvious from day to day. Besides cutting down the above Ash tree, which fell across the creek, the Beavers have also constructed a dam in the creek.

Grand Jury indicts 12

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury indicted twelve people Friday for alleged crimes, ranging from armed robbery to stalking.

Mark E. Baker, 34, of Orlando, was indicted on five counts of first degree wanton endangerment.

Baker is accused of shooting into the Orlando Post office on October 9, while five people were inside the building, which also houses Philbeck's Grocery Store.

Because of the shooting, the United States Postal Service closed

the post office, and in the notices they sent to residents, they said they were closing it because of security reasons.

"The only reason they closed the post office was because he shot into the building. There were no security problems at the post office," said Estill Philbeck.

Frankie Lynn Powell, 49, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of robbery in connection with robberies at Mt. Vernon Dairy Mart in Mt. Vernon in December.

One of the charges against Powell is for armed robbery on December 28.

Judy Bowlin, 42, Terry Monjo, 25, Virginia Monjo, 23, and Howard Cameron, Jr., 26, all of Mt. Vernon were indicted on two counts, in connection with a break-in on December 11 at the home of Frankie and Vanessa Meadows at Burr.

Randall James Miner, 28, of Lexington was indicted on one count of escape, after he walked away from a work release detail, while serving time at the Rockcastle Detention Center. He has been recaptured.

Hugh Michael Helton, 42, of Renfro Valley was indicted on one count of first degree stalking. He is accused of threatening to kill his wife, Sharon Helton on December 16.

Scottie R. Harrison, and his brother, James Brandon Harrison of Azbill Road, McKee were indicted on one count of first degree assault. They are accused of hitting Scotty Allen Vay Winkle in the face and

about my new role in helping families. I have been blessed with a great deal of energy and enthusiasm and am dedicated to leading a successful Family Court. Family Court, with its 'One Judge, One Family' concept which attempts to keep the family's legal issues before one Judge, will result in better, more consistent decisions. I have always tried to be a peacemaker in my private practice and feel strongly that seeking peaceful solutions are the role of a Judge, as well. Judges need to be active participants in a problem-solving process. I am enjoying that role immensely," Lambert said.

Lambert has met with each County's Cabinet for Families and Children to listen to their needs and concerns. Training programs are being planned to improve the service to families in the area of child abuse and neglect cases. Additionally, she has met with school truancy officials in all three counties. Judge Lambert is implementing a new truancy program. "Truancy signals that the family unit is in trouble. I see it as an opportunity to get the parents focused on the child's agenda. I order the parents to contact their child's

school and find out what programs or services the schools can offer their child. I also involve the school officials and have them report to the Court on the students needs. I am enjoying cheering on the kids when they get to work on good attendance. They also know I am prepared to be tough should they continue to have poor attendance. Perhaps I have been most personally surprised at how much I enjoy working with these



Circuit Judge Debra Lambert

Danny Ford running for re-election to house

State Representative Danny Ford, of Mt. Vernon, announced today that he is seeking re-election to the 80th District House seat which includes Lincoln, Rockcastle and precincts in Northern Pulaski County.

Ford, who has served as Leader of the House Republican Caucus since 1995, cited several issues he plans to focus on in the coming legislative session.

"First, and foremost, we need to resolve the health care problems that have plagued us since enactment of the 1990 health care reforms in 1999," Ford stated. Ford indicated that he is working closely with the Commissioner of Insurance on several proposals, including the establishment of a high risk pool in order to help health insurers here in Kentucky. Ford went on to say that tax reform, deciding how to spend the national tobacco settlement funds, and workers' compensation insurance will be among the controversial issues in 2000. Ford stated that one piece of legislation he is particularly interested in is the bill to allow the posting of The Ten Commandments in schools and other public buildings.

"I plan to work very hard to see that the Ten Commandments bill, which I believe is constitutional, will be enacted - giving the people the right to decide if this important document should be posted in public facilities."

In his announcement, Ford listed a number of projects that he is proud to have worked for on behalf of the people of his district. In Lincoln County, Ford has worked to secure

funding for the Fort Logan project, Codar Creek Lake, the senior citizen facility in Stanford, the new edition to the Lincoln County Court House, and the reconstruction of Highway 150.

In Rockcastle County, Ford pointed to funding for the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame at Renfro Valley as one of his major legislative accomplishments.

Ford has also been very active in securing funding for water line projects and volunteer fire departments throughout his district.

Ford concluded his announcement by stating that he is looking forward to continuing to serve the people of the 80th District and would be happy to answer any questions concerning his term in legislature and his campaign for re-election.



State Rep. Danny Ford

Child support collection up

According to a January 7, 2000 report of the division of child support office in Frankfort, Rockcastle County Child Support Collections have increased nearly 25% in the last quarter. As a result, County Attorney Jeff Burdette's office was given 98 percent of a possible 100 by the Cabinet for Families and Children based on performance, which again places the county in the upper level of performing counties.

"We place extreme importance on this area, and my child support staff works diligently to see these monies are paid to support children," Bur-

dette said. "This is not about awards, because too many are doing without and so much work is left to do," he added.

Last year, Rockcastle ranked near the top in performance related to child support enforcement and goal set for 2000 promises continuing increases in collections.

Burdette emphasized that most people pay their support and his office works with those who sometimes have trouble in paying. The main focus, however, is the children.

"The new family court and initi-

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Points East

By: Ike Adams

I'm writing this on Martin Luther King Day. I worked today, no disrespect for Dr. King intended, the same way I normally work on Columbus Day, President's Day, Veterans Day and most other times when the banks and government shut down to honor whomever. I usually do take off 4th of July because a figure that day symbolizes pretty much everything the other guys stood for.

And with that said, I'd like to reflect a little on this Holiday because it is at least as appropriate as the others and ought to be treated with the same dignity.

I'm more than a little put out by the comments some school superintendents had in yesterday's paper where they rationalized about why they had decided to hold classes on Martin Luther King Day. Some of them were legitimate. Holding classes on holidays to make up for or to hedge against days that will surely be lost to bad weather probably isn't a bad idea as long as there is no discrimination involved.

But what isn't legitimate is the notion that, as one superintendent put it, "we don't have many minorities

and the ones we do have don't mind us having school."

In other words there is at least one idiot doing a superintendent's position of a public school system in Kentucky who believes that Martin Luther King Day should only be important to "minorities." I'll bet he's also wondering why the rest of the world considers Kentucky's public education system to be near the bottom of the heap.

The Civil Rights Movement that Dr. King organized and initiated will very likely be viewed by historians at the turn of the next century as the single, most important thing that happened in the one the just ended. It will probably take the rest of this century to eliminate bigotry from our society and at least several more generations but Martin Luther King is the person historians will point to first when discussions center around the subject of when America began buying into the fact that all people are created equal.

I have never been able to understand bigots. I went to college with 1500 people in Pikeville where I was,

surrounded by seemingly intelligent folks. They made excellent grades. Many of them went on to become respected doctors, attorneys, engineers and teachers. But in the fall of 1967 three young black men were recruited to join the men's varsity basketball team and given athletic scholarships.

I could not believe it when several of my classmates boycotted basketball games because three freshmen had skin that was not the same shade as theirs. I could not believe that normally level-headed people could harbor hatred the way I saw and heard it expressed to these guys. I could print in a family newspaper the names I was called because I hung out with them. Many of my peers attended the basketball games and cheered wildly but they refused to socialize or befriend the new members of the team. They spent a year at Pikeville College, much of it in fear for their well being. They did not return for their sophomore years and the blunt realization that they had been frightened away because of their skin color was the saddest lesson I learned in college.

I still don't understand it but I know that bigotry is rampant still in today's society. I know that it is ugly and I know that it is patently stupid for anyone to believe that he or she is better and more deserving of preferential treatment than somebody else simply because of the color of his or her skin. Bigotry has easily been the most profound and debilitating social-

disease in our country's history. Martin Luther King beganto make us

believe that it had to be cured and he put this country on the road to that cure. Maybe the day will come when all Americans realize that we are all Americans and exactly what that means-that we all "be judged, not by

the color of our skin, but by the content of our character." There is at least one school superintendent in our state who hasn't quite yet grasped that simple concept and that's what scares me.

The over night trip by train to Ohio when I was five years old must have been the beginning of "Mama's box" where I began to store my experiences of life. For the new sights and sounds and smells of the train puffing up a mountain, gliding into a station in a strange town, the acid smell of smoke coming from the engines, or the smell of someone eating their lunch brought from home, but most of all I remember the beautiful Ohio River coming into view at the break of day. This was all new and enchanting to me. Just recently I had and I talked about this train trip, it was the first for both of us and his memories were a little different from mine. He remembered Mom holding and nursing the baby, Thelma. And how we cuddled on the seats to sleep. I also remembered when he saw Dad and Jim, our oldest brother, beside the train as we arrived. His reunion with dad was his happiest moment, and I think mine was when

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Memoirs of Childhood
Last week's article of special memories brought back others from somewhere in the almost forgotten past that Polly suggested I share with you.

On our way to the farm yesterday she opened Pandora's box of memories and they came tumbling out when she asked about other memories of my childhood I had stored away.

My childhood was one of moving often so the memories are a mixture of many different places; beginning in the hills of Kentucky, close to Olive Hill and sending in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Mt. Vernon. The irony of this, I had never heard of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, until I met Mat. Although there are not many miles separating Mt. Vernon and Olive Hill those few miles made a world of difference in our lifestyle. The people from Carter

County migrated North East, to the upper Ohio Valley and Pennsylvania, where bricklays, potteries and steam mills furnished hard work and fair wages for those needing work, including the migrants from the south. The ones from Rockcastle County headed for Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis and the big cities where factories were more abundant and living conditions much different. The big cities may have been more exciting but the crowded living conditions must have been a surprise to people seeking a living wage and a better way of life.

Our move was to an area where small towns filled the valleys along the banks of the Ohio River. Each of them having its own distinct identity. Streetscars, small red ones for local connections, and large yellow interurbans were used for transportation from farther away places. When we lived in Wellsville the interurbans connected Steubenville with East Liverpool, some fifty miles apart, and ran every hour, the local ones every fifteen minutes. These ran on tracks in the center of the highway within ten feet of our front yard. Across the alley in back of us was the steam mill that furnished the best paying jobs in the area. On the other side of the mill was the railroad and directly below that the Ohio River with steamboats and barges signaling their approach to the dam, "Number 8." It was an interesting location for a kid straight from the hills of Kentucky. I loved it.

I saw Jim running beside the tracks yelling to the top of his voice, Mommie, Mommie. He was only about sixteen years and had been gone from home and working at the brickyard for over a year. His leaving home to go to work was the reason for us being here. My dad was a family man and when Jim left home for a job in Ohio and didn't return during the year Dad would go around humming the song, "Oh where is my boy tonight," so he made up his mind to find out and caught the train for Ohio. He soon set out for us to join them and Ohio became our home.

