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## Mt. Vernon and Livingston take first place in Roadside PRIDE competition

Two Rockcastle County communities earned top honors in the annual Roadside PRIDE competition. The Cities of Mt. Vernon and Livingston won the 1st Place awards for cities of their size. U.S. Representative Hal Rogers (KY-05) presented the cities' trophies today during a ceremony at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

"I congratulate your cities on a job well done," Rogers said. "Winning these trophies required teamwork and a lot of motivation from your volunteers and elected officials. Everyone in your communities should take

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## Local man found guilty on gun charges Monday

By: Richard Anderkin  
A Rockcastle County Jury found Mark Baker, 40, of Orlando, guilty of possession of a handgun, on two separate charges after a twelve hour trial on Monday in Rockcastle Circuit Court, according to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney David L. Dalton, prosecutor for UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation Treatment and Education).

Dalton said that Baker was indicted by a Rockcastle Grand Jury in March of 2004 for Cultivation of Marijuana, second offense, trafficking in marijuana, possession of firearms and a handgun by a convicted felon, as well as a Persistent Felony Offender. He was offered a deal of a 10-year sentence on all charges but choose to go to trial.

Dalton noted that Kentucky law does not allow a trial for the handgun and firearms charges at the same time as the marijuana charges.

Dalton said that Baker took the stand in his own defense and, after being found guilty, he then pled guilty to all of the charges he was indicted on.

Dalton has recommended a sentence of 15 years for the guilty verdict.

Dalton said that the Commonwealth's case consisted of

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## Minor fire causes evacuation of the middle school

Students at the Rockcastle County Middle School were evacuated on Friday after an electrical fire broke out in the cafeteria during lunch.

Students were immediately evacuated from the building around 1:30 a.m., and were out of the school for twenty minutes while the fire was being extinguished by custodian Lonnie Mink with a fire extinguisher.

The Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. was called but did not have to use any water.

Students returned to the school and lunch service resumed. "All 700 students were fed lunch," principal Jason Coger said.



Congressman Hal Rogers, second from left and PRIDE chairwoman Sandy Gay present Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice R. Kirby and Mt. Vernon City Clerk Jeanette Robinson their first place trophy for a Class 3 city. This is the third straight year Mt. Vernon has taken first place in the PRIDE competition.



Congressman Hal Rogers, second from left, and PRIDE chairwoman Sandy Gay, far right, present Livingston Mayor Curt McHargue and Livingston PRIDE Coordinator Katha Carpenter their first place trophy for a Class 1 city. This is the city's second consecutive win.

## For cemetery preservation and Body Armor Governor's representative brings money to the county

Governor Ernie Fletcher and the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) announced Friday a \$21,500 Cemetery Preservation Fund grant for Rockcastle County. Funds will be used to restore various cemeteries.

The announcement was made in a check-presentation ceremony at the Rockcastle County Courthouse where the City of Mt. Vernon also received a Body Armor Grant for \$993 to replace 3 officer vests.

Cemetery Preservation Fund grants will be made to the Buckeye Cemetery, Chestnut Cemetery and Newcomb Cemetery to perform initial cleanup, landscaping, signage, fencing and walkway construction. A flagpole will also be erected.

"The need for Cemetery Preservation is recognized by this administration," said Governor Fletcher. "Cemetery funding allows families to maintain the integrity of the cemeteries."

Senator Ed Worley (D-Richmond)

said, "These Rockcastle County cemeteries are our history and should be protected."

"The cemetery grants are vitally important to preserving our history," stated Representative Danny Ford (R-Mount Vernon).

The Kentucky Cemetery Preservation program funds maintenance, preservation and restoration activities. Examples of maintenance activities include initial cleanup and landscaping, purchasing equipment, fencing, signage and improving interior roads. Preservation and restoration activities include acquiring conservation easements, surveying boundaries and repairing and cleaning tombstones.

Other activities that are eligible for funding are historic research, archiving, training to support cemetery preservation and improving access roads.

Counties may establish five-member county cemetery boards to apply for grants. State agencies, local governments, and certain nonprofit or-

ganizations - cemeteries, historical and genealogical groups, and local civic groups - also may apply. However, applications from county boards will receive funding priority.

The maximum grant that a group can receive is \$25,000 and the minimum grant is \$1,000, and a one-to-one local match is required.

A five-member state board oversees the program and makes funding decisions. The state board is chaired by the Commissioner of GOLD and also represents the Kentucky Heritage Council, the Kentucky Historical Society, the Kentucky Association of Counties and the Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission.

**Body Armor Program**  
The Mount Vernon Police Department will replace three officer vests. Governor Fletcher said, "With funding from our State Body Armor

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## Ten candidates for Sheriff 76 have filed for the May Primary

James H. Lambert is candidate for appellate court

By: Richard Anderkin  
Fourteen more local candidates have thrown their hats in the ring for the May 16th primary election. A total of 76 candidates will be on the primary ballot.

Filing this week were four more candidates for Sheriff, bringing the total number of candidates to ten for that office.

Gary Linville, 50, of Roundstone, who lost a bid for Sheriff four years ago has filed along with Mt. Vernon Police Chief Terry Jackson, 40, of Mareburg and Jimmie Silvers, 55, a retired Kentucky State Trooper.

Joining the other nine candidates is Dwight L. Brown, 40, of Rt. 3 Mt. Vernon. Brown has served as a deputy sheriff, under former Sheriff Shirley Smith, and also worked with the 911 system.

Ralph Powell, 48, of Livingston has filed against two term jailer James Miller.

State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon is unopposed for his 14th term. He is a former minority leader in the state house.

5th District United States Representative Hal Rogers of Somerset, who has been in the House since 1980 and is head of the powerful

Appropriations Committee, has opposition from James W. Tapley of Pine Knot and Kentucky Rep. from Barbourville. Both are Democrats and will have to face-off in the primary. Rogers was Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle County from 1969 to 1980 and replaced longtime Congressman Dr. Tim Lee Carter, who retired in 1980, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rockcastle's State Senator Ed Worley, who represents the 34th Senatorial District, which includes Rockcastle, Clay, Elliott, Lee, Magoffin, Morgan, Owensley and Rowan will have opposition from either former State Senator Barry Metcalf or Albert Spencer, a former Eastern Kentucky University professor. All are from Richmond.

All other filings are for magistrate and constable.

They include Thomas Bentz Miller for magistrate in District Two, Wayne D. Harding, of Rt. 3 Mt. Vernon and Doug Collins, of Buffalo Road have added their names to a list of seven Republican candidates and Democrat Jan Stevens, who was postmaster at Wildie for 41 years, will face Emanuel Miller in the pri-

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## All Candidates who have filed for May Primary (County Offices Only)

| County Judge/Executive | County Attorney        | Jailer                                |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Buzz Carlifotis        | William D Reynolds     | James E. Miller                       |
| William K. Bullen      | County Clerk           | Ralph Powell                          |
| Angela L. Stallsworth  | County Clerk           | Property Valuation Adm.               |
| Christopher Hurt       | Teressa Vanzant        | Margaret Offutt                       |
| Sheriff                | Coroner                | County Surveyor                       |
| Darrell Doan           | Bill Dowell            | Matthew J. Hupp                       |
| Cecil R. Rucker        | James E. Winchester    | Magistrate District #3                |
| Billy Rice             | Magistrate District #1 | Republican                            |
| Roger G. Pigg          | Republican             | Bill McKinney                         |
| Cletis Brown           | Cecil Ray Abney        | Ricky Wayne Miller                    |
| Gary Linville          | David T. Gibbs         | Democrat                              |
| Terry Jackson          | Billy Adams            | Gary Gentry                           |
| Jimmie Silvers         | Shannon D. Bishop      | Magistrate District #4                |
| Dwight L. Brown        | Jack Weaver            | Republican                            |
| Constable District #1  | Democrat               | Kevin Wayne Jones                     |
| Dale McFerron          | John Holbrook          | Fred Mullins, Jr.                     |
| Charles York           | Magistrate District #2 | Jim King                              |
| Ernest Alcom           | William S. Denny       | Tom Poynter                           |
| James W. Weaver        | Gary (Seymore) Barnett | Richard Dean                          |
| Constable District #2  | Larry Renner           | Wayne D. Harding                      |
| Delno McClure          | Dean McClure           | Doug Collins                          |
| Jack Navarre           | Harold Miller          | Emanuel Miller                        |
| Steve Griffin          | Thomas Benton Miller   | Jan I. Stevens                        |
| Jesse Vanwinkle        | Constable District #4  | Magistrate District #5                |
| Ricky R. Kirby         | Leonard Dale Miller    | Ralph E. Allen                        |
| Constable District #3  | Donnie Cope            | Donald Bullock                        |
| Joe Mont Russell       | Jackie Huff            | Primary Election is Tuesday, May 16th |
| James W. Kidwell       | David Mason            |                                       |
| Rodney G. Adams        | Raymond Kirby          |                                       |
| Stanley K. Payne       |                        |                                       |
| Joshua Glenn Robbins   |                        |                                       |



The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and members of the local cemetery board are shown with a check from the state of Kentucky for \$21,500 which will be used to help preserve three cemeteries in Rockcastle County. Shown front row from left are: first district magistrate David Gibbs, Judge-Executive Buzz Carlifotis, local cemetery board members Bernice McHargue, Juanita Davis, Willetta Owens, third district magistrate Bill McKinney and fifth district magistrate Ralph Allen. On the back row, pictured from left are: James Hunn, a cemetery preservation with the state, second district magistrate William Denny and fourth district magistrate Fred Mullins, Jr. The check presentation was Thursday by Amy R. Stroud, a representative with the Governor's office.



The County Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 26th at the Teaching and Learning Center. Pictured above are the participants from each school: Jordan Johnson (fourth grader from Brodhead Elem.) - second place, Bradley Broughton (fourth grader from Roundstone Elem.) - third place, Hannah Bullock (fifth grader from Mt. Vernon Elem.) - fourth place and Amanda Houst (eighth grade from RCMS) - County Spelling Bee Champion. Amanda will be representing Rockcastle County on Saturday, March 18th at the Derby Festival Spelling Bee in Churchill Downs.

# Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



## My Grandfather, My Hero

When I was six years old, my mother and I moved in with my grandparents in Mt. Vernon. My grandfather's name was Eugene Stokes, and he was called Pop. I always called him Pop. We lived there for several years. As a result of the time that I spent with him, my grandfather became my all time hero. He taught me all the things that a man needs to teach his son: how to fish and hunt, how to drive a car, how to build things, and, most importantly, how to treat other people.

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# Points East

By Ike Adams

As you may recall, a couple of weeks ago I did a piece here that had to do with what I believed, at the time, to be a rather strange and different phenomenon. I went on record saying that I had never heard thunder/seen lightning in January before this year and, as most of you know, we had four or five serious thunderstorms last month, at least here in central Kentucky.

Morton Gibson wrote that on January 17, 1994 they had a 14 inch snow and the temperature was 20 below zero in Leslie County. He said he was looking out the window when an amazingly bright bolt of lightning struck right in front of him along with a thunder clap so loud it shook the house. We can't publish in a family newspaper what he said he did in his pants.

Kathy Gay said her family was living in a trailer in Berea in 1985 and on January 6, and about 6 A.M. that morning thunder and lightning struck so hard that it knocked she and her husband out of bed and pictures off the walls. She said the trailer and her lawn were littered with tree limbs. In September of the same year, lightning hit the same tree again, broke windows in the trailer and set their outbuilding on fire. Kathy told her husband that if it happened again they were moving. A few years later lightning struck in the same place for the third time. They moved. Kathy maintains that thunder in January is not nearly as rare as lightning striking the same place three times.

Bud Whitaker of Letcher County one night up near Hurricane Gap on the Virginia line in January back in the early '70s when it started to rain. He hopped up under a cliff while he waited for his dogs to bark. All of a sudden a big bolt of lightning and thunder louder than dynamite struck a big beech snag not more than twenty or thirty feet in front of him. He said his hair stood straight up so stiffly that it lifted his cap off and it stayed that way for several minutes. He also said he had an experience similar to Morton's in his pants. He said the snag burned and smoked for several weeks and he gave up hunt-

# T.J.'s Journal

by Tonya J. Cook



Last night, the cold winter rain came down and beat against our roof and window pane. It was, as they say, a good night for sleeping. The rain seems to have a calming, almost hypnotic effect for most people, especially when covered up to your chin with a warm quilt or soft comforter. I've heard that said the sound of rain on a tin roof is the ultimate in sleeping conditions. I've never experienced this but a couple of times, and that has been many years ago.

After the rain had passed, the morning came and brought with it what I would call a spring day. It is far from the January days of my childhood. At that time, you would go to bed and the next morning, expect to see six or eight inches of snow.

I guess if we can't have winter, we might as well have spring. Although I don't remember my grandpa recalling a spring in late April or early May when it came a huge snow, and the drifts covered the fence posts. That was right here in Mount Vernon in the early 1890s. Spring is the favorite season of many people. I like spring second to winter, that is, if we had winter anymore.

I'm sure there are a lot of folks who, like me, are very anxious to get involved with spring gardening and planting. I've been keeping my eye out for mulch to begin to arrive at the stores, and all of the spring plants. I hope to see some new bulbs in a few days. It shouldn't be long before they start to begin planning their vegetable beds. There are many who are very anxious to begin planting their vegetable gardens. We would love to put out a

small garden, but we are always so short on time. It seems that every minute is filled with something that demands our attention. Then, too, the fierce creatures would make away with about half of it. I was just commenting to Stanley the other day about how I've always enjoyed the smell of freshly plowed ground. He said that it was one of his favorite smells, as well. It has a smell like no other, and brings to mind the days when his father would turn the ground for the spring garden and crops. If you have never smelled it, there is no other odor quite like it.

Of course, with the planting of the spring vegetable garden, soon comes the summer and fall harvest, and all of the canning. Then the fall rains begin, which lead into winter, and the cycle begins again. Next winter, we'll hear the gentle cold rain against our roofs, and long for those warm summer days.

## Our Readers Write

### Should support war in Iraq...

Dear Editor, In our modern-day culture, many mainstream thinking Americans become impatient because of our 24 hour news stations who portray the war in Iraq as somewhat of a losing battle for the United States. We expect a solution that is very favorable for the United States and we expect it now. Many of the mainstream political activists today that oppose the war vividly recollect the Gulf War that took place during the George H.W. Bush administration and recall how handily we won the war and succeeded in our mission. Therefore, they view the current war in Iraq with little patience.

Let us look back and recall September 11th. It was unarguably the day when invincible Americans felt vulnerable and scared for the first time in their lives. We had previously lived within the borders of the United

States, possessing an air of absolute confidence that America was the most powerful nation-state in the world and that we were immune to experiencing any sort of violence on our homeland. On that day in our history, the attitudes changed. We came to the realization that we could no longer concern ourselves only with the happenings inside our borders. Brainwashed terrorists, with evil convictions, had an unprecedented vendetta against the United States. We had to change our approach when it came to defending liberty. To sufficiently protect American citizens, we had to take an offensive approach instead of a defensive-natured Bill Clinton approach that only opened us up to vulnerability (as seen on September 11th).

At the time, Iraq was a country who presented a threat to America.

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## Warning Signs of Strokes

Presented By: Dr. Tony Arvin

New treatments for strokes have changed how we look at strokes. Years ago, doctors felt that little could be done in the event of a stroke. Early physical therapy was considered important, but there was little else to do.

