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## No Signal next week

The *Mount Vernon Signal* will not be printed next week, December 28th. Our next issue will be January 4, 2007.

The *Signal* office will be closed December 22nd through January 1st.

## In Brodhead Richmond man hired as officer

Two members of the Brodhead City Council, Rick Branham and Larry Taylor, along with Mayor Walter Cash voted unanimously last Friday evening to hire a new police officer to replace police chief Mike Peters.

John Bellamy, Jr., 39, of Richmond was hired after being interviewed by the three men Friday afternoon.

"He certainly gave a good interview," Mayor Cash said Monday.

Bellamy was hired over former Rockcastle resident Bill

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## Swearing-in ceremonies

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis has set Saturday, December 30 as the day all public officials in Rockcastle County will take the oath of office.

The swearing-in ceremonies will be Rockcastle County's 50th official administration of the oaths to its elected officials

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## Local office closings set

Christmas break for the Rockcastle County School system began Thursday, (today), and will run through January 1.

Offices at the Rockcastle County Courthouse will have different closing times.

All offices in the Rockcastle County Courthouse will be closed Saturday, December 23 through, Tuesday December 26, and December 30 through January 2, except for Circuit Clerk Teresa Vanzant's office.

Vanzant's office will close

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## President of water association dead at 67

Long-time Western Rockcastle Water Association President, Charles Denver Burton, 67, of Nicholasville and formerly of Rockcastle County died Saturday at his home, after a long illness.

Burton, who was president of the association for nearly 30

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The Brodhead volunteer fire department's newest fire truck was heavily damaged in a wreck on Saturday night on Hwy. 3245.



Above, the Christmas decorations of Nelson and LaJoy Graves were selected as the top prize winner in the annual home decorating contest at Brodhead this year. The Graves' home is located on West Street. Dari Delite, Restaurant on Main Street in Brodhead won first place in the business category this year.

Front page photos by Richard Anderkin



## Kentucky County Judge's group postpones lawsuit against state

The state County Judge/Executives' Association has decided to push back the deadline for filing suit against the Governor's office and state legislature over payments to county jails by the state.

The association voted unanimously in November to pursue litigation on the issue of credit for time served in the county jail toward a state felony sentence.

At that time, the intent was to file the suit on or by December 1, pending no further negotiations with state officials on the issue.

However, on November 18, an appointment with Senate President David Williams was set up but could not be scheduled before the December 1st

deadline and, members of the association, agreed to postpone filing the suit until after the meeting. The meeting with Williams, which was scheduled for December 12th, was cancelled on December 7th by Williams who told the association that any future meetings would also be cancelled if a lawsuit was filed.

The association held their quarterly executive board meeting on December 14th and have continued to conduct meetings with the Governor's office and with House Speaker Jody Richards, who has declared his intent to file a bill to try to resolve the issue during the upcoming legislative session. The board also received word that

Williams would discuss the issue with them after the first of the year if a lawsuit was postponed. "This prompted the board to push the deadline (for filing the suit) back to February to give both the General Assembly and Executive Branch a final opportunity to work on a resolution to the issue of credit for time served," Vince Lang, KCJEA Executive Director said in a memo to Carloftis this week. "If, by then, there is no movement on a legislative solution to our jail financial crisis, the Executive Board will reconvene and decide on filing the suit," Lang added.

County Judge/Executive

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## Brodhead fire truck wrecked Saturday

By: Richard Anderkin

An insurance adjuster was busy Wednesday looking over damage to the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department's newest fire truck.

Saturday night members of the department were enroute to a fire on Bryant Ridge near Philadelphia Baptist Church when driver Brian Bullock met a car which was on the wrong side of the road, causing him to leave the roadway and lose control, according to Brodhead Fire Chief Larry Taylor said.

"It certainly was not driver error," Taylor said.

"We first thought it was totaled but we will not know anything until next week from the insurance company," Taylor said.

Mayor Walter Cash said that the department had been looking into renting a truck, but that for now, everything was on hold until the insurance adjuster makes a decision. "We've got to have something in writing before we can go ahead with anything," Cash said.

Taylor said the purchase price of the new truck was approximately \$146,000 and was purchased through a joint venture between the city of Brodhead and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Taylor said the truck would

have been a year old Thursday (today), with the first payment due on the truck.

"The payment of \$5,100 will be made on time," Taylor said.

The 2006 truck overturned on the passenger side on Hwy. 3245 (Negro Creek Road) damaging a fence on the property of Gatliff Craig.

Taylor said the truck was carrying 1,250 gallons of water at the time of the accident. The water, which weighs eight pounds a gallon, may have shifted some contributing to the cause of the wreck.

Taylor said volunteer firefighters replaced Craig's fence on Sunday.

Besides Bullock, firemen Curtis Burton and Brandon Sneed were in the truck.

Taylor said that some of the ladders on the truck were damaged and some minor damage was done to a few items of equipment. "We'll have to do some retesting on the equipment," the fire chief said.

"That was probably the best equipped fire truck in the state," the Mayor Cash said.

"We certainly are in no danger and we have two fire trucks, equipped and ready," Taylor said.

"If we need it, we have mutual aid from other departments available to us," Taylor added.

## Western looking for people stealing water

The Western Rockcastle Water Association board of directors is once again giving fair warning to their customers, according to manager Paula DeBorde.

"We need to remind all customers that if they are caught stealing water, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Mrs. DeBorde said this week.

Employees of the water association removed two "jumpers," also known as straight line pipes, last week on Scaffold Cane Road and in the Disputanta area of the county.

