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Board approves final plans for Brodhead School

By: Richard Anderkin
The Rockcastle County Board of Education got a detailed look at the plans for the new Brodhead Elementary School and approved the second phase of the project.

The architect for the project explained the drawings to the board and told them phase two was ready to submit to Frankfort.

Finance officer Richard Bray told the board that the plans were the result of many hours of work and planning by the building committee at Brodhead, which had received input from teachers, instructional assistants, cooks, bus drivers and parents.

The Architect said the facility would be approximately 6,100 square feet, which included the gymnasium and cafeteria.

The new school will face the same direction as the old school, it will just sit farther back from the road.

Bray said that the playground will be behind the building and beside it and where the old building is now, will be used for parking.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$5.5 million.

The architect said he hoped that construction could begin sometime in June with completion in the summer of 2001, before the opening of school in August.

In other discussions the board heard from Kentucky Tech Principal Donna Hopkins, who discussed a recent incident, in which a student was expelled for making a homemade weapon in his welding class.

Mrs. Hopkins said that the student tried to take the weapon home with him and in no way threatened any other student.

She said that it was virtually impossible for the welding teacher to watch all of the students working on the equipment all the time.

But board member Martin Vanzant said his main concern was that a previous assignment a couple of years ago in welding class called

for students to make medieval type weapons for a special project.

Vanzant said he thought there could be some conflict between that assignment and expelling a student for making the same type weapon.

Mrs. Hopkins agreed with Vanzant about possible conflict and said it should be looked into.

The board also agreed that when the student made his weapon, no such assignment had been passed out.

The student was expelled by the board for the remainder of the grading period after he attempted to sneak the weapon home.

The board also approved a recommendation from Superintendent Larry Hammond and finance officer Bray for a 2.5 percent raise for all school employees for the next fiscal year. Last year employees got a 2.3 percent raise.

Bray told the board that if the legislature did not approve enough money for those raises they could rescind their action before June 30.

The board also created a director and coordinator position for the 21st Century Community Learning Center to be housed at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Hammond told the board that the school was successful in obtaining a federal grant for \$600,000 for a three

year period for the learning center.

Hammond said the learning center would probably operate from eleven or twelve in the morning to seven or eight at night.

Hammond said that the parents of the students using the center would be encouraged to participate in the programs the center would offer.

Hammond said that the center would be extremely technology oriented.

The board also approved the guidelines for the S.B.D.M. allocations at each county school.

Finance officer Bray told the board that 65 percent of all allocated money would go for salaries at each school.

Bray also told the board that Mt. Vernon Elementary School would lose two teachers because of a drop in enrollment and that the middle school would lose one Title One teacher.

MVES Principal Rose Brown said that the Site Based Council had discussed the matter at length and that no home rooms would be affected and that more than likely no teachers would lose their jobs because of the cut in allocation.

Mrs. Brown said that MVES only has 99 entry level students this year compared to 120 in the past and that enrollment has dropped slightly each year in the past few years.

For their allocation, 657 students are counted at Mt. Vernon.

But Mt. Vernon has 724 students which attend school there daily. Kindergarten students are only counted as a half because they attend a half day and pre-school students are not counted at all, because that program is separate from the S.B.D.M. allocation.

The board also discussed the new alternative school for the school system, which will begin next school year.

The alternative school will serve 30 students from both the middle school and high school and will be located in a mobile unit at RCMS.

RCMS principal John Hale said three things could cause a student to be placed in alternative school.

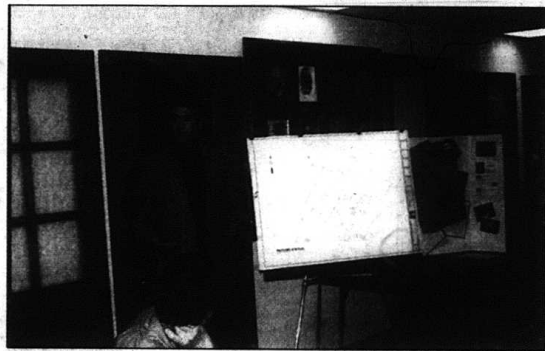
Treasury problems, discipline problems and severe academic deficiencies.

The school will likely have two teachers, two instructional assistants and a counselor from camp car on staff.

"Students will receive a lot of one on one attention to help them get any problems they may have straightened out," Hale said.

Board member Vanzant also

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Architect Joe Samokar explained the plans for the new Brodhead School to the Rockcastle County Board of Education on Tuesday night. Also in the photo is board member Terry Burton.

Graves to head DES

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court unanimously approved Keith Graves, of Brodhead, as the new director of Rockcastle County Disaster and Emergency Services.

Graves' name was submitted by Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolitis during Tuesday's Rockcastle Fiscal Court meeting.

Graves, who is retired from the Ky. National Guard, will replace Gary Asher, who resigned last year after several years in that capacity.

Graves was one of four appli-

cants interviewed by the court on February 29. The other three were Don Gabbard, Lued-Nielson and Tim Cameron.

The job pays about \$4,500 a year with benefits.

In other business the court accepted the annual settlement from Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk, who turned over \$30,000 in excess fees to the county.

They also approved the recognition of the Southeast Fire and Rescue Department in Livingston as a new

department.

Sam Stallworth, Secretary/Treasurer of Southeast told the court that the new fire department needed to be

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McKinney to retire at Brodhead

The site based council at Brodhead Elementary School is in the process of hunting for a new principal.

Current BES Principal Mark McKinney has announced that he will retire on June 30, after 33 years in the education field and 31 in the Rockcastle County school system.

McKinney has spent the last ten years at Brodhead school, eight and half of those as principal. Before that he was assistant principal.

Under McKinney's direction, Brodhead has consistently had the best test scores in the county and some of the highest in the state.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond said that he had received eight applications for the job. The deadline is

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Contracting tobacco big threat to farmers

After tears and testimonials over tobacco funds, Kentucky's House leadership sent the highly controversial legislation, House Bill 611F to their Senate counterparts for consideration. But how to spend the tobacco settlement funds is "the biggest agricultural challenge" facing Kentucky's Senators next week.

Contract tobacco farming is the real threat to end profits for Kentucky's thousands of small family tobacco farms.

Senator Ernie Harris' legislation, the Tobacco Farmer Protection Act,

will protect small and large tobacco farmers from the predatory practices of contracting and is a reason to Philip Morris' announcement of a pilot program in contract tobacco this season.

"The goal is to protect the small tobacco farmer," said Harris in an interview with the *Courier-Journal* last week.

The Tobacco Farmer Protection Act is a collaboration of efforts from several farm organizations. Agriculture leaders realize that without some

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County to be sued over Toddy Payne road action

By: Richard Anderkin

It is amazing how much controversy a virtually impassable road in Rockcastle County can cause.

On Tuesday, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court heard arguments from many local residents concerning the Toddy Payne Road at Pine Hill.

Those residents complained about landowner Mike Gates' attempt to have the county close the road, although Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolitis repeatedly told the group that the court was behind their efforts to keep the road open.

Two months ago the court voted to leave the road open, although Gates had requested that the county close it.

Gates and his wife Lori have purchased 800 acres, which lies along the Toddy Payne Road between Pine Hill and Maple Grove.

They are in the process of building a retreat for the blind and physically disabled.

Gates, who was blinded himself in a hunting accident eleven years ago, asked Judge Carlolitis a few months ago to close the road for several reasons.

Gates says the road splits his property and that people use the road to illegally dump garbage and so, Gates says, use the road to get to their marijuana patches.

Gates said that when he began clearing his property he built a quarter mile of new road from the blacktop off Toddy Payne into his property.

"That portion of the road was almost unpassable itself and because we needed to work in the area, we did the work ourselves," Gates said Tuesday.

During Tuesday's court meeting several of those in opposition to closing the road told Carlolitis and the Fiscal Court that they were being pushed around by somebody with money.

Several people also pointed out that Gates had blocked the road with dirt piles between the blacktop off Toddy Payne and a cemetery that is on Gates' property.

They said that Gates had also locked a gate on the road at the entrance to his property on Toddy Payne Road on several occasions.

One man suggested the county tear down the gate at the entrance to Gates' property with a bulldozer and another person said citizens should block the road with dirt on the blacktop portion of the Toddy Payne Road so that Gates would not have access to his property.

Carlolitis told the group that the county road crew would fix the portion of the road where the dirt piles were on Wednesday morning.

But Carlolitis also said the case was headed to Circuit Court and that he really couldn't do much else.

Magistrate Donald Bullock, whose district the road is in, is also in opposition to closing the road and said he had several complaints about the gate being locked.

Carlolitis said Gates cooperated with the county on Wednesday morning to fix the road between the blacktop and the cemetery, but Carlolitis said Gates told him he was seeking an injunction against the county so they could not work on it while the matter was in Circuit Court.

Gates' attorney, Jerry Cox of Mt. Vernon, said a suit would be filed on Wednesday against the county for

several reasons, and Cox said that Gates was well within his rights to seek closure.

"Mr. Gates owns all property that lies along that road and no one would be landlocked by its closure and as far as we can tell the road has never been on the county work program," Cox said.

Judge Carlolitis said his administration had worked the road from time to time from the blacktop to the cemetery, but not beyond that point.

Since 1992 the road has been referred in the minutes of the fiscal court and in every recording there is no mention of the road being accepted as a county road.

In fact on December 18, 1992, the minutes read that the road "is not a qualified county road."

And on August 3, 1993 the minutes read, "The court discussed the fact that this road is not on the county road work program and that the county has no interest in the road concerning closure."

Gates has said that he would allow access to the cemetery and that he would even provide money to clean the cemetery up and maintain it, something that hasn't been done in quite some time.

Gates also said that if the road was not closed, those attending his retreat would be put in danger by traveling along the road. "I simply think it is a reasonable request to close a road that I am the only property owner affected - no one will be landlocked and the road is impassable except by horseback or on a four wheeler," Gates said.

Carlolitis told the group Tuesday that he would keep them informed

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Eight foot high gates stand at the entrance to the Mike and Lori Gates property at Pine Hill. The Gates are building a retreat and have asked the Rockcastle Fiscal Court to close the road.



The Rockcastle County road department gravelled a portion of the Toddy Payne Road at Pine Hill Wednesday morning. In the photo is landowner Mike Gates who wants the road closed.



Points East

By: Ike Adams

It's time for another raffish at the Paint Lick's Sportsman's Club where the women members may soon outnumber the men even though no mention has been made of the gender specific name of the organization. Before I get into the details, let me invite you to join the club by showing up our meeting the first Tuesday of every month and shelling out \$7.00 dollars in annual dues. In exchange for that piddling sum you will get six meals throughout the year, any one of which is worth twice the price of membership. We'll also see that you get a year's subscription to Kentucky Afield.

That's still not all. How about a nice canvas, baseball type cap that boldly proclaims your membership in the club? It comes with your paid membership and, alone, worth more than the dues.

There's not another club in the world where membership is as economical and the privileges as great and we do accept members from all

over the world. If you currently live in Russia, Zimbabwe, China or wherever, don't let that stop you from joining up because we'll gladly accept you into the fold. And if you live in reasonable driving distance of Paint Lick, you need to have your head examined if you don't rush to sign up right now. Think free chili supper, chicken and dumplings and fried apple pie. Need I say more?

Basically, as a club, we do good and avoid evil. What them members

do outside official club business is their own business. This year in awhile a politician sneaks in, for instance, but we act like they're human too, just like most everybody else. We do ask anyone who has to tell a lie to step outside if he or she gets the urge in the middle of a meeting and now that the women have near taken over, even I try hard to keep from cussing out loud.

Aside from providing the social event of the month here in Paint Lick,

the club organizes clean up campaigns, makes sure that all the sick and shut in get nice Christmas baskets, organizes special events like fish fries and picnics and, of course, does whatever it can to solve world problems.

By now you're probably wishing that you, too, could make \$7.00 stretch as far as the Paint Lick Sportsman's Club. Unfortunately it's not legal for you as an individual to hold a raffish. As a non-profit organization, the Sportsman's Club can and does.

We only do two or three a year so don't be thinking that every time you turn around someone is going to be asking you to sell a handful of raffie tickets. In the past we've raffied off nice, top of the line, hunting rifles and shotguns and the tickets go like hot cakes.

This Spring however, the women's caucus has strongly suggested that they have no interest in owning a gun and very little interest in selling chances to own one. We men gently refer to this attitude as a "Bambi Complex" but we're relaxed. So this Spring we're raffling off fishing tackle and camping gear. If you don't like fishing tackle and camping gear, you can take the \$400.00 in cash as an option and go buy yourself a nice gun. Or you can use the money to go to Disney World, Gatlinburg or Kings Island if that's your fancy. You can buy a new dishwasher, install satellite television in every room in your house, put down new linoleum, or

buy a whole truck load of junk off eBay.

There's any number of things you can do with \$400 if you don't want the nice two person tent, two new sleeping bags, two class seat and reel compass and a giant cooler that compromise the official alternative to cash in this raffie. Personally, though, if I win the raffie, I aim to have new carpet installed in my house. That's right, even though a club member has never won a raffie, it's still okay to buy tickets and try your luck.

Here's the deal. We have printed up 2000 tickets. When they're all gone that's it. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Most folks do buy 3. I happen to have 30 in possession right now and I need to move all but three of them between now and the end of the month. We'll have the drawing at the first Tuesday in April because we don't believe in dragging things on and on.

You can get your tickets by calling/emailing/writing me. The phone number is 606-925-2105. Email is ikedams@aol.com or you can just go ahead and order however many tickets you want by writing to me at 301 Charlie Brown Road, Paint Lick, KY 40461 and I'll send your ticket stubs back by return mail. Better yet, you can stop in Paint Lick at Uncle Tom's Grocery and purchase them and get the best cup of coffee in

Garrard County while you're there. In the meantime, the Club is organizing a community wide clean up for the week of March 18-25 and if you can't come over to help us pick up the litter that the pigs who drive through our village toss out their windows, we hope you'll join in and help some other group do the same thing wherever you live. It's Clean

Up Kentucky Week statewide and while you know you didn't make the mess you might as well realize that the dimwits who call themselves the Kentucky State Legislature aren't going to do anything to keep other people's garbage from winding up in your front yard. You all come and see us when you can.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



School days

It is amazing what a short trip outside the confines of one's home can do to awaken old memories. That happened to me today when I ventured a drive to Berea. Not much of a trip to most of you, but for me it was a treat. Since I have all but quit driving, these little trips to Berea, and occasionally Somerset, is the farthest from home I have driven in several years and it is a treat I seldom give myself. It is comforting to drive past and see old familiar places that are fast disappearing under the developing hands of the now generation's enthusiasm to grow, tear down and build. And it was such a short time ago I was driving anywhere I wanted to go. Miles not the time of day didn't bother me. But time has a way of putting a stop to many things we did, and got enjoyment from, when we were a bit younger. I am one of the first to acknowledge and list as my own convictions of "there is a time for all things". Driving after one loses some of skills that are required to do so safely, especially on the crowded highways of today, is one of them. Do I miss it? You bet it do, it is still exciting to feel the power of the engine vibrating through the steering wheel and hear the motor rev up as the gas pedal is touched. I even remember when the sound of the motor told you to change gears and your hand automatically reached for the gear shift.

The day of my latest excursion I took I-75 to Berea (Now I could drift inside of my expectations, and after the advent of I-75, but that can wait for another time.) The traffic as usual was crowded with Trucks, Semi's, Rigs, or whatever they want to call them, many as large as the store houses they are taking the place of, so shopping malls have more room for people instead of merchandise. Their theory is, one can always go back the next day, after a new shipment comes in. For some reason I was patient that day and drove slowly behind one big rig while I watched other little cars dart by and search for any corner of space available, then after catching their breath driving back out to continue their fight on the thoroughfare. Commercialism has taken the space once allotted to ordinary people driving cars. Where -oh- where have the railroads gone? And when will we ever have the pleasure of driving on highways built for, and enjoyed by, the owners of pleasure vehicles?