'Now doctors can use clot-busting medicines in certain cases. So now it has become important to know the warning symptoms of stroke and to seek medical treatment as early as possible. If the stroke can not be reversed, at least measures can be taken to protect as much of the brain as possible. There are only a couple main symptoms to know and watch for. Perhaps the best known is weakness or numbness on one side of the body. This may just be the hand or arm, or it may include the face and leg. The person may first notice a clumsiness of the hand, such as difficulty holding a cup to drink. This can become very profound depending on the severity of the stroke.



On one's face, weakness results in a droopy appearance of the involved side. The person will not be able to make a normal smile or 'show his teeth' because the involved side will drop down. The other common symptom is difficulty with speech, most often slurred speech. The person will not be able to pronounce words clearly. At other times, there can be difficulty finding the right word, and sometimes inability to say any words.

Other symptoms can be related to strokes from the 'posterior' circulation. These symptoms often include dizziness, unsteadiness, and double vision.

## VIEW FROM THE BENCH

### A Note to Candidates... Good Luck to All

I hope this doesn't turn into one of the great ironic moments of my life. As the deadline for this column is prior to the election filing deadline, I can't be sure that I won't have opposition during the 2006 elections. By the time this column appears, I hope to have breathed a sigh of relief and return to work without constant thoughts about campaigning.

Most people can't fully appreciate the intricacies of seeking election. The stress is largely self-imposed and to some extent, unnecessary. Having said that, no doubt exists that seeking election can be an enormously time consuming, expensive and humbling. Single county races are themselves daunting given their geographical size and the diverse elements which exist between urban and rural areas. Those differences are magnified in multi-county elections.

No candidate should ever forget that public office is an honor and one which can be bestowed upon someone else very easily. Certainly, no one is entitled to public office. Dedicated and honest officials should be rewarded to office. The lazy, those who are less than forthright, or those who seek office for personal motives at the expense of the public interest, should be rejected by the electorate.

Though most candidates have already begun attending the innumerable community dinners and events, this schedule will reach its peak in April and again in October. Candidates will have the opportunity to meet many people within their respective communities, form lifelong friendships and shape their own experiences and become better people and perhaps... better candidates.

Of course, not all campaign experiences are positive. Normally friendly people sometimes become rude, expensive campaign signs and literature will be stolen or vandalized, and every human failing (real or imagined) will become grist for the campaign mill.

Candidates children may be neglected, spouses alienated and household financial security jeopardized. All of these things are the price of admission to the realm of elected office.

It's been said that we would like to vote for the best man (or woman), but he's never a candidate. I disagree. In this area, we are generally blessed with qualified and well intentioned candidates. It is the responsibility of the voters to see that the cream rises to the top by casting informed votes. Let the races begin.

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# Obituaries



## Dillard Bowman

Dillard Bowman, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 29, 2006 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Climax, KY on March 14, 1920 the son of Robert and Della Young Bowman. He was a retired tool and dye maker for Dresser Industries and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Climax Christian Church and was a retired minister, ordained on June 19, 1955.

He is survived by: his wife of 68 years, Mary King Bowman; one son, Elvin Bowman of Brodhead; two daughters, Wanda Reed of Germantown, OH and Wavelene Neat of Russell Springs; one sister, Lillian Sess of Brodhead; eight grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: a son, Melvin Bowman; three brothers, Alvie, Aster, and Wallace Bowman; and a sister, Vivian Abney.

Funeral services for Mr. Bowman were conducted Tuesday, January 31 at the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jim Richey. Burial was in the Chasteen-Cope Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Junior Bowman, Charlie King, Chris Niecey, Jerry Niecey, Edward Reed, James Cope, Ray Reed, and Tex Seals.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view Mr. Bowman's online obituary.



## Sally Minnie Bullen Sigmon

Sally Minnie Bullen Sigmon, 82, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on February 20, 1923 the daughter of Dewey and Flora Wolfe Bullen. She was a homemaker and farmer and was a member of the Roundstone Baptist Church.

She is survived by: two sons, Bill Gene (Nancy) Sigmon and Jackie Lynn (Patti) Sigmon; all of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Joyce Faye (Don) Gabbard of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Tom Bullen and Joe Bullen, both of Mt. Vernon; and one sister, Nancy Wilson of Berea. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Ella Mullins and three brothers, Bob, J.T., and John D. Bullen.

Funeral services for Ms. Sigmon were conducted Monday, January 30 at the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Rick Reynolds. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Charles Bullen, James Bullen, Larry Bullen, William Bullen, Jr., David Thacker, and Eddie Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were: Bobby Joe Bullen, Joey Bullen, Tommy Bullen, Jimmy Mullins, and Johnny Wilson.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view Ms. Sigmon's online obituary.

## Melissa Jolene Keller

Melissa Jolene Keller, 39, wife of Robert Dale Keller of 117 Sedgfield Court, Anderson, SC, died January 23, 2006 at her residence. Born in Stuttgart, Germany on July 22, 1966, Mrs. Keller was a daughter of Jimmie Earl Sebree of Mauldin, SC and Viola Blanton Sebree of Brodhead. She was a caseworker with the D.H.H.S., Greenville County Department of Health and Human Services. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Robert Dale Keller; sons, Dillon Keller at home and John Michael Strassburg of Columbia, SC; father, Jimmie Earl Sebree and step-mother, Barbara Sebree of Mauldin, SC; mother, Viola Blanton Sebree of Brodhead; brothers, Steven Sebree of Richmond, VA and Joshua Sebree of Clemson, SC; sisters, Andrea Kilpatrick and Pamela Gardner, both of Richmond, VA; brother, Mitchell Eyster of Baltimore, MD and sister, Kelley Eyster of Asheville, NC. Grandmother Blanton and aunts and uncles of Kentucky also survive her. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhianna Denise Sebree Keller.

Services were held on Friday, January 27, 2006 at St. Joseph Catholic Church officiated by Father James Dubrouillet. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Anderson, SC.

Flowers are optional. Memorials may be made to the College Fund for sons, Dillon Keller or John Michael Strassburg c/o Palmetto Bank, 815 N. Main Street, Anderson SC 29621.

Condolences to the family may be sent at [www.mcdowdoffuneralhome.com](http://www.mcdowdoffuneralhome.com)



## Dewey D. McGuire

Dewey D. McGuire, 81, of Mt. Vernon died Friday January 27, 2006 at his home. He was born on September 11, 1924 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Logan and Mary Singleton McGuire. He was a retired Assemblyman for General Motors Company, a Navy veteran of WWII, a member of the Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, enjoyed horses, and was a member of the Holiness faith.

Survivors are: three daughters; Mrs. Janice Norvell of Frisco, NC; Mrs. Darlene Silcox of Waynesville, OH, and Mrs. April Koester of Mt. Orab, OH; six sisters; Mrs. Cuna Abney of Borlston, TX; Mrs. Sally Jennings of Fairfield, OH; Mrs. Verneta Lake of Brodhead, Mrs. Evelyn Lackey and Mrs. Wanda MaMa Vanant of Mt. Vernon. Nine grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by: one daughter, Alona McGuire; two brothers, Raymond and Manley McGuire; one sister, Stella Allen and one granddaughter and one great granddaughter.

Services were held Monday, January 30, 2006 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Buford Parkerson and Allen Hensley officiating. Burial followed in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Michael Norvell, Lance Norvell, Mary West, Bruce West, Wade West, Justin Crosby and Jim Norvell.

Condolences to the family may be sent online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)



## Alice Marie Bradley

Alice Marie Bradley, 70, of Nicholasville and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at the Hospice Care Center at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born at Red Hill in June 29, 1935 the daughter of Arthur and Ora Mae Mullins Morris. She was a homemaker and attended the Olive Baptist Church in Lexington.

She is survived by: her husband, Vernon "Tommy" Bradley, one son, Tom (Jenni) Bradley of Nicholasville; one daughter, Cheryl (Randy) Conkright of Nicholasville; three sisters, Alma Ward of Eaton, OH, Suddie Kern of Richmond, IN, and Barbara Morris of Lexington; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: a daughter, Vicki Gummi; two sisters, Iva Carter and Naomi Walters; and five brothers, Earl, Jack, Dempsey, Everett, and Bentley Morris.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bradley were conducted Saturday, January 28 at the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dwayne Walker. Burial was in the Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Bobby Bowles, Troy Bradley, Jeremy Conkright, Jim Kelly, Matt Morin, and Ben Ramsey.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass at 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view Mrs. Bradley's online obituary.



## Clarence Bradley

Clarence "Everett" Bradley, 81, of Brodhead died January 25, 2006 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset.

Mr. Bradley was born October 24, 1924 in Indianapolis, IN, a son of Benjie Franklin and Nancy Ann Denney Bradley. He was a 20 year maintenance employee of the Rockcastle County School System and of Sowder Nursing Home maintenance and had been self-employed for 27 years at Bradley's Service Station in Brodhead. He served his country during WWII as a Navy Seaman First Class, was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church, a Kentucky Colonel, American Legion, Brodhead Lions Club, Rockcastle Bass Club and had held the positions of Deputy Coroner and Brodhead Fire Chief.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Mrs. Nancy Bradley of Brodhead; three children, Ronald Everett (Brenda) Bradley, Cathy (Denton) Owens and Jane (Michael) McClure, all of Brodhead; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Curtis and Thumie Bradley and three sisters, Hazel Thompson, Gladys Mullins and Goldie Shivel.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 28 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Shannon Franklin officiating. Burial was in the Pine Grove Cemetery with military rites by Corbin VFV #1410.

Casketbearers were: Robbie Lay, J.C. Barnett, Gary Kidwell, Charles E. Napier, Chris Owens and Anthony Philbeck.

Condolences to Mr. Bradley's family may be made to his online registry at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## John D. Bowles, Jr.

John D. Bowles, Jr., 76, of Central Ave., Berea, brother of Dominic Bowles of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 26, 2006 at his home. He was born in Jackson County to the late John Dock Bowles and Stella Lakes Bowles Ambrose, was a retired signalman for the L&N Railroad and a member of Middletown Baptist Church.

Besides his brother, other survivors are his children, Diane Acton of Gainsville, VA, Juanita (Rusty) Whitmore of Berea and Kenneth Edward Bowles of Berea; four sisters, Betty Crutcher and Linda Desjard, both of Richmond and Nancy Kirk and Anna Mae McCollum, both of Berea; two grandchildren and a special caregiver, Bernice Adams.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mae DeWitt and a sister, Thelma McClellan.

Funeral services were Monday, January 30th at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Woods officiating. Burial was in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Active pallbearers were: Rusty Whitmore, Brent Whitmore, Ricky Bowles, Jerry Bowles, Sammy Crutcher, Jason Ambrose, Scott Johnson and Tim Kirk.

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Survivors include her children, Dewayne Singleton and Sherri (Michael) Halcomb, both of Brodhead; one grandson, a brother, Veri Sowder of Richmond; four sisters, Geneva (Dean) Faulkner and Lorrene (Herman) Smith, both of Mason, OH and Louise (Doug) Baker and Faye Madgen, both of St. Louis, MO.

Besides her parents and husband, Hubert Johnson, Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by four brothers, Kenneth, Forester, Paris and Ray Sowder and two sisters, Elizabeth Pfleger and Kathy Kolb.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 30 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Charles Moore officiating. Burial followed in the Johnson Cemetery in Berea.

Casketbearers were: Dewayne Singleton, Josh Cameron, Josh Howard, Chris Riddle, Chris Fletcher and Randy Busse.

Condolences to Mrs. Johnson's family may be made to her online registry at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Jewell Cummins

Jewell Ann Brock Cummins, 56, of Crab Orchard, died Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born June 20, 1949 in Wallins Creek to Ben and Sara Mogan Brock and was a member of the Philadelphia Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Bennie Ray Baker, Henry Goble Baker and Daniel Burdette Cummins, all of Crab Orchard; a daughter, Sara Jane Cummins of Crab Orchard; four brothers, David, Jimmy, Benny and Jack Brock, all of Brodhead; three sisters, Nancy Miller, Donnie Sue Poynter and Betty Brock and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Friday morning, Feb. 3 at 11 o'clock at McKnight Funeral Home in Crab Orchard.

## Harry Chasteen

Harry E. Chasteen, 77, brother of James Chasteen of Mt. Vernon, died January 26, 2006 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center after a long illness.

Mr. Chasteen was born April 4, 1928 in Middletown, OH to William and Bertha Houndsbill Chasteen.

Besides his brother and sister-in-law, Juanita, he is survived by five other brothers and a sister, Melvin (Dorothy) and Clyde (Patsy), both of Berea, Ralph (Georgia) of Richmond, Arnold of Alabama and Carrie Simpson of Camden, OH.

Besides his parents, he was survived by three brothers, John, Eldon and Ernest Chasteen.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 28 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Cartersville Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Marvin Chasteen, Denzil Chasteen, J.D. Mink, Michael Hamilton, Robert Chasteen, Mike Chasteen, Tim Brock, Wesley Chasteen and Roy Chasteen.

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## "Memories"

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tinued our adventure, and he also bagged a couple of squirrels before we finally went home.

My next lesson was to learn how to clean a squirrel so that we could eat it. He was very methodical. Each animal was cleaned exactly the same way, a process that he called "barking" a squirrel. That evening my grandmother cooked our game, and we had a meal that I will never forget. I admired him so much, but I don't think I ever loved my grandfather more than I did that night. In a single day, he had given me much more than a shotgun (which I still own), he had provided me with skills, principles, and values which have served me well and remain part of my life's philosophy.

## "Letters"

(Cont. from A-2)

Saddam Hussein had voiced his bitter hate for the United States. How dare the United States question his authoritarian regime by considering it oppressive and unfair to Iraqis? Saddam Hussein's sole objective was to simply stay in power. He had proven, by the slaying of his own people, that he would win at all costs

and that the state of his own personal ego was so important that the well-being of his own people, Saddam Hussein was dangerous to America, a country that he saw vulnerable and shaken. He saw that his number one foe was no longer invincible. What better time to act? In retrospect, George W. Bush made the best decision for his people when he opted to go into Iraq.

Today, over half of America is unpleased about the current status of the war in Iraq. They don't understand why American soldiers are still dying. They don't understand why we still have to occupy a country that we have supposedly freed from oppression. Believe it or not, transitions aren't easy. The most expedient alternative is to simply withdraw the troops and act as if the war never happened. However, this isn't the most logical alternative. We must acknowledge the fact that we are making great progress in Iraq. We are instituting a democracy. Never once in the history of the world have two democracies engaged in combat with one another. We are making for a safer, more peaceful world.

We pride America as holding the label of the greatest country in the world. Let us look back over two hundred years to remember that it took the greatest country in the world more than twice the time to develop a constitution that it took in Iraq. Let us remember that only months ago

Iraqis stood outside for hours upon hours just so they could utilize their newfound democracy in electing their new democratic leaders.

It is so very unfortunate that the life of many an American troop has been sacrificed in this war. Let us not forget that Saddam Hussein killed a number exponentially greater of his own people. As soon as we hear of an American soldier being killed in the line of duty, we call for the immediate withdrawal of troops. We sit in front of our television sets watching 24 hour television waiting for an immediate solution. We think one day at a time while simply abandoning the cause and taking away the only hope that millions of people in the Middle East have ever possessed.