DeBorde said one of the jumpers was found on rental property owned by Jimmy Ambrose at Scaffold Cane and had drained a 20,000 gallon storage tank several times the past few weeks.

DeBorde did not say who owned the property where the other jumper was found.

"Employees worked numerous hours trying to locate a main line leak before locating the source of the problem," DeBorde said.

DeBorde said Western's board met on December 12 and discussed the problem before passing a resolution to deal with the stolen water problem.

"A resolution was made that if a 'jumper' is found on your property the meter will be dug up and shut off from the main line and the land owner, or whomever tries to get water turned back on, will be responsible for paying \$480 for a new meter, \$60 reconnect fee and a \$63 deposit," DeBorde said.

DeBorde also said the Sheriff's office will also be notified and warrants sought for the arrest of those involved.

In September of last year, a Conway Road man pled guilty

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Henry Smith, a reenactor with the Laurel Home Guard, was at the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court meeting in December to present the Rockcastle County High School Junior ROTC program with a Certificate of Appreciation for their help with events at Camp Wildcat. The Laurel Home Guard also presented the group with a \$200 check. Shown above with Smith are: Cadet Major Clint Walker and Company First Sergeant Thomas Amaral and JROTC Army Instructor Keith Graves. Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis is shown at right.



U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Amul Thapar, left, and other members of his staff visited law enforcement officials in Rockcastle County on Monday, including Mt. Vernon Police Chief Terry Jackson and Major Eddie Delaney. Local crime fighters and the U.S. Attorney discussed a variety of topics concerning law enforcement during the stop in Mt. Vernon.



# T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal:

For most folks, this is the happiest time of the year or so they may appear to be on the outside, and who knows? Maybe some really are. Most can recall younger and happier times when all of the family would gather together to feast, sing, and exchange gifts. I remember many holiday seasons now long past with extreme fondness and there isn't enough ink in this pen to make mention of all the wonderful experiences locked away within the archives of my memory.

This holiday season in particular, at out house, is met with anything but joy. It is usually a little depressing, at best, for we recall our past holidays with bittersweet memories. Our joyous childhood memories are too closely associated with those we shared the joy with and are now long gone from us.

This season finds us especially depressed concerning events surrounding our family and friends. There has been a lot of sickness and several surgeries on both sides of our families in the past few weeks, and in one case, it is inoperable cancer. One niece has joined the military and will be leaving before Christmas for at least two years. Some of our friends are getting divorced, and one of our friends made a suicide attempt. There's even been a death, last week, in the family. I don't know how much more of this "joy" we can stand. Every time something bad happens, we think that it is surely all of the bad news, but it seems to keep coming. We think there is surely an end to it somewhere. We're almost afraid to answer the phone anymore, as we're sure it is a disaster of some kind waiting for us to find out about it.

I'm sure there are a lot of folks in our situation. They're thinking, if it wasn't for this situation or that situation I could really enjoy myself, but there it is-like a great, big, black ink spot on a fresh, snowy-white linen sheet. It seems to lurk in the back of our minds no matter what we do, or where we go even if we try to have a feeling of joy. Our problems seem to find us wherever we go, don't they?

Then, if our problems aren't enough at best, it seems that at this time of the year we have our attention drawn to the miserable plight of the poor, the homeless, the disease-plagued with all

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# Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



It's funny how certain things call forth memories of loved ones now departed from this world.

There are a lot of things that trigger memories of my mother (Bee), but my wife has started doing something lately that made me remember a unique trait about Bee that I haven't thought about in quite a long time. It's all about soap.

It seems that my wife has discovered a Kentucky-made bar soap derived from goat's milk that she just can't live without. Because the bars are

more expensive than regular brands, she apparently has determined to use every last sliver of them. I recently noticed that a small, birch-bark soap dish in our bathroom is beginning to accumulate those tiny leftovers.

Particles of left-over bars of soap also filled a container in my mother's kitchen. She was a very frugal housekeeper and only purchased hand soap that was on sale. For that reason, the pieces of soap were all different colors. When the soap jar became full, she put them in a dish on the coal-burning stove and melted them in a pie-shaped dish. She then placed the dish in the refrigerator to cool. Finally, she used a butcher knife to cut them into new bars for us to use as hand soap. They were rainbow-colored bars, and I will never forget how they looked sitting on the sink in the bathroom.

When I was a little boy, Bee made lye soap each year while the men folk were busy killing hogs. Lard was rendered from the fat of the hogs and was set aside to be mixed with lye. The lye was made from ashes collected from the wood burning stove in our kitchen. Bee poured water through the ashes and siphoned off the liquid lye. It was then mixed with the lard to formulate the soap. Because lye (sodium hydroxide) is so caustic, she was careful to make certain that she had the right concentration. If too much lye was added, the soap would burn the skin.

In order to make the soap, lard and lye were combined in a large iron pot that was placed over an open fire in our backyard. The mixture had to be heated for hours and constantly stirred with a long wooden stick. After determining that the soap was ready, Bee poured it into a metal pan and allowed it

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# Points East

By Ike Adams

This is a story about Christmas on Blair Branch long ago when I was a lad and about the year that Santa cussed.

I can't remember who actually owned it, but somebody on the holler had a Santa Claus suit that got loaned out to whoever could fit into it and needed it for family entertainment come Christmas Eve or thereabouts.

At Blair Branch Grade School where I spent all eight years of my elementary academic endeavors, we always had a play on the last day before Christmas vacation. Santa Claus always made the scene to entertain the 60 or so students enrolled there.