The whole valley along the river was teeming with activity and every one who wanted work did so. Men did the strenuous back breaking work in the steel mills, brickyards and potteries. Women mostly worked in the potteries while older siblings or grandparents took care of the little ones. Remember back in those days, there was no such thing as a day care center. My sister, Polly, and my Dad worked at Homer Laughlin, a pottery located across the river in West Virginia. She hand painted china while Dad, as a kiln fireman, supervised the operation of the gas kilns over there. More about this area next week.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

I'd like to extend a thank you to every concerned citizen who has shown up at our Mt. Vernon City Council meetings recently, voicing their concerns about the proposed payroll/net profits tax that the council and Mayor are about to incorporate if the votes hold up for the second reading scheduled for the second meeting scheduled for our February monthly meeting.

Although it is down from 1.5% to .5% I still voted no and stated why before I voted. As one concerned taxpayer stated, "How are we supposed to trust the city that this money will go to pay off bills you already have or that it will go for something

like a city swimming pool?"

I stated I wanted a specific purpose put in the ordinance for the need for the tax and not just deposited in the General Fund where it could be spent for whatever the Mayor wants to do with it. The Mayor and clerk were still making changes on this ordinance at 7:30 p.m. Monday night when the scheduled time for the called meeting was 7:00 p.m. Also I was told that a lawyer (John Clontz) had looked it over and it was O.K. He might have looked it over earlier, but I was sure the changes made after he looked it over? When I asked why he wasn't attending our meeting, I didn't get an answer.

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Obituaries

Elmer Hale

Elmer L. Hale, 91, of Scalford Cane Road, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at the Berra Health Care Center following an illness. He was born in Rockcastle County, on April 20, 1908, son of the late William Harrison Hale and Nannie Margaret Bishop Hale. He was a retired farmer, U.S. Army veteran of WWII and member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Edith McCracken Hale of Mt. Vernon and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters.

Services were Sunday, January 16, at Reppert Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Roy Himes and Rev. Ira Dean officiating. Burial was in the Jolietta Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Contributions suggested to Fairview Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Cassie Peters

Cassie Lena Peters, 90, of Abbeater, Alabama, and formerly of Paris, died Friday, January 14, 2000. A native of Rockcastle County, she was born to the late William and Amelia Barrett Mason. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Paris.

Survivors are three sons, Billy Peters and wife, Sue and Charles Peters and wife, Ethel, both of Paris and Henry Peters of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; two daughters, Phyllis Spurlock and husband, Al of Abbeater, Alabama and Linda Mattingly of Paris; one sister, Lillie Halcomb; 17 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Lillian Peters and Myrtle Kathleen Garrison and one son, Arthur Peters, Jr.

Services were Tuesday, January 18, at Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home in Paris with Bro. Wayne Pace, Bro. Don Reed and Phillip Gillispie officiating. Burial was in the Paris Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill Peters, Brian Peters, Buddy Peters, Bobby Mattingly, James Arthur Garrison, Al Spurlock, Tony Spurlock and Jimmy Jones.

Honorary pallbearers were her granddaughters.



William Shepherd

William Earl Shepherd, 70, of Liberty Township, Ohio and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Thursday, January 13, 2000, at the Mercy Hospital South in Fairfield, Ohio. He was born in Rockcastle County on May 17, 1929, the son of William Cecil and Dona Lovell Shepherd. He was a retired sander and grinder for a hospital equipment supplier and attended the Solid Rock Church in Monroe, Ohio.

In addition to his mother, Dona Shepherd, of Mt. Vernon, survivors are his wife, Ina Robbins Shepherd of Liberty Township, Ohio; one son, Dearl Lynn Shepherd of Liberty Township, Ohio; one daughter, Judy Humber, also of Liberty Township; one brother, Earl Shepherd of Mason, Ohio; two sisters, Jean Stephens and Joyce Ann Wilder, both of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Services were Sunday, January 16, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Virgil Bustle officiating. Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jim Fornash, Kevin Robbins, Michael Robbins, Matt Shepherd, Isaac Stepaniak and Chester Woods.

Grace Whitaker

Grace Whitaker, 79, of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 18, 2000, at Patti A. Clay Hospital in Richmond. Funeral services will be Friday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m. at the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church. Friends may call at the Cox Funeral Home after 5:00 p.m. Thursday and at the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church after 11:00 a.m. Friday.

Goldie Cope

Goldie Lavada Cope, 66, of Berea, died Monday, January 10, 2000, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born July 23, 1933 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of William Dave and Dorothy Durham VanWinkle. She had been a homemaker and was a member of the Moravian Church.

Survivors are her husband, Robert Cope of Danville; one son, Robert Detry Cope of Berea; two daughters, Imogene Gilbert of Red Hill and Rhonda Coyle and husband, Ronnie of Red Hill; two brothers, Lonzie VanWinkle of Berea and Clyde David VanWinkle of Paint Lick; four sisters, Ruby Baker, Viola Miller, Gertrude Cain and Madama Faye Himes, all of Berea; 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Dale Kelly Cope.

Services were Thursday, January 13, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Joe Alexander officiating. Burial was in the Ralph Clark Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jeff Cope, Jamie Cope, Dale Kelly Cope, Jr., John Coyle, Ronnie Coyle and Kenny Cain.

Mary Thomas

Mary Singleton Thomas, 86, of Berea, died Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at the Berea Hospital following an illness. She was a Rockcastle County native born July 17, 1913, daughter of the late Phillip and Martha Shepherd Singleton. She was a retired school teacher in Rockcastle County, and the Seminole County, Florida, school systems, having received her B.S. Degree from Eastern Kentucky State Teacher's College which is now Eastern Kentucky University. She was proud of her heritage as a one-room school teacher having started her teaching career at

the Cooksburg School in the Crooked Creek section of Rockcastle County. The first year she taught, her salary was \$72.00 per month or \$3.60 per day for a twenty day month. Miss Mary, as she was affectionately called by her students has stated, "Most of the teaching was done on a one-on-one basis. We did not have any modern teaching aids, but teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Honest, courtesy and independence were also taught." She was a member of First Christian Church of Berea, A.A.R.P., Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, a former Red Cross Volunteer and former Berea Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer.

Survivors are two sisters, Naomi Si Owens of Berea, Buelah S. Rawlins of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services were Thursday, January 13, at Reppert Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. J. Randolph Osborne officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Contributions suggested to First Christian Church of Berea.

Nola McClure

Nola Ann Gooch McClure, 63, of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Bee Lick, on March 10, 1936, the daughter of the late Clyde F. Gooch and Verne Reynolds and was a member of the Freedom Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Dana McClure of Mt. Vernon and Danny Bullock and wife, Betty, of Livingston; one daughter, Carolyn Fisher and husband, David of Somerset; one brother, Oris Gooch of Somerset; one sister, Verla Hamilton of Louisville; five grandchildren, Scottie Bullock, Sheri Creach, Angela Sluder, Christy Mercer and John Mercer, Jr., and one great grandchild.

Services were Friday, January 14, at the Palaski Funeral Home in Somerset with Bro. Cecil Roundtree officiating. Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery.

This obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Oakley Ross

Oakley M. Hale Ross, 92, died Monday, January 17, 2000. She was born in Rockcastle County on November 17, 1907. She was an active member of the Mason Grange for many years.

Survivors are two sons, James Harding and wife, Marcy and Homer Harding and wife, Ruth; three sisters, Lois Neal, Ethel Blackledge and Isabel Haigh; eight grandchildren, Sherry Harding, Jamie Harding, Barbara Jackson, Rebecca Lyons, Deborah Retinger, John Dick, Lori Ann Doane and Scott Harding and eight great grandchildren, Timothy Retinger, Heather Retinger, Samantha Lyons, Sarah Lyons, Casey Doane, Keith Doane, Tasha Harding and Nathan Johnson. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Harding; her second husband, Charles Ross; one son, Oliver Harding; two daughters, Gladys Smith and Mable Dick; four brothers, Doyle Hale, Foster Hale, Edsel Hale and Orbin Hale; one sister, Dorothy Nunamy.

Services will be Friday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. at Schmidt-Dhonau Funeral Home located at 10980 Reading Road, Sharonville, Ohio.

Cards of Thanks

Herman Gilbert

The family of Herman Gilbert wishes to express our sincere thanks for all the support and prayers everyone showed us in our time of need. Thank you and God bless you all.

Imogene, Teresa, Mitchell

Goldie Cope
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Imogene, Rhonda, Desty

Pearlee Whitaker
The family of Pearlee Whitaker would like to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who was so kind and thoughtful during the loss of our beloved mother.

Thanks to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards and for their prayers.

Our special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Roger Ouler for their beautiful songs, Rev. B. and Parkerson for his wonderful message of hope. A special thanks to Edd, grandson, who could not attend for his tribute which was read by Angie Halleen, granddaughter. Thanks to the grandsons who were pallbearers.

A special thanks to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for their kindness and compassion shown to us at this very sad time of our lives.

Daughters of Pearlee Whitaker

Dolly Payne

The family of Dolly Payne would

like to express our thanks and sincere appreciation for all the love and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear mother and grandmother.

To each one who said a prayer, sent flowers or a card, brought food, or visited with Mom in the nursing home and hospital, we thank you.

A special thank you to Marvin Owens Home for Funerals; Rockcastle Hospital doctors, nurses, and Special Care Unit nursing staff; Sowder Nursing Home staff; Rockcastle Ambulance Service and Harry Harmon, who was Mom's favorite ambulance driver and a good friend; Bro. Larry Harmon and Bro. Brian Bohm for their warm and comforting words; Mark Whicker, Janelle Payne (granddaughter) and Ashley Scoggin (great granddaughter) for their beautiful songs. May God bless you.

Tom, Jr., Jackie, Jeanne, Joyce, Rose, Sharon and grandchildren
Thank You
We, the staff of Sowder Nursing Home, would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the people and organizations that donated money and gifts to brighten our residents' Christmas. We wish each of you could have been here to see the joy on their faces when Santa Claus passed out their gifts. Once again we greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

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A good job of listening; court should way benefits

Richard Anderkin
Editor
Mount Vernon Signal

I have always been a firm believer in giving credit where credit is due and although many people will still think it is too much, at least the Mt. Vernon City Council listened to the concerns of residents and lowered their proposed payroll tax rate.

On Monday night the council voted the narrowest of margins, 3-2, to impose the tax at a rate of a half percent or a half cent of every dollar earned in the city.

That rate is a far better one than the 1.5 percent proposed by the Mayor and some members of the council last November and it still should be enough money to take care of the city's financial woes.

There were some other suggestions made by residents that the city should also consider.

Resident Sharon Lovell suggested that the wages of those 65 and over be totally exempt instead of just the first \$2,000 of the ordinance calls for.

I'm not sure of the exact wording, but the ordinance also calls for an occupational tax collector to handle the state's massive amounts of paper waste, that will be involved in collecting the tax.

Mayor King has said that she intends for the current staff at city hall to handle the paperwork initially, but in order to make things run smoothly from the start and not have a lot of confusion, she and the council should create the position and hire someone to be in charge of this very important part of the city's operation.

Monday night the Mayor presented figures from the state that showed a one percent tax generating about \$600,000 annually. She said the state had also said that the one percent net profit tax would generate about the same amount, which would total to \$1.2 million annually.

So, we all know that at a half percent the tax will generate approximately \$600,000 a year for the city, so money to pay someone will not be a problem.

