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According to Governor's office for Local Development

## Fiscal court must pass budget for sheriff's office

Tuesday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court was mainly about fiscal developments got interesting afterwards.

Following the meeting, County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotis received a fax from the Governor's Office for Local Development. The fax was in answer to a query by Carlotis asking advice as to the court's responsibility regarding their refusal to approve the annual budget as proposed by the Sheriff's Department. Carlotis' query also asked if it were true that a representative of the Governor's office for Local Development (GOLD) had told the

Sheriff's Department that they could make expenditures without a budget, as reported in the January 26th issue of the Signal from an e-mail from the Sheriff's office.

The letter faxed to Carlotis' office from GOLD by Richard J. OrNSTEIN, attorney for the office, answered all questions.

The first point of the letter refuted Doan's claim that he could operate without a budget and that he had been told by anyone in the GOLD office that he could. According to OrNSTEIN's letter, "Should a fee officer not have an approved county budget, the fee officer would be with-

out a means to spend funds or incur debt." The letter further states "In short, the Rockcastle County Sheriff is required to have a balanced budget approved by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court."

The letter also backed up the Fiscal Court refusal to approve the budget submitted by the Sheriff's Department, on the grounds of "unrealistic revenue expectations," by saying "the county fiscal court should not approve a fee office budget that the fiscal court believes is imbalanced." The letter went on to say that "Should a county fiscal court pass an imbalanced fee office budget, the county fiscal court would be required to make certain that the remaining county budget leaves enough of a surplus to counter the deficit in the fee office budget." This bolsters the court's contention that they would be responsible for overexpenditures in the budget which would put a strain on the general fund, possibly endangering the 35% of funds in all accounts that must be available for a possible new administration January 1, 2007.

The letter went on to say "Should the fee officer be unwilling to amend the fee officer's proposed budget, the county would be within its rights to draft and pass a balanced budget for that fee officer."

According to the letter, the county possesses the power to impose a fee office budget on a fee officer through their Home Rule powers. "These powers allow the county fiscal court to 'Regulate and control the

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## Board extends Superintendent contract to 2009

By: Richard Anderkin

After a 45 minute closed door evaluation by members of the Rockcastle County School Board on Tuesday night, Superintendent Larry Hammond was given another year on his current contract. The vote was unanimous.

Terry Burton, board chairman of four years said on Wednesday, "I believe in the last ten years the superintendent has worked hard to bring our school system together and the proof is there. We have very good test scores, which is the most important, the very best facilities, the best transportation and we have excelled at athletics in every sport". Burton also said on Wednesday, "He is a proven leader. He deserved an extension on his contract. He has done an excellent job." Hammond's contract now runs through 2009. He has been Superintendent for over 10 years, a high school teacher, a former bus driver, Transportation Director and Director of Student Services. His annual salary is just over \$108,000 a year and he has been in the school system for 28 years.

In other business, Rockcastle County School's Finance Officer Richard Bray spent some time Tuesday explaining facts and figures to the

Rockcastle County School Board, which included figures for the state's funding for the Family Resources/Youth Services Center of \$312,642.

The Family Resources/Youth Services Center's budget is based on the number of students who receive free or reduced lunches.

The finance officer also requested that the board approve an agreement with the Kentucky Department of Education for the new \$8 million technology center and to approve a matching grant of \$34,759 from the state for new computers for the

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Larry Hammond

## Principal at RCHS to retire April 1st

Rockcastle County Principal John Hale is retiring as of April 1st.

Hale told his staff last week of his decision and that he will be taking another job in Pulaski County as head of a Christian School.

Hale said Tuesday he was retiring from the Rockcastle County School System to head the Somerset Christian School.

Hale has been in the school system for 34 years. He taught and coached basketball at Livingston Elementary for 13 years, was principal at Mt. Vernon Elementary for nine years, principal at Rockcastle County Middle School for seven years and has been at the Rockcastle County

High School for five years.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond said he had posted the job on Tuesday and applications would be taken until March 16th.

Hammond said he would meet with the council soon to make sure everyone was on the same page as to how to proceed with the hiring process, and that he hoped a new principal would be in place by April 1st.

The superintendent can decide which applications for the job are submitted to the council, but the council has the final say in who is hired. The vote of the council has to be a four to one majority to hire a principal.

Council members are parents Jeff Laswell and Susan Jordan and faculty members Travis Brenda, Dana

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## Signal office closed Monday

The Signal office will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day as will all county offices in the courthouse.

## New Opportunity School for Women meeting

You are cordially invited to attend an informational session on Berea College's New Opportunity School for Women on Wednesday evening, February 22 at 6 p.m.

Sheila Neal, participant in the school, will be giving the presentation. The meeting will be held at the Rockcastle Cooperative Extension meeting room. Enter through the rear door. Light refreshments will be served.



John Hale

## Local man injured Tuesday at Plastics

Kevin Lowery, an Alcoa spokesperson on Wednesday, confirmed that a Mt. Vernon Plastics employee was seriously injured in an accident at the plant on Tuesday morning.

Rodney Hugh Hasty, 39, of Hwy. 150, underwent surgery at the U.K. Medical Center around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to remove his right arm from the elbow down, according to a sister-in-law.

Hasty apparently caught the arm in the machine he was using at the factory. His sister-in-law said he was expected to be home on Thursday.

Hasty, who has worked at the factory for 20 years, was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center after being treated at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Lowery said that Alcoa, the parent company of Mt. Vernon Plastics, has one of the best safety records in their 428 locations world wide.

"We are starting an investigation into what happened in Mt. Vernon Tuesday and what we can do to make our work place safer, or if it was just an accident."

Mt. Vernon Plastics employs 120 employees at their metal production plant in the Rockcastle Industrial Park #1.

## Lincoln Day Banquet is March 10th

The executive committee of the Rockcastle County Republican Club announces the upcoming annual Lincoln Day Banquet.

This event will be Friday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Guest speaker will be Secretary of State, Terry Grayson. Due to limited seating and catering, tickets will be sold in advance. All candidates are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$15 each and are available for purchase through March 3rd.

For more information and tickets, please contact any of the executive

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## Winter has arrived at the ROCK

Above, three Green Hill area children - Dustin Rader, Sierra Rader and Matthew Northern are shown after they made an igloo with the weekend snow.

At right, Rockcastle County Weatherman Bud Cox is shown measuring the snow at the weather station in Mt. Vernon on Saturday. In the past week, the weather station recorded over nine inches of snowfall and school in the county was called off Monday for the third time this year.

In the middle photo is a photo of the pond at Cedar Ridge by Request, which is located at Renfro Valley.



## Four guilty pleas accepted in Rockcastle Circuit Court

Four Rockcastle County men have pled guilty in Circuit Court in the last week.

Billy Joe DeBoard, 27, of Hwy 70 Brodhead was indicted in November of 2005 for the offense of promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Detention Center last June. He also received a one year sentence for receiving stolen property. Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley recommended a sentence of six years in the state penitentiary on both charges.

He will be formally sentenced next Thursday.

A probated sentence of two years was recommended for Doug Cromer, 29, of Sand Springs Road for a guilty plea of an amended charge of unlawful possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia stemming from a February, 2005 indictment.

In a related case, Cromer was found not guilty in Rockcastle Court of taking an illegal deer.

Terry Burke, 35, of Red Hill, is scheduled for a March 24th sentencing for flagrant non-support after his

guilty plea last week. Jeremy Bartley has asked the court for a three year suspended sentence.

Mike Bullock, 36, of Ramsey Trailer Park, Mt. Vernon, who is al-

ready serving time in a federal prison, will be sentenced on March 24th for his plea in a drug case. UNITE prosecutor David Dalton has recommended a sentence of two years.

## Brodhead Homecoming Committee to hold Chili Cookoff Friday

The Brodhead Homecoming Festival Committee's annual Chili Cookoff will be held this Friday, February 17, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Brodhead Fire Department.

The committee invites churches, civic groups, school clubs, candidates and individuals to bring their own special chili to enter in the cook off. There is no entry fee. Awards will be given for the Most Original, the Hottest and the Best Overall Chili. Brodhead Queen Neisha Thyll will also be on hand to award her favor-

ite chili. The event is usually held during the May Festival but has been moved to more "Chili Appropriate Weather," according to a spokesman from the committee.

All you can eat chili and cornbread will be \$3 per person. The Brodhead Homecoming Festival Committee invites everyone to come out for this fun event.

For more information, please contact Travis T. Burton at 606-308-1204.

## Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



Last Friday afternoon while driving home from work, I heard on the radio a tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper (J.R. Richardson). It was 47 years ago on February 3, 1959, that the fatal plane crash occurred just outside Clear Lake, Iowa.

I remember the following morning well. At that time, one of my friends from high school, Jim Barton Nunneley, had a paper route and occasionally asked me to ride with him on his Moped scooter to help deliver the Courier Journal in Mt. Vernon. That morning the shock of the headline was overwhelming. When we picked up the papers, we learned that the three had been killed the night before.

Buddy was such a huge part of our lives at that time. We searched the radio for each of his recordings. Buddy Holly and the Crickets' first record, "That'll Be the Day" (1957) had sold over a million copies. Two other recordings, "Peggy Sue" and "Early In the Morning," were also chart toppers. At the time of his death, Holly (22) had produced three albums.

Over the years, that fatal day has been referred to as The Day The Music Died. Don McLean's 1971 song, "American Pie" contains many references to this day, including the phrase itself. The entire song is a tribute to Buddy Holly and a commentary on how rock and roll changed in the years following his death. "American Pie" reached number one on the music charts in the US in 1972.

Because of my association as a teenager with the newspaper delivery, this song brings back an eerie feeling each time I hear it played. These words from McLean's song will explain the reference.

... But February made me shiver, with every paper I'd deliver, Bad news on the doorstep... I couldn't take one more step. ... But something touched me deep inside, The day the music died.

Our loss was very real. In those days, listening to rock and roll and dancing were two of the mainstays of being a teenager. We did not have the luxury of iPods, cell phones, DVD players, and many other electronic gadgets that young people have today. In 1957 our choices were listening to AM "top 40" or playing our records - and listen we did! It was common to gather at one of our homes and "jitterbug" the night away. Parents welcomed us and would prepare snacks for us to devour as we listened to one stack of 45's after another and from a small town (Lubbock) in Texas. We identified with him. He started as a country singer and soared into popularity as a rock and roll star. Many of the girls at Mt.

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## Points East

By Ike Adams

Here we sit wondering what we're going to do with all the time we will have on our hands come March. I'm reserved to watch, rewatch and headily discuss the performance of the UK and Louisville basketball teams in the NCAA tournament.

Several of us received fancy DVD devices for Christmas that allow us to not only record commercial-free play action, but also give us instant replay, slow motion and zoom-in capabilities that rival anything the broadcast networks have at their disposal.

Not only that but we can keep our wives up until we see the hours of the morning as we analyze every dribble.

"No wonder Morris or name your favorite player misses so many free throws," we may surmise. "If you look real close you will notice that in his left nostril as he does in his right and any fool knows that you can't make a free throw if you're out of balance."

Those of us with exceptionally low levels of intelligence can get on the phone with the radio talk shows and do play by play analysis of all the reasons Tubby should be fired.

"I'm looking at the stupid play for the thousandth time right here and right now so don't be telling me I don't know what I'm talking about," the caller will insist as he drives around New Circle Road at 75 mph in rush hour traffic with cell phone in one hand, portable DVD player in the other while he steers his SUV with his left knee.

Here's betting that half the callers to sports talk radio shows couldn't beat the average kindergarten kid in a game of HORSE.

The real story is that, come March,

the callers aren't going to have very much to talk about other than raging over the fact that neither Louisville nor Kentucky are going to be in the tournament. Well actually UK's women's team may still have a shot but they aren't coached by Tubby Smith so what's there to whine and scream about?

In the spirit of civility most Kentucky men, even the talk show callers, will not publicly berate women unless they are divorced from them or unless the woman happens to be Hillary Clinton. (Poor Jane Fonda must have an inferiority complex now because she is hardly ever mentioned anymore). I expect several new call-in shows to spring up when Mrs. Clinton is elected President and, consequently, much of the heat to be taken off Tubby but that's not going to happen for nearly three years from now.

In the meantime, the walleye run should be in full swing come NCAA time and the trout there below Wolf Creek Dam should be biting around the clock. Since basketball is apt to be of little interest beyond the high school level, those of us who received TV gadgets for Christmas might be well advised to start recording and replaying Dr. Phil, Oprah and Victory Garden.

This might also be a good time for basketball fanatics to sign up for Yoga classes and throw away the blood pressure medicine. The broadcast stations could cancel the call-in shows and replace them with good music programming. Willie Nelson's "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" would become the most requested song closely followed by Hank Jr.'s version of "There's a Tear in My Beer."

## T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



As Ebenezer Scrooge once said, "I feel as giddy as a schoolboy." This described my state of mind Friday night. Let me tell you, it takes a lot to make a middle-aged housewife "giddy" these days. I was anxious with anticipation. There were several inches of snow forecast for the weekend. Stanley was as excited as I was. We even had a celebratory meal Friday night. I guess you've concluded that it doesn't take a lot to excite us. I guess we love the snow because it is not only beautiful, but reminds us of happier childhood days when we were snowed in at home from school. Psychologically, the white purity seems to cover all the ugly and cruel things in the world, and makes everything look like the cover of a Christmas card.

I peeked out the window in the wee hours of Saturday morning. The snow was really coming down and beginning to accumulate. By daylight, there should be some major accumulation, I thought.