My shopping done and weariness beginning to seep into my bed I headed back home. I have never minded traffic on the highway, in fact I have always enjoyed the challenge of it. I used to love to drive to Cincinnati just for the thrill of seeing the beauty of the city stretched before me when I topped the hill overlooking it and know that soon I would be in the midst of people entering the mainstream from every angle and I would love to be on my toes to stay out of their way. I really loved it. But today I took the other route home, Old Rt. 25, paralleling I-75 is almost like being in another world. Ordinary life goes on here. Flowers are beginning to bloom in and around homes, fruit trees are showing their colors and life in general has been awakened. Traffic may sometimes be tied up for a spell by some older driver taking his/her time to get where they are headed, or someone in a hurry may pass so they can get home a little early, but

all in all it is a pleasant drive. One sets his/her own speed and dashes or meanders down the valley that is showing evidence of the changes being made in a growing community.

This drive today was maybe for a selfish reason, I wanted to see if spring was really close enough to be showing off some of it's beauty. I saw it was. The bright glow of Forsythia, seemed to be announcing Spring is here! And daffodils from almost every space available seconded the announcement. Shrubs and trees were also showing signs of waking up by changing their cloak of grey to shades of pink and mauve.

As I left Berea my first barrier to the scenes ahead was a school bus. I usually try to avoid the hours of "home pickup or delivery by bus", but today I was caught by an off schedule one. Poor little kids seem to have now become the product of efficiency experts, stagger shifts, leave earlier, come home later, anything to keep the factory running, but not much concern for the finished product.

I drove slowly behind the bus enjoying every minute of the time. It took me time to look at the kids and watch as some of them went flying up the path or through the yard to a few hours of freedom. At one stop it looked like an elderly grandparent opened the door a bit wider as she greeted the young fellow coming up the path. Stop after stop the driver waited for one or two to exit, then he would slowly lower the flag and continue. I followed until he flagged the end of the run and the bus was empty. And I wonder what he thought the short look of my hair was for when I tapped it and waved to salute to Kids of today society and the cause of getting to and from school.

This is what took me back a few years when a ride to school was unheard of, unless it was by a family member getting a sick child or one that was called a "slow poke" there before "school look up." Maybe those were the good old days, but I'll tell you one thing, these kids don't know what they are missing by not being able to walk to school. Whether the school house was next door or two miles away the trip was made twice a day and sometimes, maybe run home at noontime for lunch. If it was really sick it was kept home and rubbed down with Vicks salve, given an aspirin and sometimes a dose of castor oil and told to be quiet. Quiet meant lying in bed or sitting on the floor playing with building blocks or paper dolls or building fence rows or little buildings with old fashioned clothes pins. This kind of play allowed them to use their imagination. With a big old Sears Roebuck or Montgomery Ward catalog our disposal the girls would usually go to a big empty room and sit for hours on end furnishing the future home of their dreams by cutting out the pictures of fine furniture, curtains and anything that suited their fancy, and assembled them in the order of the home they were dreaming of. The little boys would also try to make things from them things around the house. I spoke of clothes pins, they were used at our house as constructive toys. I always bought a new box of the old fashioned kind, ones that were split and slipped over the clothesline instead of snapping on when my babies were learning to sit up, and dumped them in their bed or play

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Obituaries



Catherine Thompson

Catherine Mary Thompson, 59, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born May 8, 1940 in Milford, Connecticut, the daughter of Franklin and Gladys Bowden Cross. Survivors are her husband, Tom Thompson of Mt. Vernon; her father, Franklin Close of East Hartford, Connecticut; her mother, Gladys Nolte of Vernon, Connecticut; one brother, Robert Close of Garnerville, New York and one sister, Carol Ann Lavelle of Manchester, Connecticut. Graveside services were Monday, March 13, at Elmwood Cemetery with Bro. Mark Whicker officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery. Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Deva McClure

Deva Alice McClure, 88, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, March 11, 2000, at her residence. She was born September 13, 1911 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Robert Smith and Millie Jane McPherson Whitaker. She had been a homemaker and was a life-long Christian. Survivors are one son, Harold McClure of Banning, California; one brother, R.G. Whitaker of Crab Orchard; one sister, Leona Stevens of Somerset; three granddaughters, Carol McClure, Alice Smith and Debbie Crane and six great grandchildren. She was also considered a Granny by many of her friends and neighbors.

Services were Tuesday, March 14, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Jackie Renner officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Spoonamore, Donnie Sowder, Donnie Keith Sowder, Charles Spoonamore, James Stevens and Tex Payne.



Helen Wiwi

Helen Louise Wiwi, 59, of Brodhead, died Thursday, March 9, 2000 at the Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness. She was born on January 28, 1941 in Brooksville, the daughter of the late Charlie and Lorraine Sutton Tucker. She had previously been a housewife, a member of the Moose Club of Dayton, Ohio, and a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are three daughters, Michelle Combs of Brodhead; Judith Offitt and husband, Robert of Dayton, Ohio and Victoria Murphy and husband, Bob of Cookeville, Tennessee; two sons, Jim Phennis and wife, Arlene of Livingston and Steve Phennis and wife, Missy of Three Links; one brother, Charles Tucker of Hamilton, Ohio; one sister, Mary Johnson of Franklin, Ohio and one grandchild, Desiree Combs of Brodhead. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Wiwi and one sister, Joan Perkins.

Services were Saturday, March 11, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Whicker officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Raymond Damrell

Raymond Bradley Damrell, 7 weeks old, died Thursday, March 9, 2000 at the Berea Hospital. He was the son of Kelvin and Lori Howard Damrell.

Survivors besides his parents are one sister, Kelly Damrell; one brother, Kelvin Damrell, Jr.; his paternal grandparents, Jr. and Freda Roberts Damrell of Berea; maternal grandparents, William and Wanda Allen Howard of Berea; great grandparents are Virgie Kirby of Conway and Celia Roberts of Berea; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were Saturday, March 11, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Gary Livinville officiating. Burial was in the Flat Gap Cemetery.

Rev. Wendell Belew, Sr.

Rev. M. Wendell Belew, Sr., 77, of Rome, Georgia, died Wednesday, March 8, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on February 24. He was born May 4, 1922, in Keeler. He was a Southern Baptist minister, enjoyed a distinguished career at a church pastor, missions administrator at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, seminary professor and author.

He was a graduate of Georgetown College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Director of Mountain Missions for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Director of Church-centered Missions at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as a number of other leadership positions at the Home Mission Board until his retirement in 1988. Additionally, he has authored a number of books, including several works on missions and two children's books.

Dr. Belew had visiting professorships at the Southern, Southwestern and Midwestern Theological Seminaries, the Yale Divinity School, Bethel College and Seminary, and Fuller Theological Seminary. He was past president of the American Society of Missiology, a member of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, a recipient of the 44th million copy of Good News for Modern Man, and was a co-founder of Southern Atlantians for Progress (SWAP) in the mid-1960s, an endeavor to promote racial harmony. In 1983, Belew was awarded the Victor T. Glass Award for racial reconciliation.

Survivors are his wife, Edna Record Belew of Rome, Georgia; one son, M. Wendell Belew, Jr., of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Cathy Belew McCraw of Rome, Georgia and Belle Marcella Belew of Washington, D.C. and four grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, March 11, at the Second Avenue Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia. Graveside services were Monday, March 13, at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Harrodsburg with Dr. Eugene Enlow officiating.

Ransell Funeral Chapel in Harrodsburg, was in charge of Kentucky arrangements.

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Graveside services were Monday, March 13, at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Harrodsburg with Dr. Eugene Enlow officiating.

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Virgil Ballinger

The family of Earl (Virgil) Ballinger wants to say thanks to everyone that helped in any way during the time of his sickness and death. Thanks to the doctors, nurses, and to all the Rockcastle Hospital staff. We want to remember all our friends, neighbors and family members that brought in food, gave money and sent flowers to the funeral home.

Thank you to the churches that sent food here. And special thanks for all the prayers that was said for him.

I want to thank David Ballinger for digging the grave, and to all the people that helped him. Thanks to Bernice Sams and Karen, his wife, and Rocky King for coming down from Winchester and singing the beautiful songs.

We want to remember all the pallbearers and say thanks to them. Thanks to Bro. Joe VanWinkle and Donald Anglin for coming to visit and saying a prayer for him.

We the family all appreciate everything that was done for us during this trying time. Thanks for all the pretty cards.

Thanks to everyone that helped us in any way. God bless each and everyone.

The Ballinger Family

Prayers

As Daddy laid his head to sleep to never know, he would not wake. For the Lord took his soul, that we do know. But for the pain in our hearts, we could not bare.

But the Lord gave us strength for more pain to bare, for you see the next day our Mother's health had failed, for the pain of losing Daddy was too much to bare. As we prayed for our mother to regain her health, our friends and family were there to share in our pain, to give us a hug, a prayer, a card, or just love, whatever it may have been, we cannot thank you enough. For you see, all of these prayers and kind thoughts brought our mother back to us.

As we laid our Daddy to rest, we did our best, but without the love and support of our family and friends, we could have never made it through this time of sorrow. Many, many thanks to the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home and staff and the Rockcastle Hospital.

Love the family of Hubert and Jalette Bell

Cards of Thanks

Marshall Wren

The family of Marshall (Howard) Wren would like to thank each of you for being there, for prayers, kind words, flowers, food and the donations to the Fairview Baptist Cemetery Fund. A special thanks to Rev. Kenny Davis and the Reppert Funeral Home. You did a super job.

Thank You

The Mt. Vernon Church of God would like to thank each and everyone that gave donations of any kind during Christmas for our heating and air conditioning system. It was very much appreciated. Again thanks very much.

Rev. Bobby Owens, Pastor



"Junior" Sexton

Ambrose C. "Junior" Sexton, 76, of Lambert Road, Berea, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born September 23, 1923 in Rockcastle County, the son of Arthur and Sarah Jane Miracle Sexton. He was a retired inspector for the International Harvester Company, a member of the Baptist Church and a World War II army veteran.

Survivors are his wife, Ethel Begley Sexton of Lambert Road, Berea; two step daughters, Treva Sumpter and Ruth Williams, both of Sun City West, Arizona and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Saturday, March 11, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Dr. Maynard Head officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard Sexton, Richard Harris, Robert McWilliam, Ed Spencer, Jim Williams and Finley Begley.

Ronald Seiber

Ronald McKinley Seiber, 40, of Berea, died Sunday, March 12, 2000. He is the son of Louise Seiber of Dayton, Ohio and the late McKinley Seiber. He was a former employee of Continental Metals in Richmond and a member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors besides his mother are his wife, Belinda Anderkin Seiber of Berea; three children, Josh and Miranda Seiber of Berea and Billy Seiber of Dayton, Ohio and one brother, Danny W. Seiber of Dayton.

Services were Tuesday, March 14 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea. Additional funeral services will be Thursday, March 16, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cox-Martin Funeral in Lake City, Tennessee. Burial will be in the Petros Cemetery in Tennessee.

Herman Watkins

Herman Russell Watkins, 85, of East Bernstadt, died Saturday, March 11, 2000, at the Laurel Heights Nursing Home in London. He was born in Laurel County on December 15, 1914, the son of the late Charles and Sarah Watkins. He was a retired machinist for the Ford Motor Company and a member of the Grace Fellowship Church.

Survivors are his wife, Velva Watkins; three sons, Bob Fredericks of Andrews, North Carolina, Jerry Watkins of East Bernstadt and Willard Watkins of East Bernstadt; two daughters, Sandra McCracken of Newport Richey, Florida and Judy Stewart of East Bernstadt; 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at the Bowling Funeral Home in London with Bro. Mike Wynn and Bro. Lawrence Cornelius officiating. Burial was in the Watkins-Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at East Bernstadt.

Pallbearers were Robbie Poff, Rusty Poff, Bobby Watkins, Charlie Watkins, Chris Watkins, Herman Watkins and Jerry Watkins. This obituary courtesy of the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
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If you would like to make a donation please contact Myrna Chidester at 256-2125 or Rockcastle County High School 256-4816.

Those who have donated are Town & Country Chevron, Russell & Norma Hook, Jeffery T. Burdette, Mt. Vernon Signal, James & Dee Ann Miller, Mary Mathis, Lonnie & Teresa Vanzant, Mt. Vernon Scrap, Rose's One Stop, Parsons Gas, Wm. F. Stewart, Steven Connely, Brodhead Lion's Club, R&D Printing, Jenny Sweet, Napa Auto Parts, David's Tire Center, Thompson's Mobile Home, Buzza Carlotta's, Broadhead Baptist Church, Lina Weinwender, Kevin Fletcher Signs, J&J Gas Mart, Chuck Gray, Radio Shack, Debra Lambert, Margaret Offutt, Roger Renner, Hair Unlimited, Willis Coffey, Sondra Mullins, Kiwanis Club, Gary Mink, PPG Industries, Kentucky Powder, Quail Homemakers, Clontz & Cox, Livingston Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon PTA, Rockcastle Street Rodders, RCHS V-Club, RCHS Faculty & Staff, Carquest Auto Parts, Advance Auto Parts, Sherry Cox, The Cutting Edge, A Cut Above, Sheila Hurst and Sue's Hairstyling.

The Project Graduation Committee

Dear Editor,
I have never considered any thought that I ever had important enough to be printed, or that I should be so vain as to think that any collective group of people really wanted to hear it. This is a letter that has been written many times in my mind in the past few weeks, and now having had the temerity to put it to paper, hope that I will do a suitable job.

I was intrigued by some of the events in this column that has occurred over the past few weeks, and because I have enjoyed a personal friendship with Barry Adams, as well as a long professional relationship, thought I was directly qualified to offer to speak about something here.

Please don't misunderstand me; this is not a defense of Barry Adams' conduct as a police officer. Barry doesn't need my help. I know him well enough to know that he can do that himself. However, just because a man can stand alone and defend himself doesn't mean he should be required to. I worked side by side with Barry for four years here, and think back of those experiences now with all kinds of emotions. Some memories are painful, some tears, and some others invoke only the quiet contemplation of doing a job many would never have done in the first place. But you see, Barry, along with the rest of our police force, is out there, doing their job, even as you read my pitiful attempt at writing a letter.

We have a responsibility to take care of and have respect for those who serve us in all capacities. While there is an accountability of public servants to the people whom they serve, so the public should feel a sense of mutual accountability to recognize and respect honest efforts that are put forth by these public servants. I have DIRECT PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE that these officers are not serving us as police officers because it pays so well. It will never pay well, at least not in money. We as a community can compensate these officers in ways that are much more tangible to them than money. I challenge not only this community, but also the City Council, to GIVE THESE OFFICERS PRAISE WENT IT IS DESERVED. If you are a member of our City Council and do not consider praise of those police officers who deserve it as monthly business, then I consider you unfit to serve as a member of this governing body. Council, you hear the police report read to you every month. How appreciative are you of the job that our officers perform? Do you have an official recognition and reward process for those officers who exceed the normal level of duty? If you do, maybe this community would like to know when these officers are recognized and why. I am sure that a water expansion project makes for interesting reading, but as for myself, I would like to know which police officers put forth more effort than what minimum wage requires. I challenge our Council to

make this an immediate part of their meetings. Will you, the members of the council, accept this challenge to give praise and recognition where it is deserved?

I guess I should close, as my temerity to write this only hold out so long! I am thankful for the jobs that this police department performs. I am thankful that the Lord kept me safe when I was working with those officers, and it is my hope and prayer that He will continue to do so with them. The longer that this community neglects these officers, the more ashamed we should feel. Let's get behind our police department. They serve us faithfully, and we should let them know we appreciate it!

Barry Adams' friend,
Matthew J. Bryant

Dear Editor,
"The producer was at the mercy of the speculator, and many tobacco farmers were steadily facing ruin, and as a class were approaching economic serfdom." The Black Patch War, John G. Miller, 1936.

Are we to return to the early days of the 1900's when farm families were at the mercy of a tobacco company receiving whatever pittance would be paid at or just above the starvation level? So it will be with contract buying.

