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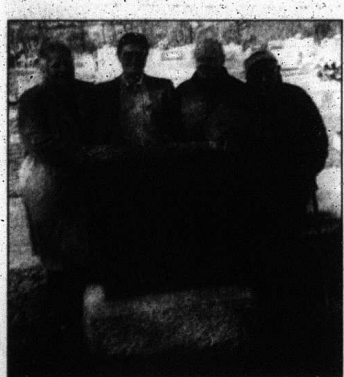
Basketball Special Section
Inside



David Owens, left, Commander of the Fifth Kentucky Honor Guard and Les Williamson, Adjutant of the Private EF Arthur Sons of the Confederacy Camp, from Corbin, performs the "toast to the dead," during Saturday's ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery. The ceremony was performed over the grave of Silas Martin.



Civil War re-enactors Gary Miracle, Jr., Nathaniel Price, Darrell Doan and Matt Bryant, prepare the confederate cannon for firing, during Saturday's confederate memorial service, which was held at Elmwood Cemetery.



Direct descendants of Silas H. Martin, who served in Company A 29th Battalion of the Virginia Heavy Artillery Division, are shown with the grave stone of Mr. Martin, the only Confederate soldier to be buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. A Confederate Memorial Service was held Saturday in Mt. Vernon. Ironically, Martin joined the confederate at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia, where the war finally ended. In 1865, Martin was originally from Virginia. Martin and a brother, Richard, migrated to Rockcastle County shortly after the Civil War and another brother died in the Civil War. Martin's brother, Richard, is buried in Martin Cemetery, off 1250, near Broadhead. Above are: Glennis McBee Dick, a great niece of Silas Martin, Steve Owens and Dr. Byron Morris Owens, great great nephews and Chester (C.B.) Owens, Jr., his great nephew. Martin was the first president of the Bank of Mt. Vernon and died in 1920. He enlisted at age 15 and fought in several major engagements, including the bloody battle of Gettysburg.

Stolen property seized by Sheriff's Department

Over the past four weeks, the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department has conducted several searches related to drug trafficking. During the execution of these search warrants, the Sheriff's Department has seized a large amount of suspected stolen property, according to Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan.

The suspected stolen property includes knives, watches, baseball cards, rare coins, electronics, lawn equipment, music equipment and even an autographed baseball jersey.

Doan said many drug traffickers take stolen items to trade for drugs. The street value of the drug is usually about one tenth of the value of the item traded, he said.

Anyone having any information regarding the property, should contact the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department at 606-256-2032. Anyone wishing to view the items for possible identification should visit the Sheriff's Department Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Doan added.

Mt. Vernon council discusses engineering fees for water project

An official of Dailey and Associates, Dick Spencer, was before the Mt. Vernon City Council Monday night supposedly to give the council an update on their water project but instead, he made a pitch for the council to pay his company's engineering fees in full.

Spencer told the council that he felt the city needed to borrow up front money to take care of the expense for work they have done to date.

The company has been paid almost \$82,000 plus \$12,000 for a preliminary study. The \$82,000 came

from a 20/20 \$110,000 grant the city security from KIA (Kentucky Industrial Authority) and the \$12,000 was city funds.

Mayor Clarice Kirby disagreed with Spencer vociferously telling the council that she did not "think it was a good idea" to borrow money unless funding for the project was absolutely secured. However, Councilman Joe Mullins disagreed to some extent saying the city would "still owe the money even if we (the city) doesn't get financing."

Kirby told the council that there

was no signed contract as yet between the city, Rural Development (who will provide the bulk of the funding with a \$0/50 grant/loan) and Dailey and Associates. Kirby said that Rural Development refused to sign the contract because of the manner in which Dailey and Associates had filled out the contract and because Rural Development said the fees being charged for Phase I of the project were too high.

The amount in question is approximately \$106,000 (or 20% more than originally agreed on, according to Kirby. However, Dailey and Associates were billing \$45,000 for fees for Phase II of the project and since this project will come at a much later date, they have agreed to forego \$45,000 of the \$106,000, until this phase is begun.

The purpose of the project is to construct larger intake lines into the plant and chemical lines in the lake which will pre-treat the water before it reaches the plant, thereby improving water quality, Kirby said.

However, there was a disagreement between Kirby, city superintendent Dennis McClure and the engineers over the depth of the intake lines and addition of the chemical lines. Also, Kirby said the city had never received any final plans from the engineering company, and she was backed up by McClure, even though Spencer told the council that they had been submitted.

Kirby told the council that there is a procedure to be followed on payment of the engineering fees and this procedure dictates that, after the contract is signed, Rural Development okays payment as work is completed.

On questions by Mullins as to what other options the city had, Kirby responded that the city could terminate the services of Dailey and Associates, contract with another engineering firm and "let the courts decide if Dailey was owed more money."

Kirby recommended to the council that since there will be three new council members taking office in January, that a special meeting be held before then to familiarize everyone with all aspects of the disagreement and action be taken at the January meeting.

However, a motion by Joe Mullins to vote payment to the engineers' up or down at the January meeting, did not include a call for a special meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Renfro. Lonetta Daugherty voted yes and Wayne Bullock abstained.

When making the motion, Mullins told the council he thought action, one way or the other was necessary because "the city's reputation is at stake. We don't want to be 'penny foolish,'" Mullins concluded.

Water Quality Report
The council also discussed the problem with the city's water supply

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Rockcastle remembers her Confederate heritage

The first of a series of ceremonies, to mark historical events and military Veterans' graves of those events, was held Saturday at Elmwood Cemetery at the grave of Silas Martin, the only Confederate Veteran buried in Elmwood.

Martin was a private in Company A, 20th Battalion of the Virginia Heavy Artillery. Many of Martin's descendants were on hand for the ceremony.

The ceremony was organized by the Rockcastle County Cemetery Board, formed to preserve cemeteries in the county. "All unmarked Veterans graves, from the Revolutionary War on will be marked," according to Bernice McHargue, secretary of the cemetery board. "We began with Confederate soldiers' graves first because those were the markers we received first. The markers came from the Sons of Confederate Veterans."

McHargue added, Mrs. McHargue asks that if anyone knows of an unmarked Veteran's grave, to please call her at 236-5740.

Morgan's 2nd Kentucky Battery and the Laurel Home Guard fired a volley in a salute to the colors to begin the service. Approximately 300 people braved the bitterly cold wind to attend the event, including descendants of the Veterans.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby welcomed the crowd and this was followed by the playing of the National Anthem by the Rockcastle County High School Band. Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette then led the crowd in the pledge to the U.S. flag.

Local attorney William D. Gregory, who has a keen interest in Civil War history, addressed the crowd, giving the old salute to the Confederate flag and part of a speech that was given by former Confederate Lt. General Stephen D. Lee in 1906 to an assemblage of Confederate Veterans.

Gregory ended his remarks by reading a prayer that was written by a Confederate soldier during the war, in which the soldier prayed for God's Grace and protection for him and his homeland during the terrible struggle.

Nationally known portraitry of Gen. Robert E. Lee, David Chaltis, who has appeared on the Virginia Channel and who has attended over 150 such events, including events at Arlington National Cemetery, the memorial to the first submarine CSS Hunley, and battlefield events in Virginia and elsewhere, stepped to the podium and gave the Roll Call of the Dead. As each name was read, a local descendant approached the grave marker and removed the black drap. Judge Catlofin then read the names of the Confederate dead from Georgia who were killed, as young men, in the Battle of Big Hill, and whose remains are interred in Rockcastle soil.

Ray Adkins, Commander of the Pvt. E. F. Arthur Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Corbin, addressed the crowd, explaining "Why We Remember." He said, in part, "the preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the 'Second

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Public invited to attend formal investiture of Judges Henry, Burdette and Tapp

The public is invited to attend the formal investiture of three judges who serve Pulaski and surrounding counties. Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, of Mt. Vernon, will preside at the ceremony to install Court of Appeals Judge Michael L. Henry, Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette and District Judge David A. Tapp. The investiture will take place Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. EST at The Center for Rural Development, 2292 S. Highway 27, Somerset.



Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette, Circuit Court, 28th District

After being appointed in January 2004 to the circuit judgeship vacated by retiring Judge William T. Cain, Judge Burdette was elected to this position in November. He serves Pulaski, Rockcastle and Lincoln counties. Judge Burdette was born in Somerset, Ky., and now resides with his family near Brodhead. He earned a bachelor's degree from Cumberland College and a juris doctor from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Prior to assuming the bench, Judge Burdette served as county attorney for Rockcastle County for 10 years and was in private practice since 1989. He also practiced law with Farmer, Keller & Kelley in London, Ky., and was a clerk with the Municipal Law Center, Division of the Department of Local Government. He and his wife, Twila, have two children, Thomas and Zoe.



Judge Michael L. Henry, Kentucky Court of Appeals, 3rd District

Judge Henry is one of two judges who represent 27 Southeastern Kentucky counties on the Court of Appeals. Judge Henry, who previously served as a district judge for Pulaski and Rockcastle counties, was elected

in November to the vacancy created when Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Emberton retired in June. Judge Henry is a Somerset native who holds a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and a juris doctor from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. Prior to his appointment to the district bench in 1992, he worked as a clerk for the Kentucky Supreme Court, was an associate with Ham & Bailiff Attorneys, was a staff attorney for the

Kentucky Court of Appeals and the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, and was a partner with Ham & Henry Attorneys. Judge Henry and his wife, Julie, have two children, Lauren and Christopher.



Judge David A. Tapp, District Court, 28th District

Judge Tapp was elected to the Dis-

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Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby read "What Christmas Means to Me" and later turned on the festive lights during the annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday night in Triangle Park. See more photos on page A5.

Points East

By Ike Adams

A Closer Look

By Alan L. Hammond

Don't you really hate those nights when you can't sleep? You'll be sleeping just fine, and then you'll have to get up and go to the restroom. After that, you might as well stay up. That is the case with me tonight. I got up about 3:30, and haven't been back to sleep since, and it's going on 5 A.M. All I've done is twist and turn, and let at least a thousand subjects run through my mind.

I don't know about that, but I've found that restless nights occur more frequently as I get older. In my younger days, I could drink a large glass of soda pop full of caffeine before going to bed, and sleep like a baby until in the morning, and scarcely even move.

Your mind really takes advantage when you can't sleep. It will take you on a trip down "memory lane" and you'll think of people, places, and situations that you haven't thought about in months or even years. Then pretty soon, you'll get to thinking about all of the things that you need to be doing around the house, all of the various unfinished projects, people you really should write or call, things that need to be organized, various business matters, various shortcomings, and even your spiritual condition. So, I'll just get up, if nothing else out of courtesy to Stanley who needs to sleep as I'm keeping him awake, too.

At this time of year, with all of the address stress that the holidays bring, I suppose there are a lot more folks who aren't sleeping too well, either. A simple trip to the store can be an adventure in itself. Every store is a madhouse full of wild and frenzied shoppers looking to spend, spend, spend. The parking lots are so full you usually have to park about a

mile away from the store. There is probably only one woman in America who has gotten this whole season under control. It's my niece, Karen, who lives in Lexington. She always has her Christmas shopping done every year by July or August, all the gifts wrapped, and stored neatly away. She has her Christmas cards written, stamped, and ready to be mailed by mid-October. Karen is always right on time with all the family birthdays and anniversaries, and goes all out for every holiday. She has a place for everything, and everything is in its place. She cleans her house from top to bottom, even the hidden dirt "way back in closets, under beds, and heavy appliances going. You would actually have to try to find some dirt in her house. If you want to learn cleaning and organization, that is the place to go.

The rest of us can only imagine what it would be like to be so well-organized, tidy, and right-on-time with everything. I've got boxes and boxes of things such as receipts and important papers, that need to be sorted through, and some of it fleck and other stuff thrown out. There are a great number of other things that need to be sorted through as well. Other than my own stuff that has accumulated through the years, Mom has died and left me with a storage trailer full of at least a hundred boxes, a house trailer full of stuff, other than all of the stuff she left at our house in London. Between seeing about all of her stuff, my stuff, and trying to see about two houses being clean, I'll have to live until at least ninety years old before I'm through.

I hear the alarm going off now. I would now get getting up had I gotten to sleep. Speaking of which, I'm beginning to feel sleepy now, but I have breakfast to fix, and a lunch to pack. Then it's off to the never-ending race of trying to get things in order, and the house cleaned. I know that there are a lot of women in the same race, work like a dog all day, and then look around, and it looks like you really haven't done a thing. So, now it's off to the races. I guess I'll sleep well tonight.

Hog killings, on Blair Branch, were major events at some point between Thanksgiving and Christmas when I was growing up. I can only speak authoritatively about the fifties and sixties, but according to hand-me-down recollections from my parents and elder relatives, the holiday wasn't really Christmas unless the family had a reasonably fresh ham baked up for dinner.

On Blair Branch nearly every family raised hogs to provide enough meat to get them through the winter and early spring. In fact, well-cured pork, butchered during cold weather, provided bacon and sausage at meal-time year-round.

Beans and mustard greens, for example, in the hottest part of August were not considered fit to eat unless they were properly seasoned with a big chunk of fat back that been salted down and stored in the smokehouse for several months. Vegetable soup also required a pork bone.

But I'm off the point. The point being that hog killing meat to get them through the holiday season as putting up a Christmas Tree and afforded numerous opportunities for neighbors to get together and help each other.

A hog, in those days, was not considered big enough to slaughter unless it weighed at least 300 pounds. Somewhere between 400 and 500 pounds was closer to average and butchering one was no small undertaking.

Normally well over a dozen people would be involved to help draw water and pack it from the well, keep fires tended, drag the hog from the pen to the butchering rack, keep knives clean and sharpened, scrape hair off the hog and keep the carcass clean, pack meat to the smoke house and salt it down, or any one of numerous other chores. Hog killing was a behemoth of activity that included both young and old alike and it was always a gala occasion.

Normally two twenty-gallon wash tubs of water were heated to the boiling point and used to scald hair off the carcass and keep it rinsed. A smaller pot was heated to sterilize

butcher knives and keep them clean during the butchering process.

There were several "butchers" on Blair Branch and each had his own style and preference for getting a hog cleaned, chopped into appropriate cuts and sent to the smoke house. I'll spare you the details because several of them are probably too gory for my east coast readers and, besides that, a precise description of butchering a hog would require far more space than your editor allows me.

Many, if not most, families believed that butchering should only be done if the signs were right. Meat, they believed, was to spoil or taste too strong if the moon was not positioned in exactly right place or the Zodiac properly aligned.

My Dad, on the other hand, believed that if the weather was cold and the hog was fat, it was a good sign that it ought to be slaughtered. In which case he would enlist my older first cousin, Artie Adams, or Buford Caudill both of either of whom handled the butchering in ours and several other families and we'd have a hog killing every year.

At the end of the day, the neighbors as it has helped in the butchering process went home with enough

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It's so easy to become enamored by the modern Christmas season, an endless barrage of commercials, among other things, can make us think that we need so much more than we actually do. A nighttime drive through our neighborhoods convinces us that we should spend a few hundred dollars on more lights and a plastic Grinch, just to keep up with the neighbors. We hurriedly hit the malls and shopping centers to make sure we get everything for each of our family members and friends. Then, suddenly and without warning, Christmas is gone for another year.

All those things are fine, except for the extra lights and the Grinch, because they are a part of a season that brings family and friends closer together. But as a country, we scarcely take time to remember the meaning of the Christmas season. For Christians, it is a time to remember and rejoice for the birth of our Lord. For Christians and non-Christians alike, it is also a time of giving and a further opportunity to give thanks for everything that has been provided for us.

Personally, I am thankful for the one that gave us this season. I am thankful that I live in a time of giving and that many people will still lend a helping hand to someone in need. I am thankful for the wide array of opportunities that will be given to my daughter as she grows older. I am thankful to have been given such a wonderful and loving family. I am

thankful to have been given the most beautiful season in the nation to call my home. The list could go on.

There are children just down the street from you and me, just downtown, or at the head of the furthest hollow, which do not have as much for which to give thanks. A child who sees her parents barely making ends meet. A boy who feels bad for wanting new shoes when his parents don't have a job. No matter your station in life, there is someone who needs more than you this Christmas season. Opportunities to give to others abound during this season. Angel Trees, food drives and church functions are good places to start. If you can't find one of those, all you have to do is look around to see someone in need.

The Christmas holiday seems to be coming under increasing attack, year after year. Several years ago, I recall an executive, a native of Tennessee I believe he was, at a former place of employment, who told us all that we could not wish anyone a Merry Christmas. Year later, he has progressed from political correctness to a movement to remove all religious connotations. If people would only step away from such pettiness and see it as a time of increased kindness and helping their fellow man, many people in need could be helped. It is a joyous season, no matter who you are.

Questions or comments? Alan Hammond can be reached in care of this publication or e-mail to: acloserlook@earthlink.net.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

The magistrates of this fine outstanding county had enough respect for me as my husband to put him on the 911 board. But, when he asked questions and didn't go along with all they said, they voted him off. He wasn't made aware of this until we read it in the paper.