Daylight broke, and sure enough, there was about two inches of snow in our yard. It was so beautiful. It had covered everything in sight. Two inches was great, but was nothing like what was promised. We were happy, but somewhat disappointed. I guess you could compare it to winning the lottery, but having to pay back about half of it in taxes.

Stanley fixed a "big ol' country breakfast" as he usually does on Saturday mornings. We ate and sat around for a while. We even bundled up and sat on the front porch in order to better admire nature's offering.

By about noon, or shortly thereafter, Stanley got the notion of going

out for an adventure. I couldn't go to church due to the snow, so this was the next best thing. Yes, we were going snow-hunting. If these two inches were good, more snow would certainly be even better. We had heard that southeastern Kentucky was supposed to be really hard-hit, so that's the direction we headed. As we pulled out of the drive, Stanley said in his very best Elmer Fudd whisper, "Be vewwy, vewwy quiet. I am hunting snow. Heh-heh-heh."

We headed for Corbin, where we filled up the car, then it was to points southeast. We took the parkway to Bourbonville, but they didn't have any more snow than Mount Vernon. We'd have to go farther. It's on to the mountains of Bell County. That's about as southeast as you can go. We went through Pineville, and still weren't quite satisfied so we pro-

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## Coping With Colic

Presented By: Dr. Callie Shaffer

Having a colicky baby can take much of the fun out of being a parent. Attempting to soothe a baby that cries for a couple hours after feedings and flails his arms and legs about is a trying experience. Nothing seems to calm the baby for more than a few minutes.

Dozens of possible causes have been suggested, but no single cause is well-accepted. Everything from allergies to colon spasms and family tension to faulty feeding techniques has been blamed.

It is difficult for the new parents, who begin to doubt their ability as parents and feel like failures. Also, the physical and mental exhaustion can be a real stress on the family.

Fortunately, colic is self-limited and will improve with time no matter what you do. These babies are often good feeders who grow well. They are plump and healthy and there are no long-term, effects or health problems for these babies.

There is no medical cure for colic, although many physicians will prescribe antispasmodics or sedatives to help the symptoms. An exam is always important to make sure that there is not another cause for the crying, such as hernias, thrush, or infections.

It is useful to try feeding the baby more slowly and in an upright position with frequent burping. Giving smaller feedings is often helpful. Breast feeding mothers should eliminate milk products from their diets and formula fed babies may try a soy formula.

If efforts to comfort the baby do not help in 30 minutes, leave the baby alone for 20-30 minutes. Remember, the most important treatment is giving the baby time to develop—the colic will eventually go away.



## VIEW FROM THE BENCH

A Quailing We Will Go

Oh my, oh my ... what a week. Except for those recollections who have severed all ties to modern existence, everybody heard of Vice President Cheney's unfortunate error while bird hunting.

It seems that Mr. Cheney "peepered" a fellow hunter by shooting at a fleeing quail without first insuring a clear field of fire. As if this wasn't bad enough, it appears that Mr. Cheney's staff failed to secure the requisite upland game permit required by the great state of Texas prior to pursuing certain feath-

ered quarry. — When I first read the Internet news accounts of the "shooting," my mind immediately flashed to one of my favorite books: The Old Man and the Boy, first read as a child, and re-visited periodically in the ensuing years. The lessons learned from Mr.

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## County Judge Executive

William K. Bullen at Rockcastle Manufacturing

Folks, together we can open these doors. I have told you in the past about pulling the county together. With the help of Cumberland Valley's Ad Board, Kentucky Industrial Authority, our Kentucky elected representatives and our representatives in Washington all working together, we can find employment for our young people.

There will be approximately 180 seniors graduating this year from Rockcastle County High School. Many young people from this county graduating high school and college will be seeking jobs. Let us work together to keep our young people at home. This is the future leadership and strength of our county.

If you think this is the leadership we need, then vote for me  
William K. Bullen, May 16, 2006, pull Lever 3  
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# Obituaries



**Bentley Allen**

Bentley P. Allen, 86, of Rt. 2 Mt. Vernon died Saturday February 11, 2006 at the Terrace Nursing Home in Berea. He was born on October 17, 1919 in Rockcastle County the son of the late George and Fannie Jennings Allen. He was retired carpenter with bridge and buildings for the L&N Railroad. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, making pies, and was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Faith.

Survivors are: one son, Ralph (Sue) Allen of Mt. Vernon; five daughters, Mildred (Bill) Reynolds of Mt. Vernon, Jessie Loeber and Leola Huffman, all of Kettering, OH, Toddie (John) Clemmer of Flim, MI, and Carleen (Mery) Renshaw of Evansville, IN; one brother, Clinton Allen of Richmond, IN; three sisters, Odella Carpenter of Berea, Eva Ebnert of Ft. Worth, TX, and Zena Golden of Hamilton, OH. Eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Gertrude Madonna Davidson Allen; two brothers, Orville and Randal Allen; four sisters, Fionnie Chaney, Georgia Davidson, Zora Shell, and Novella Bell; and by two infant children.

Service were held Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jim Miller, Billy Medley and Darren Allen officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Tim Reynolds, Shawn Huffman, Heath Huffman, Darren Allen, Eric Clemmer, Mark Renshaw, Melissa Turpin and Amy Clemmer.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association 333 Guthrie St., Suite 207, Louisville, KY 40202 or Hospice Care Plus 208 Kidd Drive, Berea, KY 40403.

*View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at web address [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)*

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**Bea Mink**

Bea Mink, 85, of Livingston died Thursday, February 9, 2006 at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. She was born on June 9, 1920 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Harm and Nannie Pearl Mink. She was a housewife, enjoyed quilting, and attended the Callaway Holiness Church.

Survivors are: four sons, Claude and Kermit Mink both of Livingston, Denver Mink of Winchester, and Johnny Mink of Lancaster; two daughters, Damoth Goforth of Ovid, CO, and Mrs. Jean Newcomb of Livingston; one brother, Bradley Mink of Somerset; two sisters, Kate Mink of Brodhead, and Mae Arnold of Livingston. Twenty-five grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andy Mink; one daughter, Ola Mae Mink; and two brothers, Hiatt and Thurnie Mink.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006 at the Callaway Holiness Church with Bro. Elzie Doan officiating. Burial followed in the Sand Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Roscoe Mink, John Mink, Kevin Mink, Robbie Newcomb, David Goforth and Harvey Mink.

Honorary were: Thomas Mink and Danny Bowen.

Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home. *View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)*

**Sarah Ann Drew Campbell**

Sarah Ann Drew Campbell, 91, of Richmond, IN, died Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at the Cherish Health and Living Center in Richmond, KY. She was born in Jackson County, KY on November 8, 1914 the daughter of Roy and Laura Powell Drew. She was a homemaker and a member of the Morning View Holiness Church.

She is survived by: a daughter, Allie Oakley of North Charleston, SC; eleven grandchildren; several great grandchildren; one sister, Alevine Davidson of Dayton, OH; one brother-in-law, Dennis Campbell; and two very special sisters-in-law, Minnie VanWinkle and Joyce Malicote. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Osborne Campbell; a daughter, Flossie; a son, Earl; a grandson, David; and her other brothers and sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Campbell were conducted Saturday, February 11 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Walter Ballinger. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

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

**Shane Boswell**

Shane Boswell, 20, of Plant City, Florida, son of Mark and Tammy Boswell, died Monday, February 13, 2006, the result of an automobile accident. Arrangements are incomplete at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.



**Sandy Ann Northern**

Sandy Ann Northern, 41, of Mt. Vernon died Sunday February 12, 2006 at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. She was born on March 24, 1964 in Palmyra County the daughter of Wayne and Janice Griffin Denney of Mt. Vernon. She was a cashier at Hardee BP Station at Renfro Valley, enjoyed knitting, and was a member of the Crossroads Assembly of God.

Survivors are: one son Tyler Sizemore of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Larry Denney of Mt. Vernon; and one sister, Tammy Jackson of Richmond.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brian Northern.

Services will be held (today) Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jon Burdette and Chad Burdette. Burial will be in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Tyler Sizemore, Larry Denney, Eric Denney and Doug Shields.

*View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at web address [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)*

**Dorcie Croucher**

Dorcie Croucher, 72, of Mt. Vernon, wife of Charlie Edward Croucher died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006 in Lexington. She was born the daughter of the late L.A. Alexander and Jennie Riddle Alexander. She was retired from Gibson Greeting Cards in Berea and was a member of the Scaffold Cane Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her son, Wayne Bowling; three sisters, Minerva White, Frances Ray and Genevieve Ware; and one brother, Leonard Alexander Jr.

Dorcie is survived by: her daughter Linda (Larry) Carter of Mt. Vernon; two sons Buddy Croucher (Liz Thomas) of Mt. Vernon and Ron (Judy) Bowling of Barbourville. 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends also survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Steve McKinney officiating. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: grandsons, Brian Carter, Chad Wilson, Chris Bowling, Nathan Warfield, Scott Alexander, Kevin Edmonson, Mike Jett, Ernie Gadd and Shannon Vaughn.

*Online register book at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)*

**John Harmon**

John Harmon, 77, of Ottumwa, Iowa, died Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at the Ottumwa Regional Health Center.

He was born June 12, 1928 in Mt. Vernon to John Robert and Myrtle Mae Owens Harmon.

A resident of Ottumwa since 1946, he had served in the U.S. Navy for four years, was a member of the Ottumwa Fire Department for 26 years, retiring as Captain in 1988 and was retired from the Cobler Sign Co.

Besides his wife, Shirley Tull Harmon, survivors include a daughter, Toni (David) Frymoyer of Ottumwa; two grandsons; two great grandsons and a sister, Faye Cummins of Berea.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers, Vernon Smith, Vannice Smith, Robert, Earl, Larry, Ken and Roy Harmon.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 17 at Reese Funeral Home with burial in the Memorial Lawn Cemetery with military services.

Memorial may be made to Ottumwa Firefighters Association or Hospice, 312 E. Alta Vista, Ottumwa, IA 52501.

**Opal Northern**

Opal E. Northern, 93, widow of Sherman Northern died Monday Feb. 13, 2006 at her home. Opal was born in Madison County the late Herman and Deborah Baker Carter. She was also preceded in death by her step mother, Verdine Carter. Opal was a homemaker and a 46 year member of the Bobtown Holiness Church.

Opal was preceded in death by her two children Sude Cain and Buford Northern; three brothers and three sisters.

Opal is survived by: five children, Georgia (Farris) Van Winkle of Berea, Robert (Dorothy) Northern of Berea, Verdine (Luther) Culton of Lexington, Ernie (Bobby) Owens of Berea and Linda (Larry) Gray of Berea; four sisters, Sude Northern of Ohio, Alberta Johnson of Berea, Violet Bowman and Rowena Sallee, both of Jackson County; three brothers, Chester Carrier of Ohio, Fitch "Letcher" Carrier of Sand Gap and Forrester Carrier of Indiana; 20 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be (today) Thursday Feb. 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro Bill Rose officiating. Burial will be in the Mallory Springs Cemetery at Red Lick.

Palbearers will be grandsons. *Online register book at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)*

**Marguerite McDaniel**

Mrs. Marguerite M. McDaniel, 87, of St. Petersburg, FL, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Friday February 3, 2006 in St. Petersburg, FL. She was born August 15, 1918 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Tom and Leila O'Mara.

Survivors are a son, Jack McDaniel of St. Petersburg. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rex McDaniel and four brothers, Jim, Tom, Bob and Jack O'Mara.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. *This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.*

*Obituaries courtesy of local funeral homes*

**Homer Sims**

Homer Franklin Sims, 82 of Somerset, father of Beverly McClure of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Ft. Logan Hospital, Stanford.

Mr. Sims was born in Pulaski County on October 21, 1923, the son of Charles and Laura Belle Gibson Sims.

He was a farmer, a mechanic and of the Baptist faith.

Besides his daughter, Beverly and her husband David, other survivors are two sons, Donald (Kathy) Sims

and Gerald (Vicki) Sims, both of Somerset; and two granddaughters, Edna (Jean) Bullock of Woodstock; nine grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude E. Whitis Sims and a brother, Roy Sims.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8 at the Morris & Hislop Funeral Home at Science Hill with Bro. Bradley Goforth officiating. Burial was in the Eden Cemetery at Somerset.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association 333 Guthrie St., Suite 207, Louisville, KY 40202 or Hospice Care Plus 208 Kidd Drive, Berea, KY 40403.

*View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at web address [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)*

**Cards of Thanks**

**Lorene Doan**  
The family of Lorene Doan would like to thank Hospice Plus in Berea and Dr. Stauss for everything and our aunts, uncles and cousins for staying with us night and day during our mother's illness and passing.

A special thank you to Bro. James Nicely and Bro. Wendell Martin for their consoling words, Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home for being so kind and loving to our family during our time of grief, The Letterbox and the McFerrons for the special songs.

Many thanks to everyone for the phone calls, visits, food and beautiful flowers. Thank you Snack Shack, Pizza Hut, Kastle Inn for being so kind. It was all appreciated very much.

Our mother is sadly missed and will always be remembered by her beautiful family.