Philip Morris U.S.A. has proposed contract buying as a means to "get the tobacco they need" and, without saying so, at the "price they want." I recently visited twelve farmers in South America who were growing an average of ten acres of contract tobacco each - only one of those farmers was wearing shoes. Do we want American tobacco farmers barefooted and bare backed when it comes to dealing with tobacco companies? We have a choice but to oppose contract buying of tobacco in the United States. Here's why:

Contract Buying would end the United States tobacco price support program. This program has offered production control and price stability

for 58 years. Without it there would be huge fluctuations of the supply and price of tobacco.

Contract Buying would take away the farmer's independence. He/she would no longer have the freedom to choose what variety to grow, what chemicals to use, how and when to harvest the crop. The farmer would in fact become a slave of the tobacco companies.

Contract Buying would allow the tobacco companies to dictate all decision making. The companies would control all areas of production. It would be one contract, one man, no voice.

Contract Buying would greatly diminish U.S. tobacco's ability to compete worldwide thus decreasing exports and markets. Under contract buying, domestic markets would be the only place for U.S. tobacco. Currently, domestic markets are decreasing which in turn means less tobacco needed to meet demand.

Contract Buying mostly includes large producers. Tobacco companies will not be interested in small tobacco growers. According to Dr. William Snell of the University of Kentucky, if the average farmer would increase to just as little as ten acres under a contracting system, the net result would be an elimination of over 50 percent of the Kentucky tobacco farms. Therefore, most U.S. burley tobacco farmers will be out of business.

Contract Buying will take away the tobacco farmer's bargaining power. The tobacco companies will

set the price and the farmers will have to take it or go under. Farmers will be at the mercy of the tobacco companies for a fair price or more likely, a break-even price.

If you doubt any of this, ask the contract growers of other agricultural commodities.

This is why the Burley Co-op and others have asked our Senators and Representatives for help.

The Tobacco Farmers Protection Act, Senate Bill 385, will serve as a shield for growers. It does not stop contracting. This act serves to level the playing field between growers and tobacco companies. This act will cause minimum standards to be met by the companies rather than the growing having a contract thrown down on his breakfast table and told to take it or leave it.

This act will do for growers what they cannot do individually. The individual farmer can still negotiate to better himself but in the meanwhile he is protected by a negotiating Commission made up primarily of farmers. This Commission will develop a minimum standard contract upon which all contracts must be met. The Commission will also make sure that all contracts are in compliance with the Tobacco Price Support Program.

Growers - if contracting is to be, get protection. Call your State Senator and Representative and say "I need you to help me protect myself against unfair contracting practices. I don't mind working, but I don't want to be a slave or reduced to serfdom. Vote for Senate Bill 385, the Tobacco Farmers Protection Act."

Danny McKinney

Sweet n' Sour

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area, the house was their playpen, with restrictions on what they were allowed to play with and get into. But these clothespins would keep them busy for hours. And frustrations were often stacked as a dog house or fence not by the way when they had been backed securely. But they soon learned, that was what it was all about, learning, how to develop skills and talent. I remember one of Rod's special toys his dad fixed for him. He had been caught several times with a hammer driving nails into anything he could find, so far he had not damaged anything, but one never knew with a little boy of four or five-years-old when it would happen. So

one day Matt came in with a big block of wood dressed on all four sides and handed it to Rod with the hammer and bag of nails. Then explained to him what it was for and how to drive the nails in straight. Then one last warning, "Now this is the only place you are ever to drive a nail into it you get to be a big boy." I wish I knew what happened to that block. The last time I remember seeing it was literally full of nails, there was no sign of the original wood. Children can be taught the right and wrong way to do things. But it must begin at birth.

Walking to and from school was a way of life and a way of kids getting the much needed exercise they are missing today. It was also the time kids from the same neighborhood got acquainted and became best friends. And at that time in history schools were neighborhood concerns where neighbors looked out for the benefit of kids passing their house. I had one neighbor in the Buffalo area that kept a pan of biscuits and something to put on them just for the kids going home. And the kids were never disappointed

when they passed her home. Polly often tells of those times, how Ms. Mize, "Alice," would hear her kids coming and have the biscuits and jelly ready for anxious hands and half empty stomachs to get rid of so the wouldn't have to throw them out. Polly always called Ms. Mize her second grandma.

Nor do bus riders get the benefits of stopping by the wayside and picking persimmons in the fall or raising an apple tree full of ripe fruit that otherwise would be wasted. Or getting to school with wet feet from the snow or rain and being allowed to pull their shoes off and dry them by the big stove in the middle of the room. Or run the mile or so home, as Rod used to, have a big bowl of canned blackberries with fresh milk to accompany it before he did his nightly chores, then grab a book and head for his room.

Today's advantages are great, and I am sure the method of training and teaching this generation of children will have its place in history. And our grandchildren will be able to tell the next generation of "Their Good Old Days."

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Poet's Corner

And We're Snowbound
By William Jerry Ayers
The snow is almost up to our door.
They say we'll get another foot or more.
Snow is falling steadily to the ground;
That cold white stuff everywhere can be found.

And we're snowbound.
The roads are too bad to travel; school is out.
The kids are all over the house running about.
Food is about gone, and we can't get to town,
Because that darn snow keeps on coming down.

And we're snowbound.
The CD player is on the blink and won't work.
The electric coffee pot doesn't want to perk.
The kids are screaming to go out and play.
The TV says we will get more snow today.

And we're snowbound.
Now it looks like we are going to run out of firewood,
And didn't buy as much wood and milk as we thought we should.
That four-wheel drive truck—well, it just won't start.

Those kids sound as if they are tearing the house apart.
And we're snowbound.
Cabin fever is about to drive you, me and everyone mad.

If only that snow would stop falling, we would be glad.
It seems like weeks and weeks have slowly gone by
Since we have seen a nice clear blue sky.
And we're snowbound.
Say there, wait a minute, isn't that the sun?

Yes, the snow has stopped. It's over and done.
Well, we guess it wasn't really that bad after all.

We think that now, but just wait until the next snowfall.
And we're snowbound.
(Look for this and other poems by William Jerry Ayers on Internet Website www.poetry.com)

Beatitudes for Friends
of the Aged
Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at the table today.
Blessed are they who chat with a cheery smile who stop to tch for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today."
Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry a cross.

Blessed are those who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

A Young Girl's Prayer
By William Jerry Ayers
Heavenly father above,
Please protect the boy I love.
Bless his hair that never curls
Keep him safe from all other girls.
Bless his eyes that shine like stars,
Make him love me more than cars.
Bless his arms and keep them strong
But keep his hands where they belong.
Bless him Lord with your consent
The boy that you sent.

Roses
By Mike Combs
A dozen black roses
Delivered upon death
Chosen by her mother
This child is Beth.

It began with a yellow rose
Their friendship was so true
A simple dance one Friday night
Their hearts began the test.

Next the rose was white
Her innocence had been lost
Never thinking of the fine
Soon she saw the cost.

Then the rose was pink
For a baby had been born
The future, their lives, their plans
The contract had been torn.

Soon the rose turned blue
For sorrow he had caused
Drugs and drinking, fear and blood
On every swing time would pause.

Now, the rose, a simple green
Another love he sore she sought
Blood and broken, a doctor she had seen
An adulteress she had never been.

The final rose, an angry red
In his hand there shone a knife
He cut her face, he pierced her heart
With morbid rage he took her life.

A dozen black roses
Received upon death
Chosen by her mother
This child was Beth.

Together You and I Will Share
By William Jerry Ayers
Together you and I will share,
The beauty of a clear blue summer sky.
As we watch snow white clouds drift by,
Together we will feel the sunshine warm and bright,
And watch the dark of night slowly turn to light.

Together you and I will share,
The sound of robins as they gaily sing.
And notice winter as it turns into Spring.
We will think of our past once in a while,
It will make us sad, sometimes make us smile.

Together you and I will share,
The beauty of twinkling stars that shine each night,
The lovely sight of winged things as they take flight.
The joy of forever sharing each other's life.
Of just being your husband and his wife.

If we love each other completely and always show we care,
All of life's treasures together we will share.

Snow of 2000
By William Jerry Ayers
The big snow of 2000,
I don't recall the very day it all began,
But often wondered when it would end.
The snow of 2000,
It was about the worst we had seen,
Seemed to linger day after day

It got so cold even children couldn't go out and play.
The cold weather, the bitter winds and falling snow,
Days when we had to stay in and couldn't get out and in
For snow seemed to fall on every city throughout our great land.
Just to have had a warm day then would have been so very grand.

I remember the snow of 2000.
When lakes froze over and airplanes could no longer go
A time when heating fuels for some were getting mighty low.
Saddest fact of all was that many people died from the cold.

In years to come stories of 2000's winter hardships will be told.
Yes I remember that snow of 2000.
And like you was glad to have it over done and gone.

So the year ahead its cold memory will linger on,
Yes in 2000 when snow covered trees, roads and land.
Will long be remembered by every child, woman and man.

Good Gas Guzzler Gags
By William Jerry Ayers
Bumper Sticker...My car self-destructs upon completion of 36th payment.
Car Salesman...Here's a good used car that was only driven by a little old school teacher.
Randy...Well then she must have drove it right into a wall.

Sign Outside of Church...This service station open every Sunday.
Cab Driver...What do you mean my meters to fast, it only says \$2.75.
Craig...I know, but I'm not even in the cab yet.

She told her husband she wanted to see the world, so he gave her a MAP.
Phil...I want my money back I bought this tire here last week and already I've had a blow out.

Grandma's Bible will be my families life time guide,
Like a very old and dear friend it will be by our side,
It will lighten and brighten each day,
And as we all read it and heed it along the way.

So to Grandma's Bible we will cling,
And of its worth we will gladly sing.

Tire Salesman...Now, now things like that happen, we run our nails or tacks and bang a blow out.
Phil...I still want my money back, I had a blow out in my TRUNK.
Bumper Sticker...Save energy, fire computers and hire people.
Man (drunk battered and bruised, walked into a police station) I've been attacked by a big dog on the highway.

Police man...Was it a great dog or a German Shepherd?
Man...I dunno, it was the side of a bus.

Remember...There is little traffic congestion on the straight and narrow road.

My Grandma's Bible
By William Jerry Ayers
Though the cover on Grandma's Bible is worn,
And though its pages are torn,
And though it places bear traces of tears,
Her old Bible is more precious than gold.

One that will be in our household and never be sold
This little old book that can shatter and scatter my fears.

When I prayerfully look at that precious old Bible,
Many pleasure and treasures always see.
Many tokens of love from our Father up above,
And Grandma, who was nearest and dearest to me.

Grandma's Bible will be my families life time guide,
Like a very old and dear friend it will be by our side,
It will lighten and brighten each day,
And as we all read it and heed it along the way.

So to Grandma's Bible we will cling,
And of its worth we will gladly sing.

This old Book will go to our grandchildren someday.
So that they may also read and pray.

Millennium Merriment
By William Jerry Ayers
Most smiles started with another smile.
Some people wouldn't be so dog tired tonight if they didn't growl so much during the day.
My friends just quit his job as a food server, not enough time off for lunch.

A first grade teacher is a woman who knows how to make little things count.
Keep your words to your wife "soft and sweet" because you may have to answer them later.

A human mind is like an umbrella, more useful when it's open.
In olden days a naughty child was straightened out by being bent over. One thing a reward is never offered for is a lost temper.

Smiles Are Always In Style
By William Jerry Ayers
A smile is a curved line that sets many things straight.
A bug day keeps a naughty child away from days that were bent over. Time isn't your enemy, unless you try to kill it.

Save Energy—Fire computers and hire people.
A friend says that most smiles are started with another smile.
In the good old days women used to darn their husband's socks, now a days they teach their darn husbands.

A friend is someone who's still around when the money is all gone.
Get high on life, NOT DRUGS.
Men keep your words to your wives soft and sweet, for you may have to eat them later.

Smile at someone today and who knows they may give it back.

Summary of Ordinance No. 1-2000

An Ordinance Relating to the imposition and payment of Occupational and Net Profits on Individuals, businesses, occupations and professions within the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky for the health, education, safety, welfare and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 68.197.

Summary and Required Text
Section 1.01 contains definitions for certain words and phrases used in the text of the Ordinance.

Section 1.02 Occupational License Fee Generally
(A) Every person or business engaged in any trade, occupation, or profession, or other activity or anyone required to file a return under this ordinance in the City of Mt. Vernon shall be required to pay a separate fee or questionnaire for each separate business before the commencement of business or in the event of a status change, other than change of address.

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Parent Forum for Parents of High and Middle School Students

Come to find out about new high school graduation requirements!

Parents of High School and Middle School Students in Rockcastle County are invited to a Parent's Forum.

March 27, 2000
5:00 p.m.
High School Auditorium

The Forum will feature:

- Resources from the Kentucky Dept. of Ed.
- Kentucky's Individual Graduation Plan
- Life beyond college requirements
- Financial aid opportunities
- Kentucky Career Major Certificates
- Related local school activities and programs...

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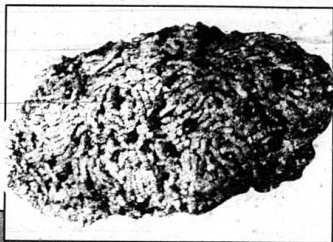
For more information, please contact Forward in the Fifth at 800-977-0696 or the school at 606-723-3537. You can also find us online at community.kentucky.com/realcities/forwardinthefifth.

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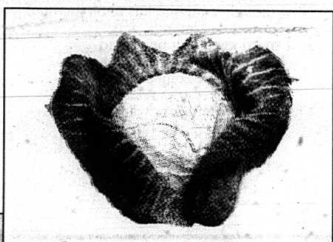
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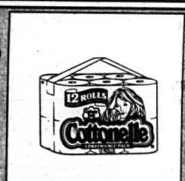
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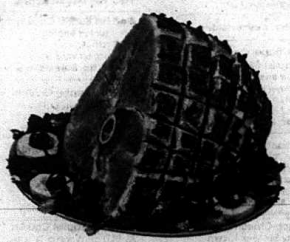
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Hoggard named United States National Award Winner in Art

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Krystal Hoggard from Orlando, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Art.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Krystal, who attends Rockcastle County High School, was nominated for this national award by Lawrence Bullock, a teacher at the school.

Krystal will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusion recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's



Krystal Hoggard

academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Krystal is the daughter of Harold and Alma Hoggard of Orlando and the granddaughter of Warren and Ella Hoggard of Mt. Vernon and Zelma Gray of Orlando.



Jacob Stewart and Brandon Tincher were winners of attendance prizes.



Pictured above are winners of attendance prizes. Front row from left: Walter Hembree, Danny Barron, Tamara Blanton. Back row from left: Brent Callahan, Cody Carpenter, Bryan Clontz, Charles Dickerson, Jennifer Cox.

Vocational students win 20 medals at regionals

On Friday, March 3, the Rockcastle County VICA club participated in Southeast Regional Skill and Leadership competitions at Laurel Co. Technical College. Thirty-two students from the school attended and competed in various contests. The students who won first place gold medals will get to go on to state competition April 10th-13th in Louisville, those students and their contest are as follows:

Joseph Saylor, Prepared Speech; Eric Shafer, Job Interview; Coby Robinson, Action Skills; Kayla Hayes, Promotional-Bulletin Board; Jeffery Anglin, Industrial Electricity and Kevin Navarre, Residential Electricity.

Students receiving second place silver medals and their contest were:

Jake Tillery, Kevin Navarre, James Thacker, Robert Alexander, Jeffrey Anglin, Eric Poynter and Robert Couch, Opening and Closing team. Robert Alexander, Residential Electricity; Courtney Payne, Action Skills; Eric Poynter, Industrial Electricity and Richard Sowder, Job Interview.

Students receiving third place bronze medals and their contest were:

Adam Childress, Prepared Speech; Joe Saylor, Job Skills Demonstration and James Thacker, Industrial Electricity.