Seems he stepped on a few toes so now, people have chosen to go to the courthouse and try to dig out dirt to slur our family around the county.

After Richard made his stand, others in the county have decided to speak out on their own accord, not his.

When the fine citizens of Rockcastle County, who choose to spread their gospel, dress up and go to church Sunday, open your Bibles and read Proverbs 11:13; 16:28; 18:8 and 26:20.

Thank you, Mrs. Richard Dean (and proud of it!)

Dear Editor, The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's County Cemetery Board held its first, of many more to come, memorial services, Saturday, December 4, 2004.

This service was held at Elmwood Cemetery and honored the Confederate Veterans of Rockcastle County. To quote Mr. Ray Adkins, Commander of Pvt. E.F. Arthur Camp, Corbin, Kentucky, the fantastic group of Civil War re-enactors who were with us, "these good men, they were Americans too who were caught up in a bad time."

A lot of folks were involved in making this event come together, and a lot of attention to detail is needed to make this day a success. One sees the people on the program immediately, but there are a lot of behind the scenes people who do a lot of things that make the day.

Thank you, to Judge Buzz Carloffs for serving as Master of Ceremonies, Mayor Clarice Kirby for her hospitality, Judge Jeff Burdette and Hon. Bill Gregory for their part

on the program; thanks to Mr. Daugherty and the RCHS Band for a superb job and to the American Legion and the FFW for their help.

Thank you to Morgan's 2nd Kentucky Battery and the Laurel Home Guard for bringing their cannons and to the Sons of Confederate Veterans Honor Guard and their Ladies, and to David Chalais as General Robert E. Lee, and to Mike Grimes for his song.

Thank you to John Bullock for his song, to the inmate volunteers, and to Alpha's Flowers and Gifts for her most generous donation of the jewelry laid at the memorial. They were so beautiful! Thank you to Tamie Hale for making the drapes at the eleven hour and making them look fantastic, to Troy Hansell for bringing the fabric for us and taking pictures.

And thank you to the Rockcastle County Magistrates and Fiscal Court for donating the meal and Renfro Valley Lodge for preparing it for the Civil War Group and to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum for providing for tickets for the group to visit the museum.

The event was a huge success and hopefully no one has been omitted who was responsible for helping make this day so grand. If so please

accept the boards apology. Our next event in the spring will honor the Colored Infantry of Rockcastle County.

If you would like to contact the Cemetery Board call Bernice McHargue at 606-256-5740.

Respectfully, Rockcastle County Cemetery Board Bernice Bullock McHargue, Secretary

Dear Editor, I would like to say thank you to everyone who was involved with our Christmas festivities in Mt. Vernon this year.

I'll begin by thanking our city employees who began on Monday in the rain, trying to get everything decorated from Triangle Park down Main Street in time for Friday night's tree lighting ceremony. You always have unexpected things like Monday night's wind blowing the star on the big tree over and a lot of the tree's decorations were blown completely away but they re-did it and Friday night's tree lighting program by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club was beautiful. Thank you fellow Kiwanian members.

Also, I'd like to thank the sound man, Austin Miller, for the program. The performances of Holly Brown

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Obituaries



Delia Denney

Mrs. Delia Mas Denney, 88, of Brodhead died Friday, December 3, 2004 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehab Facility in Brodhead.

Mrs. Denney was born April 11, 1916 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Leroy and Nancy Vaughn Renner. She was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church and a long-time employee of Sowler Nursing Home.

Survivors include her children: Ray Denney (Rationa), Virginia Roberts (Glenn), Janet Barnett (Bill), Wanda Carroll (Leon), and Diana Sizemore, all of Brodhead; 13 grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Renner and a sister, Alice Valkovich. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 6, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Leon Carroll officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Brodhead.

Casketbearers were: Barry and Anthony Carroll, Jeff Kenny and Stanley Roberts, Ronnie Sizemore and Larry Barren.

Honorary bearers were Ray Fields, Patrick Craig, Jerry Martin, Carl Ashley and William Wells.

Condolences to the family may be made to Mrs. Denney's online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com.



Casper Reynolds

Casper Reynolds, 73, of Paint Lick, died Friday, December 3, 2004 at his home. He was born March 19, 1931 in Rockcastle County, the son of Walter and Sophia McKinney Reynolds. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Mt. Vernon Church of God.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Ping Reynolds of Paint Lick; two sons, Marty Reynolds, of Somerset and Randy Reynolds of Lexington; three daughters, Mrs. Gail Jones and Mrs. Liza Dees, both of Berea and Mrs. Rosemary Marionneaux of Richmond; two sisters, Mrs. Wilene DeBorde of Somerset and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Delmas Reynolds.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 6, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Bobby Owens. Burial was in the Ping Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Tony Jones, Jonathan Reynolds, Robert Dees, Michael DeBorde, Steve Marionneaux and Doug Hart.



Maybell Moore

Mrs. Maybell Collins Moore, 67, Pine Hill, died Thursday, December 2, 2004 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Mrs. Moore was born June 24, 1937 at Piney Branch, a daughter of the late Arthur and Edna Westerfield Collins. She was a member of the Holiness faith and a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Edna Joleen Moss (William) of Mt. Vernon and Kelley Jo Coffey (Kenneth), also of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren; one step grandchild; two brothers, Arthur Collins, Jr. and Lloyd Collins, both of Calloway and two sisters, Beatrice Collins and Alva Mullins, both of Calloway.

Besides her parents and husband, Stanley L. Moore, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, George, Hurston and Calvin Collins and two sisters, Elizabeth Napier and Louella Conley.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 5, at the Pine Hill Holiness Church with Bro. Allen Henley, Virgil Bartle and Wayne Miller officiating. Burial was in the Morning View Cemetery at Livingston. Casketbearers were: Sonya Nicole Black, Joseph Quentin Black, Stanley Jay Kemm Anderson, Ashley Steyn Anderson, Danny Hurley and Roy Mark Mullins.

Arrangements were by the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences to the family may be made to Mrs. Moore's online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com.



Thomas Miller

Thomas Augustus Miller, 67, of Mt. Vernon died Sunday, December 5, 2004 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on December 7, 1936; the son of Monroe and Vestal Hardie Miller, was retired from the U.S. Navy, having served during the Vietnam War, and was a member of VFW Post #5908 of Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are a brother, Charles A. Miller of Mt. Vernon and his sister, Betty Bales (Jimmie) of West Chester, OH.

Funeral services for Mr. Miller will be held Thursday, December 9 (today) at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Raymond Offutt. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Mr. Miller may be made by visiting her online registry at www.dowellmartin.com.



Robert L. "Gus" Whitaker

Mr. Robert L. "Gus" Whitaker, 83, of Mt. Vernon died Wednesday, December 1, 2004 in Stanford after a long illness. He was born on September 24, 1921 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Bill and Fannie Norton Whitaker. He was a retired farmer, an Army Veteran of World War II, he enjoyed helping other people, and was a member of the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Zelma Hayes of Brodhead and Mrs. Wilma McCulley of Stanford; twenty-one nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Services were held Saturday, December 4, 2004 at the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church by Bro. Bill Wager officiating. Burial followed in the Freedom Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were: Ronnie Hayes, Bill Mink, Billy Whitaker, Leon Rowe and Cecil McKinney.

Palbearers were Donnie Hayes, Matt Whitaker, Kendall Mink, Lowell Mink and Warren Whitaker.

Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home.



Fannie Rogers

Mrs. Fannie Wyrn Gibbons Rogers, 85, of Crab Orchard died Sunday, December 5, 2004 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Clay County April 3, 1919, the daughter of Wright and Myra Jane Blevins Wynn. She was a homemaker and a member of the Mt. Zion Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Delmas Gibbons (Sandra) of Stanford; three daughters, Betty Simpson (Hulen) and Alva Cash (Arly), all of Crab Orchard and Wanda Fyve Gwyn of Somerset; a sister, Mossie Gibbons of Livingston; 18 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Homer Gibbons; her second husband, Glen Rogers; a son, Denver Gibbons and a daughter, Jane Mullins.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rogers were conducted Wednesday, December 8 at the Mt. Zion Church of Christ in Crab Orchard by Bro. Thaddeus Eubank. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Allen Cash, Travis Cash, Steve Cummins, Brad Gibbons, Johnathon Jasper and Danny Reynolds.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jacob Cummins, Jim Mullins, Mike Mullins, Rick Mullins, Chris Reynolds, J.J. Reynolds, Kelly Reynolds and Weston Smith.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Condolences to the family of Mrs. Rogers may be made by visiting her online registry at www.dowellmartin.com.



Richard Smith

Richard Gordon Smith, 71, of Flat Gap Road, Berea (Rockcastle County), died Sunday, November 28, 2004 at his residence from cancer. He was born in Alexandria Bay, New York, on September 30, 1933, the son of Russell Donald and Rosaline Wilix Smith. He was retired from Hyster Co. in Berea and was a Veteran of the Korean War.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Grace Toting Smith.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 30 at the Chapel of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Arnold Pingleton officiating. Burial was Thursday, December 2nd at Mill Springs National Cemetery in Nancy, Ky.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Berea. Condolences to the family may be made to Mr. Smith's online registry at www.lakecumberlandfuneralhome.com.

Cards of Thanks

Luster Chasten

The family of Luster Chasten would like to express their appreciation to all the family, friends, schools, churches and other organization who gave so willingly their support during our most difficult time.

Thank you to all the donations of food, money and especially the prayers.

May God bless each and everyone.

The Chastens Family

George Jones

We, the family of George Jones, would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who was there for us during this sickness and during our time of loss. To the rockcastle Health and rehab staff, thank you so much for the wonderful care you gave him and the kindness shown to us. To the Rockcastle Hospital staff and Dr. Hamilton, thank you for all you've done for him through the years. We really appreciate you. To Bro. Wayne Harding and Bro. Shelby Reynolds, your words of kindness meant so much to us. God bless you. To his Masonic Brothers, thank you for such a beautiful ceremony. To Marvin and Judy Owens and staff, thank you for all you did, you really helped make this time easier for us.

Whether it was a hug, a kind word, a prayer, your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. Thank you.

Margie and Family

A member of the Christian faith, Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Tucker Smith; three sons, Russell Mark Smith of Pine Island, FL, James Lloyd Smith (Sandra) of Oak Harbor, Washington and Norman Dean Smith of Berea; one daughter, Debbie Bullock (Jack) of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Russell James Smith (Bonnie) of Sparr, FL; one sister, Nancy I. Mathews (William) of Perry, FL and seven grandchildren.

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Also, a special thanks to Bro. Ova Baker for his comforting words and message and to the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ singers for singing Mama's favorite song and Bro. McNeer.

To Donald & Martin, our heartfelt gratitude for being there for us, for your assistance and most of all for your kindness.

May God richly bless each of you. Russell and Ann, Lorena and Kenneth, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Richard G. Smith
The family of Richard G. Smith wishes to thank everyone for their kindness at our time of loss.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to:
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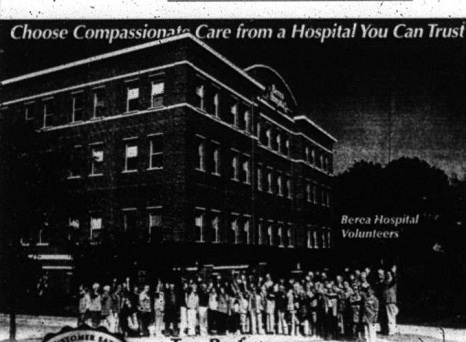
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Library News



Ms. Pam Chaliff, Rockcastle County Public Library Director

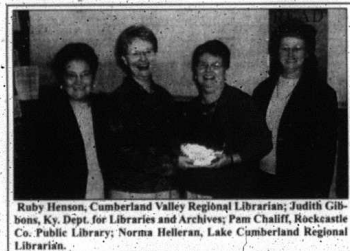
Ms. Pam Chaliff, Rockcastle County Public Library Director and Bookmobile Librarian attended a "celebration of Bookmobiles" at Pulaski County Public Library. Each bookmobile librarian attending was presented with a gold seal for their bookmobile and a pin. The bookmobile service, as we know it today began in 1954. Ellen Hellard, former outreach and bookmobile services person at Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives spoke on bookmobile service throughout the years in the state of Kentucky. She touched on books shipped in wooden crates, the Packhorse Library, and other means of providing service to the citizens of the state. Kentucky's bookmobile program is recognized nationally for its excellence in providing service and for its storied tradition and longevity. From 1954 our state has led the nation in the number of bookmobiles and continues to rank Number One today.

For those who are not familiar with the Rockcastle County Public Library this is a perfect time to get acquainted with all of the free resources your library has to offer, why not start the New Year off with a library card. There is absolutely no charge for your library card, just the time it takes to fill out some information. The library offers books for all ages, audio books, videos for children as well as adults; computer-internet access, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, genealogy research, etc. Story hour for preschoolers is every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. unless the weather doesn't cooperate. There are three more story hours left in the month of December the 14th, 21st, and the 28th. Bring your little ones on down to have a good time with numbers, colors, shapes, abcs, nursery rhymes, short stories, crafts and a snack. These are just a few things we offer at your library.

The mission of the Rockcastle County Library is to be the information station for all ages, and to promote literacy in our community. We are located at 60 Ford Drive in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Our telephone number is 606-256-2388, E-mail us at rcpbl@mktree.com, our Website is www.rockcastlelibrary.com. Contact @ your library!



Ellen Hellard, former KDLA outreach/bookmobile services, Pam Chaliff, Rockcastle Co. Public Library.



Ruby Henson, Cumberland Valley Regional Librarian; Judith Gibson, Ky. Dept. for Libraries and Archives; Pam Chaliff, Rockcastle Co. Public Library; Norma Hellera, Lake Cumberland Regional Librarian.

"Letters"

(Cont. from A-2)

Shawn Burdette were a delight for everyone present. Thanks for braving the cold and giving us your delightful Christmas present. Thanks to Robert Lawson for being MC and Jim Cox for being the photographer. The Rockcastle Co. Brass Band, Greg the director of director Greg Daugherty, was the clincher for a great program. Thank you each one.

Jumping in to the next day, Saturday, I need to thank everyone who came out to participate in the parade. It was a beautiful day but it certainly was cold. Thanks to each of you for showing off your floats or organizations.

Thanks to Chief Terry Jackson for you and your MVFD helping to lead the parade and block the streets along the Sheriff's Department and State Police. Thanks to Country Charlie for all the hard work you put into making it a better parade by announcing and spinning music down Main Street all morning prior to the parade, providing music for the Bittersweet Cloggers. They were really appreciated for adding dancing to our program. Thanks to WRVK for letting us hook up and to be on the air waves.

I'm continually trying to add things to our existing programs and we add photos for floats this year. Thanks Judges for going out and choosing our winners. And last but not least, I want to thank Chris Kirby for his help in lining up the parade with Chief Gary Hessel and MVFD. I apologize if anyone has been left out, let us know and next week I'll add you in.

I especially want to thank the "Sons of Confederate Soldiers" with all their great and artillery gunners who marched all the way through Main on up to the cemetery for that program. You were very good honor guards and I appreciate your coming to be with us on our Christmas parade.

I would also like to thank Ray Philbeck for bringing his horse drawn carriage and giving Santa and Mrs. Claus a ride to Main St. Thank you Mt. Vernon Signal for all your help in our promotions and for making room for my thank you's.

Sincerely,
Mayor Clarence R. Kirby

Dear Editor,
I am a regular customer of the local Taco Bell where I have been stopping to eat for a year. I stop there about twice a week to dine on my way to work. The employees there have always been nothing but nice. They entertain you while you wait for your food by talking to you or singing.

Recently, I was in the facility and things were a lot different. I walked up to the counter where a lady that I later found out is supposed to be the manager took my order while fighting with her husband who was sitting in the lobby. Next, I sat down to eat when the staff came into the dining area and began cleaning with very strong solution all around me. I got my food and left. I will not be back, they lost my business.

Patricia Horner
Cub Orchard, Ky.

Dear Editor,
This is a response to Thomas Little's letter last week in the Mount Vernon Signal.

Though I am not a Jehovah's witness, nor a Baptist, nor a Catholic in fact I subscribe to no religion, it is people like you who in fact turn people like me off religion. Your words in your letter actually reminded me of Osama Bin Laden and his contempt for the American people and how we are called infidels because we believe in a different religion than him.

The last time I checked bigotry was not a Christian value, nor is it a value in any other religion. The New Testament, if you read it, preaches about love and acceptance. Though in your mind set you want to oppress other peoples beliefs. A majority does not a right make and that is why our religions they are called "beliefs". Only a fact is a correct like 1+1=2. If the majority of people believed 1+3=2 that would be their prerogative.

Drop the hate, because the only one that comes off as looking bad with letters like you wrote is yourself.