The Doan Family  
*Husband, Jessie Doan  
Children - Brenda, Gayle, Dale,  
Jenny, Judy, Brian and her loving  
grandchildren and one great  
grandchild.*

**Dewey McGuire**  
Janice, Darlene and April, daughters of Dewey McGuire, would like to thank all of Daddy's family and friends for their support, love and kindness. A special thanks to our aunts, Evelyn, Wanda, Alma, Cuma and Sally for their continuing love and support, to Uncle Frank Mason for his consoling words, Mike McGuire for his precious words, Aunt Alma and Lonnie McGuire for their special singing and our cousin Rosemary for the food and pictures. To all the locals and girls at 59 fuel center who helped make Daddy's days brighter, all of our cousins who opened their hearts and homes to us, to Pine Hill Holiness Church for the delicious and plentiful food, Bro. Parkinson and Bro. Hensley for the beautiful ceremony and to Cox Funeral Home for all their help and kindness.

To everyone who loved Daddy so much, you lightened our sorrow in so many ways. We thank you and love you. To Aunt Verneeta, our prayers and love are with you. God bless you all.

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## Our Readers Write

### Rock of Ages notes...

Dear Editor,  
The Rock of Ages Mission can be reached at the following number only until further notice. Call us at 606-231-9093. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you,  
Kathy Bretz  
c/o Rock of Ages Mission  
P.O. Box 490  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

PS. We still the same as we were. We just had to make this change temporarily. Call if we can help or if you want to donate. Thanks.

### Disgraceful dismissal...

Dear Editor,  
After reading the letter written by Linda Wilson in last week's Signal, I feel compelled to make a public statement.

The contacts I have had with those three ladies, dismissed from the Broadhead Citizens Bank, has always been with the utmost respect, courteous and caring attitude. I have also found those characteristics the same with other employees at the Broadhead Bank.

The memories I have of the Broadhead Citizens Bank go back many years to people like Miss Lena and Miss Miranda. I have always thought this bank to be a solid rock in our community. I do not have the time to meddle in how a business is managed but I feel it necessary to move my little dab of banking elsewhere.

Don Stevens

### Low-fat diets may be misleading...

Dear Editor,  
I wanted to express my concern regarding media reports on a recent study on low-fat diets that may be misleading the public because they suggest that current advice to reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer are wrong. In fact, the study tested diet advice that is 10-20 years out of date.

The Women's Health Initiative (WHI), which randomly assigned almost 50,000 women to eat either a low-fat diet or their typical diet, found no significant difference between the groups' risks of breast cancer, colorectal cancer, or cardiovascular disease. However, health authorities including the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture have not recommended a low-fat diet for at least a decade, if at all.

Since that time, heart disease experts have recommended replacing bad fats (saturated and trans) with good fats (polyunsaturated and monounsaturated). In the WHI, women who were told to eat a low-fat diet cut back only modestly on all fats, so they did not benefit from an increase in good fats.

Furthermore, women on the low-fat diet were eating only slightly less bad fat than the women who were told to eat their usual diets, reducing the odds that researchers would see a difference in the groups' heart disease rates.

The American Cancer Society's current guidelines recommend eating more fruits and vegetables, choosing whole grains over refined grains and sugars, limiting the consumption of red meats, limiting alcohol, maintaining a healthful weight, and staying

physically active.

Unfortunately, many fatty foods in the average American diet are high in bad fat. Those foods include high-fat meat, pizza, pies, pastries, french fries, full-fat ice cream, butter, stick margarine, doughnuts, and most commercially fried foods (chicken, fish, and French fries). So people who mistakenly conclude that they needn't watch their fat intake are likely to eat more bad fat.

Media reports also downplayed an intriguing result in the study on breast cancer. The data suggest that a low-fat diet may reduce the risk of breast tumors that respond to estrogen but not progesterone. Future research may clarify whether diet reduces the risk of some tumors but not others.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Dowell Gabbard  
Registered Dietitian  
Mt. Vernon, KY

### Struggle between Court and Sheriff...

Dear Editor,  
I have watched, with amusement, the struggle between the Fiscal Court and the County Sheriff since the first article appeared in your publication concerning the pillaging of the county coffers.

I was heartened when you finally found your voice a few weeks ago. You pointed to some inconsistencies in the Sheriff's statements and it is right that you did. But I cannot understand why one of the most important questions has not been asked. Why and how did it take the Fiscal Court two (2) plus years to come to the realization that the Sheriff was overspending his budget and in doing so was also depleting the county coffers. Was it an oversight by the Fiscal Court? Were they negligent in their duties? Were they complicit in said pillaging? I do not have the answers to the previous questions nor

will the answers ever be known. The latest debacle, according to the County Executive is that the Sheriff has presented an unrealistic budget and if they (the Fiscal Court) agree to it the county would have to make up any shortfalls, if any are realized. The County Executive also stated that the members could be held personally responsible for any shortfalls in an election year. What a noble idea! Most executives of publicly owned companies are always held responsible for their actions or inactions. Rockcastle County is owned by the public or at least it is supposed to be.

Another question that I have is the following: How many classic vehicles does the county have in its fleet? When you published the latest county budget report, I noted two checks having paid to a classic car shop. Do we really have classic vehicles? I did notice a photo of the County Executive taken during the 2005 Christmas parade. He was riding a 1969 Camaro (Classic car). Any connections? Probably not but it sure raises some questions.

Mr. Editor, there is a sickness among us in the general population. We most always elect and re-elect the most unworthy to represent and lead us. We do not have to look at Washington DC or Frankfurt to find the results of our sickness although the results are most definitely there. We only have to look as far as our local governments. Will we heal ourselves of this sickness or are we waiting for a grant to clean up the mess, which we have dumped upon ourselves?

JC Osborne  
Mt. Vernon, KY

### What makes America Great?...

Dear Editor,  
What makes America great? Wealth does not make us great; Al Capone's wealth and power made him only infamous. Our fathers knew that we are great when we are good and we are happy when we feel free.

The War on Terror is largely over: The terrorists have won the two greatest strategic victories already. They have lured us into throwing away the moral high ground (can anyone imagine a President defending a policy of torture seven years ago)? And, terrorists have enticed us into shredding our Bill of Rights to the swelling of an unchecked imperial executive.

The bumper sticker is right: "If you want peace, work for justice." If we, in 9/11 land, continue to abandon international justice for national safety, we are assured of losing both justice and safety. Instead, Hamas-type leadership will continue to be the party of choice for the oppressed around the world. Are we determined to abandon our roots of goodness, mercy and freedom? Are we determined to answer with a resounding No, Lincoln's Gettysburg question whether a nation that is for the people can long endure.

But I remain a cockeyed optimist. God bids us look through Scrooge's window to remember that mankind (not wealth or false security) is our business. God holds open a door of preservation and escape. We must choose to repent and pass the threshold.

Pray and fast with me that God

will hear and heal us before our national soul is irrevocable. Remember the words of Suliman, the great of the Ottoman Sultan in 1541 AD: Even if your reign sees everlasting, do not be taken in. One day a hostile wind will blow And bring to your land of beauty Heaven's misfortune and deepest suffering.

Sincerely,  
Bob Coffey

### "TJ's Journal"

(Cont. from A-2)

ceeded to Middlesboro, where we took a short tour of the town. I wanted to show Stanley my Great-Great-Aunt Minnie's and Uncle Jake's mansion. It was built around 1900, or just a little before, and cost just short of one hundred thousand dollars at the time. They owned a coal mine, lumber company, and several farms.

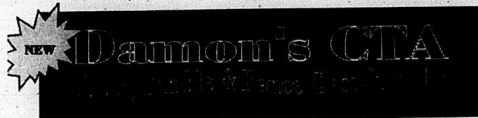
Most of the material for the mansion's construction was imported from Europe. Upon reaching Middlesboro, we still hadn't found much snow on the

ground. The mountains along the way in Barbourville, Pineville, and Middlesboro were beautiful. The trees on the mountains were snow-covered, and the higher elevations appeared to have more snow. Clouds and mist hung so low, most of the mountaintops were covered, and you couldn't tell where the mountains stopped, and the clouds began. It was a true winter wonderland.

The new Cumberland Gap Tunnel was so close, we decided to go on through it, and ended up in Tazewell, Tennessee where we drove around a bit. Stanley was looking for an old family cemetery there. We both have family roots there from several generations back.

Darkness was just about upon us, so we started home. However, we were beginning to get hungry by this time, and we stopped at the Ryan's Steakhouse in Middlesboro. Everything was so good. I was particularly fond of their lemon icebox pie. After all, snow-hunting works up quite an appetite.

We stopped in London to visit with some of my family before getting back to Mount Vernon. We didn't find a lot of snow on our little trip, or should I say, as much as we had hoped for, but we certainly had a good spur-of-the-moment adventure.



Damon's CTA will be having registration sign-ups on Saturday, February 18, 2006, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm at Broughtown Community Center, for a new Cheerleading and Tumbling Academy, coming in March 2006, to the Lincoln Co/Stanford Area. The registration will help us prepare an adequate schedule for the number of classes and students that will initially be attending the gym. Registration (yearly membership fee) cost will be \$25.00 per child. We are also looking for instructors who have a background in cheerleading and/or dance and have been or are currently a high school or college cheerleader/dancer. These individuals need to be able to work well with different age groups, perform the basics skills (cartwheel, round-off, back handspring, etc.), be organized, creative, and teachable.

For more information, please contact:  
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# KENTUCKIANS FIGHT FOR OTHER COUNTRIES' RIGHT TO VOTE.

## SO WHY CAN'T KENTUCKIANS VOTE ON CASINO GAMING?

Americans have long been willing to fight for freedom and democracy in other nations.

So why can't Kentuckians have the right to vote on something as simple as legalizing casino gaming for racetracks?

566,000 Kentuckians already frequent casinos in other states. Last year Kentuckians spent \$671 million at casinos in Indiana and Illinois, and those neighbors now get \$236 million a year in revenue to educate children, pave roads and protect healthcare for seniors. The "Keep It In Kentucky" plan could raise

\$437 million and constitutionally dedicate benefits to education, healthcare, local government and economic development. On top of that it would help strengthen and protect our signature horse industry.

So is it the right plan at the right time? Yep. Will it be good for Kentucky and all 120 counties? Sure.

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County calculations based on population estimates from the U of I 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



### Laurel Shrine Club donates \$100,000 to Shrine Hospitals

Local Shriners presented a check, in the amount of \$100,000 for support of Shrine Hospitals to Potentate Ravaguh W. Griffin on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at the Oleikia Shrine Center in Lexington.

Laurel County Shrine Club President Charlie Owens said this donation to Shrine Hospitals would not have been possible without the support of the local community. Laurel County Shrine Club has donated more money than any other local Shrine Club for more than 11 years running. In 2004, the club donated \$60,000 to Shriners Hospitals. President Owens also expressed his gratitude to the local community for their overwhelming support.

The Laurel County Shrine Club was chartered in 1983 as a club of Oleikia Shrine Temple in Lexington. The first officers were Paul Gadd, Sr., president; Oscar Gregory, first vice president; Johnny Lewis, second vice president; J.D. Seecley, secretary and

Roger Whitaker, treasurer. In 1988, the club developed the Truckin Fezes. The first parade for the little trucks was the Ginger Bread Festival held in Hindman. They attend approximately 25 parades a year.

Both the Laurel County Shrine Club and the Truckin Fezes are very active in supporting Shriners Hospital. Currently two members of the club, Noble Billy R. Webb for the Lexington Unit and Noble Earl Gill for the Cincinnati Unit, are serving as members of the Board of Governors.

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Shriners Hospitals' total budget for 2005 is \$625 million, of which \$580 million is targeted for operating expenses (including \$28 million for research) and 45 million for buildings and equipment expenditures. During the 83-year history of Shriners Hospitals, approximately \$7 billion has been spent to operate Shriners Hospital, and more than \$1.7 billion on construction and renovation.

Application forms for admission to Shriners Hospital can be obtained from any member of the Laurel County Shrine Club or if you know of a child Shriners Hospitals might be able to help, please call our toll-free patient referral line 1-800-237-5055.

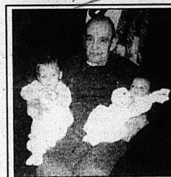
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Nobel Shelby Stone was honored with Shiner of the Year at the annual Laurel County Shrine Club Christmas dinner. Nobel Stone and the other Shriners and Shrine Ladies worked all year and raised \$100,000 for the Shriners' Hospital. Nobel Stone would like to thank all businesses in Rockcastle, Garrard, Lincoln and Madison Counties that bought plaques from him in support of the Shriners' Hospital. All monies received from sales and fundraisers go directly to the hospitals for crippled children.



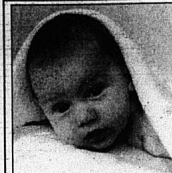
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Jailey Brooklyn and Bethany Jaideen Martin would like to wish their great-great grandfather, Mr. Floyd Carter, a very happy 89th birthday on February 14th, Happy Birthday, Papaw. We love you!



Happy 40th Birthday to our Crew Chief! We Love You!



Anthony and Dora Ann Girod are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kaden Michael Anthony. He was born at Central Baptist Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. Kaden was welcomed home by his brother Tristan, Grandma Carrie, Angle, Samarah and Sierra. Kaden is the grandson of Wayne and Marilyn Girod of Vanwert, Ohio and Oma Girod of Eubank. He is also the grandson of the late Dewey and Maggie Gilbert.

### Daughter born

Shawn and Ingrida Hamm of Versailles announce the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Nicolette on January 2, 2006 at King's Daughters Hospital in Frankfort. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

Her grandparents are Eddie Ray and Lois Hamm, formerly of Mt. Vernon, and Aldonna Ignaviciene of Vilnius, Lithuania. She is the great granddaughter of the late Byrde Hensley Mink and the late Ruby and Harris Hamm.