The American soldiers have put forth a valiant effort in Iraq and will continue to do so. Their good work is why America is what we are today. Twenty years from now, the history books will say that we offered life for millions of people. We will have taken out a ruthless, oppressive dictator who will have formed an ally to be treated.

We are liberators. We are the ultimate promoters of freedom and liberty. We are humanitarians.

Aaron Anderkin

## Project Graduation...

Dear Editor,

The end of school and graduation is closer than many of us would like it to be. Along with the multitude of other duties and obligations that make up our daily lives, many senior parents are also taking on the extra responsibility of the annual RCHS Project Graduation. All of our efforts are directed toward our goal of making this a safe, alcohol and drug-free night for our seniors.

Many of you may have noticed a "Split-The-Pot" parent representative at each of the RCHS home ballgames. Thus far this Project Graduation fundraiser has been 100% profit, with each winner donating their 1/2 of the pot back to Project Graduation.

Our seniors and their parents are currently selling Home Interior Candles and Lotions with Project Graduation getting a 50% profit on all sales. The Home Interior sales ends February 6. We are also selling raffle tickets on a Longaberger basket. This fundraiser will continue until March 6 when the drawing for the basket will take place at the regular Project Graduation meeting. This basket was donated by Mrs. Jenny Sweet and Project Graduation gets 100% profit.

Our AVON sales will begin February 3 with Project Graduation getting 40% from sales. Other fundraisers such as car washes, raffles on different items including a 52 inch television and a 2006 four wheeler, a "Meet The Candidates" Chili supper, dances, etc. are in the planning stages.

Please purchase items from any

Senior (or their parent) and donate generously to the 2006 Project Graduation. You may send your tax deductible personal, business, or organizational donation to:

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Our executive officers are Chairpersons Regina Hull-Brown and Kathy Bobo; Secretaries Cindy McCullough, Lisa Hopkins, and Angel Smith; Treasurers Sharon Lovell, Trina Helton, and Sandy Durham.

You may contact any officer, senior parent, or senior to make contributions to the 2006 Project Graduation.

Thank you for your support, RCHS 2006 Project Graduation Executive Committee

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A-2)

ing at night unless the sky was clear. Several people wrote to say that they had always heard that if it thundered in January, there would be a rabbit tracking snow within five days. Others said it was a sign that the weather would be dry during the growing season.

The most popular response was that, "If it thunders in January it is a pretty good sign that the wind is going to pick up and it's going to start raining in the next few minutes."

In the meantime, I have noticed another interesting if not unusual occurrence for January. Twice this month I have taken a short cut to the interstate by driving through a big subdivision in Richmond where I have observed some rather shapely co-ed clad in bikinis that left little to the imagination. They were sunbathing on those fold out beach lounges just like it was the middle of July.

I suspect that, when word gets out, this is a good sign that traffic is going to increase dramatically along my favorite short cut and I would not be at all surprised to learn that the temperature is a few degrees higher there than elsewhere in the county.

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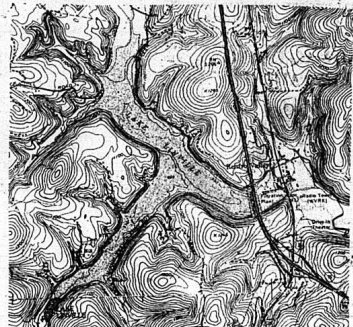
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## County attorney's office makes big jump again in child support collections

Mid-year child support performance rankings were recently issued by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Rockcastle County Child Support office now ranks 28th statewide, out of 120 Kentucky counties. This marks a dramatic

increase of 68 spots, after being 96th in overall performance at the end of the 2003 fiscal year. The office was ranked 42nd at the end of the 2004 fiscal year. The Rockcastle office is now the highest-ranking child support office

in the Cumberland Valley Region, which also includes Harlan, Bell, Jackson, Knox, Whitley, Laurel and Clay counties.

"Children are our future and deserve to be a top priority," says Rockcastle County Attorney William Reynolds. My staff and I work tirelessly to see that the children of our county are taken care of."

Criteria for determining a county office's performance in child support, based on the establishment of paternity (which the Rockcastle office ranks 5th statewide), the establishment of court orders for child support (which the Rockcastle office ranks 15th statewide), the collection of monthly child support obligations, as well as the collection of past-due arrears.

The Rockcastle office has received the Outstanding Improvement Award by the Division of Child Support in Frankfort for the past two fiscal years.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of my experienced staff who serve Rockcastle County proudly and our citizens can be proud of their work and dedication," Reynolds added.

The Rockcastle child support staff consists of Kathy Robinson, Julie Adams and Josh McKibben, who handle roughly 2,700 active cases.

## First Family Drug Court Graduation highlights success

Two young mothers were the first graduates of the 28th Circuit Family Drug Court on Monday, January 30. These mothers' children had been removed from them after social workers learned of the risk posed by their parents' substance abuse problems. After going through the legal processes of temporary removal hearings and appointment of attorneys and hearings, it was determined that

Family Drug Court might offer significant help to reunite the children with the families.

Judge Debra Lambert, who leads the program, said that Family Drug Court "isn't easy but offers the most intensive service we have available to us in the community setting. It involves a judge-led rehabilitation effort where initially parents are drug tested several times a week and are required to attend counseling and meet other obligations of life in a responsible and sober manner."

The graduates were honored with a ceremony and refreshments and were complimented by several people for all their hard work.

"I am so proud of these women," Lambert said. "There they were in court every Monday morning, ready to do whatever was required of them so as to have their children returned as early as could be done safely. They are now drug free and have had their children returned. They have been an inspiration to the newer members of the program also."

Federal law requires that parents whose children are removed have a safe and permanent home within approximately fifteen months. Believing that parents would have difficulty managing their own recovery in the time allotted, Lambert instituted Family Drug Court here, the first rural location in the state some time ago. Kevin Slone is the Drug Court Coordinator for the court. Jefferson County first instituted Family Drug Court, the Pulaski, Lincoln and Rockcastle program was the second in the state.

For more information on Family Drug Court, call 606-677-4186.

## Cards of Thanks

Henry Morris

The family of Henry Morris would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers and prayers during our time of loss.

Special thank you to Eddie Carpenter, Marvin Carpenter and Pleasant Run Baptist Church for the benefit singing that was held for our family and to everyone who participated and helped make the benefit possible.

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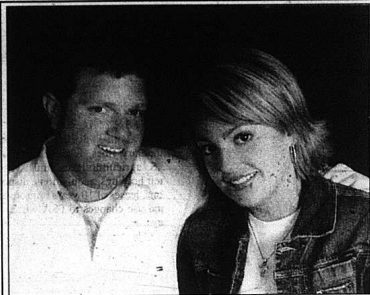
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**Parker - Todd**

Bill and Hazel Parker and Roy Gene and Anita Todd announce the marriage of their children, Amy Diane Parker and Eddie Wayne Todd. The couple was married in a private ceremony on December 7, 2005 at Northside Baptist Church before honeymooning in Ochoos Rios, Jamaica. A reception in honor of the couple will be held on Friday, February 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church, Faith Mountain, Mt. Vernon. All family and friends are invited to attend. Local invitations will not be sent.

**Senate Week in Review**

**By State Senator Ed Worley**  
The tremendous burden shouldered by our men and women serving in uniform overseas is never far from our minds. That load has become even more clear with the events in Iraq and Afghanistan, where more than half our troops are National Guard or military Reserve members — the people in our community who have left their full-time jobs and families to serve our country.

We took a significant step toward relieving part of that burden with the unanimous passage of Senate Bill 2 this week. The bipartisan proposal, which would go into effect immediately if approved by the House and signed by the governor, is aimed not just at the men and women who serve, but also at the families who stay behind.

Quite often, those families lose the primary — sometimes the only — breadwinner in the household, and too frequently careers are interrupted by military service, for both the soldier and the spouse. That creates financial troubles for many Guard and Reservists' families.

There's also the psychological impact on the families. Rarely if ever in American history have we called Guard and Reserve troops to such lengthy and uncertain deployments overseas. Because of that, we're seeing a tremendous emotional toll on families psychologically unprepared for their husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, to be gone so long.

SB 2 creates assistance funds to help particularly hard-hit families pay their rent or mortgage, utility and grocery bills. Health insurance copays would also be covered under one of the funds, and another would help parents pay for childcare so they can enter the workforce or take an additional job to meet expenses.

In addition, the bill establishes a death benefit of \$80,000 to the family of any Guardsman or Reservist killed while on active duty. The current death benefit of \$75,000 only applies if the member is killed while on state duty. The new benefit would also cover members called up nationally.

For troops who return from the stresses of battle and the families who suffered without them, emotional screening and counseling will be made available, handled by people familiar with the experiences combat troops and their loved ones face.

State employees whose spouses are deployed will receive a paid day's leave when they depart, and another when they return. Members' children will have an excused absence from school on the same days, with no loss of state funding to the schools.

An important aspect of the bill that would affect all veterans authorizes more field representatives for the Department of Veterans Affairs, so that those who return know about the wide range of benefits available to them because of their service. This is known as "veterans' right to know" legislation.

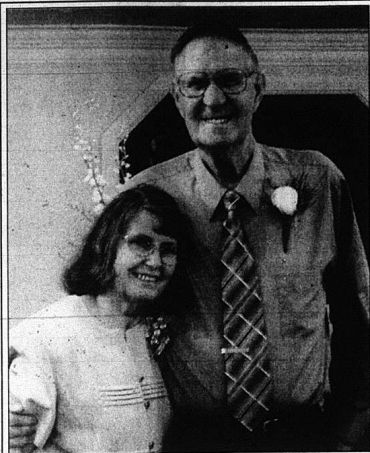
One more bill that shows our respect for veterans passed unanimously in the Senate this week. Senate Bill 47 expands to all schools a

requirement that they have a Veterans Day program dedicated to those who served. Our high schools already have programs that encourage veterans to speak with students, share their experiences, and help our young future leaders realize how much has been sacrificed for their freedom and security.

Another emergency bill approved in the Senate, House Bill 283, would appropriate \$10 million to help our neediest citizens pay their winter heating bills, a need made all the more urgent by skyrocketing natural gas prices. We've been blessed so far with a relatively mild winter, which is holding people's bills down somewhat, but we can't rely on Mother Nature's indefinite benevolence. The \$10 million appropriation could boost the number of households receiving home heating assistance to approximately 300,000.

The legislative process will continue picking up in the weeks to come. That makes this a very important time for lawmakers to stay in close touch with the people we serve to report on our work and ask for feedback. If you'd like to share your thoughts on any issue confronting our state, I hope you'll take the time to get in touch with me through the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at (800) 372-7181.

*Senator Ed Worley represents Lincoln, Madison and Rockcastle counties.*



**50th Wedding Anniversary**

Harold and Roberta Brown, of Ottawa, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 28, 2006. This special occasion was celebrated at their home, and shared with children, grandchildren, and their families. Fifty years of marriage is very rare, but can be done through commitment, prayer, and, of course, lots of love. Their marriage is an example for everyone, but more importantly, an inspiration to their family. Happy Anniversary! With love and admiration from all of us.



**50th Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Jones O. Hamm of Route 4 Mt. Vernon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 21, 2006. Their son, Kevin and his sons, Jarrett and Jeriah, hosted a dinner in their honor at Boone Tavern in Berea. Sarah Faye (Hunt) and Jones Oscar Hamm were married by the late B. Samuel Miller in Lancaster, Ky. January 14, 1956.

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## Kentucky Farm Bureau offers tobacco buyout settlement plans

Kentucky Farm Bureau is teaming with Farm Bureau Bank to offer eight-year lump-sum settlements to participants in the tobacco buyout.

Kentucky Farm Bureau President Marshall Coyle has announced that the financial service is being made available to tobacco growers and former allotment holders through county Farm Bureau offices across the state.

This is the second year that Farm Bureau has offered tobacco buyout settlement plans. The program allows buyout recipients to be paid for the full amount of their remaining buyout proceeds through a single transaction, less the cost to the bank of financing the upfront payment.

The settlement program, which began January 17, deals with years 3 through 10 of the 10-year buyout period. The initial payment was made in 2005 and the second year's checks are expected before the end of the month.

This year's settlement program has been changed to allow recipients

more flexibility in the rating structure, says David S. Beck, KFB executive vice president. The 2006 program will pay recipients on a sliding scale, with price breaks for contract values of \$15,000, \$50,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and above \$1,000,000.

"The new online application and approval process for lump sum settlements has been simplified and streamlined," Beck said. "Last year's program paid more than \$27 million on 7,900-plus contracts in Kentucky and we look forward to serving the needs of customers seeking eight-year contracts during 2006."

The handling of tobacco buyout payments is a very important financial transaction for many families, Coyle stressed, providing money to operate and expand farms for some and retirement funds for others.

"We want to do everything possible to assist Kentuckians as they receive and invest these dollars," he said.



Rockcastle UNITE chairman John Hale presents quarterly community service award to Mike Bryant, coordinator of the local DARE program, an educational anti-drug program which is taught at the elementary, middle and high schools in Rockcastle County.



Rockcastle UNITE Chairman John Hale presents quarterly community service award to Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan and Deputy Nathaniel Price in recognition of support of the DARE program.

## Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### IRS 1099'S

The IRS has mailed 1099's reflecting 2005 payment for TTPP with the amount being listed as the total for the 10-year contract. The 1099 is CORRECT due to IRS determination and should show the entire 10-year amount of the quota holder contract. Quota holders will only receive 1 1099-S, in the year they entered into the TTPP contract. Quota holders are advised to contact their tax consultant as to the IRS regulations regarding the reporting of this amount.

Quota holders will receive either a 1099-INT or 1099-OID, (depending on the amount of their contract) each year.

The exception is the 1099-G for tobacco producers only, not quota holders. Producer 1099-G will show only the amount received in 2005 (1/10 of the total contract). They will receive a 1099-G each year. A separate 1099-G will be issued for TTPP, with the amount shown on the back of 1099-G mailed for other payments.

It is important for buyout payment recipients to seek qualified tax and legal advice from a CPA and/or an attorney when dealing with these matters.

### County Committee meeting scheduled

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) will hold its monthly meeting this Thursday beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the FSA office located in the County Service Center on Hwy 150 in Mt. Vernon, KY.

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 program 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.

### Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in FSA meetings/events or functions should contact Warden Alexander at 606-256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

### Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure (AFIDA)

Foreigners who have bought or sold agricultural land in Rockcastle County are reminded to report the transaction to the local Farm Service Agency Office (FSA). Warden Alexander, County Executive Director of FSA, said.

Monetary fines, foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings, acquisitions, dispositions, leases of 10 years or more and land use changes to FSA within 90 days.

"The report is required by the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act, (AFIDA) which is still in effect," Mr. Alexander said. Foreign investors are required to file a report if all or part of any agricultural land is sold, or the title is transferred to another person.

Failure to file an AFIDA report could result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the interest held in the agricultural land.

For reporting purposes, agricultural land is any tract of more than 10 acres in the aggregate now in farming, ranching, forestry, or timber production. Land used for forestry production is land exceeding 10 acres in which 10 percent is stocked by trees of any size, including land that formerly had such tree cover and will be naturally or artificially regenerated. This includes land in agricultural use when purchased, as well as land later converted to agricultural uses.