The first through third graders were total believers and they were always in awe at the Ho Ho Hos and the passing out of presents supplied by Caney School, now known as Alice Lloyd College. The eight fourth graders were pretty evenly divided on the issue of Santa's reality. Usually three of them remained true believers, three were somewhat skeptical and the other two had caught Dad in the act of packing stuff in from the barn loft a year before.

Anyway, the older, more-enlightened kids were under strict orders from all three teachers to play along with the ruse. Still,

when Santa made his grand entrance we had running bets among ourselves as to which one of us could first guess who was really in the suit.

It wasn't unusual for Santa to be from another holler as opposed to being a resident of Blair Branch. And usually he was driven by one of our parents or relatives so that he couldn't be recognized by his vehicle. Everybody who lived in the lower end of Letcher County knew everybody who had a vehicle right down to the color make and model.

One year (I believe I was in sixth grade) Santa showed up with a distinct Buckeye accent and we never did figure it out. Little Steve Craft was the driver and we finally concluded that it must have been one his brothers-in-law visiting from Dayton. But we never sure and to this day it remains one of the hollers better mysteries.

Lots of people left Blair Branch to work in the tire factories in Ohio and they'd come home to visit on Holidays and they'd have the, "youse goyies" instead of "ya-all" down pat. They say stuff like, "oh miyye, look howe our little darling Rachel is maturing," instead of

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## VIEW FROM THE BENCH

### Sorrow and Spectacle: Public Behavior in the Courtroom

Last week's brawl between the Nuggets and Knicks resulted in the NBA's levy of the largest fines to date, \$500,000 from each organization and player suspensions ranging up to 15 games. The most severe penalties were reserved for NBA scoring leader Carmelo Anthony. In what



Judge David Tapp

amounts to yet another embarrassment of the NBA by irresponsible and childish athletes, this incident renews the debate surrounding the appropriate boundaries for sports related violence and criminal or civil liability.

Let's face it, a sucker punch

outside a sports arena is almost certain to result in potential criminal liability and civil litigation. As it should. One's status as an athlete does not and should not immunize any assailant for egregious conduct. Taken to the extreme, competition and the drive to win, or for retribution, sometimes results in disgusting examples of violence. Just how far removed is sucker punching an opposing player from an old-fashioned Tanya Harding kneecapping?

Increasingly courts are dealing with issues of violence and accidental injury which arise in sporting venues. Stating the issue is simple: what is the sport's participant's duty to avoid inflicting physical injury to another player? The answer is somewhat more complicated.

Jeffrey Schick and his dad had just finished teeing off at sixteenth hole of the East Orange Golf Course in New Jersey, a par four straightaway. They were playing with another twosome they had met on the tenth tee. After all four tee shots, the defendant, a member of the foursome took an unannounced mulligan which sliced badly and struck Jeffrey in the eye causing severe injury. Jeffrey sued.

Like most other jurisdictions, the New Jersey Supreme Court determined that athletes owe a duty to other participants to avoid the infliction of injury caused by reckless or intentional conduct. This standard exceeds mere negligence because applying the lower standard would engender a flood of litigation. The distinction is important the Court wrote because the heightened standard "recognizes the commonsense distinction between excessively harmful conduct and the more routine rough-and-tumble of sports that should occur freely on the playing fields and should not be second-guessed in court-

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### Folic Acid Prevents Birth Defects

Presented by Callie Shaffer, M.D.

Very few vitamin supplements are known to be helpful to an average healthy woman, even when she is pregnant. Most vitamins are easily obtained by an appropriate diet.

There is one vitamin, however, that has been proven to be important during pregnancy. It is called folic acid, and it is needed to ensure the normal development of the baby.

Studies have confirmed that a diet low in folic acid was associated with a serious abnormality called a "neural tube defect." This is an incomplete development of the spinal cord, usually in the lower back. It leads to paralysis of the legs and lack of bladder and bowel control.

Studies showed that when women took a supplement of folic acid during the first three months of pregnancy, the chances of their babies having a neural tube defect were decreased by 72%. This significant finding indicates that perhaps three out of four of these serious defects are preventable.

A woman's daily requirement of folic acid is increased if she smokes cigarettes or if she uses certain medicines, particularly ones for treating seizures. These women should certainly receive folic acid supplements.

Since babies develop very rapidly and these defects are determined in the first few months of pregnancy, it is important to see your doctor very early to start the prenatal vitamins. It is even wise to have a pre-conception visit to start folic acid before becoming pregnant. Your doctor can also review your medicines and help you quit smoking, if necessary.



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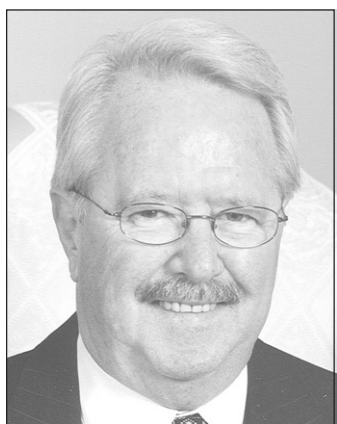


From left: Chris Couch, Junior Stewart, James Bowles, Trish Bullock, Wilbur Harrison, Buster Denney, Josh Thompson and David Thompson

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# Obituaries



**Denver Burton**

Charles Denver "Hammer" Burton, 67, of Nicholasville, KY and formerly of Willailla died Sunday, December 17, 2006 at his home after a long illness. He was born on November 22, 1939 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Gilbert and Viola Ping Burton, and was raised by the late C.E. and Maggie Brown Herrin. He served on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Rural Water Assoc., Ky. Farm Bureau Federation & Insurance Boards, The Governors Council of Agriculture, and was President of the Western Rockcastle Water Association for 30 years. He was a member of the Christian faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Sharon Owens Burton of Nicholasville; two daughters, Lynne Clifton of Dallas, TX and Joan Barney of Nicholasville; one sister, Diane Adams of Eubank, KY; and four grandchildren, Blake, Embry, Chase, and Chance.

