

Local couple offers reward

Rockcastle County Fish and Game Warden Steve Isaacs said he had recently received a couple of complaints concerning the death of dogs.

Isaacs said he would investigate each and every call he receives, but that in most cases, dogs or cats who die from poison are usually the victims of the drug Furadan.

Furadan is used to keep wild animals from attacking chickens, cows, etc.

Gene and Ann Senters of Calloway have offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for poisoning their dog.

Mrs. Senters said that four dogs in the Calloway area have been poisoned in the last two months and her grandson's dog was one of them.

The Senters have also contacted the Humane Society.

Isaacs said he was going to the Calloway area and look for evidence of intentional dog poisoning. Besides Isaacs, people can also contact Rockcastle Dog Warden Harlan "Buck" Farthing, if they have animal problems. Both men can be reached at (606) 256-2856.

Residents can also contact or call the Rockcastle Animal Shelter at (606) 256-1833.

Forest fires

Just like the rest of the state in the last week, Rockcastle County has had several forest fires.

Local Forest Ranger Marvin Stone said Wednesday that between Friday and Sunday, the Kentucky Division of Forestry fought 14 fires and that all county fire departments were involved in extinguishing others.

Stone said the biggest fire was at Sand Hill where at least 180 acres burned. That was on Sunday when nine fires broke out in the county and at least 300 acres burned.

On Saturday, 70 acres burned and on Friday, 20 acres burned.

Stone said he would like to thank members of the local fire departments for their help over the weekend.

Livingston gets grant for park

The City of Livingston's application for a grant for its community park was one of three recently approved by the Jackson Energy's Operation Round-Up.

The grant, in the amount of \$1,500, will be used to complete the park.

Fiscal Court called meeting

At a special called meeting of the rockcastle Fiscal Court on February 20th, a county cemetery board was formed.

The board's function will be restricted to the identification, restoration and maintenance of nonprofit cemeteries that do not receive perpetual care funds.

Grant funds are available and will be applied for, County Judge Executive Buzz Carloloff said.

Board members appointed were Juanita Witt, Juanita Davis, Bernice McHargue, David Owens, Willetta Owens.

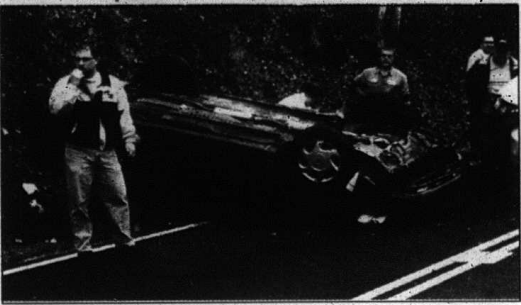
In other action, the court approved the Cooperative Aid Agreement with the state Transportation Cabinet in the amount of \$412,158.

Accepted a grant from the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, in the amount of \$11,133. The money will be used by the Rockcastle Ambulance Service to ward the purchase of an ambulance.

Approved payment of \$314.50 to the Auditor of Public Accounts for work on the Sheriff's Tax Settlement.

Designated Magistrate Ralph Allen as Carloloff's representative on the local board for the Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse (designation by Judge Carloloff).

Approved the hiring of Everett Ward as a CDL approved driver of Livingston, as a full-time, temporary truck driver for the road department on a thirty day trial basis.



Mrs. Kathleen "Teet" Stevens, 70, of Brodhead was injured in a single car accident on Wednesday morning. The wreck occurred on Hwy. 150 near the Sowder Nursing Home. Mrs. Stevens was taken to the Rockcastle Hospital, where she was listed in stable condition Wednesday afternoon. Brodhead firefighters, including Captain Rick Branham, shown at left, helped remove Mrs. Stevens from the vehicle.

Crosby Circuit Judge candidate

Somerset attorney Scott Lawless has filed to fill the unexpired term of Circuit Judge William T. Cain, who resigned earlier in the month. Lawless is seeking the judgeship for Division Two of the 28th Judicial Circuit, which consists of Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

Lawless has served as an assistant Pulaski County Attorney for twelve years and has been engaged in the

practice of law since 1990. "I have been fortunate to have a varied law practice," said Lawless. "The majority of my practice has been trial work. I have had the opportunity to represent Pulaski County government and its boards and districts, and I have represented, or appeared in court on behalf of, the cities of Somerset, Fergusson and Burnside. I have provided legal services to numerous

businesses through South Central Kentucky. But, most importantly, I have provided assistance to hundreds of individuals and families, from complicated legal transactions to preparing simple deeds or wills. I have represented clients before the United States Supreme Court, the Kentucky Supreme Court, both the federal and state Court of Appeals and numerous circuit and district courts throughout Kentucky. My experience as a trial and appellate attorney will allow me to serve as an effective judge for the people of Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties."

The decision to file for the judicial position was not entered into lightly, said Lawless. "My family and I have given this prayerful consideration."

Lawless is a graduate of Pulaski County High School, the University

District play begins; Rockets beat Generals

Lady Rockets meet

Clay in first round

The Rockets met the Generals Tuesday night in 49th district basketball tournament action and it turned into a wild and woolly affair with the Rockcastle boys team coming out on top 52-48.

It took 37 points from junior Aaron Cash, and some gut-wrench moments for Rocket fans, for the Rockets to vanquish the Generals. After sporting a 13 point lead at the half, the General came out with a different offense -- getting the ball inside to their big center, Patrick Elliott. The strategy helped, with Elliott getting 16 second half points and helping his team to, within two of the Rockets, 48-46 with 1:32 left on the clock.

The Rockets had lost the services of senior Devin Taylor to his fifth foul at the 6:37 mark and missed his intense defense. Center Blake Roberts

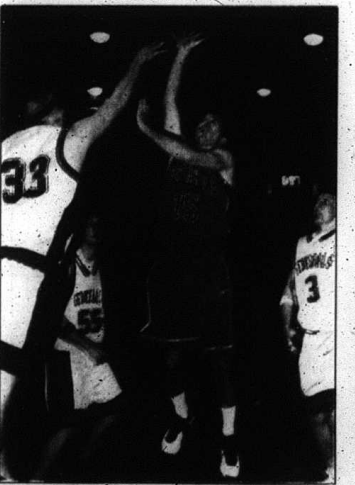
also exited the game with five fouls but it was at the 28 second mark.

Cash got 20 of his points in the first half, hitting a three with six ticks left on the clock to put the Rockets up 32-19.

It was 42-37 at the end of the third quarter and the Rockets were only up 46-44 when Cash hit four straight free throws to give the Rockets a four point edge with 55 seconds left. Cash then hit another free throw and the Generals got the ball when Cash stepped on the out-of-bounds line on the rebound. However, good defense kept the Generals from scoring and Colby Brown was fouled and put in the final point of the game.

The Rockets will now face Clay County on Thursday, March 4th (tonight) at 7 p.m. for the championship of the 49th District.

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to take on Clay County Wednesday and should meet Jackson County in the championship game Friday night, March 5 at 7 p.m.



Aaron Cash, and the rest of the Rockets, defeated Jackson County 52-48 on Tuesday night in the first round of district basketball play. The Rockets will play Clay County on Thursday night for the district title. The game will be at 7 p.m. at Oneida Baptist. Cash, a junior, scored 37 points for the Rockets and is already the all-time leading scorer at RCHS. The Lady Rockets, who have been ranked number one in the region all season long and is in the top five teams in the state, played Clay County on Wednesday night.

On Mutt Ponder Road

Police find numerous meth labs

A Rockcastle County woman was arrested Sunday and police are searching for her friend.

According to Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Officer Craig Sutton, Lisa Witt, 29, of Mt. Vernon, was charged with manufacturing methamphetamines "Meth," trafficking in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Items used to make meth were also found.

Police also say they recovered a stolen pick-up truck and a large amount of cash.

The arrest of Ms. Witt occurred at the home of Tim Harding, 38, who police are searching for at this time.

When police arrived on the scene at Mutt Ponder Road, they found several working meth labs.

Ms. Witt is being held under a \$25,000 cash or property bond and her next court date is Monday.

Also in connection with the illegal street drug Meth, Saturday night, during a routine child welfare investigation, Rockcastle County Sheriff's deputies and the Kentucky State Police found components commonly used in the manufacturing of methamphetamines in a trailer next to the Quail Fire Department, located on

Hwy. 70. Tim Dillingham, 32, the resident of the trailer, was not arrested, but police say the case will be presented to the Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

Also, while responding to the report of possible drug trafficking at the Castle Village Apartments in Brodhead, members of the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department found a gram of cocaine in the apartment of Daron Dooley, 20.

This case will also be presented to the Rockcastle County Grand Jury.



Lisa Witt

'Leadership Rockcastle County' gets underway

After months of meetings, much discussion, and a lot of careful planning, Leadership Rockcastle County became a reality this past week.

On Friday afternoon, seventeen citizens from Rockcastle County departed on RTEC buses and in personal vehicles for Dale Hollow State Park.

This was the site for the opening two-day workshop for the Leadership Rockcastle County program.

The group, made up of a true cross section of the community, met Mr. Peter Hille of the Brushy Fork Institute upon arrival Friday afternoon at Dale Hollow. Mr. Hille has been chosen as this year's facilitator for the leadership program. He has worked with the Leadership Task Force this past year to design the curriculum for

the program and to recruit highly regarded experts to conduct the leadership sessions. Mr. Hille, who played a major role in assisting the Rockcastle County Development Board with the creation of the Strategic Plan, is widely acclaimed for his work in community development.

The two-day workshop got underway Friday afternoon and evening with Mr. Hille giving the group an overview of the nine-month program and an introduction to Leadership.

Mr. John Chantz, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Development Board, and Mr. Bige Lowery, former Executive Director of the Development Board arrived Friday evening

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Scott Lawless



Motorists using I-75 this spring and summer will encounter delays as they travel north and south because of construction. Widening of Interstate 75 is taking place at Conway and near the Rockcastle River in southern Rockcastle County.



E.J.'s Journal
by Tony J. Cook

It's not often I have missed feelings concerning a subject, but from time to time there comes along such a case. In this case, it's the new movie that is out, "The Passion of the Christ".

Stanley and I went to see this movie last Sunday afternoon with a small group of friends. From all of the controversy and hype surrounding this film, I went in the theater, prepared to see the most horrific sight to ever flash across the silver screen. I didn't know exactly what to expect, so therefore I was braced for anything.

The opening scene begins with Christ praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. There we find Christ accompanied by three disciples where He is being tempted by Satan. The character, Satan, spoke only a few words during this time. I thought that was very interesting as he doesn't have to really say a great deal but seems to exude a winning attitude to an unsuspecting world. Although the Bible does not place Satan in the Garden of Gethsemane at this time, "poetic license" is used to allude that even Christ was tempted at this time and vulnerable to it. I think the Bible refers to Satan as being the "prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2, KJV). It's also interesting that the wrong type of TV programming and music come through this same air.

Satan caused a snake to disrupt Christ while he was praying. I'm not sure why Mel Gibson chose to put the first prophecy of the Bible in this particular scene, but I'm very glad that he did. The prophecy is in Gen. 3:15. "And I [Christ] will put enmity [hostility or opposition according to Strong's] between thee [Satan] and the woman [the Church], and between thy seed [demons] and her seed [the elect of God]; it [Christ's return] shall bruise thy head [the most vital part of Satan] and thou [Satan] shalt bruise his heel [Satan is only allowed by God to afflict the temporary body of the Christian, but cannot touch the spirit]."