Again the council should be commended for listening to the enormous outpouring from those opposed to the higher tax, but many citizens still would like to see a solid plan of

action and they would also like to be presented with some solid information about what the city plans to do with the money.

The second and final reading of the ordinance is scheduled for the next regular council meeting on February 7, at 7:00 p.m. The tax will begin being collected on April 1.

There has been some recent discussion concerning the Toddy Payne Road and the possibility of the fiscal court closing it.

That is because of a multi-million dollar project that is underway in the southern part of the county.

A project that once completed, would be of a great benefit to the county as a whole.

Last month the court voted not to close the road although it is impossible to cross the road in a car. The absolutely only way a person can cross the road is in a four wheel drive truck, which would be quite an adventure on an ATV.

Mike and Lori Gates had heard Christ Outreach for the Blind and have thought about hundreds acres along the road. They have spent thousands and thousands of dollars cleaning up the property and working on the road so they will have access to their eventual home.

No one living along the section of the road that Gates wants closed, and everyone that lives on either end has access.

The county has not maintained the road in years to the extent that small trees have grown up in it.

Mike Gates said that he doesn't want to cause any problems, but a retreat for the blind must be safe and in a secure area. As long as the road is open that will not happen.

Some of the people that use the road now for ATV riding, which is against the law on a county road, don't stay on the road, they trespass on their vehicles and others use the sides of the road as a garbage dump.

Gates said that some people are even using the area to grow marijuana.

The court should take a good hard look at the road and the benefit of closing the road compared to the benefit of having a retreat that would help blind and disabled people and provide 20 good paying jobs.

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

Happy Birthday, Mom!

She was born the oldest of four children on January 29, 1920 in Cool Springs, Georgia. Cool Springs was a sandy crossroads in southern Georgia that consisted of two stores, a school and the Free Will Baptist Church. Over the next eighteen years she was joined by a sister and two brothers. Her parents were hardworking farmers who raised cotton, tobacco, and hogs. They were strict and required their children to work hard. Life was not easy and luxuries were few and far between.

Everyone has a story to tell. This is the story of my mother, Mary Agnes Brann Whitehead, who will celebrate her 80th birthday in a few days.

The stories that she tells from her grade school days are of school plays and basketball. She then attended high school in Moultrie, Georgia, and played on the girls' basketball team. Young ladies who believe they are breaking new ground today as female athletes do not realize that this ground was broken long ago by people like my mother.

Religion was an important part of her life as a child and remains so to this day. Her mother taught Sunday School at the Free Will Baptist Church and insisted that her children be there every Sunday. Throughout her life my mother has continued to be a dedicated churchwoman, holding positions of leadership in her local church and in district missionary associations. At this time she is still an active member and Sunday school teacher at the Sand Spring Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg.

After high school she moved to Albany, Georgia to enroll in business college. Going off to school by herself was quite an undertaking for a young woman in south Georgia in the 1930s. It was in Albany that she met this handsome Kentucky boy who had moved south to work on air-

planes and eventually join the Army. She and Roy Whitehead were married on July 16, 1942 and lived together until his death in 1989.

When the war was over, Roy took his bride back to his home in western Kentucky. As Agnes traveled through the rolling hills of Muhlenberg and Ohio counties, she thought that she had never seen such narrow, curvy roads in her life. It was very different from the flat land of her home, but she settled in to make a life for herself and her husband in this new land. Welcomed by my father's family, she soon became a respected member of the church and the community.

Two children, my sister and I, came along in a few years, and while my dad worked long hours for Peabody Coal Company, Mom raised the kids. She and dad sacrificed a lot to give us the opportunities they never had. He had been one of eleven children and had never had the opportunity to go to college. Both wanted their children to have more. Together they provided the opportunity for my sister and I to attend college and experience the world in ways they never had. Without their sacrifices, I would not be where I am today.

No talk of my mother would be complete without a mention of her cooking skills. There is nothing like Southern cooking. It just does not get any better than a meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, lima beans, corn, fresh tomatoes and homemade rolls. Those rolls were and continue to be some of the best things you ever put in your mouth. But, all in all, my favorite has to be the chocolate pie. I have eaten a lot of chocolate pie in my years, and I can tell you that no one makes a chocolate pie as good as my mother's. No one.

Mom, I appreciate the sacrifices that you have made for me. It justifies I have passed on a little of your wisdom and strength to my children.

Mt. Vernon Personals

By Marie McKinney

Last weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney were their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney of Reading, Ohio; their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Lovins; grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lovins of Berea, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lovins and grand-daughter, Samarah Jack, of Livingston; also Oma Vaughn of Woodstock, Jerry Vaughn of Somerset and Mr. Bud Parker of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgie Kirby and Mrs. Billy French of Indiana spent last Saturday night with Mrs. Bessie Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Brown a while Monday.

Our sympathy goes out to all who have lost loved ones recently.

Mrs. Peggie Murphy visited her mother, Mrs. Parsey Nicely on Saturday.

C.S. and Marie McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Barnett last Sunday.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Brown were their daughter, Mrs. Brenda McFerron and grandsons, Terry and Jerry.

"Letters" (Cont. from A2)

Of course I finished reading the ordinance when I was home later Monday night after the council, not before the vote was taken.

Why a person that is a council member would be so trusting is beyond me to you yes without knowing what the ordinance really said or may be not caring.

I for one do care about the job I'm trying to be fair and legal. As pointed out the council last night's meeting, we are the ones who are responsible for what happens with every vote that we cast not the Mayor so much as us.

I still need the people to keep on showing that they will keep tabs on what's going on at City Hall and hopefully this ordinance can still get some changes before its second and final reading.

Thank you Editor and thank you concerned citizens.

Clarice R. Kirby
Mt. Vernon City Council Member

Dear Editor:

It is the early morning hours, two days before Christmas, as I begin this letter. Although this is a joyous season, it brings an occasional teardrop to the eyes of my wife and I.

There is a vacancy at our home. Our son will not be here to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth with us. Instead, we made a trip to his burial site and placed a Christmas wreath on his grave.

Stephen J. Poole's death on Mother's Day, May 14, 1989 turned our world upside down. His sister suffered an emotional breakdown and all three of our lives has a void forever.

An oncoming driver making a left turn drove into our son's lane of traffic, hitting his car at the lip of the driver's side front fender and was in the driver's seat when he got through. In a short time, death occurred.

The driver said, and the accident report states, "I didn't see the car." Indeed, this driver couldn't see to properly mow a lawn, much less operate a motor vehicle. However, he had a valid driver's license.

This took place one year to the day after Larry Mahoney, a drunk driver, caused the death of 27 people in a church bus. If you or your son were facing death in an auto accident and the cause was to be a drunk driver or a driver that couldn't see, which would you choose? A crazy question not worthy of thought or an answer?

Your actions as a Kentucky Legislator are going to speak for you on this question in this legislative session. The legislature has made drunk driving a crime, however, driving without eyesight that meets the standard required of a newly licensed driver in Kentucky is encouraged. Most drivers never again have to pass an eye sight test after securing their license. Therefore Kentucky's high-ways will have many drivers with sub-standard eye sight.

I beg you to use your influence to enact legislation requiring that drivers nearing license renewal or first issue be required to pass an eyesight test.

If you do so, you will have said legislation that crazy question I asked earlier, and kept teardrops from the eyes of many people during these Christmas seasons. I will be willing to furnish more information or assist in any way.

Sincerely,
Stephen W. Poole
Berea, KY

Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chasteen

Hello to all!

I haven't been able to write much lately, but I will try to write a little bit, with God's help. I do feel much better and thank God for the improvement.

So many people are sick, the flu is raging at this time. I feel so sorry for those who are ill, or have lost loved ones recently.

Rev. David Aker is still serving as our supply pastor and we thank God for him.

The attendance was very good over the weekend and 138 were present for Sunday School. We are blessed to have so many young people in our church.

Well, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays are past and gone. Hope each of you enjoyed all of them. If we are well and happy we are thankful to be alive.

Dorothy Lambert and Mary Lou Reynolds of Augusta, Georgia, are visiting Dorothy's relatives at the present time.

Several folks from the Fairview vicinity enjoyed the delicious fish supper sponsored by the Brindle Ridge Fire Department on Saturday night, January 8th.

Mrs. Hallie Alexander and Mrs. Mayne Gregory visited at the home of Mr. Marshall Whittemore of Conway last Wednesday.

Mrs. Jean Hayes of Winchester is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Cope. Mrs. Hallie Alexander, visited Mrs. Dealie Barnett Sunday.

Let's all try to be more loving, nicer and kinder in this year of 2000. We will be happier that way. God bless you.

"What Saith The Scriptures"

In the book of Acts we read, "And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." Acts 18:24-26.

There could be many lessons mentioned about Apollos that we could talk about, but we want to emphasize one lesson in particular: Apollos was teachable! Though he was religious, sincere, fervent in spirit, eloquent in speech, and mighty in the scriptures, he needed to learn some things. Aquila and Priscilla took the time and effort to help him and Apollos was receptive to their help. Jesus prayed, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." Matt. 11:25.

We have far too many in the sectarian, denominational world, who are in error, that cannot be taught. Why? Because they do not have this teachable spirit. I would to God we had more people in the world like Apollos, teachable! Would you be receptive to understanding the way of God more perfectly, or would you get mad? Think on these things.

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Notice: Is hereby given that Renee Robinson, HC 63 Box 7, Orlando, KY 40460 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Dorothy M. Miller, on the 12 day of January, 2000. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Renee Robinson, or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdette, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 12, 2000. 16x3

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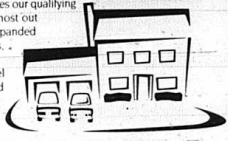
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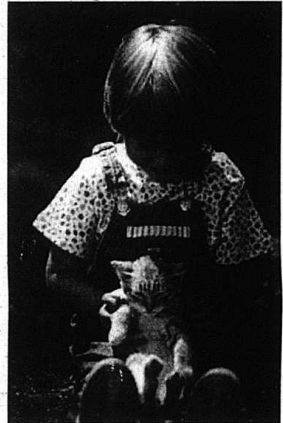
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Officers for Woodmen of the World elected for the year 2000 are, from left: Walter Malone, Cletus Peters, Frances Anderson, Mary Ann McNew, Margie Malone, Jean Towery, field representative, Connie A. Lewis, A. Larry Lewis, Bodie Barnett, Donald Bullock and Sandy Bullock.



LuEd Nielsen was presented with a donation for REAP by Mrs. Towery.



Walter Malone, right, received a past president's pin from area manager David Combs.



Krystal Farthing received a Woodmen of the World Life Saver Citation for transporting her father to the hospital after he had suffered a crippling asthma attack. The presentation was made at Woodmen of the World's annual Christmas Dinner in December.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC Election

The County Committee (COC) election usually held in December each year has been postponed until March 2000. The upcoming election will include the Local Administrative Area (LAA), LAA#3 (Community C) which includes Northeast and Southeast section of Rockcastle County bond by Garrard, Madison, Jackson and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Little Hurricane Road, I-75 and Hwy. 25.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be County or community FSA committee member if the producer resides in the LAA in which the election is being held, eligible to vote and is willing to serve if elected.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the FSA office and must

be received no later than January 21st.

