



Holiday Deadline

The December 25th issue of The Mt. Vernon Signal will be printed Tuesday, December 23. Deadline for news and ads for this issue is Monday, noon, December 22nd.

Also, the Signal office will be closed the week of Dec. 29 thru January 2 and the Signal will not be printed the first week of January.

Stewart arrested on drug charges

An Orlando man was taken into custody Monday by law enforcement authorities and is expected to face a litany of felony drug charges.

A search of the residence of Elmer Boyd Stewart, 42, turned up nearly 21 lbs. of marijuana, several hundred narcotic pills and approximately \$47,000 in US currency.

According to Sheriff Darrell Doan, DEA Task Force Agent Barry Adams and Deputy William Harris, in cooperation with the Rockcastle County Attorney's office, secured a search warrant on Monday evening and it was executed on the same day.

Stewart was lodged in the Laurel Co. Detention Center.

More Indictments Returned

Numerous more indictments have been returned by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

They include: Sieve W. Denney and Terry York, 33, both of Caele Village Apartments in Brodhead who were indicted for Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, first degree (selling Oxycodone to a confidential informant).

Shirley J. Allen, 42 and Anita Allen, 37, both of 110 Carter Drive in Mt. Vernon were indicted on two counts, of Trafficking in Controlled Substance (selling Hydrocodone to a confidential informant); David Wayne Smith, 37, of Amville was indicted for receiving stolen property and obscuring identity of a machine or property.

Steven Scott Rodden, 32, of Richmond was indicted for Possession of a Methamphetamine Precursor, first offense.

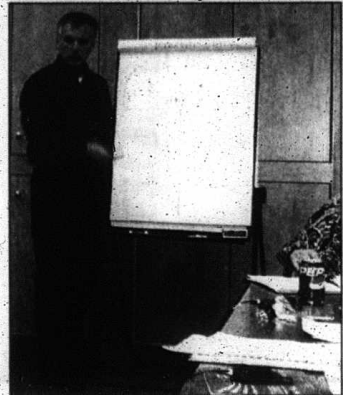
Elliott Dooley, 24, also of Richmond, was also indicted for receiving stolen property.

Robert K. Miller, 40, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon and Clayton Cox, 39, of Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon were both indicted for Flagrant Non-Support of minor children;

Johmny Sparkman, 40, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of Theft by Deception;

Patti Leger, 31 and John D. Riddle, 35, both of Mt. Vernon, were named in a joint indictment for Trafficking in Controlled Substance, first degree; and Complicity in Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, first degree;

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Local Renaissance Committee travels to model communities

By: Tonya J. Cook
Last Wednesday, December 10th, the Mt. Vernon Renaissance Committee, along with members of the Rockcastle County Development Board, traveled to Stanford, Springfield, Liberty and Greensburg to witness these communities revitalization. The progress is being made through local funding, together with state and federal grants obtained through economic development programs and Renaissance Boards.

The Main Street Renaissance Program was begun by former governor Paul Patton. There are three levels: bronze, silver and gold by which cities are ranked and which determines their level of eligibility for funding. Mt. Vernon, as well as all of the cities visited, is at the silver level. Grants are made available through the Main Street Renaissance Program, Transportation Cabinet and the Cumberland Valley Area Development District, a writer of grants which governs the Mt. Vernon area. There are also historical preservation grants available.

The first stop was Stanford where

Jerry Renner, director of the Rockcastle County Development Board/Renaissance Committee and Tom Tyler, a member of the Renaissance Committee, met with Bill Fox, Industrial Board Director, Mayor Eddie Carter, Andrea Miller, Chamber of Commerce Director and Mary Middleton, Main Street Renaissance Director.

Stanford has two industrial parks. One is 65 acres and the new one, currently being built, has 240 acres. The city has natural gas, as well as a city and county payroll tax. It has received approximately one million dollars in various grants. There are plans to rebuild Fort Logan. There is also a new lake with a marina that covers about 800 acres. The lake is used exclusively for recreational purposes. Funding for this project came from the Fish and Wildlife Department.

Stanford also bag a bypass around the city but there is no indication that it has affected downtown businesses.

The next stop was Springfield which has also two city-owned indus-

It was a packed house for Tuesday's bring on a petition by the Brodhead City Council, asking County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotts to redraw fire district boundary lines between them and Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Dept. (formerly Brodhead Rural Volunteer Fire Dept.). Carlotts told the parties that, because of the state statute under which WRVFD was formed, he did not have the authority to redraw boundary lines. However, he did give the departments an order to come to an "agreement" beneficial to the citizens of the area by January 5, 2004 or he will "resolve the matter." At left, Carlotts explains a rudimentary map of the area in question to the crowd.

trial parks, the largest being 450 acres with access to natural gas. There are several on-going renovation projects which include the courthouse, a shun area with 27 homes and an opera house built in 1900.

The opera house is being renovated with two grants, totaling \$925,000. There are plans to use it for offices, as well as a community theatre.

The town's success is contributed to the strategic placement of committed people on their Renaissance Board, two of which are Neil Hayden, director and Laurie Smith, city clerk.

Springfield, which has had an occupational tax since 1968, has received \$150,000 for a ballpark. Springfield is also home to St. Catherine College which plans to expand to a four-year program in the near future.

The city has also buried their utility lines. In most cases, the city put up 50% matching funds for various grants.

Greensburg was next on the agenda and the group met with Mike Mills, director of the Greensburg Renaissance Committee and Wilma

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By County/Judge Executive Carlotts No decision but fire departments told to "agree"

Tuesday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle Co. Fiscal Court, and the hearing date on a petition filed by the Brodhead City Council, turned into a lengthy affair and the result probably didn't satisfy anyone.

The petition was a request Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotts rule on a request that the boundary lines be redrawn between Brodhead City's fire department and the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department (formerly Brodhead Rural Volunteer Fire Department, probably didn't satisfy anyone.

Carlotts, after reviewing the situation for everyone present, said that he did not have the legal authority to decide the issue since "the statute under which the City of Brodhead filed the petition asking for me to redraw the boundary does not permit me to do that, according to the State's Attorney General's Office, the Department of Local Government and the County Attorney."

Carlotts said he could not rule on the matter since the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department was organized under the City of Brodhead, a legal municipality, and the Brodhead Rural Volunteer Fire Department (now Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department) was organized pursuant to KRS chapter 273 as a non-profit corporation and, as such, is not subject to a ruling by him on boundary lines.

The problem, basically, appears that under present boundaries, the City of Brodhead only has responsibility for fire protection of property within the city limits while Western Volunteer Fire Department has responsibility for the area surrounding the town.

This creates a problem for property owners such as Duse Bussell, who was at the meeting, who lives 3 1/2 mile from the railroad tracks in the middle of Brodhead but outside the city's limits. If he has a fire, Western would be called and have to come from Hwy. 70, up 150 and through Brodhead to get to Mr. Bussell's property. However, Western's chief, Johnny Benge, who was at the meeting, said his department had a truck headquartered at Brock's Auction Barn, just outside of Brodhead, which would be used to answer calls in the area of the City of Brodhead.

Wednesday, Carlotts told the Sig-

City of Mt. Vernon sued again over former officer's actions

Sim Thacker resigns over first incident

The City of Mt. Vernon has been sued again over alleged abuse by a former Mt. Vernon police officer.

Besides the city, Sim Thacker, a former city police officer, was also named as a defendant in the suit, filed by local attorney Willis Coffey on behalf of Roger "Crow" Mink of Rt.

5 Mt. Vernon.

Unlike the first suit, this time the incident reportedly took place while Thacker was on duty.

The suit alleges that on June 17, 2003 in Rockcastle County, "the defendant Sim Thacker, acting within the scope of his employment as a police officer of the Mt. Vernon Police Department; wrongfully and unlawfully arrested the plaintiff and proceeded to use excessive and unnecessary force against the plaintiff in effectuating such arrest."

The suit contains a total of five counts, including: assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, outrage, false arrest and negligent hiring and retention.

The first suit was filed by John Kevin Falin of Mt. Vernon who alleged a November 11, 2001 incident while Thacker was off duty and was made up of the same five counts as in the Mink case.

Thacker resigned from the Mt. Vernon Police force through his attorney on Tuesday, December 2 during a closed hearing at City Hall.

County Clerk's Office Holiday Schedule

Due to the state shutting down their computer system over the holidays, the office of Norma Houk, County Clerk will be closed December 24 through the 27th for Christmas and January 1, 2 and 3 for New Year's.



A London woman was killed in an Saturday morning traffic accident after Mother Nature dropped the first snow of the season on the county, causing at least 14 wrecks. The London woman, Tracie A. Hampton, died at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

London woman killed on I-75 Saturday

Wreck was one of many after first snow of season

A three vehicle crash on Interstate 75, approximately one mile south of Mt. Vernon, on Saturday claimed the life of a London woman.

The accident occurred during the first snow of the season for the county and the roadway was reportedly covered with snow and ice.

This apparently caused Carl Maggard, 51, of Richmond, who was traveling south on the interstate, to lose control of his 2001 Dodge Durango. He then crossed the median into the northbound lane, sideswiping a 2003 Toyota 4-runner, driven

by Carey D. Koplowitz, 51, of London. The Durango then continued southbound, striking a 2001 Honda SUV head-on. The Honda was driven by Kresy Brannum, 22, of London.

Tracie A Hampton, 44, and Aubrey Smith, 28, all of London and passengers in the Brannum outfit, were transported to the Rockcastle County Hospital for treatment. Brannum and her mother, Tracie Hampton were later flown to the UK Medical Center in Lexington for treatment where Hampton died of her injuries on Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

Maggard was transported to the Rockcastle County Hospital for treatment. His wife, Janet, 52, was not injured and neither were Koplowitz, nor his wife Susan, 44, as a result of the crash.

Points East

By: Ike Adams

Back in the early and mid-eighties, the kids and I would sit around in the evening there in front of the fireplace and the television that only brought in three network news stations plus KET and the latter was always clear as a bell off the antennas we had there on the roof.

So we'd get bored and roast some marshmallows on the fire when we were equally bored of Channel 46. In those days, on Harmons Lick, there was no cable and you got what you could of world affairs off the antenna. We spent many evenings reading the seed catalogues. And on snowy mornings (before or after) that have marked our Christmas ever since, we relive the moment even though it happened weeks later. We simply recall the snow being deep and the season and our heart break as we watched the news unfold.

And every deep snow fall thereafter has reminded us of where we were when that space shuttle ran amok.

Snowy and shadowy, however the television picture may have been, we watched that unfortunate and miscalculated adventure into space unfold into disaster and death for the brightest and bravest of humankind. We wept. We clung to each other. We cried out loud.

There were five of them and they were the bravest America had to offer. This Christmas we have thousands of families separated from one another in a battlefield far beyond our shores. They are not in space ships but their lives are probably in far more danger than if they were being carefully being hurtled into space. On a space ship, they would have hundreds of ground crew monitoring

every move to protect the lives of 4 or 5, but on a battle ground, that's not the way it works. And we already know that several hundred of our best and brightest young people have come home in coffins from Iraq. They get shot at. Sooner or later they get hit. A bomb or grenade explodes and the shrapnel cuts them down. And it seems now, every day or so we learn that one of our young ones have paid the ultimate price.

When a domestic policeman gets shot in the line of duty, his or her out-mates from all over the state and those from surrounding states take time off to pay tribute and it's generally a huge affair and the funeral papers fill page headlines in the big daily papers all across the country. So in this Iraq mess, about 180 soldiers based in Fort Campbell have

given up their lives. Have you seen their names on the front page? Can you call a single one by name?

Of course you can't. They were not members of your immediate family or on your police force and they were overseas. They were in the Army/AirForce/Navy/Marines and they are supposed to be out there getting killed. Right?!

Somebody has to be in charge and somebody has got shot to death every day, but it's not the folks who make the war and take credit for winning it. It's those who hold the coffins. And that makes me sick to my stomach.

We know who the heroes are among us and not a single one of them was elected to office. Yes, it's Christmas time. Time to take stock of who we are and get a grip on reality as some as Santa gets his behind and his reindeer headed in the right direction. If I was Mr. Clause, I'd be headed for Ft. Campbell down there on the Kentucky/Tennessee line where thousands of kids only want their moms and dads to be home. And for many kids, that will never happen.