Shortly following the Gethsemane scene there is the scourging of Christ. This, of course, is a very violent and vivid portrayal of the beating Christ did suffer. I believe this to be probably very accurate or if anything, a milder version of what actually happened. According to biblical accounts, Christ was beaten almost beyond recognition. For me, this was particularly inspiring. The scripture, Isaiah 53:5, came to mind. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are

healed." Christ suffered and endured this brutal beating in order to make healing possible for us today. However, how easy is it for us to forget the sacrifice and put our faith in the field of offedness. This almost makes the sacrifice in vain.

The Crucifixion scene was the final third of the film. I felt that Mel Gibson failed to emphasize all of the miraculous events that occurred during the Crucifixion. Probably, the most significant being the tearing of the curtain in the temple that separated man from the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was kept, thus representing God. The curtain was torn from top to bottom at Christ's death, signifying that due to Christ's death man could be accepted by God the Father. Beforehand, only one of the temple priests had access to the Holy of Holies once a year.

At the moment of Christ's death, there is a scene that shows Satan being very upset and angered. Let's not forget that it is not only the death, but most importantly, the resurrection of Christ that made His ultimate sacrifice so great. Therefore, I think this scene was out of sequence. Without the Resurrection, Christ's death alone would have been in vain.

This film had, for me, yet some more negative points. Mel Gibson took a lot of poetic license, therefore adding to, as well as taking away from the story. Mary, the mother of Jesus, had almost as much of a major role as Jesus. Gibson probably should have more correctly named this movie, "The Passion of the Christ, and the Agency of Mary." On two separate occasions, the film seems to indicate Mary having almost a sense or a power beyond that of a mortal person.

The press and media are saying that this is an anti-Semitic film, which Gibson denies. Although the Jew has been the scapegoat for centuries, carrying the blame for almost everything including the Black Plague that struck Europe in the mid-1300s, I fail to see where the Jews are entirely to blame for the death of Christ. Although the Jewish hierarchy demanded His demise, probably

fearing for their positions in the Temple, it looked to me as if the Romans employed inflicting their punishment on Christ. Therefore, the fault is at least 50/50. In the actuality, Christ's death is the fault of every human that has ever been born on the face of this earth. I'm not that if Christ came today and started teaching things that were contradictory to the well-established, man-made, ritualistic teachings of most religions He would be crucified yet again. So

therefore, we can't look down our hypocritical noses, and say we wouldn't do the same thing. In the case of today's ministry or even the positions of deacons, when they don't preach popular sermons or act the way certain people interpret they should act, they are "relieved of their positions".

Never in my life, except for "The Exorcist", have I ever seen a movie get so much press and air-time, especially from the Christian community. What was Gibson's purpose for making this film? I really have to wonder if quite a bit of the controversy was sparked by Gibson himself in an effort to protect his investment. After all, there's nothing the public enjoys more than controversy, gore, and guts unless it's smut. Look at the popular wrestling program WWF RAW, or whatever they call it this week and NASCAR, with half of the fans secretly hoping

to see a major wreck and someone seriously hurt or killed. If you don't think so, just remember when Dale Earnhardt was actually killed. I must have seen that accident replayed over a hundred times within a week. In the attempt to satisfy the public's greed for gore, the media neglected to have respect or sympathy for the family's loss.

In any case, I'm sure there will be many diverse opinions concerning this film for the next few days. Some may be good, some may be bad, and some may be indifferent. In any case, I'm very pleased to see the masses talking this film, whatever their purpose may be. If it is sending Hollywood a subtle message that there is a huge market for Biblical types of programming with morals and character rather than the same old smut and trash that has been cranked out for years.

Our Readers Write

Dear Mr. Anderkin,
Thanks for your fine article. As the wheels come off the Bush Adm. at such a rapid pace we have these "kill the messenger" types coming out of the woodwork. Oh sadness, Oh sorrow, Oh pain. And I feel their pain. Our great grandchildren will feel the pain as they struggle with the debt Bush has created.

Regan created more debt than the sum total of all presidents before him. Clinton did pay some on it, but add the Bush debt to it and one starts to run out of rope.

As my friend Mrs. McKinney flails wildly, Bush continues to hang himself by bringing up the social security cuts yet again. He wants to act like Reagan, Reagan said old people don't need social security. They should have saved enough money to do them.

Yes, I knew Mrs. McKinney on Creeks Creek; before she became an intellect.
When we walked up mules with fancy tassels, shined them with kerosen jags, thought Crab Orchard was a state, Ohio was overseas.

Jim Norton
Mt. Vernon

Dear Editor:

"Let me start out by saying that I could not believe my eyes when I read the editorial from the February 26, 2004 edition of The Mt. Vernon Signal. One phrase in particular struck me as very inappropriate. I could not believe a person holding a seemingly powerful position in the community would say, and I quote, "As I already knew, some people's opinion don't count." Who are you, Mr. Editor, to say such a thing? If I am not mistaken, this is the United States of America, land of the free, home of the brave, and the land where EVERYONE'S OPINION COUNTS!! I do hope your readers now know what a shallow person you are for printing such a horrendous statement. I realize that being editor gives you certain rights, but this is taking your inflated position in the community much too far.

If you are implying that everyone makes mistakes, then your statement is true. Being human beings, we are afforded this luxury. But you, Mr. Editor, make more mistakes that most. I read your paper every week, mostly to see how many mistakes I can find.

What is an editor? As defined in the dictionary, editor is one who edits, edit being to revise, alter or omit. Do you even edit your publication,



Point East

By: Ike Adams

The weather was unusually warm here on this last week weekend in the Year of Our Lord, 2004.

Saturday bit the upper sixties of Laby and the Wilkats who didn't play at LSI until 4 PM and dreading the trek to the paper-slip where the lowest paid and worst treated employees of the Lexington Herald Leader leave the daily rag every morning.

Tim Kelly, the publisher of the Lexington Rag, needs to get his sorry butt out of bed at 2 in the morning, and deliver the papers once in a while and then make the top management at the paper would get an idea about what it is like to get the news out.

In the meantime, we have no choice, those of us who read the daily paper, but to put up with the rag and get a biased and generally ignorant interpretation of state and world affairs.

All of which is beside the point. Last Sunday Morning as I lay in bed dreaming of the planting of peas, lettuce, onions and spinach and red radishes, I was awakened by a stomping of the floor and a demand that I get out of the bed right now.

She beat me on the head with a pillow and threatened me with cold water. You would have thought there was a stake in the house.

Being married to Loretta is an ongoing adventure.

"Get Upppppppppp!!!!!! And there crawling across the hardwood floor, with all fifty four gears in high and headed for parts unknown, and terrifying my wife, was a woolly worm. Heeded, I suspect for the bottom drawer of my sock and underwear chest."

"Why don't you just pick it up and take it outside," I yawned.

"I don't catch worms and I don't want them in my house. Get up and get your blanket-blank, words unfit for church out of this house."

And so I did, but the news is not good.

The woolly worm crawl upon the pointing finger of my right hand and he stopped right before he got to my knuckle and then he looked me in the eye and, then he wagged his tail around.

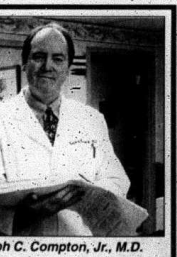
The biggest snow of the season is yet to come. Look for a foot or more if you live in central or eastern KY. Count on 18 inches if you are up there in the mountains.

I'm sorry, but the Woolly Worm has spoken.

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Obituaries



Polle Allen

Mrs. Polle Allen, 99, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, March 1, 2004 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brookfield. She was born in Rockcastle County November 4, 1904, the daughter of John and Mattie Allen Owens, was a homemaker and a member of the Livingston Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are two sons, Clyde Allen (Helen) of Pensacola, FL and Edward Allen (Johnna) of Richmond, OH and three daughters, Velma Jones (Dewey) of Richmond, IN, Geneva Spoonamore, and Merry Poynor, both of Mt. Vernon, Ida Mae McClure (Edwin) of West Chester, OH and Irene and Charlie of Linton, 22 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elzie Allen, and four children.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 3 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Jimmy Miller and Donnie McGuire. Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Lance Allen; Ronald Anglin; Michael McGuire; Jeff Miller, Johnnie Poynor and Donnie Allen.

Courtesy to the family of Mrs. Allen made by e-mail via her online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

Helen VanWinkle Bowlin

Helen VanWinkle Bowlin, 76, of Rt. 6, Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 29, 2004 at her residence, following an illness. She was a native of Madison County, born January 15, 1928, the daughter of Lewis and Laura Bicknell VanWinkle and had lived in the Berea area all her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Turner (Rick) of Waco, Charlotte Bowles (Charles) of Mt. Vernon; one son, Marvin Bowen (Lana) of Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hiram Bowlin, Jr.; one son, Kenneth Bowling; three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 3 at Reppert Funeral Home with Bro. Glen Whitmore officiating. Burial followed in the Wallacetown Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Shane Johnson, Charles Bowles, Rick Turner, Jay Parks; Sam Howard and James Richards.

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William Harve Stevens

Mr. William Harve Stevens, 93, of Rt. 3 Brookfield died Saturday, February 28, 2004 at his home. He was born on January 29, 1911 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Jonas and Martha Golf Stevens. He was a retired farmer and enjoyed fishing, playing checkers, sports, and was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors are: three sons, J.B. Stevens, Lois Stevens (Archie), and Randall Stevens (Sharon) all in the Corinth Cemetery; two daughters, Mrs. Lela Mae Harrison (Melvin) of Brookfield and Linda Elam (Eddie) of Crab Orchard; 12 grandchildren including a special granddaughter, Michelle Coffey whom he and his wife raised as their own daughter; 13 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren.

Mr. Stevens always held a special place in his heart for Rebecca Simpson as a grandchild and Carol Sigmon for being a special friend to his family and him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Edna Hullock Stevens; one daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Homer Jones; a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Stevens; two brothers, Omer and Jim Stevens and three sisters, Betty Clayburn, Jenni Mae Hasty, and Maggie McKinney. Services were held Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Bro. Raymond Offutt officiating. Burial followed in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Rick Burkette, David Collins, Mike Mattox, Randy Randolph, We'lliams, and Danny Dale Lamb.

Honorary pallbearers were: Henry Owens, Junior Sower, Bobby Proctor, Glen Roberts, Bill Lawrence, Bobby Machal, Danny Sargent, Keith Rigby, Wayne Nicely, William Lamb, Willie Leese, and Mark Turner.

Arrangements were by the Watson Funeral Home.



Bob French

Mr. Bob French, 76, of 430 Williams St. Mt. Vernon died Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at his home. He was born on June 3, 1927 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Jess and Cassie Robinson French. He was a retired supervisor for Ky. Stone Co. having worked for 44 yrs., enjoyed fishing and gardening, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Betty Ramsey French of Mt. Vernon; one son, Coy French of Mt. Vernon; one special granddaughter, Elizabeth Dooley and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: one son, Terry Bradley and by one sister, Pearl Correll.