We would like to wish a happy 7th birthday on February 20th to our little princess Tiffany Lynn Renee King. We love you Papaw Doug, Nana Loretta, Aunt Tanya, Brother Justin, Brother Tyler, Mom Joanie.

### "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

Vernon High School cried all day when we returned to school after his death. It was the talk of the week among our friends and even teachers.

I suppose we were witnessing a genius in the music business and we didn't even realize it. Holly's popularity has continued over the years. Many artists have recorded covers of his recordings. A hugely popular movie was made about his life. Oldie radio stations play his music on a regular basis. Recently I read an account of the last performance that Buddy made in Clear Lake, Iowa. He was describing the night and said, "We had as much fun as the kids did!" If that statement was true, then he must have had a great time performing his last concert. One thing is certain: we who were teens at that time will never forget The Day The Music Died.

Thanks for your many comments and suggestions for this column. You can reach me at mntman@ms.net

### "Bench"

(Cont. from A-2)

Cheney's incident and Robert Ruark's book would serve all who venture afield.

Don't get me wrong. Accidents happen to the most prudent of people. And I have great regard for Mr. Cheney's professional abilities. After all, even if you don't like his politics, you have to admit that the Vice-President is an amazingly successful businessman and perhaps no other Vice-President has been nearly as influential. Having acknowledged his successes, it is nevertheless appropriate to remind ourselves of the lessons which can be learned from Mr. Cheney's lapse in judgment.

Lesson One: Quail are, in the words of Ruark, "gentlemen." The little fellow doesn't weigh but about five ounces, but every ounce of him is pure class. He's smart as a whip.

and every time you go up against him you're reading someone's mood yourself.

Lesson Two: Bench was right. The manner in which hunters approach game is also the manner in which they approach their fellow man. Careless, lackadaisical or disrespectful behavior are not the characteristics of a gentleman. To bowrow from Ruark's wisdom, quail like gentleman, should be approached "gentleman to gentleman."

Lesson Three: "quail" also means to recoil in horror or fear. No doubt that Mr. Cheney's possession of a firearm amidst the brush lands of Texas will inspire fear—at least on the part of those standing nearby and upright.

Lesson Four: As a child, I read and darn near memorized another lengthy Ruark passage from a quality hunting story about an old man instructing his grandson in the handling of firearms. "The older you get, the carefuller you'll be. When you're as old as I am, you'll be so scared of a firearm that every young man you know will call you a damned old maid. But damned old maids don't shoot the heads off their friends in duck blinds or fire blind into the brush where a deer walked in and then go pick up their buddy with a hole in his chest."

Ruark's words have served me in good stead. They reflect the basic gun handling rules adopted by all shooting sports groups. All hunters, regardless of age, should be reminded a gun makes a potential killer out of the man or woman handling it.

Lesson Five: Hunting without the appropriate license, tag or stamp is not only illegal, it diminishes the ability of the states to provide for wildlife management, including nongame species. Most states, including Kentucky, rely heavily on the sale of these items to fund habitat acquisition and improvement. Less sales equal less habitat, plain and simple.

Mr. Cheney has, after the shooting incident, acquired the upland bird stamp which is reportedly required of hunters.

Lessons learned.

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**Arson is leading cause of wildland fires**

# Spring forest fire season is underway

Spring forest fire hazard season began Wednesday and runs through April 30. During this time, outdoor burning within 150 feet of a woodland or brushland is illegal from a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Dry conditions in several states, especially California, Texas and Arkansas, have exacerbated wildfires. Kentucky, in contrast, has had plentiful rain and snow, but a relatively brief run of dry weather can turn forests into tinderboxes. Then there is the arson factor - the leading cause of wildland fires in Kentucky.

Fire danger levels in many areas. For the year, some 1,710 fires burned more than 51,580 acres. Sixty percent of fires were arson. Since Jan. 1, more than 2,000 acres have been burned in 145 fires.

MacWords said the Division of Forestry needs the public's help in stopping wildland arson. For information about wildland arson, contact the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON, any local law enforcement office or the division. Target Arson Hotline callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward if the information leads to an arrest and indictment.

"Many people think that forest fires are caused by lightning or by careless campers," said Leah MacWords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky state forester. "While that may be true in the western United States, it isn't true in Kentucky."

The fall forest fire season was a busy time for the division. Dry conditions created higher than normal

Safety precautions should be taken and weather conditions considered before any outdoor burning. Check with your local fire department, the Kentucky Division for Air Quality and the Kentucky Division of Waste Management to ensure compliance with local and other state outdoor-burning regulations.

## Poet's Corner

### Help Me With The Politics

Help me with the politics  
In speeches that they make,  
We'll never know their promises,  
Until we see the road they take.

We never see them after the vote,  
They never seem a friend,  
But at the time they need us,  
Oh! Here they come again.

They go to Washington bent to serve,  
The Federal Cause they say,

But folks! I voted for that guy,  
In Kentucky on election day.  
They should serve me here at home,  
Or else he wouldn't go!  
The one who got the job, you see,  
If it hadn't been for me.

So the voter seems more important,  
To help him obtain his report,  
But pork barrel guys get there first,  
With all their different schemes.

By: Fred W. Seagraves  
Retired Sgt. 1st Class  
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## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### FSA Meeting

The Rockcastle County FSA employees will be attending a meeting February 23rd and therefore, the FSA office will have limited service through NRCS answering the telephone.

### Office closed

The Rockcastle County USDA Service Center, FSA and NRCS, will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of Washington's Birthday. The offices will reopen Tuesday, February 21st, at 7:30 a.m.

### 2006 DCP Sign-up

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced enrollment for the 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) began Oct. 1, 2005 and will continue until June 1, 2006. Producers may request a direct advance payment applicable for the contract at the time of sign-up. If the contract was enrolled on or before February 8, 2006 producers may request up to 50% for the direct advance payment and if the contract was enrolled after February 8th producers may request up to 40% for the direct advance payment.

### Important program dates

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign-up continues  
Farm Storage Facility Loans interest rate for Feb. 2006 is 4.375%  
LDP sign-up for 2006 crop small grains end March 31, 2006  
NAP Application Closings by Crop:  
Grass for Pasture-March 1st  
Mixed Hay-March 1st  
Vegetables-March 15th  
Wheat-September 30th

### TPFP Maximum Discount Rate

For Feb. 2006 is 9.0000%

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### Conservation Reserve Program

Continuous sign-up continues  
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TPFP Maximum Discount Rate for Feb. 2006 is 9.0000%

### Farm producers must apply for DCP

each year and can cancel for any year if they so choose either by visiting the FSA office or on-line. To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

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Continuous sign-up continues

### Transfer of Tobacco Transition Program

Payments may be issued under one of the following: transfer to family members, transfer due to a death or transfer of a contract to a party who had purchased a tobacco marketing quota and placed the quota on a farm with the owner's consent prior to Oct. 22, 2004.

### Conservation Reserve Program

Continuous sign-up continues

### For more information contact your local FSA office.

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.

### Conservation Reserve Program

Continuous sign-up continues

### Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address and bank account changes.

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Since you're gone, and we are left alone. We know that you are watching and longing for us to come home. Now, for us three girls, we must prepare to go and meet Daddy in a land without heartaches, sorrow or woe.

Written by Raymond McGuire  
January 26, 1956

### In Memory To Our Beloved Father, Mother and Grandmother

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Dorothy Loretta Stewart died  
February 8, 2005

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SHERIFF

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I am a candidate for Rockcastle County Sheriff. I am publishing this statement to inform you of my ideas and plans for the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office. I recognize that if elected Sheriff, I would be given a special trust and confidence by the citizens of Rockcastle County. In return, I promise to behave and act according to the highest personal and professional principles while serving as Sheriff.

If you elect me, my primary mission for the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office will be to preserve the public peace, protect the rights of persons and property, prevent crime and coordinate with other law enforcement agencies and their efforts within Rockcastle County. I will strive to protect the children, the elderly and everyone in between to maintain a sense of security in our communities. As Sheriff I will focus on eliminating drug abuse by enforcing the laws, supporting drug education programs, and assisting drug rehabilitation efforts. The Sheriff will be a visible and active member of our community.

If you elect me Sheriff, I will adhere to the standards and principles of honesty and integrity and continue to keep my private and political life clean. I will ensure that the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office shall not permit personal opinions, bias, prejudice, party affiliations, or consideration of the status of other to alter or lessen these principles. I also promise to recruit, hire, and promote only those persons with the qualifications to accomplish the goals of the Sheriff's Office. I pledge that none of my family members will be on the Sheriff's payroll.

I am seeking election because I believe I can help improve our community as Rockcastle County Sheriff.

Please support me in my desire to serve you.

Very Truly Yours, Roger G. Pigg

#10 On The Ballot

Filed by Roger Pigg



## Join the fight against cancer through Relay For Life

More than two million people in the United States have done it. They've joined the fight against cancer by participating in Relay For Life, the signature event of the American Cancer Society.

Last year, more than 4,300 communities nationwide participated in Relay For Life and raised more than \$340 million, making the event the largest fund raiser in the U.S.

Relay For Life is an overnight fund-raising event filled with activities, fun and community spirit. All funds raised at Relay For Life support American Cancer Society programs designed to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through re-

search, education, advocacy and patient services.

The impact of cancer is clear. More than 9 million cancer survivors are living today. This year in the United States, an estimated 1.3 million people will be diagnosed with cancer. Additionally, more than 1,500 people will die of cancer each day.

This year the Relay For Life of Rockcastle County will hold the first meeting on February 27, 2006 at the Rockcastle Hospital. The meeting will begin at 6 PM and will last approximately one hour. The committee would like to invite you to participate this year in the "fight against cancer" either by forming a team or helping on the planning committee.

For more information about participating in Relay For Life, contact Kelli McClure at 606-256-4122 or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information about Relay For Life or cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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## Conservation District Cost Share program announced

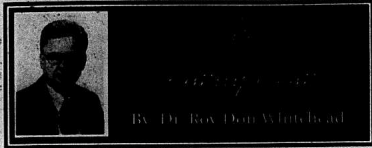
The Rockcastle County Conservation District began accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program February 1 and extending through February 28, 2006.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created in 1994 created by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silvicultural operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agriculture water quality plans, which are required under state law.

Any person engaged in agricultural or silvicultural operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices.

The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified.

The best management practices approved through the State Cost Share program help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwa-



By Dr. Roy Thomas at Rockcastle

The following letter was written to me by a victim of domestic violence. She is currently in prison for killing her abuser. She is not from Pulaski or any surrounding counties but is from a city in another part of the state, and she has given permission for her letter to be published.

"I am a victim of domestic violence. I am incarcerated for killing my abuser. I read your article in the newspaper on September 5, 2005 and it made so much sense to me.

My trial was very unjust. The Kentucky Domestic Violence Association says my case is one of the worst. The KDVA wants and needs all the powerful and influential people's help we can get to pass a law for women like me, so that we are not required to serve long sentences, because this state has no self defense laws.

I am hoping to get you and as many of your supporters as we can get on our side. This law will serve as a break for women like me, who have only had one charge on our records and deserve a break. We are not repeat offenders.

We were and still are warm-hearted, loving mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, friends and tax paying citizens, who would just like a chance to prove to the world we are not a threat to anyone. We just got in too deep. We were abused to the

point of traumatization and it became a tragedy: him or me! As you know and understand, our mental capacity was so diminished and dissociated that we felt like we had no alternative in the end.

Women like me somehow have slipped through the cracks of justice. Seems like no one understood why we stayed in the relationship and couldn't break free from his abuse or control. It's been really hard on me to think about how stupid and trapped I felt, but couldn't break his control over me. I was in therapy for over four years (in prison) before I could or would forgive myself.

All I can say now is that you are right. He was an excellent con artist and smooth talker. He conned everyone, one way or another, with his lies and false promises. My newspaper article really helped me understand a lot of what happened to me, so I want to thank you personally.

My family fully supports me with their love and they know what I went through for many years, what got me here and why it went that far.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you and your readers for their help and support to get these new laws passed. It would please us so much in our fight for justice to have you and many others on our side, helping all women in prison doing long sentences, when we are low risk, not a threat to anyone and a burden on taxpayers, pockets. So please call the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association to see what you can do to help abused women find justice and freedom!

"Thank you and God Bless!"

I found this to be quite a compelling statement and wanted to share it with you. What would you do if you were in a domestic violence situation when it was kill or be killed? Do you think the justice system is fair to women who kill their abusers? What changes should be made in the way the system handles these cases?

Violence is never the best answer, but what do we do with victims who become violent in order to protect themselves and their children?

In the first eleven years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 19,105 applications seeking \$197 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 6,269 of these applications have been approved for a total of \$71.2 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in July of 2006 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information, stop by your local conservation district office located at Rt. 4, Box 374-A, Hwy. 150, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone 256-2525 Ext. 3.

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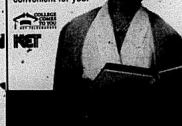
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## Lady Rockets beat Laurels

The Lady Rockets put two more in the win column in their last two games, both at the expense of Laurel County teams.

Last Friday night, the Lady Rockets beat North Laurel 62-48 and then followed that up with a 61-54 win over South Laurel on Monday night to bring their season record to 15-8.