Funeral services were held December 20, 2006 at Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Eddie Nation and Barry Back officiating. Burial followed in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Alvin Haynes, Gary Lairmore, Barry Back, Allen VanMeter, Don Columbia and Jerry Cox.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jerry Hansel, Owen Burton, R.G. Whitaker, Carl Clontz, Terry Renner, Joe Liles and Bud Cox.

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**Nannie Thomas**

Nannie Margaret Thomas, 81, widow of Albert Thomas, of Brodhead, KY died Monday, December 18, 2006 at her residence. She was born on Feb. 20, 1925 in Mt. Vernon, KY the daughter of the late William Booth "Bootie" and Rosa Hearld Sowder. She was of the Baptist Faith, whose interest and hobbies included quilting and sewing. She had been a Nursing Aide at the Nursing Home. She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Albert Thomas on November 25th, 1939.

Survivors are: four children, Alice Faye (Willard) Northern, Vivian L. (Bobby) Woodall and Rosaline M.L. (Perry) Baker, all of Brodhead, KY and Fronie M. (Jessie James) Pingleton of Berea, KY; eight grandchildren, Carla, Teresa, Patty, Toni, Sonny, Christopher, Amy and Jamie; 10 great grandchildren; one brother, Roscoe Sowder of Ohio; sister-in-law, Janie Sowder of Mt. Vernon, KY; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by: a child, Harold Louis Thomas; six brothers, Kenneth, Tude, Bill "Slick", Chester "Bud", Shirley, and Casper; four sisters, Lila Mae, Syble, Dovie, and Roberta Christine.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jon Burdette officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

## Ruby Hylton

Retired Fayette County teacher, Ruby Hysinger Hilton, 81, died at her home in Fort Lauderdale, FL on December 13, 2006, after a long and valiant struggle with chronic radiation enteritis.

A native of Rockcastle County, Mrs. Hilton attended Berea College and was a graduate of Eastern Ky. University. She taught at Athens Elementary School for more than 20 years, as well as several other schools in Fayette County.

Survivors are her daughter, Katherine and son-in-law, Keith, of Ft. Lauderdale and a sister-in-law, Lorene Patton of London.

Mrs. Hilton was preceded in death by her husband, retired EKV professor Bently J. Hilton.

A memorial service will be held at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested in Mrs. Hilton's memory to your local Humane Society.

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**Floyd W. Stokes**

Floyd W. Stokes, 94, of Mt. Vernon died Thursday December 14, 2006 at the Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness. He was born on November 14, 1912 in Rockcastle County the son of the late John W. and Bessie Cox Stokes. He was a Navy Veteran of WWII, a retired mill wright which required precision work installing complex mechanical devices and machinery, and was an accomplished builder having built many houses in Rockcastle County. He earned his private pilots license and soloed in just 5 1/2 hours, and many will remember him having rode his motor cycle into his seventies. His families most treasured memory at this crucial time is that he received the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior in 1963, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are: one son, Jerry (Diana) Stokes of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Linda (Charles) Newby of Richmond, KY and Roseann (Anthony) Hunt of Somerset, KY; eight grandchildren; and of host of great, as well as great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Elizabeth Owens Stokes; two sons, Ronald and Doug; three brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were held December 17, 2006 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brian Stokes, David Stokes, Andy Hunt, Eric Stokes, Dustin McGuire and Brandon Stokes.  
View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## Card of Thanks

**Danny Simpson**

We would like to thank everyone for all the support that has been given during a difficult time. We want to say thank you to all of Dad's family, friends and neighbors for everything that you all have done for whatever it might have been, whether it was a visit with Dad at the hospital, calls to the hospital and our home to check on Dad, the cards sent, money donated and for all the thoughts and prayers. Thanks to all the preachers that came to visit and prayed with Dad in the hospital. Thanks to all the churches for the prayers that were given for Dad. Thanks to Valley Baptist Church for everything you all did. Thanks to Rockcastle Ambulance Service and UK Hospital. We could say thank you a million times and it would never be enough of how much we appreciate everything. Dad has lots of friends on Copper Creek and everywhere and it really shows just how many right now. Our family will never be able to thank you all enough. We greatly appreciate everything so much and we will never forget all the people that touched our lives during this time. And, a special thanks, to those who are helping to build the porch onto Danny's house. Thanks to all the family, friends, neighbors, preachers and churches. Prayers are a blessing. Thanks again and God bless you all.

Tammy, Kevin and Lucas Shelton, Tina, Glen and Derek Adams, Dewayne, Tracy, Eldon and Dalton Simpson



**Earl Denver Bullock**

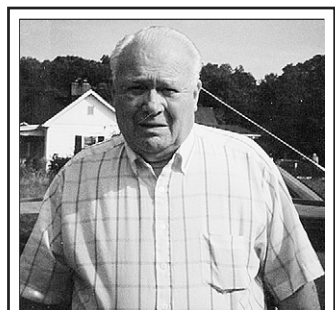
Earl Denver Bullock, 70, of Brodhead died Sunday December 17, 2006 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on October 8, 1936 in Pulaski County the son of the late Raymond and Hazel Renner Bullock. He was a retired farmer, and a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Helen Tipton Bullock of Richmond, KY; one son, Billy Bullock of Mt. Vernon; five step-sons, Everett Ray of Independence, Darryl Ray of Cleves, OH, Bobby Ray of Florence, Jimmy Durham of Orlando, and Timmy Durham of Corbin; one daughter, Ethel Hensley of Orlando; and two step-daughters, Mary Ray of Burlington, and Vicie Miller of Orlando. Several grandchildren, and several great grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother, Freddy Bullock.