Chris Longhurst

Dear Editor:
Water is one of the basic necessities of life. We need it to drink, to wash, to live. Even our bodies are a high percentage of water. While you are reading this, get a clear glass of water out of your sink, providing that you don't use a water purification system of some sort.

1. Hold the glass up to the light. Do you see anything (craps)?
2. Smell the water. What does it

smell like? (Craps?)

Taste the water: What does it taste like? (Craps?)

In all three tests, the common denominator is Craps!!

OK, now taking into consideration there are 15,000+ people in Rockcastle. Now, let's say 10,000 have running water provided by yours and my water company. Say the average monthly bill is \$10 a month. Approximately \$10,000 dollars per month. I don't know what the water company's budget is, but do you think they could spare enough to at least buy a new filter? True, some of the problem could be in the pipes of the private residents, which the residents should pay for. But with the tests above, if two or more tastes the same, we could still consider it a private resident's problem. If five or more of us complain; it could still be considered the private resident's problem. If ten or more, then we have to start thinking about where the water comes from. So, call your neighbors and ask them if they took this test. If so, and the results are still the same, have them call the water and ask them why do they receive your hard earned money?

The large figure that we spoke about earlier, true or not, is a monthly figure, not a yearly one. There are plenty of locations to get drinking water. If we get no results, then turn off your water heaters first, then boycott and refuse to pay your bill. If they threaten to throw you in jail, get a lawyer to represent you and sue them. Until we get water we can drink, don't flush your commodes.

What would happen if the electrical company provided insufficient voltage. You would call them right now. Not to mention the medical problems that could be caused by the water. So call 256-2879 or 256-4441 and tell them to drink it!

Yours truly,
Non-Water Drinking Resident
Chuck Davis

I have sat back and listened to many fess and complain about this 911 service for months now. This is something that I thought would pass in time, but it is obvious that everybody has decided to get on the soapbox. Everybody wants to blame somebody. I couldn't help but get upset about the article in last week's paper. Ms. West, I am truly sorry about your experience but I am confused about how it is 911's fault that the ambulance service would not transport your daughter where she preferred to be. The ambulance service is a separate service from the 911 service. The 911 center (coordinator or dispatcher) cannot tell the ambulance service how to handle their ambulance runs or the protocol, the

supervisor has chosen for the staff to follow. Personally, if I were in that had a need for medical assistance, I would just be glad someone was there, to answer the phone to get me the help I needed, whether I was taken to Mt. Vernon, Berea or even Lexington, either of the three would have been trained and educated staff with the equipment needed to perform tasks needed to test and/or regulate my health conditions.

I feel the 911 center has more than given this community the service expected for the funds the service has to operate with. With your land line telephone service, each month, there is a two dollar (\$2.00) fee applied to your bill. During the time I have taken to do a little research that is estimated to be thirteen thousand (\$13,000) dollars a month. Out of that income, electric bills, heat bills, phone bills, equipment maintenance and daily operation costs must be paid. Also included in that estimated \$13,000 a payroll has to be made. In comparison to the surrounding counties, the employees of the 911 center in Rockcastle County are extremely under paid. Operating a community service is very expensive. With that being said, and referring back to Ms. West's comments, do the math. The money runs out long before all of the mentioned debts are met. Our Fiscal Court graciously helps it up by the loose ends.

Before 911 was established, we had to call City Hall for a fire emergency, because the fire departments were dispatched from there. We had to call a hospital for an ambulance, the Sheriff's office for an officer, so forth and so on. In a time of need, an emergency, I am glad that three little numbers are all I have to remember because I am not sure that I or anyone else, for that matter, would have the body set to try to figure out which number to call if our house was on fire. Even basic 911, like here in Rockcastle, is an improvement to the way things were done before. I am glad that we now have one centralized location to call and the staff in that one office knows the procedure and has the equipment to dispatch the needed officer, ambulance, fire department, etc. This saves time. What

happens if my mom is having a stroke? With the way things were before, if I called City Hall for assistance by mistake, they didn't have the equipment to dispatch the ambulance service. They would have had to call the hospital by phone and much time would have been wasted. As said before, I feel as though this county has improved over the years. I am glad we can teach our children to dial three simple numbers and the staff of 911 is there and able to dispatch the call and direct the appropriate officials.

Since everybody has been so eager to give their opinion, here it mine. It is easy to get on and point fingers, but it takes special people to do the jobs these dispatchers, coordinators, ambulance drivers, police officers and fire fighters have dedicated themselves to doing each and every day of their lives. Ms. Bonnie Roark has caught a lot of heat from numerous people with people saying she doesn't do her job, mapping hasn't been completed and the list goes on. For anyone interested, the 911 board meets the first Thursday of each month. By attending those meetings, you will come to realize the mapping is nearly complete.

Ms. Norma Reams has done an exceptional job addressing the county. However, the process does not stop there. Her information has to be relayed and coincide with information from the post office and Alltel. Anyone who has attended some of the last board meetings were aware the board was reviewing several applications for two positions that became available after two dispatchers passed the Kentucky State Police Dispatchers Test and were hired to dispatch by two separate Kentucky State Police Posts. To me that is a honor not only for the dispatchers, but for the agency from which both dispatchers began their career.

Many more issues could be discussed but I think this muddling mess has gone on long enough. Everybody has a job to do. My advice - we should concentrate on our own job and let Ms. Roark do hers.

Rebecca Maupin
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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Meeting Location - Rockcastle County Board of Education/245 Richmond Street
DRAFT AGENDA

Regular Meeting
December 14, 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:** Instruction/Assessment Presentation (Rebecca Isaacs & David Peasol)
- 4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS**
 - A. Approve minutes of the November 8, 2004 & November 9, 2004 Meetings
 - B. Approve bills for payment
 - C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4
 - D. Approve AmeriCorps/Student Service Consortium Center for 2005 - 2006 school year
 - E. Approve School Trips
- 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:**
 - A. Review/approve Workers Compensation Insurance bid proposal as received from Neace Lakens, Centennial Plaza, 895 Central Avenue, Suite 1100, Cincinnati, OH 45202
 - B. Review/approve U.N.I.T.E. School Drug Counselor Agreement
- 6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW**
 - A. Review Monthly Financial Report
 - B. Review Month 4 Attendance Report
 - C. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
 - D. KSBA Annual Conference (attendance/registration)
 - E. Dental and Life Insurance Benefits
 - F. Other
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

City of Mt. Vernon holds Tree Lighting Ceremony



Teresa Vanzant, Kiwanis Club Spiritual Aims Chairman, organized the program that has become a special event for our community.



Shawn Burdette helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit with his songs.



The Rockcastle County High School Band, under the direction of Greg Daugherty, always finds time to come out and add to the program regardless of the cold weather. The Kiwanis Club, along with Mayor Kirby, appreciate their willingness to share their talents.



Ms. Holly Brown entertained the crowd singing Christmas songs in the gazebo. Thanks also to Austin Miller for running the sound system.



Santa's elves, Brenda McKnight and Crystal Griffin, were on hand distributing candy canes to the children.



The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club along with the City of Mt. Vernon kicked off the Christmas season with the annual program and tree lighting in triangle park in Mt. Vernon. Kiwanis Club members present are shown above, front row from left: Robert Lawson, Gary Mink, Becky Hansel, Libby Hammons, Clarice Kirby and Marsha Cox; Back row from left: James Miller, Tammy Cox, Troy Hansel, Teresa Vanzant and Shirley Cox.



Kiwanis Club member Robert Lawson was Master of Ceremony.

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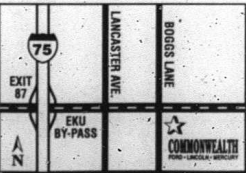
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Cub Scout News

Submitted
 Brodhead Cub Scout Pack 409 has had a couple of busy weeks. At our monthly pack meeting, we discussed upcoming events, including a night of basketball, movies and junk food at the Troop 118 Lock in at the Rockcastle YMCA. In January, we will return to the YMCA for our first Polar Bear Splash.

Cub Scouts from all around the region have the opportunity to experience an underwater adventure during an overnight trip to the Newport Aquarium. The fun begins after everybody else leaves! There will be a scavenger hunt, crafts, food in the aquarium restaurant and plenty of learning. Webelos will go in January and Bear & Wolf Scouts will go in April.

We also agreed during our pack meeting to gather more information about a big trip for late summer/early fall. This would center around a weekend trip to the USS Yorktown in Charleston, SC. If we get to go, we will be spending the night aboard a retired aircraft carrier, sleeping in the crew's quarters and eating in the galley. Also in the Charleston area is the South Carolina Aquarium, an IMAX theater and Fort Sumter. When we find out more information, we will be able to make more solid plans but we're keeping our fingers crossed in the meantime.

Our Webelos had a busy day after the Raingutter Regatta. They raced all morning, then went to WRVK radio station as part of their communicative achievement. They each got to introduce themselves on the radio and learned a lot from Kevin Roberts at the station. We would like to thank Mr. Roberts and the station for taking the time to meet with us an

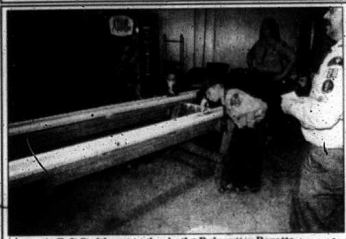
answer all our questions.
 Pack 409 has a Toys for Tots box at Brodhead Darts Delight. If you are in the area and are able, please consider making a donation of a new toy, unwrapped and in the original container. Toys are being collected all over Rockcastle County for distribution on December 18th at Rockcastle High School. The toys will be distributed to needy families for Christmas. Our pack will also be at the "store" to assist in any way possible. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.

We are very excited to announce our third place in the E.J. Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade, held in Brodhead this past Saturday. Our theme was "Jesus is the reason for the season and the reason for our freedom." A lot of time and effort went into our float and we are very grateful for the award. Thanks to all the parents and scouts who showed up to help set up, march, ride and clean up afterwards. We had a great time working together. Thanks to Quilters Haven in Renfro Valley for supplying our flags and material, Danielle and Frankie for the trailer, Ray for the engineering expertise, Livingston Christian Church for the nativity and everyone who came out to cheer us on. You guys are the best.

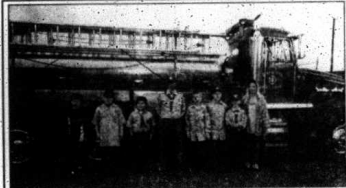
All of the parents and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 409 would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. Please remember that Jesus is the reason for the season and the reason for our freedom. Jesus is also the reason for our freedom, so please continue to pray for our troops. President and leaders.



The Cub Scouts take a trip to WRVK. Pictured are: Kevin Roberts (WRVK DJ), Michael Brewer, R.J. Smith, Dylan Russell, Dylan Hensley and Glen Smith (Webelos Leader).



R.J. Smith competing in the Raingutter Regatta.



Pictured at the Raingutter Race are: David Lawson, Dylan Hensley, Michael Brewer, Glen Smith (Webelos Leader), T.J. Russell, Dylan Russell, R.J. Smith and Pam Busiell (Asst. Webelos Leader).

"Points East"

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fresh pork to make an evening meal or breakfast the next morning. Arlie Adams, in particular, was a master at trimming hams, shoulders, tenderloins, rib racks; side meat and other cuts to absolutely smooth, artistic, perfection. As a result, there were always several pounds of nice trimmings well-fitted for the frying pan to be shared with the helping hands. Then, on Christmas Morning, af-

ter the presents had been opened and we kids ran door to door up and down the hall to see what Santa Claus had brought out school-mates, our mouths would water because the air was filled with smoke carrying the delicious aroma of home-basted hams roasting in wood fired ovens.

Suffice to say that nobody showed up late on Blair Branch when it came time for Christmas Dinner.

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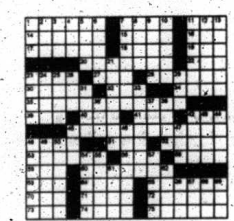
Miss Peyton Elise Playle, age 3, proudly announces the birth of her sister, Parker Elizabeth Playle. Parker was born to Darin and Angela (McKinney) Playle of Nashville, Tennessee on Sunday, October 24, 2004. She weighed 7 1/4 pounds and was 20 3/4 inches long. Peyton and Parker are the granddaughters of Jerry and Betty Playle of Criswell, Tennessee and Danny and Betty Jo McKinney of Brodhead. They are the great granddaughters of Clarice McKinney, also of Brodhead.



Hi! My name is Dawson Oscar Gibbons. I was born on November 8, 2004 at Marymount Medical Center. I weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs, and was 18 1/2 inches long. My proud parents are Oscar and Loretta Gibbons of Livingston. My grandparents are Mose and the late Melvin Gibbons of Livingston and Ronnie and Joyce Neesley of Booneville. I was welcomed home by my big brother Kevin.

Kentucky Crossword

See answers in next week's edition



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- 1 Takes a vow
 - 7 Fortune
 - 11 Elevation
 - 14 North American Indian
 - 15 A Mammoth Cave river
 - 17 Morn'g moisture
 - 17 Tom T. Hall and Roy Rogers' native KY co.
 - 18 Winged
 - 19 South southeast
 - 20 Plane flying acrobat
 - 22 Bullfight cheer
 - 23 Pulaski Co. area, or prod
 - 27 Valentine mo.
 - 28 WY fault line New York or capital of Spain
 - 30 Specialty of Chrisman Mills (Nicholasville)
 - 32 Madras
 - 34 Comply
 - 35 One of Kenton Co.'s two seats
 - 39 Derby month
 - 41 To be
 - 41 Condemn
 - 42 Canoe propeller
 - 45 Kentuckian, 14th US VP
 - 46 One of three KY counties named for a river
 - 51 Kentucky's PBS station
 - 52 Lofly
 - 53 Daniel Boone's sister (buried in Tompkinsville)
 - 56 Type of sleep
 - 58 Long time periods
 - 59 Rice novel, "Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"
 - 60 Tarmec
 - 63 Winner of six Kentucky Golden Glove titles (boxing)
 - 64 Small ground plot
- Down
- 1 Pouch
 - 2 Depression era org. with projects in KY
 - 3 Serving of corn
 - 4 Parody
 - 5 Happy Chandler (subbed him: "Sales Tax Tom")
 - 6 Letter part
 - 7 Node (2 wds.)
 - 8 Only school with more NCAA mens basketball championships than UK
 - 9 1997 Derby winner, Silver
 - 10 Menifee Co. hamlet, or Asian Peninsula
 - 11 Soak up
 - 12 Home KY county of the Osborne brothers
 - 13 Owner of Derby Secretariat and Riva Ridge
 - 21 Hike
 - 22 Move through the water
 - 24 Knott Co. hamlet, or R&B singer Turner
 - 25 UK's all-time hula leader, drafted by MLB Diamondbacks
 - 26 Honey maker
 - 29 Fattale deer
 - 31 Cabinet
 - 33 Charged
 - 36 Before, postically
 - 37 Not (Prefix)
 - 38 Type of business (abbr.)
 - 42 Small
 - 43 Water (Spanish)
 - 44 Cincinnati baseball team
 - 45 voyage
 - 46 Skin and hair protein
 - 47 Anger
 - 48 Resistance
 - 49 KY county of John Fox Jr.'s Inspiration Mountain
 - 50 Within
 - 54 Abundant
 - 55 Puled
 - 57 Two famous ones are
 - 61 Genuine Risk and Regret
 - 62 "City" in Barren County, or mill town, or type of milk shake
 - 66 Deface
 - 67 Mercer Co.'s famous Graham Springs, for one
 - 68 Clairvoyance
 - 69 Affirmative

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelips
 Free Greenery
 As bells jingle and the mailbox fills with "sales" and catalogs, I would like to take a few minutes and see if we can arrive at some ways to keep the "green" (or plastic!) in your wallet and still obtain some seasonal greenery for your holidays.

Today I saw a concrete pot of "flowers" on a front porch as I drove down main street. This has no ordinary pot of flowers though. For the flowers had large shiny leaves borrowed from a neighborhood magnolia grandiflora—and the "blossom" was a seed head from the same magnolia tree.

Frankly I don't get into a "Christmas spirit" anymore (unless popping a cork might count once in awhile). But I know from the icicle lights and the pretty wreaths adorning so many doors, that most of you do.

So let's go outside and look around and you might be surprised at the free decorations you can find in your yard, on your block, or along that overgrown lane to an old farmhouse.

Here's some ideas I've come up with, and you'll probably think of others as we go on our imaginary greenery-gathering expedition, together.

For garlands, wreaths or bouquets we might find vines such as trumpet creeper or ivy or grapevines. How about some evergreen wild honeysuckle, it must be good for something!

Magnolia leaves, rosemary, wormwood, sedge grass perhaps? Of course, pine and holly and mistletoe bougns and sprigs. Deciduous hollies, cotoneasters, beautyberries each have bunches of berries and are least this time of the year—they can be the "blossom" in a flower arrangement that will last a long time, not just the holidays.

For aromatic greenery, see if you can locate some frazier fir, balsam fir, or cansas fir. If you know of a noble fir tree, see if you can beg a few boughs from the owner! (The noble fir has the best aroma I can think of in the greenery department.)