Against North Laurel, Sarah Rowe led her team with 21 points; Mary Saylor got 15; Katie Mattingly scored 8; Ashley Lunsford got 6; Jessie Asher 5; Rachel Killen and Sara Hammond 2 each and Tonya Lunsford 1.

Rowe also led the scoring for her team with 20 points against South Laurel. Ashley Lunsford contributed 18; Killen got 7; Asher 6; Saylor 4 and T. Lunsford 2.

The Lady Rockets will play a doubleheader with the boys at Lincoln County Friday night and also at Jackson County on Tuesday night. They will finish their regular season at Madison Central Thursday night, February 23.

The Lady Rockets will face off with Pulaski County, a team they have beaten both times in regular season, in the opening game of the girls' part of the 47th District Tournament at Casey County. They are scheduled to play Wednesday night, March 1st

at 6:30 p.m.

### Jayvees win

The Lady Rockets Jayvees also put two in the win column, taking the measure of South Laurel 44-39 and Whitley County 46-35.

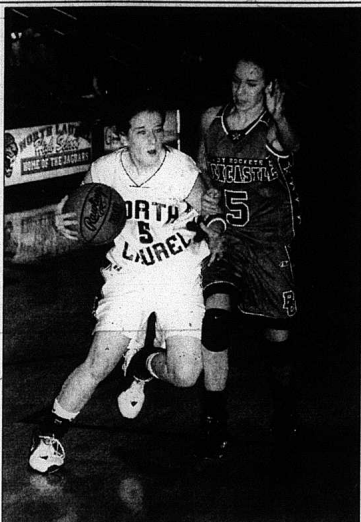
In the South Laurel game, Sarah Barnett and Nicole Locklear scored 10 each; Hammond got 8; Morgan Collins 7; Mattingly 6; Jillisa Lay 2 and Kristen Abney 1.

Against Whitley, Barnett led the scoring for her team with 14 points; Hammond got 8; Sonya Lunsford 6; Locklear had 5; Sara McKinney and Katie Mattingly 4 each; Jillisa Lay and Jackie Alexander 2 each and Tonya Lunsford 1.

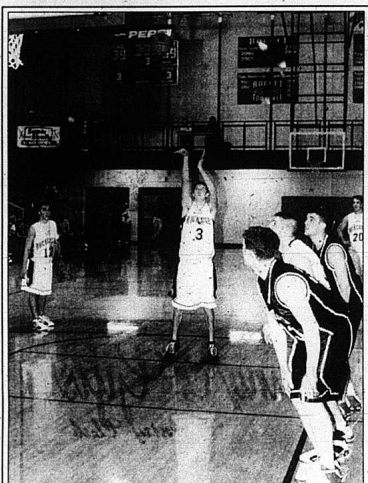
Tuesday night, the jayvees also defeated Lincoln County 43-34 with Mary Saylor leading her team with 13 points. Barnett added 8; Mattingly got 6; Lay, Abney and T. Lunsford had 4 each and Locklear, Alexander and S. Lunsford got 2 each.

### Freshmen lose

The Lady Rocket freshmen lost Monday night to Lincoln County 31-17. Morgan Collins led her team in their losing effort with 8 points; Kristen Abney got 3 and Lay, McKinney and Hammond scored 2 each.




Lady Rocket Jessi Asher defends against North Laurel's Caitie Jackson. The Lady Rockets beat the Lady Jaguars 62-48 last Friday night. Asher scored five points in the win. Photo by Denis House




Lynn Miracle puts up a free throw in recent Rocket action. The Rockets lost to North Laurel and Corbin this past week. The Rockets travel to Lincoln County Friday night in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.

Email news to the Signal at [mvsignal@alltel.net](mailto:mvsignal@alltel.net)



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## 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 (Cont. to A-9)

| 47th District Basketball Tournament at Casey Co.   |                   |                               |          |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Somerset   |                   | BOYS                          |          |
| Monday, February 27th • 7 p.m.   |                   |                               |          |
| Rockcastle County  | Casey County      | Friday, March 3rd • 7:00 p.m. | Champion |
| Tuesday, February 28th • 7 p.m.  | Polaski County    | Saturday, March 4th at 7 p.m. | Champion |
| Wednesday, March 1st • 6:30 p.m. (Home)  | Rockcastle County | Wednesday, March 1st • 8 p.m. | Somerset |
| Polaski County   | Casey County      |                               |          |
| Admission: \$5.00 General Admission - Coaches Cards Accepted - Coach plus one (spouse or child). |                   |                               |          |

## Rockets lose two more

After losing to Powell County last Tuesday night, the Rockets followed up with two more losses -- to North Laurel Friday night 92-70 and to Corbin Tuesday night 64-54.

At North Laurel, senior Colby Brown made a valiant effort, scoring 34 points in the loss, followed by J.C. McClure, Weston Riddle, Lynn Miracle and Lance Baldwin with 6 each; Coty Childress with 4; Jake Woodall and Gabe Stallworth 3 each and Devin Hasty with 2.

At Corbin Tuesday night, the Rockets got down 24-14 in the first quarter but came back to take the next two quarters to be down 40-46 at the end of three periods but Corbin took the last quarter 18-14 for the win.

Brown again led the scoring for his team with 20 points, Baldwin got 11, Kyle Mullins 7, Riddle 6, McClure and Miracle 4 each and Gabe Stallworth 2.

The Rockets have three games left in regular season - at Lincoln County Friday night and at home to Jackson County next Tuesday night and to McCreary Central on Friday night. The Lincoln County and Jackson County games are doubleheaders with the Lady Rockets.

Somerset, a team that has beaten the Rockets in their two meetings this season, will be first up for the Rockets in the game of the 47th District Tournament which will be held at Casey County February 27 through

March 4th.

The Rockets will play the opening game Monday night at 7 p.m.

## RCMS track teams perform well at Track Championships

The RCMS indoor track teams recently participated in the USATF Indoor Track Championships in Frankfort at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort. RCMS had several outstanding individual performances from both boys' and girls' teams.

RCMS eighth grader Samantha Smith led the RCMS girls' team with first place victories in the 50-meter hurdles, 50-meter dash, standing long jump, and standing triple jump in the 13 to 14 year-old division. She also broke her own all-time Rockcastle middle and high school record in triple jump by nearly two feet.

RCMS seventh grader Sara Hammond finished first in the 400-meter dash and 800-meter run and also finished second in the 50-meter dash and standing long jump in the 13 to 14 year-old division.

RCMS eighth grader Deana Gabbard placed first in the 1500-meter run in the 13 to 14 year-old division.

RCMS seventh grader Jessica Albright placed third in the 400-meter dash, second in the 50-meter hurdles and third in the 50-meter dash in the 13 to 14 year-old division.

RCMS seventh grader Felicia Cameron won the shot put competition in the 13 to 14 year-old division. RCMS seventh grader Ashley Parin placed third in standing long jump in the 13 to 14 year-old division.

RCMS sixth grader Katelyn Blair placed first in shot put in the 11 to 12 year-old division. She also placed second in the 400-meter dash and standing long jump.

In the 13 to 14 year-old division,

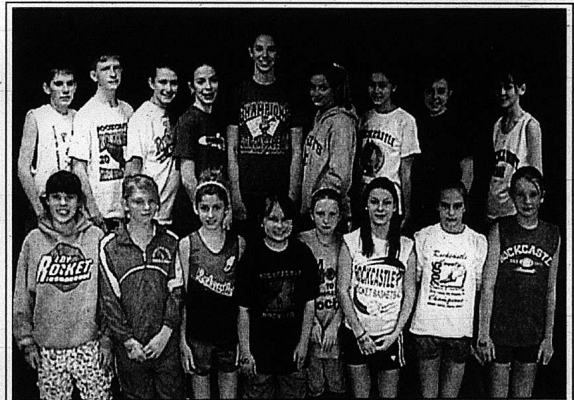
RCMS seventh grader Dustin Smith led the RCMS boys' team with first place finishes in the 400-meter dash, standing long jump, and the 50-meter dash. He also finished second in the 50-meter hurdles.

RCMS eighth grader Blake Parsons finished first in the 800 and 1500-meter runs in the 13 to 14 year-old division.

MVES fifth grader Michaela Hunter finished first in the 800 and 1500-meter runs, as well as the 50-meter hurdles and standing long jump in the 11 to 12 year-old division.

RES fourth grader Kellen Coffey finished first in the 800 and 1500-meter runs and second in standing long jump in the 10 and under division.

MVES third grader Abbey Eaton finished first in the 10 and under division in standing long jump.



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**Rockcastle County Middle School Volleyball program**

This March the middle school will be adding a girl's volleyball team to its list of competitive sports. Their season will be the last three months of the school year. Larry Lee who is currently the high school coach will be coaching the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. There will be a camp to introduce the organized sport to the middle school March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. This camp will give all athletes a chance to gain knowledge and experience before trying out the following week.

**Rockcastle County GIRLS  
Middle school Volleyball  
camp Applications**

**6th, 7th, and 8th GRADE**

Rockcastle County Middle School Girls  
Volleyball Camp

Date: March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 3:30-6:00  
Location: Rockcastle County Middle School  
Cost: \$75.00  
Host: Rockcastle County Lady Rockets with  
Head Coach Larry Lee

Three time defending 13<sup>th</sup> Region Volleyball champions Rockcastle County Lady Rockets will be hosting a closed volleyball camp March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams will be the following week 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. The admission for the 3-day camp will be \$75.00. During these 3 days the athletes will be introduced to the organized sport of Volleyball. They will learn skills in the areas of:

Overhand serving - Setting - Passing - Digging  
Attacking - Blocking - Transitioning

Campers will need the following for participation:

Comfortable clothing (T-shirt, shorts)  
Gym shoes (sneakers)

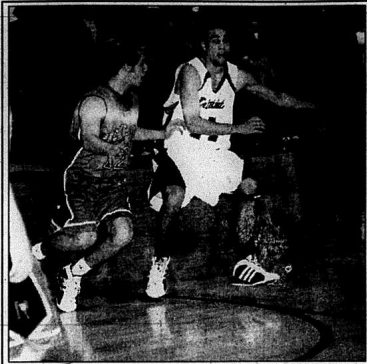
\* If you have any questions please call (859) 314-7908

Please return with admission fee before or on the date of March 6, 2006 to Coach Larry Lee at Mt. Vernon Elementary School

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the Rockcastle County Volleyball camp on March 6-8th. I understand that attending this camp does not reserve a position on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> volleyball team. I hereby authorize the staff of Rockcastle Co. Volleyball Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention and I hereby waive, release, and agree to hold harmless The Rockcastle Co. Volleyball Camp, its staff, suppliers, sponsors, participants, and Rockcastle County Schools for any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while at Camp. I acknowledge that participation in this camp may result in accidents and/or injuries. Even though I know there are risks involved, I still give my approval for the above named player to participate in any and all camp activities and I expressly assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by the above named camper's participation in the camp program.

\* I understand that the admission price is NON-refundable.  
\* Individuals participating in camp should have current sports physical. Campers will not be permitted to participate until proof of physical is given.  
\* Please make checks out to Rockcastle Co. Volleyball Camp

Name (camper) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Gabe Stallworth is shown guarding North Laurel's Billy Carson in the Rockets 92-70 loss Friday night.

**Archery Club meeting**

There will be a meeting Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m. at Bishop's Sportsman's Store to gauge interest in forming an Archery Club in Rockcastle County.

For those interested in becoming a member and/or serving as an officer of the club, please feel welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

The club will be located in Rockcastle County and its goal will be to maintain a location where archers from this county can have a place to fine tune their skills.

Come on out and be a part of the Rockcastle County Archery Club.

If you have question, please feel free to call Bishop's Sportsman's Store.

**"Tourney"**

(Cont. from A8)

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 (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 Genay, 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 ?

**Classification deadline  
is noon Tuesday**

**"Contract"**

(Cont. from front)

school system. He also informed the board that within the next five years, it was projected that the system would have 150 to 200 less students, which means less staff. In recent years the system has maintained a 20-1 teacher-student ratio, one of the best ratios in the state.

The board also approved a total expenditure of \$716 for the 179 seniors at Rockcastle County High School who will participate in Project Graduation in May. The board approved \$4.00 per student.

The Rockcastle County School System has 2,900 students and 500 employees, with an annual budget of \$23 million.

**"Sheriff"**

(Cont. from front)

fiscal affairs of the county," Onstein's letter says.

Carloftis said Wednesday that the magistrates had all received a copy of Onstein's letter and that he had delivered a copy of the letter to the Sheriff's department. Carloftis' letter to the sheriff stated "This letter comes as a final appeal to you for your office to submit a budget that is passable by the fiscal court." It further states "Your revised budget shall be ready for review by the fiscal court no later than 10 a.m. Friday, Febru-

**"Banquet"**

(Cont. from front)

committee: John Ford, chairman; Juanita Davis, vice chairman; Brenda McKnight, secretary or Janet Vaughn, treasurer.

Tickets may also be purchased at the Circuit Clerk's office and the PVA office.

**"Retires"**

(Cont. from front)

Singleton and Angie Hendrickson.

Hale was only the fourth principal at RCHS, since consolidation of the school system in 1972. Before Hale there was Cleston Saylor, Ronnie Cash and Ruth Allen.

Hammond said Wednesday that he would probably start giving council members applications to go through as soon as possible. "That would simply give them more time and I will take applications until March 16th."

Rockcastle County High School has over 900 students.

ary 17, 2006 at which time this office shall have a time appointed for the fiscal court to act." Carloftis' letter said the court would meet in special session on Friday afternoon.