County government officers, realtors, attorneys, lending institutions and others involved in real estate transactions are asked to notify the foreign investor of these reporting requirements.

### Sales and purchases of land

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 and bank account changes.

**REMEMBER:** FSA's records are only as good as the producers provide.

### Important program dates

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program signup continues

Farm Storage Facility Loans interest rate for Jan. 2006 is 4.375% LDP signup for 2005 crop small grants end March 31, 2006

NAP signup continues

## It's time for America's Cookies

Girl Scouts are an American tradition — on that has been continued since the 1920s. With funds generated by the sale of Girl Scout cookies, girls in Central and Eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities.

Area Girl Scouts began taking orders for their famous cookies on January 13 and will continue through March. Cookie deliveries and booth sales take place February 27 to March 19. Each package of cookies is still \$3.50, and there are eight varieties, including the ever-popular Thin Mints and Caramel delites. Girl Scouts are introducing two new cookies this year, Cartwheels — a tasty oatmeal round with a cinnamon burst in every bite and Thanks-A-Lots — a shortbread cookie dipped in rich fudge and topped with an embossed Thank You message in one of five languages. Proceeds from the cookie sale help troops pay for their activities and adventures, as well as help

the Girl Scout council support its program delivery, maintain camps and properties and provide financial assistance.

If you need an excuse to satisfy your Girl Scout cookie craving, just remind yourself that you are doing a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts and all of the good things they do for the community. When you buy Girl Scout Cookies, you really are helping fund the future. So, take your pick of America's favorite cookies:

Thin Mints, Caramel delites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes or, the most recent additions to the scrumptious selection, Cartwheels and Thanks-A-Lots. Cookies can be purchased directly from an area Girl Scout or by calling the Wilderness Road Council at 800-475-2621. The council will give your order to a local Girl Scout to deliver.

**Absolute Auction**

**TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2006 AT 10:30 A.M.  
WEST STREET, BRODHEAD, KY

LOCATION: In Brodhead, turn off Highway 150 by the Dollar General Store onto West Street. Proceed 3710 of a mile to the auction site. Watch for auction signs.

**TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT THAT CAN BE SEEN AT THIS AUCTION**

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| • 1982 Chevrolet Truck                                   | • 1977 Chevrolet — rear and only                             |
| • 1978 Chevrolet Truck 526<br>CC2291429 (rear condition) | • 1977 Buick Trailer<br>SN: 7017217473                       |
| • 1973 White Truck<br>SN: CA213HP074216 (poor condition) | • 1974 Puma 34 H Trailer<br>SN: 7401983                      |

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**Next Meeting: February 13th**  
**Topic: Nutrition Issues**

**2nd Monday of each month 7 p.m.**  
Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation  
7190 West Main Street, Brodhead

For more information contact the group leader:

W. Anne Harris 606-758-4286

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## Lady Rockets get revenge on Lady Rebels with 46-45 win

After losing a heartbreaker to the Lady Rebels at home, the Lady Rockets got revenge last Friday night with a 46-45 overtime win over district foe Casey County.

The Rockets were down 23-17 at the half but had fought back to take a 29-27 lead at the end of the third quarter. The score was knotted at 37 all at the end of regulation. Sophomore Sarah Rowe got three baskets in overtime and freshman Mary Saylor added a basket and a free throw to help outlead the Lady Rebels 9 to 8 for the one-point win.

Rowe led the scoring for her team with 17, including 9 of 12 free throws; Saylor got 12; Ashley Lunsford scored 10; Sonya Lunsford, Tonya Lunsford and Sarah Hammond got 2 each and Katy Manningly added 1.

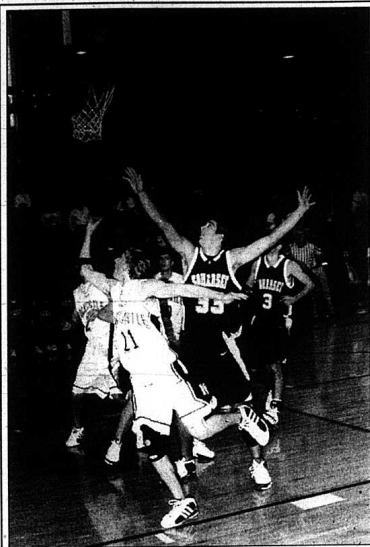
The Lady Rockets added another to the win column by defeating the Southwestern Lady Warriors 62-51.

Freshman Mary Saylor led the scoring for her team with 24 points; Rowe got 17; A. Lunsford 13 and T. Lunsford and Manningly added four each.

Monday night, the Lady Rockets again brought home a victory, downing Mercer County 58-51.

Ashley Lunsford took scoring honors for her team with 22 points; Rowe got 11; Saylor 10; S. Lunsford 6; Manningly 4 and Rachel Killen and T. Lunsford 2 each.

The Lady Rockets will host a doubleheader with the boys against Pulaski County and will then be idle until Feb. 10th when they will travel to North Laurel for a doubleheader game.



Kyle Mullins led the Rockets with 20 points in their 57-55 loss to Casey County last Friday night.

## Boys lose 19 point lead; fall to Casey 57-55

The Rockcastle Rockets squandered a 19 point lead last Friday night and lost by two points to district foe Casey County.

Several things contributed to the loss -- including seven offensive fouls called against the Rockets in the third quarter and some hot shooting by the Rebels to take the third and fourth quarters 37-20.

The Rockets had easily defeated the Rebels earlier in the season at Rockcastle.

This Friday night's double-header home game against Pulaski County is pivotal for the Rockets. It will de-

termine their seeding for the district and whether or not they have to face Somerset in the opening round of the tournament which is scheduled for Casey County.

In the Casey game, Kyle Mullins led the scoring for his team with 20 points. Colby Brown got 12; Coty Childress 10; Weston Riddle 8; Gabe Stallworth 5; J.C. McClure 3 and Lynn Miracle 2.

Following the Pulaski County home game this Friday night, the Rockets will travel to Powell County next Tuesday night and will play a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets on Friday night, the 10th.

## Basketball tournament set for Ashlee's House Homeless Shelter

The 1st Annual Ashlee's House Homeless Shelter Basketball Tournament will be held March 24 and 25 at the Rockcastle County Middle School Gym.

The double-elimination tournament is open to Rockcastle County churches only. There will be a \$200 entry fee and \$1 general admission fee to the public.

Rules for the tournament are: 1) 13 man roster maximum per team. If two or more teams from one church, a player cannot play on two or more teams nor can he play for another church. 2) Roster will stand as is with no changes from time submitted. No exceptions. 3) Roster and entry fee must be submitted (in my hand) no later than Monday evening, March 20. Please include one contact (coach, pastor, etc) and a phone number with roster. 4) All church teams must have alike jerseys, t-shirts, etc., with a number on the back. 5) Licensed officials will be used and high school basketball rules will be followed. 6) Games will be played with two 20 minute halves and clock stopping last two minutes of second half. 7) Winning church team will receive their entry fee back and a first place trophy with second place team also receiving a trophy.

Submit roster and entry fee to: Keith Bussell, P.O. Box 3057, Mt. Vernon or may hand deliver to Daniel Boone Development County (Ashlee's House), 105 Main Street, Mt. Vernon no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

For more information, call: Keith Bussell, 308-3911; Zach Gentry, 308-3252 or Tammy Camel, 256-5315 before 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Teams will be drawn on Tuesday, March 21 with tournament brackets printed in the Mt. Vernon Signal on Thursday, March 23 as well as notification to contact given on roster. Game times will be Friday night, March 24 from 7 to 11 p.m. and Saturday morning, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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### Super Bowl Bash

All Middle and High School students are invited join us this Sunday night @ 6:00pm at First Baptist Church for an over the top Super Bowl Party!

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**This Sunday Night 6:00 pm**  
First Baptist Church Gym



Mary Saylor poured in 24 points for the Lady Rockets in their 62-55 win over Southwestern Lady Warriors.



Hey Kids!



## Rockcastle County Little League Baseball Sign-Ups

\*Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> (9 am – 2 pm)  
@ Mt. Vernon Elementary Gym

\*Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> (9 am – 2 pm)  
@ Brodhead Elementary Gym

\*Children may also turn-in forms at Movie Warehouse (256-4424) Located Across from RCMS (Mon. – Fri. 10 am – 4:30 pm) until February 17<sup>th</sup>

\*Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is the Final Day to sign-up!\*

For kids age 5-12 before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Participation Fee  
\$25.00 per child

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\*Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> (9 am – 2 pm)  
@ Mt. Vernon Elementary Gym

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For girls age 9-12 before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Participation Fee  
\$25.00 per child

(This is for Softball only. Baseball League is a separate event.)

## Super Bowl Party

All Middle School and High School Students are welcomed to attend!

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# RCHS track team competes in two invitational tournaments

The RCHS indoor track and field team recently got its season underway with the team's first competition of the indoor season - the UK Wildcat Invitational. Several of the best teams from around the state were on hand for the competition, with most of them being Class 3A teams from the Louisville area. Since middle

school aged competitors were ineligible for the competition, RCHS was left a little short-handed; nevertheless the teams performed exceptionally well.

The RCHS girls' team placed fourth overall and was the only Class 2A or A team in the top ten. The girls' competition was highlighted by several outstanding individual performances.

RCHS sophomores Morgan Thacker and Katie Burdette had outstanding performances in the sprint events. Morgan began the afternoon with an awesome 60-meter dash. Morgan finished sixth overall out of nearly 10 athletes, while tying the RCHS record of 8.4 seconds held by former Western Kentucky University and RCHS track and field great Cheyenne Carmack. Morgan also finished fourth with an unbelievable race in the 200-meter dash. Once again, Morgan's performance flirted with history as her time of 27.37 seconds was just off the Kentucky record of 27.2 seconds, also held by Cheyenne Carmack.

Katie ran a personal best indoor time in the 200-meter dash with an awesome performance. Katie finished ninth overall with an impressive effort of 28.04 seconds. Her best performance came in the 400-meter dash against a field of nearly 900 competitors. She blazed her way to an easy win in her heat and finished a very impressive third overall with a new personal best indoor time of 1:02.61.

Senior Kayla Hayes had several outstanding individual performances in the meet. In the 1600-meter run, Kayla ran exceptionally well and finished fifth overall in an impressive 5:42.86. In the 800-meter run, Kayla ran quite possibly one of her best indoor 800's ever, finishing 12th in 2:36.22. In the 3200-meter run, Kayla posted another top ten finish, placing an impressive seventh overall with an awesome time of 12:49.61.

Sophomore Courtney Bullock ran very well in the 400-meter dash, placing 36th overall in 1:09.15. Courtney also had a great 800-meter dash, finishing 37th overall in 2:50.26.

Senior Ashley Bullock, who has had very limited practice time thus far this season, ran well in the 1600, finishing 60th in 7:56.35. Ashley finished 25th in the 3200-meter run with an exceptional effort of 16:24.49.

The girls' 1600-meter relay team consisted of Kayla Hayes, Courtney Bullock, Jessi Asher, and Katie Burdette. The team ran very well together, finishing fifth overall with an impressive indoor time of 4:35.48. On the boys' side, the competition proved even more difficult with most races having 150 runners or more. Still yet, RCHS proved very competitive with many newcomers to the team this season. With more practice time and experience, the boys' team will have a great opportunity to make a strong impact in Class 2A

Region IV this season.

Junior Jacob Jones ran well in the 60, 200, and 400-meter dashes. In the 60, Jacob blazed his way to an 88th place finish in 8.08 seconds. In the 200, Jacob ran a really well placing 92nd overall in 26.21 seconds. Jacob's best performance came in the 400-meter dash. He crossed the finish line in a little over 58 seconds; however, due to running out of his lane, he was eventually disqualified.

Senior Chris Miller had some great performances in the distance events. In the 800-meter run, Chris finished an impressive 41st overall in 2:25.75. In the 3200-meter run, Chris fought his way to another 41st place finish in 13:12.91. Chris also ran the 1600-meter run. He finished an impressive effort in 82nd place overall with a time of 5:53.73.

Junior Josh Blair competed in both the 200 and 400-meter dashes for RCHS. In the 200, Josh finished 119th in 27.62 seconds. He ran an excellent 400-meter dash, placing 81st overall in 1:02.48.

RCHS and RCMS competed in the Royal Rumble Indoor Invitational at Mason County this past Saturday.

With only 120-meters of track, the meet proved to be very difficult and challenging for Rockcastle's runners. Along with the short length, the surface was a very slippery concrete which made it difficult to gain any traction.

The RCHS girls once again proved themselves against some very tough competition, defeating a very strong Highlands team, as well as Harrison County. RCHS recorded

six first place wins out of eleven events at the meet.

Morgan Thacker led RCHS in the meet with many outstanding performances. She finished first in triple jump, leaping over 32', and second in long jump with impressive early season efforts. Her best performance came in the 55-meter dash. Morgan dominated the competition easily placing first overall with a new RCHS record time of 7.6 seconds. With that performance, Morgan became an even stronger contender for the individual indoor 55-meter state title in March. She will also contend for titles both in long and triple jump.

Kayla Hayes led RCHS in the distance events, along with fifth grader Michaela Hunter. Kayla easily won the 1500 and 800-meter runs with impressive efforts in both. Kayla will be a favorite to sweep the 800, 1500, and 3000-meter runs at the indoor state championships. Michaela ran very well in both races as well, finishing second in the 1500 and third in the 800.

Both Kayla and Michaela, along with eighth grader Denna Gabbard, and Courtney Bullock defeated Highlands in a closely contested 3200-meter relay race to capture the 1st place win.

Katie Burdette performed extremely well in the 400-meter dash, despite the fact that she was too fast to navigate the slippery tight turns. She easily won her heat, but wound up finishing second overall in 1:10. Katie also ran well in the 55-meter dash, placing ninth overall. Going into the indoor state meet, Katie will be one of the favorites for the 400-meter state title.

Eighth grader Samantha Smith was the only RCHS competitor to score in four different individual events, meaning that she placed in the

top six in each. Samantha's best performance came in the triple jump competition where she placed third overall with an effort over 28'. In the 55-meter hurdles, a new event for her, she placed an impressive sixth overall in 11.2 seconds. She ran a personal best time of 8.14 seconds in the 55-meter dash, finishing fifth. Samantha also placed sixth with a great effort in long jump. She will be a strong contender for the 55-meter and long jump state titles at the middle school indoor state championships this March.

RCMS seventh grader Felicia Cameron scored a sixth place finish for RCHS in her first-ever shot put competition. Felicia performed exceptionally well, throwing just over 19'.

RCMS sixth grader Katelyn Blair ran extremely well in her first-ever 800-meter run. She scored with a sixth place finish overall in an impressive 3:05. Eighth grader Denna Gabbard just missed scoring with a seventh place finish in 3:07.

The RCHS 1600-meter relay team dominated the competition easily capturing first place. The team consisting of Kayla Hayes, seventh grader Jessica Albright, Courtney Bullock, and Katie Burdette finished in 4:56.

Several other RCMS and elementary competitors ran their first meets of the season. For many, this was their first competition ever. Those with outstanding individual efforts

included: third grader, Abbey Eaton, fourth grader Kellen Coffey; fifth grader Makenzie Owens; sixth grader Katelyn Blair, Chelsea Payne and Krista Dunt; seventh graders Jessica Albright, Felicia Cameron, Allyson Washburn, Ashley Partin, Nikki Jones, Amber Hines, and Rachel Nicely; eighth graders Deana Gabbard, Rasbelle Cromer, Tanya Sparks and Vanessa Price.