Funeral services will be held (today) Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Ottawa Baptist Church with Bros. Shelby Reynolds and Jim Craig officiating. Burial will follow in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Cox Funeral Home.

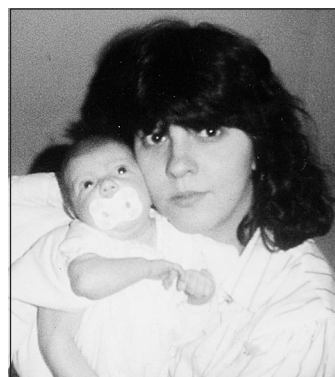
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**Art Harrison**

Merry Christmas "Poppy" Through the holidays we miss you so much, but we know you are spending Christmas with Jesus instead of us.  
Love Helen, children and family

## In Loving Memories



**In Loving Memory of Vanessa Harrison**

As I sit here,  
Watching the raindrops fall,  
It reminds me of the day  
You answered Jesus' call.

We sat with you  
And watched you suffer day and night,  
But today you are in Heaven  
Where everything will be alright.

We miss you so much,  
We miss your sweet smile in everything you touched.

When I think of you,  
I can't help but shed a tear,  
Although I know you are  
Spending Christmas in Heaven  
with Jesus this year.

When I hear all the beautiful  
Christmas songs,  
That we love so dear,  
I know they can't compare  
With the beautiful music you  
hear up there.

No words to tell you the joy  
You brought to our life,  
But you had to leave and go to  
a better life.

You might know how much we  
miss you  
And the pain that is in our heart  
But you are not so far away  
And we are really not apart.

So, we will be happy for you  
now,  
You know we love you dear  
And we will not feel so sad.  
For I know you are spending  
Christmas in Heaven with  
Jesus this year.  
We all love and miss you so  
much - The Family

## In Loving Memory of Hazel Bryant

March 20, 1921-Sept. 22, 2006  
"Merry Christmas From Heaven"

I still hear the songs,  
I still see the lights

I still feel the love  
In cold wintery nights.  
I still share your hopes  
And all of your cares  
I'll even remind you  
To please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you  
You still make me proud  
You stand head and shoulders  
Above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment  
To stay on His grace  
I come here before you  
To help set your place.

You don't have to be  
Perfect all of the time  
He forgives you the slip  
If you continue to climb.

To my family and friends  
Please be thankful today  
I'm still close beside you  
In a new special way.

I love you all dearly  
Now don't shed a tear  
Cause I'm spending my  
Christmas with Jesus this year.

By Angel Daniels

## In Memory of My Papaw, Delbert McFerron

By Kayla Hellard

Snow, sleet and freezing rain  
All were falling that awful day,  
A place in my heart just hasn't  
been the same.

Emotions will always be the  
same.

God took you home  
Away from suffering and pain  
It's been eight years  
But seems as though yesterday.

Tears fall every day  
Feelings with always stay the  
same.

No one really understands,  
Papaw's love can never be re-  
placed.

Holy days so hard to bear  
Christmas, Thanksgiving just  
not the same  
Since you left  
The whole world has changed.

But there is one thing that will  
Always stay the same  
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Can never be replaced.

## No Paper Next Week

The Signal office will be closed December 22nd through January 1st

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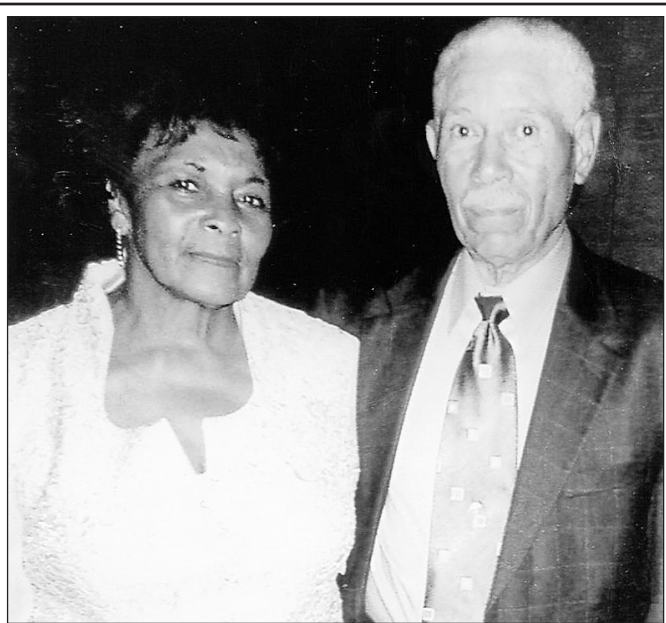