Services were held Friday, February 27, 2004 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Wyrane Henson and Bro. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial followed in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Bruce Hillon, George Bradley, Dana Pitts, Kevin Caliton, Jeff French and David French.



Mrs. Pansy Robinson

Mrs. Pansy Robinson, 78, of Mt. Vernon Manor died Thursday, February 26, 2004 at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. She was born on February 26, 1926 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Fleming and Maggie Bullock Parrett. She was a housewife, enjoyed gardening, and was a member of the Fairground Hill Church of Christ.

Survivors are: two sons, Charles E. Robinson of Mt. Vernon and Roger D. Robinson of Brookfield; two daughters, Mrs. Eliza Argenbright of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. Patricia Rader of New Lebanon, OH; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: one son, Cecil Wayne Robinson; six brothers, Austin, James, Henry, Ted, Junior, and Sam Parrett and by five sisters, Cleo Anglin, Dorothy Sharp, Wanda Bryant, Alma Harsh, and Ruth Dooley.

Services were held Sunday, February 29, 2004 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Bill Ferguson officiating. Burial followed in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Kevin Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Jason Rader, Ethan Hickey, Rick Hickey and Justin Hubbs.



Jewell Wanda Barron

Mrs. Jewell Wanda Barron, 57, of Richmond, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died in Friday, February 27, 2004 at the Patton A. Clay Regional Medical Center in Richmond. She was born in Mt. Vernon on February 6, 1947, the daughter of Robert T. and Arthie Lou Overbay, was a homemaker and a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Everett Barron; two sons, Anthony Ray Barron of Richmond and Jeffrey Dean Barron of Olive Hill; two daughters, Rhonda Louise Rose of Winchester and Judy Ann Barron of Richmond; three brothers, Estli Earl Kirby of Finleyville, OH, Carnelle Lee Kirby (Carol) of Bloomsdale, OH and Raymond Kirby (Darlene) of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Lillie Marie Snyder (Jesse) of Mt. Vernon and Brenda Sue Stephens (Edward) of Lexington; six grandchildren and ten special children; Cory and Ryan Fitzpatrick, Kenny and Shane Wilburn, Elizabeth Clem, Dustin, Kyle and Dezrae Porter; Kelsey Pentecost and Earl Causty. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Terry Lee Barron and a sister, Ruby Lozier.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 2 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Michael Conley. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Darren Roe, Gary Clem, Philip Stevens, Dewey Thornberry, Dallas Hubbard, Mark Holt, Barry Kirby.

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



Everette Overbay

Mr. Everette Overbay, 62, of Livingston died Saturday, February 28, 2004 at his home. He was born on May 22, 1941 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Willie and Lucy Milburn Overbay, and was a retired saw mill operator, enjoyed hunting, fishing, and modifying motors.

Survivors are: one son, Bobby Overbay of Livingston; one daughter, Miss Lisa Overbay of Livingston; one brother, Elsie Overbay of London; five sisters, Mrs. Louise Durham of London, Mrs. Pauline Harris of Crab Orchard, Mrs. Lola Mae Barnett of Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. Wilene Vogel and Miss Rosetta Overbay both of Champagne, Illinois. Several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Myra Overbay and by two sisters, Alice and Viola.

Services were held March 2, 2004 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Billy Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Moore Cemetery.

Palbearers were Robert Overbay, Ronnie Overbay, Red Murphy, Dennis Overbay, Kevin Bogel, and Troy Durham.



John P. Williams

John P. Williams, 87, of Bowling Green, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, February 26 at the Bowling Green Medical Center.

He was born in Breckinridge Co., Kentucky July 17, 1916, the son of John O. and Rachel Yaden Williams.

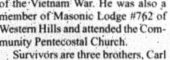
After graduation from Mt. Vernon High School, he attended the Chillicothe Business College in Chillicothe, MO. He was a superintendent of Copper's Crushed Stone; formerly Kentucky Crushed Stone Company. He was later named vice president of the company after being transferred to Elizabethtown. He retired from the company after 50 years of service. In addition he was president of the Kentucky Crushed Stone Association in 1971, a member, and former board member of the Elizabethtown Country Club and was of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors are his wife of 68 years, Myrne Logsdon Williams; a daughter, Gail Dycus of Bowling Green and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ed Williams and a sister, Opal Stivers.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday, February 28 at the J.C. Kirby & Son Lovers Lane Chapel in Bowling Green.

Expressions of sympathy are suggested to your local church or favorite charity.

This obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.



Paul Kirby

Paul Kirby, 63, of Covington, died Friday, February 27, 2004 at the Veterans Hospital at Cincinnati, OH. He was a retired machinist for Cincinnati Tool Company and was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge #762 of Western Hills and attended the Community Pentecostal Church.

Jackie Lee Cash

Jackie Lee Cash, 64, of Rt. 1, Brookfield, husband of Mabel Caldwell Cash, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at his home.

Visitation will be Friday night at 6 o'clock at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, and Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Providence church of Christ. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. at the church with burial at Providence.

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

James Adams

James "Carl" Adams, 88, of Indianapolis, IN, brother of Harley Adams, died Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

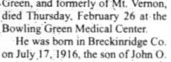
Mr. Adams was born March 3, 1916 in Rockcastle County, the son of James and Elsie Soard Adams. He was a former bus driver for the Warren Township School System and a member of the East Side Trinity Tabernacle Church.

Besides his wife of 66 years, Lucy Rector Adams, and his brother, he is survived by two sons, Ronald Adams of Fairland, IN and Glenn Adams of Indianapolis, IN; one sister, Betty Hedley of Indianapolis, IN; eleven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 28 at Hendrys Mortuary with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

View complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave condolences for the family at reppertfuneralhome.com



Tennel Samders

Tennel Samders, 93, of Harrodsburg, and formerly of Harrodsburg, died March 1, 2004 at the James B. Haggis Hospital in Harrodsburg.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1910 in Dorton, a son of Edmond and Vina Bank Sanders. He was an 18-year employee of Formica Co. in Evandale, OH and enjoyed farming, blacksmithing and camping.

Those left to mourn his passing include his wife, Ethel Howard Sanders; a daughter, Kathleen Payne (William) of Harrodsburg; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Carl Loran Sanders; three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 4 (today) at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Cecil Rudtree officiating. Burial will be in Liberty Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to Mr. Samders' online register at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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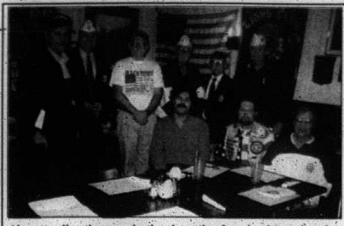
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Efforts are afoot in the county to form an American Legion Post. Several military veterans met recently at Kastle Inn Restaurant, including commanders and officers from other counties in the state. Special thanks to Commander David King, back row and Commander Ronald C. Bricking, far right, along with David DeBoard and retired Vet representative John Horn. Horn will be involved in getting charter members. A special thanks to Tommy Tyler and Rockcastle Manufacturing employees for donating a new computer and fax machine to help get the local post started.



Also attending the organizational meeting for a local American Legion Post were Alfred McNew, left, Bob Kendrick, bottom row, far right. Not shown were: Mike DeBoard, Steve Still, Floyd Baker, Bennett Hiatt, Darrell Mason, Sam Whitaker and Mark Turner. We want to thank everyone for their participation in this effort. According to DeBoard, at least seven more members are needed to make the charter complete.

All Registered Republicans are urged to attend and participate in the **Rockcastle County Republican Precinct Conventions** 10 a.m., Saturday, March 13, 2004. Each Precinct Convention shall be held at 10 a.m.

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Extension Office news

Tobacco Meeting
The County Annual Tobacco Producers Meeting will be Thursday, March 4th (today) at 6:30 p.m. at

RCHS cafeteria. Speakers are Extension Specialist Bob Pearce and Will Snell.

Church News Revival

First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon will hold its Spring Revival March 12-14, Friday evening through Sunday morning.

Dennis Mullins, preaching pastor of the Morrison Hills Christian Church in Kingston, TN, will bring the challenge each night. The theme will be "To Be Like Jesus."
Brother Mullins will be bringing with him the Morrison Hills Christian Church praise band. There will be snacks each evening, ending with a carry-in luncheon on Sunday, after our morning services.
If you have questions or comments, call Bro. Bruce Ross at 256-2876.

Home Gardeners
Home gardeners may place and order for strawberry plants at the Extension Office through March 12. Varieties include All Star, Red Chief and Sure Crop at the cost of \$12 per 100 plants. Call 256-2403 for more information.

Chenille Flag Pillow Class
A Chenille Flag Pillow class will be taught by Janice Hager at the Extension Office on March 12, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call 256-2403 to register and for a list of supplies.

Workday for Quilts
On March 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a Workday for Quilts for those in need. All supplies are furnished. Volunteers are needed to tie and hem the quilts. Call 256-2403 for details.

Blood Drive
A blood drive will be sponsored by the Rockcastle County Homemakers at the Extension Office on March 23, 1 to 6 p.m.

Free Self-Defense Lesson
A free lesson on self-defense for women will be taught at 10 a.m. on March 30 at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

1 Voice In Concert
I Voice will be in concert at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on Hwy. 461 on Sunday evening, March 7th at 7 o'clock. Everyone welcome. For more information, call 606-3087-4171.

Overweight children at more risk for major diseases

Family and Consumer Sciences

Hazel Jackson
Rockcastle County Extension Office

The number of overweight young people continues to grow in Kentucky and nationwide, reaching epidemic proportions. This trend increases children's and adolescents' risks for some major diseases and, sometimes, psychological stresses.

with low self-esteem in some adolescents.

Kentucky children rank among the highest in the United States for being overweight, according to several national and regional studies. More than 25 percent of our pre-school children either are overweight or at risk for becoming overweight, according to a study by the Lieutenant Governor's Task Force on Childhood Obesity and Nutrition.

The economic costs related to excess body weight in children ages six through 17 years also are increasing. Hospitalization expenses for diseases associated with being overweight have more than tripled in 20 years.

Further, children in Kentucky are one-half to two times more likely to be overweight than their national counterparts, according to data on pediatric overweight in Kentucky from several sources.

Even worse, overweight children are 10 times more likely to become obese adults. The percentage of obese adults has almost doubled from 15 percent to 27 percent in the past 20 years. Obese adults are at risk for several major health conditions including diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, gall bladder disease, several types of cancer, and osteoarthritis.

Overweight children and adolescents are at increased risks for such diseases as asthma, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and sleep apnea, a disorder causing brief breathing interruptions during sleep and associated with decreased learning and memory functions. Being overweight also is associated

with being an overweight adult also has been linked to reduced income and discrimination.

For more information on healthy weight for children and adults, contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service.

You also can obtain information from the Growing Healthy Kids in Kentucky web site:

GHKK is a statewide partnership of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Kentucky Department for Public Health and Kentucky Dietetic Association.

For more information on dieting, call the Rockcastle Co. Extension Office at 256-2403.

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Youth Yak at RCHS

Congratulations to our school secretary, Ms. Sondra Mullins-on becoming a grandmother for the first time on Tuesday, February 24. Her daughter and son-in-law, Cassie and Eric Elam, are the proud parents of Alexis Irene. The Elams live in St. Louis, Missouri, so we're sure that Ms. Sondra will be putting extra mileage on her car.