"We got Him" For sure he needed to be gotten. But what a price we had to pay, and how little we do to acknowledge it.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I want to use your paper to publicly thank Rick Hysinger for being so kind as to remove my lar from his property after I flipped it upside down and destroyed it on his gravel road.

Now, my friend tells me I can't come back on your property to visit him or his little grandson.

Have a heart, Mr. Hysinger, it is the Christmas season.

I am certainly paying for my stupidity by driving my lar fast down your road. My car is destroyed, my fingers are broken and I'm very, very sorry the accident even happened.

Sincerely,
Lisa K. Barson
Broadhead

Dear Editor,

I would personally like to thank Corinne Graham and Citizens Bank of Mt. Vernon for being a Newspaper in Education, (NIE), sponsor for my class and entire school. Your sponsorship has contributed crucial items to each and every student's education.

Due, in part, to your help and that of your entire staff, students such as I have been enabled to broaden our learning horizons and allows us to no longer be confined to the seats of a classroom. We can experience a greater knowledge found in articles, and works in a journalist's melodrama: the newspaper. Not only are we experiencing what is occurring locally and nationally, but worldwide, as well.

Your contributions have allowed our entire class to experience a great joy that some people are not able to relish. The NIE program, developed by the Lexington Herald-Leader has been a significant part of learning in every student's life, thanks to your sponsorship. Each and every student here at RCHS owes you tremendous gratitude.

Rockcastle County High School is proud to be part of the NIE program -- thanks to the Lexington Herald-Leader and Citizens Bank of Mt. Vernon. Thank you for letting every student experience the power of reading and a better sense of the world around us. As a student, I am deeply grateful.

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ATTENTION Parents of 5th Grade Students

The Kentucky Department of Education requires that any student entering the 6th grade must have a second physical and a current up-to-date immunization certificate.

The physical must be reported on the correct Kentucky Form for 6th grade entry. If the student is going to play any type of sports, he/she will also be required to have a physical documented on a Kentucky athletic form. The athletic physical will not be accepted as a 6th grade physical.

The immunization certificate must reflect all immunizations that the student has had. Students entering the 6th grade are required to have a second MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), a Tetanus-Diphtheria (TD) booster, and the 3-doses of Hepatitis-B vaccine. The Hepatitis-B vaccine is given over a 4-6 months period. Therefore, the student should be taken as soon as possible to start this series.

These health forms must be presented the first day of school in order for the student to be enrolled at the Middle School. If your child receives these services before the end of the fifth grade, please send the forms to school so that they can be filed in his/her chart.

You are strongly urged to get this matter taken care of as soon as possible. Doctor offices will be extra busy during the summer. You may be unable to get an appointment if you wait too late.

Again, please be aware that students will not be enrolled at the Middle School without these forms. If you have any questions concerning these requirements, please call the school.

Your cooperation in providing these health records before your child enters the sixth grade will be greatly appreciated.

Rockcastle County Schools
Health Services

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook

Only a few days ago, I had the opportunity to travel with the Rockcastle County Development Board Renaissance Committee on its second journey they have made this year. I saw four towns: Springfield, Liberty, Greensburg and Stanton, all of which have been involved in the Main Street Renaissance program and have made outstanding strides in improving and revitalizing their towns. Some of the towns I had never seen so I was really excited to visit them. Since I hadn't seen the "before," I had nothing to compare to the "after," but the "after" was quite attractive. I will have to admit, this entire area of Kentucky is deeply entangled with some of the most historical, beautiful and widely diverse areas of interest I've ever had the opportunity to see. I plan to take a more-in-depth sampling of our townsp.

I've come back to Mt. Vernon with a new sense of urgency and an invigorating compulsion to get involved with some of these ideas for "our town." To paraphrase John Kennedy, "Let's as not what Mt. Vernon can do for me, but what I can do for Mt. Vernon." If only everyone here had the same enthusiasm.

Speaking of "our town," Mt. Vernon reminds me of one of my favorite plays "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. For those who aren't familiar with the play, it's set in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, shortly after 1900. It is a small, sleepy little rural town with plain, common folk involved in the daily business of life. The narrator tells of the chief characters' daily life and eventually their death. It seems, in the story, upon the death of these chief characters, they go to a town cemetery, located high on a hill overlooking the little town, and look down on the daily life and times of the living, and are conscious of the living's comings and goings.

How does this remind me of Mt. Vernon, you ask? Because I see Mt. Vernon as a personage whose life expectancy is short if left on the road it is traveling. In a few years, "Our Town" will be dead, lying in the cemetery, along with her sisters, Livingston and Brydhead.

Mt. Vernon will look down from the cemetery and ask, "Why didn't anyone try to save me?" I was starving, and in need of a good revitalizing, with economic growth, tourism, trade and new business. But all around and waited for someone else to breathe life into me. Nobody did. It seems they would rather bicker among themselves, let the politicians sit idle in office, allow funding to be squandered, the "haves" looking down on the "have nots" and those who do have were fearful to invest in improvements, all the while everyone was satisfied with the status quo." I'm sorry to say, this is true to some extent all over the country, it's just that Mt. Vernon can't afford this kind of thinking.

The title has come not to just be satisfied with indoor plumbing, electricity and paved roads. Let's move

Mt. Vernon into the 21st Century. There is a sign, upon entering Mt. Vernon that says, "Established prior to 1790." I always think to myself as I drive past it, "...and hasn't changed much since." This isn't all together a bad thing. The morals and ideals of Rockcastle county are far superior to most in the nation. I don't mean to be harsh, but I think we owe our forefathers something. Most of the people in this county can trace their roots back for more than one hundred years to ancestors born and raised here. We also owe our children something. Should they be forced to leave the county just

to find decent-paying jobs and a better standard of living? We also owe Mt. Vernon's sons and daughters, who are strewn all over the nation, reason to move back home. Nothing has gone so far as being beyond repair, even for Livingston and Brydhead. We all need to pull together for the betterment of the future of Rockcastle County. Abraham Lincoln once said that a house divided against itself cannot stand. This isn't the time or the place to be divided to remember, "United we stand, divided we fall." Let's not let Mt. Vernon R.I.P.

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Presented by Dr. Kevin Rowe
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Obituaries



Lloyd Alva Griffith

Lloyd Alva Griffith, 82, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 11, 2003 at the Winchester Center for Health & Rehabilitation in Winchester. He was born in Rockcastle County on August 7, 1921, the son of William and Eliza Hurley Griffith, was a retired truck driver and a member of the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors are three daughters, Virginia Earls (William) of Winchester, Colleen Langford (Gary) of Mt. Vernon and Joyce Day (Gary) of Xenia, OH; a brother, Sherman Griffith of Glen Cove, a sister, Gertrude Cole of Mt. Vernon, nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Holt Griffith, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 14 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Wayne Henson. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were Kevin Day, Mike Day, James Earls, William Earls, Bobby Hurd, Gary Langford, Jr. and Gary Langford Sr.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Griffith may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com.

Susie A. Smith

Susie A. Smith, 93, of Wildie, died Saturday at the Rockcastle County Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Susie was born in Jackson County, to the late Green and Rachel Cook Abrams. She was a homemaker and member of the Cave Springs Christian Church.

In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband Jessie James Smith and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two daughters Margaret Ricketts of Richmond and Virginia Wolfe of Wildie, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Kenton Parkey officiating. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tim Wolfe, Mark Ricketts, Tom Foley, Michael Ricketts and Rich Ricketts. If you are unable to attend services you may sign the register book at www.lakesfuneralhome.com.

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Ernest Mason

Ernest Monroe Mason, 66, of Mt. Vernon, a former Rockcastle County Magistrate, died Saturday, December 13, 2003 in Anderson County, TN.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 17 at 2 p.m. at the Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bros. Allen Hensley and Olen McGuire. Burial followed in the Briar Field Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A more complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal. Condolences to the family of Mr. Mason may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com.

William "Shorty" Moore

William "Shorty" Moore, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 12, 2003 at the home of his son. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 24, 1922, the son of George and Bertha Bullock Moore. He was a retired boiler fireman engineer at the Bluegrass Army Depot.

Survivors are two sons, Estill "Tobe" Moore of Mt. Vernon and Donnie "Buck" Moore of Bowling Green; one daughter Lyda Alcorn (Eddie) of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Robert Moore of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren and a special friend, Odie B. Phillips.

Services were held Tuesday, December 16 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Weaver. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Tommy Moore, Virgil Alcorn, Eddie Alcorn, Roger Guinn, Glen Smith and Randall Reynolds.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Moore may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com.



Bernard Hall

Mr. Bernard Hall, 87, of Brodhead died Sunday, December 13, 2003 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on November 26, 1916 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Herbert and Sibley Benthall Hall. He was reared in Brodhead but resided in Jefferson County much of his life, moving back after his retirement as an electrician with B. F. Goodrich Company in Louisville. He was a graduate of Brodhead High School, a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church, and was an avid supporter of Christian Missions.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Judy Hall of Louisville; a very special friend, Ruby Adams of Brodhead; two granddaughters and two great grandchildren; one sister, Lillian Edwards of Falls Church, Va. He was preceded in death by his first wife, June Baker Hall and by his second wife, Mondell Russell Hall and by two brothers, Byron Brooks Hall and Herbert Hall.

Services were held Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at the Watson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jim Craig officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Palbearers were David Steinker, Jason Dishon, Todd Ralston, Alan Gostley, Edward Daugherty and Marshall McKinney.

Virginia Smallwood

Mrs. Virginia Roxie Powell Smallwood, 30, of Conway Road, Berea, died Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at her home. Mrs. Smallwood was a homemaker and a member of the Holiness faith.

Survivors are her parents, Boyd and Thelma Gadd Powell of Conway; her husband, Pershing Smallwood of Berea and a daughter, Hazel Powell of Berea.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13 at the Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Jason Ivey officiating. Burial followed in the Leager Cemetery at Conway.



Flossie Cottrell

Mrs. Flossie Cottrell, 75, of Rt. 1, Brodhead, died Thursday, December 11, 2003 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County February 12, 1928, the daughter of James P. and Ida Barron Cromer, was a homemaker and a member of the Walnut Grove Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Lester Cottrell; a son, Darrell Edward Cottrell (Brenda) of Rt. 1, Brodhead; a daughter, Sandra Gayle Debor (Tommy) of Rt. 1, Brodhead; a brother, Joe Cromer of Indianapolis, IN; a twin sister, Mossie Denney of Eubank; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 15 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marvin Cromer. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery at Wallisla.

Palbearers were: Abe Brown,

Tim Cottrell; Benny, Cromer, Gary Cromer, Terry Cromer and Arlis McFerron.

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Cottrell may be made by visiting her online register book at www.dowellmartin.com.

James Walter French

James Walter French, '90, of Madisonville, died Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at his home.

He was born May 16, 1913 in Mt. Vernon to George Washington and Lola Dotan French. He was a member of Greater Light House Pentecostal Church, was a retired carpenter and cabinet maker for French Construction and a World War II Army veteran, having served with the 94th Cavalry. He served in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France and Central

Madisonville; two sons, Jackie Ray French of Madisonville and Joe French of Hanson; four grandchildren and three grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, F.L. French in 1946, four sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13 at the Barnett-Strader Funeral Home in Madisonville with Rev. Ronald Hendricks and Bro. Danny Strader officiating. Burial followed in the Hanson Cemetery in Hanson.

Chester Baker

Chester Baker, 77, of Flat Gap Road, Berea, died Thursday, December 11, 2003 at the VA Medical Center in Lexington.

Mr. Baker, was a farmer, a well driller and former factory employee. He was also a US Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his significant other, Lilly Dobbs of Mt. Vernon; five sisters, Anna Lee McDaniel (Frank) and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William O'Freeman, three sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 13 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Martin. Burial was in the

Phillips Cemetery at Three Links. Palbearers were her nephews Russell and Johnny George Baker (Jay) and two sisters, Stella Anglin and Gladys Matney.

Funeral services for Mr. Baker were held Monday, July 15 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Cecil Burns officiating. Burial, with military honors, followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Palbearers were: Chuck Letler, Eddie Lear, Tim Saylor, Randall Thacker, Buram VanWinkle and Bill VanWinkle.