RCHS senior Chris Miller scored the only points for the RCHS boys' team. With an outstanding effort in the 1500-meter run, Chris took second place overall in just over five minutes. Chris also won in the 800-meter run. Junior Mason Bowling and eighth grader Blake Parsons also performed well in the distance events for RCHS.

Jacob Jones, Josh Blair, and Michael Thomson led the way for Rockcastle with outstanding efforts in the 60 and 400-meter dashes. Despite his inexperience, Jacob also looked good in the long jump competition with several outstanding jumps.

Dustin Smith led the way for the RCMS boys with a top ten effort in both the 55 and 400-meter dashes, as well as the long competition.

The RCMS team will compete this Saturday in the USA Track & Field Indoor Championships in Frankfurt. RCHS next competes at the Mason County Invitational on February 11.



Kayla Hayes



Chris Miller



Morgan Thacker



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**Author will speak**  
Jan Watson, author of *Troublesome Creek* will be talking about her book Tuesday, February 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Ky. Music Hall of Fame. The public is invited.

**Cheerleading Camp**  
There will be a Little Rocket Cheerleading Camp held at Rockcastle County High School Saturday, February 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages are kindergarten through 5th grade. Fee will be \$25.

**Variety Talent Contest**  
A Variety Talent Contest will be held March 4, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Crab Orchard Elementary School. Proceeds will go to the Neighborhood Watch Program. Deadline for entry will be February 25, 2006. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For more information, call 606-355-2735.

**Step Up Night**  
An 8th Grade Step Up Night will be held Tuesday, February 7th at Rockcastle County High School, beginning at 6 p.m.

**Free Bible Courses**  
Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to Rt. 4, Box 297, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

**Project Graduation**  
The Next Project Graduation 2006 meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 6 p.m. at the RCHS cafeteria. The executive committee will meet at 5 p.m.

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Renfro Valley Lodge. Everyone is welcome.

**Bookmobile Schedule**  
Mon., Feb. 6th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamoer and Pine Hill. Tues., Feb. 7th: Maple Grove, Orlando, Clinch and Three Links.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our

**SWAT Team Meetings**  
SWAT (Servants with a testimony) group support meeting for anyone who were sexually molested or abused on Thursdays, 7 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon.

**Support Group**  
The Stolen Innocence Support Group meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 40 Main Street, Mt. Vernon. This group consists of a group of adults who were sexually molested or abused as children. If you, or someone you know, needs healing and encouragement, please attend. Call 606-256-1543. You will be assured strict confidentiality.

**GED Classes**  
Christian Appalachian Project Adult Learning Center holds GED classes Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call for evening hours. Online GED, computer classes, college preparation and tutoring are also available. The Adult Learning Center is located on Hwy. 25, north of Mt. Vernon on Green Fish Hill. For information, call 606-256-5307.

**HOPE Meetings**  
HOPE (Hearts of Peaceful Expectations) group support meetings for dealing with drug or alcohol issues in family members on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church.

**American Legion Meeting**  
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**Author will speak**  
Jan Watson, author of *Troublesome Creek* will be talking about her book Tuesday, February 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Ky. Music Hall of Fame. The public is invited.

**Cheerleading Camp**  
There will be a Little Rocket Cheerleading Camp held at Rockcastle County High School Saturday, February 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages are kindergarten through 5th grade. Fee will be \$25.

**Variety Talent Contest**  
A Variety Talent Contest will be held March 4, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Crab Orchard Elementary School. Proceeds will go to the Neighborhood Watch Program. Deadline for entry will be February 25, 2006. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For more information, call 606-355-2735.

**Step Up Night**  
An 8th Grade Step Up Night will be held Tuesday, February 7th at Rockcastle County High School, beginning at 6 p.m.

**Free Bible Courses**  
Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to Rt. 4, Box 297, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

**Project Graduation**  
The Next Project Graduation 2006 meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 6 p.m. at the RCHS cafeteria. The executive committee will meet at 5 p.m.

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Renfro Valley Lodge. Everyone is welcome.

**Bookmobile Schedule**  
Mon., Feb. 6th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamoer and Pine Hill. Tues., Feb. 7th: Maple Grove, Orlando, Clinch and Three Links.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our

## UNITE coalitions allocated \$170,424 for anti-drug initiatives in Fifth District

Operation UNITE's Board of Directors has approved funding requests totaling \$170,424.82 for anti-drug initiatives within the Fifth Congressional District during the first quarter of 2006.

Thirty-five of the 37 registered UNITE coalitions submitted action plans for projects that will primarily provide community awareness campaigns, drug education in the schools and community, and offer alternative activities for youth in their service areas.

"Individual coalitions determine their specific needs and formulate steps that need to be taken to achieve those goals within their local community," said Karen Engle, executive director of UNITE. "While there are certain guidelines and restrictions on the money's use, coalitions have control over developing their own projects."

"Community coalitions are central to implementing UNITE initiatives," Engle noted. "It is the coalition's goal to educate and activate the community to become involved in addressing substance abuse issues. We hope through this process to empower all segments of a community to step forward and rescue lives from drug addiction and prevent young people from dead-end experimentation."

As of January 1 coalitions exist in each of the 29 counties comprising the Fifth Congressional District

in southern and eastern Kentucky. In addition, coalitions have been formed on the campus of Morehead State University; the main campus and Lee's College campus of Hazard Community and Technical College; and the Cumberland, Harlan, Middleboro and Pineville campuses of Southeastern Kentucky Community and Technical College.

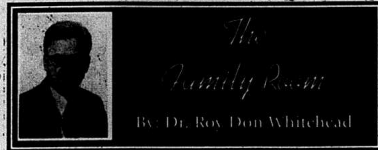
There is also a special coalition called UNITE Bikers Against Drugs (UBAD) Motorcycle Association, which is headquartered in Rockcastle County but has 14 field representatives stretching from Bowling Green to Winchester in addition to South-eastern Kentucky. UBAD is a faith-based organization of motorcycle enthusiasts created to raise awareness and support for anti-drug efforts.

Each coalition was invited to request an allocation of up to \$5,000, said Cathy Stout, treatment and education coordinator for UNITE. Coalitions do not receive the money up front, but are reimbursed only after the project has been completed.

All projects approved by the UNITE Board must take place by March 31.

Coalitions will have additional opportunities to submit action plan requests for up to \$5,000 in each quarter during 2006.

For more information about becoming a member of your local coalition contact Cathy Stout at 1-866-OP-UNITE (1-866-678-6483).



Rev. Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

The life of a victim of domestic violence can be a lonely one. The abuser will not allow her to have friends even to contact her own family. He may keep her from getting a job. Her isolation makes it easier for him to control her. Where can she go for help?

Bethany House Abuse Shelter offers support groups for victims of domestic violence. Groups are currently meeting in Pulaski, Taylor and Wayne counties. Some meet weekly, some biweekly and some monthly. For meeting times and places call 679-8852 or 800-755-2017. When you call, feel free to ask any questions that you have about these groups.

These groups provide the opportunity for the victim to meet with others who are in the same situation. Hearing from other victims helps her to clarify and understand her own situation. Other victims can offer her insights into her situation that she could not see on her own. Hearing from someone who has "been there, done that" has helped many victims make better decisions about their abusive situations.

These groups also offer education about domestic violence. Victims learn about the cycle of violence, power and control in abusive relationships, the effects on children of witnessing violence, and safety planning. They read poems written by other victims who tell of their own experiences with abuse. They learn that verbal/emotional abuse can be just as damaging as physical abuse. They learn more about abusers and the type of man who becomes an abuser. They learn that abusers are almost never willing to change. In these groups victims receive a basic education about the emotional

dynamics of an abusive relationship. They are not told what they "should" do about their situation, because that decision is always up to the individual, but they do receive information to help them as they make decisions.

Bethany House staff members lead these groups. These leaders are trained, certified Domestic Violence Advocates. They have many years experience in helping women in abusive situations. They set the tone for the groups, which are nonjudgmental and supportive.

The groups are confidential. Names of the members and what is said at the meetings are not to be shared with anyone. Because the groups are sponsored by Bethany House, there is no cost to the participants. In fact all services provided by Bethany House (or other abuse shelters) are provided free of charge.

Deciding to participate in such a group is a brave decision. It is very difficult to go to that first meeting. All participants feel some anxiety about joining a new group. Facing new people and not knowing exactly what will happen can make for much uneasiness. The group leaders work hard to help newcomers feel welcome, and most participants report that by the second or third sessions they feel at home and at ease.

If you are in an abusive situation and have thought about getting help, joining one of these groups is a great idea to start. The one hour that you spend with your group could be the beginning of a new life for you.

For more information on the groups in Pulaski, Wayne and Taylor counties, call Bethany House at 679-8852 or 800-755-2017. It could be the most important call you ever make.

## Church News

**Gospel Singing**  
There will be a Gospel Singing at Buffalo Baptist Church on Hwy. 1249. Featured singers will be the Chimney Rock Boys. All singers and visitors are welcome. Pastor Danny Robbins and church invite everyone.

**Prayer Requests**  
For all your confidential prayer requests, call 256-1034 or e-mail timeforpraying@aol.com or write Scaffold Cane Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Box 197, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

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For more information, call Bob and Jean Hennessey locally at 758-7852 or call Weight Down Workshop at 1-800-844-5208 or visit them online at www.weightdown.com. You won't believe how simple losing weight can be.

## Solving the small business owner's retirement dilemma

**Danny Miller, Agent**  
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There's a fatal flaw in the retirement of many small business owners: After pouring a lifetime of sweat, time and capital into building the business, their rough-sketch strategy is to sell out someday for a ton of money... then settle back and enjoy a financially secure retirement.

Many business owners are so sure that will happen that they don't bother to make any other retirement plans. Who is this person who, at the right moment, is going to show up with cash in hand to buy the company... and pay a fair price? For thousands of small business owners each year, no one steps forward. Perhaps the business is too specialized or is tied too closely to the owner's unique personality and skills. Or perhaps possible buyers equate retirement sale with distress sale and make only low-ball offers. Whatever the reason, many owners find that their company has suddenly become a white elephant that nobody wants.

**One Possible Solution**  
Groom your own replacement, someone who will buy your company when you're ready to retire. Maybe this person is a current co-owner (but be careful if he or she is about the same age as you, who will be counting on retiring around the same time.) Or it could be a son or daughter active in the business, or a younger key employee.

**Business Owners Who Successfully Groom Their Own Replacements Leave Nothing to Chance**  
They realize that there is no room for error at the point of retirement. Here are some examples of steps they might take:  
• They are cautious. They make sure their heir apparent is the right person in terms of temperament, personality, competence and personal goals.  
• They set up a probation period so they can terminate the relationship if they find this person simply will not work out. During that period, they keep everything informal, strictly verbal. At the same time, even when they go to a formal agreement, they make sure it contains a termination provision.  
• They fashion golden handcuffs and incentives to ensure that their replacement stays until the baton is passed. An ambitious successor needs and deserves

gradually increasing authority and benefits. Options include deferred compensation or the opportunity to acquire partial ownership prior to their retirement. Both parties need something to win by sticking to the agreement... and something to lose if it falls apart.

They put it in writing, along with the help of their attorney—looking in who does and gets what, and spelling out all details and caveats, including how to establish the final valuation of the business. This formal buy/sell agreement protects everybody.

"They build in a funding mechanism. This is crucial. No matter how good the terms of the buy/sell agreement, it will be worthless if the money is not there when needed to carry out the plan. Under one option, the successor may be able to purchase the company from ongoing profits. Other options include setting up a sinking fund or allowing the successor to simply borrow the money. These options may work but they leave much to chance. Instead, the recommended funding vehicle—one that protects your family in the event of your disability or premature death—is life and disability income insurance."

"They have a back-up plan. As a business owner, you know that very few things go exactly as planned. What if your business hits tough times or your successor dies, becomes disabled, or—all too common—leaves because of a personality conflict? Or what if there simply is no heir apparent waiting in the wings? Sometimes, it's simply best to dismantle the business."

**Plan Early**  
Whether or not you have a possible successor for your company, you should begin mapping out your retirement strategy today. Your insurance professional or your independent professional advisor can help you develop this kind of business strategy. For further information on how insurance and other financial products can be used in business planning, please contact Danny Miller, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, at 606-308-5618.

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## WRVFD to hold Soup Bean Supper and Pie and Cake Auction

Western Rockcastle Fire Department will hold a Soup Bean Supper and Pie and Cake Auction on Saturday, March 25 at the Quail Station on Hwy. 70. The soup bean supper will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. with the pie and cake auction immediately following.

All proceeds will go the fire department.

Please bake your favorite recipe and bring it with you in a disposable dish. Any other items that you wish to donate for the auction will be greatly appreciated.

Menu for the soup bean supper will be: soup beans, fried potatoes, cornbread, onion, dessert and drink.

Carryouts available for \$5 per person.

All candidates are welcome to come and participate.

For more information, call Shawn Brown, 606-308-5419, Louise Lawrence, 606-308-4461, Dennis Lawrence, 606-355-2906 or Amanda Owens, 606-308-2108.

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## Mt. Vernon Police department KLCIS grant for equipment

The City of Mt. Vernon was recently the recipient of a grant for their police department from the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services, according to Mayor Clarence Kirby.

Mayor Kirby said that the city received a \$2,500 grant which will be used toward the purchase of two MPH Docucam in-Car Video Systems.

Kirby said, "Grants such as this one are a practical way to make the city's budget go further, as well as provide equipment that will enhance public safety and make our city safer."

In addition to Mt. Vernon, 113 other Kentucky cities received KLCIS grants. "The awarded funds will go toward safety equipment, training, police car video systems and other equipment to improve public and employee safety, as well as unusual purchases like EMS lifts for very large patients," said Sylvia L. Lovely, KLC Executive Director/CEO. "The success of our enterprise services allows us to reinvest in communities with programs like the safety grants."

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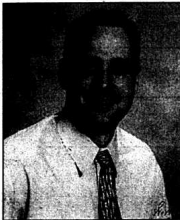
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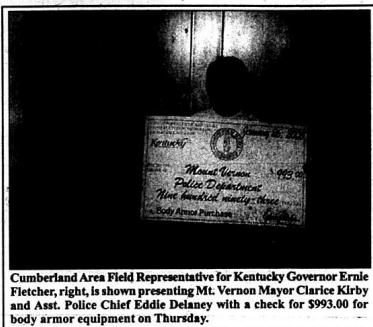


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## "Armor"

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Program, the officers who serve with the Mount Vernon Police will be safer."

"Police officers deserve the best protection available. They put their lives on the line for us day in and day out," said Senator Ed Worley, Representative "Danny" Ford stated, "As a resident of Rockcastle County, I appreciate the individuals in uniform who work to protect our community. This body armor grant will give them the necessary equipment to help those who keep our citizens secure."

The Kentucky Body Armor Program, established in 1998, allows law enforcement agencies to acquire body armor for their sworn officers. Funding for the program is derived from the sale of firearms that have been confiscated by state and local law enforcement agencies. The program is a collaborative effort by the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD), the Kentucky State Police and the Division of Surplus Equipment. The current state price contract amount for an officer vest is \$331.00 while the average cost of a canine vest is approximately \$650.00.