More berries may be found on nandina, indian hawthorn, and yucca (watch for thorns). Wax myrtle and bayberry both have waxy coated aromatic berries. (You probably know bayberry is the source of the scented bayberry candles. Seek out some real branches of these plants and apply to the stove and the eyes at the same time.)

Ferns, evergreen Manhattan fir spindle tree synonymous are examples

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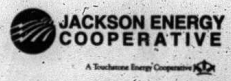
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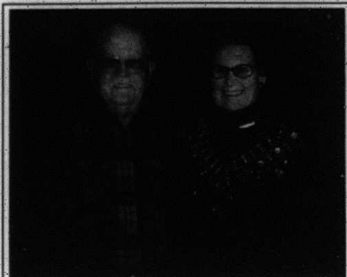
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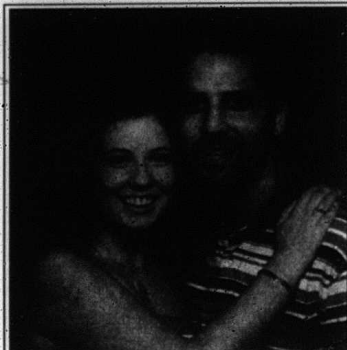


64th Wedding Anniversary

C.S. and Marie McKinney of Rt. 1 Mt. Vernon celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on November 28th with their children - Sharon, Lillian and Jack and all their grandchildren. We wish them a happy anniversary and many many more. We all love you both very much.

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Eric is the grandson of Johnny and Beverly Taylor of Brodhead and Margaret Helton and the late Phillip Helton of Mt. Vernon. Eric is a 1999 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and has recently completed a degree at the University of Kentucky in Decision Information Systems. He is currently employed by the University of Kentucky.

The wedding will take place January 1, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. A reception will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall of the church. No formal invitations are being sent. All family and friends are invited to attend.



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Eagle Echoes

Library Media Center News

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success, thanks to the students, volunteers and staff. Approximately \$1,100 was generated in books and other library resources for the classroom, library and students of Roundstone Elementary School. With the help of community support, we met our goal of every student at Roundstone receiving a book.

A special thanks to the following volunteers and community supporters for their continued support of our Book Fair at Roundstone Elementary School: Trish Jett, Doris Cromer, Susan Jordison, Paige Beischer, Tabitha Dees, Jennifer Shelton, Bea Chasteen, Fannie Lamb, Barbara

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 13th: Popart or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Tuesday, December 14th: Chicken biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Wednesday, December 15th: Pancakes & syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Thursday, December 16th: Manager's Choice.

Friday, December 17th: Gravy & biscuit, sausage or cereal, biscuit/jelly or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday, December 13th: Corn dog, macaroni or chili, cold pork 'n beans, jello, milk.

Tuesday, December 14th: Sub sandwich, baked beans, lettuce/pickle, chips, pudding, milk.

Wednesday, December 15th: Chicken patty on bun or corn dog, potatoes, pickle spear, fruit dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 16th: Hamburger on bun or sandwich, lettuce/pickle, spicy fries, fruit dessert, milk.

Friday, December 17th: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, veggies & dip, crackers, Fruit dessert, milk.

Hall, Jennifer Cabrera, Mist Dees, Anna Coffey, Beth Eston, Lois Dees, Debbie Moore, Deborah Newland, Norma Eversole, Darrell Collinsworth, Julie Lake, Connie Taylor, Kathryn Payne, Emily Penzol, Patricia Simmons, Tanya Adkins, Janie King, Diane Walker, Kim Tincher, Stephen Bleivins, Lisa Hensley, Linda Davidson, Ron Warf, Rachel Johnson, Robynne Parkerson, Ruby Maupin, all Roundstone Elementary School staff members, Dairy Queen, Dr. John Parsons, Parsons Gas, Dr. Michael Hamilton, Coffey & Ford Attorneys at Law, Billy Reynolds, Judge Jeff Burdette and Dr. James Chiam.

Book Fair was a busy week for the students, staff and volunteers at Roundstone Elementary. The students enjoyed a walk through on the Friday before the Book Fair. During the walk through, students were able to take a look at the books that would be on sale during the Book Fair. Staff and volunteers enjoyed special refreshments on the Friday before the Book Fair as they shopped and filled out their classroom Wish Lists and signed up for door prizes. Our delicious refreshments were prepared by Deborah Newland, Norma Eversole, Darrell Collinsworth, Julie Lake, Connie Taylor, Kathryn Payne, Emily Penzol and Godfather's Pizza. All students were entered for daily door-prize drawings. Staff and volunteer door prizes were also given. Classroom BINGO winners included Ms. April's classroom (ice cream donated by Dairy Queen and \$15 gift certificate to spend at the Spring Book Fair); Ms. Adkins (\$10 classroom gift certificate) and Ms. Violi (\$5 classroom gift certificate). On Thursday, November 11th, families and community members gathered from 6 to 7 p.m. to listen to the Danville Pipe Band and from 7 to 8 p.m., they enjoyed shopping at the Book Fair and listening to local storyteller and retired teacher, Ms. Norma Eversole.



Citizens Bank CEO and president Corey Craig presents RCMS Y-Club president with embossed portfolios that the students will be taking to the Kentucky Youth Assembly. Also in the photo are Y-Club members Logan Kincer, Cody Kirby, Kayla Rowe, Brook Bowlin, Loren Reynolds and Rachel Woodall. Also in the photo are club advisors Tracy Gabbard and Nancy Hale.

Citizens Bank continues tradition of giving

By Loren Reynolds

RCMS Y-Club Project Chairperson
To many people, a bank is simply an institution that takes your money. However, that is not how the Rockcastle County Middle School Y-Club views Citizens Bank. Our members see the bank as one of our strongest supporters, genuinely interested in our education and the service projects in which we participate. This is evident by the tradition that Citizens Bank began several years ago of providing embossed portfolios for each student delegate who attends the Kentucky Youth Assembly. While serving in the Senate, House of Representatives or Supreme Court, all delegates strive to "look" professional. Having our own portfolios to carry and use, adds to the business attire which we are required to wear for the three days we are at the State Legislative program.

We appreciate Mr. Corey Craig and Citizens Bank for again providing each RCMS student delegate with the portfolios to use at the Kentucky Youth Assembly. Dec. 12-15. Our students and advisors always ask us when we get our portfolios, and when we tell them that they are pro-

vided by one of our local banks, they seem rather amazed that an organization like a bank would take such a personal interest in our school and club.

So, again, thank you Citizens Bank. This year's candidates for state office and other participants from RCMS include:

Katy Mantling, RCMS Y-Club president and candidate for KYA Governor 2005.

Logan Kincer, Y-Club vice president and KYA Supreme Court advocate.

Cody Kirby, Y-Club treasurer and House of Representatives Bill Author.

Loren Reynolds, Y-Club service project chairperson and House of Representatives Bill Author.

Kayla Rowe, Y-Club publicity chairperson and House of Representatives Bill Author.

Rachel Woodall, Y-Club secretary and candidate for speaker of the House/President of the Senate.

Brook Bowlin, Y-Club chaplain and Senate Bill Author.

The club advisors are Mrs. Nancy Hale and Mr. Tracy Gabbard.

Tiger Pause

Holiday Celebration. Come for dinner and a show at Broadhead Elementary on Tuesday, October 14th at 6 p.m. There will be soup beans and cornbread, drink and a dessert available from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5 a plate for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. The Holiday Celebration begins at 7 p.m. and is free. There will be performances by the Bluegrass Band *Never On Time* and *The Hunt Sisters*. Broadhead students will sing Christmas carols. Mrs. Kathy McKibben from the Rockcastle County Library will be reading *The Night Before Christmas*. There will also be a special visit from Santa. Everyone is welcome.

Elementary Literacy Bags. Fifty-five elementary literacy backpacks have been designed by career and technical students in Rockcastle County. The bags include a book, math activity, science activity, arts/crafts activity or coloring page. Some bags will even include hand puppets, recorded books and cassette player and other interesting learning activities. A set of 55 bags will be donated to each of the three elementary school libraries in the county to be checked out by parents. Funding for this project is provided by Rockcastle Community Education, Service Learning Grant, Even Start Grant, Tech Prep, Title I, along with the Rockcastle Area Technology Center

and Rockcastle County High School Career and Technical Organizations. ARBES, Mrs. Sandy Taylor, school librarian, gives out two backpacks per class each week.

Custodians Honored. BES PTA honored the custodians at Broadhead Elementary last month. BES appreciates this fine group of dedicated employees. They keep our school very clean and are always willing to help with extra activities. Thanks again to Mr. Ronnie Arnold, Mr. Jackie Lawrence, Mr. David Wayne Burton and Mr. Charles Lawrence!

Upcoming Events, December 14: SBDM 3:30; BFCR Advisory Council 6:00; PTA Holiday Celebration 7:00. December 16: Girl Scouts meet for Christmas Celebration. December 20-31: No School. January 3: School resumes.

Yearbook Orders: Orders for the 2004-05 BES yearbooks are being taken now. The books will have a soft cover and will be in full color. The cost is \$10 per book. Please send in full payment to reserve a yearbook. There will be NO EXTRA books available after printing. Please order now.

Labels and Box Tapes: The holiday season is a busy cooking season. Please remember to save your Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills box tops. BES thanks you for helping! *Happy Holidays!!!*



BES custodians honored for their work. From left: Charles Lawrence, Ronnie Arnold, David Wayne Burton and Jackie Lawrence.

Holiday Celebration

Come for "Dinner and a Show"
At
Broadhead Elementary School
Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 6:00 pm

We will be serving Soup Beans and Corn Bread, Drink and a Dessert from 6:00 pm until 6:45 pm. The cost is \$5.00 a plate and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

After dinner, make your way into the gym for some bluegrass music performance by the group, "Never on Time". Also joining us with a performance, will be "The Hunt Sisters". We will have Christmas Caroling done by Broadhead Elementary Students, Kathy McKibben, from the Mount Vernon Library, will be reading "The Night Before Christmas". The night would not be complete without a special visit from Santa!

Bring your camera and join us for an evening with family, friends, neighbors, good food, music, story telling and a special visit from Santa.

Dinner is served from 6:00 pm until 6:45 pm.
\$5.00 a plate / 12 and under, \$2.50 a plate.

The show starts at 7:00 pm and is free!



Cody Shelton enjoying the Scholastic Book Fair at Roundstone Elementary School.



Ms. Norma Eversole, retired teacher, shares a story with the children at Family Reading Night.



Roundstone Elementary School's first and second grade classes had a Beef Stew Drive for "Make A Difference Day" in October. Ms. Ruby Maupin, an Americorp member from Berea, planned the event. The Drive lasted for a week and consisted of a contest between the first and second grade classes. The class that collected the most cans of beef stew received a pizza party from Godfather's Pizza in Mt. Vernon. Ms. Lisa Nee's first grade class, pictured above, won the event by collecting 93 cans. The classes collected a combined total of 160 cans. The beef stew was donated to the local food bank. Ms. Maupin ended the week by inviting several of Ms. Patsy Morgan's fifth grade students to be guest readers to several of Ms. Tonya Clark's morning and afternoon kindergarten students.

Wells named CKSMA's Outstanding Librarian

Janet Wells, Library Media Specialist at Rockcastle County High School, was recently named Outstanding School Library Media Specialist of the Year by members of the Central Kentucky School Media Association. She was recognized and received a plaque at the meeting in Franklin County.

Wells is in her twentieth year of teaching at Rockcastle County High School, with the past ten as the school's Library Media Specialist. She is active in several school and district committees and sponsors the RCMS Club. She has served as Chairperson for both the CKSMA Scholarship Committee and the CKSMA Outstanding Librarian Committee, and regularly attends meetings at both the district and state levels. She has also taught as an adjunct instructor in Eastern Kentucky University's Library Science Department, and has supervised ECU Library Science Practicum students as they complete their studies and field work to become certified school library media specialists. The CKSMA is one of the largest associations in the state and includes li-

brary media specialists from the following school districts and colleges: Ashby College, Berea College, Berea Independent, Bourbon County, Boyle County, Burgin Independent, Centre College, Clark County, Danville Independent, Eastern Kentucky University, East Union County, Fayette County, Frankfort Independent, Franklin County, Garrard County, Georgetown College, Harrison County, Harrodsburg Independent, Jackson County, Jessamine County, Kentucky State University, Lee County, Lexington Community College, Lexington Technical Institute, Lincoln County, Madison County, Mercer County, Midway College, Montgomery County, Nicholas County, Paris Independent, Powell County, Rockcastle County, Scott County, State Department of Education, Transylvania University, University of Kentucky, and Woodford County. Each year CKSMA recognizes an outstanding library media specialist and awards scholarships to graduate students in library science programs. CKSMA is one of the districts within the Kentucky School Media Association and is affiliated with the Kentucky Library Association.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of 12/09/04
Please plan to attend the Pentatone Concert on Thursday, December 9th. Performances for the student body will be at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Performances for the public will be at 6:30. We hope to see you then.
Nominations for parent member of the Site Based Decision Making Council are due by Friday, December 10.

Mrs. Carter's and Mrs. Smith's P1 classes will be performing for the Rockcastle Respiratory Care Unit on Friday, December 10th.
Mrs. Clontz's and Mrs. Cable's P2 classes will be performing at the Rockcastle Respiratory Care Unit on Wednesday, December 15.

Several classes will be attending the bowling trip on December 15 to put to use their bowling scoring skills they obtain in gym class.
FTG News

Our monthly PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. Parent SBDM members will be elected at the meeting. Please attend. Every vote counts!
Family Resource Center News
Monday, December 13 is FRC

Computer classes and Nite Owl Volunteers at 6 p.m. Also, Brownie Troop 484 and Jr. 657 will meet at 3:05.

Project Wisdom
Readers for last week were: Cody Ramsey, Hazel Bullock and Eli French, students and Shelley Parkerson, P3 teacher was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is: "The best gifts are tied with heartstrings."

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Thursday, Dec. 9th, 2004, in the MVES Gymnasium 6:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Mrs. Jamie Cornelius

History is alive at RCCHS

The 1920's were alive and well at RCCHS last Friday afternoon as students enrolled in the new split block US History/English, III classes attended a "Great Gatsby Party" held in the school's library. The event is a continued effort by the Social Studies and English Departments to bring history and literature alive to students.

Members of the classes created, came dressed as their favorite Gatsby character or in period costume as flappers or fashionable men of the

time. The party was a collaborative effort of RCCHS, the Rockcastle Basic Arts Program, EKU Dance Theatre and the RCCHS Foods classes, taught by Mrs. Catia Parsons. Mrs. Debbie Coleman and Mrs. Angela Baker coordinated the festivities and reported a success as all students were taught the Charleston and the Swing by two EKU Dance Department students.

Nearly sixty percent of the 110 students enrolled in the classes participated by dressing in the event.



From left, Michael Lovell, Megan Anderkin, Zach Hale, Coty Howard, Elizabeth Scarborough and Heather Kerns cut a rug doing the Charleston during the party.



RCCHS juniors Coty Howard and Allison Hedrick practice the Swing during the "Great Gatsby Party" at RCCHS.



Brodhead Elementary Family Resource Center, in conjunction with Forward in the Fifth, just completed their eight week training session improving Schools Irig the Grassroots. Eleven graduates were recognized on November 30th. Special thanks to Brodhead Baptist Church and Brodhead Elementary School for providing space for the meetings. Shown above are the graduates, front row from left: Camella Creighton, Jennifer Shelton and Jenene Spencer. Forward in the Fifth Parent Educator. Middle row from left: Doris Cromer, Sojya Parker and Vicki Chastain. Back row from left: Anita Previtt, Saticia Morgab, Coordinator BFRC, Reddis Gadd, Brenda Miller, Beatrice Chastain and Jennifer Mason.



The Rockcastle FFA Land Judging team recently completed at the state contest in Hardinsburg, Ky. The team, shown above from left: Tyler Shearer, Derek Adams, Karen Mink and advisor Roy Reynolds placed second in the state. This is the highest a team from Rockcastle has ever placed in FFA Land Judging and the entire chapter is very proud of our team. This qualifies the team to compete in the National Land Judging Championship in Oklahoma City in May.

Collection of 1930s letters from Rockcastle woman

The following are a group of letters written by a Rockcastle woman in the 1930s and donated to the Historical Society.

Submitted by Dean A. Hoffman. Nell Logsdon Burdine charmed me, even though she died a decade before I was born.

She charmed me because I've recently had the chance to read a collection of letters she wrote in the mid-1930s from her home in Pine Hill to her brother Cecil Logsdon, then living in Ohio.

Her letters are folksy, funny and typical of letters that siblings might write at a time when telephones were rare and e-mail was unknown. She writes about the weather and mixes in local gossip, but her letters become poignant when you learn that Nell died in 1938 at age 25 from tuberculosis.