Church News

Watch Night Service

"Climax Holiness Church invites everyone to our Watch Night service on Wednesday, December 31st starting at 9 p.m. If you have a song or a word for the Lord come and let's put God first when the new year comes in. For information call the pastor Bro. Robert Miller at 758-4723. Climax Holiness Church will not be having services on Thursday, December 25th or Thursday, January 1st. May God bless everyone.

Christmas Play

Brush Creek Holiness Church's Christmas Play "Twas the Night Before Jesus Came," will be given Sunday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Bro. Olen McGuire and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Monthly Singing

Ree Hill Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m. Pastor Larry Mink and congregation invite everyone.

Christmas Cantata

Freedom Baptist Church adult choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata entitled "It'll Be Home for Christmas" Sunday morning, December 21 at 11 a.m. On Sunday night, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m., the youth and children will be presenting their Christmas program. Bro. Albert McKinney and congregation invite everyone to attend these special services.

Christmas Because

The young people of the Livingston Holiness Church will be presenting *Christmas Because* Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the program with us. Pastor James Miller and congregation welcome you.

Live Nativity

Faith Assembly of God in London invites you to "A Celebration of Light" a drive-through live nativity! Thursday through Saturday, December 18-20, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. nightly.

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Another great KYA

Submitted by Hannah Ponder
 KYA Media Corps
 The Rockcastle County Middle School Y-Club has just returned from another wonderful trip the Kentucky Youth Assembly. This has been one of the most fun and successful KYAs that we have ever had the privilege of attending. We received a number of awards, ranging from outstanding premiere speakers, to outstanding advocate awards, and many other things of which to be proud.

I want to start out by saying congratulations to Christy Olivia Napier. Christy made a huge leap from being a bill author last year, to being elected President of the Senate this year. That is the highest position in the Senate, and she did an excellent job running the Senate proceedings. She was assisted in the Senate by Darrin McKinney (clerk), Zachary Davis (page), and Tyler Vaughn (technician). Some other state awards and recognitions that we managed to come home with were: Outstanding Premiere Speaker (out of only six) awarded to Bethany Clontz, and Outstanding Legislative Speaker (out of only ten) given to Sally Mize.

Jessica Cummins and Gary Keith Caldwell also received an award. They were given the honor of being selected as the Outstanding Judicial Advocate Team. This was the first time our middle school has received this award. Jessica and Gary even presented their case in front of the whole General Assembly on the final day. It was so neat (and very impressive) to see people from our own school stand up to present their case and receive their awards!

We had thirteen very important and interesting bills this year (eight legislative bills and five premiere bills). Two of them even reached Governor Gretchen Sofo's desk to be "signed into law". The first Rockcastle bill to be signed belonged to Mary Saylor, Katy Mattingly, Brooke Martinez and Lauren Graham. The bill related to providing children from birth to twelve years of age with free immunizations/vaccinations. The other bill belonged to Meghan Nation, Sally Mize, and Courtney Bullock. This bill related to having all certified personnel, in all schools in Kentucky, to be certified in CPR yearly. There were only two of the awesome bills that we

took. Brooke Bowlin and Matthew Miller also did a great job lobbying for our bills, as well as against some bills from other schools. Even though they received nothing for their hard work, they deserve many accolades for helping to push our bills through the legislative process.

The KYA delegations were housed at the Fern Valley Holiday Inn. Just down the hall from the Rockcastle delegation was a marine (Ed Moody), his wife (Kasey Moody), and their eighteen-month-old daughter (Emma Moody). Mr. Moody was shipping out to Baghdad on Tuesday, November 11th and wouldn't be back for at least a year. All the Rockcastle students wrote him notes and gave the family a basket of fruit, and some KYA-shirts. It was a very memorable and moving moment. He and his wife both cried (and he was a big Marine). One of us will remember Veterans Day, 2003, in a very special way because of Ed Moody.

It was a truly great year again for us at KYA. We had fun, learned a lot about the governmental process and took pride in representing our school, county, district, and Y-Club, by doing the most and best we could do. I can't wait until next year and I look forward to all the other Y-conferences that the future holds!



Bethany Clontz was one of only six Premiere Delegates to receive "Outstanding Speaker Award" during the recent 2003 Kentucky Youth Assembly.



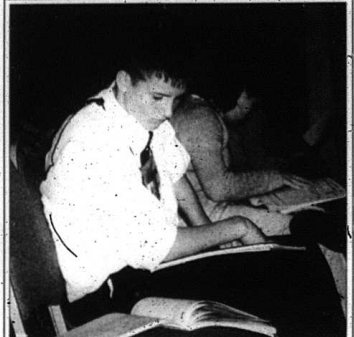
Jessica Cummins and Gary Keith Caldwell recently represented Rockcastle Co. Middle at KYA 2003 as Advocates to the Model Supreme Court. Arguing the constitutionality of bills before the court, Jessica and Gary Keith received the "Outstanding Advocate Team" award. This was the first time that a judicial team from RCMS has received this award.



Lobbyists Brooke Bowlin and Matthew Miller were instrumental in RCMS bills passing in each chamber. Their role was to lobby for RCMS legislative bills and against bills of their choice from other schools.



Bill authors Jordan Cash, Bryan Clontz, John Lambert and Logan Kincer had the top ranked bill in Senate Committee 2 at KYA 2003.



Devin Hasty served as a Senator at the 2003 East Junior Kentucky Youth Assembly. He is shown here during Senate Committee proceedings studying bills on the evening's docket.

Eagle Echoes

The Book Fair was a great success. Thanks to students, parents, and staff! Our library will have several new books for students and staff to checkout. Each classroom also received books from their classroom wish lists.

We had a total of 38 volunteers and guest readers to assist with the event. A special thanks to Ms. Claudimma Cash for sharing Native American storytelling with the students at Roundstone on Family Reading Night.

Reminder
 Holiday deadline
 is Noon Monday
 next week

Thanks to all who donated items for the God's Meal Barrel food drive. Have a wonderful Winter Break!



KYA 2003 Legislative bill authors Brooke Martinez, Mary Saylor and Lauren Graham presented a bill related to providing free immunizations to all children in the Commonwealth. The bill passed through to the Governor's desk where it was signed by Youth Governor Gretchen Sofo. Not pictured was bill author Katy Mattingly.



Legislative bill authors Meghan Nation, Sally Mize and Courtney Bullock with Youth Governor Gretchen Sofo from Lexington Catholic High School. Gov. Sofo had just signed their bill into law. Sally Mize will later receive one of only 10 "Outstanding Legislative Speaker" awards presented at this year's KYA.



President of the Senate Christy Olivia Napier, center, with her Executive Cabinet: Zachary Davis, Senate Clerk and Darrin McKinney, Senate Page.



Kindergarten students Stephen Bleivins and BJ Fleenor enjoy a hug from Clifford, the Big Red Dog.



Volunteer Fannie Lamb helps to straighten and re-stock books at the Book Fair.



Ms. Claudimma Cash shares a Cherokee legend with students during a Family Reading Night activity.



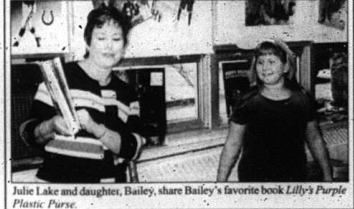
Ms. Pam French's first grade class enjoy a drop-by visit from Principal Lisa Noe and Clifford to announce the Book Fair.



Even fourth graders enjoy Clifford.



Matt Dees reads to his son's, Canon Dees, second grade class.



Julie Lake and daughter, Bailey, share Bailey's favorite book Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.

4 H Youth Development

John McQueary
Rockcastle County Extension Office

4H Speech Contest Results

The Rockcastle County 4H Council held its 4-H Speech Contest on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. We want to say a special thanks to all that participated, also thanks to the judges: Zack Gentry, Chris McGuire, Kalina Robinson, Roy Adams, Courtney Alexander, Jeremy Reynolds, John Dyehouse, and Bryanna Bussell.

Listed below are the participants names and title of their speeches.

9 Yr. Old Division:
Casey Hunt, Jobs on the Farm; Alexandra Martin, My Papaw, Emory; Chelsea Payne, My Best Friend; Sarah Offill, My Papaw and Christina Doan, Love A Love One?; Jordan Kelley, Our President Has Been Shot.

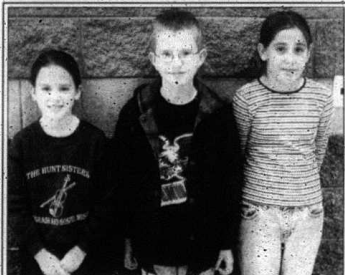
10 Yr. Old Division:
Sha Bustie, America's Hopes and Dreams; Ella McQueary, Keep Your Eye On The Ball; Sara Hammond, My First Crazy Season Of Basketball; Carrie Robinson, Harvest Tubman; Samantha Stewart, Alcoholism, What is it?; Heather Bullock, A Believer; Kristen Bullock, The Miracle; Carly Asher, The Skydiver; Billy Cameron, Cante; Jordan Powell, Tips or Tricks; Katie Cowan, My Dreams; Casey Carpenter, The Miracle; Timothy Vanwinkle, My Silly Dog; Elizabeth Harris, Basketball Camp; Jessie Mason, Go To School Cause Drugs Aren't Cool; Jessica Blackburn, Have You

Thanked A Teacher Today?
11 Yr. Old Division:
Brandon Burdette, The American Flag; Megan Perkins, She Should Have Been A Duck; Will McClure, Have You Ever Been Kissed By A Lama or Alpaca?; Kara Canterbury, My Mariner (My Brother); Bethany Cloetz, The Gift of Gab; Devin Davidson, Laughter - Just What The Doctor Ordered; Candice Kidwell, The Most Horrifying Place On Earth; Ashley Miller, Where Many Become One; Sara Renner, My Mom; Nicki Wilson, My Hero; Ashley Bussell, Why You Should Go To Church; Cheyenne Hensley, Why Abortion?; Courtney Dannel, Breast Cancer; Johana Ballard, How Mean 4 Year Olds Can Be; Katelyn Thacker, Friendship; Tasha Dannel, What Would Jesus Do?

12 Yr. Old Division:
Jaleah Owens, The Big Family; Natalie Harman, Run Away Cousins; Can You Find Them?; Whitney Harrison, The Divorcee.

13 Yr. Old Division:
Carr Hunt, My Experience at Hollywood.
16-19 Yr. Olds:
Anthony Cook, The Man That Spoke Haiti; The World; Mohammad Ali.

Educational programs of the Rockcastle Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Brodhead Elementary School participants were Casey Hunt, Jordan Kelley, and Jessie Mason.



Mt. Vernon Elementary School participants were front row from left: Alexandra Martin, Chelsea Payne and Sarah Offill. Second row from left: Sara Hammond, Ella McQueary, Sha Bustie and Christina Doan. Third row from left: Carrie Robinson, Samantha Stewart and Heather Bullock. Fourth row from left: Billy Cameron, Carly Asher and Kristen Bullock. Fifth row from left: Jordan Powell, Jessica Blackburn, Katie Cowan, Brandon Burdette and Will McClure.



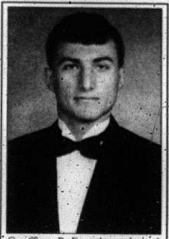
Rockcastle County Middle School participants were front row from left: Devin Davidson, Candice Kidwell, Megan Perkins, Bethany Cloetz, Ashley Miller and Nicki Wilson. Second row from left: Ashley Bussell, Cheyenne Hensley, Johana Ballard, Tasha Dannel, Natalie Harman, Whitney Harrison, Carr Hunt and Jaleah Owens.



Happy 50th Papaw Gene! Love Kendra & Tara



Happy 16th Birthday December 17, 2003 - Leslie Leight Stewart Mommy, Dylan, Marnaw & Papaw Stewart, Marnaw & Papaw Kirby. Daddy's smiling down on you today!



Geoffrey P. Fugate graduated from Spencerian College in Lexington on December 18, 2003. Mr. Fugate completed a two year course earning an Associate of Occupational Studies Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. He is the son of Nelce and Bonnie Drew of Orlando and Gregory Fugate of Huber Heights, Ohio. Geoffrey, formerly of Hamilton, Ohio, now resides in Orlando.



Roundstone Elementary School participant was Kari Canterbury.