The calendar of events pertaining to the COC election are as follows:

Jan. 21st - Final date to receive nominating petitions

Feb. 11th - Final date for COC to review, approve and complete

State of Nominces

Feb. 18th - Final date for mailing letters to nominces

Feb. 24th - Deadline for mailing ballots

March 6th - Final date for returning complete ballots

March 14th - Final date for tabulating ballots and public notice of election results

April 1st - COC beginning term

No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs or marital or family status.

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

Rockcastle County has been approved to implement LAP to provide grazing loss assistance through direct payments. Signup for LAP ends January 21, 2000.

To be eligible for LAP a producer must have suffered a 40% or greater loss of normal grazing production for three or more consecutive months during the LAP crop year, possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock (beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, equine animals used for commercially or kept by owner food/fiber production, have owned or leased the eligible livestock for at least three months.

In order to complete the application, producers must list the number of eligible livestock head by weight groups and have receipts for purchases and sales for the months of July-November 15th.

Because only a specific amount of money (\$200 million) has been approved for LAP, a national factor will be determined if application requests

exceed the allocated amount of money. This factor will be announced after the end of signup.

If you have not signed up for this program, remember the deadline is now February 4th.

For more details on LAP contact the FSA office.

Applications For New Burley Tobacco Quota

Producers who own land and do not have a burley tobacco quota may be eligible for a new burley tobacco quota. Eligibility requirements include: own land which has tillable cropland with no tobacco quota, have two out of five years marketing history of burley tobacco, and 50% of all income derived from farming. Producers who wish to make an application should contact this office no later than February 15th.

Cross Country Leasing Referendum

Referendum ballots have been mailed to eligible burley tobacco producers. The ballot asks "Are you in favor of lease and transfer of burley tobacco quota across county lines within the state of Kentucky beginning with the 2000 crop year?"

The referendum ballot shall be postmarked or returned to the FSA office no later than January 14, 2000. If more than 50 percent of the producers voting in the State referendum are in favor, lease and transfer of burley quota across county lines within the State will be in effect beginning with the 2000 crop.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Change

Under new provisions pertaining to LDP, producers who marketed the 1999 crop and lost beneficial interest and failed to file a CCC 709 or CCC 666 will now be eligible for payment. Counties must determine if the crop was sold, fed or used for seed and the producer must certify on the CCC 666.

For more details on the latest LDP change please contact FSA.



University of Kentucky mascot Gavin Duerson, also known as the University of Kentucky's Wildcat mascot, received a Good Neighbor Citation from Jean Towery, field representative of the Woodmen of the World.

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CAP's Christmas basket program brightens holidays for thousands

During this special holy season, it is customary to bestow and receive gifts from friends and family, 'tis the time of giving. However, sometimes there are those within our midst that go without, that will have no presents due to limited finances, lack of employment or circumstances beyond their control. These individuals number in the thousands, throughout eastern Kentucky, and some will be touched by the generosity of the Christian Appalachian Project's Christmas Basket Program.

Santa's elves at the Christian Appalachian Project began their work during the heat of June, sending appeal letters throughout our nation to spark interest and involvement in the Christmas program. CAP caseworkers compile "wish lists" from local families in need. The "wish lists" travel to donors across the country, as well as real nearby. The holiday packages begin to make their way to Kentucky just after Halloween and continue to arrive through the mail up until the first week of December.

Distribution of the holiday packages begins a week before Christmas in eleven counties which include, Garrard, Knott, southern Madison, Rockcastle, Owsley, Jackson, McCreary, Johnson, Floyd, Magoffin and Martin. Local churches open their

doors to CAP and provide participants with a special service before the gift distribution to rejoice in song and praise. It becomes a joint community effort, as a number of religious lend their space and sanctuary to the programs within the various counties.

Throughout the course of December, the CAP Christmas basket program will provide gifts, food and brighten the holidays of over 5,000 Appalachians, who otherwise would have a rather bleak, sparse Christmas.

"My children would not have had a Christmas if it hadn't been for CAP, they've been a true blessing to our household," remarked a participant in McCreary county.

Not only during the holidays but throughout the year, The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) is there lending a hand up. CAP is an interdenominational, nonprofit Christian service organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than seventy programs and services, CAP's efforts reach people through the thirteen Appalachian states.



Teenage Mothers Networking Group celebrated the holidays.

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The Rockcastle Teen Center was the setting for a warm and delightful evening of celebration with young mothers in the Mt. Vernon area, who are involved with Christian Appalachian Project's Parents Are Teachers.

Rockcastle Teen Center and Resource Mothers Group through the Cumberland Valley Health Department.

Approximately forty mothers and children gathered 'round a Christmas

tree and visited with one another. The women received gift packages from CAP and the Health Department.

However, they experienced something more valuable. They came away with the opportunity to interact and communicate with other mothers, the majority of them single.

"It gave the moms the chance to see other mothers relating to their children and it's been enjoyable for me to see them relaxed in an atmosphere that is baby friendly, they can sit back and enjoy motherhood," stated Suzann Fenton of Christian Appalachian Project's Parents Are Teachers. Suzann, a Developmental Interventionist with the Christian Appalachian Project's Parents Are Teachers Program, serves families of children (birth to three years of age) with developmental delays and/or physical disabilities. Her role as a Developmental Interventionist and provider of First Steps services, provides and instructs parents on activities to enhance their child's growth and development.

Also, the children got a surprise visit from the jolly old elf, Santa Claus, who came with a sack full of Christmas packages and toys that would contribute to their development. The children were elated with the appearance of the bearded guest

and spent time pulling his whiskers and enjoying their surprises.

Being a teenage parent, they can miss out on a lot, everyone coming together tonight allowed them company and fellowship they ordinarily would not experience," commented Glenna Robinson, Manager of CAP Rockcastle Teen and Youth Center, where a few of these young women participated earlier in their young lives.

"It was so much easier this year, doing the Christmas party, in relation to space and resources, we all three worked very well together," stated Regina Hamm of the Cumberland Valley Health Department. She is manager of the Resource Mothers group that provides intervention up until age one, her networking group numbers over twenty moms.

Suzann and Glenna Sempley, the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), is an interdenominational, nonprofit Christian service organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than seventy programs and services, CAP's efforts reach people through the thirteen Appalachian states.



Students from St. Xavier in Cincinnati assist Christian Appalachian Project Outreach with their Christmas basket distribution.

CAP's JobStart receives the holidays software donation

A sizeable donation of computer software has answered a critical need in Christian Appalachian Project's JobStart program. SmartForce, formerly CBT (Computer Based Technology) a leader in the design and development of interactive educational software for information technology professionals worldwide, provided the donation which will place JobStart participants on the cutting edge of technology.

The donation consisted of software educational packages totaling seven thousand dollars. Three main components: A+ Courseware, SmartForce's TechEd Series and the Can I Series comprise the in-kind inventory. The gift makes an overwhelming addition to the curriculum of JobStart, a program that equips participants with a multitude of specific skills and competencies affording them more marketability.

Brent Bundy and former CAP volunteer Bill Wilder, both of SmartForce were instrumental in coordinating the partnership and bringing the JobStart staff up to speed in utilizing the technology. The A+ courseware will teach participants how to diagnose problems on their PC's and replace damaged components of their computer. This courseware is highly sought after and will capture the attention of prospective employers, thus increasing the value of the donation. The TechEd Series provides course-

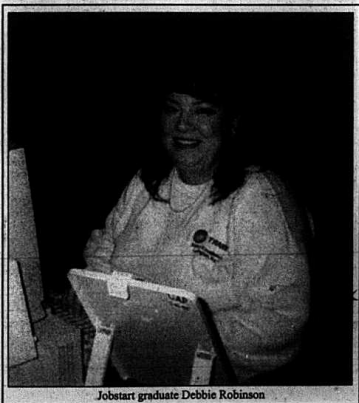
ware for Microsoft Office User Certification, targeting Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Outlook programs. The Can I Series consists of sixteen interactive multimedia programs emphasizing "soft" skills such as listening successfully, dealing with conflict and thinking creatively.

This gives JobStart participants more credibility and elevates our computer education component, placing us on level with professional computer training companies," stated Janet Ryan, CAP JobStart manager.

In addition to the donation, a possible mentoring program is underway with SmartForce which would offer JobStart participants access to free technical support.

Close to 250 individuals have benefited from the JobStart training program, with local employers partnering with CAP to provide a working environment and job shadowing opportunities.

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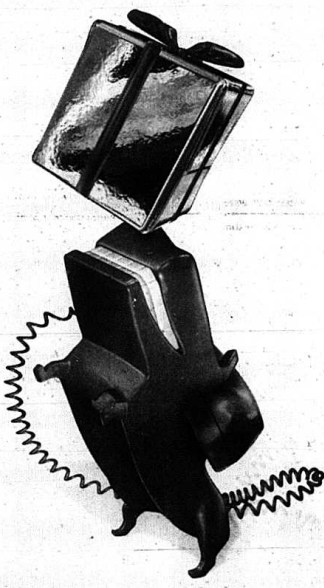


Jobstart graduate Debbie Robinson

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Lady Rockets back on track with wins over Whitley and OBI

The 10-6 Lady Rockets met the 10-6 Whitley County Lady Colonels last Thursday night and, before the Colonels knew what had hit him, they were down 14-2 in the first quarter and things didn't get any better for the host team.

Behind 8 first quarter points by sophomore Amber Denny, the Rockets played good solid basketball that left the Colonels reeling and unable to regroup.

The Rockets continued their barrage, building to a 41-25 third quarter lead to the final 56-41.

Brooke Roberts led the scoring with 17; Brandy Reynolds got 16; Denny added 10; Jessica Cobb and Rachelle Hammond, 4 each; Ashley Lawson 3 and Amber Falin, 2.

Monday night, Oneida Baptist Institute came to town and Coach Chrystl Noble dressed both her varsity and jayvee teams for the game.

Noble's starters jumped out to a first quarter 28-0 lead and, her bench just added to OBI's misery, leading 44-6 at half time; 61-12 at the end of the third quarter and racking up a resounding 76-17 win.

Altogether, 22 Rockets got into the game and 15 scored with Amber Falin leading with 11. Other Rockets scoring were: Laura Beth Bell, who hit three three point baskets, 9; Rachelle Hammond scored 8; Johanna Abney 7; Angie Boring 6; Amy Barnett 5; Brandy Reynolds, Brooke Roberts, Jessica Cobb and Amber Denny, 4 each; Amanda Barnett and Jessie Hayes, 3 each and Brianna Bussell and Anja Puhlmann, 2 each.

Jayvees win

Angie Boring led the way with 12 points in the junior varsity Rock-

ets win over the Colonels.

The Rockets led 18-2 at the end of the first quarter and went on to a 46-23 victory.

Other Rockets scoring were: Leslie Carpenter with 8; Ashley Mink and Amy Barnett, 6 each; Jessie Hayes 5; Laura Beth Bell 4; Brianna Bussell and Jessie Thacker, 2 each and Allison Anderkin 1.