Nell Burdine was my great-aunt. My mother's father, William McKee Logsdon, was one of Nell's older brothers. The Logsdons have deep roots in Rockcastle County, but many of the boys went north to Ohio early in the 20th century looking for work. My grandfather was among them. I was born in Cincinnati, but now live in Columbus, Ohio.

Now both Nell and my grandfather sleep beneath the soil in the Logsdon-Pittman Cemetery on Chestnut Ridge Road.

The letters that Nell wrote to her brother Cecil were saved over the years and I saw copies of the handwritten originals earlier this year. I transcribed them onto a computer file and sent copies of them to Dortha Jean Shoemaker with the Rockcastle Co. Historical Society.

Life wasn't easy for most people in America during the Depression years of the 1930s, but life was particularly hard in rural Rockcastle County. There were few farms or industries in the Burdine household, but Nell's letters reveal an indomitable spirit, even in the face of a relentless disease that was slowly killing her.

On Dec. 8, 1934, she writes about how heecher the family's Christmas

will be. "I might make a cake, but I guess that is the only way I can tell Christmas is over. I don't give, nor take."

Nell Logsdon was married to Cecil Burdine at age 15 and soon had sons Robert and Ray. They were active boys, giving their mother fits at times. Some things never change. In passing along news to her brother up in Ohio, Nell writes about people with last names that may still be familiar. Wheat, McHargus, Mink, Hansel, Lellon, Southard, Baker, Turnit, Durham, Owens, and others.

Nell's husband looked for work—any work—and was glad to have it. He would get a day or two of work on the railroad. He sold coal. Like so many men during the Depression, he did whatever he could to make a little money, and was thankful for it.

In one letter, Nell chides her bachelor brother, writing, "I believe you are getting too interested in them pretty girls. You better leave them

Youth Yak at RCCHS

Submitted by The Youth Services Center. Semester finals are this Thursday and Friday. Any student who misses a final exam will have to stay for after-school tutoring on Tuesday, December 14 or Wednesday, December 15 to make up the exam. After that date, zero will be given. Report cards will be mailed after December 15. If you have a change of address, please let someone in the office know.

Due to the Circuit Clerk's office being closed Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31 for the holidays, the license examiner will offer testing Wednesday, December 29 (road tests at 8 a.m., permit test at 1 p.m.).

The UNITE Coalition is sponsoring a Chili Supper during the double-header basketball games this Friday, December 10. Starting at 5 p.m., you can visit the cafe for chili, sandwich, cheese and crackers, dessert and a beverage. You can get all this for \$5. Students/children only pay \$3.00. Carry-outs will be available. Come for supper, support the UNITE Program, and enjoy two good basketball games. Hope to see you there.

The RCCHS Career Fair committee is sponsoring a Career Fair on Tuesday, December 14, starting at 8 a.m. All four grade levels will be allowed to go to the gym and visit the booths. 41 different organizations, a record number of responses, will be available for students to ask questions, register for door prizes, pick-up information and get an idea of what direction they will take when choosing their career.

Congratulations to Jackson Bray. He was named Solicitor General at the recent KYA conference. Way to band members!! Several members of the band were selected by audition to perform as members of the 2005 Bluegrass All-Regional Band. Performing in the symphonic band are: Cody Moore,

Josh Nation, Samantha Anglin, and Jessica Simmons. Performing in the concert band will be Drew Davidson, Matthew Durham and Allison Carter. Thanks to Ms. Nancy Bussell's drama class. They entertained us with a play on Tuesday.

The National Honor Society/Beta Club is sponsoring a toy drive December 6-15. Bring a new or slightly-used toy if you would like to help out. Collection boxes are in the halls ready for your toy deposit.

Tickets for all home basketball games, boys and girls, can be purchased at the KOEK Shop. Use your student I.D. for a discount. There will be a dance after the basketball game this Friday until midnight. You will need your student I.D. in order to attend.

See Mr. Whitaker for applications to the Governor's Scholar Program. This is a good program which can lead to college scholarships.

Congratulations to Ms. Courtney Hale. Courtney passed the audition for the 2005 KY All-State Chorus and will be our only representative from RCCHS.

Results from recent Future Farmers Contests: Third place: Vocational: Karen Mink, Tyler Shearer and Alisha Smith. First place Small Engines: Daniel Bustle, Mark Caudill, Brandon Cole, Mark Dyehouse and Phillip McFerron. Phillip was the Regional High individual scorer.

Remember the UNITE drug tip line if you are aware of illegal drug activity. 1-866-424-4363.

December 9 - Finals, second and fourth blocks, financial aid workshop at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

December 10 - Finals first and third blocks. End of first semester.

December 12 - Football banquet.

December 13 - Chorus Concert 7 p.m.

December 14 - Career Fair at RCCHS. Band concert at 7 p.m.

December 20 - Winter break begins.



The Leadership Rockcastle Committee of Larry Hammond, Charlie Napier, Connie Hunt, Wayne Cumb and Robert Lawson are shown presenting the final check for one thousand dollars, to Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffith. The money was collected from the first annual Cruise In the Valley Car Show. Mayor Griffith and Council will use the money to purchase flags for their Main Street. Connie Hunt's name was inadvertently left off from last week's picture presentation to Mayor Kirby and Mayor Cash.

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Virginia Darst, of Mt. Vernon, recently received an engraved lid for her accomplishments in the Horizon of Hope basket sales. Longaberger has donated \$4.4 million dollars to the breast cancer research and education fund. This achievement and award recognized that Mrs. Darst is committed to making a real difference in breast cancer research with the American Cancer Society. A hearty thank you to each of you who purchased a basket and helped make this achievement possible.



Congratulations Alyssa Jade Martin on winning first runner-up at the Jackson County Snow Angels Pageant on Saturday, December 4th. Alyssa is the eight-month-old daughter of Chris and Christina Martin of Mt. Vernon.

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UNITE GUILD Supper
Rockcastle United Coalition will hold a chili supper Friday, December 10th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle County High School cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children/students. Carry-out will be available. Menu includes: chili, cheese and crackers, sandwich, dessert, beverage.
American Legion Post
American Legion Post #71 will start holding regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the VFW Post at Lake Linnville. The next meeting will be Dec. 14th at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Flu Shots Available
Flu shots are now available at Rockcastle Medical Arts for those patients that meet CDC guidelines. Please call your physician at 256-4148 for more information.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., Dec. 13: No service.
Tues., Dec. 14: Broadhead and Copper Creek.
Wed., Dec. 15: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Road.

Project Graduation
There will be a Project Graduation meeting Monday, December 13th at RCHS cafeteria at 6 p.m. Committees and fundraising will be discussed. All senior parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Crab Orchard Community Christmas
Crab Orchard will hold their annual Community Christmas Celebration on December 17th from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Santa will arrive on the fire truck at City Hall at 5:30 and, at that time, Santa and the mayor will award prizes to the decorating contest winners. There will be caroling from 6 to 7 p.m. by the city Christmas trees (monument) and there will be open house from 6 to 9 p.m. at Crab Orchard City Hall when you can visit with Santa.

Narcotics Anonymous
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Mt. Vernon Personals

By Marie McKinley
Those who visited C.S. and Marie McKinley recently were their son, Jack McKinley and great grandson, Jack McKinley of Reading, Ohio; grandson, Joe Lovins, Jr.; great grandsons, Dalton Blake of Eubank and Jack Lovins and great granddaughter, Samarah and Jack's, girlfriend, Lisa; Fannie Craft and daughters, Alicia and April; Marie's nephews, Boyd Graves and wife, Joan of Ohio and their granddaughter,

Janie and Jason Graves and great grandson, Wiler of Richmond. C.S. and Marie McKinley celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary November 28th at Harde's with friends and family. C.S. and Marie visited their grandson, Jim Lovins, Jenny and Chance at Berta Saturday morning. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones. May the Good Lord bless each and everyone.

Happy 8th Anniversary to Mommy & Daddy
Christopher Matthew and Caitlin Janeta Blanton would like to wish their Mommy and Daddy, Fanny and Barry Blanton, a happy anniversary. We love you both very much.
Love - Your Children Christopher & Caitlin Blanton

"Letters"

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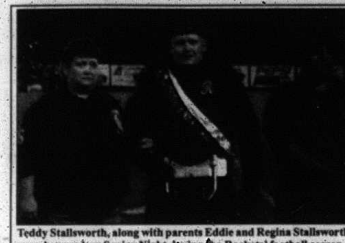
alone."
In one letter from 1935, she talks about two local boys being killed in an auto accident and another man dying after being shot. "There is lots of killing down here," she notes.
The Burdines kept a big garden. They slaughtered hogs and rendered them for lard. In March, 1936, she writes of her impatience to reap the bounty of the garden.
"Well, I wish the greens would hurry and come up. If they don't come up pretty soon, I'm going down after them."
In another letter she looks forward to berries ripening, if not to all the work that brings.

"Blackberries will soon be ripe and then's when our work starts, making jam and jelly and then we have something to can all summer," writes Nell.
That year she got pregnant with her third child. A test that summer showed that her tuberculosis had flared up again and that she might have to spend a year in a sanitarium in Louisville.
"If I do, will you come and see me once in a while?" she writes plaintively to her brother.

Years later, her sister Ida Ramsey said the Nell's doctor told her that the pregnancy posed a serious threat to a woman in her stage of tuberculosis. Terminating the pregnancy gave Nell a better chance of good health.
"I would rather have the baby live than me," Nell said, according to her sister.
The baby, Evelyn Sue, was born in Nov. 1937.
In 1937, Nell often writes of feeling poorly and says that even writing a letter is a chore. The final letter in the collection, however, tells of a mother's joy in her baby girl.
"Evelyn is growing every day. Will soon be a year old. She walks all over the place now, and can do several little stunts. She is awful cute."

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Teddy Stallworth, along with parents Eddie and Regina Stallworth, were honored on Senior Night during the Rockets' football season.



Mt. Vernon Cub Scouts Pack 263 would like to thank Mayor Kirby and the Christmas committees for awarding them for the most participants on the float. We would also like to take this time to thank all city employees who helped make the Christmas parade possible. We would like to wish all the residents of Rockcastle County and the staff at the Mt. Vernon Signal a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A very special thank you and Season's Greetings to all who support us. Merry Christmas from Jeff, Sherri, Scott, Angie, Shirley, Jesse, Terri and all the scouts.

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"It is Written"

I Eph. 3:3-5 Paul says, "How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery. (as I wrote afore in few words. Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Notice, Paul's knowledge came by direct revelation from the Spirit; and that he wrote these things down. Then Paul, clearly states that we can read and understand the Bible, (of course some things are harder than others to understand. II Pet. 3:16, Heb. 5:12-13).
Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and other cults, say we need their traditions to understand the Bible, without which we can not learn the truth. But again, Paul still says we can read and understand what he wrote down.

Then, we have those who say we need the Holy Spirit to personally and directly enlighten us concerning the scriptures. Y'th they too are wrong. Paul said we can read and understand his knowledge of God.
"Many people are taught they need the Catholic Church and church traditions to understand the word of God. They are told that the church is the "divine interpreter" for mankind. Yet Paul said we can read and understand what he had.
"People who teach and say that we can't understand the Bible, are blaspheming the words of God in Eph. 3:3-5! Friends, don't you think God was powerful enough to reveal a message that we could read and understand? I believe he could; and for that is what Paul said happened in, Eph. 3:3-5. Next week what we need to understand.

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A crowd of approximately 300 attended the first in a series of ceremonies to mark historical events concerning the events that happened in and around Rockcastle County during the United States' Civil War. The ceremony was held at Elmwood Cemetery after the annual Christmas Parade, which was led by ancestors of the the deadliest American War ever.

"Heritage"

(Cont. from front)

American Revolution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built." After the band played a very stirring rendition of "Dixie," Carlolis presented a bouquet to James Lunsford, a grandson of Kentucky's last surviving Confederate soldier's widow, Rachel Lunsford, who lived in Brodhead. Judge Carlolis told the crowd that a young girl in Charleston, SC, had kept a diary and wrote of the hardships her uncle and cousins faced in the hills of Rockcastle on their way to and from the Battle of Richmond. Carlolis told the crowd that, while they had gathered to recognize Rockcastle County's Confederate Veterans, Americans had repudiated some of their beliefs and doctrines. "Nevertheless," the judge continued, "their struggle was also for stronger state and local governments, and they, as Confederate Americans, stood and fought for their convictions. Fathers fought against sons, brothers against brothers, uncles against nephews, and cousins fought cousins, in the bloodiest and most unfortunate war in American history. These were the vanquished, yet they returned to their homes here in Rockcastle County and became good citizens of their community, the state of Kentucky, and the United States. Many of their sons and grandsons went on to serve in uniform and protect the United States." Carlolis also explained how, just before the local Battle of Wildcat Mountain near Livingston, the Union Army was encamped in front of the Rockcastle Courthouse and was cheered by Mt. Vernon's locals as they went to stop the Confederates from advancing into the county. Those confederates who died at the Battle of Wildcat were buried in shallow graves. Because Rockcastle and Laurel Counties were strongly pro-Union

federalists, the Confederate dead were later removed by Lincoln Countians by wagon and given proper Christian burials in Crab Orchard. Those wagons carrying the dead went right by Elmwood Cemetery. Good or bad, this is a part of our great American history and those of you present here today, especially the students who are descendants of these dead, can take pride in knowing that their blood flows in your veins. Their memory is worth our attention? These remarks were followed by a prayer by SCV Chaplain Back.

Local historian David Owens, Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Honor Guard, then led the Honor Guard in a graveside service, commencing with three volleys of Enfield rifles to salute the dead. Les Williamson, Adjutant for the 5th Kentucky Infantry, performed the traditional rite to the Confederate dead, over the gravesite of Silas H. Martin, for all remembered Veterans.

As members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion placed wreaths in front of all of the dedicated stones, Rockcastle County High School Bugler Harold Burdette played "Faps." This was then followed by Mike Grimes, Beera, the Camp Balladeer, singing "Amazing Grace."

Morgan's 2nd Kentucky Battery and the Laurel Home Guard concluded the very dignified and solemn military service with a final artillery volley to retire the colors.

Rockcastle County's magistrates and judge/executive formed-filed County Cemetery Board whose members are David Owens, Bernice Bullock McHargue, Juanita-Davis, Chairwoman, Willetta Owens and Jasmin Witt.

The next event, planned to recognize historical significance to this county, will be held in the spring with the dedication of stones for the three former slaves and black soldiers from Rockcastle County who served with the 119th United States Colored Infantry during the Civil War. Follow-

ing that will be events to honor Captain Richard Lewis Myers, hero of the Battle of Chickamauga; American Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Rockcastle; Union soldiers, and others. The fiscal court formed the county's local cemetery board to locate, recognize and preserve Rockcastle County's heritage of significance.

General Robert E. Lee's portrait, David Chalis, told the judge that the event held here in Rockcastle County ranked with the CSS Hunley memorial dedication.

Roll Call of the Confederate Dead

Silas H. Martin, 1845-1920, Pvt. with Company A, 20th Battalion Virginia Heavy Artillery, interred at Elmwood Cemetery. Descendants present: C. B. Owens, Dr. Byron M. Owens, Glenn E. Dick, J. Stephen Owens, Richard S. Martin, Richard A. Martin, Allison G. Martin, Jonas Brown, 1840-71, Pvt., 6th Kentucky Cavalry, Morgan's Raiders, who was captured with John Hunt Morgan in Ohio in 1863; interred at Rock Springs Cemetery. Descendant present: Jonas Brown, Jr., Marvel Coffey, 1841-1917, Pvt.; Company D, 26th Tennessee Infantry, Buried at Coffey Cemetery.

John Hamlin, 1836-1917, Pvt., Company D, 29th North Carolina Infantry, Buried at Marethurg Cemetery.

Joseph M. Oliver, 1839-1914, Pvt., Company D, 29th North Carolina Infantry, Buried at Ward Cemetery, Livingston. Descendants present: Dorothy Oliver; James R. Oliver, Sr. and Sandra Bokin.

Thomas Bullen, 1827-1899, Pvt., Company H, 26th Tennessee Infantry, Buried at Scaffold Cave Cemetery. Descendants present: Nancy J. Wilson, Heather Wilson Forester and Kristen Forrester.

William Beatty Lunsford, 1845-1927, Pvt., Wagoner, 14th Kentucky Cavalry, Buried at Brodhead (Water Tank Hill). Descendants present: James B. Lunsford, Mike Wren, Chris Wren.

Ovella A. Cope, 1842-1917, Pvt., 12th Tennessee Cavalry, Place of interment unknown.

Charles Jefferson Lovell, 1844-1921, Pvt., Company C, 64th Virginia Infantry, Buried in Level Green Cemetery.

William H. Burton, 1837-1869, Pvt., Company C, 6th Kentucky Cavalry, Morgan's Raiders.

William Fallin, 1827-1915, Pvt., Company I, 64th Virginia Infantry, Buried at Chestnut Cemetery on Pleasant Valley Road.