### 60th Wedding Anniversary

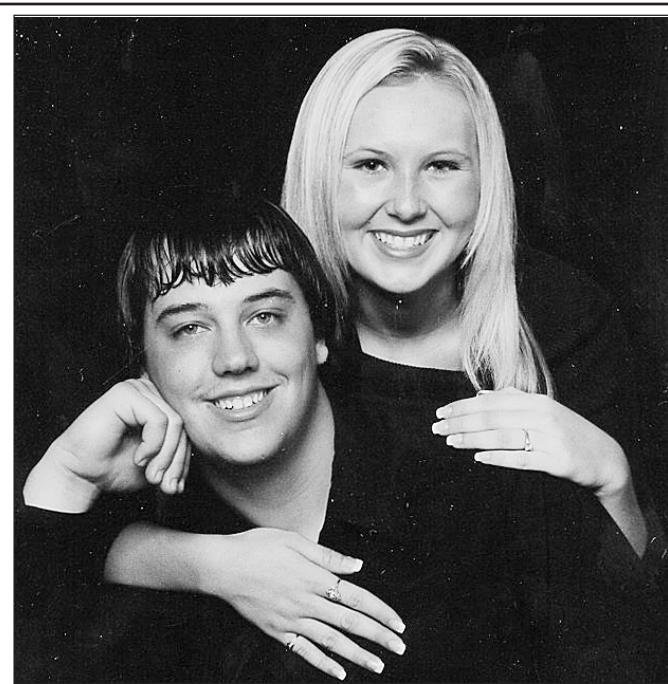
The family and David Madison Elder and Edna Elizabeth Cottrell Elder of Eubank surprised them with a celebration for their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday night. The couple was married December 21, 1946. They have five children, seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, one great great grandchild and several extended family members.

The couple continues to be very active, attending church regularly, visiting family and friends and they love to eat out often. The family wishes them many more years and plans to make their 75th anniversary a much larger celebration.



### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Johnson Dunn, of 1160 Hwy. 39 Crab Orchard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 18, 2006. They were married on December 18, 1956 in Richmond, Ky. Mrs. Dunn is the former Beulah Nelson Dunn. The couple has one daughter, Victoria Dunn, also of Crab Orchard.



### Smith - Watson

Roger and Margie Smith, along with John and Kathy Bryant, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Shawneha Noelle Smith and Gregory Kirk Watson. *Congratulations. We love you!*

### “TJ’s Journal”

(Cont. from A2)

manners of infirmities here and especially abroad. That’s not to mention the orphan children who have nothing, especially in impoverished areas of the world, the military stranded overseas in nothing short of hell-holes, the rising drug and alcohol problems, child pornography and molestation, and various other evils in escalating proportions right up to our eyeballs. (Boy, I’ve gotten on a roll there. There’s no wonder I can’t have any joy.)

Today, Stanley and I have decided that we can’t control the situations around us, but we can and will simplify our lives, which we plan to begin doing as of this week. If we have a simpler lifestyle, we will be able to handle the rough spots a little better. It makes for a good New Years’ resolution, a little early.

I suppose, and most importantly, we will have to rely more on the One who isn’t the author of confusion, and is more than anxious to give us of His peace and joy. He’s never failed us yet, or we wouldn’t have made it this far.

### “Bench”

(Cont. from A2)

rooms.” Most courts, regardless of whether the sport involves contact, apply this reckless or intentional standard including touch football, informal softball games, ice skating, roller skating, pick-up basketball games, polo, and karate.

In a 2002 case, skydiver Joseph Dare was injured when he maneuvered to avoid a collision with another jumper. The resulting lawsuit alleged that the defendant skydiver was reckless because he was “hot doggin’” by being outside the landing pattern, and being too close to a runway even though he had the right-of-way. Apparently, in parachuting provide that the lower person has the right-of-way regardless of whether they are free falling or under canopy. The Court dismissed the claim after determining that the defendant’s conduct did not rise (or fall?) to the required degree of recklessness. Recklessness, unlike mere negligence, “requires a conscious choice of a course of action, with knowledge . . . that it will create serious danger to others.”

Kentucky has also dealt with this issue. In 1996, the Kentucky Supreme Court reviewed a case involving an errant tennis ball. Following a point, the defendant “returned” the ball for service. The degree of aggression with which the ball was returned was disputed. The ball struck the Plaintiff in the eye. The Supreme Court, in an opinion written by then Justice Lambert, applied the “reckless” standard. In rejecting a lesser standard Justice Lambert recognized that in the heat of athletic competition, normal behavior might involve accidental careless behavior. To impose a lesser standard would fundamentally alter the nature of sports.

There seems little doubt that using these standards, the intentional assault of one player by another could give rise to civil liability. The NBA best being doing something to permanently deter the recent spate of athletic assaults. If not, players

who assault other players or spectators, and the coaches who encourage or condone such behavior, may find themselves involved in a different type of contest. Basketball courts, like golf courses, should not become free fire zones where anything goes.

### “Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

to solidify. Finally, she used a sharp butcher knife to cut the concoction into small bars.

Bee believed that lye soap would get clothes as clean as any store-bought detergent. It also added a fresh smell to the clothes. I have heard her say that it killed germs, so she used it as an anti-bacterial cleaning agent. I think she was right about that. I also remember her telling one of the neighbors that lye soap was good for killing head lice and chiggers. In her own way, she was a pretty good chemist.

I am not sure how long it will take my wife to collect enough of the postage stamp sized soap fragments to make good us of them. Personally, I think I would just buy a new bar instead of going to the trouble. However, I am grateful that she at least made me remember my mother’s production of soap in our backyard.

While I am on the subject, I remembered that my grandpa was a huge fan of a brand of soap called Lava. Pop used it to clean his hands when he had been working on his car or the lawn mower. It was a very “gritty” textured blend that would literally scrub off the skin on your hands if you exercised enough power. It also had the capability of removing grease and oil from your hands. Pop kept a bar just for his personal use.