The staff at Rockcastle County Area Technology Center would like to thank the students for their hard work and dedication, and the community for their support of technical education.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of March 16, 2000. Each twelve weeks our school has a drawing for attendance prizes. To be eligible for the drawings, a student must have attended school every day of that grading period or missed only one day during that time. Prize winners for this 12 weeks are as follows: Jacob Stewart, bicycle; Brandon Tincher, bicycle; Cody Carpenter, basketball; Charles Dickerson, basketball; Bryan Clontz, basketball; Danny Barron, football; Brent Callahan, football; Tamara Blanton,

headset; Jennifer Cox, headset and Walter Hembree, playground ball. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Don't forget about the 4-H Variety Show tonight at MVES at 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, March 20 our Family Resource Center is sponsoring Family Art Night for 4th and 5th grade. It will be in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

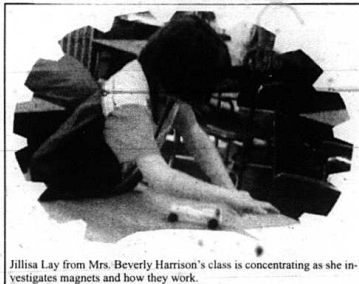
Thought for the week: Well done is better than well said.

Tiger Pause

Brodhead Elementary would like to thank Citizens Bank for sponsoring their "Newspapers in Education." Newspapers are a terrific source of reading for all ages. We appreciate Citizens Bank's continual support of education at Brodhead Elementary.

Brodhead Elementary students are

preparing for their first annual Science Fair Festival. The Science Fair will be held on March 31, 2000. Parents are welcome to visit the Science Fair Festival and view the science projects on that day. The exhibits will be open from 9:00-12:00 to the public.



Jillisa Lay from Mrs. Beverly Harrison's class is concentrating as she investigates magnets and how they work.



Mrs. Reynolds class has been busy working on their projects. Douglas Ponder, Amy Poynter, Marvin Barron and Shane Mullins are working cooperatively as they investigate different aspects of toothpaste.

America's Promise Guest

Reader Program

By Jennifer Dialelet
Over the past several weeks in the Americorps program, we have been engaged in a special activity. This activity was designed to help build students interest in reading. The program is called America's Promise Guest Reader.

In the America's Promise Guest Reader Program community members are invited into the school to share a special book with the students. The readers usually talk to the students about what kind of job they have, and about their family. This is very exciting for the students to learn about a new job, and to meet some-

one new.

The program is done on a bi-weekly basis. So far this year we have had Ms. Charlotte Hansel, an employee from Citizens Bank and Mr. Shannon Franklin, who is a youth minister at one of the churches in Rockcastle County. Ms. Judy Adams, the school nurse has also read to the students, as well as various members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education. The America's Promise Guest Reader Program was started last year at BES, and hopefully it will continue in the years to come. I appreciate all of the volunteers who have come in and read. THANKS!!

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Spring Open House

Where: Rockcastle County High School

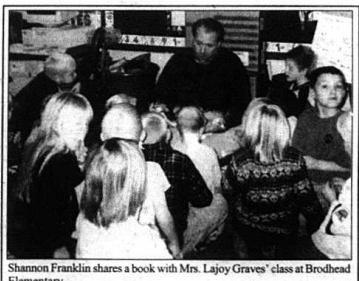
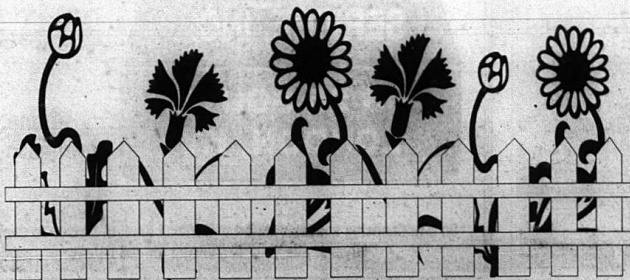
When: Monday, March 27, 2000

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Conference with your child's teachers

Pick up Report Cards

Attend the Forward in the Fifth presentation from 5:00 to 5:30! The discussion will be on scholarships, high school requirements, and graduation plans!



Shannon Franklin shares a book with Mrs. Lajoy Graves' class at Brodhead Elementary.



Charlotte Hansel reading to Mrs. Annette Lawrence's class.

13-and-under girls win Bluegrass State Games Basketball Championship

The Rockcastle County girls' 13 and under AAU basketball team competed in the Bluegrass State Games this past weekend in Lexington at Jessie Clark Middle School. Several teams from around the state were on hand for the annual tournament of the state's best 13 and under girls' basketball teams.

Rockcastle County, coached by David Owens, dominated the competition and won the Bluegrass State Games Championship in four straight games. The team went undefeated for the entire tournament.

The first game for the girls came on Saturday against the Derby City Dragons of Louisville. Derby City outsize the girls, but proved no match in heart. Rockcastle easily defeated them 40-27 with excellent defense and rebounding. Katie Parsons and Stephanie Price led the scoring with 10 each and both pulled down several rebounds. Both Johnny Abney and Tara Rowe played outstanding defense and scored nine and six points, respectively. Ashley Kimbrell pulled down several rebounds and scored four, while Ashley Bell played great defense and contributed two points. Krystal Parsons, Gina McClure, and Ashley Mize came off the bench to provide steady offense and solid defense.

In the second game of the afternoon, Rockcastle also had an easy victory. They defeated Russell County 41-29 to remain in the winner's bracket of the tournament.

Johnna Abney poured in a team and tournament high 22 points, while going nine for nine from the free throw line. Johnna made 22 of 24 free throws for the tournament including a string of 21 in a row. Tara Rowe scored eight and dished out several assists, while Ashley Kimbrell had seven points and numerous rebounds. Katie Parsons had four points along with solid defensive play. Stephanie Price and Lauren Clontz controlled the boards pulling down countless rebounds.

Game three matched Rockcastle against the tournament favorite, Morehead Shooters, a select group of players boasting over 100 sponsors, as well as several hundred applicants for the team. The team had even advertised on the Internet in hopes of bringing in the best talent available. As it turned out, all of the websites in the world would not have been enough to help them turn back a ferocious Rockcastle team bent on avenging last season's losses. Johnna Abney led the scoring with 14, including six for six from the line in the fourth quarter. Ashley Kimbrell rebounded well and scored nine points. Tara Rowe and Katie Parsons scored six each. The girls exhibited excellent team defense with clutch free throw shooting in the final minutes and held on for the 35-30 win.

The championship game was played on Sunday afternoon. The girls had expected to play Morehead again; however, the Shooters were defeated

by 19 points at the hands of a revitalized Derby City team. Rockcastle struggled early in the game due to tough defensive pressure by Derby City and trailed 21-18 at halftime. By the end of the third quarter, the deficit had grown to four points and several players were in foul trouble. Gina McClure, Ashley Mize, Krystal Parsons and Ashley Bell came off the bench to provide solid defense and keep Rockcastle in the game. The girls turned up the intensity and outscored Derby City 19-8 in the final period to claim the 50-43 win. Tara Rowe had her best game of the tournament and led the charge in the fourth quarter, scoring 11 of her game high 20 points. She also played excellent defense. Johnna Abney also played outstanding defense and poured in 13 points, including two three-pointers. Johnna also dished out six assists. Lauren Clontz pulled down several rebounds and scored six points. Stephanie Price also helped control the boards and had four points. Ashley Bell and Ashley Kimbrell scored two each and had several key rebounds.

The team was crowned Bluegrass State Games Champions and received gold medals in the awards ceremony following the game. The team was also privileged enough to attend a photo session at the Seaton Center on the University of Kentucky campus. The girls are now 4-0 and remain undefeated this AAU season.

Outdoors in Rockcastle

By Mike Carpenter Wild Turkeys Part II

The upcoming 2000 spring turkey season starts April 17th and last through May 7th with a big limit of two male turkeys or turkeys with visible beards. The daily limit is one bird per day and the shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. You must have a hunting license and a spring turkey permit. The cost of this year's spring license are \$12.50 and the spring turkey permit is \$17.50. Be sure and pick up a copy of the 2000 Kentucky Turkey Hunting Guide so you can find out all of the current laws and regulations.

Although the 1999 spring turkey harvest numbers were down a little from 1998, the 2000 spring turkey season should be a good one. If the warm temperatures continue there should be a little more foliage on the trees this year, that always helps with concealment and the shots on the turkeys will be closer. Warmer temperatures will also help with the hen's nesting, which makes calling a gobble much easier.

If you are a beginner turkey hunter and you want to learn how to turkey hunt, Wal-Mart has a great selection of instructional turkey hunting videos that will teach you how to call

turkeys, how to locate turkeys, and equipment you will need for turkey hunting.

Here are a few tips I got from some of Rockcastle County's most successful turkey hunters: Be sure and pattern your shotgun, came from head to toe, use very little movement, don't call to turkeys prior to season, don't think you have to be a great caller to kill a turkey, learn how to yelp and chuck and you will be successful at calling turkeys. A friction call such as a slate call are the easiest to master and they should be more realistic. Remember scouting prior to season will help you more than anything. Get up early and go to different locations before daylight and listen for turkeys to gobble and write down on a topo map how many turkeys you heard gobble this way when season comes in you will have plenty of places to hunt.

Here are the number of birds we've harvested in Rockcastle County over the past few years:

In 1993, 12 birds were harvested; 1994, 43; 1995, 40; 1996, 93; 1997, 118; 1998, 140 and 1999, 92.

If you have never turkey hunted, get out there and give it a try, it will add a new challenge to your hunting. Good luck this turkey season. So get

out and take your kids, the future outdoors men and women of Rockcastle County, and enjoy God's great outdoors.

T-Ball Signups March 25th

T-Ball Signups will be held Saturday, March 25th at Thacker Field from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Signups are for boys and girls age 5 to 6 on August 1, 1999.

Classified Deadline is Noon Tuesday



Members of the 13 and under AAU team which recently won the Bluegrass State Games are pictured above, front row from left: Ashley Mize, Stephanie Price, Gina McClure, Tara Rowe, and Johnna Abney. Back row from left: Ashley Kimbrell, Katie Parsons, Krystal Parsons, Lauren Clontz, Ashley Bell and coach David Owens.



The following RCMS 8th grade band members participated in the 2nd Annual 2000 District 11 Middle School Honors Band this past weekend. The students, along with nearly 100 other young musicians from the area, rehearsed for approximately eight hours a day, culminating in a concert given at the Danville High School Performing Arts Center on Saturday evening. Members are from left: Scott Cain, Jessi Denny, Josh Ott, Jessie Blevins, Sarah Mullins, Amy Gilliland, and Amy Elliott.



The Rockin Rockets would like to thank everyone for a great season. They are pictured above, front row from left: Andrea Wynn, Heather Spires, Courtney Bullock, Emily Renner. Back row, from left: coach Diane Stewart, Carla Rowe, Meredith Robinson, Ashley Stewart, Leanne Holden and coach Diane Holden. The team would like to say a special thanks to all the parents who brought their girls to ball practice and the ball games. Also thanks to Steve Griffin at Apollo Pizza.



Three Rockcastle County High School basketball players joined the 1,000 point club for their careers. From left: Matthew Brown scored 1,035 points, Brandy Reynolds scored 1,063 points and Andrew Cash ended his career as all-time leading scorer at RCHS with 1,905 points. Brown and Cash were also named to the 13th All-Region team.

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"Road"

(Cont. from front)

about the Circuit Court action and that some of them may be called to testify. "We're on the same team," the Judge said.

"McKinney"

(Cont. from front)

apply was March 10. Hammond said that he would turn all of the applicants over to the council next week and that interviews would probably begin shortly after that.

Hammond said that the only local application was from Brodhead teacher Caroline Graves, who is also a member of the site based council.

Other members of the council are teachers Katreka Cash and Kathy Dyehouse and parent members Shari Proctor and Mary Ann Childress.

"Board"

(Cont. from front)

questioned out loud the benefit of field trips by students to Maroon Lanes and to play Laser Quest.

Each month the board must approve any field trip taken and just about each month Vanzant voices his concern about spending time bowling and playing laser tag, when students could be in the classroom.

The board also discussed their policy on drug testing. They are considering random drug testing for student athletes, but took no action on the policy.

The board also approved the re-surfacing of the track at the Rockcastle County Middle School at a cost of



Western/Rockcastle Water Association's Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 5th 10:00 a.m. at the Water Office

\$40,000.

The board also awarded the bid for the school system's annual audit to local Certified Public Accountant Joe Clontz for \$7,000.

"Graves"

(Cont. from front)

recognized by the fiscal court so they could receive a donated fire truck from Madison County. Stallsworth told the court that Southeast would work hand in hand with the Livingston Fire Department and that they had already purchased two trucks and were in the process of completing a metal building to house those trucks.

The court also approved a payment of \$90,000 to Emergi Tech, Inc. for equipment that will be used for the enhanced version of the county's 911 emergency dispatching.

911 director Tim Cameron told the court that the \$90,000 was half of the payment on the equipment and the other half would be paid when the equipment is delivered.

Cameron said mapping and implementing of the enhanced version would begin in May.

The court also approved the sale of the old county garage property at auction on April 28.

"Tobacco"

(Cont. from front)

kind of restriction, contracting will put the smaller farmers out of business and cripple the economic health of the rural economies.

Commissioner of Agriculture Billy Ray Smith is one of the leaders in the fight for this protective legislation. "If we're going to have contracts, we should have some guidelines in place so that farmers are well-informed and know what they're getting into," said Commissioner Smith.

Under Senate Bill 385, a Commission would be established with representatives appointed by the Governor from the Kentucky Farm Bureau, the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative, and the Burley Farmers Advisory Council. The Farm Service Agency and the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture would serve as ad hoc members. The Commission would operate within the

Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

This Commission would define a Minimum Standard Contract that would set the basic guidelines and requirements for a contract. Most of all, the Commission would determine if the contracts agree with the Federal Tobacco Price Support Program.

"This bill would reaffirm Kentucky's commitment to the Tobacco Price Support Program," said Rod Kuegel, president of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative. This bill was proposed to Senator Harris by leaders of the Burley Co-op as a means to take care of the small farmers and set some guidelines for contracting.

Also within Senate Bill 385, would be the power to declare a contract void if it did not comply with the Tobacco Price Support Program. Companies interested in contracting in Kentucky would register with the Commission and then negotiate minimum standard contracts. These contracts would be offered to farmers who would still be free to negotiate for even better prices and terms. An arbitration board would be available for disputed contracts.

The Tobacco Farmers Protection Act is patterned after legislation in other states with contract agriculture. This bill is very comprehensive and offers strong protection to farmers," said Danny McKinney, CEO of the Burley Co-op. McKinney went on to explain that farmers should learn by looking at other contracted commodities and know that, unless regulated, contracting can be detrimental to the economic health and well-being of the farm and rural economies.

Contracting in tobacco has the potential to eliminate thousands of small tobacco farmers. In agriculture, 30 percent of the commodities grown or raised in the U.S. is under contracts. In these businesses, larger producers are offered the contract. Smaller farmers have limited or no markets. They are focused out of business allowing the large to become larger and the corporations to take over farm production. Without regulation, tobacco will become the same situation.

The Tobacco Farmers Protection Act, Senate Bill 385, protects the farmers from this grim end result. Here's what it does:

- Reaffirm the Tobacco Price Support Program as the best and most efficient means of preserving the economic health of thousands of small tobacco farms;
- Ensure that any contracts or contracting practices protect the public interest in the continued efficient operation of the tobacco price support program;

- Establish a commission to oversee the contracting practices in Kentucky whose mission will be to ensure fairness and equality to all par-

ticipating farmers;

- Establish a Minimum Standard Contract, which can include price, terms and conditions, and from which farmers can negotiate for more, but not less.

"This bill does not stop contracting," said Rod Kuegel. "Its purpose is to protect the farmers from the potential inequalities, inconsistencies, and injustices that often are associated with contracting."

Contracting outside of the Tobacco Price Support Program is not good corporate citizenship," he added.

Republicans to meet Saturday

All registered Republicans are urged to attend and participate in the Rockcastle County Mass Convention at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the Rockcastle County Courthouse Annex, 2nd Floor District Courtroom. The purpose of this meeting is the election of officers.