Richard Martin (brother of Silas Martin), 1839-1915, Pvt., Company I, 57th Virginia Infantry, Buried at Sawyer Cemetery. Descendants present: C. B. Owens, Dr. Byron Owens, Glenn E. Dick, J. Stephen Owens, Richard S. Martin, Richard A. Martin, Allison G. Martin.

Robert B. Hatcher, 1843-1907, Pvt., Company K, 10th Virginia Cavalry, Buried in Level Green Cemetery.

Jefferson Williams, 1840-1925, Pvt., Company C, 64th Virginia Infantry, Burial place unknown.

Owen W. Turpen, 1845-1914, Pvt., unit unknown. Descendants present: Charlotte Robbins Carrera, Sydney Carrera, Tanner Carrera.

Ely Hamrick, 1828-1896, Capt., Company C, Carter's 9th Tennessee Cavalry Fought locally at the Battle of Wildcat Mountain. Buried at Raspberry Cemetery on Pitman Hamk. Descendants present: Amos Hamrick of Ohio.

Non-natives of Rockcastle County, killed in action at the Battle of Big Hill and buried at Three Links: James F. Goodwyn, 1st Regiment, Georgia Cavalry; Gresham Lee, Buckner's Guards, Independent Kentucky Company.

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Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolis presented James Lunsford, a grandson of Mrs. Rachel Lunsford and his grandson a plaque commemorating the life of Kentucky's oldest civil war widow, Mrs. Rachel Lunsford. Mrs. Lunsford, of Brodhead, died in 1978 and is buried in Rockcastle County. Her husband was 62 when they married and she was 16.



Shown above are members of the Fifth Kentucky Infantry, all descendants of Civil War Veterans.

"Council"

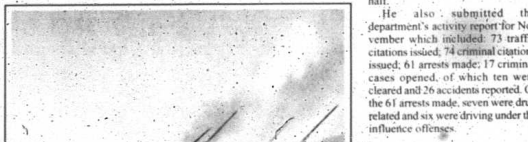
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at the meeting. Noting that there had been several complaints from customers over the last few weeks, McClure told the council that the city had been trying different methods of treatment to try resolve the problem. McClure said representatives of the Division of Water and Kentucky Rural Water had been at the water plant for the past two and a half to three weeks and no one could come up with a reason for the current problem.

Algae has been blamed by some for the problem but McClure told the council that test are showing that almost 100% of algae is being removed from the water. McClure also said that water samples have been taken to Frankfort but results have not been received.

"It is a lot better than it was a month ago and will probably take care of itself," McClure added. He also said that all lines were flushed again Monday.

Bids were opened for a 1973 dump truck, high bidder was Jeff Smithern at \$551 which the council accepted. Two bids were received for a 1995 Ford Crown Vic and they



Members of the Fifth Kentucky Infantry conducted three volleys on Saturday during the Confederate Memorial Service at Elmwood Cemetery. During the Civil War, the three volley ceremony signified a basic cease fire, so each side could collect their dead and wounded. During the Civil War, more Americans died than in all other wars combined.

were identical; both for \$125. One was from councilman Wayne Bullock and the other from Charles Gray. It was suggested that the successful bidder could be determined by the flip of a coin but Bullock disagreed with this method so the council decided to let the vehicle.

City Limits Discussion On a motion by councilwoman Lonetta Daugherty the council voted to proceed with the steps necessary to "tear up" the city limits. The present boundaries are inconsistent and confusing and this had been a project that Daugherty has been interested in since joining the council two years ago.

Mayor Kirby said the process would involve public hearings and hopefully the signing of easement by property owners, with having to report to a ballot vote.

Kirby told the council that several businesses that would be affected had expressed an interest in being annexed because of the added police and fire protection and cheaper water rates.

Garbage/Recycling Station The council also discussed a garbage recycling station project. "We can't continue to ask volunteers to clean up other people's garbage," Kirby told the council "and this would help."

He also submitted the department's activity report for November which included: 73 traffic citations issued, 17 criminal citations issued, 61 arrests made, seven were drug related and six were driving under the influence offenses.

On a motion by Daugherty, the council voted to begin looking for a location and to seek funding to set up the station which would be comprised of individual dumpsters for paper, glass, aluminum, etc.

Police Report Mt. Vernon Police Chief Terry Jackson reported to the council that the city had been awarded a \$5,300 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program \$4,000 will be used for overtime pay and \$1,300 for equipment. At least one radar will be purchased, Jackson said.

Jackson also said the city was in the running for another \$5,000 equipment grant and word on this was expected within a week.

The chief also reported on the city's new live scan which is now activated. Jackson said this equipment enabled officers to print everyone arrested and transmit the prints to a control center. If the person has been printed in the state, the results come back within five to six minutes. Jackson said 600 criminal cases were solved in Kentucky alone, using this system, within the past year.

Jackson also reported that Police Officer Nathaniel Swartz had received the Governor's Award for capturing the most DWI's (11) in fiscal year 2004. Jackson also pointed out that Swartz only worked half the year because of being in training the other half.

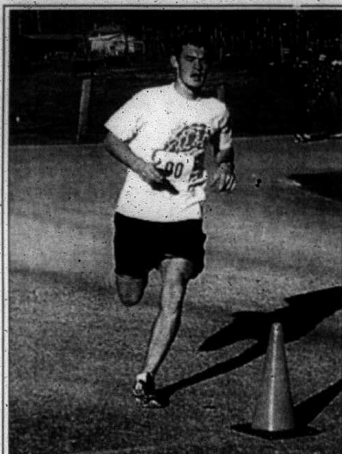
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"Judges"

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tract Court judge for Pulaski and Rockcastle counties in November. The position was left empty after the retirement of Judge Walter Maguire in June 2004. Judge Tapp was previously engaged in the private practice of law, and served as a prosecutor and law enforcement officer. He earned a bachelor's degree from Morehead State University, a master's degree from Chambliss University in Honolulu and a juris doctor from the University of Louisville School of Law. He and his wife, Patty, have three children, Beth, Adrian and Morgan.

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Saturday, December 4 was the 1st annual 6K Jingle Bell Run/Walk, hosted by Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. and Renfro Valley Entertainment Center. Brandon Cole won 1st place and was the overall winner with a time of 21:18. Special thanks to all the sponsors and participants who helped make this a success. More photos and information will follow in next week's Mt. Vernon Signal.



In Loving Memory of my precious loving Grandson Brian Northern
Mama loves you dearly; some may forget you now that your gone, but I shall never forget you no matter how long I'll hold you in my heart as long as I live, you were so special to me - Mama Loves You



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August 16, 2004
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reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away that tear, for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that, people hold so dear but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all, "Love" is the gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of you.
So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 9, 2004



Wynn's Country Christmas was the first place winner in the float competition in Saturday's Christmas Parade at Brodhead.



Miss Megan Andorkin, 2004 Brodhead Homecoming Queen, participated in Brodhead's Christmas parade on Saturday. She was driven in the parade by Zach Gentry, grandson of E.J. Taylor. The annual parade is named after the life long Brodhead resident and the late owner of Taylor's Produce.



Brodhead's Santa on Saturday was none other than Rockcastle County's most favorite Santa, John Holbrook. He got a ride in Brodhead's vintage fire truck, driven by Larry Taylor. A large crowd attended the annual E.J. Taylor Christmas parade.



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Lonnie and Shirely Anglin, got a ride from Ray Phillips during Saturday's Christmas Parade in Mt. Vernon. A large crowd attended the annual event, which had several participants in the parade.



Dale Shumate's Tractor Trailer with Blow-ups won first place in Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade and they finished second in Brodhead's Christmas parade contest. All other photos from both parades and other Christmas photos will appear in the Signal's Christmas edition, which will be published on Thursday, December 23rd.

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Words of Hope

Recently, I was captivated by a statement made from a motivational speaker. He declared, "To find deep fulfillment, dedicate your life to service." In other words, find some way you can be of service to others.

This way of living was personified in the life of Jesus. Jesus declared in the Scriptures that he came to give us abundant living, and showed how through his example of living life as a servant. Do you desire deep fulfillment in your life? Quit looking for things that will entertain you, and start looking for ways you can be of service to others.

**A message of hope from your friends at
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News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Berea National Bank vs. Patty A. Kirby, \$8,909.67 plus claimed due. CI-00380.
 Berea National Bank vs. John K. Mink, \$4,729.29 plus claimed due. CI-00381.
 Huntington National Bank vs. Danielle M. Barron, \$5,334.29 plus claimed due. CI-00382.
 Tashara Brock vs. RTEC, complaint, CI-00383.
 Green Tree Servicing LLC vs. Robert E. Strong, et al, \$65,156.67 plus claimed due. CI-00384.
 Ford Motor Co. vs. William Dewey, \$13,307.44 plus claimed due. CI-00385.

District Civil Suits

Berea National Bank vs. Nanette M. Osborn, \$18,848.80 plus claimed due. C-00223.
 Ramsey's Trailer Park vs. Sheila Baggett, forcible detainer complaint. C-00224.
 Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital LLC vs. Stacy Lynn McGuire, \$451.48 plus claimed due. C-00225.

Marriage Licenses

Brittany Rachelle Cromer, 19, Rr

3, Mt. Vernon, student, to Brian Keith Baker, 21, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, factory. 11/29/04.

Serenity Joyce Hayes, 26, Nancy, teacher, to Kenneth Shay Hopkin, 28, Mt. Vernon, teacher. 11/29/04.
 Joanie Marie Mink, 21, Livingston, unemployed, to Johnathan Patrick Foster, 26, Livingston, disabled. 12/01/04.

Deeds Recorded

James H. and Tina Sowder, real property located in Trace No. Subdivision, to James and Phyllis Sowder. Tax \$8.00.

Rinda Cromer, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lewis Cromer. No tax.

Perry and Jean Arnold, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James D. and Brenda Sue Kirby. Tax \$95.00.

IndyMac Bank, real property located in Rockcastle Co. to Billy E. and Wanda Anderson. Tax \$8.50.

Mt. Vernon Financial Holdings, Inc., real property located on McFerron St., Mt. Vernon, to David and Beverly McClure. Tax \$8.00.

Gary and Lisa Renee Combs Minter, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Misty-G. Combs. Tax \$8.00.

Roger D. and Allison C. Reynolds and James S. and Lorrie A. Parker, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jene Cash. No tax.

Larry W. Clouse, Sr., real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donald Gene Begley. Tax \$8.00.

Bombardier Capital, Inc., real property located in Duvy's Trails Subdv., to Roy and Judy Adams and Jeffrey and Anissa Cromer. Tax \$7.00.

Bus Appliance and Furniture, Inc., real property located in Rockcastle Co., to Angela Parsons. Tax \$40.00.

Greenpoint Credit LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donald C. and Loreta T. Bray. Tax \$14.00.

Darryl L. and Lana R. Adams, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dennis Smith. Tax \$27.50.
 Robert Dale and Kimberly Sue

Owens, real property located on New Hope Rd., to Imogene and Dennis Williams. Tax \$7.50.

Jerry J. and Vicki C. Cox, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Roy and Patricia Burt. Tax \$250.00.

Kevin Burdine, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bill and Hazel Parker. Tax \$6.50.

Teresa Gatfield, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Steven J. Jones. Tax \$26.00.

District Court

November 29, 2004
 Hon. David Lapp

Edgar L. Albright: No expired registration plates, license suspended for failure to appear.

Renny C. Anderson: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

Joshua Bengt: Speeding, \$18 fine plus costs; No license in possession, \$25 fine.

Jeffery L. Bond, Jr.: Theft by deception (2 counts), \$20 fine and 10 days/consecutive/conditionally discharged 12 months.

Jeremy Douglas Caldwell: Fines/fees due (\$285.50) bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Rogerilco B. Carter: Failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

Joseph Corder: Part 391 of Fed Safety Regs and rear lights not illuminated, license suspended for failure to appear.

Michael G. Dillman: Fines/fees due (\$650.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Speeding: Douglas G. Durham, \$30 fine plus costs/STS authorized; Mark A. Knott, \$60 fine plus costs; Shelby S. Mack, paid \$185.50 total fine and costs; Jessica L. Smith, paid \$163.50; Patricia G. Blevins, \$30 fine plus costs/STS authorized; Gary L.

Butler, paid; Christal R. Hubbard, paid/STS authorized; Donna Jean Hughes, paid \$38 fine plus costs/STS authorized; Kenneth W. Morgan, paid \$40 fine plus costs; Kevin P. Parks, Daniel Speer, Aaron B. White, license suspended for failure to appear.

David Smith: Alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs (2 counts).

John C. Webb: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine, \$250 assessment, 30 day operator license suspension.

Lamar Westbrook: Fines/fees due (\$139.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Tabatha D. Williams: No expired registration plates and no expired registration receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.

Dennis Ray Wilson: No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450; Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Glen Sylonamore: Alcohol intoxication, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Heather N. Todd: No operator's moped license, \$100 fine plus costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450; No expired registration plates, \$25 fine.

Bill Manning: Speeding, \$30 fine plus costs; No license in possession, \$100 fine.

Karen J. Mink: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine, \$225 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension; Controlled substance prescription not in original container, \$100 fine, 30 days/conditionally discharged two years.

Mary G. Evans: No expired registration plates, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

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	OCEAN'S TWELVE 1:35 4:05 6:40 9:00 11:20
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CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS	PG	1:35	4:20	7:00	9:15	11:15
THE INCREDIBLES	PG	1:30	4:10	6:45	9:05	11:15
SPONGE BOB SQUARE PANTS	PG	1:45	4:25	7:10	9:10	11:15
THE POLAR EXPRESS	R	1:55	4:35	7:20		
ALEXANDER	R		4:05	9:05		

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Servanthood is not new to these kids, they also volunteered their time at First Baptist Mt. Vernon. Missions. It is so great to see kids like this, give up their weekend to come and work here. Tyler Vaughn, Nic Jones and Nathaniel Rada helped Mike (Gates) split wood, then they hauled golf cart load after golf cart load until we had approximately one face cord stacked in the barn to dry. Reanna Hasty, Morgan Thacker, Kristin Forrester and Jenna Bell raked the ground, weeded and planted several hundred flower bulbs. It is amazing to see how much work was completed when nine people put in six hours, that's 63 hours, totally incredible.

We at Christ's Outreach for the Blind would like to express a personal heart felt thanks to these young people and adults who gave up their Saturday to help complete a dream. Gates said, "If I had to hire people to complete what Valley View Baptist did in one day, it would have been hard to get people to take that job, but they did it gladly and were full of joy."

If your church group or organization would like to experience joy in servanthood, contact our office for more information.

Christ's Outreach for the Blind will be erecting a barn for 20 horses, which will be approximately 15,000-sq. ft. and an 80-acre corral. The corral will require 3,000 oak planks to build. Anyone who wishes to help with this project by making a donation of at least \$100.00, will have their name or business, name engraved on this plank or the planks can be done in memory of a loved one. Be sure to include the information to be engraved on the plank. It needs to be 30 characters or less, also note if it is a sponsorship or "in memory of" plank. If you are interested, please contact the office at 256-8888 or send your donation to:

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Morgan Thacker and Tyler Vaughn working on the wood pile.



Tyler Vaughn and Kristen Forrester unloading wood.



Janet Vaughn, Reanna Hasty, Jemma Bell, Morgan and Sheila Thacker and Kristen Forrester planting bulbs.

"Court"

(Cont. from B2)

Keneth M. Fields: Speeding, 76 fine plus costs; No license in possession, \$25 fine.

Howard J. Gabb, III: No license in possession, \$100 fine plus costs; Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Douglas Brandon Gross: No operators/prop. license, \$100 fine plus costs and 10 days/probated.

Nicole Elizabeth Holsing: Fines/fees due (\$534.50); bench warrant issued for failure to appear 10 days or payment; Assault, 4th degree; Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Donald R. Jones: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs; No operators/prop. license, \$50 fine; Marilyn Kates: Theft by deception, \$20 fine plus costs and 20 days/conditionally discharged.

Carl Dennis Myers, Jr.: Failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jason W. Nelson: Fines/fees due (\$385.50); Operating on suspended/revoked operators license and no insurance; bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Rodney Wayne Owens: Fines/fees due (\$210.50); bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Justin G. Parker: No expired reg. stration plates; license suspended for failure to appear.

Buford Ray Pearson: Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine plus costs.

Christopher Ramsey: Public intoxication, \$50-fine plus costs.

Edward L. Rice: Fines/fees due (\$83.00); bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Paul Rowe, Jr.: Disorderly conduct, \$50 fine plus costs.

Ramond L. Sargent: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension.

Hixie Mae Slate: Speeding; and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Ashley D. Smith: Speeding; and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Murrell Scaff: Taking wildlife from vehicle, \$200 fine plus costs.

Cheryl Chasteen: Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, \$100 fine and 30 days/conditionally discharged two years; bail jumping, 30 days/consecutive/conditionally discharge two years.

Cheryl Clifford: Operating on suspended/revoked operators' license, \$100 fine plus costs and 30 days/conditionally discharged two years.