I am thankful for these wonderful small memories of my family that have now passed away. I wish I had a bar of Bee’s home-made soap to use right now.

*You can reach me at mtnman@mis.net I love to hear from you. Thanks for your continued suggestions. The soap my wife loves is available at: www.plainviewsoaps.com*

### “Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

saying, “Look at that Rachel. Growing like a weed.”

Anyway, we did recognize the Santa suit as being the Blair Branch one because there were several distinct burn marks on the beard where previous wearers had dropped cigarette ashes. Which only served to convince fourth grade skeptics that Santa must be the real thing. After all he looked just like he had for the last four years.

On Christmas Eve between the edge of dark and say nine o’clock, the Blair Branch suit might change hands three or four times. Someone from the head of the holler might dress up to visit families at the mouth and vice versa. Maybe one of Dad’s mining co-workers from another community would agree to swap out.

One year, Santa showed up somewhere down the holler looking fat and jolly as a result of much padding wrapped around his arms, legs, chest and shoulders while a pillow served as belly. The disguising process involved many ace bandages and had taken nearly two hours. Santa had never felt more confident that his identity would not be challenged.

After wobbling inside the house, he took a seat and one of the little girls jumped up on his lap and asked, as usual, if he was really Santa. Santa nodded that he was.

“Well”, she reportedly said, having sniffed his after shave lotion, “you smell just like L. C. Adams but he’s skinnier than a fence rail.”

“Well, I’ll be d\*\*\*ed,” Santa retorted before he could catch himself and that’s all he had to say.

Merry Christmas readers, one and all. May your sense of humor stay intact and serve you well in the New Year.

### Kentucky State park holiday closings

Kentucky State Park resorts will be closed during the Christmas holiday.

All resort parks will close Saturday, Dec. 23, following lunch. All except Lake Barkley and Lake Cumberland will reopen for lunch on Friday, Dec. 29. Lake Barkley and Lake Cumberland will reopen for dinner on Dec. 26.

Several resort parks are holding special holiday events during December as well as New Year’s Eve parties. Please visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov) for details.

State historic sites and recreation parks will also close during the holiday. Times will vary by park. Please check in advance.

State parks are selling Kentucky Unbridled Spirit Gift Cards that make excellent holiday gifts for friends and family. They can be used at state parks, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington and the Kentucky Historical Society and its museum store in Frankfort.

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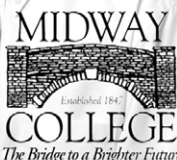
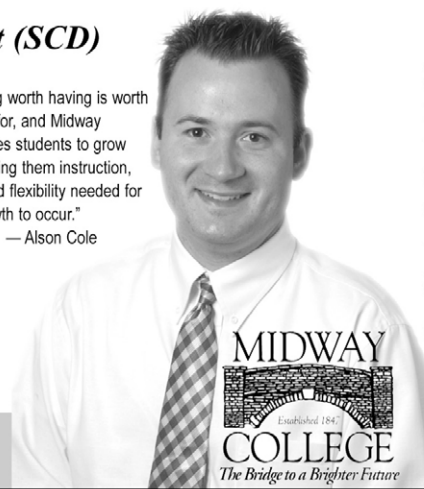
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# CHURCH NEWS

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**First Christian Church**  
The Youth Christmas Program will be Wednesday evening, December 20th at 7 p.m.

**Christmas Eve morning**, the choir will present a service in song at 11 a.m. entitled "Glorious Joy."

For information, answers to questions or a ride, call Bruce or Kenny at 256-2876.

**Christmas Eve Mass**  
Christmas Eve Mass will be

held at Our Lady of Mt. vernon catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon on Sunday, December 24 at 10 p.m.

Join us in singing Christmas hymns of praise. Refreshments will be served following Mass. Everyone is welcome.

## A Star Is Born

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church invites everyone to attend "A Star Is Born" Saturday, December 23rd at 6 p.m. Church services will be held afterwards. Come join us.

The church is located approximately 3/4 miles past Exit 59, south on U.S. 25.

## Service at

### Philadelphia United

Philadelphia United Baptist Church will be having church on Saturday night, December 23rd. Services begins at 6 p.m. and Bro. Ron Roberts will be preaching. There will not be a service Sunday, December 24th.

Bro. Gordon Mink and congregation invites everyone.

The church is located on Bryant Ridge Road off Negro Creek.

## Live Nativity

A Live Nativity "From the Cradle to the Cross" will be presented December 22, 2006 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ottawa Baptist Church. Everyone is invited. Rain cancels.

## Poet's Corner

### What Does Christmas Mean to You?

By: Vickie Petrey

What does Christmas mean to you?

Lots of presents stacked up high?

Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes?

Santa flying through the sky?

What does Christmas mean to you?

Going way too deep in debt?

Manic, frantic, harried crowds?

Wanting something you never get?

What does Christmas mean to you?

Memories of happy days now past?

Thoughts of those no longer here?

Wishes for things that never last?

What does Christmas mean to you?

Something of great, immeasurable worth?

Does it mean a present no box could hold?

Does it mean our only Savior's birth?

What will Christmas mean to you?

Only things wrapped in ribbons and bows?

Or wonder that God sent His Son

To save our lost and troubled souls?



Merry Christmas Bobby, Ensie and Thomas. We really appreciate you for being our pastor and friend in time of need of the Mt. Vernon Church of God. With love from Helen Harrison, David, Satika, Tabitha, Jared and Charles.