Freshmen win two, lose one

The Rocket freshmen team easily defeated Estill County last Friday night, 45-20, lost to Lincoln Saturday, 39-31 and defeated Casey County Tuesday night 34-25.

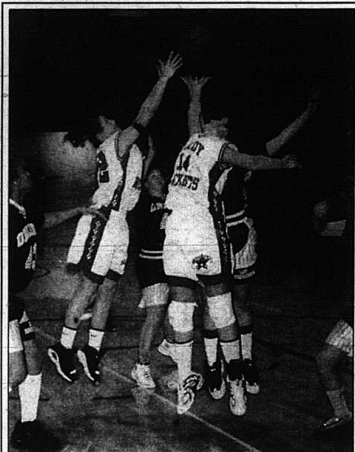
Against Estill County, 12 freshmen got into the scoring column and Johanna Abney led with 7 points. Others scoring were: Ashley Mink, Brianna Bussell and Tara Rowe, 6 each; Jessie Hayes and Lauren Clontz, 4 each and Amy Barnett, Jessie Thacker, Jessica Carpenter, Allison Anderkin, Stephanie Price and Jessie Riddle, 2 each.

Saturday against Lincoln, the Rockets fell behind in the first quarter and just couldn't catch up, losing 39-31.

Amy Barnett and Ashley Mink tied for scoring honors with 8 each; Jessie Hayes got 5; Tara Rowe, 4; Allison Anderkin 3; Johanna Abney 2 and Jessica Carpenter 1.

At Casey County Tuesday night, the Rockets took a 6-0 lead and went on to win 34-25.

Ashley Mink was high point player for the Rockets with 8; Jessie Hayes and Jessie Thacker got 7 each; Brianna Bussell scored 4; Johanna Abney 3; Jessica Carpenter and Lauren Clontz 2 each and Amy Barnett 1.



Senior Jessica Cobb and sophomore Amber Denny fight for a rebound during the Lady Rockets 76-17 win Monday night over Oneida. In all, 22 Lady Rockets played in the game with 15 scoring.

Outdoors in Rockcastle

By Mike Carpenter
Elk Make a Comeback

On December 17, 1997, history was made! The KDFW (Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife) along with the help of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation started Elk Restoration in Kentucky. On that cold December morning 200 elk were released at the Cypress-Amox Wildlife Management Area in Perry County. This historic release was the beginning of bringing in wild elk to Eastern Kentucky. These are not the first elk in Kentucky, hundreds of years ago elk roamed our state. In 1769 Colonel Thomas wrote in his journal about the abundance of deer, elk and bison in Kentucky. As civilization grew and unregulated hunting caused the disappearance of elk.

According to the KDFW, 200 elk will be released every year until the number increases in the herd, and they are able to reproduce and flourish.

Commissioner for KDFW, Tom Bennett, says that so far elk restoration has been a great success even though there have been instances where elk were destroyed or perished. The herd is healthy and things look promising. In fact the first elk

hunt in the state is scheduled for Fall 2001. Look for a lottery drawing for about 11 permits, the other three will be auctioned off to raise money for the elk program.

Even though elk were released in extreme eastern Kentucky, there have been sightings here in our own county. Who knows, maybe seeing an elk in Rockcastle County will be as common as seeing whitetail deer.

KDFW urges Kentuckians to help in protecting the elk herd. You can help out wildlife biologists just by keeping your eyes open for these majestic animals. Take your binoculars along for those drives out on the backroads and see if you can spot them. If you do happen to see one and if you are able to see the radio collar look for its number, write it down and contact the KDFW at 1-800-858-1549. Tell them where you spotted the elk, the collar number and the date.

Even though deer season ended January 17th grab your hunting guide and check it out. The seasons for rabbit, quail, grouse and other game are still in. So get out, take your kids the future outdoors men and women of Rockcastle County and enjoy the great outdoors!

Rockets drop to 5-11 on season

The Rockcastle County Rockets traveled to Bell County Friday night, only to come away with their tenth loss of the season, 56-49.

The Rockets held the lead after the first quarter, behind good shooting from senior Matthew Brown, who had eight of his fifteen points in the first quarter.

Two made free throws by Andrew Cash gave the Rockets the 16-10 first quarter lead.

Rockcastle could only muster seven points in the second quarter, but held Bell County to only 10, and went into the locker room at halftime up three, 23-20.

Five Rockcastle players scored in the third quarter, but Bell County managed to tie the score at the end of the third, 37-37.

The fourth quarter was closer than the final score indicated, as the Rockets were down two 51-49 with 47 seconds to go and had to begin fouling the Bobcats, who connected on five of six free throws, without an answer from the Rockets.

Rockcastle lusted Madison Southern Tuesday night, to be handed their eleventh loss of the season 57-42.

Madison Southern got up 8-2 to begin the game, but the Rockets came back to outscore the Eagles 9-5 to cut Southern's lead to two, 13-11 to end the first quarter.

Rockcastle was down 26-23 at the end of the first half and fared no better in the second half, as Madison Southern outscored the Rockets in the third quarter 16-14 for the 42-37 lead.

Rockcastle had a disastrous fourth quarter, scoring only five points to Madison Southern's 15.

Homecoming festivities are Monday night between the girls and boys doubleheader against Monticello.

Rockcastle Linesscores

Rockcastle	16	7	14	12	49
Bell Co.	10	10	17	19	56
Matthew Brown	15	Andrew Cash	15	Jacob Burdette	9
Andrew Hammond	8	Nick Leger	2		

Southern	13	13	16	15	57
Rockcastle	11	12	14	5	42
Andrew Cash	15	Nick Leger	9	Andrew Hammond	7
Matthew Brown	7	Shea Taylor	3	Jason Reynolds	1

Jayvees win close one, 34-33

The Rockcastle Jayvees won a close one Tuesday night against Madison Southern 34-33.

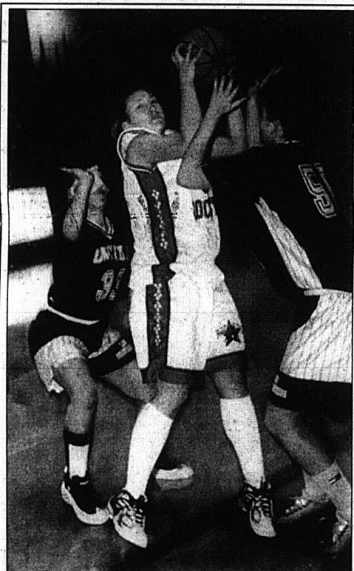
Jeremy Neeley was high point man with 18. Josh Rowland also scored in double digits with 11. Thomas Coffey scored three while Aaron Anderkin had two points.

Southern had the ball and a chance to win with 36 seconds to go in the game, but good defense by the Rockets denied the Eagles the shot, and Jeremy Neeley came up with the steal with two seconds to go to secure the win for the Rockets.

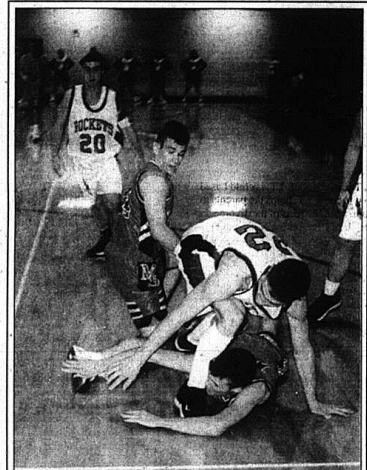
Jayvee Linesscores

Southern	10	9	6	8	33
Rockcastle	7	14	21	11	34

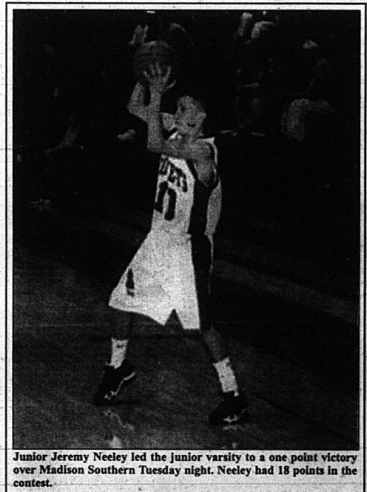
Rockcastle	8	9	9	17	41
Bell Co.	16	18	18	24	76
Aaron Anderkin	17	Thomas Coffey	15	Jeremy Neeley	5
Josh Rowland	4	Aaron Cash	3	Shea Taylor	3
Austin Miller	2	Stephen Boring	2	each.	



Senior Brooke Roberts led the scoring for her team in their win over the Whitley Co. Lady Colonels last Thursday night with 17 points. Above, she is shown grabbing a rebound in the Rocket-OBI game Monday night.



Andrew Hammond fights for a loose ball during the Rockets 57-42 loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. Hammond had seven points in the contest. Also in the photo is #20 Andrew Cash who led the scoring with 15.



Junior Jeremy Neeley led the junior varsity to a one point victory over Madison Southern Tuesday night. Neeley had 18 points in the contest.

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From Long Ago

Submitted By Ray Evans
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 The following first appeared in the Mount Vernon Signal on April 19, 1907. It was recently transcribed from microfilm of that issue of the Signal. With these submissions, I am starting these gleanings with the Signal's present readers.
Ottawa News
 April seems to have borrowed March for a few days. Mr. Levi Sower, of Preachersville, visited relatives and friends here Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Mary J. Brown has been very sick of measles for the past week. Mesdames S.T. Proctor and Lincoln Stinger were here Thursday. J.B. Sutton was in Brodhead Friday and Saturday on business. Tart

Proctor visited relatives at Quail Saturday. Jno. A. Brown formerly of this place, but now of Browns, visited relatives here Friday and Saturday. Auctioneer H.C. Jones, of Hiatt visited J.B. Sutton and family Wednesday until Thursday. Mr. Robert Wallen has been suffering very much from something similar to catarrh. J.J. Brown was in Brodhead Friday on business. Several of the people in the neighborhood attended the sale Thursday of M.G. Proctor, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oliver of near this place visited relatives in Lincoln county Saturday and Sunday. J.W. Brown and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and family Sunday. Morris Proctor of Quail was here Thursday. Mr. Cash Herrin, of Elborn, visited relatives and friends here Saturday. Homer G. Proctor was the pleasant guest of Grayden Proctor Sunday last. Mrs. Sallie Sower went to Brodhead Monday to have some dental work done. The fruit is badly damaged in this section. S.T. Proctor went to Brodhead Monday on business. Rev. Metcalf failed to fill his regular appointment at Union Sunday. J.W. Proctor of Quail was in this section Monday looking after his farm interest. Will Adams, the hustling peddler, of near Albright, was in this section Tuesday. J.F. Herrin, of near Quail was in this section Monday on business.

"Child Support"

(Cont. from front)

troubled teenagers. To play the role of a caring, adult, authority figure to these young people has been extremely rewarding to me. I hope to make a positive difference in the direction their lives take," Lambert said.