Applications for the Kentucky Body Armor Program are available through the Governor's Office for Local Development and are accepted on a continual basis. Projects are selected for funding three or four times a year based on need and the availability of funds. Since its establishment in 1998, the program has approved 3,171 officer vests and 17 service animal vests. This represents a total of \$1,208,671 that has been sent to local law enforcement agencies. Additionally over \$211,000 has been provided to the Kentucky State Police for new equipment. The Kentucky Body Armor Program is administered by the Governor's Office for Local Development.

## "PRIDE"

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pride in this award and be encouraged by what you have been able to accomplish." Rogers added, "By working together we are making progress in our region-wide cleanup efforts. I want to urge everyone to build on this momentum and help keep our roads clean in 2006."

The friendly Roadside PRIDE competition was held during October-December 2005. Counties and cities in southern and eastern Kentucky earned points for the number of volunteers who participated; the number of road miles cleaned; and the amount of trash collected. Counties

and cities competed in population-based classes, with Class 1 being for the smallest populations.

Livingston earned its second consecutive 1st Place trophy this year. Livingston competed in Class 1, which included cities with populations under 500. The city beat out its competitors by recruiting 97 volunteers, who picked up 382 bags of trash and 14 old tires along 70 miles of roadway. The City of Salt Lick in Bath County was the 2nd Place winner in Class 1.

Mt. Vernon won in Class 3, which was for cities with populations between 1,500 and 2,000. Mt. Vernon has dominated this class since the Roadside PRIDE competition began in 2003, winning the 1st Place trophy every year. To earn its latest award, the city recruited 175 volunteers, cleaned 42 road miles, and collected 1,450 bags of trash and 27 tires. The City of Cumberland, which is in Harlan County, earned 2nd Place honors in Class 3.

The Roadside PRIDE competition was sponsored by the nonprofit Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., which spearheads an environmental cleanup and education campaign in southern and eastern Kentucky. Across the region, a total of 12,275 volunteers participated and 38,990 bags of trash were collected. PRIDE provided cleanup supplies to Roadside PRIDE participants and reimbursed local governments for their trash disposal expenses.

"Roadside PRIDE grew by 10,000 volunteers this year, so people seem to enjoy the competition," said Richard Thomas, PRIDE executive director. "Really, it's a win-win situation. Communities have fun talking trash, a few of them take home trophies, and we all benefit from cleaner roadsides."

The PRIDE initiative promotes Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment in 38 counties. Rogers and the late James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, started PRIDE in 1997 to provide government resources to local citizens as they work to clean up the region's environment. PRIDE is funded by grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## Attention: Brodhead Water Customers

The Brodhead Water Department will begin testing water service Friday night, February 3, 2006 at midnight. The testing will last until approximately 5 a.m. Saturday morning, February 4, 2006.

Water department customers should check water color before doing laundry, cooking, etc. Color should clear when water is let run for a few minutes.

Deadline Extended to February 17th

## Leadership Rockcastle accepting applications

After two successful years which produced 33 graduates, Leadership Rockcastle is seeking candidates for its Class of 2006. Up to 20 individuals will be selected from the applications submitted by local citizens. Individuals that participate will be taught leadership skills which will benefit them and the community.

"We are looking for a cross section of the community, both recognized leaders and people who are new to leadership roles," said Corey Craig, Chairman of the Leadership Rockcastle Task Force. Craig goes on to point out, "This program is designed to strengthen the communication, organizational and economic development skills of local citizens. Leadership Rockcastle will prepare our citizens to become involved in the community. It will assist current and new leaders to be deeply involved in the community and to effectively guide development initiatives by increasing their knowledge, networking and leadership skills."

This program is offered to individuals, employees of local businesses and organizations. Employers

benefit from this program by having employees that are able to tackle new leadership challenges within their company and community. These employees will also have a broader perspective of critical issues facing their community.

This year's program will kick off February 24th. It will consist of an opening two day session at a location outside the county and will be followed by nine additional monthly sessions. The nine sessions will take place on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at various locations around the county.

The ten sessions will cover a wide range of leadership topics such as effective meetings, communication skills and conflict resolution. The program will be conducted by a variety of professional and highly-regarded experts. The 2006 Leadership Rockcastle program will conclude in December.

Anyone interested in this program should contact the Rockcastle County Development Board at 606-256-8007 or via e-mail at rockdev\_board@yahoo.com.

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## "What Saith The Scriptures"

Today is groundhog day in our country. Just suppose we were to announce a special "Groundhog Day Sunrise Worship Service" for everyone to attend? What would be your reaction? We could say that as the groundhog day anticipates the coming of spring, we could give a "Christian" meaning to this day and say that we are anticipating the coming of Jesus. We could say, let's put Jesus back into the real meaning of groundhog day. Groundhog day has become too commercialized. People could come and learn the "real" meaning of groundhog day; sort of like people talk about the "real" meaning of Christmas and Easter. This "holy day" could be a rich, spiritual and moving experience to draw us closer to God. We could call ourselves "Hogheads" like others who wear names that are not found in the Bible, to exalt some man, or human doctrines. At noon we could have a special fellowship dinner in the church kitchen with "Groundhog" as the focus of the meal, to be in keeping with the festivities of the day. When our children ask, "What meaneth all these things?" we can just make up some fairy tale about it, and say it is for the glory of God! We could hold an evening revival service to encourage sinners to accept Jesus as their personal Savior in view of the coming of Jesus, like the groundhog predicts the coming of spring. So what think ye about such a day? Would God be pleased? The answer be, there is no divine authority for any such, Col.3:17. People who are God fearing would rightly oppose all the above, for we want to do what God asks, not what we can dream up in our imagination.

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# Leadership Rockcastle Updates strategic plan

Graduates of the 2005 Leadership Rockcastle hosted a meeting the evening of January 31 to update the strategic plan developed for our county several years ago. The library of the Middle School was filled with 2004 and 2005 Leadership Rockcastle graduates and interested citizens.

Corey Craig, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Development Board, sponsor for Leadership Rockcastle, began the meeting with a brief history of the strategic plan and reviewed the progress that has been made by past graduates. The plan stated the need to reinstate the Chamber of Commerce. Past graduates Carl Bustle and Steve Taylor, past and present presidents of the Chamber, were instrumental in the re-organization and development of the Chamber. Ross Brown discussed after school programs that were organized by the 2005 graduates. Charlie Napier and Larry Hammond developed the popular "Cruise in the Valley" car show which brings hundreds of visitors to Remfo Valley in the fall.

These are just a few examples that started out as an idea, organized as a

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## "Guilty"

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testimony from UNITE officers, Rockcastle Sheriff officers, Kentucky State Troopers and information from the Property Valuation Administrator and the Circuit Clerk's office were part of the trial.

The six count indictment was handed down March 23, 2004 after police found three long rifles, a handgun, a quantity of marijuana and 30 marijuana plants in and around Baker's residence.

Baker had previously been convicted of three felonies in Rockcastle Circuit Court in 1988, 1989 and 2002.

Dalton also praised the verdict of the jury, who were not told that the Commonwealth Attorney's office had offered Baker a ten year sentence.

## "Primary"

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marry. In the District One Constable's race, Ernest Alcorn and James W. "Billy Weaver" were organizing.

In District Two, Jesse Vanwinkle and Ricky R. Kirby have filed. Joshua Glenn Robbins filed last week for Third District Constable.

Others filing for office this week, but who do not have to run until November were former Rockcastle County Attorney James H. Lambert, who served as Rockcastle County Attorney from 1982 to 1992.

He will face former longtime Rockcastle and Pulaski District Judge Mike Henry in the Third Appellate District race. Henry resided over district court in the two counties for 12 years.

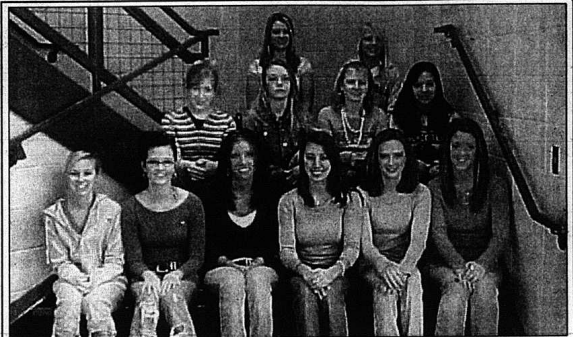
The Third Appellate District includes 27 counties and a population of 600,000 people, which of course includes Rockcastle County.

Others without opposition are Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette, Circuit Judge David Tapp and District Judge Scott Lawless. Rockcastle County Assistant County Attorney John Gillum and current District Judge Kathryn Wood, both from Somerset, will face off for the other district court judgeship, in November.

The other race this fall for a judgeship will be for Family Court Judge between incumbent Debra Hembree Lambert of Mt. Vernon and former District Judge Walter Masquire, who is from Somerset. The circuit includes Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln County.

Also this fall there could be races for school board in Division One and Division Three. Angela Stallworth is the current board member in Division One and Dr. Tina Cain Hasty is the board member in Division Three. No one has yet filed.

The only filings so far for the fall races, besides the judgeships are for Mayor of Mt. Vernon were incumbent Clarice Kirby has filed along with council member Betty Bussell. Mayor and Council seats in all three cities do not have to be filed for until August 8th.



Homecoming festivities at RCHS will be held this Friday when the Rockets and Lady Rockets take on Pulaski County. Queen candidates are shown above, front row from left: Ashley Bullock, Holly Kidwell, Neisha Taylor, Jerrica Poynter, Kim Cottrell and Elisha York. Second row from left: Holly Brown, Tiffany Smith, Courtney Bullock and Nicole Lear. Back row from left: Ashley Jones and Carrie Sparks. Festivities will be held after both the boys and girls games.



King candidates are shown above, front row from left: Martin Baehrfeld, Derrick Baker, Jared Brown, Jacob Harding, Josh Renner and Lance Baldwin. Back row from left: Calvin Cromer, Jeffrey Smith, Travis Brock, Kevin Canterbury, Tim Harding and Rocky Lear.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 2, 2006

Outlaws took escape route through Rockcastle County

## Young-James Gang Gunfight at Pine Hill

By David W. Owens

Forget about the Gunfight at the OK Corral—What about the 1875 Young-James Gunfight at Pine Hill? In 1875 Pine Hill was a major depot stop on the Lebanon Branch of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. At that time Pine Hill was the largest community in the county and boasted several coal and timber businesses.

One of the community's leading citizens was Postmaster William Russell Dillon, who owned a timber business at Livingston and the Dillon Boarding & Dining House at Pine Hill that catered to railroad traffic. Dillon had a reputation as a savvy businessman prone to violence. He had been a member of the Madison County Home Guards during the Civil War and was indicted but acquitted for the murder of Durrant White. Following the Battle of Wildcat Mountain, Dillon allegedly shot White (a suspected Rebel spy) at a House of Ill repute on Big Hill.

The Young-James Gang, a noted band of outlaws from Missouri, was largely made up of former members of the Confederate cavalry unit—Quinn's Raiders. During the war they had learned and honed their skills by robbing Federal Soldier payrolls from trains and banks. To some they were a band of Robin Hoods while to others just a band of hoods.

In October of 1875, Cole Younger and Jesse James came into some intelligence that an Adams Express package, containing \$100,000 dollars, would arrive at the Bank of Huntington, West Virginia on September 4th. The town was run by Collis P. Huntington—a railroad "Robber-Baron." Huntington was a member of the "Big Four" partners of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad—a favorite target of the gang.

Soon plans were made to leave Clay County, Missouri and head out for Huntington. Evidently one of the

gang or a family member leaked the gang's intention because newspapers were publishing they had "reliable information" that the armed gang had entered Western Kentucky and for law officials to "Keep guard."

Despite the alerted Kentucky lawmen the gang was able to pass through the Blue Grass state without incident and reached Huntington on September 3rd. Posing as preachers, Cole Younger and Jesse James went into town to "case" the bank. They were greeted by Calvin Reese, a Baptist Minister, who thought they had arrived for a Methodist conference.

After showing the men around town as honored guests, he provided lodging for the men at his home. As Cole and Jesse were being shown about town, the rest of the gang slipped quietly into town and took rooms at the Huntington Lodge Room. (Note: Jesse's and Frank's father Robert was an ordained Baptist minister with a M.A. in Divinity from Georgetown College.)

The next two days the pretend preachers made friendly with the locals and were even shown through the bank. Following church services on the 5th of September—the two pretend ministers visited the lodge house to spread the gospel to the guests and were invited to a room to conduct a group Bible reading—obviously not the Ten Commandments!

On Monday, September 6th, in keeping with their "modus operandi," the gang hit the bank at the magic hour of 2 p.m. (their trademark time). The gang met earlier at the local blacksmith's shop where they tied their horses and picked up some feedbags to carry their loot and leaving one man to guard their mounts. Two of the bandits, armed with Sharps rifles, took positions on rooftops on different sides of the street near the bank. When the clock struck two, bank cashier Robert Egan found

himself starting down the muzzles of the bandit's pistols.

In all the bandits made off with \$9,000 in cash and a \$5,000 certificate of deposit but the \$100,000 Adams Express package was not there. The robbers were charged to learn the package was secretly sent ahead to Cincinnati when news was received that the bandits were in Kentucky.

Following the robbery the gang split up into two groups, to make tracking them more difficult, with plans to later meet at Louisville, De pot and slip over into Missouri. James and Robert Younger, Frank James, and John Larette headed out for Chaplin Hills in Nelson County while Jesse Woodson James, Cole Younger, Tom Webb, and Thompson McDaniels made for Rockcastle County. Jesse and Frank had a relative on their mother's side (Anna Arzella Woodson—married to Andrew Johnson) that lived at Red Hill.

Their plans were to go there and "lay low" until things cooled down and later hop a train at Livingston or Pine Hill for Louisville. Their intentions did not develop as planned as the bandits were intercepted by a fifteen-man posse, led by Carter County High-Sheriff Harrison Litteral near Booneville on September 10th in Owsley County. After a brief gunfight they "Took to their heels" through southeastern Jackson County and made for Laurel County. Near the community of Raconon they stole some fresh horses and had another gunfight, this time a heated affair with Jackson County Deputy-Sheriff Bowling's posse of ten men.

The gunplay grew so heated that the bandits were forced to dismount and "Took to bush" to escape the lawmen. On foot from Raconon, they took the Wilderness Road to Wildcat

Mountain and forded the Rockcastle River just below Livingston. From there they followed Roundstone Creek up to the Piney Branch road where they met a miner on the road. Thompson McDaniels had lost his hat in the gunfight at Raconon and offered the miner 50 cents for his hat which the miner accepted. They then traveled on up to the Johnson place on Red Hill.

Meanwhile Bowling had gone to London for fresh horses and ammunition and to notify the Laurel County Sheriff's office to telegraph ahead that the outlaws were headed toward Rockcastle on foot. The restocked posse, following a hunch, made for Livingston-thinking the outlaws would jump a freighter there. When Bowling's posse reached Livingston he ordered the men to search the rail station and local houses for the bandits. Finding no trace of them they remounted and made for Pine Hill thinking they might try to jump a ride there.

Upon reaching Pine Hill, they again found no trace of the bandits and returned to McKee. Two days later, as the outlaws hid out at the Johnson's home, their hosts were growing leary that the outlaws' presents might endanger their family, especially after Bowling's armed posse had ridden through Livingston and Pine Hill. Reacting to the news Rockcastle citizens had seized weapons and kept watch for the outlaws.