During the regular meeting of the court, County Clerk Norma Houk presented her statement of receipts, disbursements and excess fees for calendar year 2005. The report showed receipts of \$2,115,941.55 and disbursements of \$2,111,751.87 with excess fees due the county of \$4,189.68.

Houk said the excess fees were decreasing yearly and that '05 excess fees were down due to changes in state laws which decreased her receipts in license fees and usage tax.

The court also approved a \$5,000 contract with Shelby Horn, who has provided expertise to several systems throughout the state, to oversee installation of Enhanced 911 which is expected to be in service by July 1st.

The court also approved the quarterly and monthly financial reports as provided by County Treasurer Joe Clontz;

Approved a \$250 donation to the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranch;

Approved the extension of a water line on CR 1702 (Owens Lane);

Approved the removal of a hump in the road off U.S. 25 at Pine Hill. The "hump" will be removed by Clifford Collins free of charge and the county will bear the expense of repairing the road;

And, approved the refund of the price of one culvert (\$147.06) to Leon Clark.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 16, 2006



## Cox - White

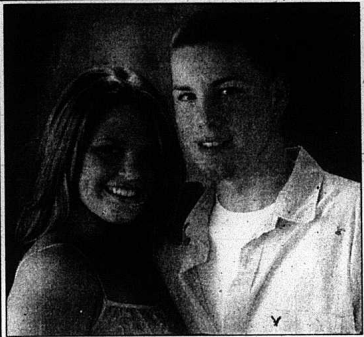
Tara Brooke Anne Cox and Mark Clay White were united in marriage at First Christian Church, Mount Sterling on December 31, 2005 at 5:30 in the evening with Rev. Jeff Bruce officiating.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a 2005 graduate of Transylvania University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a minor in Educational Studies. She is currently employed as the lead Kitchen and Bath Designer at Home Depot in Lexington.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Montgomery County High School and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration at Morehead State University. He also is employed as a Sales Associate at Home Depot in Lexington.

The Matron of Honor was Nora Shults, sorority sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Meghan Bussabarger, Mary White and Lindsey Powell. Brandon Lawson was the Best Man and the groomsmen were Cody Cox, D.J. Layne and Adam Shults. The flower girls were Keeley Anderson, Brooke Skidmore and Leighanna Ballard. The Ring bearers were Clayton Anderson and Grayson Roth.

Nathaniel Bullock and Jordan Crabtree were ushers for the service. Guestbook/Program attendees were Katie and Kelsie Mattingly. Readings were presented by Chelsen Stratton, Paige Harrison, and Tamara Cox. A reception followed the ceremony at the Clay Center. The couple honeymooned in St. Thomas, San Juan and Nassau. They reside in Mount Sterling.



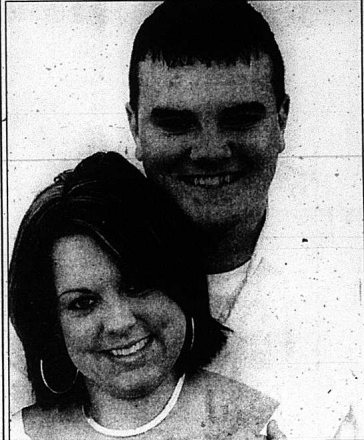
## Rowe - Helton

Derrell and Sheila Rowe of Mt. Vernon and Michael and Lisa Helton of Berea would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Tara Rowe and Jason Helton. Tara is a 2005 graduate of Rockcastle Co. High School and Jason is a 2004 graduate of Madison Southern High School. The couple will exchange vows on February 25, 2006 at 1 p.m. at Dixie Park Cornerstone Baptist Church in Berea. All friends and family are invited. A reception will follow the ceremony. The couple will reside in Berea.



## Smith - Sturgill

Roger Sturgill and Teresa Michelle Smith were married February 11, 2006 at the Northside Baptist Church.



## Bowles - Short

Ricky and Debby Bowles of Mt. Vernon are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karah Cheyenne Bowles to Adam Roger Grant Short, son of Roger and Donna Short of Crab Orchard. Karah is employed as a licensed massage therapist at NV Salon in Richmond and Touch of Class Salon in Mt. Vernon. Adam is employed with Wal-Mart, Inc. and is currently receiving Management Training in Somerset.

A June 10th wedding is planned. All friends and family are invited to attend.

## William McClure receives award for 30 years of service

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (KHIC) has recognized another board member for lengthy service to the economic development organization.

William McClure of Mt. Vernon, was recently recognized for his 30 years of service to the KHIC board. He was presented with a rocking chair produced by one of KHIC's investment companies located in Jackson County, KY.

"William's commitment and dedication for 30 years is a clear example of the caliber of our board members," said Bill Singleton, Chairman of Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation's Board of Directors. "William has helped guide our board and this organization to become a nationally recognized leader in community and economic development."

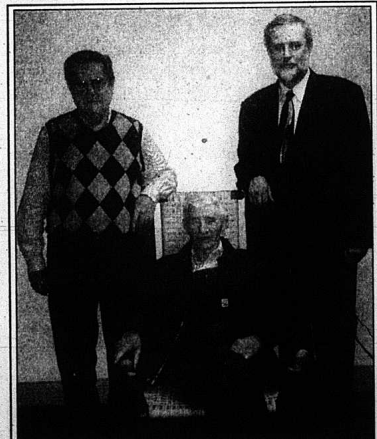
William McClure is a farmer and craftsman and was instrumental in organizing and maintaining the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. William currently has 5 of his wood-carvings on display in the

Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC: a black walnut bowl, two miniature wooden chairs and two pocket knives.

William currently serves on the Board of Directors for the County Farm Bureau. He also assisted in organizing the Rockcastle County Improvement Council, of which he has been a board member since 1975. He served on the board of directors of the Save the Children Federation and was involved in the Mount Vernon Downtown Revitalization Plan.

William and his lovely wife Rena have been married for more than 62 years. They have reared 13 children and have 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. William says he enjoys ginseng hunting, mushroom hunting, feeding the birds and talking with people.

He said he enjoys being a director because, "They're just wonderful people and work together to get things done."



William McClure of Mt. Vernon, was recently recognized for his 30 years of service to the KHIC board. Pictured are from left to right: Chairman of KHIC Board, Bill Singleton; McClure; and Jerry Rickett, President of KHIC.

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# News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

## District Civil Suits

Ky. Collect LLC vs. Drucilla B. Greer, \$9,247.55 plus claimed due. CI-00020.  
 Carolyn Marie Harrison, et vir vs. Rick Mullins, et al, complaint. CI-00021.  
 Ky. Farm Bureau Mutual vs. Carlos Casas, et al, \$61,035. claimed due. CI-00022.  
 Bill McFerron vs. Phillip Stratton, complaint. CI-00023.

## Small Claims

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corp. vs. Donnie Lamb, \$570.92 plus claimed due.

## Marriage Licenses

Veronica Anne Blankenship, 17.

Rt. 3, Brodhead, student to Dakota Wayne Jones, 19, Brodhead, Tokico, 2/08/06.  
 Tammy Lynn Barnes, 33, Brodhead, housewife, to Bobby Christopher Barron, 26, Brodhead, construction, 2/08/06.  
 Dianah Van Della King, 34, Berea, housewife, to Billy Eugene Williams, 43, Berea, factory, 2/01/06.  
 Dana Gayle Reynolds, 26, Mt. Vernon, factory, to Nathan Warren Carter, 31, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, 2/03/06.

## Deeds Recorded

Jerry Warren Carter and Larry Dale Carter, trustees, lots in Skaggs Creek Cemetery addition, to Donald and Louanna Purcell. Tax \$0.  
 Ellis and Jean Kidwell, real property located in Copper Creek, to Ronald K. and Susan L. Sears and Tracy R. and Michael King. Tax \$93.  
 Lester and Pamela Taylor, real property located at Wabd, to Matthew and Brandy Smith. Tax \$68.  
 Jerry Warren Carter and Larry Dale Carter, trustees, lots in Skaggs Creek Cemetery addition, to Donald and Louanna Purcell. Tax \$150.  
 Thelma Owens, real property located on U.S. 25, to Tilton A. Owens, and others. No tax.  
 Jerry Warren Carter and Larry Dale Carter, trustees, lots in Skaggs Creek Cemetery, to Casper E. and Dorothy Christine Bowling. Tax \$0.  
 Steve Ponder Construction Co., real property located in Eagle Creek Subdv., to Vaughn H. and Lisa Rasor. Tax \$15.  
 Triple D. Properties, LLC, real property located on U.S. 25, to Anthony and Jacki Anglin. Tax \$285.50.  
 Ronald D. and Rhonda D. Ellison, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donovan and Heather Couch. Tax \$10.  
 Sherri Michelle Bullock, real property located in Greenlawn Subdv., to Scotty Lee Bullock. No tax.

Marian Price, real property located on the waters of Line Creek, to Shirley Hawk Revocable Living Trust. Tax \$42.50.  
 James Edward Carpenter and Paul and Linda Gayle Lowery, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Paul and Linda Gayle Lowery. No tax.  
 Irene Clark, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donnie and Virginia Cornett. Tax \$15.  
 Irene Clark, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donnie and Virginia Cornett. Tax \$10.  
 Steve Ponder Construction LLC, real property in Eagle Creek Subdivision, to Niki Moore. Tax \$25.

ation, \$50 fine plus costs.  
 Daniel L. Kabler: Speeding, \$20 fine plus costs; Improper equipment, \$25 fine.  
 Lane D. Berry: Public intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.  
 Lena F. Bostick: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine.  
 Travis A. Debord: Public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.  
 Amanda G. King: Speeding, \$34 fine plus costs; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine/suspend \$450.  
 Terry Lear: Assault, \$92.35 costs and 12 months/conditionally discharged.  
 Gary Rogers: Operating ATV on roadway, \$50 fine plus costs; Oper-

ating ATV w/o headgear, \$100 fine.  
 Larry Woodall: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.  
 Jamie D. Yates: Fines/fees due (\$328), 6 days or payment.  
 Joshua R. Spoonamore: Fines/fees due (\$268), 6 days or payment.  
 Matthew D. Spoonamore: Fines/fees due (\$670, \$165.50 and \$713), 23 days or payment.  
 Raymond D. Mason: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.  
 Sotero Peralta: Fines/fees due (\$116), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

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## District Court

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 February 6 - 9, 2006  
 Ronald L. Baker: Driving MV while license suspended for DUI and No insurance, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.  
 Nancy Boyken: Driving on suspended operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; No/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; Failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450; No/expired registration plates, \$25 fine.  
 James D Grundy: Fines/fees due (\$78), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.  
 Speeding: Nelwood Henson, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs; Sarah L. Taylor, state traffic school authorized; Christine Leigh Debord, Steven G. Young, paid \$148 fine and costs; Cynthia A. Shannon, Lashawn Willis, paid \$158 fine and costs; Galay Y. McAlpin, David C. McCowan, license suspended for failure to appear.  
 Jason R. Hammonds: Failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.  
 Jamie L. Weaver: Public intoxi-



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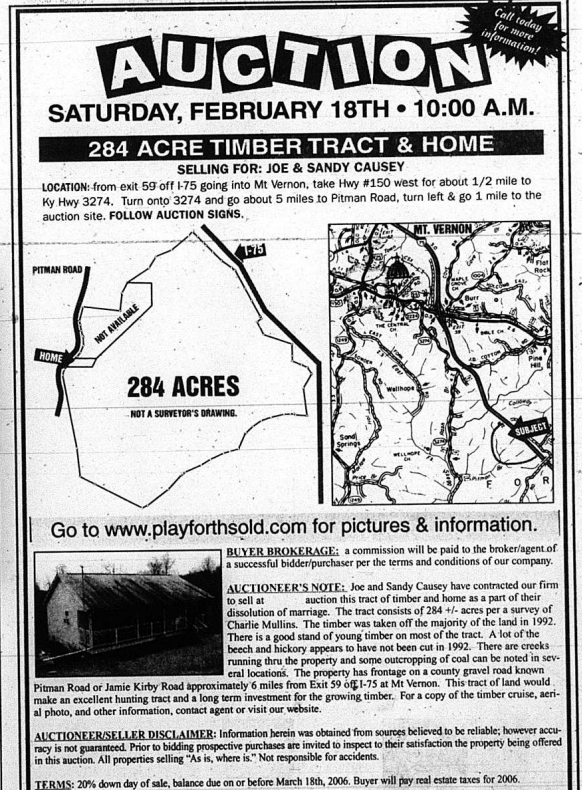
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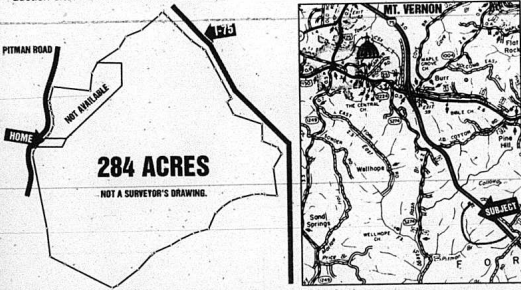
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# National FFA Week is February 18th -25th

**By: Andrew Laswell**  
**Chapter assistant reporter**  
 Every year FFA members across the country join in a celebration of the National FFA Week. Over 145 chapters in Kentucky will join with the approximately 460,000 other members nationwide in order to remember the history of our organization.

This year the theme for the National FFA is Living to Serve. The sponsor for FFA Week is Case IH. This year more than 300 career opportunities will be showcased.