A large part of Lambert's caseload is domestic violence. He has developed an opening for the domestic violence docket which explains the process to the litigants and new intake forms which help gather information needed for the Sheriff's office to open the case. Lambert also assists in the Judge in making temporary custody decision. "We have very good law enforcement officials who are well-trained in serving the victims of domestic violence. We can still improve in getting accurate information out to the public about what the process involves and what services are available to them," Lambert said. "We are also offering counseling and substance abuse assistance for those persons who would appear to benefit from such help. I have my staff support worker to assist the parties with appointments and have the counselors report to the Court that they are complying with the counseling orders."

Lambert is very proud of the new divorce education program. Families in Transition, or F.I.T., is child based in its focus. F.I.T. helps the parents to consider the effects of the divorce on the child. "By getting Mom and Dad to concentrate on their child's needs we can reduce future conflict in the family and reduce the grieving time for the child. Nothing could be more important than helping out that child of divorce in his time of need. Usually parents are too distracted to pay much attention to their child during the divorce and they often don't even realize it." The program should be available within the next few weeks, after training of local facilitators takes place on January 31, 2000.

Lambert says the looks forward to continuing to serve the families of the 28th Judicial Circuit. "I have always worked hard and pledge to continue to do so. I have been very pleased with the warm reception I have received from the people in all three counties. I can have no more rewarding job than that of helping individuals during a traumatic time of their lives. I intend to keep working with dignity, fairness and sincere concern. I ask for the opportunity to continue my efforts," Lambert added.

Judge Lambert is married to Joseph E. Lambert. They have two sons, Joseph Patrick, 15 and John Ryan, 8.

"Indictments"

(Cont. from front)

head with a pool stick during an altercation December 5 at a pool room at Big Hill.

Michael Lee Marlow, 22, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of first degree criminal mischief in connection with a October 24 incident on Daryl Whitaker's farm. Marlow is accused of destroying 38 bales of hay and two steel gates.

Tammy Carpenter, 29, of Livingston was indicted for allegedly writing a cold check to Appliance Service Center for \$323.95.

"Lambert"

(Cont. from front)

tives promoted by Judge Debra Lambert are sure to have a positive impact on the children, especially in the area of support as well," Burdette said.

Burdette's child support staff, to whom he attributes the ever increasing collections, include Patty Hayes of Lambert Road, Julie Adams of Brodhead and Kathy Robinson from Blue Springs.

relatives at this place. Mrs. William Owens improves very slowly. John Scott and Melvin Owens contemplate going to Indiana. The recent cold spell has damaged the fruit crop very much. John A. Owens, the barber is kept busy shaving and cutting hair especially on Saturdays. Mrs. David Adams is on the sick list.

Ottawa News

The recent cold spell has given the farmers of this section the blues pretty bad. Lee Chesnut, who is attending the college of Medicine in Louisville is at home for a few days. Mrs. Flura Laswell is on the sick list this week. Robert Adams and family left Tuesday for Red Fork, I.T. L.J. Reames and Mrs. Emily Childress were married last Thursday. Miss Lizzie Ball is visiting in Mt. Vernon this week. Elza Langford left Tuesday for Red Fork, I.T. where he will make his future home. Mrs. Dave Laswell, who has been reported very sick, is somewhat improved. Mrs. Rachel Ponder and daughter Miss Kizzie, were home from Berea last week visiting relatives at Dudley. E.J. Williams, Lewis Clark, Dr. W.D. and J.M. Laswell were in Mt. Vernon Tuesday evening attending the meeting of the M.W. of A. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bryant is very low and not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. John Evans and little daughter, Rosy, of Hummel, were visiting relatives at this place Saturday and Sunday. (Note: Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the deceased grandparents. Rosy went on to marry Charlie Parsons. She bore four children, Ruth, Earl, Homer and Norma Jean. Aunt Rosy died of TB at 41 years of age.) Wallace Mullins, who went to West Virginia, some weeks ago returned home Sunday. Major Ball and wife, left Sunday for Flanigan, where he has a position as section foreman. Wallace Iswell was in Mt. Vernon Tuesday on business. Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson of Livingston, passed through here on their way home from Conway. Miss Anna Proctor, of Wildlife, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J.A. Wood. M. Quinberry was in these parts calling on one of our best looking girls, Mrs. Elmer Williams is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bill Wood, of Roundstone. Some of the older

farmers think that a part of the fruit crop will survive in spite of the recent cold weather.

Conway News

The cold wave looks like winter has returned to spend the summer. Harvey Chenault had three 150 lb. hogs killed by a freight train here last week. We are told that the furniture has arrived for the new depot at this place and we are soon to have a telegraph office. Still more room for improvements. Let the good work go on. Mumps is among the children of this neighborhood. Mrs. Perline Shickly who moved to Ville Grove, Illinois sometime back is visiting relatives here. The stationery our clever officer promised to furnish must have got lost in the mails. J.C. Pullins will go to Madison county this week on business. It is thought the fruit crop is all about killed in this section. The oats that were up were badly damaged by the cold weather of last week. Plowing for corn crops is rapidly going on here now. Mr. George Cornelison made a business trip to Richmond and Wac last week. Mr. F.M. Hurst got one of his fingers cut off while working at B.A. Riddles sawmill last week. Stock feed was never scarcer in this section than now and the cold weather of last week cut grazing short. George Owens sold H.C. Berry, a milch cow for \$27.50. The Big Four R.R. has a map here buying cross ties. Hs buys beech, sycamore, maple as well as oak and pays a good price for all grades. How is this for paying debts? J.J. Wood gave A.L. Soard a check for \$5.00 for groceries. Mr. Soard let Mr. L.P. Kidwell have the check paying him \$5.00 for meal. Mr. Katron let Will Anglin have the check paying him \$5.00 for work. Mr. Anglin brought the check to J.J. Wood the first giver of the check, paying him a \$5.00 store account. Mr. Wood destroyed the check and the \$5.00 still remains in the bank to his credit and the total of \$25.00 debts all settled satisfactorily.

Brodhead News

Miss Jewel Francisco has returned from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Wells, at Crab Orchard. Miss

Carrie Frith visited Misses O'Bannon, at Stanford first of the week. L.B. Hilton was down from Pine Hill on Tuesday. J.W. Hutchison and R.G. Whitout were in Mason County this week on business. Miss Doris DeWitt who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again. Miss Anna Cass is visiting her sister, Mrs. L.B. Hilton, at Pine Hill. H.H. Hutchison was here Sunday and informed us that he has resigned as Chastier of the Farmer's Bank of Kirksville to accept a more lucrative position in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Tharp and daughter, Margarine, have returned from a very pleasant visit to friends and relatives at Riley's. A.C. McClary has returned from Preachersville and has gone again, this time to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of the Hiatt neighborhood. B.H. Varnardall, of Lexington, was registered at the Albright hotel last Monday. W.H. Benton was called home from Lebanon Junction to attend the bedside of his father, Dr. Percp Benton, who is very low with rheumatism, but we are glad to say that the Doctor is much improved at this time, and we hope for him a rapid recovery. H.B. McClary A.C. Albright were in Mt. Vernon calling on two of her belles Monday night. J.B. Nevis and H.C. Kidwell, of Lebanon Junction, were in Brodhead, Tuesday, calling on two of our best looking girls. J.G. Frith purchased the bank stock of The Citizens Bank of Brodhead of the Proctor heirs for \$122.50 per share. This is considered good price since the bank is only two years old.

Livingston News

Mrs. J.E. Woodall is visiting relatives at Hazel Patch. Miss Anna Griffin spent Saturday night with her cousin, Miss Bessie Mullins at Mt. Vernon. Will Rice was in town Thursday. Mrs. Pearl Daniell will go to Stanford Monday to visit her mother for a few weeks. Mrs. Martha Brown, of Level Green, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mahala Carson and sister, Mrs. Sue Mullins. Mrs. Cora Adams is visiting her many friends and relatives at Mt. Vernon. John Mullins was in town Wednesday on business. Misses Florence Price and Lida Lemaster, are out

from Lexington visiting friends and relatives. Urban Chewning was here Monday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Chewning. Mrs. Lottie Lanlie is spending a few days with friends at Lancaster, Crab Orchard and Preachersville. Messrs. Geo. W. Griffin, John Johnson and George McCormack were in Mt. Vernon Wednesday and Thursday on business pertaining to the new Livingston Coal Co. Mrs. J.B. Hayes was called to Cobbin Monday to see her grandson, Little George Jenkins who is very

sick with pneumonia. Henry Owens is quite sick at this time. John Fields returned to his home at Stanford Wednesday. He accompanied a certain young lady as far as Mt. Vernon, and said they were going to get married in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Well John is a good boy and deserves a prize, but there are others I know that are not called John. Dr. and Mrs. Laswell, of Brush Creek, attended the banquet at Mrs. Rice's Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and Miss Helen Singleton were in Richmond last week shopping. Dr. Childress spent Wednesday night with his wife at Pine Hill. Mrs. Childress has been quite sick, but is convalescent at this time. She will return to her home here on Friday. Casper Owens is visiting Louis Elmore at Knoxville, Tennessee. Miss Myrtle Chewning entertained a party of her friends Friday evening in honor of Miss Anna Griffin of Jelico, Tennessee. Quite a large crowd was present and a very enjoyable evening was reported. The Sunbeam Society met last Sunday evening at the Baptist Church and decided to visit the famous "natural tunnel" near Livingston. Quite a number, twenty in all were present and all eager for the excursions. They were chaperoned by Messdames Anderson and Woodall. Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Hayes entertained Tuesday evening in honor of their popular guest, Miss Anna Griffin. The very "elite" of Livingston were present and all seemed to be enjoying themselves and having the time of their lives. Mr. Geo. Cook will lead the prayer meeting at the Christian Church next Wednesday evening.