Votes were taken recently for this year's "Who's Who", Adam Henley and Allison Anderkin were voted Mr. and Miss RCHS. Aaron Cash and Johnna Abney were voted Mr. and Miss Junior. Jared Brown and Holly Kidwell were voted Mr. and Miss Sophomore and Lance Baldwin and Kim Cottrell were voted Mr. and Miss Freshman.

Our basketball teams start district play this week. Our Rockets play Jackson County at Oneida Baptist Institute on Tuesday, March 2. The Lady Rockets will play Clay County on Wednesday, March 3. Tickets are available at the high school for \$4.00. Good Luck ROCKET TEAMS!!!!

Those students interested in next year's Academic Team need to see Ms. Stephanie Harmon before Friday! Basketball Homecoming pictures are available. Please see Mr. Mattingly to pick those up. Yearbooks are still for sale through March.

At CKMEA (Chorus) competition, three of our students received distinguished awards. Congratulations to Tracy Parsons, Danielle Savage and Courtney Hale.

Regional Governor's Cup competi-

tion- Beth Coleman and Anna Guilfoill both qualified for the State Finals. Anna placed first in composition. Beth placed second in Arts and Humanities. They will compete March 14 and 15. Good luck ladies.

At the Boyle County Invitational Saturday, the following dance team members received All-Academic Dance Awards: Vanessa Adams, Megan Rader, and Stephanie Stallsworth. Anyone interested in trying out for next year's dance team needs to see Ms. Dawn Stallsworth soon. Boys and girls are both eligible.

From the Counselors Office: February ACT scores are available. See Mr. Dale Whitaker.

March 12- A.B. Happy Chandler Scholarship Deadline.

March 15-State Financial Aid Deadline.

The staff here at RCHS attended a presentation by Major Mike Bosse, a former undercover officer from Fayette County. He presented an informative and interesting talk to develop our skills in detecting and dealing with the drug problems we see in our county that creep into our school.

Mr. Bosse will be back in the county on March 30 to make a presentation that can be attended by anyone interested in learning more about drug abuse. Times and location for the presentation on March 30 will be announced later.

Students, watch those grades!!! You must maintain a 3.0 average or better to get reduced car insurance rates. This could save you and your parents big bucks!!!!



EKU Honors Band program

Congratulations to members of the RCHS Band who were selected to participate in the 2004 Eastern Kentucky University Honors Band Program. These students spent two days of intense rehearsals with well renowned clinicians including: Mr. Jack Walker, co-music director of the Lion's Club Cap Crescendo; Mr. Charles Smith, director of bands at Lafayette High School, David Birchfield, retired director of bands at Fairfield High School; Kenneth M. Snook, director of bands at Lake Park High School in Roselle, Ind. and Colonel Lowell E. Gritham, Commander and Conductor of the United States Air Force's premier musical organization in Washington, D.C. The students spent two days in intense rehearsals and were treated to performances by various EKU ensembles. The weekend culminated in a concert given on Saturday evening February 21st. RCHS Band members participating were, back row from left: Harold Burdette, Mary Brinson, Josh Ott and Sarah Bullock. Front row from left: Scott Cain, Drew Davidson, Josh Nation and Cody Moore.

MVES students save pennies for life-saving cancer research

Students at Mt. Vernon Elementary are participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program which raises funds to find cures for the blood cancers: Leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma; and to help patients with these diseases. Pennies for Patients is one of the Society's National School & youth programs. It has a double benefit in that it allows students to develop compassion and learn the value of helping others while they are working for a cause that helps save lives.

For a third year, multi-platform recording artist Mandy Moore will serve as the program's National Honorary Chairperson. "At the end of the last school year, I made a commitment to continue to work for this important cause," Ms. Moore said. "I participated in the School & Youth

Programs when I was in school and continue to be very passionate about supporting the important work of the society." To reinforce her commitment, Moore visited the top fundraising school in the country last May to congratulate and recognize students for their fund-raising activities.

The MVES Pennies for Patients program runs from Feb. 10th to Mar. 12. The class collecting the most pennies and other spare change in the school will receive a pizza party. Schools will also receive gift certificates for supplies and materials.

School administrators appreciate the value of having students work with a goal of helping others. "Our students' involvement with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society teaches them that they can make an important difference in the lives of others," said Leon Davidson, MVES principal. "This is a wonderful program for

us to take part in, and the expected results of our students' efforts will benefit an outstanding organization."

During the 2002-03 school year, five million students in 10,000 schools across the country raised \$10.5 million through the Pennies for Patients program.

"The support of MVES students will really help us find cures for blood cancers and help patients and their families deal with these diseases," said Mary Beth O'Reilly, executive director of the Kentucky chapter.

For information on Pennies for Patients, contact Cindy Taylor-Anderkin at 256-2953.

For information on the programs and services available at the Kentucky Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, call 1-800-956-2566.

**Classified
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Thank You

The Rockcastle FFA Alumni Chapter and the Rockcastle County FFA members and advisors would like to thank the individuals and businesses who supported the annual FFA Alumni Auction and Chili Supper. The auction and chili supper were held on Friday, February 20 at RCHS and was a success due to the individuals and business who support this event.

A special thanks to the following individuals or businesses who donated to the auction: Helen Faye Abney, A Cut Above, Adams Feed & Supply, Aletha's Flowers, Appliance Service Center, Dennis Barr, Bigrum Farm Equipment, Benge's Farm Supply, Bishop's Tire, B&L Grocery, Brodhead Farm Supply, County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotifis; CarQuest of Mt. Vernon, Cox Florist, Cox Hardware, Donnie Dean, Dogwood Gifts, Dyehouse Farms, Farm Credit Services, Food World, London Farm Credit, Farmer's Supply, Godfather's Pizza, John Holbrook, McDonald's, Pat Green, Hiatt's S&I, J&L Distributors, Jack's Pro Hardware, Joe Cummins, Jones Bros. Farm Equipment, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Taylor, Lake Linville Boat Dock, London Farm Service, London Southern States, Long's Automotive, Edith Sumbert, Marsha's Florist, McKinney Tire, Rose and Lowell Mink, Mt. Vernon Automotive, Mt. Vernon Pharmacy, Mt. Vernon Plumbing, Property Valuation Administrator Margaret O'Fluitt, Dr. John Parsons, Paul's Discount, Perry's Auto Body, RCHS FFA Alumni, RCHS FFA, Renfro Valley, Rockcastle Farm Supply, Rockcastle Embroidery, Rockcastle Vet Clinic, Ready Mix, Sabrina's Hair - Army

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Mt. Vernon Message

Upcoming Events

Our monthly PTG meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 5 p.m. Fundraising projects will be discussed at this meeting. Please plan to attend and share your ideas.

The Crusaders will be performing Thursday, March 11 at 8:20. Students always enjoy this program, especially Homer and Henry.

Special Projects Wisdom readers for last week were: Sarah Burdine, Laiken Coffey, Tiffany Dunney and Stephanie Dixon, students and Marjan Cable, P2 teacher was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is: "A smile costs nothing, but gives much."



Cody Cox receives his diploma during graduation ceremonies.

Cox graduates from Berea

Cody Cox graduated from Berea College December 14, 2003. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology and Industrial Arts. While at Berea, Cody participated in Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming all four years. He qualified for NAA Nationals in swimming his junior and senior year. He holds records in the 200 Free, 200 IM, 400 IM and 400 Free Relays.

He held positions as Supervisor of the Technology Center and Seabury center. Cody also studied abroad in Breganz, Austria the summer of 2003. He studied Political Science and German culture. He traveled to many countries and cities including Munich, Berlin, Paris, Zurich, Vienna and Prague. Cody's hobbies are playing guitar and participating in Tri-athlons. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. Cody is currently employed by Nashville Bike Company and resides in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He is the son of Tammy Cox and Bobby Cox of Mt. Vernon.

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Miscellaneous
Longaberger baskets, crock jug, glass jug, pictures, painting by H. Siegl D.J.R., print by M. Dinef, coffee grinder, Griswold meat grinder and skillets, Wagner Ware, iron smoke stand, Budweiser clock, beer sign, coo-coo clock, mirrors, wagon, toys, rocking horse, tricycle, ladder, and much more!!!



The Rockcastle County Schools Migrant Program sponsored a Writing Contest and an Art Contest at Rockcastle County High School and Rockcastle County Middle School. The Migrant Program is proud to announce the winners for these contests. Writing Contest winner was sophomore Michael Campbell, a student of Nancy Bassell.



Art Contest winners were Rebecca Martin and Sara Begley. Rebecca and Sara are art students of Ms. Debbie Bugg. Both students are seventh graders.



The winners of the Art Contest at RCHS were freshmen Rebecca Cummins and Brandon Deborde. Both are students of Les Scalf. The Migrant Program and Rockcastle County Schools congratulate the winners.

Academic Honor Roll

Rachel Childress, daughter of Ricky and Mary Ann Childress of Level Green, has a 4.01 GPA at Rockcastle County High School. She plans on majoring in Interior Design in college. She is president of the Rocket Club, co-editor of the Yearbook, member of the French Club, Roy Club, varsity volleyball and softball teams. She received Academic All-State honors in both volleyball and softball.

Do you Know? March

The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.

When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here.
- Author Unknown

March. The month of impotence as the end of winter is near, but spring is still some time away. It is the month of weather transition for most of the southern United States, often marked with violent weather and wide shifts in temperature. March has been known to become warm enough to allow flowers to bloom and trees to bud, then shift to the deepest snows of the entire winter season along with the coldest of temperatures.

It seems that comments about the extremes of March weather have been the target of comedians and philosophers from the beginnings of recorded history. A search on the Internet for March "weather sayings" will reveal a wealth of weather lore tied to the third month in the year. "Cold! Why, if the thermometer had been an inch longer we'd have frozen to death!" said Mark Twain with his comment about a brutal March day. And Walt Kelly, the creator and cartoonist of the cartoon strip "Pogo" asked, "What is good about March? Well, for one thing, it keeps February and April apart."

But the main saying that comes to mind whenever you discuss March weather is: "In like a lion, out like a lamb" or vice versa. But sometimes, the lion actually comes in the middle of the month. March of 1993 is a great example of the atmospheric violence and extremes you can expect with the transition from winter to spring. At the NWS office in Jackson, March 10th, 1993 felt like spring with the high temperature of 61 degrees. But this suddenly changed on March 11th, when the mercury began to plunge and the

snow started to fall. By the time it was over nearly 4 days later, 20.3 inches of snow was measured at the weather office, and the low temperature reached 8 degrees. The peak wind was measured at 43 mph, with the wind speeds between 25 to 35 mph lasting a total of 4 days. March 16th, just a day after the mercury bottomed out at 8 degrees, a balmy 51 degrees was recorded. Surrounding states recorded massive snowfalls with the storm, damaging winds, coastal flooding, and tornadoes. All together, 208 people lost their lives, including 5 in Kentucky. Roofs collapsed under the weight of the heavy snow, and thousands were stranded.