Being held February 18 through the 25 this marks yet another year of tradition. FFA week is held the week of George Washington's birthday in February. This is to recognize his scientific-early methods of farming. This week is set aside to recognize FFA chapters across the country for the present and the future accomplishments of the organization.

With the help our dedicated FFA Alumni members we are able to go to many different contests and events across the state. Whether it be going to national convention, regional contests, state contests, or any other events they are made possible by our alumni. Our local chapter is privileged enough to have a great active alumni and we would like to thank them for their efforts. It is also important not to forget to recognize these members as well during FFA Week.

Our chapter is involved in many different activities and contests. Some of the major trips that we take each year are National, State Convention and FFA Camp. There are several events we are active in each

year. We excelled in the small engine competition winning the state competition this past year at the Kentucky State Fair. Each year we also have a State Fair. Each year we also have a preliminary procedure team, land judging team, record keeping team, nursery judging team and various other competitions team competition and individual contests. The winners of these regional competitions are able to attend the state convention.

The 2005-2006 Rockcastle County FFA Officers are:  
 President: Derek Adams  
 Vice President: Karen Ann Mink  
 Treasurer: Hillary Proctor  
 Secretary: Chris Hurst  
 Reporter: Emily Whitaker  
 Parliamentarian: Cody Robinson  
 Sentinel: Jon Colby Robbins  
 Chaplain: Steven Renner

Each year during FFA week our chapter has a quiz contest through WRVX to the public. If the correct answer is called in the winner is entitled to free pizza compliments of Pizza Hut of Mt. Vernon. We also had a quiz school wide quiz. FFA members are eligible to answer a quiz question announced on morning announcements. The winner who is drawn if they have the correct answer get five dollars. At the end of the week of the week the daily winners are drawn out of the hat for the grand prize.

This February 18-25 is a time to recognize the organization, but more importantly the small chapters and big chapters alike. We as a chapter should also remember our wonderful alumni who bring in money from fund-raisers so we can function as a chapter to better serve our community.



On February 9th FFA officers and assistants went to the courthouse to have a proclamation declaring National FFA Week signed. They are from left to right front row: County Judge Executive Buzz Carlifotis. Middle row from left to right: Kevin Mason, Dustin Johnson, Emily Whitaker, Karen Ann Mink, Hillary Proctor and Derek Adams. Back row from left to right: Cody Robinson, Lewis Mink, Ashley Clark and Chris Hurst.

## Eagle Echoes

Preschoolers, Kindergarten and the 1st grade classes at Roundstone Elementary School enjoyed a visit from Scrubby Bear on February 7th. Emily Dyehouse, Scrubby's helper, talked with the students about the importance of handwashing. Each class got to have their pictures taken with Ms. Emily and Scrubby.

On February 9th, Emily came and spoke to 2nd and 3rd grade classes about what they should do during an emergency. She brought along 8 Health Career Puppets. Each child who wanted to go to be a puppeteer.

We want to say "Thank You" to Emily and Scrubby for visiting us. The children had a great time and you did a wonderful job!



Scrubby Bear and Emily Dyehouse with Emily Craig's P1 classroom.

# Tiger Pause

BES yearbook orders should be in by Friday, February 17. The books cost \$10.00, have a soft cover, and are in full color. Please order by the deadline. There will be no extra copies available.

Please remember to be saving Campbell's labels and General Mills box tops. This is an easy way to support BES by helping to earn free learning materials, equipment, and extra money for our school.

Teacher of the week Mrs. Melissa Fairchild teaches fourth grade in the green pool. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children-Hannah and Nate and two pets-Wambus and Daisy. Mrs. Fairchild's favorite food is tacos, her favorite TV show is The Andy Griffith Show, and her favorite color is yellow. Mrs. Fairchild has been teaching for seven years. Her hobbies are scrap booking, reading, writing, camping, and hiking.



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Another lesson on authority can be gleaned from this chapter, is in vs.24. We read of some who thought "It is not to be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we've given no such commandment." We learn that the will of God is prohibitive and not permissive. Many think that if God does not give a specific "Thou shalt not" that this authorizes one to act on God's silence, such is not true!

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**One Pot Meals Class**  
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**Body Recall Class**  
 A free Body Recall Class will be offered at the Extension Office February 21 at 5:30. Cathy Howell, a certified instructor from Jackson County, will be giving an introductory one hour class, "Learn some of the basic exercises." Body Recall is an exercise program for people of all ages, yet many of the exercises can be done from a sitting position. Individuals who can not physically participate in other exercise programs can often take part in Body Recall. Call 256-2403 for further details.

**RCHS PTA Conference**  
 You're invited! Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at Rockcastle County High School on Thurs., Feb. 16 from 3:15 to 6:15 p.m. Come and meet with your child's teachers! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

**Free Bible Courses**  
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**Vaccine still available**  
 The Rockcastle County Health Center still has flu vaccine available. Call 256-2242 for more info.

**Cedar Rapids Meeting**  
 Cedar Rapids Community Club will hold their annual membership meeting and election of officers in the dining room at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 21st.

**NAMI Meeting**  
 The next NAMI meeting will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center. There will be two guest speakers, Mayor Charlie Kirby and Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Job Coach Teresa Jarvis. For more info, contact NAMI President Wayne Bullock or Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris at 606-256-9250 or 606-256-2129.

**New Opportunity School For Women**  
 There will be an informational session on Berea College's New Opportunity School for Women on Wednesday evening, February 22 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle Cooperative Extension meeting room.

**Space available for tour of Savannah's Hidden Gardens**  
 A few seats are still available for the Rockcastle Garden Club's upcoming spring tour through the rarely seen lush sanctuaries of Savannah, Georgia's hidden Gardens. The trip is planned for April 20-24. For more info, call 256-4752.

**Attn: Retired Teachers**  
 There will be a Retired Teachers meeting Monday, Feb. 27th at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn Restaurant. We need all retired teachers to attend.

**Republican Meeting**  
 The Rockcastle County Republican Party meets the first Tuesday of each month at Kastle Inn Restaurant at 6 p.m. All Republicans are encouraged to attend.

**Old Fashioned Tradin' Days**  
 The City of Mt. Vernon's 3rd Annual "Old Fashioned Tradin' Days" will be held Friday, April 21, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sat., April 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or call 606-256-3437 for more information.

**Quail Homemakers Meeting**  
 The Quail Homemakers Club will meet Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy McKibben. The lesson will be "Let's Get Organized." Visitors are always welcome to come and participate in the meetings.

**Chili Cook Off**  
 Friday, February 17 at 6 p.m., there will be a Chili Cook-Off in Broadhead to support the annual Broadhead Homecoming Festival. The event will be at the Broadhead City Fire Dept. Organizations and individuals are encouraged to be a part of this community event and bring their own chili to eat. Everyone is invited to come and vote for their favorite chili. The cost for those wishing to eat will be \$3.

**Bookmobile Schedule**  
 Mon., Feb. 20th: Broadhead Hill Upper Center  
 Tue., Feb. 21st: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview and Lambert Road.  
 Wed., Feb. 22nd: Day Health Senior Citizens and Brindle Ridge.

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



## GEAR UP Partnership expands College Bound

The Berea College GEAR UP Partnership is expanding the College Bound Program incorporating students in Madison, Estill, Lee, Jackson Counties.

Founded by the McBride Foundation, College Bound aims to motivate students to graduate from high school and pursue a college degree. The majority of College Bound participants are from economically disadvantaged homes or may be first-generation college-goers. Utilizing student volunteers from Eastern Kentucky University and Berea College, College Bound provides pre-planned lessons, to be used within classrooms, oriented toward informing students of career possibilities available to them with a college education. All EKU/Berea College student vol-

unteers were required to attend one of two trainings held on Feb. 2nd and 7th to learn how to effectively facilitate the program.

Berea College GEAR UP first implemented the College Bound program in 1999 while working with students in Rockcastle County. Linda Stone, GEAR UP Direct Student Services Coordinator, credits the success of the program to the EKU/Berea College volunteers that bring energy and innovation to the College Bound program.

The Berea College GEAR UP Partnership serves 6th and 7th grade students in Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison and Rockcastle Counties along with students in kindergarten-7th grade at Berea Community School.

## Mt. Vernon Message

**School News**  
There will be school on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day.

Project Wisdom readers for last week of were:

- Monday-Justin Houk, student
- Tuesday-Justin Strunk, student
- Wednesday-Amy Johnson, student
- Thursday-Bethany McKinney, student

Friday-Doris Adams, instructional assistant, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is: "He who plants kindness gathers joy." American Proverb

**Family Resource Center News**

Adult computer classes are held each Monday from 6:00 until 8:00. Parenting classes are held each Wednesday from 11:00 until 1:00. GED classes are held each Wednesday at 1:00.

## Should you buy term insurance and invest the difference

Danny Miller, Agent  
New York Life Insurance Company

**Weigh Your Options**  
With the multitude of "financial experts" around these days, we are constantly bombarded with advice regarding life insurance. When it comes to buying the "best" life insurance, the experts usually break down into two camps. The people who believe that permanent life insurance such as whole life and universal life is the only way to go, and those who espouse the "buy term and invest the difference" philosophy. With newspaper columnists giving their view, and bloggers offering a different theory, life insurance professionals and financial consultants giving yet another recommendation, which one is best? The simple answer is this: confusion is what's best is what is best for you.

**Evaluate the True Cost**  
The chief reason people choose life insurance coverage is for protection — to provide financial security for dependents after the death of the insured. Both permanent (such as whole life) and term insurance can supply this safety net, but term insurance is attractively priced. It has a lower premium, which often makes it the policy of choice for younger people with limited means and few financial responsibilities. Term insurance offers a fixed death benefit for a specific period (one year, five years, etc.). At the end of that time, the coverage is usually renewable, at a higher premium.

On the other hand, whole life insurance offers a fixed premium for an entire lifetime, a potentially increasing death benefit, and coverage that will not terminate-provided premiums are paid when due. With term insurance's increase in premium at each renewal, over the course of several decades the cumulative cost of term coverage may well surpass that of a comparable whole life policy. In addition, some term policies may require evidence of continued good health with each renewal. If you become uninsurable in the future, you may not be able to renew the policy.

**Know the True Value**  
The "well-known" analogy of a term policy as "renting" and a permanent policy as "owning" life insurance is a good way to illustrate their true values. Unlike term insurance, whole life insurance is a value builder. It accumulates cash value, that in the long term can be borrowed against to help fund children's education, supplement retirement in-

come, or provide for other needs. \* In addition, as an owner of permanent insurance, your policy is also eligible to earn dividends, if and when they are declared by the insurer. \*\*

**Where Will You "Invest the Difference?"**

If term insurance is chosen instead of a permanent policy, you'll have to decide where to invest the leftover money. The success of "buy term and invest the difference" depends largely on where the leftover funds are invested. Stocks? Bonds? Mutual funds? They offer the potential of a high return, but one thing is certain — uncertainty. With these investments, your return will vary based on market conditions; and when you sell your investment, you may receive more or less than you originally paid. This potential volatility may not be suitable for some individuals, particularly risk averse people and mature individuals nearing retirement. In addition, capital gains, dividends, and most interest if any, are taxable when distributed.

**Give It Some Thought**  
When weighing your options, consider where you will have the discipline and the means to invest regularly. Often people are so burdened with everyday expenses that they neglect to put something aside for the future. If this occurs within a "buy term and invest the difference" framework, the whole strategy collapses. Without the "invest" component, you're left with a term policy with no cash value accumulation for the future.

**Do Your Homework**  
Choosing the most effective way to secure your family's financial future is a major decision that requires a good deal of thought. For some "buy term and invest the difference" may be a legitimate option, while for others, permanent insurance is the way to go. Before jumping into the unknown, discuss your options with an insurance professional from a respectable company. Study policy illustrations and ask questions when necessary. If you're uncomfortable with a scenario presented to you, get a second opinion. There's no cost or obligation. When you have all the facts, then you can make an intelligent decision on what's best for you and your family's financial future. For further information on insurance and other financial products, please contact Danny Miller, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, at 606-238-5618.

\* Loans reduce the policy's death benefit and accrue interest.

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## RCHS Book Club completes 100 Books



The Rockcastle County High School Book Club has successfully completed 100 books in the Scholastic Book Company's annual "Classrooms Care" challenge. For each class that meets the challenge, Scholastic will donate 100 books in the class's name to First Book, Save the Children, or Reach Out and Read. This year the books will be sent to those areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. This will be the second year the RCCHS Book Club members have helped this area, since they spearheaded the school's money collection for the Red Cross last fall.

The students who participated are: (front row) Amber Allen, Samantha Page, Holly Brown, Jacob Clouse, Samantha Allen, and Amelia Woodall; (middle row) Ben Smith, Dustin Hazelwood, Amber Hasty, Nancy Dickerson, Justin Miller, and (rear) Isaac Coffey. Mrs. Janet Wells, Library Media Specialist, is the RCCHS Book Club sponsor.



Modern Woodmen of America sponsored a matching fund project for the Rockcastle County High School Key Club. The proceeds of the Winter dance and the matching funds were used to purchase equipment for the athletic department. The \$1500 check was presented to Wendi King and members of the Key Club by Jan Gill, district representative with Modern Woodmen of America.

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- 1998 Honda Passport, Auto, V6, 113,986 miles \$6,400.
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- 1998 Ford F-150, V8, Auto, 4x4, Ext. Cab, Leather, 18,513 miles \$8,500.
- 1991 Ford Van, V8, Auto, 126,628 miles \$1,800.

## Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to Mr. Phillips' homeworker for winning the attendance race last week. Mrs. Stewart's homeworker came in second place followed by Mr. Gabbard and Mrs. Davis' homeworkers tying for third.

Valentine's Day was a lucky day for Memorie Dooley. Memorie won the huge teddy bear given away by the Unite Club. Students who donated teddy bears for the hospital were given a chance to win the bear in the drawing. We thank our students for their great response to the teddy bear drive.

Congratulations to our guys for beating out the girls in the latest quiz bowl. Each seven weeks, the exploratory teachers have a quiz bowl of questions from the Arts & Humanities and Practical Living/Vocational

core content with boys against females. Once again, the males defeated the girls.

There will be a dance this Friday after school until 5:00. Students must be picked up by 5:15. Students must have team and parental permission in order to attend. The cost is \$3.00 and proceeds will go to the 4-H program. This Thursday evening and Saturday, several members of our RCMS Academic Team will be competing in Regional Governor's Cup competition. We wish them the best!

Seventh graders who were scheduled for the ACT last Saturday can take the test this Saturday, February 18th at RCCHS. Remember that school will not be in session on Monday due to President's Day.

## School Menu

- February 20th - February 24th  
**Breakfast**  
Monday, February 20th: No School - President's Day.  
Tuesday, February 21st: Scrambled egg and toast or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.  
Wednesday, February 22nd: Gravy and biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.  
Thursday, February 23rd: Egg n cheese biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.  
Friday, February 24th: Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.
- Lunch**  
Monday, February 20th: No School - President's Day.  
Tuesday, February 21st: Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, seasoned fries, slaw, fruit, milk.  
Wednesday, February 22nd: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, fruit, milk.  
Thursday, February 23rd: Manager's Choice.  
Friday, February 24th: Chili, sandwich, veggies and dip, crackers, fruit, milk.

## Email news to the Signal at [mvsignal@alltel.net](mailto:mvsignal@alltel.net)

The Rockcastle Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation announce

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# Variety shows scheduled

4-H Youth Development



**John McQuinnery**  
Rockcastle County Extension Office

Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. The show will be held March 7, 2006 at Mt. Vernon Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the rules and guidelines.

1. Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. A 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided up into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by January 1, 2006, will be in the senior division.

2. There must 5 participants or more for a Club Act. Club acts have a time limit of 8 minutes.

3. Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act, other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act.

4. Variety Show participants may only represent one club and must participate within their own grade and home room.

5. There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act, club or specialty.

6. Please use good judgment on dance routines.

7. An act exceeding the time limit should be permitted to finish but cannot be awarded Champion.

8. Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted.

9. Dramatic readings can be entered as a variety show act.

10. All acts must use the same P.A. system. No act will be allowed to provide their own system.

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

12. Each school will sit together until time for their acts. Club leaders are responsible for keeping their group together and quiet. Parents should be recruited to help as chaperones.

13. Admission will not be charged.

14. Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403 (no later than March 3, 2006). Acts that fail to register will not be allowed to perform. Registration information will include:

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

All acts will be awarded a red or blue ribbon, according to the score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.



**Rockcastle County Quilters attend a Quilt Conference**  
The 3rd Annual Jabeez Quilt Conference was held during the last week of January. Janice Hager from Roundstone attended numerous classes to learn new skills. Cheryl Witt taught three classes for participants and Hazel Jackson, County Extension Agent, served as advisor for the planning committee. Pictured are Janice Hager and Hazel Jackson with Bonnie Browning, the featured teacher. Ms. Browning is the Quilt Show Director for the American Quilt Society in Paducah.



**Castle Quilters Ext. Homemaker Club** recently completed a quilt for the Rockcastle County Health and Rehabilitation Center at Brodhead. Quilters constructed blocks with space for writing the names of each of the residents. The quilt was quilted by Donna Brewer. The project was headed by Cliffene Skaggs and Donna Brewer. Thanks to all the quilters who helped with the quilt that will be enjoyed by all the residents and their families. Pictured with the quilt are residents Ruby, Edith and Minnie. Back row: Donna, Castle Quilters member; Sharon, Activities Director; Julie, Nurse aide; Kathy, Activities Director; and Debra, Nurse Unit Coordinator.

**Pool Tournament**  
at  
**FRANKS**  
 **PIZZAS & SUBS**

**Friday**  
**Feb. 17, 2006**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Men's Nine Ball Race to Three**  
**Women's & Kid's Eight Ball**

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NORMA HOUK  
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY CLERK

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND EXCESS FEES- CALENDAR YEAR 2005

| RECEIPTS   |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| LICENSES, TRANSFERS AND TITLE FEES                                   | \$383,674.35          |
| USAGE TAX  | 612,393.62            |
| AD VALOREM- PROPERTY TAX AND PROPERTY TAX LIENS                      | 848,608.05            |
| APPLICATION FOR TITLES   | 3,110.00              |
| RECORDING FEES--   |                       |
| DEEDS, MORTGAGES, AFFIDAVIT OF DESCENTS                              |                       |
| CHattel MORTGAGES, LEASES, POWER OF ATTORNEYS,                       |                       |
| ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES                   |                       |
| LIS PENDENS, RELEASES, BAIL BONDS, WILLS AND ORDERS,                 |                       |
| PLATS, NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS, ETC.                                     | 93,984.50             |
| DEED TRANSFER TAX  | 27,295.05             |
| MARRIAGE   | 5,382.00              |
| OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES  | 800.76                |
| DELIQUENT TAXES  | 93,459.33             |
| COPIES   | 2,333.75              |
| CANDIDATE FILINGS  | 2,070.00              |
| POSTAGE  | 375.59                |
| HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS   | 2,638.00              |
| INTEREST ON SUPER NOW ACCOUNT  | 437.57                |
| AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS IN ACCOUNT FROM IRS                               | 315.52                |
| PAYMENT ON COLD CHECKS   | 7,233.76              |
| FROM STATE- PREPARATION OF TAX BILLS, ELECTION EXPENSES              | 7,389.70              |
| FROM COUNTY- TAX BILLS, ELECTION COMMISSION, SOCIAL SECURITY         | 23,905.26             |
| MISCELLANEOUS  | 357.21                |
| OVER/UNDER   | 177.53                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$2,115,941.55</b> |
| EXPENSES   |                       |
| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES   | \$258,735.38          |
| USAGE TAX REPORTS  | 593,172.86            |
| LICENSE REPORTS  | 292,615.00            |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER                    | 386,915.26            |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO ROCKCASTLE COUNTY                           | 92,085.77             |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO TAXING DISTRICTS                            | 440,061.15            |
| DISBURSEMENTS TO COUNTY ATTORNEY                                     | 13,026.04             |
| DISBURSEMENTS TO SHERIFF   | 1,335.32              |
| POSTAGE  | 3,602.96              |
| RENTALS, OFFICE SUPPLIES AND PRINTING, ADVERTISING                   | 14,852.67             |
| BONDS, DUES AND CONVENTION TRAVEL                                    | 3,361.40              |
| TAKEN FROM ACCOUNT- NO CHECKS WRITTEN-(COLD CHECKS, PRINTING CHECKS) | 7,309.50              |
| REFUNDS  | 4,678.56              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>  | <b>\$2,111,751.87</b> |
| RECEIPTS   | \$2,115,941.55        |
| EXPENSES   | 2,111,751.87          |
| EXCESS FEES  | \$4,189.68            |

*Norma Houk*  
NORMA HOUK, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY CLERK

JANUARY 23, 2006.

## Save a life or prevent an injury

**Hazel Jackson**  
Rockcastle County Extension Office

How many of you receive e-mails forwarded by friends and relatives claiming a product is harmful and asking you to send the warning on to others? Most of these e-mails are hoaxes so, before you send such a message to others, go to the Snopes Web site, <http://www.snopes.com/>, to check out the story.

On the other hand, many truly dangerous products that have been recalled by various government agencies or by the manufacturers are still in people's homes and on the road. Almost one-third of all recalled vehicles—and more than half of all toys, clothes, appliances, tools, and electronics gear, and three-fourths of all child car seats—are never repaired or returned to stores, according to Consumer Report Magazine.

Besides the false stories circulating via e-mail, consumers also need to be wary of stories that are only partly true or are out of date. One recent story deserves special attention. Some media outlets and commentators, as well as persistent e-mail messages, are now calling attention to an FDA recall of over-the-counter nasal decongestant and weight control products containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA) preparations, and providing a list of products containing PPA, so consumers will know what to avoid.

This would normally be a good warning for consumers, but the FDA issued a public health warning about PPA in November 2000, more than five years ago. As a result, many companies voluntarily reformulated these products then and many continue to reformulate their products to exclude PPA. Meanwhile, the FDA

continues to proceed with the regulatory process necessary to remove PPA from the market altogether. The prevalent list of products containing PPA is, therefore, outdated, and consumers would do best to check the ingredients of any of these products in their medicine cabinet.

The reason for renewed interest in PPA is that, on December 22, 2005, the FDA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking for over-the-counter nasal decongestant and weight control products containing PPA preparations. This proposed rule reclassifies PPA as nonmonograph (Category II), not generally recognized as safe and effective.

This all leads to the following question: Why did so many consumers not realize that the FDA issued a warning about PPA five years ago? This could be because they received the warning from the media, not from friends or relatives, and did not give full attention to the story. To find out about other products that have been recalled or for which a warning has been issued, go to the most comprehensive recall Web site, [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov). This site provides information on more than 4,000 product recalls and recall alerts.

So, be careful not to send hoax e-mail warnings, as so many people do, your relatives and friends might ignore real warnings you send them about hazardous products.

For more information, contact your Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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## Mobile Homes

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For Sale: 1989 Buick Park Ave. \$1800 firm. 606-758-4309. 15x3

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**Notice is hereby given that Stephanie Miller and Wayne Rodney Owens, P.O. Box 812, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed co-guardians of Jordan Rene Miller on the 1st day of February, 2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Stephanie Miller and Wayne Rodney Owens or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 3, 2006. 14x2**

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## Legislative Update House turns attention to funerals, mine safety and teen drivers

**By State Representative  
Dannys Ford**

Early last week I joined my colleagues in the House in approving HB 333, legislation that prevents protestors and demonstrators from disrupting funerals and memorial services - including military funerals and memorial services - in Kentucky. House Bill 333 would make protesting or demonstrating within 300 feet of a funeral or memorial service a Class A misdemeanor. House Bill 333 also applies the 300-foot buffer zone around the funeral home, cemetery and procession. Sadly, the bill has become necessary as protestors across the nation have targeted military funerals and burials as a way to get publicity for their cause - whether it be anti-American, anti-war or any other cause. Since HB 333 can not apply to federal property, we also approved a House Concurrent Resolution - HCR 142 that urges the United States Congress to pass similar legislation that would criminalize the disruption of military funerals and memorial services on federal property - including Fort Knox and Fort Campbell here in Kentucky.

We also passed a bill to make absentee voting more convenient by implementing the use of fax machines. House Bill 464 would allow

county clerks to fax absentee ballots and absentee ballot applications to qualified voters. Absentee voters include residents of Kentucky who are members of the Armed Forces, dependents of members of the Armed Forces, and citizens residing overseas as well as students who temporarily reside outside the county of their residence and other voters who temporarily reside outside the state but who are still eligible to vote in this state.

Another measure that received unanimous approval by the Kentucky State House of Representatives this week was HB 503, legislation aimed at improving coal mine safety. House Bill 503 includes requirements for mine rescue teams, more self-contained self-rescuer equipment, mine

safety inspections, and electronic tracking and communications devices. The bill's provisions also require coal mine operators to report to federal and state authorities any accidents involving serious injury or loss of life with 15 minutes of the accident or after communications become available, or risk being fined between \$1000 and \$100,000. The measure would also prohibit anyone from altering a mine accident scene. Mine operators would be required to post emergency, toll-free hotline tele-

phone numbers for reporting accidents or unsafe working conditions. House Bill 503 would also increase the frequency of state inspections of mines for safety compliance to a quarterly inspection of each mine. The mine safety legislation would also establish a nine-member panel, to review and recommend wireless communications and tracking devices for designation by the state commissioner as approved, required mine safety equipment for use in Kentucky mines, as well as to require that miners with approved wireless tracking and communications devices. The bill would also require that each underground coal mine in the state have a commissioner-approved plan in place that provides additional self-contained safety and rescue devices and luminescent directional signs for locating oxygen.

We also passed HB 90, legislation that creates a six-month interim drivers license for teenage drivers between the six-month learner's permit and a full license was passed by the House on Monday by a vote of 89-3. The proposed bill requires at least 60 hours of supervised driving, including at least 10 hours at night, with a fully licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age, before the teen driver can apply for a full license. Driving would be prohibited between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. for an interim license holder, who would also be prohibited from driving at any time with more than one passenger under the age of 20. Kentucky State

Police would be required to attach a sticker to an intermediate license and to update any changes to an interim driver's record.

As we continue to debate and discuss bills during this session, I hope you will never hesitate to contact me regarding the work of the 2006 General Assembly. I can be reached here, at home anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Those with hearing impairments may leave messages for me by calling the TTY message line at 1-800-896-0305. If you have internet access you can e-mail me at danny.ford@lrc.ky.gov or keep track through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov>.

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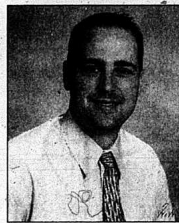
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