According to Russell M. Marshall of Franklin, Ohio, his grandmother was one of the Johnson children and she had passed on the story that, "Jesse and the others had stopped over at their house and were fed and kept hidden. Later when they left, Jesse gave her a gold coin that she much treasured into her old age."

Bowling's hunch soon proved accurate as about midnight, on September 15th, William R. Dillon saw four strange men approach his boarding house. Dillon had heard the reports that the bandits may be in the area and was on the lookout for strangers.

Dillon and his brother James saw two of the men leave the road and disappear into the darkness as the other two approached the front door. Arousing Dillon's suspicions, he opened the door ajar and addressed the men, "Gentlemen, you are up rather late tonight." There was no reply and a similar remark was made. The outlaws opened fire. William and James stood their ground trading shot for shot with the outlaw band. Then, during the heated exchange of gunplay, one of the outlaws cried out, "Oh, Lordy!" He ran about two hundred yards before he fell. William Dillon heard him say, "I can't get away. Take my pistol and go!" Meanwhile his companion fled as the wounded man staggered into the night. James Dillon went to the

back of the house where he heard a noise. Soon he emptied his revolver at the other two men (Jesse James & Thomas Webb) driving them away.

The Dillons then barricaded themselves in the house till morning. When the sun rose they gathered neighbors and followed a bloody trail. In a nearby cornfield they found

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Jesse James Circa 1875

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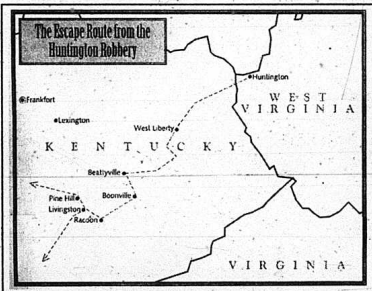
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# News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

## District Civil Suits

North Star Capital Acquisitions, Inc. vs. Walker Madden, \$931.38 plus claimed due. C-00008.  
 Tim Nicely vs. Lacey Damrell, forcible detainer complaint. C-00009.  
 Tim Nicely vs. Carol Renner, forcible detainer complaint. C-00010.  
 Tim Nicely vs. Shawnda and Paul Nicely, forcible detainer complaint. C-00011.  
 Tim Nicely vs. Bobbie Delph, et al, forcible detainer complaint. C-00012.  
 Discover Bank vs. Jedediah N. Swartz, \$1,580.77 plus claimed due. C-00013.

CI-00007.  
 Northland Insurance Co. vs. Overnite Transportation, complaint. CI-00008.  
 Fannie Alice Smith vs. Ernest Lee Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00009.  
 Community Trust Bank vs. Kenneth R. Cromer, \$10,126.64 plus claimed due. CI-00010.  
 Teresa P. Halcomb vs. Gerald C. Halcomb, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00011.  
 Eric Anthony Smith vs. Barbara May Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00012.  
 Veronica Ann Gabbard Robbins vs. Donnie Ray Robbins, Jr, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00013.

William Keith and Melanie Howlett Denny, real property located in Rockcastle County, Paul E. Blanton, Sr. and Ralph Blanton. Tax \$11.00.

Peter Crowley and Conleth Crosner, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ann Marie Boyd. Tax \$14.00.

Leslie S. and Rick Ransom, and others, to Gary and Jennifer G. McKinney. Tax \$33.

Billy R. and Cynthia Halcomb and Bobby L. and Regina Halcomb, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lloyd and Beverly D. Anglin. Tax \$35.

Carl and Virginia Griffin, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Brenda Houk. Tax \$16.

James E. and Barbara Bussell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Teddy Ray Holman. Tax \$17.50.

Hubert J. and Lula Mae Brown, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Marilyn McKinney. No tax.

## District Court

January 23 - 25, 2006

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Jeffrey L. Bond, Jr.: Fines/fees due (\$128), bench warrant issued for failure to appear. 3 days or payment.  
 Kenneth W. Chatfield, Jr.: Fines/fees due (\$308), bench warrant issued for failure to appear. 6 days or payment.

Arvil J. Clark: Fines/fees due (\$278), bench warrant issued for failure to appear. 5 days or payment.

Dorothy V. Clark: No/expired registration plates, costs only/on condition. No insurance, costs only/on condition.

Vincent Gilbert: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; Giving officer false name or address, \$100 fine; Bail jumping, 60 days/probated 2 years on conditions plus fine and costs.

Deborah A. Kennedy: No/expired registration plates, \$25 plus costs.  
 Steven G. Moore: Fines/fees due (\$658), bench warrant issued for failure to appear. 13 days or payment.

Jerry L. Prater: Improper registration, \$25 fine plus costs; No/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; Public intoxication, \$50 fine.

Larry M. Prater: Public intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.

Kevin M. Weber: Fines/fees due (\$258), bench warrant issued for failure to appear. 5 days or payment.

Speeding: Kristy M. Blackburn, Ashley N. Eldridge, Brian D. Jasper, Teresa M. Lehman, license suspended for failure to appear; Hubert C. Emerson, paid \$30 fine plus \$128 costs; Eddie L. Hensley, James Kidd, Lauren E. Williams, paid; Emille K. Stewart, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only; Lisa D. Perez, paid \$145.50 fine and costs; Leonardo Martin-Camps, Ricardo D. Micamuff, paid \$158 fine and costs;

Henry McCraw: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Huegar C. Neil: Speeding, \$168 fine and costs and Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Heather Weaver: Theft by deception, \$20 fine and costs, 20 days/probated 24 months and restitution; Theft by deception, \$20 fine, 20 days/probated 24 months plus costs and restitution.

Kimberly L. Whitaker: Fines/fees due (\$235.55), bench warrant issued for failure to appear. 4 days or payment.

Ramona E. Kane: License not in possession, \$25 fine plus costs.

Michelle N. Latimer: Speeding and No operators/moped license, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

George Bradley: Fines/fees due (\$153), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

April Lynn Campbell: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine, \$325 service fee, court costs and 30 day operator license suspension.

Jerry Hubbard: Failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, \$50 fine plus costs.

Bobby D. Bruner: Improper

equipment, \$50 fine plus costs.  
 Douglas B. Gross: Operating on suspended/revoked operator license, \$100 fine plus costs plus thirty days, probated 24 months conditionally; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; Terroristic Threatening, 30 days/consecutive/probated 24 months.

William J. McKinney: Receiving stolen property under \$300, and other charges, 180 days to serve 10 balance probated 24 months conditionally.

Sitarum M. Patel: Menacing, \$100

fine plus costs and 10 days/probated 24 months conditionally.

Jonathan W. Taylor: Receiving stolen property, 180 days to serve 10 balance probated 24 months plus reasonable restitution.

Juan M. Medina: Overlength and Overwidth, license suspended for failure to appear.

Dereck J. Collett: No/expired registration plates, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

John A. Long: DUI, warrant issued for failure to appear.

Hubert S. Mitchell, Jr.: Giving officer false name or address, \$100 fine and 30 days/probated, plus costs and Alcohol intoxication, \$150 fine.

## Deeds Recorded

Larry and Shelly Bradley, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James and Lois Noe. No tax.

James and Lois Noe, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Sherril Prewitt. Tax \$32.50.

Doug Abney, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robert A. and Suzanne Brinegar. Tax \$110.50.

## Marriage Licenses

Teresa Michelle Smith, 18, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, to Roger Dale Sturgill, 47, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 1/28/06.

Tricia Elizabeth Doty, 29, Brodhead, housewife, to James Christopher Robbins, 29, Brodhead, Brodhead Farm Equipment. 1/27/06.

## Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services ex rel Lynn M. Tatum vs. Phillip M. Gilbert, complaint for child support and medical support.

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Michael Clark and Terry Miller Tied for Small Engines Regional High Individuals.

## FFA attends Regional Contest

Submitted by Chapter Reporter Emily Whitaker  
 December 2nd some of our FFA members attended the Regional Contest in Whitley Co. We went to this contest with very high hopes and came back with our hands full.  
 Emily Whitaker, Derek Adams, Jeffrey Parker, and Wesley McHargue participated in the Ag sales contest. They placed first and Emily received the Regional High Individual. Congratulations Ag Sales Team.  
 Hillary Proctor, Jon Colby Robbins, Michael Clark, and Terry

Miller participated in the Small Engines Contest, Karen Mink and Joey Miller attended as alternates. They placed first and Michael Clark & Terry Miller tied for Regional High Individual. Congratulations Small Engines Team.  
 Both of these team will go on to participate in the state contest. We would also like to congratulate Chris Hurst for participating in the Flori-culture contest. Congratulations to everyone who attended this contest and good luck at the state contest.



The Small Engines Team Placed first in regional competition. Team members were (from left to right) Terry Miller, Karen Mink, Joey Miller, Hillary Proctor, Michael Clark, and Jon Colby Robbins.

## Minds in the Middle

It is never too early to think about college. On Monday, February 6th, we will be hosting a special night for our parents. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., we will provide supper. At approximately 6:00, we will begin our information sessions with Kim Baldwin from the Kentucky Higher Education Authority. She will be sharing info about what parents and students can be doing to prepare financially for college. We will also be providing information about high school classes and scheduling, Individual Graduation Plans, and the ACT Explore assessments. We encourage all parents to attend.

Bethany Clontz; and Arts and Humanities - Casey Hansel. RCMS was also a repeat winner of the Home Sportsmanship Trophy.

This Thursday, there will be a Girls in Science meeting from 3:40-4:30 in Mr. Mattingly's science room.

The 4-H Variety Show will be held on March 7th at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. The deadline for registering is March 3rd.

Mid-term is Friday, February 3rd. Mid-term reports will be sent home on February 8th. Students will begin a new exploratory rotation next Monday.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hunt's class on winning the attendance race last week. The group had 100% for the week! Mrs. Becky Smith's homeroom came in second place with 99.03% and Mrs. Martin's homeroom was a very close third with 99%.

We wish the best to our 2006 Kentucky-United Nations Assembly candidates. Running for Secretary General is Cole Abney and for Leadership Team Summit President is Dustin Reynolds. We know they will make us proud at KUNA in March.

We also want to remind everyone that the Unite Club Teddy Bear Drive is still underway and will continue through February 14th. The club is asking students to bring in new teddy bears (or other stuffed animals), which will be distributed to young patients at Rockcastle Hospital.

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Members of the Ag Sales Team were (from left to right) Jeffrey Parker, Derek Adams, Emily Whitaker, and Wesley McHargue.

## Mt. Vernon Message

**School News**  
 It's hard to believe that this school year is passing so quickly. Testing is just around the corner. All P3, 4th and 5th grade students will participate in state mandated testing. Please encourage your child to do his/her best and to get lots of rest during testing. A sheet of testing tips will be sent home to each parent as testing draws near. Watch for these on the calendar of events.

Project Wisdom readers for last week of were:

- Monday-Alexis Stewart, student
- Tuesday-Samantha Teague, student
- Wednesday-Dalton VanWinkle, student
- Thursday-Sara Adams, student

Friday-Becky Griffin, my instructional assistant, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is: "He who judges others condemns himself." English Proverb

**Family Resource Center News**  
 Science and Algebra Enrichment classes meet each Monday from 3:10 until 4:35.

Adult computer classes are held each Monday from 6:00 until 8:00. Parenting classes are held each Wednesday from 1:00 until 1:00. GED classes are held each Wednesday at 1:00.

PTG News  
 There will be a PTG Dance on Thursday, February 9. Watch your child's backpack for further details.

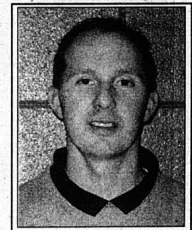
## Tiger Pause

Congratulations to Jordan Johnson! He placed second in the Rockcastle County Spelling Bee held on January 26. Jordan is a fourth grader in Mrs. Dottie Williams' class.

The next PTA meeting will be Thursday, February 16, at 7:00. SDDM will meet the same day at 3:30.

The BES teacher of the week is Mr. Benny Blanton. Mr. Blanton is the K-3 collaboration teacher in the

blue pod. He has two children, Jordan and Carter and two pets, a cat and a dog. Mr. Blanton's favorite food is pizza, his favorite TV show is anything on ESPN, and his favorite color is blue. Mr. Blanton has been teaching for three years. This is his first year as head basketball coach for the RCHS boys' team.



Benny Blanton



Jordan Johnson, a BES fourth grader, placed second in the Rockcastle County Spelling Bee.

**News deadline is noon Tuesday**



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LOCATION: from exit 59 off I-75 going into Mt. Vernon, take Hwy #150 west for about 1/2 mile to Ky Hwy 3274. Turn onto 3274 and go about 5 miles to Pitman Road, turn left & go 1 mile to the auction site. FOLLOW AUCTION SIGNS.

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**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** Joe and Sandy Causey have contracted our firm to sell at auction this tract of timber and home as a part of their dissolution of marriage. The tract consists of 284 +/- acres per a survey of Charlie Mullins. The timber was taken off the majority of the land in 1992. There is a good stand of young timber on most of the tract. A lot of the beech and hickory appears to have not been cut in 1992. There are cracks running thru the property and some outcropping of coal can be noted in several locations. The property has frontage on a county gravel road known as Pitman Road or Jamie Kirby Road approximately 6 miles from Exit 59 off I-75 at Mt. Vernon. This tract of land would make an excellent hunting tract and a long term investment for the growing timber. For a copy of the timber cruise, aerial photo, and other information, contact agent or visit our website.

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# Library News



Pam Chaffin and Lady McElbain

January has ended, and we start a new month, which is Love My Library Month. If you have any overdue items, please bring them to the Rockcastle County Public Library during the month of February and the fine will be forgiven and the slate wiped clean. You must bring them into the library to have the fine forgiven. Books, audio's, video's don't be shy bring them in and start over

with your library. Last Tuesday Ms. Darlene Martin's Child Development class visited the story hour and did a wonderful program with the children; we look forward to having them from time to time.

We want to emphasize once again that "The Books for Bikes Program" is going on until the 25th of February. Why not have your children participate? Some happy child is going to walk away with a bicycle. Six bicycles will be given away in three different age groups.

Plans are in the works for the Middle School Touring Theatre to do another presentation of a story book the last Tuesday of February. We appreciate the children and educators who are involved in these programs and include the library. Our parents and story hour children are so happy to have these opportunities. Don't forget story hour is every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. for preschoolers!

If you haven't started being a patron of the library why not start today? Come on down and sign up for a card there is no charge, and the benefits are great! The library has eight public access computers. Books, audio's video's magazines, newspapers, a career room with college and career information in it. We also have a Kentucky Genealogy room which houses historical records, and book written by Kentucky authors. Take advantage of the library today! Make the connection, connect @ your library.

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Ms. Darlene's girls sit down with the children to help them make their craft. Everyone did a great job for the first visit. Thanks girls!!



Last year Reece Sherrow (right) picked a special partner for Ms. Darlene's class, and he has already picked a new one this year Ms. Nikki Hacker. Before the semester has ended there will be more of the story hour children bonding with some of the girls!

## Births and Birthdays



Happy Birthday Carol the 29th of Jan. You turned 53, once again you caught up with me!  
 Love your sis Judy



Happy 39th Birthday Ben  
 Love - Poodle and Keith



Looking Good!  
 Happy Birthday Martha  
 We Love You!