All registered Rockcastle County Republican voters are entitled to attend and vote upon this matter. For more information, contact County Chairman Juanita Davis at 256-2842.

Democrats to meet April 1st

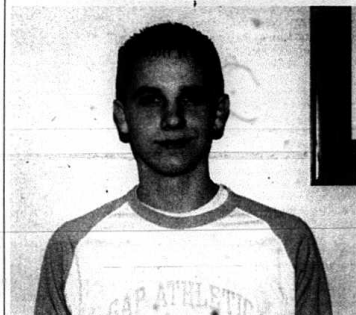
Democratic County Chair Leroy Brown announced Monday that Rockcastle County's Precinct Conventions will be held April 1, 2000, 10:00 a.m., local time, at each precinct's regular polling place.

All Democrats who reside in this county and are registered to vote in that precinct by March 1, 2000, are eligible to attend and participate in the election of Precinct Committee members. The Precinct Committee members (one man, one woman, and one youth who is 35 years of age or younger) will be the delegates to the County Convention to be held April 8, 2000, 10:00 a.m., local time at Rockcastle County Courthouse at which time they will elect a new Democratic County Executive Committee to serve for the next four years.

In addition, the Precinct Committee member will elect delegates to attend the Congressional District Convention and State Convention and State Convention to elect members of the Democratic State Central Executive Committee. The 2000 Democratic Congressional District and State Conventions will be held on June 17, 2000 at a location to be announced later.

Any Democrat registered in the county by March 1, 2000, may seek election as a member of the County Executive Committee and/or as a delegate to the Congressional District and State Conventions.

Academic Honor Roll



Luke McKibben, son of Danny and Kathy McKibben, has a 3.90 GPA at RCHS. He is a member of FHA, National Honor Society, Beta Club, and FBLA. His hobbies include playing basketball, listening to music and watching movies. He plans to attend Somerset Community College and major in Business Management and Computers.

The Daniel Boone Development Council is now accepting bids for mowing the lawns at the Town Hill Rental Complex. Please pick up a bid form at the DBDC office on the third floor of the courthouse. Bids will be accepted until March 31.

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT
STATE FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING AREA -13 862-0318

DATE: MARCH 20, 2000
LOCATION: ROCKCASTLE CO, HIGH SCHOOL
TIME: 7:00 PM
SUBJECT: HOME & FARM SAFETY PROGRAM
INSTRUCTOR: DALE DOBSON; FARM SAFETY FIELD OFFICER WITH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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In Loving Memories

In Loving Memory of Shala Louise Engle

March 15, 1979-November 12, 1996
I hear God's voice in the wind
Asking me to be a sheep in his fold
again

He whispers in my ear
He says my child I'm right here
I turn my face and look away
I don't have the heart to get down on
my knees and pray.

He says my child, "I know you're sad
You're hurting deep in sorrow
But don't you see with out me there's
no future tomorrow."

I know it'd be so easy to turn over my
life, to do it is no shame.
I have no excuse why I won't, there's
only myself to blame.

I hear him again, "my child don't turn
me away
You never know this may just be
your last day."

I raise my head to see the light
I fall to my knees and pray to God to
make my life right.

I can see it all flash before my eyes
They hang my Jesus on the cross and
then he dies.

I see the crowd around him crying in
sorrow
But I know that because of this act,
Jesus will be in my life for all to-
morrow.

So now when God whispers in my ear
He says, "I'm glad you a sheep in my
fold and for you I'll always be
here."

Written By Shala Engle (July 28, 1996)
We love and miss you Shala
But we know we'll see you
again in Heaven.

Love,
Mom, Dad, sister, Melissa and broth-
ers, Ken, Jr. and Josh



*In Memory of my very special
aunt, Joyce Faye Lovell,
whose birthday would have been
March 15th*

How very many times I've thought
"I wish that you were here,"
And felt that it would be so good
if only you were near.

I have to keep reminding myself
of something I already know,
That in the life of life it
was time for you to go.

I see the baby birds and wish that
you could hear them sing.
Yet, you are with the Lord of life
who created every living thing.

Knowing I am blessed, I'd like to
share with you,
the ones you loved the best,
yet, you are with the Lord,
the provider of all food and rest.

On days when I have something sad
to share,

I feel alone and need to know you
are.
Yet you are with the Lord of all,
Comfort who hears my every prayer.

*You are very much loved
and very sadly missed*
Debbie Cameron

*In Loving Memory of my very
special aunt, Joyce Faye Lovell*
In Spring I wish you were here to
hear the birds sing and see the flowers
bloom.

In summer I wish you were here
to see us because I miss you.

In fall I wish you were here to see
your grandbaby's birthdays.
Winter is pretty because you can
see the white snow and come cele-
brate Christmas with us.

You're so special, I wish you
didn't have to go home with God. I
love you so much that when they
called, said you were gone, I thought
I was dreaming.

I know I'm only eight years old
but I still love you when I go to
church. I always think about you.

Kayla Cameron

Foods nourish your body. Being
well-nourished means you get enough
of the nutrients right for you. Part of
being well nourished also means
eating portions of foods just right for
you. The true definition of fitness
refers to your own optimal health and
overall well being. Fitness is your
good health - at its very best.

Food is a source of pleasure and
good health. The taste of foods adds pleasure to
eating - especially if you eat a greater
variety of foods and learn how to
include your favorites in an overall
healthful eating style.

Staying fit means you have a bet-
ter chance for a higher quality of life,
and perhaps a longer one, too.

When you are fit, you:
• Improve your mood, reduce your
stress, and increase your energy.
• Reduce your risk for heart dis-
ease, cancer and diabetes.
• Can look and feel your best.

• Have the physical strength and
endurance to do the things you want
to do.

This message is brought to you
from the American Dietetic Association -
by the Rockcastle County Health
Department.

Family/Estate Protection Seminar to be held March 26th

First Baptist Church of Mt. Ver-
non, will host a family/estate protec-
tion seminar on Sunday, March 26,
2000 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The semi-
nar will be held in the Fellowship
Hall of First Baptist Church, West
Main Street, Mt. Vernon. The semi-
nar is open to members and friends of
the congregation.
Participants will receive up-to-date
information on the following sub-
jects: 1) recent changes in state and
federal tax laws; 2) wills, who needs

one and why; 3) how to avoid pro-
bate; 4) estate planning and the role
of charitable giving; and 5) how to
save on estate taxes and produce
additional income.

The seminar will be presented by
Dick Carlton of the Kentucky Baptist
Homes for Children and Mr. Warren
Nash of Georgetown College. There
is no charge for the seminar and res-
ervations may be made by calling
First Baptist Church (606)256-2922
on or before March 21.

Federal Plus Loan Program can help students in college

By Fred Reich

Under the provisions of the U.S.
Higher Education Act, parents may
be eligible to receive their students
total cost of education, including
living expenses, less any other finan-
cial aid awarded. This money is avail-
able through the Parent Loan for
Undergraduate Student (PLUS) Pro-
gram, regardless of income and as-
sets and with no collateral require-
ment. Many families have found the
PLUS to be an attractive alternative
to depleting their savings, paying out
of pocket, or borrowing against their
home or 401K.

Who is Eligible?
All U.S. citizens and resident aliens
are eligible, regardless of income
level. Your family qualifies if you are
the natural, step or adoptive parent of
a dependent undergraduate student
who is under age 24, single with no
dependents and going to school at
least full time.

Which Schools Participate?
Most universities, colleges, trade
and vocational schools participate in
the Federal Family Education Loan
Program. EFG will confirm your
school's participation at: 1-800-480-
0392. The call is free.

How Much Can A Parent Bor-
row?
You may be eligible to borrow up
to the total cost of your child's educa-
tion including tuition, room and
board, books, travel and administra-
tive fees. School costs vary, but EFG
will provide you with an estimate of
your school's costs. Contact EFG
even if you are considering several
schools, or are uncertain about the
amount you'll need. Because pro-
cessing time of PLUS applications
varies from school to school, it is best
to inquire as soon as possible.

What Are the Terms of the Loan?
The Federal PLUS is a simple
interest, non-collateral loan with
variable interest rate that is capped at
9%. EFG will provide details about
current interest rates. The Federal
PLUS is government guaranteed and
offers a variety of repayment plans
including deferrals in the event of
financial hardships, no prepayment

penalties and loan forgiveness in some
circumstances.

Some Repayment Examples:
\$5,000 - \$64/mo.
\$10,000 - \$127/mo.
\$15,000 - \$190/mo.
\$20,000 - \$254/mo.
\$25,000 - \$317/mo.

EFG will provide specific pay-
ment options and details.
What Credit Requirements Apply?

Credit standards for the Federal
PLUS are more lenient than most
private loans. Many families with
negative credit histories qualify.

Is the Interest Tax Deductible?
In some cases, yes, under the
provisions of the U.S. Taxpayer Relief
Act.

I've Already Paid the College Bill,
Can I Be Reimbursed?
Under the Federal PLUS Program,
a parent may be reimbursed for educa-
tional costs already paid that acade-
mic year. Deadlines for reimburse-
ment vary from school to school.
EFG will provide current information
on your school.

How do I get a PLUS? Call EFG at
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Wedding Announced

The marriage of Raymond Jesse Snyder and Lillian Marie Kirby Holt was performed by Brother Ova Baker, minister of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, February 12th at the church. They make their home in Mt. Vernon. Lillian is the daughter of the late Robert T. Kirby and Arnie L. Overbay Kirby of Mt. Vernon.

Second Section Thursday • March 16, 2000



Cromer - Cline

Freddie and Rose Cromer of Mt. Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Ray Cline of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Kathy Sisco of Radcliff would like to announce the marriage of their children, Rosetta Marie to Danny Ray Cline, Jr., on the 19th day of February at Berea Baptist Church in Berea. The couple would like to thank all who attended and all who were in the wedding and a special thank you to their parents who also helped so much.



33rd Wedding Anniversary

Happy anniversary to William and Genevieve Vanwinkle on 33 years of marriage. They have five children and eight grandchildren. We love you and may God bless you all to have many more wonderful years together. Love - your children!



30th Wedding Anniversary

To Billy and Marietta - Happy 30th on the 20th. From a nosy neighbor.

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TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Broadhead. For more info call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., March 20th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Anglin Falls, Clear Creek, Wildie.
Tues., March 21st: Buffalo, Castle Village, Adult Day Care, Negro Creek.
Wed., March 22nd: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

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

Mass Convention
All registered Republicans are invited to attend the Rockcastle County Mass Convention at 10 a.m. Sat., March 18th at Rockcastle Courthouse Annex, 2nd floor District courtroom. Purpose is for election of officers. For more info, call 256-2842.

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 369-7319 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.

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 diet to follow, no dietary products to pay, \$20 annual membership fee. Brindle Ridge Vld. Fire Dept. in Conway. 256-2490 or 256-3633. 1-800-932-8677.

Project Graduation
The next "Project Graduation" meeting is March 21st at 6 p.m. in the RCHS Library. (Use back entrance). Everyone invited to help with the planning.

FEA Auction
The Rockcastle County High School FFA will be holding their annual FFA Alumni Auction Friday, March 17th at 7 p.m. in the RCHS Cafeteria. All proceeds will be used for FFA scholarships and functions. Have autographed UK football and basketball by coaches.

DAR Meeting
Rockcastle Chapter DAR meeting will be April 11th at 7 p.m. at Rockcastle Steak House, American Patriots, speaker - Patti E. Isaacs. Also May 9th at 7 p.m. at Rockcastle Steak House, topic: DAR Schools and Literacy, speaker to be announced.

Tutor Training Workshop
Would you like to reach an adult to read? Volunteer as a reading tutor and join us in improving literacy in Kentucky. Tutor Training Workshop, March 20, 22 and 27 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the CAP Adult Learning Center in Mt. Vernon. By attending the 3 sessions, you will be a certified tutor under the Department of Adult Education and Literacy. If interested, please call Christian Appalachian Project, Adult Learning Center, 256-5307.

Be a Loser for R.A.A.P!
Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets, Inc. is looking for people to lose weight and raise money, too! Continue construction on the animal shelter building. Sign up with us on April 1st at 11 a.m. at the new Mt. Vernon City Park. Be a loser, and help provide shelter and care for Rockcastle County's unclaimed companion animals. Prizes will be awarded on June 3rd for whoever loses the most weight (weights will not be announced) and whoever raises the most money. For info call Terry at 758-9202 or Vickie at 256-5183.

RCHS SBDM
The March meeting of the RCHS SBDM Council has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 6 p.m. in the RCHS Conference Room. All those interested are welcome and encouraged to attend.

LEAP Membership
March is the month to renew membership in LEAP. Call 453-9800 or come by office 9:30 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday on Hwy. 25, 5 miles south of Mt. Vernon, 2 miles north of Livingston.

Play Ball
Any girls age 10 to 12 years or age 6 to 9 years interested in playing fast-pitch softball this summer please call Sherry Cash Spragens at 758-8062 or Celena Bullock at 758-0135. Sign-ups on Thursday, March 23rd at 8 p.m. behind Broadhead Elementary. (If you were 12 on Jan. 1st you are eligible). Cost is \$30 which includes your insurance.

Free Trees
Rockcastle Conservation Dist. will be giving away a limited supply of White Pine trees plus flower, herb and garden seed packets Thursday from 8 to 4. For more info, call 256-2252 ext. 3.

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99 BUICK CENTURY All power.....\$14,980*	98 OLDS CUTLASS V-6.....SAVE
99 ALERO GLS 4 door, leather, loaded.....\$15,980*	98 MALBU V-6.....SAVE
99 DODGE DAKOTA EXT. CAB 4WD V-8 local trade, low miles.....SAVE	97-10 EXT. CAB LS.....\$10,980*
99 CAVALIER 2 door, auto.....\$9,980*	97 CHEVY LUMINA.....\$10,980*
99 BONNEVILLE loaded.....\$17,980*	97 OLDS LSS loaded.....\$13,980*
99 FORD TAURUS SE All the buttons.....\$14,980*	97 OLDS 88 LS.....\$13,880*
99 MONTE CARLO Aluminum wheels.....\$13,980*	96 S-10 BLAZER 4WD 4 dr. 0 mpg, leather, loaded, 28,000 miles.....\$AVE
99 OLDS ALERO GLS loaded, leather.....\$14,980*	96 BERETTA Z-24 Low miles, local trade.....MUST SEE
98 S-10 BLAZER 4WD 4 dr. 0 mpg, leather, loaded, 1 owner.....MUST SEE	95 PLYMOUTH NEON Highline, 4 door.....\$6,980*
98 GMC JIMMY 4 door.....\$16,980*	94 S-10 EXT. CAB LS plus, extra clean.....\$6,980*

From the Rockcastle Courthouse

Deeds Recorded

Hugie A. and Connie Cromer and others, real property located on the waters of Skeggs Creek, to John H. Cromer. No tax.

William M. and Janet C. Barnett, contract for sale and purchase of real property, to Allen and Geneva Morrow. No tax.

Shawn Hamm, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Shawn Hamm and Lois Hamm. No tax.

Patricia J. and Mitch Crabtree and Richard D. Cheatham, Jr. and Gail Cheatham, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jeff E. King and Cynthia Fain-King. Tax 47.50.

Kathy Baugh, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Merrill and Melinda Brown. Tax 2.00.

Charles Lee and Mildred Sue Phillips, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James Albert and Carolyn Hillard. Tax 7.50.

Gwendolyn Ruby Fish, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jerome S. Fish, II. No tax.

David Kidwell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Linda K. Kidwell McWhorley. No tax.

Sand Hill Community Land Trust, real property located near the mouth of Long Branch, to Appalachia Science in the Public Interest. Tax 14.00.

Bruce Cook, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Edna J. Cook. No tax.

Cecil and Beckie Northern, real property located near the mouth of Long Branch, to Appalachia Science in the Public Interest. Tax 14.00.

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property located in Rockcastle County, to Levi Northern. Tax 40.00.

Oscar William and Ruby Day, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Renee Nicole Day. Tax 7.00.