Anthony Cook - 16-year-old winner from Rockcastle County High School.

Births and Birthdays



Happy Birthday, Ann Phillips

Ann, shown here in a recent picture with her Shih Tzu and her gpl, is a graduate of Livingston High School and is an active member of the Roman Catholic Church.

As we have all witnessed, Ann is an adept speaker at for charity events for the causes she believes in. She is both an organizer and volunteer at a homeless shelter and a domestic abuse center. Her love, keenness of mind, sharp insight, her actions and efficiency have not only helped these people but have also caused many changes in many lives in all areas.

She finds the time to volunteer at a nursing home where she reads a and engages the patients in games with her little dog, "Wee Wicket." These people are in every way enchanted by both, for there are many who have no family or visitors.



Hello, my name is Jalon Lucas Stewart. I was born at Marymount Hospital on Sunday, November 30, 2003. I weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 21 inches long. My proud parents are Crystal and Jason Stewart. My grandparents are Edna and James Renner, Pearlie and Ray Alcorn, Boyd and Vonda Stewart. My proud grand parents are Mariba and Don Smithern, JC and Nellie Bigh and Noamia and Everett Renner. We're all so proud of you and love you very much.

I, as her Mother, have received lots of phone calls, cards and letters from the nursing home, domestic abuse center, homeless shelter and other staff and from some of the people she has helped which I keep in my albums of her.

We, as her family, truly believe this is the path that our Holy Father wanted her to take. She has not failed the task. One time I asked her why she chose this path. Her answer was quick: "Because I believe in a Holy Father that loves all people the same and a wonderful coach, Preston Parent, who treated every student the same. If we had more teachers like this great man, I truly believe we would have less violence in schools. I will never forget him."

Along with her many friends, her hobbies are New York, Broadway Plays, skydiving, bungee-jumping, boating, Mardi Gras an experienced dance teacher, which she loves, and long walks and games on the beach with "Wee Wicket" and friends.

When she flies up with "Wee Wicket" beside her in her carry-on, and they come walking towards us with that curly hair either cut in a "New Wave Style" or flying loose around that beautiful smiling face, we can't help but think, not only is she a great beauty, but we are also proud of her for all she has done -- except the dare-devil bit which has always been a part of her and that she, this impressive warm sweet beauty -- is ours -- our gift from God.

Written and submitted by both her brother, David, and her mother, Christine Phillips.

Friz and Gary Phillips, Dayton, OH
Juanita Rose and Shirley Bob Miller
Daughter of the late Earl Phillips.
-special sister of the late Benny -
Phillips/Lois Y. Reams
Ain resides in Daytona Beach, FL.
Now, "Sweetcheeks" as your brother, I have to add this. You've had four engagements and now a widow -- are you planning another?? And where did your forehead go -- it's no longer there. Now I know that I will catch it at Christmas, my running shoes are in the closet! All my love to my little sis, big brother, Brad.



Frank Mobley, I'll never forget you and I'll never give up on you. The truth will come out sooner or later. We'll find it out one way or the other. I see you once a week. Love you, Louise.



Happy 16th Birthday Leslie Deigh! Love - Your Family



Bobby, this is your birthday and we just wanted to say you are like a brother to us. We hope God will bless you in every way and some day a very lucky lady will knock at your heart's door.
Happy Birthday Bobby Thompson From Trish, Ashley, Ginger, Jamie, Tracy, Julie and Duanna



Well "guess what" ole Justine Hale is finally a great grandma. And if Ole Fuzzy Bill Hale was alive he'd be proud as punch to welcome home Miss Azlan Olivia Brock. Her proud parents are Eric and Katina Brock. Now the grandparents are also Melvin and Helen Brock, Johnny and Brenda Cromet, Bobby and Williameta French Azlan was born November 23, 2003 at Paine A. Ciba Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Her other proud grandparents are Curtis Frith, Rissie Brock, Mc. Sallie Hale, Fred and Rosie Cromer. But, the most proud of us all is the "Big Brother" Logan Brock.

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My First Christmas in Heaven

I saw the countless Christmas trees around the world below. With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The night is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear. For I am leaving Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear. But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you love me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear. And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above. I sent you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do. For I can't obtain the blessing or love he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear. Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Bertrice & Junior Smith
Robert & Bertrice Miller
Preston & Viola Miller
J.D. & Judy Miller
Mary Gregory
Husband/Bo



A Letter to Heaven
In Memory of
Randell Keith Wallin
December 22, 2002

Hey Buddy,
How are things in Heaven today? I'm sure things are wonderful there. I would ask how your year going? I already know the answer to that question. I know you are well and happy in your brand new home and I am grateful for that.

Today is December 14, 2003, Matthew's birthday and he is five years old. I have been so sad today, thinking about him and you not being able to be there at his birthday. I know he misses you terribly. Sometimes he cries and so do I. Miss you, so bad, brother. Your beautiful smile, your voice, your presence. I have cried most of the day and a lot more lately as it nears the date of your passing. I haven't even slept tonight as my grieving is so severe. It is 3 a.m. and I can't stop thinking about you, how much you loved your family, loved us all to be together and how very much you loved Christmas. I can see you now carving the ham with Jennifer right beside you and testing a bite or two every now and then when no one was looking. If they have ham in Heaven, I can safely say you are somewhere nearby. You were always the first under the Christmas tree, passing out the gifts to everyone and helping clean up the mess. You were so anxious to open our gifts and the smile on your face when you got something you really loved was priceless. I wonder who will pass our gifts out this year? Nobody can fill those shoes. There is such a void in our family and facing Christmas without you is almost unbearable.

I have thought how honored I was to call you brother. I feel privileged to have been a part of your life for 34 years. You were a wonderful husband, father to your children, Matthew and Callie, son, brother, brother-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin and dear friend to many. I know there are many others who are missing you and thinking about you, too. I guess the thing I hope for you most for was your decision to leave, live and commit yourself to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am still amazed at the most excellent humble, loving, forgiving and unselfish spirit you had even through your illness. I know that to make it to Heaven, you must serve God with that same commitment and genuine Christ-like love as you had.

I know God knows best and took you on home to be with him. Your suffering has ceased. You are at peace with God and, for that, I am thankful even though I know I will still miss you as long as I am living on this earth. Someday I will join you and Dad in there in that place you called Miracle Land. You told us "Heaven was a big place, there was room for everyone. I don't think anyone could have said it better. And, as Christy sings in church, "Look for me brother, for I will be there, too," Merry Christmas in Heaven for now and until then...Rest in the arms of the Lord.

I love you baby brother, Your sister,
Deeply (Deb) Wallin Francisco
Doubtlessly loved and missed by his family
Wife, Children, Mother, Brother, Sister, Nieces, Nephews and loved ones.

If you have all of your loved ones with you this holiday season and are able to attend a Christmas play or church service, you are truly blessed. Merry Christmas to you, love them, enjoy them for you never know what could happen to your family in a year's time and who will not be spending the holidays with you next year. Life is precious and should be cherished as should your loved ones. Don't take them for granted. Because you don't really appreciate what you've got until it is gone.

"Letters"

(Cont. from A-2)
lighted by this concept and I am very thankful for your graciousness to the students at RCHS. Thank you for everything.
Sincerely,
Maria D. Hensley
RCHS sophomore

Dear Editor,

I would like to express our thanks to the Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. for getting to our house fire so quickly and saving so much of our things by getting the fire out quickly. They worked very hard to reassemble our little dog. They have won the respect of myself and my neighbors by their actions. They have my vote in getting what they need to accomplish their tasks in saving homes and lives.

Also, I would like to thank my neighbors for reporting the fire and for all the support and help they have given. So many people have helped us with clothes, dishes and donations. Thanks goes out to Watts Chapel Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church for their generous help. I pray the Lord will bless each of these people and churches that have loved us enough to help. Thanks to Jenny and Keith Taylor, Linda and Coy Taylor, Jeannie and John Parsons, and all the teachers, staff and cooks of RCHS and Roundabouts.

Thanks to Mink Builders, Gary and Gertha Mink, who will be rebuilding our home, for getting started so quickly and Kinsley Farm Brothers Ins., William K. Bullen, Marteen Lawson and all the staff for being so helpful in the process of getting us back into our home.

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"It Is Written"

With the capture of Saddam Hussein I am reminded of several examples in the Bible where other powerful, wicked, proud rulers have been brought down, humbled, abused. Let's watch a few.

In Isaiah 10:12 we read: *"Whoso he it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole will upon Assyria, and he shall say, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks."* The king of Assyria would be brought down. In Daniel 4 God humbled Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon. The king went "out of his mind" for a time and looked like a wild man. *"The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, all his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws"* Daniel 4:33. Makes one to think about the recent photo of Saddam Hussein as you look at his picture. History repeats itself over and over in time. Now Nebuchadnezzar learned to recognize the true God: *"You O Nabuchadnezzar praise, glorify, and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are true, and his ways judgment, and those that walk in pride he is able to abase"* Daniel 4:37. God resists the proud, but he will give grace to the humble. Have you humbled yourself to submit the will of Christ in obey the gospel? "Do so before it is too late!"

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NOTICE Rockcastle County Schools Plan For Inclement Weather School Closings Early Dismissal

Every effort will be made to keep parents and concerned citizens informed as to school closings, early dismissals and possibly a delay plan.

The number one concern is the safety of students. After an extensive evaluation of road conditions in the county, taking into consideration all roads, a decision will be made in regard to closing school.

School closings will be announced on radio stations and three television stations. They are as follows: Radio - WRVK (AM 1460), WVLC (FM 93), WBUL (FM 98.1), WMXL (FM 94.5), WLAP (630 AM), WRSL (FM 96.3), WLKT (FM 104.5) WKQQ (FM 100.1) WKDP (99.5). Television - WKYT (Channel 27), WLEX (Channel 18), WTVO (Channel 36). If possible, the closing will be announced the evening before the closing date. If a determination cannot be made the day prior to the closing date, every possible effort will be made to reach a decision by 6:00 a.m. The announcement will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. This will be conducted the same for the delay plan, if it is concluded the delay plan would be the appropriate plan of action.

Early dismissal of school due to inclement weather will be announced on WRVK. Roads will be closely monitored as school is in session to determine if there is a need for early dismissal. If the need for an inclement dismissal does occur, parents should make arrangements to meet children as they arrive safely.

Parents and students should not call any radio or television stations to inquire about school closings. This could delay the information distribution to the necessary channel by typing up the phone lines.

There may be a time when a few isolated bus routes may not be made or may be delayed while the rest of the bus routes will be made on the regular schedule. These bus routes will be announced only on WRVK radio station.

In Memory of Lonnie Lynn Cash

Heaven is the Yellow Pages?
Lonnie went to Heaven, but I need him here today.
My tummy hurts, I fell down I need him right away.
Operator, can you tell me how to find him in this book.
Is Heaven in the yellow part, I don't know where to look.
I think his daddy needs him too. At night I hear him cry.
I hear him call his name sometimes, but I really don't know why.
Maybe if I call him, he will hurry home.
Is Heaven very far away, is it across the sea?
He's been gone a long, long time. He needs to come home now!
I really need to reach him but I simply don't know how.
Help me find the number please, is it listed under Heaven?
I can't read these big, big words. I am only seven.
I'm-sorry, operator, I didn't mean to make you cry.
Is your tummy hurting too or is there something in your eye?
If I call my church, maybe they will know.
Mommy said when we need help that's where we should go.
I found the number to my church, tucked up on the wall.
Thank you, operator, I'll give them a call.

Cards of Thanks

Martin
We, the family of Bentley Martin, Sr., would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for all of the prayers, kind words, visits, flowers, cards and food during the loss of our very special Dad and Papa. A very special thank you goes to Dr. Tony Arvin and Dr. Susan Liddle (and all of their assistants). We would also like to thank the Home Health and Hospice Care nurses for all of the comfort and care that passed few weeks. Without you he could not have remained comfortable and at home. Thank you to a very special lady, Alice Whitaker, for helping us with his care. We would most like to thank Cox Funeral Home for the beautiful arrangements and the kindness they showed us during our loss. Thank you Bre' Ova Baker for the sermon and Pam for the songs. May God always bless you all. A special thank you to our Dad's best friend, Terry Bell, and his special pallbearers.