The Big 60!  
 Happy Birthday Papaw Johnny  
 We Love You  
 September - Cierra



Dillon Roberts of Buffalo Hollow Rd., Berea, turned the big 10 on January 31, 2006. He is the son of Antony and Lisa Roberts of Buffalo Hollow Rd. and Rhonda Napier of US 25 South, Berea. Happy Birthday Dillon - we love you.  
 Your Family

### Words of Hope

In today's society with television, cell phones, and high speed internet it seems that the pace of life is only becoming faster and faster.

In Hebrews 12:1 the bible likens our lives to a race that must be endured with patience. Hebrews 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

We invite you to join us at Cornerstone Fellowship Church where we set aside our burdens of worry and run the race of life alongside Jesus.

—A message of hope from your friends at  
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# AUCTION

Saturday, Feb. 4th 10:00 a.m.  
 Location: Scaffold Cane section of Rockcastle Co. 1/4 mile off Scaffold Cane Road in the William K. Bullen division of lots.

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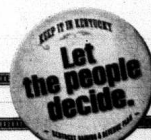
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County calculations based on population estimates from the U of L Urban Studies projections and the 2000 U.S. Census. Keep It In Kentucky is a plan sponsored by the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP). To learn how you can help call 866-771-KEEP or visit www.keeponline.com.





"James Gang"

(Cont. from B1)

the man still alive bleeding profusely from a chest wound. He was carried to William Woodson's home and later identified as Thompson McDaniel.

The outlaw was described as, "About six feet one or two inches tall, black hair, eyes a complexion, broad forehead, long face, tapering from forehead to the chin, reddish chin-whiskers and moustache being trimmed. Wears about no. 8 boots, had on the little finger of his left hand a plain gold ring."

Meanwhile Jesse and the other outlaws had escaped. "Word was sent to the Mt. Vernon to get Dr. S.W. Bruce come attend the man... Mrs Woodson told McDaniel that his wound was fatal and that if he had anything to say to say it now. "I don't care a damn whether I die or not, I won't tell anything."

he ever came face to face with Jesse James he would see to it that justice was done. When he arrived at Pine Hill, he had the following telegram in his possession: "Huntington, W. Va. Sep. 11, 1875 D.T. Bligh, Esq., Chief of Detectives, Louisville, Ky.

Since writing you the 10th inst. we have shown the picture of Cole Younger to a number of parties, who have recognized him when they saw the band and find that all who saw and talked with him recognize the picture as his. We showed it to a boy and his mother, in whose house they stayed Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night before the robbery took place Monday evening and they saw the picture without being told anything, and they said at first sight it was one of the men who stayed with them. Our cashier, upon whom they made the attack, also recognized it as one of the men who stayed with him. We offer \$2,000 for the recovery of the men and money. We have also advised with our governor and I think the State will offer a large reward; also our city authorities. The description you sent of the four men is as good as any we can get up in, in fact almost the same as that which we had sent out before hearing from you. Please put yourself in communication with all parties who may be of service in the matter. Respectfully yours, J.H. Russell, Bank President.

Early on September 16th, Cashier Younger arrived by train to Pine Hill and identified McDaniel as one of the robbers before the bandit died later that day. McDaniel had been a cavalry trooper in Captain Dave Pool's Guerrillas during the Civil War. McDaniel, a horse thief, was wanted for armed robbery and the murder of Dallas County, Texas Deputy Sheriff Charles H. Nichols plus the attempted murder of Seth Mason whom he had shot three times (but who lived) when Mason would not allow his daughter to dance with McDaniel at a social function in Missouri. Mason must have feared the old saying, "Woman love an outlaw like a boy does a puppy."

McDaniel's remains. After the lid of the pine coffin was removed one of the stangers remarked, "He don't look like he did in life." They then asked where the "Dillon boys" could be found and disappeared into a nearby coffin.

Word soon got to William and James at the boarding house that three strangers were looking for them. Fearing being shot down by the outlaws, William and Bligh sent an urgent telegram notifying law officials that the outlaws, thought to have been long gone, were still in Rockcastle County. Whether a threat or a clever ruse by the gang to focus the manhunt on and around Pine Hill, the outlaws were not sent again. Later one of the outlaws, Thomas Webb was arrested in Jamestown near the Tennessee line with \$1,494 dollars in his pocket, some of it blood stained. Webb offered the local sheriff the money as a bribe for his release but was shipped back to stand trial at Huntington.

In December of the same year (1875) he was convicted and served fourteen years in the West Virginia Penitentiary. To his credit Webb honored the "Outlaw code" and never revealed the names of his accomplices. James and Younger escaped to Tennessee and then on back to Clay County, Missouri were denied having took part or knowing anything about the Huntington bank robbery.

As for McDaniel, he was buried somewhere in Rockcastle County in an unmarked grave. A newspaper at the time reported that McDaniel was buried in the Gresham Cemetery near Livingston. There is no Gresham Cemetery listed anywhere in Rockcastle County but Uriah Gresham (an Indian fighter and Rockcastle's first judge) his wife, son, and daughter in law are buried in Ward Cemetery across the Rockcastle River from Livingston. The late Clayton Ponder was a noted local historian and he stated he heard the outlaw was buried in the Arnold-Grubbs Cemetery near Pine Hill. Still

others such as Willetta Kirby Owens and Lorene Mink Ponder, who grew up at and attended Pine Hill School, said they always heard that McDaniel is buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery behind the old school house. Ironic as history would have it. Later the next year, in July, a bearded stranger, claiming to be a tombstone salesman, recognized Detective Bligh at the Louisville Depot. He approached Bligh and asked if he was still after Jesse James. Bligh replied that he was indeed and wanted to catch up with the bandit before he died.

Three days later, Bligh went to his office and found a Missouri-Pacific Railroad post card on his desk received from St. Louis. It was from the bearded stranger expressing his regrets at not having revealed his identity at the Louisville Depot. It was signed Jesse James and added a P.S. "You have met Jesse James, so now you can die."

Enraged, Bligh sat down poured himself a cup of coffee and unfolded his morning newspaper, the July 8th, 1876 headline read: Missouri-Pacific Train Robbed of \$17,000 by Younger/James Gang.

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NOTICE OF SALE Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 29, 2005, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of THIRTY NINE THOUSAND TWENTY TWO DOLLARS AND 39/100 (\$39,022.39) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Monday, February 13, 2006 Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit - Division II Rockcastle Circuit Court - Civil Action No. 05-CI-00068 Plaintiff Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Paragon Home Lending, LLC, its successors and assigns Plaintiff Scott Dwan Smith and Rebecca Lynn Smith Defendants

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Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows: Beginning at a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RL 82773 on the east right of way a proposed 30 foot roadway and corner to Raymond McGuire; thence going with the line of Raymond McGuire 67 degrees 44' 12" E. 11.71 feet to a found iron pin a corner to Raymond McGuire, Brown and Lewis Renner; thence going with the line of Lewis Renner 5 3 degrees 01' 35" E. 45.00 feet to a found iron pin and chestnut oak a corner between Lewis Renner and Paul Deatherage; thence going with the line of Paul Deatherage 52 degrees 50' 13" E. 20.91 feet to a post and 1/2 inch conduit with plastic cap stamped RL 82773 a corner with Paul Deatherage, Benny Croner and Raymond McGuire 57 degrees 19' 39" W. 296.21 feet to a 1/2 inch conduit roadway in the east right of way of a proposed 30 foot roadway and corner to Raymond McGuire thence going with said proposed 30 foot roadway N 23 degrees 38' 31" E. 127.06 feet to a 1/2 inch conduit with a plastic cap stamped RL 82773; N 00 degrees 02' 22" E. 12.15 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RL 82773; N 48 degrees 48' 53" E. 102.74 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.179 acres more or less. Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions and legal obligations of record and/or in existence.

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Kentucky Crossword

Visit "Kentucky Crosswords on the Web" at www.kentuckycrosswords.com 12 Hungarian language 13 KY county location of the first post office west of the Alleghenies 21 Alums include Steve Henry and Clair Haskins 22 Writer Joe Crosson called it "the only town in Kentucky where I was born" 23 Chilly 24 Kentucky, Grammy-winning guitarist Travis Columbus - born in this county's seat 27 Description 28 Average 31 Juliet's love 34 County where the geographical center of the United States is found 36 City where My Old Kentucky Home is found 37 Hindu deity 38 Graesead 39 Pencil 41 Combed table 44 Canon 48 French "yes" 49 Monger community, or ease 51 Towers 52 Wilderness Road, a.k.a. Boone's 53 Largest employer in this KY county is Morehead State University 57 Bursen burner 58 Stone 59 Lounge 61 Chart 62 Hockey great Bobby, or former name of Anderson Co.'s Glanoraho 64 Unhappiness 65 Intuition 66 Profit

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**29 BREEZY HOLLOW RD -** Nice lot for new home. Doublewide is welcome. Good restrictions in place. Just off I-75 in Mt. Vernon. Several nice home sites. Lots back up to beautiful wooded area. 3.12 acres. \$19,900. MLS181863

**329 ACRES -** with most of a road industrial on Highway 256 approximately 1 mile from the Berea city limits and 2.5 miles from Interstate 75. 27% fee of road frontage, water, electric and natural gas available with tunnel nearby. Call Phil Melton at 582-8882 for details.

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## Miscellaneous For Sale

For Sale: Black jacket with leather sleeves. Has Rodes horse on back that says Denver, Colorado, XL brand new. Asking \$35 obo. Also 10 karat diamond cluster ring. \$25 obo. 256-8440 or 256-1565. 12xlp

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## Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 05-CI-00264

William H. Wren, Jr. and wife, Plaintiff

vs.

Shirley Wells aka/ Shirley Todd and husband Thomas D. Todd, Defendants

## NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 5, 2006, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND 92/100 (\$48,807.92) plus interest, costs and attorney fees I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Thursday, February 2, 2006 Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Beginning at a stone corner of Doug Ponder and Wallace Williams; thence South 61 1/2 East 315 feet to a poplar corner to the former Spillman Lake property; thence with said property, South 61 1/2 West 330 feet to a pine; South 17 West 402 feet to a fence post; South 29 West 582 feet to a fence post; the South 64 East 83 feet to a maple; thence South 28 West 162 feet to a stake in Doug Ponder's line; thence with his line, North 5 East 19 3/4 chains to the beginning, and containing seven (7) acres more or less.

The above described real property is improved by a 1979 Windsor 14x70 mobile home, Serial #1W17014-10800.

William H. Wren, Jr., and wife, Wanda Wren obtained title to the real property by Master Commission's deed dated October 28, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 177, page 156 and by deed dated November 8, 2000, executed by William H. Wren, Jr., et al., and recorded in Deed Book 182, page 145 both in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Further, this being the real property which is subject to an unrecorded installment land contract dated September 27, 2000 between William H. Wren, Jr., et al. and Shirley Wells, aka/ Shirley Todd.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. Full satisfaction of the lien in favor of the Plaintiff shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2006 local, county and state property taxes.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the co-plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. Risk of loss for any improvements on said property shall pass to the purchaser at the time of sale.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise which are sold as is.

Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court

**Miscellaneous For Sale**

**For Sale:** Seasoned firwood, \$50 full size truck load. Call 256-9348. If no answer, leave message. 13x2

**For Sale:** 39 round bales of hay, \$10 each. 256-2281. 13x1p

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**For Sale:** 91 Ford motor home, 42K, 601 Ford tractor; ATV Honda chackwagon, like new; quilting machine; 98 Contour Ford, wrecked, good motor & transmission; boat, \$300. 256-5228. 12x3p

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The Cumberland Valley Area Agency on Aging is accepting proposals for the provision of Adult Day, Adult Day Health and/or Alzheimer's Respite Services for the period of July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009. Proposals are solicited for the Personal Care Attendant Program for a five year period beginning July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2011. Complete specifications regarding these requests for proposals may be received by contacting Bernice Miracle, Cumberland Valley Area Development District, 342 Old Whitley Road, PO Box 1740, London, KY 40743-1740 or by calling 606-864-7391. All proposals must be received in the Cumberland Valley Area Development District Office by 1:00 p.m. (EST) on February 21, 2006. All proposals must be sealed. The Area Agency on Aging reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

**Attention: Brodhead Water Customers**

The Brodhead Water Department will begin testing water service Friday night, February 3, 2006 at midnight. The testing will last until approximately 5 a.m. Saturday morning, February 4, 2006.

Water department customers should check water color before doing laundry, cooking, etc. Color should clear when water is allowed to run for a few minutes.

**Request for Expressions of Interest Emergency Space Lease**

The Finance and Administrative Cabinet of Kentucky desires to lease approximately 20,000 square feet of space with 35 reserved parking spaces to be located in Laurel, Knox, Whitley, Rockcastle or Pulaski County, Kentucky. This project is considered an emergency lease of space in accordance with KRS 56.805.

Expressions of interest must include the name, address and phone number of the property owner; the street address and date of availability of the building; and verification of the current zoning designation. If available, please provide a scaled or dimensioned floor plan of the building showing the interior layout to include walls, doors, windows, columns, and any other structural considerations that may affect design of the interior space.

If you are interested in submitting potential proposals for this project you must submit a written response containing the information defined above on or before the close of business Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

Any property selected for lease must meet OSHA specifications, as well as ADA guidelines and all applicable codes as enforced by the Division of Building Codes Enforcement. Arrangements will be made to view all properties meeting the general specifications of this lease project. A representative of the Leasing Branch will contact you so that an appointment may be made to inspect the proposed facility. For any additional information, contact Brian Hoover of the Division of Real Properties at 502.564.2205, ext. 236.

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**For Sale:** 1995 Ford Ton Truck, \$4,500; 1993 Suburban 4x4, \$3,800; 1988 Holiday Rambler, 30 ft. camper, \$5,500; 1983 3/4 Ton Chevy Suburban Truck, \$2,800; several farm tractors. 256-4739. 13x1

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**Posted:** Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

**Notices**

Notice is hereby given that Jody Cobb, Rt. 2, Box 532, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed administrator of the estate of Kenneth R. Cobb on the 9th day of January, 2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Jody Cobb or to Greg R. Shackett, Emmons, Puckett & Shannon, PLLC, Attorney at Law, 114 North Second St., Richmond, KY 40475 on or before July 10, 2006. 11x3

**Posted**

**Posted:** No fishing, hunting, trespassing or 4-wheeling on property belonging to James and Juanita Chasteen on Bradley Powell Rd. at Conway. 49x2

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Martha Allen on Crooked Creek. 12x2p

**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on property of Bennett Vanwinkle on Wolfe Creek and Cove Branch. Violators will be prosecuted. 11x4p

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing of any type on land belonging to Scott Anglin in New Hope, Green Pond Ridge or Johnetta area. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 41x2p

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Victoria Reese at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. 45x1f

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Broadhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25x1f

**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Broadhead Road, Danny Smith. 47x1f

**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

Notice is hereby given that Chuck and Anita Gamper, 360 Old Bandy Rd., Broadhead, KY 40409 have been appointed Limited Guardians of Mark Stevens Hupp on the 11th day of January, 2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Chuck or Anita Gamper or to Jerome S. Fish, Cox, Fish & Amburgey, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before February 14, 2006. 13x2

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I cannot attend the meetings but will support the anti-drug efforts of the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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