Kenneth and Maxine Kendrick, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Juanita and Jerry Kee. No tax.

William D. and Virginia D. Myers, real property located on East Fork of Skeggs Creek, to Donald Brent Myers. No tax.

Roy E. and Judy L. Adams and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Kenneth and Virginia Jackson. Tax 72.00.

James M. Brown and Ginger B. and Tim Sparks, real property located in Rockcastle County, to George and Grace McMenama. Tax 70.00.

Clarence and Louise Carter, real property located in Mountain View Estates, to Billy and Oma K. Bishop. Tax 6.00.

Connie Lou Smith, 38, Tyner, unemployed, to Ronald D. Rose, 40, Tyner, disabled. March 13, 2000.

Penelope Lynn Nienaber, 30, Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, industrial, to Steven Todd Dixon, 29, Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, industrial. March 7, 2000.

Meissa Nicole Kirby, 20, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Hospital, to Jason Nathaniel Brock, 22, Mt. Vernon, factory. March 11, 2000.

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Diesel Power Systems, Inc. vs. Bentley Durham, \$787.76 claimed due. S-00010.

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Try This For Size - And Priced Fully carpeted 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on the corner of Maple and Albright Street. **SOLD** Features living room, family room, special amenities include oven, dishwasher and fireplace. M1224



What Can You Say About a house with this much charm? This beautiful brick, on a 1/2 acre lot in the Sunnyside Subdivision, offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, tile, dining room, combination kitchen/dining room, appliances, washer, electrical boxes, heat pump and water heater. **M1202**



Reduced for Quick Sale! Eye Deed! This cute brick home's front and back yards make this the ideal family home. Offers living room, dining room, kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms, bath and utility room. Situated on approx. 1/2 acre lot in Willala and **Reduced to \$56,500.** M1267



Check out this split-level! Located at 105 Paul Street, the first floor of this brick/vinyl home has living room, dining/kitchen combination, 2 bedrooms and **Sale Pending** offers 2 bedrooms and a 1/2 bath. Features city water and sewer, ceiling, cable heat, attic and a 14x26 one car garage. M1291



21 Acre Farm on Goodhope Church Road in Pulaski Co. Features a 1996 Clayton doublewide with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths (one accessible), living room, dining room and utility and includes storage appliances. Also features a storage building and small barn. Owner will consider selling home with less acreage. Call for details. M1265



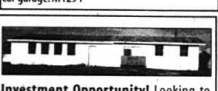
Double Take! This "like new" 1996 double-wide will cause you to take a second look. Everything about this home is charming, from the newer colored carpet to the master suite with garden tub and much more. Offers 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, all on a 150x150 lot on Freedom School Road. Priced at only \$59,900. Call Dextra for all the details. M1306



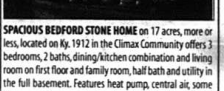
Impressive First Home! Located at 50 Davis Street, Mt. Vernon. This home offers living room, kitchen/dining combination, 3 bedrooms and bath and offers an extra, including open garage, patio, storm cellar and 2 buildings. Call Dextra for all the affordable home. Price **Reduced to \$28,000.** M1217



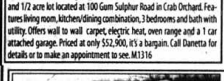
NEW LISTING! 22.85 Acre Farm improved with a horse barn, city water and a vinyl siding mobile home. 100 year old home. Offers approximately 1800 sq. ft. with electric furnace and wall to wall carpet. Located 1 1/2 miles from Lake Linnell on Barnett Road. M1294



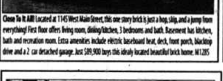
Investment Opportunity! Looking to make extra income? Then you've got to check out this property! Mini-Storage Building with 11 units, an 80x20 concrete building, 2 lots and an older mobile home. This entire property, located on Hwy. 70 near the Rockcastle/Pulaski County line, is yours for \$99,900. Call Danetta for details. M1280



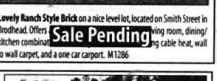
SPACIOUS BEDFORD STONE HOME on 17 acres, more or less, located on Ky. 1912 in the Climax Community offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, dining/kitchen combination and living room on first floor and family room, half bath and utility in the full basement. Features heat pump, central air, some kitchen appliances, wall to wall carpet and a 2 car garage. All this for \$145,000. A must-see call to make your appointment. M1284



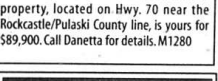
Don't Pass This - Buy! You don't want to miss out on this brick house and 1/2 acre lot located in 100 Glen Sighler Road in Crab Orchard. Features living room, kitchen/dining combination, 3 bedrooms and bath with utility. Offers wall to wall carpet, electric heat, oven range and 1 car attached garage. Priced at only \$57,900, it's a bargain. Call Danetta for details or to make an appointment to see. M1316



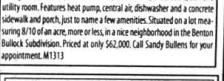
Over 1/2 Acre! Located at 1101 West Main Street, the new 3 bed 2 bath and 1 1/2 bath offering has fire place, living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, utility room, 3 bedrooms and bath. Located in brick home with an excellent lot. This excellent home with excellent lot, 1/2 acre, has parking and a 2 car detached garage. 2800 sq. ft. also has a double wide mobile home. M1315



Lovely Ranch Style Brick on a nice level lot, located on Smith Street in Brookfield. Offers living room, dining/kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms, bath, wall to wall carpet, and a one car garage. M1286



See it or Believe it! Take a look and you'll love this 1 1/2 story vinyl siding home on Wain Street, Brookfield. This lovely home offers entry hall, living room, dining room, kitchen w/beautiful oak cabinets, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Special amenities include central air, heat pump, 2 car garage, deck on front and back and new landscaping and lighting. All of this on an approx. 1/2 acre lot and **REDUCED TO \$83,000.** M1210A



Just Dandy! Spring into this 1995 doublewide offering living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den and utility room. Features heat pump, central air, dishwasher and a concrete sidewalk and porch, just to name a few amenities. Situated on a lot measuring 81'x101' on an acre, more or less, in a nice neighborhood in the Barton Back subdivision. Priced at only \$62,000. Call Sandy Bullens for your appointment. M1313



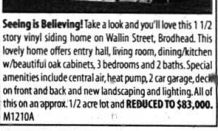
If You Can't Take one more day in an apartment, check out this 1999 14070 mobile home with electric pole and service, underpinning and deck, and window A/C, all included. Offers living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, 2 bedrooms and bath with utility. Offers wall to wall carpet, electric heat, oven range and 1 car attached garage. Priced at only \$57,900, it's a bargain. Call Danetta for details or to make an appointment to see. M1299



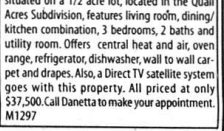
Split-Level Stone Home located next door to Rockcastle County Middle School in the Barnett Subdivision. Offers family room, utility room and bath in finished basement. First floor features living room and dining/kitchen combo. Second floor has three bedrooms and another bath. Also, there's a separate unfinished basement, central air, electric heat, city water and sewer. All for \$110,000. M1249



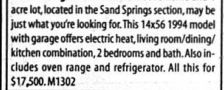
A Word to the Wise! Located on Main Street in Livingston, this aluminum siding home with 3 bedrooms, bath, living room, dining/kitchen combination, and utility room is ready and waiting for you. Conveniently located, this home also offers city sewer, dishwasher, oven range, hardwood electric heat and window A/C. All this for only \$46,900. M1298



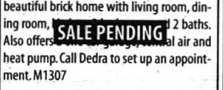
New on the Market! This Versatile Dairy Cattle Farm can be yours on Brookfield Road, Crab Orchard. Bedford Stone home has 2 bedrooms, bath, dining/kitchen combination and family room in basement and the first floor offers living room, dining/kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bath. Farm consists of 75 acres and features a 3 stallion milk barn, silo w/automatic feeders, combination tank, tool shed, a 2 car garage, 2 ponds and city water. Priced at \$179,900. Call to make your appointment. M1254



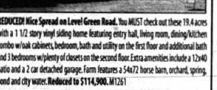
Nearly New! This 1999 16x80 mobile home, situated on a 1/2 acre lot, located in the Quail Acres Subdivision, features living room, dining/kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Offers central heat and air, oven range, refrigerator, dishwasher, wall to wall carpet and drapes. Also, a Direct TV satellite system goes with this property. All priced at only \$37,500. Call Danetta to make your appointment. M1297



New Listing! This affordable mobile home and 1 acre lot, located in the Sand Springs section, may be just what you're looking for. This 14x56 1994 model with garage offers electric heat, living room/dining/kitchen combination, 2 bedrooms and bath. Also includes oven range and refrigerator. All this for \$17,500. M1302



Lynn Circle, Brodhead. Check out this beautiful brick home with living room, dining room. **SALE PENDING** 2 baths. Also offers electric heat, central air and heat pump. Call Dextra to set up an appointment. M1307



NEW LISTING! Also Special on Green Road, the M1257 check these 18 acres with a 1 1/2 story vinyl siding home featuring entry hall, living room, dining kitchen w/ oak cabinets, bedroom and utility on the first floor and additional bath and 3 bedrooms w/utility in the second floor. Extra amenities include a 12x40 pond and a 2 car detached garage. From features a 3x47 horse barn, outbuilding, spring and city water. **Reduced to \$149,000.** M1261



On the Corner of Lovell & Williams Street! Close to everything, this Bedford Stone home offers living room, kitchen/dining combination, family room, utility room, 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. Features city water & sewer, gas fireplace, 2 car garage and chain link fence. Just \$59,900 this ideally located home. Call to make your appointment. M1287



Extra! Extra! Amazing offers will be a regular habit on the beautiful NEW! mobile home park in NEW near the deck of this bedroom home. First floor offers living room, dining/kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bath & utility. The upstairs contains 1 bedroom and the basement is a rental apartment featuring 2 bedrooms, bath and utility room. NEW concrete double driveway, located on Chestnut Ridge and selling only \$95,900 M1262

Future Auctions

Absolute Estate auction of the Late Mr. Willie Powell's
204 Acre Farm m/l & Farm Machinery
204 Acre Farm in Tracts & Personal Property
Scaffold Cane Road, Rockcastle County
Sat., March 18, 2000 at 10:30 a.m.
Hwy. 934, Somerset

Looking for a Budget-Smart Home that's set up and ready for you? Then check out this 1979 12x56 Village mobile home located on Lee Green Road, situated on a 54/100 acre lot. Features living room, kitchen/dining combination, 2 bedrooms, bath and utility. Offers electric heat, oven range, refrigerator, dryer & wall to wall carpet. Also features a deck, outside storage area and fence surrounding 3 sides of the property. Only \$16,900 puts you in it. M1296

New Doublewide Fleetwood Mobile Home located on a lot measuring approx. 125x175 in the new Sunnyside Estates Subdivision. Offers living room, kitchen/dining room combo with stove and refrigerator, master bedroom w/bath and walk-in closet, 2 bedrooms w/closets, additional bath and utility room w/washer & dryer hook-up. Featuring central heat & air. Enjoy comfortable living at a comfortable price of only \$47,500. M1241

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COMMERCIAL
New on the Market! 42 1/2 Acres **PLACED** located at the edge of the Mt. Vernon city limits. Ideal for development. City water and sewer available. Call for details. \$269,000. M1308
New Listing! SALE PENDING Superb Location - Richmond near Mt. Vernon. This measuring 101 x 193 offers endless possibilities. Formerly improved with a 14x20 mobile unit with four rental units and a 24x70 brick building that has suffered fire damage. Asking only \$29,500 for this property. M1309
Commercial Property, Reno Valley - 10 Acres with city water and sewer. Development potential. Owner will consider financing into smaller tracts. Priced at \$79,500. M1267
Reduced! Just Listed on the Market! Established Food Market, including building, land, equipment and inventory. Owner wanting to retire. Reduced to \$200,000 for entire business. Call for more information. M1233

Absolute Auction of Jack & Kimberly DeBord's
14.75 Acres m/l in Tracts
Sat., March 18, 2000 at 10:30 a.m.
Hwy. 934, Somerset

Come and Be Content in This Comfortable and Tidy Home! This home is situated on almost an acre and includes 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, kitchen, dining room and utility room. Other amenities include central air, as well as bottle gas and a storage building. Priced at only \$31,900. Could be what you're looking for. M1271

Wash Spring Meadows all located these 2.9 acres from the deck of this beautiful brick home located on Calloway Road, this home offers living room, kitchen, dining room, utility room, living room, main floor as well as basement. **SALE PENDING** around the house, including a new master bedroom and 2 bedrooms. Also, new flooring in the kitchen. Replace roof recently installed, and the basement had been partially removed. Also offers air, carpet, patio and fenced around. M1305

Beautiful New Listing! New three bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with living room, family room and kitchen/dining combination. Features special amenities such as gas fireplace, exceptional trim work, crown molding, oak cabinets, and Island in kitchen. Also features a 2 car garage, all on a nice level lot. \$129,500. 537

NEW on the Market! Looking for Land? How about 50 acres along New Hope Church Road in the Wild Creek section of Rockcastle County? This tract would make a great recreation property or just to get away from it all. It's offered at only \$19,500. Call for details. M1311

Absolute Auction of James C. Latham's
134 Acre Farm in Tracts & Personal Property
Sat., March 25, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.
Old Ping Road, Shopville

Clayton Bayberry to Be Moved To Your Lot! This 1600 1994 model features living room, 3 bedrooms, master bath with garden tub and additional bath. Heat pump is only 3 years old. All underpinning, 2 decks and utility pole are included. **REDUCED to \$16,900** M1263

Ready for a New Home? It's almost ready for you! This 2 story vinyl home on Lot #5 in the Hunter Ridge Subdivision, once completed, will offer (downstairs) entry hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, bedrooms, bath & utility. The upstairs will have 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms and bath. Of course, central air, heat pump, wall to wall carpet and all major appliances will be waiting for you. Priced to sell at \$99,900. Call for details on this beautiful home. M1304

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Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown's
60 Acres m/l, 2 Mobile Homes & Barn
Sat., March 25, 2000 at 10:30 a.m.
Radford Road, Laurel County

Lot #27 - SOLD
Hurry! New Only 71 Acres Left in the Quiddly Developing Hunter Ridge Subdivision! Located on Hwy. 150, acres from Cedar Rapids Country Club. Prestigious restricted lots with underground utilities. Prices range from \$10,000 to \$12,000 each. M048

Double Take! This "like new" 1996 double-wide will cause you to take a second look. Everything about this home is charming, from the newer colored carpet to the master suite with garden tub and much more. Offers 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, all on a 150x150 lot on Freedom School Road. Priced at just \$59,900. Call Dextra for all the details. M1306.

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Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Ms. Dessie Taylor's
Home and Lot
Sat., April 1, 2000 at 1:00 a.m.
Albright Street, Brodhead

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Large Building Lot! In the Woodland Park Subdivision with all city utilities available. Priced at only \$49,000. M1209
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District Court News

Hon. Michael L. Henry
March 1, 2000

Barbara M. Prichard: Fines due (\$272), found in contempt in absentia, 27 days in lieu of fines and costs, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Melvin Smith: Fines due (\$84.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/contempt, found guilty of contempt in absentia, 8 days in jail.

Shannon C. Vaughn: Fines due (\$326), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/contempt, found guilty of contempt in absentia, 30 days in jail.

Freddie D. Denny: Operating on DUI suspended operators license, 60 days to serve 30 credit time served balance conditionally discharged two years.

George T. Griffith, Jr.: Speeding, paid \$28 fine and \$92.15 costs.
Daniel K. Howell: Fines due

(\$72.50), 2 days in jail/credit 2 days time served.

March 8, 2000
William H. Brock: Fines due (\$292.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear, found guilty of contempt in absentia, 30 days in jail.

James V. Cleverger: Speeding, paid \$43 fine and \$67.15 costs.
Thomas M. Daugherty: Speeding, suspended license for failure to appear.

David W. Durham: Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund.

Burnell Foster: Speeding, suspended license for failure to appear.

Joseph Shawn Holsing: Fines due (\$385), convert fine and costs to 117 hours community service work.