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Rockets beat OBI

After falling behind 13-4 in the first quarter Tuesday night against district foe Oneida Baptist Institute, the Rockets came back to outscore the Mountaineers 7-0 before going on to a 66-62 win.

Sophomore Colby Brown showed up big for the Rockets in the first quarter, getting his team's first basket at the 5:50 mark and going on to score two more to help the Rockets to be down only three at the first quarter stop 21-18.

A three by junior Derreck Hurst, to begin the second quarter, tied the score at 21 all and the Rockets took the lead on a free throw and basket by senior Elijah Lunsford at 24-21. Aaron Cash added a three point basket before the Mountaineers could get on the board in the second quarter and the Rockets were up four at the half, 33-29.

OBI knotted the score again at 41 all and took the lead 43-41 before Kyle Mullins sunk a three to put his team ahead for good in the contest.

Seventeen turnovers by the Rockets helped the Mountaineers stay in the game but that was counteracted, in part, by seven steals by senior Devyn Taylor who was a thorn in the side of the Mountaineers on defense all night.

Cash led the scoring with 24 points; Brown got 20; junior center, Blake Roberts put in eight; Lunsford and Mullins had six each and Hurst got 5. The Rockets are now 3 and 1 on the season and will next play in

the Greenup Co. Classic at Raceland on December 20th. They will follow that with the 5/3 Bank Classic at Lexington Catholic December 26-30.

The next home game for the boys will be January 13th against SW Pulaski.

Jayvees win 31-29

The Jayvee team, which trailed OBI 11-5 in the first quarter, came back to hold on for a two-point, 31-29 win.

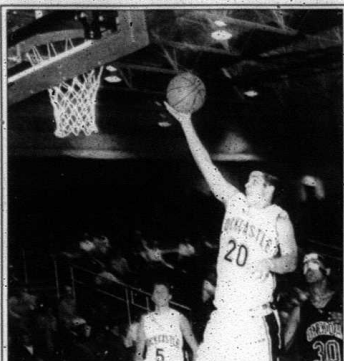
The Rockets lost the first quarter 9-4, won the second 15-4, lost the third 8-4 and tied in the fourth 8-8.

J.C. McClure, who put in the last bucket of the game, and the winning one for the Rockets, led the scoring with 10 points; Weston Riddle had 6; Gabe Stallworth, who came up with two big steals for his team late in the game, got 5 points; Kyle Mullins and Coty Childers had 4 each and Lance Baldwin 2.

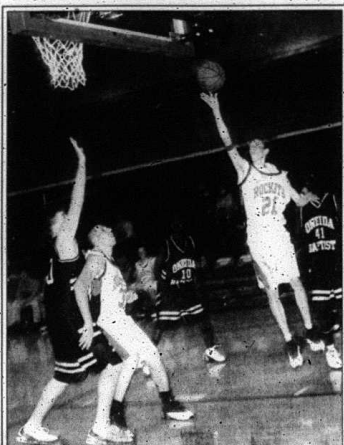
Lady Rockets in Fifth/Third Classic

After their third win of the season last week against Lexington Christian, the Lady Rockets will next take the floor in the 5/3 Prime Time Classic at Lexington Catholic against Ohio County on Friday night, December 19th.

Following that tourney, they will play in the independence Bank Classic at Owensboro Catholic on December 26th.



Colby Brown goes for two of his 20 points against Oneida Baptist Institute Tuesday night. The Rockets squeaked out a four point win, 66-62. Also in the photo is #5 Blake Roberts.



Jayvee Kyle Mullins goes for two points against Oneida Tuesday night. The Jayvee won 31-29 on a winning basket by J.C. McClure, also shown in the photo.

Santa Claus in Mt. Vernon

Santa Claus will be in downtown Mt. Vernon Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th, from 3 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, December 20th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.



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The Y-Club have been conducting their annual food drive. Last week, 400 cans were collected. Mrs. Vanessa Bullock's homeroom had brought in the most with 189 cans. Thanks to our generous students, we are seeing more and more food come in each day.

Thanks to the RCMS Band for providing a wonderful Christmas program to our student last Thursday. We appreciate the hard work that went into that program.

The grading period has ended and report cards will be mailed out on Friday.

The Adventurers will be enjoying a field trip to Levi Jackson State Park

on Thursday.

The boys basketball team will compete Thursday night at Corbin.

Mt. Vernon Message

Christmas vacation begins December 22. Students will return to school on January 5, 2004. Enjoy!

Project Wisdom readers for last week are as follows: students Britany Carpenter, Michelle Weaver, Megan Martin, Alexandra Martin and reading teacher Judy Maples was our mystery reader.



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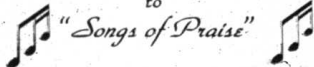
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"Decision"

(Cont. from Front)

the Broadhead City Hall/Broadhead Fire Department building for a period of not less than ten years in order to give better fire protection coverage to those citizens outside the Broadhead city limits.

It is hereby ordered that all such written agreements and assurances be delivered to the office of the County Judge/Executive not later than noon on Monday, January 5, 2004.

During the meeting, Carlotis praised the efforts of Western to provide protection for property owners in the Quail/Ottawa area, helping them to lower their insurance rating and giving them a cheaper fire insurance premium. He also pointed out that this fiscal court and former magistrates had been the "most supportive and friendly" to fire departments in the county. In the past, the court had given \$3,000 a year total to all county fire departments, but from July, 1998 through December, 2001, \$551,012 has been funneled through the fiscal court to the various fire departments from state and federal grants and loans and local program support.

However, Carlotis further said, "it is understood by all citizens that fire protection is a necessity for any community. The local government must, therefore, be concerned with two basic facts: the firefighting abilities of the volunteer fire departments and the costs homeowners must pay for insurance coverage of their property."

A considered review of the present petition by the Broadhead City Council quickly and easily explains the predicament of homeowners outside the Broadhead City limits who must now rely upon the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department at Quail for firefighting assistance. Carlotis went on to say "It does appear, therefore, that the petitioner's request for annexation is reasonable, as provided under KRS 75.020(1), and that neither fire department, nor inhabitants of the territory sought to be annexed will be

materially and adversely affected. Indeed it appears that all will actually benefit from such annexation." Therefore, since Carlotis could not rule under the statute which was the basis for Broadhead City's petition, he issued the order calling for a January 5 deadline for agreement between the two departments.

"Indictments"

(Cont. from Front)

Jonathan Osborne, 24 of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon and Shannon Vaughn, 29 of Broadhead were also indicted for Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument, second degree.

And, Luanna M. Falin, 41, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, second degree.

"Committee"

(Cont. from Front)

DeSpain, city clerk/treasurer. Greensburg, too, is a silver level city and eligible for \$62,000, as is Mt. Vernon. Mt. Vernon hasn't received their funding due to the vacancy of a director for several months.

Greensburg is currently renovating a historical railroad depot. The city has also renovated old buildings into a library and genealogical research center. In the center of town is a restored footbridge, one of two in Kentucky.

Greensburg boasts that Green River is the fourth most diverse river in the United States, containing more than 150 animal species. They have a business directory, Chamber of Commerce and an occupational tax. However, they haven't had a jail for over 25 years. Greensburg has received more than \$100,000 from various grants.

The final stop was Liberty where we met with Arian Sanders who is on the Hal Rogers Tourism Board, Liberty Economic Development

Board and director of the Main Street Renaissance Committee.

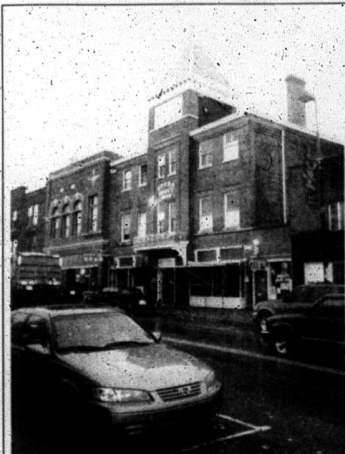
The city is currently working on a 350 acre industrial park that was originally proposed as an airport. Liberty has access to four natural gas lines and has even used landfill dirt in flood-prone areas. The downtown is thriving with at least four restaurants, craft and specialty stores, government offices and a new state-of-the-art judicial center.

All of the cities visited had access to natural gas, all but one had an occupational tax, all were intersected by two highways and all had access to a large retail store, such as Wal-Mart, nearby.

Mr. Sanders, who has been with the Renaissance Committee since 1995, indicated that the secret to success is that must be no division in city and county. All must work together for the common good.



Tom Tyler, at left, member of the Main St. Renaissance Committee of Mt. Vernon, and Jerry Renner, at right, Director of the Rockcastle County Development Board and member of Main St. Renaissance Committee met with Arian Sanders, center, of the Hal Rogers Tourism Board.



Springfield, Ky., Opera House, built in 1900, is in the renovation process. It will be used for office space as well as community theater.

Forward in the Fifth awards grants for six projects in the schools

Forward in the Fifth recently awarded grant funding for six projects at schools in Madison, Rockcastle, Jackson and Estill Counties. The projects feature integration activities between area technology centers and high schools. Projects provide opportunities for students to combine skills gained in a traditional school subject, like math, with application skills, such as welding, gained in technical classes.

Many of the projects feature a product for local communities. For example, in Jackson County, the project will result in a display case that will be used to highlight student work and work from artists in and around the region. It will be in the lobby of the area technology center and available for viewing by the entire community.

Funds for these grants come from School-to-Work and other sources. Below is a brief description of each project that the schools will undertake during this school year.

Madison Southern High School will design and build a nature and fitness trail that will link Shannon Johnson Elementary, Foley Middle School and Madison Southern High School.

Madison County School System will create an integrated unit of study, called Estill County Students Educate and Empower, involving social studies, business, marketing, leadership and family and consumer sciences.

The Rockcastle Area Technology Center will construct a replica of the World Trade Center with the help of its five different educational programs: automotive, electricity, health science, office technology and welding.

The Madison County School System will open a Corporate Closet to provide GED graduates with professional interview clothes and opportunities to participate in leadership development in the community.

The Rockcastle County School System will work with the Rockcastle Area Technology Center to increase reading proficiency using the Marie Carbo reading method.

Crab Orchard Country Christmas

Come Celebrate the Season of Christmas With Us Friday, December 19th from 5 to 9 p.m.!

Santa will arrive on the Crab Orchard Fire Truck at the Veterans' monument at 5 p.m. At 5:30, the Mayor and Santa will award the decorating contest winners. From 6 to 7 p.m. There will be caroling by the city Christmas Tree (monument) and from 7 to 9 will be Open House at Crab Orchard City Hall and you can visit with Santa Claus.

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Library Board has three new members

Last Monday December 8th 2003, the Rockcastle County library board and staff enjoyed a holiday dinner together. Before the dinner the board met and said farewell to Mr. H. Allen Penzol for his dedicated service over the past several years as the library board chairman, also we said goodbye to Ms. Serena Stewart who had served for years as secretary. Certificates were handed out to Mr. Penzol, Ms. Serena and also Ms. Sue Hamm who had served on the board previously as vice chair. Books were given to the library in honor of their service on the board. County Judge Executive Buzz Carlifos swore in the new board members, Ms. Rebecca Isaacs, Mr. Steve McKinney, and Ms. Cloia Collins. The new members will serve with remaining board members, Corey Craig who is the Treasurer, and Mr. Jerry Burke the Technology Consultant.

Ms. Rebecca Isaacs will serve as the new Rockcastle County Library Board of Trustee Chairperson. Ms. Isaacs is also the Title J Coordinator and District Supervisor for Rockcastle County Schools. As District Literacy Contact, Rebecca shares her knowledge, skill, and enthusiasm for the library's mission of providing information and reading materials from various categories with the community. Rebecca, along with her husband Roger are the par-

ents of two sons, Grant and Will. Mr. Steve McKinney will serve as the new vice-chairman on the board. He was born and raised in Mt. Vernon, graduated from Rockcastle County High School in 1982 and went to Berea College. Steve majored in religion. After graduation, he attended the Southern-Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He is presently the pastor of Fairview Baptist Church. He and his wife Sherri and their children, Darrin and Kristyna reside in Broadhead.