December 1, 2004
Speeding: Bryan R. Hyman, paid \$159.50; Theodore A. Hunt, \$30 fine plus costs; Rogelio M. Sanchez, STS approved on payment of costs; Joseph E. Wagner, paid \$185 total fine.

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Michael L. Price: Defective equipment, \$25 fine plus costs.

Jason K. Kates: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, 60 days to serve 14, \$350 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 12 month license suspension.

Jonathan T. Adams: Operating ATV on roadway, \$25 fine plus costs.

Richard L. Jackson: Possession open alcohol beverage container, \$25 fine plus costs; possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; Advertise drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Barbara D. Lovell: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Melissa C. Deatherage: No expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.

Gary B. Doan: Illegal take/pursue/molest any deer/wildturkey/etc, \$100 fine plus costs.

Ronald D. Gooch: Speeding, \$30 fine plus costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

December 2, 2004
Vernon Baker: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$250 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension.

Kim Kirby: DUI, 2nd, \$350 fine plus costs, \$250 service fee, 12 month operators license suspension/7 days in jail.

Donald A. Wright: Drinking alcoholic beverage in public, \$100 fine plus costs.

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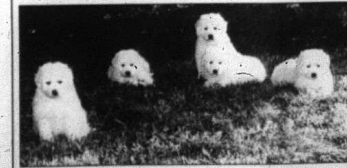
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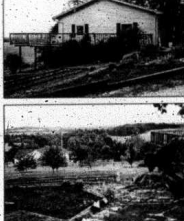
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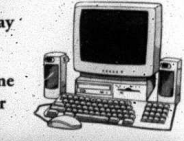
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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Donald and Ora Lee Hurst at Willilla. Violators will be prosecuted. 21th

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25th

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road, Danny Smith. 47th

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Mareburg consisting of the Swimmy Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm. 31th

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Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Meeting Scheduled

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) monthly meeting usually held the first Thursday of the month has been scheduled for Thursday, December 9th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting has been re-scheduled in order to count the ballots cast for the COC election.

The COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC members help FSA at the local level by deciding the kind of programs their county will have and how they will operate. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgment and knowledge and knowledge to make decisions.

Warehouse Designation Discontinued

A final rule has been published which, effective December 3, 2004, removes the price support eligibility provision that required burley tobacco farmers to designate the location where they sell their tobacco. Effective December 3, 2004 a producer can market burley tobacco at any location without changing the marketing area issued as long as there is space for marketing it to be received. When the existing card is full, the producer must then return the full card and get a new marketing card from the County Office for additional sales.

This rule is effective for the marketing year 2004 and until such time as the changes made by the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 is implemented.

Disaster Leasing

FSA has been notified that certain receiving stations are NOT buying disaster pounds unless those pounds were leased in from someone else who is in a contract with the same receiving station.

If any producer designated to a receiving station and has excess tobacco and is in the process of disaster leasing in pounds—please check first with your receiving station.

Once pounds are designated for disaster purposes those pounds will no longer be eligible for re-designation until the next regular re-designation period.

Spousal Signatures

A husband and wife may sign FSA and CCC documents on behalf of each other, UNLESS written notification is on file in the FSA office denying a spouse this authority. Spouses may sign most documents, except promissory notes, CRP easements, and certain security agreements.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership.

Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address.

Farm Loan Program

The FSA Farm Loan Representative with concern to FSA loans (farm, operating, youth and etc.) will be in Rockcastle County at the Rockcastle FSA office the first and third Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Rural Development (Housing)

The Rural Development Representative with concern to low income housing loans will be in Rockcastle County at the Rockcastle FSA Office, Hwy 150, Mt. Vernon, KY the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The main office is located in Richmond, KY with office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Telephone numbers are as follows:

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Richmond 859-624-1980 Ext. 4

Office Closure

The Rockcastle County USDA Service Center offices of FSA and NRCS will be closed on the following upcoming holidays: Friday, December 24th and Friday December 31, 2004. The center will reopen the following workday at regular opening time of 7:30 a.m.

Important program dates

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign-up continues
2005 DCP sign-up ends June 1, 2005

Grassland Reserve Program Continues sign-up continues

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program sign-up continues

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Terri Kidd, District Rep. for Modern Woodmen of America, presents Matthew and Rachel Cash their trophy for winning the Halloween Main Costume Contest. Matthew and Rachel are the children of Louie and Judy Cash. Others finishing in the top seven were: Abby Marie Gale; Halee Burdett, Janelle Lashay Brown, Grant Bryant and Courtney Marie Brown.

The CAP Corner

Family Life Abuse Center

Where Can I Go?

This is probably the most frequently asked question that I hear from a victim of domestic violence. Most victims don't know of the resources that are available to them, especially the resource of the domestic violence shelter.

The domestic violence shelter not only provides a safe place to stay, but food, clothing, personal care items, and counseling for victims and their children. It also provides the opportunity for a victim to earn a G.E.D., receive computer training, life skills, the list goes on and on.

There are 16 shelters in the state of Kentucky. They all work together to insure the safety of victims. If one shelter is full, they try to place the victim in another facility as close to where the victim wants to be as possible.

There are so many more opportunities for women now. Domestic violence is not on the back burner any more. Our President has a special committee, just to address domestic violence in our country.

I work through the Family Life Abuse Center, which is the domestic violence shelter that serves the Cumberland Valley Ad District, which includes Laurel, Bell, Whitley, Knox, Harlan, Jackson, Clay, and Rockcastle counties.

If you or someone you know is in an unhealthy relationship, please be assured that help is out there. Please call 1-800-755-5348, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Sandy Owens
Domestic Violence Outreach Educator
Family Life Abuse Center

Griffith completes Marine Corps course

Marine Corps Pfc. Matthew J. Griffith, son of Marjorie L. Hall of Ashland and David B. Griffith of Mt. Vernon, recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

During the eight-week course, Griffith learned basic skills and knowledge in personnel management

and administration procedures. With his newly acquired knowledge, Griffith is ready to prepare personnel evaluations and reports, leave authorizations, military identification cards, and official orders for Marines changing duty station.

Griffith is a 2002 graduate of Berea Community High School of Berea.

Church News

Christmas program and dinner

Community Holiness Church, on Fairground Hill, will be holding their Christmas program and Christmas dinner on December 19, beginning at 12 p.m. No regular service will be held that night or December 24th, Christmas Eve.

Regular services will resume December 26th at 7 p.m.

Vernon Doan is pastor and Benton Hurd is assistant pastor.

Weekend Meeting

There will be a weekend meeting at the Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church December 18 and 19. Guest speaker will be Bro. Greg Lantus.

Saturday night service will begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday night at 6 p.m. The church invites all to attend.

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13TH REGION TITLES

Expectations high for Rockets, Lady Rockets to repeat in 2005

By: Richard Anderkin

There was a time in school history when the Rocket and Lady Rocket basketball programs were not respected.

Not even in the four team 49th district and certainly not in the 13th region.

Those days have certainly changed.

Both the Lady Rockets and Rockets are well respected in the district and region, but both teams are known statewide as well.

13th region opponents dread seeing either team on their schedule and neither team is scheduled for homecoming night by any opponent.

You always want to win your homecoming game and the teams from RCHS are not teams you schedule for that special night.

Last year, both teams won the 13th region and this year, both teams are favored to repeat as champs.

If the games played so far are any indication, the 13th region should be aware, the ROCK teams are for real.

Last week, the Lady Rockets walked over Corbin and on Monday night, they sent the Tates Creek Commodores home with a loss.

Although the game was close throughout, the Lady Rockets pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 64-43 win.

If statewide polls are any indication, both teams have a lot to live up to in 04-05.

The Lady Rockets are ranked third in the Courier-Journal pre-season poll and the Rockets are ranked ninth in the state in the Kentucky Preps poll.

Both coaches had the same comment this week. "We have the toughest schedule we have ever had since I have been at Rockcastle," said Cash and Noble.

"It is a tough schedule and the toughest ever for any team I've coached here, but it will make our kids better come tournament time," Cash said.

Both coaches were interviewed separately this week but both coaches had the same theme: "Hardwork, team work, and determination," they both said.

"We are not the biggest team in the region, but we may be the quickest and we must play good defense and get the ball up the floor - we are going to press and run the ball up the floor," Noble said.

"We have got to play better

defense and our players have worked hard on that in the pre-season and we can only get better - hardwork and dedication from our veteran players will be the key," Cash said.

There are several top 20 ranked teams on both team's schedule in 2004-2005.

The Lady Rockets will face #1 ranked Lexington Catholic on February 8th in a game played at Berea College.

The Rockets will face the fourth ranked team in the entire nation in the King of the Bluegrass tournament, held at Fairdale High School in Louisville, January 17-21.

Besides playing in the King of the Bluegrass tournament the Rockets will play in the Warrior Classic in Pikeville on Saturday, the Kentucky Preps Classic in Frankfort on January 8th and the

day after Christmas they will head to Panama City, Florida to play three games in the Barn Stormin' Classic.

The Lady Rockets also have several tournaments on the schedule.

Their first tournament will be December 20-23 at Lexington Catholic High School. The Lady Rockets will play Pike Central in the first round of the Prime Time Classic.

They will take a couple of days off before they head to Madison, Georgia for the Sweet South Classic.

In their first of three games, (December 27-30), the Lady Rockets will face Shelbyville Central of TN, a team who has won the 4A title in Tennessee twelve times.

The other opponents are a

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Members of the Rockets varsity squad are pictured above, front row from left: Lance Baldwin, Kyle Mullins, Gabé Stallworth, Aaron Cash, Weston Riddle and Derreck Hurst. Back row from left: manager Kayla Bryant, Jaymes McCowan, Clint Daugherty, Coty Childress, Blake Roberts, Colby Brown, Lynn Miracle, J.C. McClure and manager Anthony Cook.



Members of the Lady Rockets varsity squad are pictured above, front row from left: Allison Durham, Tara Rowe, Heather Hammond, Sarah Parsons, Katie Parsons, Ashley Mize, Johnna Abney and Holly Ann Colson. Back row from left: Ainsley Bussell, Lura Cash, Rachel Killen, Ashley Lunsford, Sarah Rowe and Jessie Asher.

Rockcastle County Rockets

Name	Hgt.	Grade
Aaron Cash	5'11"	12
Blake Roberts	6'4"	12
Derreck Hurst	5'11"	12
Jaymes McCowan	6'3"	11
Weston Riddle	6'2"	11
Gabe Stallsworth	5'8"	11
Kyle Mullins	6'3"	11
Colby Brown	6'3"	11
J.C. McClure	6'2"	11
Chris Hurst	5'8"	10
Brandon Barnes	5'7"	10
Clint Daugherty	6'4"	10
Chandler Hunter	5'11"	10
Lynn Miracle	6'2"	10
Coty Childress	6'3"	10
Lance Baldwin	5'10"	10
Brian Mize	5'10"	9
William Mason	5'10"	9
J.J. Barnett	5'10"	9
Gary Keith Caldwell	5'10"	9
Chris Lewis	5'9"	9
Devin Hasty	5'10"	9
Jake Woodall	5'7"	9
Dustin Poynter	6'0"	9
Chris Evans	5'8"	9
Kyle Lear	5'5"	9
Dakota Smith	5'8"	9

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Name	No.	Hgt.	Pos.	Grade
Johnna Abney	4	5'5"	G	12
Tara Rowe	12	5'9"	G	12
Heather Hammond	31	5'11"	F	12
Katie Parsons	21	5'9"	F/G	12
Sarah Parsons	10	5'11"	F/C	12
Holly Ann Colson	14	5'7"	F	12
Allison Durlham	40	5'8"	F	12
Ashley Mize	3	5'6"	F	12
Jessie Asher	5	5'4"	G	11
Ashley Lunsford	20	5'6"	G	11
Rachel Killen	15	5'6"	G	11
Sarah Rowe	11	5'8"	G	9
Ainsley Bussell	23	5'8"	G	10
Lura Cash	30	5'9"	F	10
Tonya Lunsford	32	5'10"	C	9
Brittany Puryear		5'6"	G	11
Sonya Lunsford		5'6"	G	9
Jessie Barnes		5'5"	G	9
Jenni King		5'7"	F	9

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Five members of the Lady Rocket junior varsity squad are pictured above, from left: Ainsley Bussell, Lara Cash, Rachel Killen, Sarah Towe and Jessie Asher. They make up the junior varsity squad along with the freshman squad pictured below.



Members of the Lady Rocket freshman team are pictured above, front row from left: Megan Mazurek, Mary Saylor, Jessie Barnes, Sonya Lunsford, Morgan Collins and Jackie Alexander. Back row from left: Cora Collinsworth, Ashley Robinson, Tonya Lunsford, Jillisa Lay and Jenny King.



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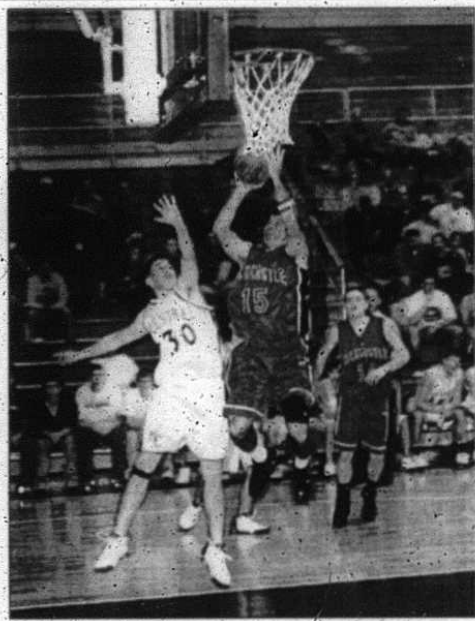
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Senior Aaron Cash goes for two of his 25 points in the Rockets first game of the season against Knox Central. The Rockets came away with an easy victory, 96-48

2004-2005

Rockcastle County High School Rockets Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 10*	Jackson County	Home	7:30
11	Warrior Classic East Ridge vs. Shelby Valley		TBA
14	Oneida Baptist	Away	7:30
16*	Clay County	Home	7:30
17-21	King of the Bluegrass	Fairdale	
27-30	Barst Stormin' Classic	Florida	
Jan. 4	Pulaski County	Home	7:30
7	Boyle County	Home	7:30
8	KY Preps Classic	Frankfort	
11	SW Pulaski	Away	6:00
14	Cawood	Away	7:30
21*	Clay County	Away	7:30
25	Madison Southern	Away	7:30
28	Whitley County	Away	7:30
Feb. 1	Oneida Baptist	Home	7:30
4*	Jackson County	Away	7:30
8	Barbourville	Away	7:30
11	North Laurel	Home	7:30
15	Corbin	Home	7:30
18	Lincoln County	Home	6:00
22	Somerset	Home	7:30
25	McCreary Central	Away	7:30
Feb. 28 - Mar. 1	District Tourney	Jackson Co.	
March 7-12	Regional Tourney	Cawood	
March 16-19	State Tourney	Rupp Arena	

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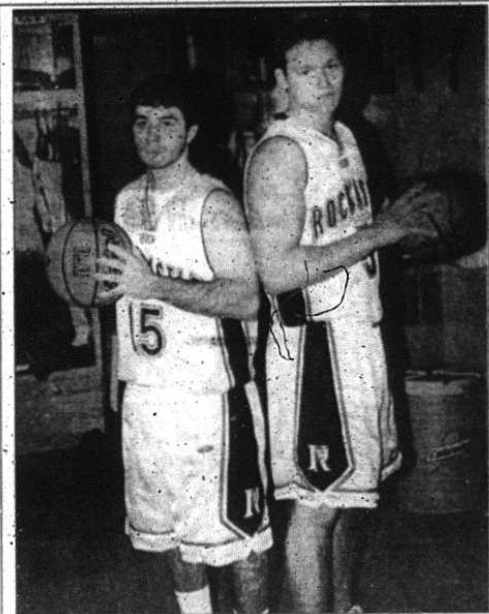
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Senior members of the RCHS Rockets are pictured above, from left: Derreck Hurst, Blake Roberts and Aaron Cash.



Rocket captains for 2004-2005 are seniors Aaron Cash and Blake Roberts.



Members of the RCHS Rockets coaching staff are pictured above, from left: Benny Blanton, Jesse Mahaffey, head coach Clayton Cash and Andrew Cash. Not shown is Jon Bentley.