Jessica K. Johnson: Speeding, \$30 fine and costs.
Brian A. Ledbetter: Speeding, \$28

fine and costs.
Lyle Craig McDonald: Possession of marijuana, \$500 fine and costs and 30 days in jail/conditionally discharged; Public intoxication, \$25 fine.

Brenda L. McKinnel: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Christie L. Mink: Speeding and other charges, suspend license for failure to appear.
Tamatha Lynn Stewart: Probation violation, bench warrant issued for probation violation.

Christopher M. Underhill: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs.

Les K. Hickman: Speeding, suspended license for failure to appear.

James Linville Lamb: Alcohol intoxication, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Roger D. Godby: Speeding, paid \$116.15 total fine and costs.
Travis K. Musgrave: No Reg. Plates and other charges, dismiss all on payment of court costs.

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As Bahakam Talal: speeding, \$40 fine and costs, suspend fine, authorize state traffic school.

Kathy D. Ahnen: Defective equipment, \$70 fine and costs.
Brandi A. Lamb: Operating on suspended license and other charges, issue bench warrant for failure to appear.

Benjamin D. Burdette: Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund, time served.

Keith E. Carpenter: Operating on suspended license, \$250 fine and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine.

Derek R. Darnell: Fines due (\$201), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

William F. Deborde: Operating on suspended license and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Timothy B. Harding: Fines due (\$140.15), found guilty of contempt in absentia, 14 days in jail.

Jeremy Holt: No operators license, \$25 fine and costs; Improper start from parked position, \$25 fine.

Larry C. Hubbard: Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund, time served; Driving, DUI suspended license, \$50 fine and 30 days, conditionally discharged one year.

Marvin E. Kirby: No Ky. Reg. Plates, dismissed on payment of costs.

Pam McClure: Fines due (\$821.15), bench warrant issued for contempt.

Dwight A. Mink: Reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Farley Newcomb: Operating on suspended license, \$100 fine and costs.

Mark Overbay: Assault 4th, \$25 fine and costs; Terrorist/Threatening, \$25 fine.

Kara J. Hawk: Speeding, paid.

Extension Office News

4-H Clothing Projects

The Extension Office is looking for volunteers to assist with after-school clothing projects at the elementary schools. The dates are: Brodhead, March 20-23; Roundstone, March 27-30. Volunteers should call the Extension Office at 256-2403.

"Women Leading the Way"

"Women Leading the Way" is the topic of a Leadership Conference sponsored by the Wilderness Trail Area Extension Offices on April 14-15. The conference will be held at the Kentucky Leadership Center at Jabez and is open to anyone. Call the Extension Office at 256-2403 for details.

Hunter Education Course

A Hunter Education course will be taught at the Extension Office on March 16 and 17, 6 to 9 p.m. Call the Extension Office at 256-2403 for details.

office Card to hunt. Please call 256-4950 or 256-2403 for more information.

Corn Producers Meeting
A multi-county Corn Producers Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon Civic Center. Dinner will be served. Please call the Extension Office at 256-2403 to register if you plan to attend.

"Fabric Gifts"

"Fabric Gifts" will be taught at the Extension Office on March 27 at 10 a.m. During the class, paint a family tree t-shirt. The class is free but you must bring your own supplies. To register and for a supply list, call 256-2403.

Basketry Group Meeting/Class

March 20, 9 to 3:30 at the Extension Office. A Seagrass Basket will be taught by Marie Faulkner. Call 256-2403 for details.



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Charles R. Hasty Plaintiff
V.
Blackfire Coal Company, Inc. and Rockcastle County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 25, 2000, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$2,500.00), plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Monday, March 27, 2000
Beginning at the Hour of 11 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake corner to Della Rose Smith in the north right of way of Old U.S. Highway Number 25, said stake corner being 350.000 feet west of a fence corner between Pauline Mullins and Della Rose Smith, thence going with said right of way line the following calls: thence North 66 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 122.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 73 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 75.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 77 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 104.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 61 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East of an old county road, thence going with old county road the following calls: thence North 15 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 200.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 127.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 12 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 83.00 feet to an iron pin corner to Hollis Marcum in said right of way of county road, thence leaving road and going with Marcum's line the following calls: thence North 53 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 111.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 53 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 155.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 55 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 68.00 feet to an iron pipe for corner; thence North 63 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 231.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 61 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 73.00 feet to a black oak; thence North 57 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 154.00 feet to a point for corner; thence North 56 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 57.00 feet to a poplar stump corner between Marcum, Pauline Mullins and Della Rose Smith, thence with the Smith line the following call: thence South 09 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 995.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 400754.589 square feet or 9.2001 acres of land, more or less.

Blackfire Coal Company, Inc. obtained title to the above described real property by deed dated October 26, 1984, executed by Charles R. Hasty of record in Deed Book 123, page 642 in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms and conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid property taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
4. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
5. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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Saturday, March 18, 2000 at 10 a.m.

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Location: 7 miles north of Mt. Vernon - 8 miles south of Berea. Turn off U.S. 25, between Mt. Vernon and Berea at Parsons Gas and State Road 1617 (the Scaffold Cane Road). Proceed about 1 mile to the auction site. Auction signs are posted.

The heirs of the late Mr. Willie Powell have authorized our firm to sell, at absolute auction, this desirable farm, equipment and personal property. The farm will be sold in tracts, reserving the right to regroup and offer as a whole, selling in the manner that generates the best results for the sellers. The farm is presently being surveyed and tract divisions and plots will be available before the auction day. There will be five or six tracts and the house will be offered with a smaller tract, fronting on the Scaffold Cane Road. The farm contains approximately 200 acres.

The above-pictured brick house has three bedrooms, laundry room, kitchen/dining combination, living room with fireplace, wall to wall carpet and electric ceiling heat. Water to the house is provided by a spring.

Besides the house, the farm is improved with two barns and four ponds. City water is available at Scaffold Cane Road.

The 2000 basic tobacco allotment, in the amount of approximately 2,274 lbs., will be sold separately from the farm.

Farm Machinery that will be selling, includes: 4610 Ford Diesel Tractor - 90 model • 275 International Diesel Tractor - 59 Model • 24 ft. Wagon • Two 20 ft. Wagons • 16 ft. wagon • 14 ft. wagon • 10 ton wagon running gears • New Holland Square Hay Baler • New Holland Hay Rake • New Holland 7 ft. mower • New Holland Silage Chopper • Hesston Haybine • 1 ft. International bush hog • Hay Scissor Super Spear • Hay Spear • Hay unroller • 6 Hay Feeder Rings • Hay Teller Golefre • Set of 2 - 16 Turning Plows • Set of 16 Turning Plows • 12 ft. International Disc Harrow • #14 Ford Disc Harrow - 3 ft. hitch • Mechanical Tobacco Sifter • Century Tobacco Sprayer • 7 Row Sprayer - 3 pt. Hitch • 12 ft. Chain Drag • Sub Soller • 20 Corral Panels and Gates • 350 Gallon Water Tank • 50 Gallon Water Troughs • 4 - 10 ft. Bunk Cattle Feeders • Air Compressor • 3 Baler Boxes • Bush Hog Post Hole Digger.


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Legislative Update

From State Rep. Danny Ford The legislative process was in full swing, rivaling March Madness this tenth week as numerous bills were considered in long committee meetings and passed in the House Chamber.

Big news was the support for farmers and local communities shown by the passage of a substitute bill for HB 611 which would put the bulk of tobacco company settlement funds under local control. The original proposal proposed establishment of a state board that would control all the settlement money for farmers.

The well known and publicized Botkin Bill fell to defeat in a 41-54 vote, but the issue resurfaced quickly in the form of HB 745. The new bill calls for a public referendum vote that would decide whether to establish a container deposit and refund system.

HB 996 is a tax measure that proposes three main revenue sources that include a seven percent communications excise tax, a corporate tax on limited partnerships, and a new formula for the state tax collection on real property. The proposals would raise about \$178 million over the next two years, most of which would come from the tax on long distance phone calls. I voted against HB 996, but the bill passed the House by a vote of 57-39.

The Early Childhood Development Program was addressed and

approved by passage of HB 706. Assisting approximately 257,000 preschool children throughout the state, the Office will direct programs from state-wide immunization and home visitation programs, hearing and vision screening programs, and scholarships for child care providers.

Perhaps one of the most significant actions for economic development was the passage of companion bills HB 805 and HB 806 in the House this week. These bills would provide incentives to promote high-tech and environmentally sensitive coal fired electric generating facilities in Kentucky. Successful action from this legislation would provide a resurgence of the Kentucky coal markets that have declined considerably during the past few years. Surrounding states are now providing forty percent of the coal that is burned in the Commonwealth. A market recapture of fifty-percent of the approximate 14 million tons per year being purchased from other states would increase jobs and stimulate economic development in Kentucky's coal mining communities in both Eastern and Western parts of the state.

Resolutions passed in the House would set up task forces to study the salary scale of classified school employees, the instruction principles of economics being taught in the public school system, and the impact of the certificate of need process on

the quality of health care in the Commonwealth. Under potential federal legislation, Kentucky stands to gain an additional \$70 million dollars through an increase of funding from the Abandoned Mine Land Act of 1977. A Resolution encouraging our Congressional delegation to support the legislation was passed unanimously.

As we continue to debate, amend

Library News

By Pam Chaliff

The flowers are blooming, birds are singing and it's time to start thinking about gardening. I must admit I am not much of a gardener, but I do enjoy the flowers and fresh tomatoes just can't be beat. If you need new ideas for your flower or vegetable garden, we have lots of information available at your public library. Carol has a display of gardening books and there are some seed catalogs for you to browse through.

As I travel around Rockcastle County on the bookmobile, I realize that we truly live in a beautiful part of the country. There is one problem that becomes much more noticeable during the winter months and it seems even more so at this time of the year. We have a horrible trash problem on our roadways. There are fast food containers, bottles, cans and any other sort of trash that you could think of. There are workers out trying to make a dent in the trash, but I think all of us could help this problem if we would just stop and think for a minute before we roll that window down and toss the trash out. I personally would

and pass issues important to us all it is especially important that I hear from you. Please continue to share your thoughts and concerns with me at any time. A legislative message line is available where you can leave comments for me toll free at 1-800-372-7181. For checking a bill's status call toll free 888-701-1488 or get information on committee meetings at 1-800-633-9650.

like to see the litter laws enforced, but realize that this is a difficult task since you don't usually see the trash being tossed out. Look around you at our county and decide to help out with this one huge problem. If all of us try just a little harder, we can have an area to be proud of.

I realize that our litter problems have nothing to do with the library's services, but since I am on the road, I just had to get on my soapbox for a few minutes. We have lots of services available at our public library. I feel like that we say the same things over and over, but hopefully you will realize that a valuable resource we have in our library and use some of the services here in Rockcastle County...books for all age groups, videos, audios, reference material, magazines, public computer access, bookmobile, tax forms and access to libraries all around Kentucky as well as the southeast United States. And best of all the library is open six days a week...

I hope to see you in the library or on the road.

Popeye was no beauty himself. This just proves that one does not have to be among the beautiful people to be mentally healthy.

Another way in which Popeye was mentally healthy was that he did not allow himself to be walked on by a bully. Popeye's bully nemesis was Bluto, a blowhard braggart who continually tried to win Miss Oyl's affection. Even though the bully was considerably bigger than he, Popeye stood up to Bluto and protected Miss Oyl.

Another example of Popeye's mental health can be seen in his concern for his diet. He was very careful to eat ample quantities of the four basic food groups, particularly great quantities of this one leafy green vegetable. Let's see, what was that? Oh, yes, no I remember - spinach.

Though others disdained eating the stuff, Popeye realized its value in a comprehensive diet. He even carried his own cans of spinach with him

on trips in case it was not available locally. Somehow he managed to carry ten or twelve cans inside his shirt without it ever being noticed.

Not everyone in the comic strip was as diet conscious as Popeye. Remember Wimpy? Wimpy was an addict. He was hooked on hamburgers. Wimpy's famous line was, "I will gladly pay you Thursday for a hamburger today." Wimpy never did get help to deal with his addiction and, sadly, his steady diet of hamburgers left him in a weakened state where he was of no help to Popeye in the fight against Bluto's tyranny.

The best reason to consider Popeye as a model of mental health was his confidence in and acceptance of himself. "I y' am what I y' am and that's all what I y' am, I'm Popeye the sailor man," went Popeye's theme song. That is the son of a very mentally healthy person. He was proud of who he was. Here's to Popeye, a model for us all.

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"It is Written"

What happens when a child of God errs from the strait and narrow way. Can a saved person so sin as to be lost? Is a man or woman who is once saved, are they always saved? Can the servant of the Lord fall from grace? What must the erring saint do to get back right with God? Let us look at what is written.

In Gal 5:4 we read, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Now beloved, how could it be any plainer, that the saints of God, CAN err and fall from grace. Now God does not desire that his children get in this position, but we have the power to choose; and sometimes people just make very bad choices.

What should an erring child of God do? Consider from Acts 8, concerning Simon the sorcerer, who was converted. In verse 13 we read about his conversion. But Simon erred in his service, vs 18-19. Then Peter told him what he needed to do. "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter; for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Ac 8:21-22. Yes, the child of God who sins, needs to repent and pray for forgiveness, cf. 1 Jn 1:7-2; Matt 6:12.

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By Dr. Don Whitehead

Popeye Was a Model of Mental Health.

Remember Popeye? If you are a baby-boomer as I am, you grew up with Popeye cartoons. Even now if you tune to the right cable channel, you can see the forty-year-old cartoons in reruns. You may also view the movie "Popeye" that starred Robin Williams. It was not particularly a box office success, but I liked it.

I contend that Popeye was a model of mental health in many ways. He was considerate of others, particularly those of the feminine persua-

sion. (I will leave it to someone else to decide whether or not he was a male chauvinist.)

Olive Oyl was Popeye's true love, and he always went out of his way to assure that Miss Oyl was treated kindly. Nothing angered him more than to see her being abused.

I must admit that Popeye's taste in women may not have been the best. Miss Oyl was a bit flighty and hysterical, given to squealing, "Popeye! Popeye!" in the midst of any kind of trouble. And as for her looks, well, suffice it to say that Popeye was probably nearsighted. (Miss Oyl probably was too, considering that

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Tobacco Leasing
Leasing for the crop year 2000 will be March 27th through July 1st. This includes gross county leasing. This does not allow sale or purchase of tobacco across county lines.

Oilseed Program
On October 22, 1999, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Appropriations Act 2000, authorized the Secretary to use \$475,000,000 of funds of CCC to make payments to producers who planted an eligible oilseed in 1999. In order to be eligible, a producer must have planted or shared in the production of an eligible oilseed in 1999. Prevented planted oilseed acreage cannot be used to determine 1999 OP eligibility nor can it be used for history or actual

yield purposes. 1999 OP payments may be available to producers who planted or shared in the production of the following oilseeds in 1999: soybeans, canola, crame, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower seed, sunflower seed (oil and confectionery).

OP applications shall be submitted to the county that controls payment limitation for the producer. KCMO determined the "control" county for each producer in December 1999. The deadline for late reporting oilseed acreage for 1999 OP purposes is February 18, 2000. Sign up for the 1999 OP is February 28th through March 31st.

PRP Announced
Eligible farmers whose pastures were damaged by drought in 1999

can receive payments to help them reestablish forage crops. The Pasture Recovery Program is funded at \$40 million. Established pasture is eligible where livestock are normally grazed and that was so damaged by drought that seeding is required to reestablish the forage crop. No assistance is authorized for hayland.

To be eligible for PRP, producers must meet ALL of the following guidelines: be an owner or operator of eligible land who normally grazes livestock on such land; as owner or operator, be responsible for restoring and maintaining the forage crop on the affected land for the 5-year lifespan of the contract; be approved for payment under 1999 LAP; not have grossed annual income in excess of \$2.5 million; certify that the pasture land was so damaged or destroyed by drought in 1999 that seeding is re-

quired to re-establish the forage crop. There will be two payment rates, one for re-seeding with seedbed preparation and no seedbed preparation. Payment rates will be determined by the Farm Service Agency State committee and will pay for the cost of the seed, seeding and fertilizer, but in general, will not exceed \$75.00 per acre.