Ms. Cloia Collins will serve as the new Secretary for the Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Collins is the wife of Darrell Collins of Mt. Vernon and the daughter of Gary and Brenda Smith of Mt. Vernon. Cloia is a life long resident of Rockcastle County. She has taught eight years, with four of those years at Mt. Vernon Elementary. Cloia has an undergraduate degree from the Eastern Kentucky University and a graduate degree from the University of Kentucky. Ms. Collins is a regular patron of the library, due to her love of books.

If you are having difficulty coming up with a gift idea for the holidays, why not consider making a donation to the Library in honor of the one you are thinking of? Ms. Pam would be happy to purchase a book to be added to the collection here at the Library. Your gift would be labeled with a bookplate in the front in

honor of the person you are remembering. We would in turn send a card to the person you are honoring to let them know of the book that was purchased with them in mind. Also if you want to do something in memory of a loved one that is deceased this would be a wonderful remembrance.

Several patrons in the past have made book donations in memory of those who have gone on. Stop in the Library and let us give you an example of what we are talking about. We are sure you would be well pleased. Make the connection, connect @ your library!



Rockcastle County Library Board of Trustees from left to right: Jerry Burke Technology Consultant, Steve McKinney Vice Chairman, Rebecca Isaacs Chairperson, Corey Craig Treasurer, and Cloia Collins Secretary.



Thanks for a job well done! From left to right: Serena Stratton, H. Allen Penzol, and Ms. Sue Hamm. The Library Staff and Board appreciate you!!!!!!

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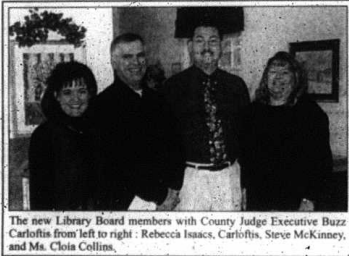
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Narcotics Anonymous
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Alcoholics Anonymous
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Health Dept. Note
The Rockcastle Co. Health Dept. will be closing at 11 a.m. Dec. 24, 2003 and will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 for Christmas and January 1 and 2 for New Year's.

Kiwanis Club
Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at Noon at Kastle Inn. All visitors welcome.

Clothing Donations Needed
The Rockcastle County Migrant Program is in need of fall/winter clothing to replenish the clothing closet. Donations can be dropped off at the Migrant Office as well as from the Central Office Building on Richmond St. or call for a pick-up at 256-2127.

GED Classes
Christian Appalachian Project Adult Learning Center holds GED classes on Mon. and Tues., 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online GED, computer classes and tutoring are also available. The Center is located on Hwy. 25, north of Mt. Vernon on Greenfish Hill. For information, call 606-256-5307.

Donations needed by First Baptist Mission
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Cheerleader Fund-Raiser at Pizza Hut
The 6th grade cheerleaders of RCMS and Pizza Hut have teamed up for a fund-raiser. On December 23 from 5 to 9 p.m., cheerleaders will be serving at Pizza Hut and 20% of sales for the day will be donated to the cheerleaders. So, don't carry-over or have your order delivered on Tues., Dec. 23 and help the RCMS cheerleaders.

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News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Charles Brandon Fain vs. Flora Marie Collins, custody/petition, CI-00306.
 Helen Faye Abney, Individually and as Executrix of the estate of Myrtle Faye Payne vs. James Clyde Payne, et al. CI-00304.
 Shannon D. Parkerson and Robynne T. Parkerson, joint petition for dissolution of marriage/ CI-00305.
 Daimler Chrysler Services vs. Glenn Bowman, et al. \$6,261.89 plus claimed due. CI-00306.
 Clayton Homers vs. Dean C. Niesen, et al. \$19,764.61 plus claimed due. CI-00307.
 Loretta DeBord vs. Cotton States Insurance, et al, complaint. CI-00308.
 Billy Ray Sowder, et ux, vs. Cotton States Insurance, et al, complaint. CI-00310.
 Bobby Hurd, et ux vs. Cotton States Insurance, et al, complaint. CI-00311.
 Berea National Bank vs. James A. Guinn, \$6,446.10 plus claimed due. CI-00311.
 Robert James Eland vs. Sandra Lee Wilson Eland/ CI-00312.
 Brenda Hayes vs. Eric Hayes, complaint, for medical support. CI-00313.
 Roger Mink vs. City of Mt. Vernon, et al, complaint. CI-00314.

District Civil Suits

Citibank vs. Reuben Hammond, \$2,184.77 plus claimed due. CI-00336.
 Berea National Bank vs. Andy Pigg, \$1,265.02 plus claimed due. CI-00337.
 General Electric Capital Corp. vs. Harold P. Broyles, \$858.91 plus claimed due. C-00138.
 Capital One Bank vs. Gary L. Barnett, \$663.96 plus claimed due. C-00139.
 World Finance Corp. vs. David Durham, \$992.26 plus claimed due. C-00140.
 Cleston Saylor vs. Eddie Brown, forcible detainer- complaint. CI-00141.

Deeds Recorded

Debra and Larry Bradley, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Joe and Marilyn A. Mullins. Tax \$15.00.
 Janet Lewis and Charles Carter, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ledford Hal and Carolyn L. Hunt. Tax \$23.00.
 David Roger and Mary L. Joyce, real property located on Roundstone

Creek, to Judith E. W. Cummins Tax \$33.00.
 Loretta Thomas, real property located on Roundstone Creek, to William R. and Nita G. Gibbons. Tax \$50.00.
 Bernice Sains, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Gayla J. Winstead, Johnita L. Green and Perry R. Sams. No tax.
 Shawn and Holly Sowder, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Joe Shelton, II. Tax \$0.
 Marie Hayes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Roger Croucher and Edith Smith. Tax \$1.00.
 John R. and Edith Barnett, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Roger Croucher and Edith Smith. Tax \$4.50.
 Kandace O. and Brian C. Rogers, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Tax \$80.00.
 Albert M. and Kimberly A. Phillips, real property located on Hwy. 490, to Jeffrey C. and Gina M. Carpenter. Tax \$7.00.
 Charlie Couch, Jr. and Shirley Couch, real property located in Orlando Subdivision, to Danny and Christine Barnes. Tax \$6.00.
 Victoria Cromer, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Tomie N. Carmack. Tax \$52.00.
 Ila Wade and Hershel G. Taylor, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Myrna D. Childress. No tax.
 Tom and Ania Mae Kirby, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Sylvester and Fannie Kirby. Tax \$13.00.
 Keith Cromer, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Victoria Cromer. Tax \$48.00.
 Teresa and Estill Philbeck, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Teresa and Estill Philbeck, Kimberly Philbeck and Shondale Philbeck. Tax \$50.00.
 Billy T. Parker, Sr. and Hazel M. Parker, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Amy D. Parker. Tax \$65.00.
 Terrell and Kim Medley, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James and Barbara Buswell. Tax \$25.00.
 Dennis Chaney, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Johnny Cromer. Tax \$7.50.

Vernon, USMC. 12/13/03.
 Brenda Kay Graves Lovell, Lexington, insurance agent, to Jerry Keith Reynolds, Rt. 1, Orlando, Rockcastle Co. Board of Education. 12/13/03.
 Norma Wilson, 24 Mt. Vernon, housewife, to Dennis Ralph Taylor, 48, Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, saw mill. 12/10/03.

District Court

December 8, 2003
Hon. Walter F. Maguire
 Justin C. Fugitt: Speeding, \$40 and costs, Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine. Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$500 fine plus costs and fees, 30 days in jail/credit 3 days time served/ balance probated two years/12 month operator license suspension. Possession of marijuana, \$250 fine/ confiscate and destroy contraband; Use/ possession drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine/ destruction order.
 Joseph B. King: Fines/fees due (\$52.50), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Benj. Lawson: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, \$200 fine plus costs and fees/ 30 days in jail/credit 3 days time served/ balance probated two years/ 30 day operator license suspension. No insurance, \$500 fine.
 Sharon Ann Leclair: No operators license, \$50 fine and costs.
 James A. Lee: No operators license and other charges, warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Donnie Lunsford: Fines/fees due (\$325.50), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Teresa Martin: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, \$200 fine and costs plus fees, 30 days in jail/credit 2 days time served/ balance probated 28 days/ 30 day operator license suspension.
 Pam McClure: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs.
 Mark Dwayne Miller: Illegal take pursue/molest any deer/wild turkey, \$0 fine plus costs and 30 days in jail/ credit one day time served/ balance probated two years plus \$250 donation

to Cedar Creek Sportsman's Club; Fur processing, \$50 fine and forfeiture of spotlight and 30.06 rifle; Taking wildlife from a vehicle, \$100 fine.
 Thomas A. Mullins: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, DOT notified for failure to appear.
 Larry Wayne Murphy, Jr.: Fines/fees due (\$125.50), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Tony C. Oliver: Fines/fees due (\$110.50), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Jonathan G. Osborn: Fines/fees due (\$221) warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Charles R. Osborne: Fines/fees due (\$80.50), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Jon Osborne: Fines/fees due (\$139.44, \$139.01 and \$173.00), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Joshua D. Patton: Speeding, DOT notified for failure to appear.
 Sally Peters: Fines/fees due (\$325.78), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Jason S. Pike: Operating on sus-

pending/revoked operators license, \$100 and costs.
 Montoya Nieves Rodriguez: Fines/fees due (\$160.50), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Gabriel T. Sanchez: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and other charges, warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Lopez Tinhotto Santiago: Fines/fees due (\$160.50), warrant issued to appear.
 Angela Spoonamore: No expired registration plates, \$25 and costs; No Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, \$25 fine.
 Dawn Straud: Fines/fees due (\$56.50), warrant issued for failure to appear.
 John W. Thomas: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine and costs.
 Gesela F. Brown: No expired registration plates and other charges, DOT notified for failure to appear.
 Sherry M. McGuire: Defective equipment, \$50 fine and costs.
 Kessha Nicoll Patton: Speeding, DOT notified for failure to appear.
 Russell E. Sumpter: Speeding, DOT notified for failure to appear.

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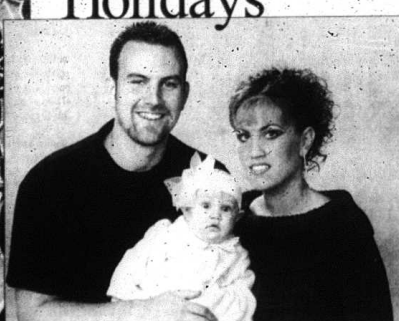
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A Case Study in Value! Under \$50,000 for savings! Investigate this 3 bedroom/2 bath doublewide home situated in Sunnyside Estates just off Highway 461 between Mt. Vernon and Somerset. Features a garden tub, central air, electric heat, oven, range, refrigerator, and dishwasher. Plus, it has a front porch and rear deck, concrete walk and gravel drive. REDUCED for quick sale - only \$39,900! We've got the scoop on this one, so call today for details on M1801.