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4-H Variety Show

4-H Youth Development

John McQueary
Rockcastle County Extension Office

Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to provide their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the rules and guidelines. "Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. A 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided up into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by January 1, 2004, will be in the senior division."

"Club Acts must consist of 5 participants or more. Club acts have a time limit of 8 minutes. "Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act. Other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act."

"Variety Show participants may only represent one club and must participate within their own grade and home room. "There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act, club or specialty. "Please use good judgment on dance routines. "An act exceeding the time limit should be permitted to finish but cannot be awarded Champion.

"Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted. "Dramatic readings can be entered as a variety show act. "All acts must use the same P.A.

system. No act will be allowed to provide their own system.

"Leaders must take care of their own music. (Have tapes or CD set at starting point.)

"Each school will sit together until time for their acts. Club leaders are responsible for keeping their group together and quiet. Parents should be recruited to help as chaperones. *Admission will not be charged.

"Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403. Acts that fail to register will not be allowed to perform. Registration information will include:

- 1.) Name of Act
- 2.) Type of music that will be used (tape, CD, piano, etc)
- 3.) Number in the Act
- 4.) Names of participants if it is a Specialty

All acts will receive either a Red or Blue Ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.

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"It is Written"

We continue our series of articles on the plan of salvation this week by looking at the next step after hearing and believing. Repentance. This term often means to "to think differently or afterwards" i.e. reconsider. It involves a changing of heart about sin, to turn from it and to turn toward God and what is right. It is prompted by guilt, sorrow. To sooth sorrow works repentance, to salvation can not be repented of, for the version of the world works to death. 2 Cor 7:10 "Now notice that godly sorrow is not repentance, but that it works repentance. Repentance is that change of mind that leads to the fruits of repentance, a changed life. When men and women truly repent you will see changes in attitudes, a changed outlook, changed speech, a changed life. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor 5:17. Repentance is the hardest command I believe, in God's plan of salvation, because people don't like to change! But God requires repentance. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men every where to repent." Acts 17:30 and God doesn't command the impossible. Have you repented?"

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The alumni and FFA members and advisors would like to thank the staff of RCHS lunchroom for help with the chili supper and Roy Adams and sons, Roy Donovan and Eric for their help with the auction.

A special thanks goes to the supporters, those who attended the events and supported the FFA chapter.

The alumni holds the auction each year to help sponsor events for FFA members and to be able to provide scholarships at the end of each school year to FFA members. The alumni would like to thank anyone or any business that helped support this annual event. If we omitted any names, we apologize, but we do want a special thanks to all who helped with this event in any way.

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Students from Ms. April Hudson's class exploring the earth's properties.



Junior Girl Scout leader Irish Jett distributing Girl Scout cookies to Amber Lamb, Kelsey Jett and Crystal Doan.



Eagle Echoes

What's Happening in the Classroom? Roundstone's second-grade students have been learning about the layers and properties of the earth, mapping skills and geography.

The Girl Scouts would like to thank all who donated baby items to the We Care Drive and, a reminder, Girl Scout cookies have arrived.

Seventy-seven students signed up to complete the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon program. Since 1990, Roundstone Elementary has raised \$18,421.69 for St. Jude's Hospital. This amount has helped 476 children receive care through St. Jude's—one of the 476 children was from Rockcastle County. Pledge money will be due Thursday, March 4th (today), but it's not too late. Please try

and have pledges turned in by Monday, March 8th. Thank you for making the Math-a-Thon a success.

The end of the third 9 weeks is March 15th. Progress reports will be sent home March 23rd.

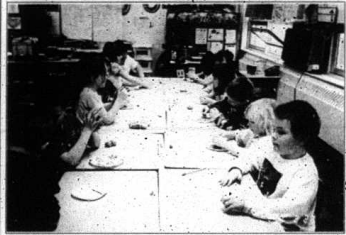
Arts Night will be Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. This will also be the opening night of our Book Fair.

The Scholastic Book Fair will run March 29th through April 2nd. If you would like to volunteer to help, please give the school a call.

Spring Break is April 5-9. Our Newsletter, *Sleeping Stones*, was sent home this week. If you haven't seen it yet, please check your child's backpack. The newsletter contains important information and dates.



Ms. Janice Davidson's students have been learning about the rock cycle. The students are making fossils in connection with this unit.



Junior Girl Scouts Cassie Taylor and Jade Lewis looking through some of the baby items donated for the We Care Drive.

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individually and as the Executrix of the Estate of Franklin G. Brooks, unknown defendant, spouse of Jacqueline Kaye Rigbsy, Donnie Brooks, unknown defendant, spouse of Donnie Brooks, George W. Brooks, unknown defendant, spouse of George W. Brooks, Commonwealth of Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 24, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 10/100 (\$55,298.10), plus interest of 9.84 from April 1, 2003 until date of judgment, 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
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on Tuesday, March 23, 2004
Beginning at the Hour of 1:30 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a gate pole, also a corner of Miranda DeValtu's lot; known as the Jim Tate property; then West with Silver Street 130 feet to the corner of Lillie Borders' lot; better known as the corner of Arlin Hicks property; then North with her line 160 feet to a stake in her line, also a corner of W.L. Brooks; thence East 130 feet with line of a new division line between W.L. Brooks and George H. Brooks; to a stake in said Miranda DeValtu's line; then South 160 feet with Miranda DeValtu's line to the beginning corner on Silver Street; and containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less.

There is excepted from the above real property and not herein conveyed that portion of real property already conveyed to Franklin G. Brooks, et al. and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake in the northern right of way of Silver Street, corner to lands conveyed to Loyal Adams; thence northerly with the line of Loyal Adams approximately 160 feet to an iron stake, corner to Delbert L. Howell, Hughey Taylor and lands conveyed; thence easterly with the line of Hughey Taylor approximately 59 feet to an iron stake, corner to lands to the northern right of way of Silver Street; thence westerly with the northern right of way of Silver Street approximately 59 feet to the point of beginning.

Being all the same property conveyed to Franklin G. Brooks and wife, Gimma Brooks by George H. Brooks and wife, Matilda Brooks, by deed dated the 30th day of April, 1992, recorded March 12, 1993, in Deed Book 149, Page 339, whereas Franklin G. Brooks derived full title to the aforesaid property by virtue of the survivorship provisions in said deed, records of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's office.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum.
2. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
3. The buyer shall pay the 2004 local, county and state property taxes.
4. The buyer shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of this sale.
5. In the event that Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. is the successful purchaser, it shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable.

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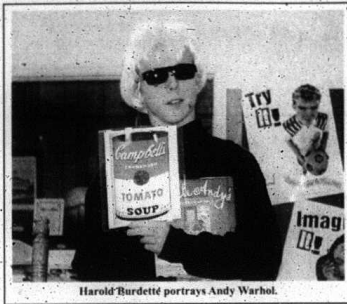
Library News

Last Tuesday February 24th Harold Burdette, a junior at the Rockcastle County High School visited Story Hour at the Rockcastle County Public Library. Harold did a wonderful job portraying Andy Warhol. The regular Story Hour children and P.J.'s Daycare children really enjoy his presentation and made something very special to remember him by. We want to thank Harold for a job well done with Storybook Chautauquid. Thanks to Mr. Allen Pensol for continuing to work hand in hand with the library ensuring that literacy, creativity and the arts are promoted. Thanks to the Library Board for the support it gives in allowing us to have events such as these at the public library.

This week begins Read Across America Month. I started off the morning by visiting the Mt. Vernon Elementary School and read for Ms.

Delliah Barnett's class. It was a joy and a pleasure to be involved in their activities. What a fine group of well-behaved children! It was exciting to see the interest they had in reading. March 2nd was Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday and we have already begun our celebration here at the library! A wonderful display of new children's and young adult books is in the adult area of the library! Two wonderful programs took place on Tuesday March 2nd. During Story Hour at 1:00 p.m. the Rockcastle County Middle School Touring Theatre put on a play for the preschool children, and at 4:00 p.m. the "Books For Bikes Program" sponsored by Mr. Jeff Burdette and hosted by the library took place. Pictures of both events and the winners of the bicycles will be in next week's Signal.

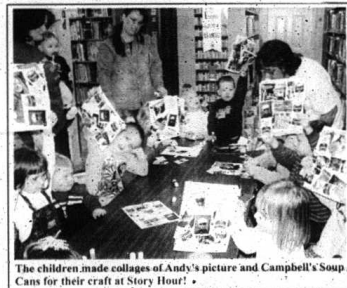
Make the connection, connect @ your library!!!!!!



Harold Burdette portrays Andy Warhol.



The preschool regulars and children from P.J.'s Daycare listen as Harold reads.



The children made collages of Andy's picture and Campbell's Soup Cans for their craft at Story Hour!



Hayden, along with his parents Shawn Thacker and Garl Sue Wilson, is pleased to announce their new arrival, Haley Seann. Haley was born December 5, 2003 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/4 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Gary and Paulette Wilson of Brodhead and Wendell and Patti Thacker of Mt. Vernon. We would also like to wish a very happy fifth birthday to Hayden on April 15th.



Oh, u though we'd forgot...NOT... Happy Birthday Snuggles.



Great Grandpa and Great Grandson had a Chuck E Cheese Birthday!

James Sowder, of Cincinnati, and his Great Grandson Cager Doan, of Mt. Vernon, celebrated their birthdays together Saturday, February 28, in Cincinnati at Chuck E Cheese Restaurant. James turned 17 long years (68) on Sunday, February 29 and Cager turned 2 on February 25th. A great time was had by all.



Chance Michael Gampfer was born February 28, 2004 in Franklin, Ohio. He is the son of Michael and Amanda Gampfer of Franklin, Ohio. He was welcomed home by brother Johnathon. Grandparents are Mike and Bev Gampfer of Mt. Vernon and Sue and Jerry Dudley of Richmond, Ind.



Eric Smith and Angie Houk would proudly like to announce the birth of their son, Jamason Ray Keith Smith. He was born January 9, 2004 at Lake Cumberland Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. His paternal grandparents are Virgil Hopkins and Doris Smith and great grandparents are James, Jr. and Bernice Smith, all of Mt. Vernon. Paternal great grandparents are Virgil Hopkins and Della Baker of Crab Orchard. Caleb would like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped him celebrate this big day and for all the nice gifts he received.



Caleb Mikel Bullock celebrated his first birthday on February 5, 2004. He had a Thomas the Train Party on January 31st. Caleb is the son of Chuck and Carrie Bullock of Mt. Vernon and his big brother is Cameron. His Nana and Papaw are Linda (Baker) and Steve Nicely of Sand Springs. He is also the grandson of Loene and Kenneth Bullock of Mt. Vernon and Bill and Rebecca Baker of Berea. He is the great grandson of Ebel Barron of Mt. Vernon and Della Baker of Crab Orchard. Caleb would like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped him celebrate this big day and for all the nice gifts he received.



Mt. Vernon Lions Club president David DeBoard and members would like to welcome to our club two new members, Lion John Horn, below, and Lion Tommy Tyler. DeBoard thanks them sincerely in joining in helping our community.