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 95 Honda Accord LX. 5-speed, one owner. Was \$9,900. Now \$7,990.	 96 Honda Accord. 2-door, loaded, local trade. Was \$14,211. Now \$12,990.	 96 Honda Accord LX. Local trade, low miles. Was \$14,300. Now \$12,900.	 97 Lincoln Town Car. Was \$22,900. Now \$21,900.	 95 Mazda Millennium. V-6, auto, local trade. Was \$17,800. Now \$15,990.	 95 Mazda 626. Auto, air, X-clean. Was \$9,180. Now \$7,870.	 99 Mazda 626 LX. One owner, power roof. Was \$17,800. Now \$15,990.
 96 Mercury Sable GL. Loaded, local trade. Was \$13,500. Now \$11,900.	 97 Nissan Maxima. Loaded, mint condition. Was \$17,600. Now \$15,900.	 95 Nissan Sentra. Auto, air. Was \$8,640. Now \$7,480.	 96 Toyota Avalon XL. Loaded. Certified. Was \$16,450. Now \$14,950.	 99 Toyota Camry. Auto, air, one owner. Was \$5,650. Now \$4,950.	 91 Toyota Camry LE. V-6, auto. Was \$10,000. Now \$4,950.	 94 Toyota Camry LE. Power sunroof, spoiler. Was \$11,870. Now \$10,900.
 96 Toyota Camry. Power sunroof, low miles. Was \$14,990. Now \$13,950.	 97 Toyota Camry LE. V-6, leather. Certified. Was \$18,720. Now \$16,950.	 97 Toyota Camry LE. Power sunroof, spoiler. Was \$13,990. Now \$13,800.	 97 Toyota Camry LE. Certified. Low miles. Loaded. Was \$16,450. Now \$14,950.	 97 Toyota Camry LE. Low miles, spoiler. Was \$15,950. Now \$15,900.	 97 Toyota Camry LE. One owner. Certified. Was \$16,870. Now \$15,920.	 94 Toyota Corolla DX. Auto, loaded. Was \$6,990. Now \$5,850.
 96 Toyota Corolla DX. Auto, air. Was \$10,990. Now \$9,980.	 97 Toyota Corolla DX. Auto. Certified. Was \$13,900. Now \$11,920.	 97 Toyota Corolla DX. Auto, air. Was \$12,880. Now \$11,970.	 97 Toyota Corolla DX. Auto, one owner. Was \$12,280. Now \$11,700.	 99 Toyota Corolla. One owner, power sunroof, sport wheels. Was \$15,990. Now \$13,990.	 95 Chevy 4x4 X-Cab. 2-71, V-8, auto. Was \$17,900. Now \$16,900.	 97 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4. X-Cab. V-8, auto. Was \$22,990. Now \$21,990.
 98 Dodge Ram 4x2. V-8, auto, one owner. Was \$19,900. Now \$17,900.	 94 Ford Ranger 4x2. Auto, air, V-8. Was \$7,900. Now \$6,450.	 94 Ford F150. Auto, air, V-8. Was \$9,850. Now \$8,980.	 97 Ford F150 4x4. V-8, auto. Was \$18,970. Now \$16,990.	 97 Nissan 4x4 X-Cab. 5-speed, air. Was \$14,900. Now \$13,900.	 94 Toyota T-100 4x4. One owner, low low miles. Was \$14,820. Now \$12,940.	 96 Toyota Tacoma 4x2. Auto. Was \$11,950. Now \$10,460.
 97 Toyota Tacoma 4x4. 5-speed, air. Was \$15,990. Now \$14,990.	 98 Toyota Tacoma 4x4. 5-speed, air. Was \$16,920. Now \$15,950.	 98 Toyota Tacoma 4x4. One owner. Was \$16,650. Now \$14,950.	 94 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4. Leather. Was \$12,950. Now \$11,900.	 98 Chevy Suburban 4x4. Hard to find. V-8, 350 engine. Was \$8,990. Now \$6,940.	 95 Ford Explorer 4x4. Auto, loaded. Was \$15,960. Now \$13,820.	 97 Ford Expedition. Eddie Bauer, leather 4x4, V-8, auto. Was \$27,990. Now \$26,550.
 97 GMC Jimmy 4x4. 5-speed, one owner. Was \$19,990. Now \$18,990.	 94 GMC Jimmy 4x4. Auto. Was \$10,900. Now \$8,970.	 96 GMC Suburban SLE. Leather, one owner. Was \$21,990. Now \$20,900.	 95 Isuzu Rodeo 4x2. 5-speed, air, local trade. Was \$12,900. Now \$10,858.	 96 Toyota Rav 4 4x4. Auto, factory warranty. Was \$15,870. Now \$14,990.	 97 Toyota Rav 4 4x4. Auto, low miles. Was \$17,960. Now \$16,850.	 98 Toyota Rav 4 4x4. Low miles. Was \$19,990. Now \$18,990.
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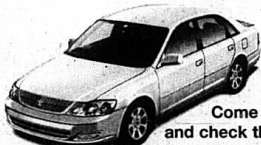
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William Dewey and Mary Elizabeth Thomas of Murray and formerly of Rockcastle County celebrated their 60th anniversary with a reception at Sinking Springs Baptist Church on December 22nd. They were married on December 23, 1939 in Rockcastle County. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have one daughter, Norma Treon and husband Elwood of Murray; two grandchildren Brenda Hines and husband Casey of Murray and Bruce Treon and wife Becky of Bardstown; and six great grandchildren Lauren, Sarah, Jacob and Matthew Hines of Murray and Joshua and John Treon of Bardstown. The reception was hosted by their daughter and granddaughter and was attended by family and friends.

Kiwanis Club inducts two new members

By Martha Cox
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club inducted two new members at their regular meeting at the Kastle Inn Restaurant on Thursday. New member, Rebekah Arvin, was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia. She has worked as an emergency room/ICU nurse, a school nurse and an aerobics and circuit trainer. In 1988 she married Dr. Tony Arvin and they lived in Beaufort, South Carolina for 10 years. They have two children, Sydney Alexandra (6) and Ashion McKinley (4). They moved to Mt. Vernon 2 1/2 years ago and she says she absolutely loves it here and sees our community as having great potential for growth. She is also looking forward to being a part of organizations like Kiwanis that seeks to make things happen for the betterment of this community.

Julie McClure is another new member that came to Mt. Vernon from the South. Julie was born in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1988 she received a degree in nursing from Clayton State College. She worked at Southern Regional Medical Center for 10 1/2 years as an RN, mainly in critical care and outpatient surgery. Julie married Michael McClure, who was born and raised in Mt. Vernon. They moved to Mt. Vernon this past June. They now own and operate Pearl's Market on Hwy. 39. Julie is an extremely busy mother of four

boys, ages 8, 7, 5 and 10 months, but is still willing to join hands with a community service organization to make a difference in our community.

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club feels fortunate to have these very capable ladies among their membership and is looking forward to many years of fellowship with them.

The Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. We invite everyone to visit and become more involved in our community.



Rockcastle Kiwanis inducted two new members. From left, Rebekah Hammond, past president, Tammy Cox, club president, Rebekah Arvin, Julie McClure, new members and Sue Hamm, who has been an active member for several years.

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1997 Pont. Grand Am SE , 2 Dr., Local Trade \$7,995 \$169/60 Mos.	1991 Lincoln Continental Local Trade, Nice Car \$4,995	1989 Mazda MX-6 2 Dr., Moon Roof, Auto, Low Miles \$2,995	1988 Ford Bronco 4x4, Local Trade \$2,995	1996 Chevy S-10 5 Speed, Local Trade \$6,500 \$139/60 Mos.
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Wed., Jan. 26th: Spiro, Level Green, Willalla.

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 Batt

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

Marine Corps League

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

JobStart

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

Attn. Brodhead Seniors

Brodhead Seniors: Are you tired of eating alone? The Senior Center located at the fairgrounds at Brodhead has openings for congregate lunches

served Monday through Friday. Join 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.

VA Rep Here

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

New TOPS Chapter

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

Breast Cancer Coalition

The Rockcastle County Breast Cancer Coalition will meet at 6 p.m. Thurs., Jan 27 at the Rockcastle Co. Health Dept. Anyone interested in participating in the fight against breast cancer is encouraged to participate.

Low-Income Home Heating Program

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

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery Respectful Care Corp. will hold its annual meeting Sat., Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. in the county courthouse. The public's interest in the cemetery's upkeep is invited.

From the Rockcastle Courthouse

Deeds Recorded

James D. Smith, real property located on south side of Old U.S. 25, Mt. Vernon, to Peggy A. Mills. Tax 65.00.

Shawn Hamm, real property located in Hunter's Ridge Subdivision, to Gary W. and Gertha M. Mink. Tax 11.50.

John R. and Edith Barnett and James C. and Shanda Barnett, real property located in East Ford-Skeggs Section. No tax.

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James C. and Shanda Barnett, contract for purchase of real property located in Rockcastle County, to George and Bonnie L. MacMillan. No tax.

Tina R. and Dion Combs, real property located in Rockcastle

County, to Holly L. Sowder. Tax 4.00.

Phyllis Cobb and Terry Burtette, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Brian Douglas and John Clark Brown. Tax 3.00.

Joyce A. Craig, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Joyce A. Craig and Jack Blanton. No tax.

Marriage Licenses

Donna Gail Bruner, 34, London, Insurance Agent, to Glenn Woody Baldwin, 47, London, truck driver. Jan. 15, 2000.

Jessica Jean Jones, 29, Orlando, housewife, to Darrell Edward Carpenter, 33, Orlando, self-employed. Jan. 14, 2000.

Linda Tankersley, 24, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, to Dowell Vanwinkle, 32, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, dry wall hanging. Jan. 8, 2000.

Circuit Civil Suits

Jerome S. Fish, III vs. Gwendolyn Ruby Fish, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CI-00342.

John Bishop Kemper vs. Summer Renner Kemper, petition for dissolution of marriage. 00-CI-00001.

Luther E. Carte vs. Glenda S. Carte, petition for dissolution of marriage. 00-CI-00002.

The Bank of New York vs. Lisa Ann Mitchell, et al. \$16,207.91 claimed due on note. 00-CI-00003.

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Ford presented with plaque

Woodrow Morrison, director of Christian Heritage Center, presented State Representative Danny Ford with an official plaque from the Congressional Record, containing excerpts of America's Biblical foundations, including the ten commandments, in the formation of America's government.

Morrison, a former pastor of Scafold Cane Baptist Church, referring to Ford's commitment to Biblical values, said "We were proud to present

this plaque in honor of Representative Ford's faithful commitment to restoring America's traditional values back into state government and all of the Commonwealth. We need more representatives like him."

Christian Heritage Center is a nationwide organization promoting American Christian values back into civil government. Mr. Morrison is currently speaking across the state and working closely with legislators in Frankfort.



State Representative Danny Ford, left, with the plaque presented to him by Woodrow Morrison of Christian Heritage Center.

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Library News

By Geraldine Robbins



This has been an extremely busy week for us at the library, or I should say the last three weeks. All the end of the year tax reports plus several forms to be prepared and mailed on time. We have to do several different forms for the telecommunication act. This is worthwhile because we will get some reimbursement for phone bills, internet access bills, etc. But after we have filled out one form and done it correctly, they will change the next one that has to be done, even though it is for the very same thing. It seems they want to make it as difficult as possible for those of us preparing these forms. And the worst part of all is, they have a time frame to file these forms. After one form is sent in, they will post it on their web site and we must wait 28 days before the next one may be filed. In our case they received our form on the 15th of December, but didn't post it until the 21st, thus making the acceptable date the 18th of January and the 19th was the deadline. And to make matters worse, I was going to send it by overnight mail on the 17th and guess what? The post office was closed on that day and I had to wait until the 18th to mail it and hope it would get there on the 19th.

We also had some very bad news this last week. My brother-in-law, Pearl Shepherd, passed away last Thursday in Ohio, but was brought back here for burial. His wife and my husband are brother and sister. They were married about the same time my husband and I were and we've been very close over the years. Remembering the good times help us to get through days of sorrow. We are made to realize the brevity of life and to try to make the best of each day.

My staff has been wonderful in helping me by doing extra work since I have had to spend so much time in the office. Especially last week when I had to leave early two days, and for remembering me with a floral arrangement. My thanks go to them for their consideration and help. It is a pleasure to work with such caring people.

this web site and the staff will gladly help anyone in accessing the information on the web site.

Some new fiction books now available are *The Attorney* by Steve Madriani. Madriani takes on the case of Jonah Hale, an elderly man in dire straits. Because of the long time drug addiction of their only child, Jessica, Jonah and his wife have been raising their eight-year-old granddaughter, Amanda. After Jonah wins a multi-million dollar state lottery, Jessica revives her interest in mothering. When Jonah won't deal-maternal rights for a megabuck payoff Jessica pulls out all stops.