Signup for the program will begin March 20 and last until April 14, 2000. Re-seeding conducted before filing an application for PRP assistance will not be eligible for PRP payment.

Small Grains
Producers growing small grains (wheat) must report their acreage by May 31, 2000. If crop acreage is not filed timely and producer applies for a Loan Deficiency Payment, then a charge of \$26.50 will be applied for a late file.

Marketing Cards
Anyone who has not turned in his or her marketing card needs to bring it to the FSA Office as soon as possible.

COC Election
The County Committee election ballots for LAA#3, Community C were counted March 9, 2000. Joe C. Bullen was elected to fill the position for a three-year term, beginning April 1, 2000.

Tobacco Loss Assistance Program Funds
Governor Paul Patton requested today that the United States Department of Agriculture release \$121,645,774 to the Chase Manhattan Bank for distribution to Kentucky tobacco quota holders and growers. The money is Kentucky's share of the Tobacco Loss Assistance Pro-

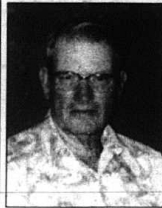
gram, funded by the Agricultural Appropriations bill passed by the U.S. Congress late last year. It will be shared to tobacco quota holders and growers using the same formula that was used to distribute Phase II payments late last year.

Governor Patton said, "Times have never been tougher for Kentucky's farm families. We want to expedite the distribution of these federal funds

in the most efficient possible way to our tobacco quota holders and growers. Chase Manhattan has the database and the hardware in place to provide this service for a reasonable fee and do it quickly. Our farmers need the money now as they head toward a busy spring planting season."

The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation, the state entity handling Phase II payments, is also serving as the point for the distribution of the federal funds. Corporation staff indicated that growers would probably see their payments within

the next six to eight weeks. Growers and quota holders who applied for Phase II funds will not have to reapply. Corporation staff is exploring the possibility of offering a grace application period for quota holders and growers who missed the deadlines for Phase II funds. The administrative costs and time involved in conducting such a process are the major questions yet to be resolved. A decision on the clean up application period is expected in the next two weeks.



Celebrates 70th Birthday

James Reppert celebrated his 70th birthday Tuesday, March 7th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Davidson. Dinner was served including the traditional birthday cake with candles and ice cream. James received a couple of mementos. Everyone had a wonderful time. Those attending were Lloyd and Evelyn Reppert, Hallie Alexander, Jason Rawlins, Rex, Jewell, Jenia and Jeremy Davidson. Uncle, we love you and wish you many more.



Happy Birthday Ashley Stewart
Love - Dad & Mom

Ricky, Ricky,
Man in Blue
This time it's finally
caught up with you!!
Trying so hard
To be clever and slick
But I bet you,
Old Boy,
This will be your last trick!!
Love, "The Trooper"



Hi! My name is Johnathan William Simpson. I celebrated my first birthday December 3, 1999 with my family and friends. My daddy and mommy are Donovan and Janet Simpson of Brothead and my sister is Rachel Leann. My grandparents are Johnny and Brenda Simpson of Crab Orchard and William and Geraldine Thomas of Livingston. My great grandparents are Hulien and Betty Simpson of Crab Orchard and Burgess and Charlotte King of Mt. Vernon. I would like to thank everyone for the nice gifts and for coming to my party. I would also like to send lots of hugs and kisses to my uncle Rodney.



Happy Birthday Buddy
You are only as old as you feel.
Some people say that isn't real,
Just remember you can't hide the wrinkles,
but you can hide the gray.
So please act your age
that's all I will say!
Love, your younger & baby sister,
Lyla Bell



Happy Birthday Sissy Bug
How does it feel to be 51?
To be this age, it could be fun,
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The Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from Rockcastle County Low Income population for representation on the Low Income Sector of the Daniel Boone Development Council, Inc. Board of Directors.

Nominations will be accepted until close of business on April 19, 2000. All nominations will be placed on a ballot sheet at an ELECTION that is to be held in Rockcastle County at the Daniel Boone Dev. Council's office located in the Rockcastle County Courthouse in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on May 4, 2000 at 5 p.m. The two winning Nominees this election will serve on the Daniel Boone Development Council, Inc. Board for a term of three (3) years.

If you have any questions, call Mike Buckner at (606) 598-5127. All nominations must be mailed to Lorene Sizemore, Chairman of the Board at the following address:

Lorene Sizemore, Chairman
Daniel Boone Dev. Council, Inc.
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24fn

WANTED

Wanted: Barnett's Auto Salvage located on Cove Branch Road, buys junk cars and trucks and has auto parts for sale. Call 256-9018. 37fn

Wanted: To rent a 3 or 4 bedroom home in city limits with washer/dryer hookup. Call 256-3823. 45fn

Wanted: Caring lady will sit with sick and elderly. References available. 679-0025. 51fn

Wanted: Would like to do house cleaning. Call 256-3956 or 256-5556. 21x4

Wanted: To rent or lease pasture or hay land. Calls 758-4223 days or 758-0058 nights. 22x4

Wanted: To buy chickens, ducks and geese. Call 758-4457. 23fn

Wanted: Would like to do babysitting in my home. Live in Quail area. Call 758-4457. 23fn

Needed: Foster homes for unclaimed companion animals... Can you provide food, shelter and companionship for dogs, cats, puppies or kittens on a temporary basis - until homes can be found for them? If you have room in your home and heart, please call Terry Lunce at 758-9202 or Vickie Myers at 256-5183. 23x4

YARD SALES

Midway Flea Market: Baseball cards, computer hardware and software, electronics, camouflage clothing, work clothing, HOT Toys, Mattel, MATCHBOX, Dinky, glass, cast iron, plus, sized clothing, baby clothing, furniture, tools, tarps, spun glass, pictures, George and Martha lamps, vinyl chairs, leather coats, collector dolls, COKE, collectible vehicles, rods and reels, quilts, silk floral swags, collector knives, collector "Spirits" glassware.

Midway Flea Market, between Richmond and Berea, Open 9 to 5, Fri., Sat. and Sunday, 1fn

Opening April 1st - Stanford Drive-In/Flea Market: Over 300 covered dealer spaces. The place with something for everyone. Located 1 mile west of Stanford on Hwy. 78. See you there. For more info, call (606)365-1317. 21x6

Yard Sale: Sat. at Ed Rigby's trailer on 1004 Road, about 3 miles from Jean's Restaurant. 24x1pd

Simply Childish: Now buying spring and summer name brand clothing, newborn-12, baby furniture and equipment. Winter items 40% off. Call 985-9666. 23x1

Big Yard Sale: Sat. 9:30 at Jeff and Sherry Bullock's, 461 Loop. 24x1

Lost & Found

\$100 Reward: For return or information leading to the return of Golden Retriever missing from Hwy. 150 West in Brookhaz, red collar and is very friendly. Please call 758-9098 with information. 22x2

Lost Dog: Red and white spotted beagle. Family pet. Lost in Ford Subdivision. Call 256-8531 or 256-8049. Has tags. 24x2

NOTICES

Posted: No hunting, no trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brookhead Road. Danny Smith. 47fn

No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Victoria Reese on U.S. 25 at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. 5fn

Posted: No trespassing, hunting, fishing or four-wheeling on property belonging to Blanche Powell located in the Conway area. Not responsible for accidents. 24x6

Notice: Is hereby given that Edith Hale, Rt. 3 Box 120, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Elmer Hale, Rt. 3 Box 120, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on the 23rd day of February, 2000. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Edith Hale or to Hon. William D. Gregory, PO Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 23rd, 2000. 22x3

Notice: Is given that James H. Cox has filed a Final Settlement on his accounts as executor of the Estate of Frances B. Cox, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on April 3, 2000. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 23x2

Notice: Is given that Brenda Parsons has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as executrix of the estate of John P. Brannan, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 29, 2000. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 23x2

Notice: Is hereby given that Dorothy Loreta Stewart, Rt. 1 Box 149, Orlando, KY 40460 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of James Lloyd Stewart on the 13th day of March, 2000. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Linda Jackson Proctor or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdette, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before Sept. 6, 2000. 24x3

Notice: Is given that Mary Ellen Stewart has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Executrix of the Estate of Audrey M. Parcell, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on April 10, 2000. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 24x2

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Sheriff 1999 Financial Status Report

Name: Shirley Smith	Date: 01/31/00
County: Rockcastle	Period From: 01/01/99
Address: P.O. Box 715	01/01/99 thru 12/31/99
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456	
EXPENDITURES	
KLEPE	14,022.70
Commission from Taxes	100,217.02
Arrest Fees	1,394.86
Sherrif Security Service	18,118.00
Conveying Convicts	
Delinquent Taxes	3,493.60
Auto Inspections	4,505.00
Serving Papers	3,510.00
Sheriff Fee from County	2,065.00
Insurance Report	330.00
Marijuana Overtune	1,467.03
Interest	1,123.52
Security	11,256.00
Gun Application	5,475.00
Donations	500.00
State Fees	4,477.00
Pepsi	51.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	172,006.13
EXPENDITURES	
Sheriff's Salary	57,784.71
Deputies Salary	81,756.75
Uniforms	4,378.89
Supplies	179.00
Gasoline	11,773.28
Gun Applications	3,095.00
Vehicle Maintenance Loan	10,149.00
Phone - Cellular	80.71
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	170,278.23
Excess Receipts Over Expenditures - 1,728.20	

I certify that this statement to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct.

/s/ Sheriff Shirley Smith



Farm News

By: Tom Mills
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture

Cleaning Float Trays

The greenhouse and float transplant production systems offer many advantages to tobacco transplant producers. However, a disadvantage of the float system is that it provides an ideal habitat for the development and spread of transplant diseases due to the constant presence of water. Therefore, a key to success with these production systems is keeping the pathogens causing diseases out of the systems.

A diligent sanitation program is a MUST! The media and water being used should be pathogen-free. All equipment and tools that come in contact with the system should be pathogen-free. That means either new trays must be used or re-used trays must be properly washed and sanitized.

What is available to disinfect trays? Steam, methyl-bromide fumigation, chlorine bleach, and quaternary ammonium chloride salts are available in Kentucky.

STEAMING the trays has been the

most effective disinfectant, but the cost is high and some items are damaged by steaming. Most studies indicate that the trays need to reach at least 160 degrees F for 30 minutes, but this method presents problems for farmers in developing equipment to meet the temperature and time required.

FUMIGANTS: Methyl bromide with 1% chloropicrin has been almost as effective as steam in some of the tests. It provides excellent control of Rhizoctonia and other fungi on the surface of the tray. It will greatly reduce the level of Pythium, but has not been as effective as steam or proper bleaching in reducing Pythium, probably because a significant amount of Pythium is found embedded in the tray. It is important to have an air-tight plastic seal, to pre-wet the trays, and to avoid large stacks of trays. Methyl-bromide is

heavier than air, so it sinks;

therefore, best results occur with long, short stacks rather than tall, deep stacks. We have found little control is provided at the low rates, so use the maximum labeled rates (3 lbs/1000 cubic ft.). Certain types of styrofoam trays appear to be more easily damaged with this chemical. Pay special attention to ALL label precautions related to safety.

CHLORINE BLEACH solutions have given a high level of control. Just dipping the trays in the solution and allowing them to dry is not highly beneficial. We have found little benefit to using more than 10% solution. Without proper aeration and post-washes, salt residues can cause serious problems, especially with older trays that tend to soak up more material.

Bleaches work best when the trays are washed with soapy water, then dipped several times into clean 10% solution (1 gal/9gal water), followed by covering them with a tarp or plastic to keep them wet overnight (24-48 hrs) with the bleaching solution. Afterwards, the bleach solution should be washed from the trays with clean water or water plus a Q-salt listed below, followed by aeration to eliminate the chlorine and salts. Worker safety issues are also important with bleach. It is important that the bleach solution remain below pH 6.8 and that new solutions be made up every 2 hrs, or whenever it becomes dirty, whichever comes first. Organic matter will remove the active ingredients quickly.

Q-SALTS (Quaternary ammonium chloride salts). These are marketed under such names as GreenShield, Phusan, and Prevent as solutions containing 20% ammonium chloride. Many growers are using them, but the effects are not so positive as some believe, based on UK testing. The greatest benefit is in the final wash and on exposed surfaces in the greenhouse. In all UK tests, Q-salts have always provided some control, as compared to using soap washes only, but have always been inferior to any of the above mentioned methods.

Bottom Line: Remove as much soil from the trays by using soap and water or high pressure washes. Completely soak the trays in 10% bleach solution and cover with plastic for 24-48 hours, followed by washing and airing. Turn trays on their side for best air movement. Trays which are damaged allowing large amounts of last years soil media to remain in crevices are candidates for being disposed of. Sanitation is very important. As trays are used more, more disease problems occur.

For producers with DIST 4 meters, an annual calibration is recommended. Contact the Extension Office if you would like to check your meters' accuracy. **CORN PRODUCERS MEETING:** A multi-county Corn Producers Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Center. Please register by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403 by Friday, March 17, if you plan to attend.

Rockcastle Extension Homemakers Sponsor Tell-A-Friend Program

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



This Spring, the Extension Homemakers members in Rockcastle County will be contacting other women in the community to encourage them to get a mammogram. The Extension Homemakers have partnered with the American Cancer Society (ACS)

in sponsoring the Tell-A-Friend Program. Tell-A-Friend is an American Cancer Society program conducted among friends and acquaintances. Trained volunteer callers contact five friends or other women they know to encourage them to get a



Rockcastle County Extension Homemakers members from left: Lydia McLemore, Millie Eaton and Noretta Thompson on March 7 Kickoff Day for the Tell-A-Friend.

mammogram. This strategy is called "peer counseling" because the volunteers are contacting other women much like themselves. It is also a strategy that has been tested and shown to work!

Breast cancer is the second leading cancer-related death among women in the United States (after lung cancer), and the most frequently diagnosed non-skin cancer among US women. Rockcastle County has a higher than average rate of late stage breast cancer when compared to the state average.

Finding breast cancer early is currently the best way to control it, and a mammogram can find a cancer several years before it might be felt by a woman or her health care provider. Many women, age 40 or older, have still not ever had a mammogram, and many more do not get them annually, as recommended by the American Cancer Society.

The Extension Homemakers goal is to provide encouragement and support through Tell-A-Friend, for 120 women to get screened.

For more information on the Tell-A-Friend Program locally, call the Extension Office at 256-2403. Mammograms are available by contacting the Rockcastle Hospital at 256-2195 or the Health Department at 256-2242.

For other questions related to cancer, you may call the American Cancer Society toll-free at 800-ACS-2345.

Brenda Saylor receives Paraprofessional Award

Brenda Saylor, Food & Nutrition Assistant, received the Wilderness Trail Area 1999 Paraprofessional Award at the Area Assistant Appreciation day on March 11. Brenda has been an Assistant since 1989 with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). The Paraprofessional Award is presented each year to an outstanding assistant, based on success with clients.

The EFNEP program is operated in

Rockcastle County through the Cooperative Extension Service Assistants, Brenda Saylor and Patsy Morgan, provide education on food preparation and basic nutrition to more than 100 low income families in the county through home visits. They also teach youth in the county about basic nutrition through school programs and summer youth activities. For more information on the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.



Brenda Saylor, Food & Nutrition Assistant, receives the Wilderness Trail Area Paraprofessional Award from Louise Moore, Area Extension Specialist for Food & Nutrition.

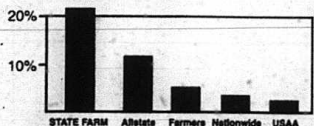
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Gospel Meeting

March 19-22

First Christian Church

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Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

Larry Atkin, Evangelist

Roanoke, Virginia

Special Guest

Sunday Night, March 19

6:30 PM

Concert by

David Creech

6:45 PM Monday-Wednesday

Shawn Burdette, Heaven's Harmony

Robin Parkerson in concert