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Donations needed by First Baptist Mission
First Baptist Church Mission needs monetary and food donations, as well as maternity clothes, jeans of all sizes, plus-size for females and coats of all sizes (male and female). Only accepting winter clothing. Please bring clean clothing and other donations to the mission on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Saturdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thank you for helping us to help others.

be provided by Ky. Mountain Gospel Singers Bluegrass Band and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a fish fry on Sat., March 6. Carry-out begins at 3 p.m. Dine-in starts at 5 p.m. \$5 per plate, children 12 and under \$3. Menu consists of 3 pieces of fish, hashbrowns, french fries or baked potato, cole slaw, drink and Little Debbie Cake. All you can eat dine-in.
Brodhead Lodge Meeting
Brodhead Lodge #566 F&AM will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.
Hot Rod Sign-Ups
Hot Rod sign-ups will be held April 3 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Godfather's Pizza. This is for children ages 3, 4 and 5.

Kiwans Club
Rockcastle Kiwans Club meets every Thursday at noon at Kastle Inn. All visitors welcome.
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.
Republican Party Note
The Republican Party meets the first Tuesday of every month at Kastle Inn Restaurant at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.
Are you sick and tired...
of being sick and tired? S.W.A.T. team for alcoholics and drug addiction will meet at Northside Baptist Church Thursdays at 7 p.m. Beginning Feb. 2nd, meeting Monday through Saturday at noon, as well as Thursday night.
Pie Supper and Auction
There will be a pie supper and auction at the Rockcastle County Saddle Club House on Rt. 1326, Mt. Vernon on Saturday, March 6 beginning at 7 p.m. Free music will

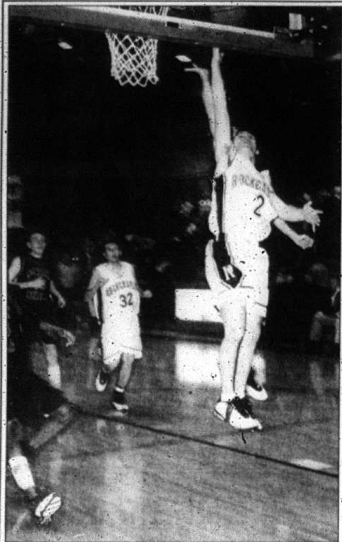
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RES SBDM
Roundstone Site-Based Council will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 in Room 105. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 9.
Narcotics Anonymous
Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more information, call 256-9263.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Project Graduation 2004
next meeting is Mon., March 8th
7 p.m. at RCHS
All volunteers are needed. Please Attend!!

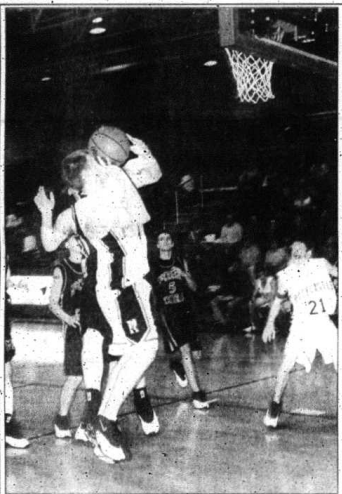
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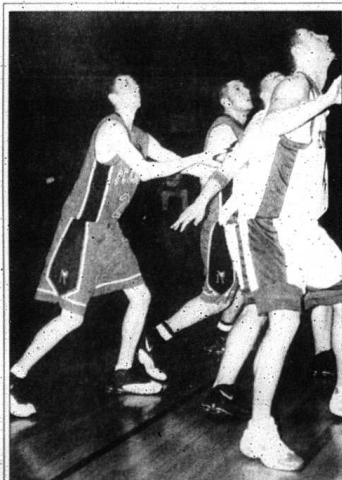
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Senior Devin Taylor goes in for a lay-up against the McCreary Central Raiders last Friday night. Taylor had 12 points in the game. Tuesday night, in district action against Jackson County at OBI, Taylor got a three-point basket but picked up his fifth foul with 6:37 left to play in the Rockets-52-48 win.



Weston Riddle, grandson of long-time Brodhead High School and Rocket coach, Bill Riddle, goes to the goal during action in the Rockets last regular season game against McCreary Central last Friday night. The Rockets won big.



Kyle Mullins and J.C. McClure get ready to do battle with Jackson County players for a rebound in action Tuesday night. The Rockets will now take on Clay County for the district championship Thursday night.

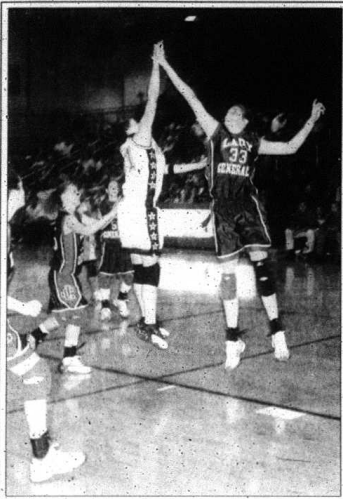
Reynolds scores 24 in KWC final

Reprinted from the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer
Branly Reynolds, a former standout basketball player at RCHS, saved her best for her last Kentucky Wesleyan College basketball game.

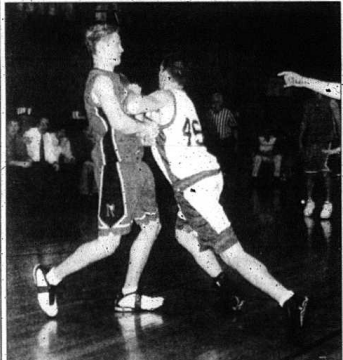
the Sportscenter.
Reynolds was 7-for-9 shooting from the field and made all 10 of her free throws. She also had three assists, three rebounds and three steals in 24 minutes.

Reynolds, a senior, scored a career-high 24 points as the Panthers closed their season Saturday with an 81-64 loss to Northern Kentucky at

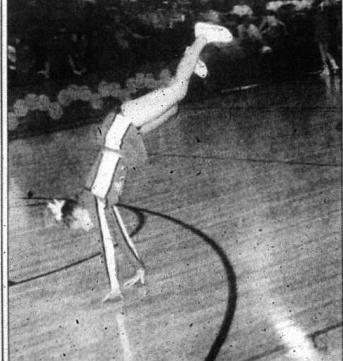
"I thought I might as well make the most of it," Reynolds said. "A lot of it had to do with the day and me deciding to go for it."



Junior Heather Hammond and the rest of the Rockets will probably be meeting Jackson County in district championship action Friday night. The Generals were scheduled to take on Oneida Baptist Institute in the first game Wednesday night and the Rockets were to meet Clay Co., a team they have already scored two impressive wins over this season. The Rockets finished the season with a win over Wayne County, a top 25 team.



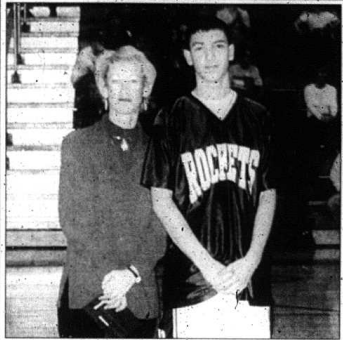
Can you say charge? That's what happened to Junior Blake Roberts on a screen in 49th district action Tuesday night at Oneida Baptist Institute. The Rockets won 52-48 and will face Clay who beat OBI by seven points in the first game of district play. Roberts only scored two points in Tuesday night's game but came up with several impressive steals and rebounds.



Junior Brittany Offutt displayed her gymnastic ability during half-time of the Rockcastle-Jackson Co. district tournament game Tuesday night.



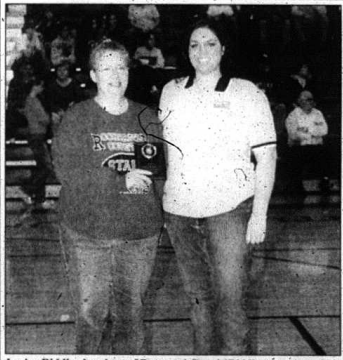
RCHS senior ballplayers and cheerleaders were recognized between the Jayvee and Varsity game with McCreary Central Friday night. Devin Taylor, who has played varsity ball for four years, is shown with his parents, Linda and Coy Taylor of Brodhead.



Brandon Cameron, son of Diane Overbay and Rodney Cameron of Mt. Vernon, was the only other senior ballplayer. Brandon, shown with his mom, Diane, played four years for the Rockets.



Becca Alsip was the only senior cheerleader on this year's squad. She is shown with her mother, Sheila McFerron of Mt. Vernon and her sister, Jennifer. Becca cheerlead for two years.



Jessica Riddle, daughter of Ryan and Connie Riddle, was recognized for her four years as manager of the boys basketball team. Jessie is shown with her mom, Connie.

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The family of Lorene Genry Graves would like to thank each and everyone for the flowers, cards, food and prayers sent to us during the passing of our precious little mama. A very special thank you to Cox Funeral Home, Berea Hospital, doctors and staff, Bro. Alan Peevler, Warren and Frankie May and the singers. Our mama will be greatly missed by her friends and children. She loved them so much.

Harold, Christine, Barbara, Betty, and Judy

Thank You

We the family of Argie Bentley would like to take the opportunity to thank all the people who offered support, sent flowers, food, and cards during the time of our loss and grief.

A special thank you to Karen Saylor, Teresa Farris and the rest of the staff at the Rockcastle Hospital. To Sheila Morrow (Home Health), Please know how special you were to her- thank you!
A very special thank you to

Marvin and Judy Owens, David Collins, Wendell Johnson, and Randall Adams for the beautiful service and music.

Thank you to all the pallbearers and to Kay and Tammy Shelton for all their special help.

Words cannot express our appreciation for the love and support we feel.

Thank You,
Family of Argie Bentley

Card of Thanks

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation for all the help I received during my recent illness and hospitalization. I would like to thank the emergency room staff at the Rockcastle Hospital for beginning the proper treatment for my medical emergency. Also, a very special thank you must go to Dr. Karen Saylor, who not only began the proper treatment, but saw to it that I was transferred immediately to the right specialists who could continue with this treatment. I would also like to thank Gail Bowles who helped me through a very difficult night at the hospital. The Rockcastle County Ambulance Service did an excellent job of transporting me to the Lexington.

I want to thank Bro. Eddie Nation and my church family, First Baptist Church. Also, I want to thank every person who called, visited, sent cards and prayed for me. It really meant so much to me, and I will try to never forget all of these acts of kindnesses.

Finally, I would like to thank Keith Smith for all of his help. I really appreciate all that he did for me.

In Memory

In Memory of Kim Childress
We, the family of the late Kim Childress, would like to share the following poem, written in loving memory of Debbie Barber.

In God's Hands
Sometimes my days were hard to bear.
My heart felt trouble and woe.
But I would always remember,
I was in God's hands I know.

Sometimes when I would experience pain,
I felt sad down and low.
But I would never forget,
I was in God's hands I know.

Now I have taken my flight on high,
With the angels I will always grow.
No more pain to ever experience,
Because I'm in God's hands I know.

I long to see each of you in heaven,
Together our faces shall glow.
But I want you all to remember,
Forever I'm in God's hands I know.

Kim would have been 48 years old on February 29, 2004. We miss her, and continue to keep her memory alive in our hearts.