Enter Zo Suade, a flamboyant feminist activist with a talent of making children and mothers disappear. When the next move turns deadly, Madriani finds himself drawn into a web of deceit and high-stakes action, in and out of the courtroom.

Kiss of the Bees by J.A. Janccc...Twenty years ago, a darkness descended upon the Walkers of Tucson, Arizona. An Anglo family with solid ties to the legend of the Tobacco O'ham Indian nation. A personified evil named Andrew Carlisle-a psychopath in the guise of a nondescript college professor-brought blood and terror into their world, stalking, attacking, and nearly murdering Diana Ladd Walker and her young son, Davy. But Diana fought back, blinding and crippling

her assailant. In later years, in a uneasy collaboration with her would-be killer, she wrote a book about the horrific events that nearly destroyed her and her loved ones-a book that made Diana Walker famous. But when Carlisle died in prison, the Walkers believed their long nightmare was finally over, the monster would never be able to harm them again.

They were wrong!

Also a new Father Dowling

mystery: *Grave Undertakings* by Ralph McInry.

Hopefully we are not letting our other library duties go on down or slow down and I don't feel that we are. The automation process is moving along well and I'm continuing to get new books and other materials. I also want to remind people again about the KCVL service available on the internet. Come in for more information about all the services available on

More families eligible for nutrition insurance

Choosing food that's good for you as opposed to bad food that just tastes good is hard enough for all of us. When food competes directly with rent, utilities and medicine, as it does for low-income families, the higher cost of fresh fruit and vegetables makes healthy choices still more difficult.

But now more low-income families in Kentucky will be able to afford nutritious food, thanks to changes the Cabinet for Families and Children is

making in the state's Food Stamp program.

"This is a nutrition," says CFC Secretary Viola P. Miller, "not an income program."

The new rules will make it easier for families who are leaving or have already left welfare to keep themselves and their children healthy while they work toward financial self-sufficiency. The change expands the number of families automatically eligible for food stamps regardless of other resources (such as a car).

Until now, only families currently receiving cash payments under the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP), which replaced welfare and in which all members of the household receive K-TAP, were automatically eligible for food stamps. Those strict rules for what is

called "categorical eligibility" made it more difficult for families caring for a relative or those who received non-cash benefits (such as job finding work) to qualify for food stamps.

Effective immediately, expanded categorical eligibility offers the following benefits:

- If at least one member of the household receives K-TAP benefits, the entire family may apply for food stamps.
- "K-TAP benefits" used to determine food stamp eligibility will include Employment Retention Services and Kinship Care as well as a K-TAP check.

- Recipients can own a reliable car in finding and holding jobs.

Expanded categorical eligibility is one of four major Food Stamp Program policy changes allowed by the federal government to help working families and simplify administering the program. Each state has the option of accepting or rejecting the changes. Since July 1999, CFC has been discussing these changes with folks groups, field staff and advocates around the state to determine which, if any, Kentucky should accept. CFC is still considering the potential advantages and disadvantages of the other three policy changes.

Rockcastle County Middle School Announces Mentoring Program

In partnership with GEAR UP, Rockcastle County Schools is developing a mentoring program for students in the sixth and seventh grades. GEAR UP staff Debra Gentry and Andy Belcher have been studying existing mentoring programs and taking the best from each to sign a program that will meet the needs of Rockcastle County students.

A variety of studies over the years have confirmed what many people involved in mentoring have always believed: mentoring can make a difference in the lives of young people. A 1995 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America study showed that young people with mentors were:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs;
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol;
- 53% less likely to skip school;
- 37% less likely to skip a class; and,
- 33% less likely to hit someone.

In a study conducted by the Quantum Opportunities Program, students who had a mentor were more likely than those who did not to:

- Graduate from high school;
- Enroll in college;
- Become involved in community service; and,
- Be hopeful about the future.

Rockcastle County Middle School Principal John Hale is very excited about the prospects of the mentoring program. He is looking forward to having community members coming to the school. Hale said, "We would like to have members of the community coming to the school and showing their support for students. There are so many advantages for everyone. The students benefit from the attention. The mentors get to experience the great things going on in the school and give something back to the community. The faculty and staff at the school feel the support of the community members. And the community benefits because the students have better attitudes and are better prepared for life after school."

The mentoring program at Rockcastle County Middle School will be available to sixth and seventh grade students. If you are interested in having your child participate please call Mr. Hale or Ms. Owens at the Middle School (256-5118) for an application. Students will be bringing home applications in January as well.

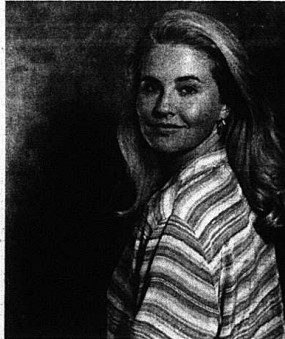
You Can Be A Mentor!

A mentor is any caring person who develops an on-going, one-on-one relationship with a young person. A mentor encourages, listens, gives advice, advocates, acts as a role model, and shares information and experience. Are you interested in being a mentor or do you know someone that would make a great mentor? We are looking for people in the Rockcastle County community that enjoy interacting with young people and who would like to participate in our mentoring program.

GEAR UP staff and school district personnel have already started recruiting mentors at some local businesses, civic groups and churches. Some individuals have already volunteered. Rockcastle County Hospital Administrators Lee Keene and his wife Patricia are excited about getting started. If you are interested, and have not been recruited, please call Andy Belcher at 606-985-3553 or Rockcastle County Schools Supervisor of Instruction Shelby Reynolds at 256-2125 to express your interest. You may also call Andy or Shelby if you would like to have them discuss the mentoring program with your organization.

All prospective mentors will receive training to help them understand the role they will be playing. Hasan Davis, a University of Kentucky Law School graduate who is known nationally as a strong youth advocate and for his work as the chair of the Kentucky Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, is designing the training. Davis wants the mentors to be familiar with the challenges facing students in middle school and to realize what they are in the school to accomplish. "We do not want the mentors to think they are replacing the parents of a child. Instead we want them to think of themselves as a member of a team. The parents, the school system and the mentor are all working together to help a student achieve success." The training has not been scheduled but mid-February has been targeted.

Dr. Higgins joins Drs. Parsons & Reynolds



Dr. Gina Johnson-Higgins has joined the dental practice of Dr. John H. Parsons and Dr. Billy D. Reynolds.

Dr. Higgins is a 1999 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. She grew up in Wheelwright, Ky. and currently resides in Lexington with her husband and daughter. Her husband, Gregory Higgins is the owner and operator of Magee's Bakery on Main St. in Lexington.

Appointments with Dr. Higgins may be scheduled by phoning 256-5123.

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Notice: Is given that Mary Louis Gabbard has filed a Final Settlement on her accounts as Executrix of the Estate of Ollie Sowder, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on February 7, 2000. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date, 15x2

Notice: Is hereby given that Ralph Wayne Henson, Rt. 2 Box 855, Lamer, KY 40445 has been appointed Executor of the estate of Paul Owens on the 11th day of January, 2000. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Ralph Wayne Henson or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdette, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 11, 2000, 16x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Lorene B. Noe, 920 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Freddie D. Noe, Sr., 920 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on the 11 day of January, 2000. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Lorene B. Noe or to Clontz & Cox, PO Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 11, 2000, 16x3

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Notice: Is hereby given that Paul and Martha Hamm, Rt. 1 Box 407, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed co-guardians of the estate of Kristi Lynn Brown, a minor on the 18 day of January, 2000. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Paul & Martha Hamm, Rt. 1 Box 407, Brodhead, KY 40409 on or before July 18, 2000, 16x1

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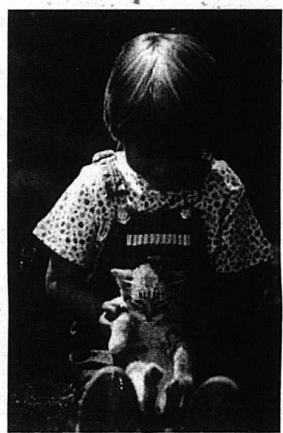


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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC Election

The County Committee (COC) election usually held in December each year has been postponed until March 2000. The upcoming election will include the Local Administrative Area (LAA), LAA#3 (Community C) which includes Northeast and Southeast section of Rockcastle County bond by Garrard, Madison, Jackson and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Little Hurricane Road, I-75 and Hwy. 25.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be County or community FSA committee member if the producer resides in the LAA in which the election is being held, eligible to vote and is willing to serve if elected.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the FSA office and must

be received no later than January 21st.

The calendar of events pertaining to the COC election are as follows:

Jan. 21st - Final date to receive nominating petitions

Feb. 11th - Final date for COC to review, approve and complete Slate of Nominces

Feb. 18th - Final date for mailing letters to nominees

Feb. 24th - Deadline for mailing ballots

March 6th - Final date for returning complete ballots

March 14th - Final date for tabulating ballots and public notice of election results

April 1st - COC beginning term

No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs or marital or family status.

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

Rockcastle County has been approved to implement LAP to provide grazing loss assistance through direct payments. Signup for LAP ends January 21, 2000.

To be eligible for LAP a producer must have suffered a 40% or greater loss of normal grazing production for three or more consecutive months during the LAP crop year, possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock (beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, equine animals used for commercially or kept by owner food/fiber production, have owned or leased the eligible livestock for at least three months.

In order to complete the application, producers must list the number of eligible livestock head by weight groups and have receipts for purchases and sales for the months of July-November 15th.

Because only a specific amount of money (\$200 million) has been approved for LAP, a national factor will be determined if application requests

exceed the allocated amount of money. This factor will be announced after the end of Signup.

If you have not signed up for this program, remember the deadline is now February 4th.

For more details on LAP contact the FSA office.

Applications For New Burley Tobacco Quota

Producers who own land and do not have a burley tobacco quota may be eligible for a new burley tobacco quota. Eligibility requirements include: own land which has tillable cropland with no tobacco quota, have two out of five years marketing history of burley tobacco, and 50% of all income derived from farming. Producers who wish to make an application should contact this office no later than February 15th.

Cross Country Leasing Referendum

Referendum ballots have been mailed to eligible burley tobacco producers. The ballot asks "Are you in favor of lease and transfer of burley tobacco quota across county lines within the state of Kentucky beginning with the 2000 crop year?"

The referendum ballot shall be postmarked or returned to the FSA office no later than January 14, 2000. If more than 50 percent of the producers voting in the State referendum are in favor, lease and transfer of burley quota across county lines within the State will be in effect beginning with the 2000 crop.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Change

Under new provisions pertaining to LDP: producers who marketed the 1999 crop and lost beneficial interest and failed to file a CCC 709 or CCC 666 will now be eligible for payment. Counties must determine if the crop was sold, fed or used for seed and the producer must detail on the CCC 666.

For more details on the latest LDP change please contact FSA.



University of Kentucky mascot Gavin Duerson, also known as the University of Kentucky's Wildcat mascot, received a Good Neighbor Citation from Jean Towery, field representative of the Woodmen of the World.

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