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**Rockcastle County High School
Lady Rockets Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Dec. 10	Jackson County	Home	6:00
16	Clay County	Home	6:00
20-23	Pike Central Prime Time Classic	Lex. Cath.	9:15
27-30	Sweet South Classic vs. Shelbyville Central, TN vs. Chattahoochee, GA vs. Buena, CA	Georgia	
Jan. 3	McCreary Central	Home	7:30
8	Scott County Shooting for the Cure	Louisville	6:30
11	S.W. Pulaski	Away	7:30
13	Whitley County	Home	7:30
21	Clay County	Away	6:00
22	Assumption Kentucky Preps Classic	Trinity	5:00
28	Louisville Inv. Tourn.	Bellarmine	
31	Mercer County	Home	7:30
Feb. 4	Jackson County	Away	6:00
8	Lexington Catholic	Berea	7:30
11	North Laurel	Home	6:00
18	Lincoln County	Home	7:30
21	Bell County	Home	7:30
25	Wayne County	Home	7:30
Feb. 28 - Mar. 4	District Tourney	Jackson Co.	
March 7-14	Regional Tourney	Cawood	
March 23-26	State Tourney	Western Kentucky	

2004-2005

**Rockcastle County High School
Lady Rockets
Freshman/Junior Varsity Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Team	Time
Dec. 9	Corbin	A	F	6:00
11	S.W. Pulaski	A	F	
13	Mercer County	A	F	6:00
14	Pulaski County	A	F	6:30
Jan. 4	Clay County	A	F/JV	
6	South Laurel	H	F	7:30
8	Corbin	H	F	11:00
10	Mercer County	H	F	7:00
14	Lincoln County	H	F/JV	6:00
15	Madison Central	A	F	11:00
18	Somerset	H	F	7:00
22	Berea	H	F	11:00
25	Pulaski County	H	F	6:30
27	Madison Southern	A	F	6:30
Feb. 1	South Laurel	A	F	6:00
5	Garrard County	A	F/JV	11:00
7	Berea	A	F	7:00
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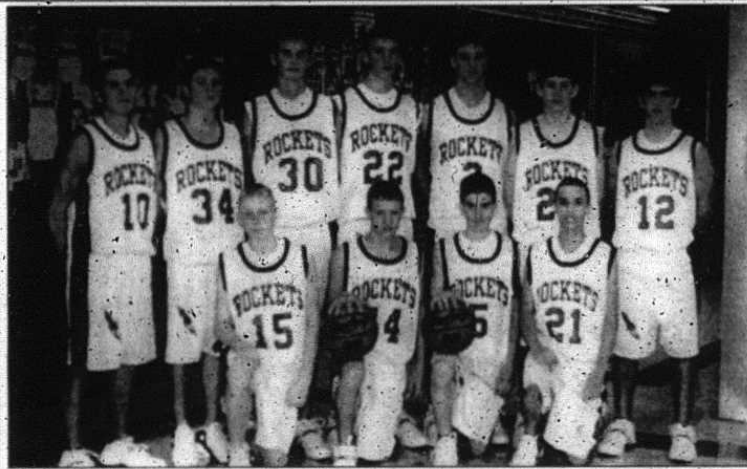
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Members of the Rockets Junior Varsity are shown above, front row from left: Jake Woodall, Brandon Barnes, Chris Hurst and Dakota Smith. Back row from left: Lance Baldwin, Devin Hasty, Coty Childress, Clint Daugherty, Lynn Miracle, Chandler Hunter and Gabe Stallworth.



Members of the Rockets Freshman squad are pictured above, front row from left: Kyle Lear, Jake Woodall, Dakota Smith and Brian Mize. Back row from left: Chris Evans, Chris Lewis, J.J. Barnett, Gary Keith Caldwell, Dustin Poynter, Devin Hasty and William Mason.



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Senior members of the Lady Rockets squad are pictured above, front row from left: Sarah Parsons, Tara Rowe, Allison Durham and Ashley Mize; Back row from left: Katie Parsons, Johnna Abney, Heather Hammond and Holly Ann Colson.



The scoreboard shows the 20-1 lead the Rockets jumped out to against Knox Central last Friday night. The ROCK easily won the contest, 96-48.

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Rockets Freshman Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 2	Somerset	Home	7:00
4	Tournament	Rocky Hollow	
6	Pulaski	Away	7:00
9	Corbin	Away	7:00
13	Southern	Home	7:30
Jan. 3	S.W. Pulaski	Away	6:30
10	Berea	Away	7:00
13	Danville	Away	7:00
17	Corbin	Home	7:00
20	Southern	Away	6:00
24	Pulaski	Home	7:00
27	Berea	Home	7:00
31	South Laurel	Away	7:00
Feb. 5	South Laurel	Home	11:00
7	Danville	Home	7:00
10	Somerset	Away	7:00
14*	Oneida Baptist	Home	7:00
17	Garrard	Away	7:30
24	S.W. Pulaski	Home	7:00

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Rockets beat Knox Central

The Rockets boys team racked up their first win of the season in their opener against Knox Central last Friday night.

The Rockets, ranked in the top 20 in the state, were led in scoring by their Mr. Basketball candidate, Aaron Cash, who poured in 25 points, nabbed six rebounds, stole the ball five times and recorded 10 assists.

The Rockets took command of the game early, shooting ahead 20-1 in the first quarter and winning the quarter 34-7. Coach Clayton Cash was able to clear his bench in the game and 11 Rockets got in the scoring column in the 96-48 win.

Jaymes McCowan and Blake Roberts each got 16 points for their team; Coty Childress and Weston Riddle scored eight each; Derreck Hurst got 7; Lynn Miracle 6; Kyle Mullins 4 and J.C. McClure, Gabe

Stallworth and Clint Daugherty each accounted for two points.

Along with the Lady Rockets, the Rockets will face off with district-foe Jackson County this Friday night at home and will host Clay County, in another double-header with the girls team, next Tuesday night.

Lady Rockets beat Tates Creek

The Lady Rockets are ranked third in the state in one poll and fourth in another and the Tates Creek Lady Commodores know why, after falling to the Rockets 64-43 Monday night.

The Commodores won the first quarter 9 to 8 but the Rockets came back to take the second quarter 21-10 and finished with a strong fourth quarter 25-12.

Heather Hammond led all scoring for the Rockets with 20 points. Johnny Abney, back in action after

The Jayvee didn't fare quite as well as Knox Central, losing a close one 63-60. The Jayvee won the first and fourth quarter but the Panthers took the second and third by enough to get the win.

Gabe Stallworth and Lance Baldwin tied for scoring honors with 14 each; Lynn Miracle got 11; Coty Childress 9 and Clint Daugherty and Chandler Hunter got 6 each.

suffering a serious knee injury in the regional finals last March, got 17; Tara Rowe scored 15; Sarah Parsons and Ashley Lunsford got 4 each and Katie Parsons and Jessie Asher scored two each.

It was the second win for the Rockets and they will get their first district test of the season Friday night when they play a double-header with the boys at home. The two teams will host Clay County another district game, next Tuesday night.



Captains for the 2004-2005 Lady Rockets are seniors Tara Rowe and Johnny Abney.

"Expectations"

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team from Georgia and one from California.

The Lady Rockets will also play in the Kentucky Preps Classic on January 22 at Trinity High School where they will face Assumption, a top twenty team.

The Lady Rockets will then play in the Louisville Invitational on January 28th, which will be held at Bellarmine College. Only the top 20 teams in the state are qualified for that tournament and opponents will be determined by the rankings which come out the week before.

The Lady Rockets are returning four starters and the Rockets are returning three.

The District tournament will be February 28- March 4th, at Jackson County High School and the region will begin on March 7th, at Cawood High School in Harlan.

The girl's Sweet Sixteen tournament will be held March 23-26 at Western Kentucky University.

Diddle Arena is the same place the Lady Rockets lost in the opening round last year to Christian County, ending the season with a great 30-4 mark.

Of course, the boys and girls district and region are played at the same sites and the boy's Sweet Sixteen will be played as always at Rupp Arena in Lexington, March 16-19.

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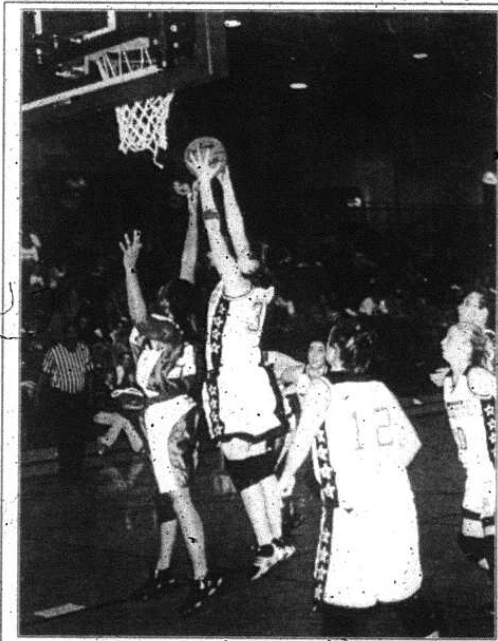
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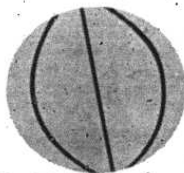
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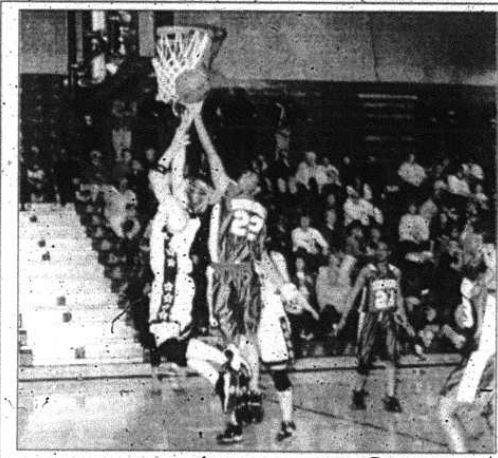
At left: Senior Blake Roberts fights for a rebound in the Rockets win over Knox Central last Friday night. Roberts scored 16 points in the season opener.



At right: Heather Hammond gets a rebound over a Tates Creek player in the Lady Rockets 64-43 win Monday night. Hammond was the leading scorer for the Lady Rockets with 20.



At left: Senior Derreck Hurst makes an easy basket for the Rockets in their win over Knox Central. Hurst scored seven points in the contest.



At right: Johnna Abney goes for two of her 17 points in the Lady Rockets win over Tates Creek Monday night. The win brought the Lady Rockets record to 2-0 on the season after an earlier 70-41 win over Corbin.



At left: Gabe Stallworth picked up two points for the Rockets in their win over Knox Central last Friday night.



At right: Ashley Lunsford picks up an easy layup for the Lady Rockets against Tates Creek. Lunsford scored four points in the victory.

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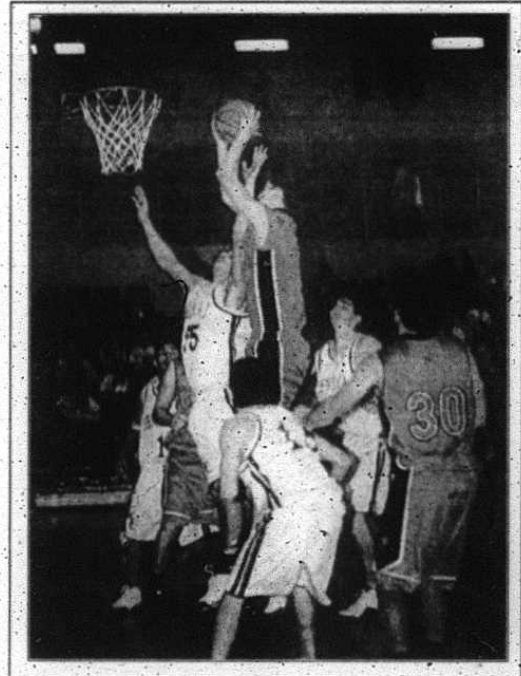
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At left: Senior Tara Rowe applies defense to a Tates Creek player. Rowe scored 15 points in the Lady Rockets victory Monday night. Tara recently signed to play for the Georgetown Tigers.

At right: Lynn Miracle goes up high for a rebound in the Rockets win over Knox Central Friday night. Miracle scored six points in the contest. Both the Rockets and Lady Rockets will be in action this Friday night as they host the Jackson County Generals in district action.



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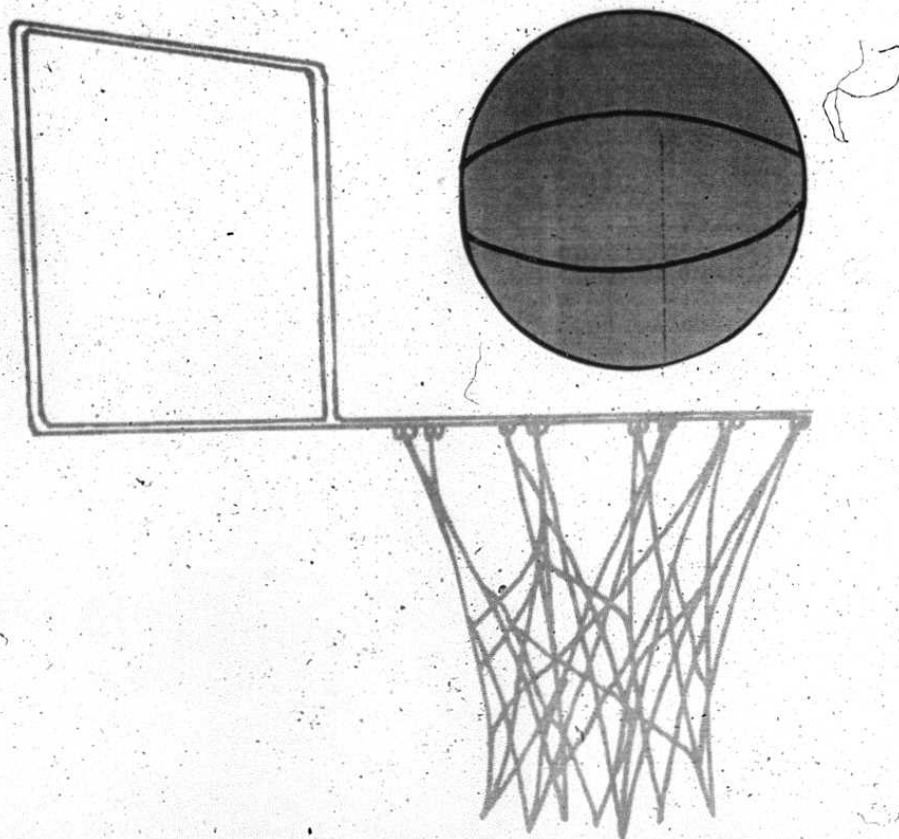
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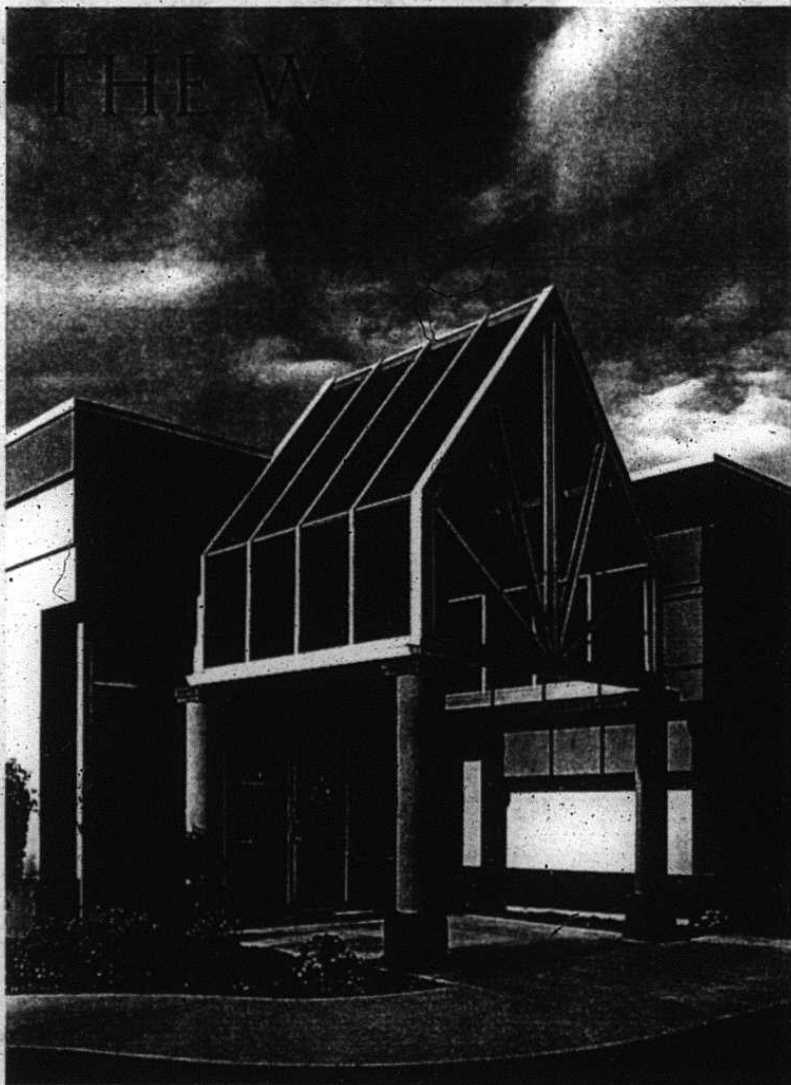
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