Home for the Holidays! Produced and available now - celebrate just in time! This nice 1 1/2 story home is located on Daley Avenue in the Mt. Vernon city limits and is now priced for only \$36,900. The home offers living room, dining/kitchen combo w/some appliances, 2 bedrooms, bath and utility on the first floor plus two bedrooms upstairs. Extras include electric heat, central air, double pane windows and a partially fenced yard. Jolly well better see soon! M1737



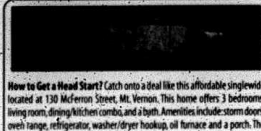
If This Home Were A Novel, it's happy ending would be all this beauty for only \$73,500! This nearly new vinyl sided home features living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms & 2 baths, plus all the comfort of central heat and air and wall to wall carpet. You'll be cozy and comfortable and close to town with this home conveniently located on Wallin Street in Brodhead. Too unique for a sequel, so call today to thumb-thru pages! M1760



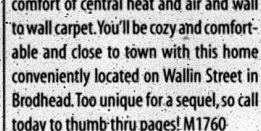
New Year's House-solutions! This double decker makes your "oh" resolutions easier to keep! The Bedford stone home features three bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace with insert, one-half basement and a detached 3 car garage. The vinyl sided 1 1/2 story home would be ideal for other family members or rental potential with 3 bedrooms, a bath, carport and a new blacktop drive. Priced at only \$88,500. For a year of relaxed living, give us a call TODAY! M1733



Property With a Calculator! It's for counting all the money you can make on this investment! This property features a price brick home and two metal storage buildings. The home also has living room, dining/kitchen, 1 1/2 baths and utility room as well as storm doors, washer/dryer hookup and electric heat. The storage buildings offer rental potential and contain 20 units measuring 10x20 each with concrete floors and overhead doors. To add up your opportunities, call for more details. \$165,000. M1764




How to Get a Head Start? Catch onto a deal like this affordable singlewide located at 130 McQueen Street, Mt. Vernon. This home offers 3 bedrooms, living room, dining/kitchen combo, and a bath. Amenities include: storm doors, oven range, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookup, oil furnace and a porch. The lot has city water and sewer, chain link fence and is also improved with a storage building. Timing's key to savings. Only \$15,000. M1765



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City Limits - City Convenience! You can have them if you're the new owner of this comfortable home located at 345 Paul Street, Mt. Vernon. This wood-sided home features living room, dining/kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bath. City water, city sewer and NO electric plus a fuel oil furnace give this deal even more appeal! Priced at only \$48,500. You can want to ask today about this home! M1812



Don't Settle For Less! Get more of everyday living space in this 1997 14x48 mobile home, situated on a nice lot. The mobile home has living room, dining/kitchen combo, 2 bedrooms and a bath. This includes all furniture, deep freeze, washer/dryer hookup, electric heat and much more. Priced to sell for only \$25,000. Come make your own ruling. M1758



Ho!Ho!Ho! A jolly good buy in this T986 singlewide with an addition. Located in the Pine Hill section, this home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths; living room; kitchen, dining room and a utility room. The home is situated on a nice lot with three outbuildings. Give us a call TODAY! Priced at only \$35,900. M1739



Poetry Under the Mistletoe - This kissable vinyl sided home is candy cane sweet and such a steal! Features living room, dining/kitchen combo with range, refrigerator and dishwasher, family room, 3 bedrooms, bath and utility. You'll be extra comfy and cozy this winter with both electric and gas heat, plus you'll be ready for summer with central air. Also has a 2 car detached metal garage and 10x18 storage building. Situated on approx. 1 acre with plenty of shade trees on Copper Creek Road and priced at \$77,500. Call today about this sweet deal! M1806.



Don't Limit Your Opportunities! Conveniently located in town at 215 Williams Street, this property is improved with an older home. The lot is extra nice with frontage on both Hamlin and Williams Street and could easily be subdivided. Bring your ideas and see! \$55,000. M1645



Home Ownership Never Looked So Good! It's a beautiful thing in this 2001 model Singlewide mobile home with living room, dining/kitchen combo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Also has heat pump/central air, some appliances and city water. Situated on 1/2 acre in the Barnett Subdivision on Highway 70 and priced at \$39,900. M1763



Truly Unique! This is not your run-of-the-mill single family residence! This vinyl home, only six years old, is nestled in a private setting and has electric heat/central air, from **SALE PENDING** landscaping. Features living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility plus a family/loft room upstairs overlooking the dining room. Situated on 1+ acre in the McGuire Subdivision Call today to view a truly unique home. M1789




The Best Just Got Better! Price reduced on already outstanding bargain located at 178 Maple Street, Brodhead. This nice home has a floor plan consisting of living room, dining, kitchen with some appliances included. City water room. There are four fireplaces throughout the home and a heat pump and central air was just installed this year plus there's a 2 car garage. M1720



Whatcha Need for Whatcha Got! Match your budget with the reduced price on this feature-packed property, located on Freedom School Rd. The property features a doublewide mobile home (only 9 years old) and a 4 car garage. The home offers living room, dining/kitchen combo, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and utility room plus it has central air, electric heat, deck, wall to wall carpet, storm doors, thermopane windows and some appliances. You can buy for only \$62,900. M1664



Priced to Impress! Looks Equally Good! In-spect this lovely vinyl sided home, located in the Woodland Place Subdivision. This home features 3 bedrooms, dining/kitchen **SALE PENDING** and utility room and sewer, plus a one-car attached garage and nice deck plus a fenced yard. Call for your appointment TODAY! M1664



Escape to Lake Umbagog! This two story vinyl sided home on Baker-Bowell Road has 3,800 sq. ft. +/- and offers living/dining/kitchen, 1 1/2 bath and utility room on the first floor, plus three bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor. Added features include gas heat, wall to wall carpet and blinds plus it's situated on 1.3 plus acres with a storage building. \$99,000. M1713

Featuring 3/8 mile banked oval asphalt track with 63 acres more or less located in Rockcastle County. There is concession area, restaurants, and lots of seating. If you have a need for speed, don't miss this investment opportunity. Call for more information. M1754

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If Nature is Your Thing... you will love this property! 157 acres, +/- of wooded land (with some coal) located off Chestnut Ridge Rd. Beautiful trees and scenic views. Priced at \$89,900. Call today for your appointment. M1699

Countryside Estates Subdivision! Three nice building lots each measuring 170x170. Buy today and begin building your dream home in this exclusive restricted subdivision tomorrow. M1610

It's the Location! Here are two tracts with city water available, located on Old Hwy. 461, Mt. Vernon. Tract A contains 9.37 acres, by survey, and is priced at \$41,900. Tract B contains 3.89 acres, by survey and is priced at \$29,900. Call for details on M1714.

Looking For A Couple of Acres? Here are 2 lots, totaling 2 acres +/-, located in the Maple Grove section. City water is available. Priced at \$6,000. M1728

Development Potential! A nice Tract - Nicely located! 5.6 acres located at the corner of Wabd Jones Road and Highway 461, Mt. Vernon. City water is available. Priced at \$39,900. M1804

Restricted Lot - Containing 8710 acre +/-, this lot is located on Wabd Jones Road and is priced at \$5,500. M1729

Take to the Woods! If wooded land is your desire, then here's 89 acres, +/-, to satisfy your craving! Located just off Maple Grove Rd. in the Orlando area and priced at \$50,000. Call us to take a look at this tract. M1810.


Country Charm! Build your new home on this one acre +/- lot, located on Laswell Gettrey Road in the Ottawa section. This lot is restricted to protect your investment and city water is available. Priced at just \$8,600. M1814

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The Business of Success. Make it yours with this strategically located commercial property near I-75 and Renoir Valley. This prime 26 acres +/- has city water and sewer available. Call for info worth \$55. M1426

Adjacent to What's Happening! - This property's got better days ahead! 7.83 acres by survey located on the well-traveled U Highway 25. City water and sewer available. Call for more details on M1683.

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Noticed: No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Mareburg consisting of the Swinney Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm. 3fin

Notice: is hereby given that Helen Faye Abbey, PO Box 719, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Myrtle Faye Webb Payne on the 3rd day of December 2003. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Helen Faye Abbey or to John H.D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before June 3, 2003. 9x3

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NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon will have a meeting for the public to review their Annual Plan for 2004. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2003 from 5 to 6 p.m. Location is in the office of 50 Level Lane. This meeting is regarding the update of the Annual Plan for 2004 and all of the changes that will be adopted by the Housing Authority. Any questions, please feel free to call the office of 606-256-4185.

Aneta R. Vance
Executive Director
Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon

Classified deadline is Noon Tuesday.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court - Division II Civil Case No. 03-CI-00036

Public (Legal) Notice Advertisement

Rockcastle County Emergency Planning Committee

Pursuant to Section 324, Title III of the 1986 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 (PL99-499), the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Laws, and the open meetings and open records provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes. Members of the public may contact the Rockcastle County Emergency Planning Committee by writing the Rockcastle County Emergency Planning Committee, PO Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or contacted by telephone at 606-256-8436 fax 606-256-8536. The Rockcastle County Planning Committee conducts meetings at the Rockcastle County Health Conference Room, located at the Industry Park or at other locations in accordance with the Kentucky Open-Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820 and KRS 61.825. Records of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets and inventory forms, or any follow up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday at Rockcastle County Emergency Management Office, located in the County Courthouse, as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA, is 606-256-1327. The next meetings will be at the Rockcastle County Health Conference Room, located at the Industry Park, at 12 p.m. on 1-15-03.

Notice of Proposed Rate Increase

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as set out in 807 KAR 8.069, Section 4, notice is hereby given to the customers of the Western Rockcastle Water Association, Inc., of an increase to the Association's rate schedule as set forth herein. The proposed rate increase is required by Rural Development in connection with a loan by RD to the District in the amount of \$418,600 to be evidenced by the issuance by the Association of its Promissory Note in such amount, which RD has agreed to purchase provided the Association meets certain conditions of RD, including increasing water rates as set forth below:

Current Monthly Rates	Proposed Monthly Rates
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Financial Mortgage Company, Inc. and Associates Home Equity Services, Inc. Plaintiff

Henry Moberly, Barbara Jean Moberly, Charles Moberly and unknown defendant, if any spouse of Charles Moberly Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and Order of sale entered in this action on November 14, 2003, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 89/100 (36,524.89) 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, December 29, 2003 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows: Beginning at a pin set in the North right of way of the Copper Creek and Conway Road, thence with the North right of way of the Copper Creek and Conway Road the following calls: thence South 42 degrees 10 minutes 47 seconds West 89.18 feet to a pin, thence with a new line with Charles Moberly the following calls: thence North 45 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West 188.27 feet to a pin; thence North 39 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds East 86.48 feet to a pin; thence South 46 degrees 48 minutes 25 seconds East 191.89 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 0.383 acres more or less.

Being the same real property which Barbara Jean Moberly and husband Henry Jean Moberly and Charles Moberly obtained by deed dated July 9, 1993, of record in Deed Book 150, page 471 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. An individual 1/2 interest was conveyed to Charles Moberly, single, by deed dated January 16, 1998 of record in Deed Book 169, page 9 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

- 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 ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve (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 security for the payment of the purchase price.
- Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2003 local, county and state property taxes.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- 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.
- The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Public Notice

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Cumberland River Regional MHW/MR Board, Inc. on January 13-16, 2004.

The purpose of this survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality and safety-of-care issues and the safety of the environment in which care, treatment and services are provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey, information for the accreditation process will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Office of Quality Monitoring
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is complete.

The RD loan proceeds will be used in conjunction with (i) an RD grant in the amount of \$514,400; and (ii) a contribution from the Association in the amount of \$58,000 to finance the cost of extensions, additions and improvements to the existing waterworks system of the Association, consisting of the construction and installation of approximately 71,350 linear feet of 3, 6 and 8-inch water line and appurtenances to serve approximately 117 customers.

/s/ Charles D. Bluton, President
Western Rockcastle Water Association

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Rockcastle Basketball 2004



Members of the RCHS Lady Rockets varsity squad, ranked fifth in the state, are pictured above, front row from left: Ainsley Bussell, Katie Parsons, Lauren Clontz, Heather Hammond, Tara Rowe, Johnna Abney and Jessie Asher. Back row from left: Allison Durham, Ashley Kimbert, Ashley Lunsford, Sarah Parsons, Rachel Stocker, Rachel Killen, Lura Cash and Holli Ann Colson.



Members of the RCHS Rockets varsity squad are pictured above, front row from left: Lance Baldwin, Brandon Cameron, Derreck Hurst, Aaron Cash, Devin Taylor, Gabe Stallsworth and Kyle Mullins. Back row from left: Weston Riddle, Coty Childress, Brad Durham, Elijah Lunsford, Blake Roberts, Colby Brown and J.C. McClure.

Mt. Vernon Signal • Special Section • December 18, 2003

Lady Rockets in top ten statewide

Head Lady Rocket Coach Chrysti Noble really does not want to talk about how good her

team is.

But her 2004 version is obviously pretty good.

They have already defeated two top ten teams in the state in Louisville Butler and

Jackson County.

"We've got a lot of hard work to do and we actually are still very

young," she said.