**In memory of
Lora Westerfield**
who died in 1972

By her sister, Lora Hamilton
My sister was a shining angel,
She was so beautiful.
Her beautiful black eyes and she could sing.
How her eyes would sparkle and her heart was right.
Her soul was white and her Lord was by her side.
I know the doors of Heaven will be opened and she will step inside.
Christ will be beautiful, standing at the gate.
Oh, my sister can't wait.
All her family will be marching in-side.
Oh, that purple robe Christ is wearing is beautiful.



The Gold Team completed a successful year in the 2003-04 Junior Pro Training League. The team finished in a first place tie during the regular season and then went on to win the tournament championship at the end of the year. Their overall record was 1102. Pictured front row from left: John Curtis Wilson, Ricky Harris, T.J. Nichols and Cody Noe. Back row from left: Coach Dale Whitaker, Christopher Stayton, Austin Jordison, Brandon Bullock, Levi Bradley and Jordan Whitaker. Not pictured is assistant coach Jerry Renner.

Cemetery Notices

McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Committee is taking bids for the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery, located in the Blue Springs area of Rockcastle Co.

Anyone interested in bidding on this job, please send your bid, with your name, address and phone number, to the McKinney Cemetery, PO Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 by March 28, 2004.

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DRAFT
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2004
7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Silent Prayer
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Reading of Board Team Commitments
2. **ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION**
3. **COMMUNICATION** - Early Childhood Education/Family Literacy presentation (Rebecca Isaacs)
4. **OPERATIONAL ACTIONS**
 - A. Approve minutes of the February 12, 2004 Special Meeting
 - B. Approve bills for payment
 - C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4
 - D. Approve Superintendent/Designee request to advertise for bid proposals to seal and stripe asphalt
 - E. Approve School trip forms
Date _____ School _____ Grade _____ # _____ Location _____
5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION**
6. **DISCUSSION/REVIEW**
 - A. Review Monthly Financial Report
 - B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
 - C. Review food service issues
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Opinions are worth a lot

Along with at least one of our subscribers, my son took exception to the column I wrote last week. Aaron called me to voice his displeasure and his opinion about my comments.

He asked me if he could write a letter about the way he felt and all I said to him was, yes, as long as you are willing to sign it.

Aaron thought I would be upset, but I was actually proud of the fact he had been raised with the knowledge that he has the right to an opinion and that he is not afraid to voice those opinions.

My mother and his mother questioned whether we should run his letter, saying it was a family thing, but they finally agreed.

Being somewhat lazy in my older days I decided that I would let Aaron write my column this week. His letter follows.

Dear Father:
My father is the editor of the Mount Vernon Signal.

I love and respect my father and I would never attack him personally. However, in this letter I will express my disagreement of many comments that he made in last week's Signal.

Unfortunately, we do not share the same political views. It became apparent in reading the column he wrote that his political beliefs are vulnerable to much criticism.

First of all, although Alice Forgy Kerr did fall in defeat in the sixth district congressional election, she still continues to make efforts to better the state and community around her. Unlike her opponent, Ben Chandler, she had only three months to try to convince voters in the sixth district she was the right person for the job.

Ben Chandler, on the other hand, was on the campaign trail (because he was a candidate for Governor) for a year and a half.

In that time, he spent a lot more money than Mrs. Kerr did in her three months campaigning.

Dad made the comment that seeing Chandler win an election made him smile due to the fact we still have a two party system in the United States and that everything can't be bought by the Republican National Committee's (RNC) money.

First of all, as a voter, I took offense to the fact that he assumed the voters of this country could be "bought". I feel that the reason more Republicans are being elected in the state of Kentucky is because voters are going back to the moral values and integrity this country was built on over 200 years ago.

It has nothing to do with the RNC's money. It has to do with what the Republican candidates they endorse stand for.

In reference to the California election, when something is broken, it obviously needs to be fixed. Grey Davis was clearly not making decisions in the best interest of his citizens.

Funding Released for Rural Transit Systems

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) announced today that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has released \$2,967,590 for 6 rural public transportation systems in southern and eastern Kentucky. Rogers inserted the funding in federal transportation spending legislation.

"This funding will be used to purchase new transit-vehicles that help move people with limited transportation resources to and from work, educational facilities, and also enable isolated seniors to obtain access to health care services and community centers," Rogers said. "In order to promote new jobs and prosperity it is absolutely essential to invest in our region's transportation system."

The funding announced today will fund the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to purchase a total of 13 vehicles, 74 vans, two trolleys, bus shelters, and shop equipment for 6 rural transit systems serving 32 counties in the region.

Sandy Valley Transportation Services of Prestonsburg - bus passenger shelters, miscellaneous support equipment, and trolley (Counties: Pike, Floyd, Martin, Johnson, and Magoffin)

Harlan Community Action Council - 16 vans and 3 utility vehicles (Counties: Clay, Jackson, Owsley, Lee, and Breathitt)

Daniel Boone Development Council - 16 vans and 3 utility vehicles (Counties: Clay, Jackson, Owsley, Lee, and Breathitt)



Richard Anderkin
Editor
Mount Vernon Signal

zens. In what is a fine example of direct democracy and the people being able to express the need to change, Grey Davis was recalled.

Arnold Schwarzenegger is not my idea of a typical Republican, but it was good to see the Californians take an active part in politics which directly affected them. Once again, the Republican National Committee didn't spend the money they did to put a movie star into office. They endorsed Schwarzenegger because they saw, too, that California needed change and Schwarzenegger was the man who they thought could best provide that change.

My father then proceeded to criticize President Bush's handling of the war in Iraq. In dealing with this issue, I ask one question, is the world not a safer place now that Saddam Hussein is out of power in Iraq? Any realistic American would answer yes to that. Bush had the best interest of the American people, the Iraqi people, and the international community in mind when he took action. It was undoubtedly a sad thing to see over 600 American soldiers lose their life in the effort to bring 600 brave soldiers that died for their country and the bold stand that President Bush took could have potentially saved millions of Iraqi lives. He had the proper reputation of being a tyrant that consistently took innocent lives to further his own agenda. Bush couldn't sit back and allow America to be vulnerable to his cowardly ways, especially in the wake of September 11. I commend President Bush on his decision to make the world a safer place.

His last paragraph stated that a democrat would be the next President of the United States. I feel this is also a bold statement with no factual backing. Although the Democrats could threaten a second term for Bush, they still have a long way to go in beating him. Although the polls may indicate the President behind a few points, he hasn't even began countering ridiculous rhetoric of the donkey party. At this time in our nation's history, and with the priority of national security on the line, President Bush is who we need leading this country. The man always has the safety of his fellow American citizens at heart. The hard work and courage he has displayed in putting American first definitely deserves a second term.

Respectfully,
Aaron Anderkin
EKU student

Leslie, Letcher, Perry, Knott Community Action of Red Fox - 8 vans and shop equipment (Counties: Leslie, Letcher, Perry, and Knott)

Rural Transit Coordinate Enterprises, Inc. - 20 vans and 10 support vehicles (Counties: Pulaski, Laurel, Knox, Bell, Russell, Cumberland, Wayne, Whitley, McCreary, Rockcastle, Monroe, and Clinton)

Eastern Kentucky Independent Services Organization - 2 vans (Counties: Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan)

Rogers, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, committed to include the funding in the DOT spending measure.

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Members of this year's 'Leadership Rockcastle County' program are pictured above from front, left to right: Jeff Smithern, Tom Mills, Wayne Combs, Charles Napier, Jerry Renner and Livingston Mayor JC Griffin. Back row, left to right: Mikhael Shaffer, Lynn Tatum-N Gilbert, Caroline Graves, Connie Graham, Peter Hille, Robert Lawson, Carl Busile, Larry Hammond, Steve Taylor, Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice R. Kirby, John Hale, and Corey Craig. (Not pictured is Connie Hunt Peferston).

"Leadership"

(Cont. from front)

to meet the group after dinner and to discuss in detail the history of the Development Board and the creation of the Strategic Plan. Mr. Clontz and Mr. Towery, along with several other members of the community played key roles in making the Strategic Plan a reality for the county.

Saturday was non-stop for the group as they spent the day discussing community and economic development, community assessment, personal leadership styles, community asset mapping, and personal leadership development.

After two days of team building, 10 hours of classroom discussion, and six hours of travel on buses, the groups first session in Leadership training ended with their arrival back in Mt. Vernon Saturday evening. The group will now attend eight more half-day sessions before graduation in November.

"Lawless"

(Cont. from front)

of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky College of Law. He previously served as president of Operation Hope, Inc., an emergency juvenile shelter, now operated by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

A special election will be held in November to fill the unexpired term

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Lawless will face former Rockcastle County Attorney and recently appointed Circuit Judge Jeffrey I. Burdette in the fall election.

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"March"

(Cont. from A7)

and had to be rescued, electric power was out to millions, and traffic east of the Mississippi River came to a standstill.

In 1988, during the same 4 day period between March 11th to the 15th, a similar blizzard struck much of the eastern United States where the snow was measured in feet and over 400 people died. For eastern Kentucky, this storm system kept the region in the warmer sector. Although the storm ended with a little snow for east Kentucky 4 days after it began, the most significant weather in eastern Kentucky was severe thunderstorms and heavy rain. Again, the peak wind was measured at the NWS office in Jackson at 43 mph, only from the south instead of the north as was in the E03 storm. The temperature was in the mid 60s on March 11th and 12th, but never climbed above 31 degrees on the 14th and 15th of that year.

In fact, any look at weather records from any year will show March as one of extremes across the coal fields of Kentucky, sometimes from one day to the next. This is why March is selected as Severe Weather Awareness Month. The National Weather Service will take a full week during early March for severe weather focus with each day highlighting a serious weather threat. We hope that you will watch for bulletins of severe weather information and take a few moments to learn more about the sometimes deadly winds of March. For additional information, look to our Internet web address at: www.ernw.gov/jvkl

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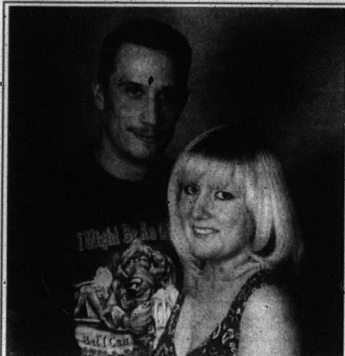
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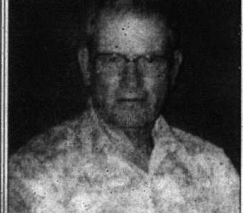
Mink - Arthur

Mrs. Toni Mae Mink is proud to announce the marriage of her granddaughter, Tamara A. Mink of Mt. Vernon, to Douglas A. Arthur, of London. Toni is also the granddaughter of the late Floyd E. Mink and Douglas is the grandson of Lonnie and Hazel Arthur.

A Special Great Uncle

Uncles come in all shapes, sizes and personalities, second generation uncles (called great uncles) do to. But I have a very special great uncle. When people ask me who he is I say "He's my great uncle James Reppert because he is great."

Growing up, when we would go to his house, he always gave us kids attention. He would holler or wave when he saw us out. When he would ride his horses he would always let us kids ride.



Mr. James Reppert, of Eubank and formerly of Rockcastle County, will celebrate his 74th birthday March 7th, Happy birthday Uncle.