The only senior the Rockets have on their

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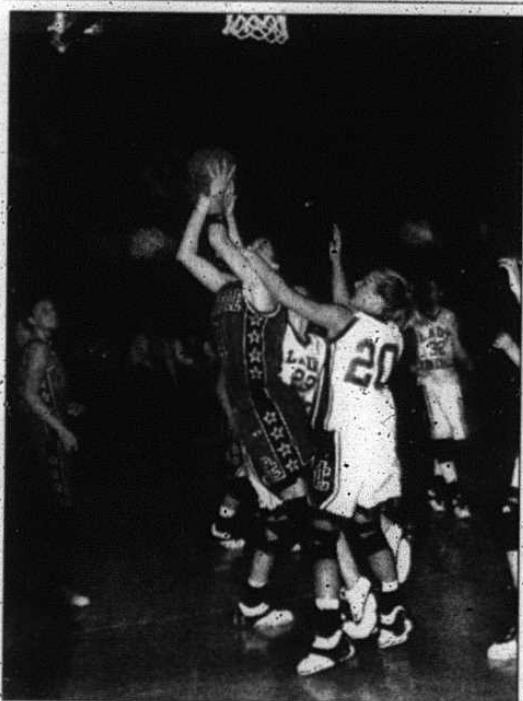
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Junior Heather Hammond goes hard for the goal despite the determined efforts of a Jackson County General. Hammond got 10 points in the game.

We wish
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Rockets are two and zero in district play

Jackson County and Oneida.

Good Luck Rockets & Lady Rockets from the Mount Vernon Signal

The Rockcastle County Rocket basketball team has had two great seasons in the past two years and they have started this season with wins over all teams except for Knox Central.

But Head Coach Clayton Cash says his 2004 team will most likely finish 50-50.

Cash's son Aaron is one of the best, if not the best, players in the 13th region, but he is surrounded by players who have had very little varsity experience, except for his backcourt partner Devin Taylor.

Tuesday night Taylor had seven steals in the

game against Oneida, a game they won by four points.

"We have a tough schedule, but I'm optimistic about our chances in the district and region," Cash said. "We simply have to work hard in practice and I think we should get better," he said.

The coach of 13 years says his young players have to work hard to improve. "They have a good work ethic, but they also have to understand what accomplishments they need and should live up to," he said.

On a good note: the

Rockets are 2-0 in district play after wins over



Members of the Rockets Junior Varsity squad are pictured above, front row from left: Derrick McClure, Kyle Mullins, Gabe Stallworth, Lance Baldwin, Clint Daughtery and Weston Riddle. Back row from left: Josh Cameron, Brad Durham, Lynn Miracle, Coty Childress and J.C. McClure.

2003-2004

Freshman Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Team
Dec. 22	Corbin	Home	F
Jan. 5	Lincoln County	Home	F
10	Whitley County	Away 11:00	F
10	Lynn Camp	Away 12:00	F
15	South Laurel	Away	F
22	Lincoln County	Away	F
29	South Laurel	Home	F
Feb. 5	Wayne County	Home	F
7	Spencer County	Home	F/JV
9	SW Pulaski	Away	F



Members of the Lady Rockets freshmen squad are pictured above, front row from left: Ashley Robinson, Mary Saylor, Megan Mazurek, Jackie Alexander, Morgan Collins, Sara Rowe, Sonya Lunsford and Jessie Barnes. Back row from left: Rachel Cash, Sara Barnett, Jenny King, Nicole Locklear, Sasha Bullock, Jillisa Lay, Tonya Lunsford, Lura Cash and Ainsley Bussell.

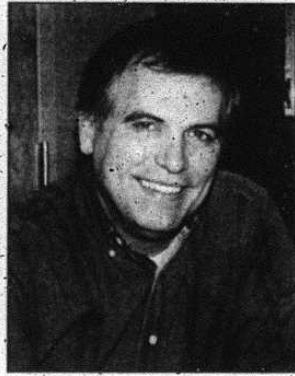
Good Luck Rockets & Lady Rockets!

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Senior Devin Taylor played a great defensive game against the Jackson County Generals and hit a three point, almost half-court, shot at the end of the third quarter to put his team up 53-51. Taylor got 14 points in the game.



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Name	No.	Hgt.	Pos.	Grade
Lauren Clontz	22	5'10	C	12
Johnna Abney	4	5'6"	G	11
Sarah Parsons	10	5'9	F	11
Tara Rowe	12	5'10	G	11
Holly Ann Colson	14	5'6	G	11
Katie Parson	21	5'9	G	11
Ashley Mize	30	5'4	G	11
Heather Hammond	31	5'10	F	11
Rachel Stocker	32	5'11	C	11
Allison Durham	40	5'5	G	11
Ashley Kimberl	11	5'8	F	10
Ashley Lunsford	20	5'6	G	10
Jessi Asher	5	5'4	G	10
Rachel Killen	15	5'5	G	10
Ainsley Bussell	23	5'5	G	9
Lura Cash	30	5'7	G	9

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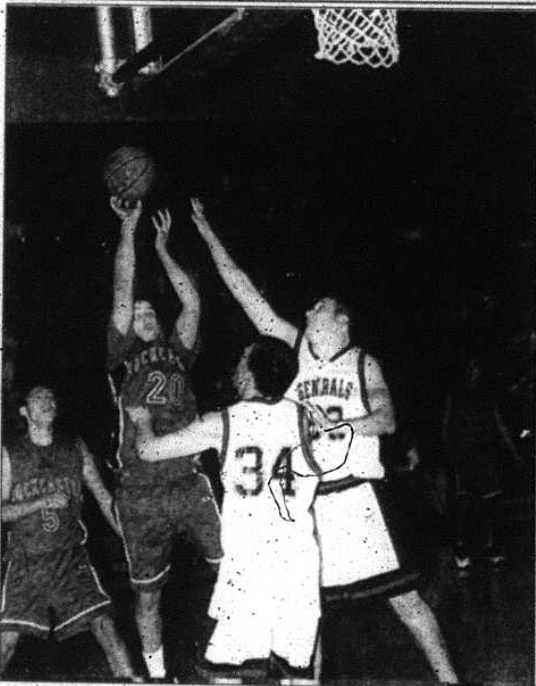
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Sophomore Colby Brown was a major factor in the Rockets 76-69 win over district-foe Jackson County Tuesday night. In the above photo, Brown goes to the basket for two of his 20 points in the game. Also in the photo is junior center Blake Roberts, No. 5 and Devin Taylor.

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2003-2004
Rockcastle County High School
Lady Rockets Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Team
Dec. 19	Ohio Co.	Lex. Cath.	V
26	Independence Bank Classic		V
Jan. 3	Clay County	Away	G/B
5	McCreary Central	Away	JV/V
8	Carbin	Home	JV/V
10	North Hardin	Bellarmine	V
13	SW Pulaski	Home	G/B
15	Whitley County	Away	JV/V
23	Clay County	Home	G/B
29	Bell County	Away	JV/V
31	Cawood	Home	JV/V
Feb. 2	Mercer County	Away	JV/V
6	Breathitt County	Home	JV/V
10	Jackson County	Home	G/B
13	North Laurel	Away	G/B
16	South Laurel	Home	JV/V
19	Estill County	Home	JV/V
27	Wayne County	Away	JV/V

2003-2004
Rockcastle County High School
Rockets Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Team
Dec. 20	Raceland	Greenup Co.	V
26-30	5/3 Bank Classic Lex. Cath.		V
Jan. 2	Lynn Camp	Home	JV
3	Clay County	Away	G/B
6	Pulaski County	Away	JV/V
9	Boyle County	Away	JV/V
13	SW Pulaski	Home	G/B
16	Cawood	Home	JV/V
23	Clay County	Home	G/B
27	Madison Southern	Home	JV/V
30	Whitley County	Home	JV/V
31	PRP Classic	Louisville	V
Feb. 3	Oneida Baptist	Away	JV/V
7	Spencer County	Home	F/JV/V
10	Jackson County	Home	G/B
13	North Laurel	Away	G/B
17	Barbourville	Home	JV/V
20	Lincoln County	Away	JV/V
21	West Carter	Home	JV/V
24	Somerset	Away	JV/V
27	McCreary Central	Home	JV/V

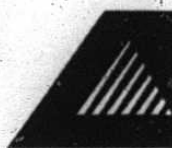
March 1-6 District Tourney OBI
March 8-13 Regional Tourney Middlesboro

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Junior Johnna Abney drives against a Jackson County General Tuesday night in a district win for the Rockets. Abney scored 31 points in the 63-58 win.

“Lady Rockets”

(Cont. from P-2)

roster is Lauren Clontz, who plays in the middle.

She is surrounded by juniors Tara Rowe, Katie Parsons, Heather

In 2002 the Rockets won the 13th region and in 2003 the Rockets lost to Cumberland in the finals of the 13th region.

Cash says in 2004, “We have a lot of work to do, but we will never give up,” he said.

Hammond and Johnna

Abney who is considered herself, one of the best players in the 13th region, if not the state.

Noble does say one of her concerns, is bet-

ter bench play, “We’ve simply got to work on that.”

The Lady Rockets have the best chance they have had since

1997 when they advanced to the state tournament. They are currently ranked fifth in the state.



Members of the Rockets freshmen squad are pictured above, front row from left: Brandon Barnes, Chandler Hunter, Lance Baldwin, Kyle Riddle and Adam Hensley. Back row from left: Chris Hurst, Lynn Miracle, Coty Childress, Brad Durham and Clint Daugherty.

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Name	Hgt.	Grade
Brandon Cameron	6'0"	12
Elijah Lunsford	6'4"	12
Devin Taylor	5'11"	12
Aaron Cash	5'11"	11
Blake Roberts	6'4"	11
Derreck Hurst	5'8"	11
Colby Brown	6'3"	10
Kyle Mullins	6'1"	10
J.C. McClure	6'2"	10
Weston Riddle	6'2"	10
Derrick McClure	5'9"	10
Josh Cameron	6'3"	10
Gabe Stallworth	5'8"	10
Lance Baldwin	5'10"	9
Coty Childress	6'3"	9
Brandon Barnes	5'7"	9
Chandler Hunter	5'8"	9
Clint Daugherty	5'9"	9
Chris Hurst	5'8"	9
Brad Durham	6'3"	9
Lynn Miracle	6'2"	9
Adam Hensley	6'0"	9
Kyle Riddle	5'9"	9

2003-2004 Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets Freshman Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Place	Team
Dec. 18	Madison Central	H	F
Jan. 6	Jackson County	A	F/JV
9	North Laurel	Away	F
12	Madison Southern	H	F
16	Lincoln County	A	F
17	Garrard	H	F/JV
19	Mercer County	H	F
20	Boyle County	H	F/JV
24	Jackson County	H	F/JV
26	Corbin	H	F/JV
30	Madison Southern	A	F
31	Cawood	H	F/JV
Feb. 3	Clay County	H	F/JV
5	Madison Central	A	F
7	Cawood	A	F
17	Clay County	A	F/JV

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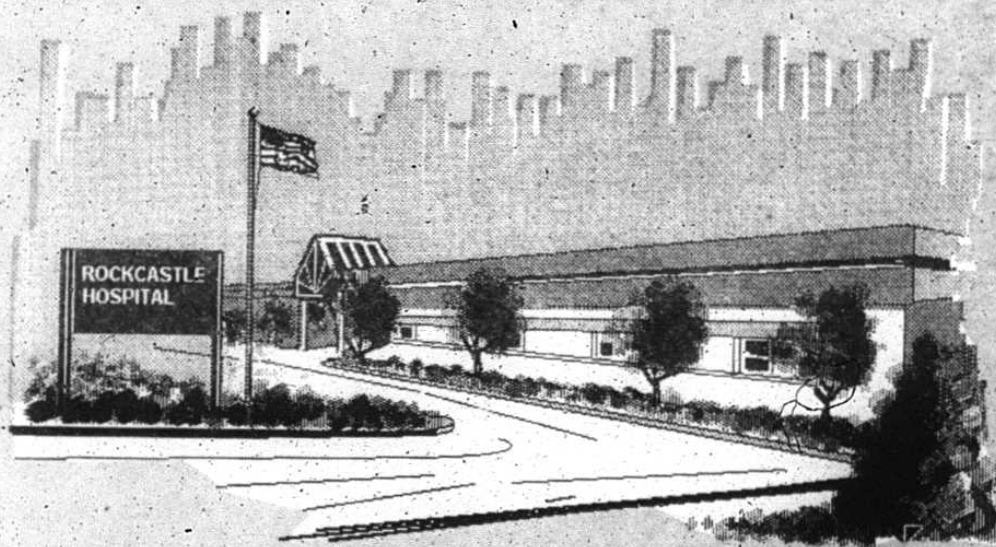
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