Last July I thought I was losing my great uncle. I got a call he was in the hospital real bad. He talked about giving up, not going to be back home. But thank the good Lord after a month he did come home. If something had happened to him, a piece of my heart would have died too.

But when something does happen to him, God gave us memories to hold on to. He's doing better now, taking time to recuperate. March 7th he will see his 74th birthday. My family wants to wish great uncle James, a very Happy Birthday, a speedy recovery and a long life.

Love You Great Uncle
 Rex, Jewell, Jeremy, Hallie, Tony, Jenia, Andrea,
 Gerald, Irene, Courtney and Cody



Bowling - Holt

Ken and Deb Holt of Fairview and Darlene Holt of Mt. Vernon would like to announce the marriage of their son, Adam, to Betty A. Bowling. Adam and Betty were married in a small ceremony at Swiss Colony Bernstadt Chapel in London on February 20, 2004. A reception was held the following evening in Fayetteville, WV by Betty's parents, Mark and Janie Bowling, where family and friends gathered to celebrate Adam and Betty's union.

Betty Bowling Holt is a 1998 graduate of Fayetteville High School and a 2002 graduate of Berea College. She is employed as an Early Head Start teacher in Rockcastle. Adam is a 1999 graduate of Rockcastle Co. High School and is employed by Gilpin Construction of London. The

Birthday Celebrated

Mabel Rickels celebrated her 88th birthday February 21st at her home, with 47 family, friends and neighbors present. There were 28 from all parts



Mabel Rickels

of Kentucky, three from Ohio, two from Tennessee, 12 from Florida and two from Arkansas. Mother is doing so much better and she enjoyed the day so very much.

We are so thankful for our mother and thank God for her love and devotion to her children and family. Also, we are blessed to have a loving and healing God that takes care of us all. If it hadn't been for the grace of God, and his healing power, we would not have mother with us today.

We are a blessed family and a very grateful family to have each other and to have a loving, God fearing Mother to touch us the right way to live. We would also like to thank those who sent cards, called and visited.

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In and Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

By Marie McKinney
Those who visited C.S. and Marie McKinney recently were their daughter, Sharon Lovins and grandson, Jack Lovins and great granddaughter, Sarah and Jack's friend, Anne and girls of Lexington; C.S.'s nieces, Mrs. Nadine Woodall of Broadhead, Mrs. Oma Vaughn of Woodstock; Marie's friend, Miss Eunice Craft and girls, April, Courtney and Alicia and their sons, Jack McKinney and great grandsons Jack McKinney and Matt Nicely; their grandson, Joe Lovins, Jr. and Mrs. Lovins and great grand-

son, Dalton of Eubank. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the good Lord bless each and everyone.

Our precious daughter-in-law, Lillie McKinney, wife of Jack, died February 9th in Reading, Ohio. We loved and miss her so much. C.S. and Marie and family went up for the funeral in Ohio on February 11th.

Pete Burdine of Ohio and Mrs. Doris Williams of Lexington visited C.S. and Marie McKinney a while Sunday afternoon.

News Deadline is Noon Tuesday

Words of Hope

It is just the beginning of March and all the Easter stuff is out in the store. In fact, it has been out since Valentine's Day was ended. The stores prepare so early for this holiday - baskets, eggs, chocolate bunnies and crosses. How do we prepare, though? Is Easter about the bunny and springtime, or is it about the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus? Do we prepare our hearts with the same zeal we prepare our homes? Take some time this week to prepare your heart to celebrate the Lord's victory this Easter.

—A message of hope from your friends at
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The CAP Corner

Family Life Counseling Service

The problem of substance abuse and addiction is an issue that affects all of us. Everyone reading this today can probably identify a person you know who has a problem with one substance or another. This problem can range from excessive tobacco use to alcohol abuse to illegal drugs or even abusing prescriptions. The fact that most of us can identify at least one person they know who has one or more of these problems shows the widespread challenge it brings to our community.

The effect of abuse and addiction in society causes a multitude of problems to surface, which ranges from a decline in job performance to theft and even death. Abuse of alcohol and drugs will cause problems in families and relationships. The use and abuse of substances will contribute to mood swings, anger, depression, anxiety, paranoia, accidents, sleep disruptions, divorce, domestic violence, and thinking problems just to name some. Substance abuse continues to grow in our area. This growth will continue as people turn to alternative ways to avoid problems and challenges life brings.

There is hope. When life has seemed to be a never ending uphill battle, turning to chemical substances can be a desirable escape. However,

this type of diversion will come with a price. That price tag comes with a bill of unwanted problems that will pile up until the world seems to collapse on the person.

Families see the problems. They see the personal decline and experience the pain of conflict. They may even confront the problem only to be met with excuses or arguments. The choice, however, is up to the one who is using. There is hope, and that hope is in knowing that there are people who care. There are people who know what can help. There are also those who know how to use techniques and therapeutic relationships to assist the person into full recovery. Support groups are available in the area. Individual services are available, but the choice is up to you.

There are a lot of seemingly important decisions (SUDs) that are made every day. However, the SUDs of the substance abuser affects more than themselves. It is a problem that affects us all. Our children are learning from us in what they see. Are we showing them that we care? Are we getting involved with the fight against drug abuse? Or are we teaching them that the issue is for the neighbor to deal with because it's someone else's problem? Each choice we make in life can have a profound influence on those around

us. The choice to model courage in the face of a challenging issue or succumb to fear may determine the direction our children and family members take in life. The question becomes will you provide hope through your support and help others to climb out of their pits of despair or make the SUDs thick enough to blind us

all from the growing problem of substance abuse?

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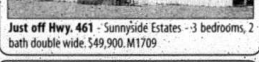
Country Living & Value! 1997 model 14x70 located on Bowling Ridge Road - 3 bedrooms, bath, electric heat, central air, washer/dryer hookups. \$25,000. M1802



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Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tomlinson's Prime Commercial Property - 4.28 acres m/l
Friday, March 5, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.
Highway 127 near Danville



SOLD! Motivated Owners Say Sell! 3 bedroom vinyl home - metal roof, city water, heat pump/central air. Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs section). M1723

29th Annual Brodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction
Saturday, March 6, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.
Brodhead Fairgrounds
Highway 150, Brodhead, Ky.



Nestled in a Beautiful Wooded Setting - 10 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath brick ranch style home w/central heat and air, fireplace, 3 car attached garage. \$129,000. \$879

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Under the Grandstand at the Brodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction.

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Saturday, March 13, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
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SALE PENDING! Maple Drive, Mt. Vernon - Commercial building and lot known as former State Highway Garage. 1.36 acres m/l - metal building - 2400+ sq. ft., concrete floor. M1808

Absolute Auction of Ms. Essie Marie Chaney's House, Lot & Personal Property
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Along I-75 - Renfro Valley - Just off YU.S. 25, this 25 acre tract m/l has city water & sewer available. \$600,000. M1807.

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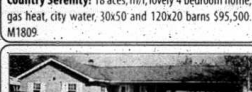
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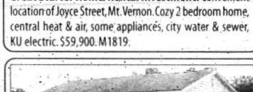
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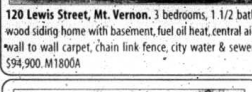
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Brodhead - Lot 18 - Mountain View Estates - 100x175 m/l - \$12,900. M1795

Large Country Lots - Holbrook Estates - Lots range from 3/4 to 1 acre, great views, city water, cable tv, restricted. Brindle Ridge area - convenient to Mt. Vernon or Berea. \$9,900 to \$13,900. M1796

City Water/Sewer Available - 1.37 acres by survey - Dailey Ave., Mt. Vernon. \$24,900. M1742

Quail Community 2 county lots on Hwy. 70 - 97/100 acre and 1.16 acres - city water available. \$22,500 for both. M1799

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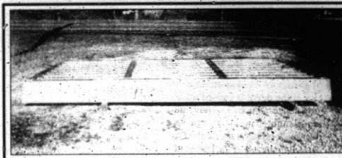
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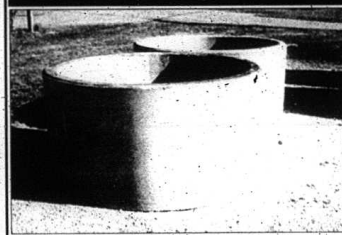
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Yards to Paradise

by Max Phelps
Time to Try Small Projects with Stones
 Gardeners, landscapers, homeowners alike often get restless as sunshine returns from a long winter's hibernation. Afflictions smite such folk with urges to get out and plow soil, trim trees and shrubs, turn the compost pile or spread some fertilizer or mulch. Is this describ-

ing you?
 Well, one way to get relief from starting at the walls is to find some rocks and "play" with them!
 The grass is short or dead, the shrubbery is still bare of leaves, and even if the ground is frozen or water-logged it's still a good time to find rocks on your property or around the neighborhood in preparation for some projects when the weather is better.

For the collector, go with native stones. They likely match up with existing rock displays or rock outcroppings, and will be more reasonably priced.
 Farm fields, old "rockpiles," streams and lake edges are all prime spots for collectors. Just be sure it's OK with the landowner.
 A simpler way to acquire stones is to go shopping for them. Look for a stone yard that carries a good selection of stones at a reasonable price, including some local types of rock. A short list of such yards would include The Stone Source in Knoxville, TN; D.C. Landscape Rock in London, KY; and Appalachian Stone and Table Rock Quarries in Marion, North Carolina.

Pricing may be from \$100 to \$300 per ton, roughly a dime a pound if you haul your own. That figures out to \$5 for a 50# boulder. Some garden centers get \$40 or \$50 for such stones, so shop around.
 Flat stones, uniquely shaped stones and moss covered stones are treasures and may sell for a premium. But they can also yield some uniquely attractive landscape features in the hands of a creative person.
 Small stones and gravels can be used effectively too.
 Shall we look at a few simple projects or uses for the stone you are acquiring?
 One simple project is to place one to three sizeable stones in a bed or planted area; it can be surprising how this can enhance the appearance of a yard in short order. The more noticeably so in winter time.
 Another easy-to-do project is to place a ring of stones around trees

and create a tree well. Either that, or make a raised bed by adding topsoil and plants around a tree and enclosing the project with stones. Raising beds are a big boon to plants that need good drainage.
 Placing containers of nice flowering or foliage plants in a group on a deck, or patio, and adding a semi-circle of rocks in front of them can make an easily-set-up and easy-to-take-down feature for lovely seasonal displays.

For the serious rock enthusiast, try a rock garden of stones such as geodes or mossy boulders, interplanted with herbs.
 Bigger projects could be terraces; rock walls, rock walks with sand or dirt between them, waterfeatures, or "dry streams." Let yourself go, I'm betting you will enjoy some stone-work in your front or backyard paradise!

The author is a freelance writer and landscaper. Suggestions and questions to: max@rockcastles.com please!

Jessica E. Lawson: Theft by deception, dismissed on payment of sheriff's fee and restitution.
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 Terrence D. Woods: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended.

Phillip B. Barnett: Fines/fees due (\$150.50), 10 days or payment.
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"Court"

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pend fine; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on prof.

Gregory Durrell: No/expired registration plates (two counts), \$25 and costs each; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 fine (2 counts) plus 30 days conditionally discharged; Speeding, \$20 fine.
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