## "What Is Written"

We continue in our study of the 5 points of Calvinism, by looking at the L in the acronym TULIP, which stands for "limited atonement" The doctrine states that Christ's redeeming work was intended to save the elect only and actually secured salvation for them. Yet when we open the scriptures we find a different view presented. Notice in 1 Jn.2:1-2, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Does this sound to you, to uphold Calvinism? Look in Jn.1:29, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." The sin of the world? This is what is says! But why isn't everybody going to be saved? Because not everybody chooses to believe and obey the Son of God. "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;" Heb.5:8-9. Jesus' saving blood is there, if you will come to him.

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O, Come all Ye Faithful and

Join us as we worship and praise our Heavenly father for the gift of His Son. Let us come together to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 24 @ 10 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church Williams Street • Mt Vernon, Ky.

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From left: Citgo owner/manager Gaylen Settles, Jack Arnold, Carol Baker, Sue Bentley and Tim Thacker. Not shown: Tia Rogers, Amanda Barnett and Ronnie Bradley.

Wendy's/Citgo will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and remain closed Christmas Day. We will also close at 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve and Wendy's will re-open at 10 a.m. and Citgo will reopen at 8 a.m. on New Year's Day.



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# Tiger Pause

Thanks to everyone that participated in the December PTA meeting. The staff and students did an excellent job entertaining the crowd with Christmas carols. Thanks to Mrs. Kathy McKibben for reading a Christmas book and Mr. John (Santa) Holbrook for spreading holiday cheer!

BES has once again ranked well across the state. The scores are: mathematics 118.6, social studies 126.8, arts and humanities 105.4, and practical living 120.3. The overall score is 112.9. Way to go.

Mrs. Courtney Rigsby's Head Start class visited the "magical winter wonderland" in the green pod last week. Mrs.

Dottie Williams' fifth grade class created a glittering, snowflake filled wonderland for all to enjoy. Each Head Start student partnered with a fifth grade student to read a story and eat yummy winter snacks. The children received a treat bag full of goodies from their fifth grade partner. Many beautiful Christmas memories were created between the oldest and youngest students at BES. The children had a wonderful experience in the winter wonderland and say thank you to Mrs. Dottie Williams' fifth grade class.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from BES!



BES staff singing Christmas carols at the December PTA meeting.



BES students singing Christmas carols at the December PTA meeting.



Mrs. Courtney Rigsby's Head Start class at BES was treated to a "magical winter wonderland" by Mrs. Dottie Williams' fifth grade class.

# Mt. Vernon Message

## School News

Have a relaxing break! Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 7.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Monday: Nathan Berryman, student

Tuesday: Jacob Mink, student

Wednesday: Caroline Coguer, student

Thursday: Shelby Ham, student

Friday: Becky Griffin, instructional assistant, was our mystery reader.

Readers for this week were:

Monday: Hope Kelley, student

Tuesday: Brianna Lay, student

Project Wisdom quote for this week is: "Peace on Earth. Good will toward men."

## Family Resource Center News

FRC Christmas package pick up is scheduled for Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22.

FRC Adult Computer Classes are held each Monday at MVES from 6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m.

FRC/CAP GED classes are held each Tuesday at MVES from 1:00p.m. until 2:30p.m. in the FRC Office.

For more information on FRC sponsored activities, please contact FRC Coordinator, Regina Hull-Brown at 256-5173.

# Minds in the Middle

Once again, the RCMS student body comes through for others in our community. During the recent Student YMCA Food Drive, our students brought in over 3,000 food items. Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Wolfe's homeroom for bringing in the most with over 600 items. That group will receive a pizza party for their great effort.

The 8th grade Leadership Team visited the Rockcastle Public Library on Wednesday to deliver a check for money raised by RCMS students during our Pennies for Pages campaign. In four days, our students read over 60,000 pages and received donations from the community for their efforts. The public library now has \$670.00 to spend on new books.

The RCMS Unite Club gained over 70 members during the recent membership drive. Any students who did not join but would like to should see Ms. Cromer in the mornings before class begins.

Congratulations to last week's winners in the media center's Book-A-Day Give-

Away. Debbie Spivey, Alexis Chasteen, Brook McGuire, Naman Helton, T.J. Bussell, and Amie Hale received new books. Students may register each time they visit the media center and check out a book.

Mrs. Stewart recognized six students for having 110% on last week's science test. Congratulations to Adam Alcorn, Matt Gonzales, Dakota Halcomb, Leah Hughes, Jay Lawson, and Adam Poynter.

Mrs. Angie Hunt's class won the attendance contest last week, followed closely by Mrs. Debbie McClure's 8th grade homeroom. Mrs. Ballinger's 6th graders took third place.

The RCMS Choir and Band did an excellent job presenting the sounds of the Christmas season. The groups performed for family members Tuesday night and for our students on Wednesday morning. We thank Mr. Greg Daugherty and Miss Cassie Smith for the great job they do with some of our talented students.



Mrs. Irene and Mrs. Paula taught their classes Christmas Carols and then performed for other classes in the school. The students dressed as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and did a fantastic job on their songs!



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# GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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Front row from left: Lisa Thompson, John Griffith, Lucy Cole and Casey Thompson. Back row from left: Leslie Thompson, Amanda Smith, manager Denise Parsons, Becky Rose, Brittany Payne, Courtney Parsons and Katharine Keil.

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**Tract 3:** 4.44 acres of level land with 295 feet of road frontage on the Poplar Grove/Willaila Road. City water is available.

**Tract 4:** Lies behind Tracts 2 and 3 and contains 8.74 acres with approx. 50 feet of road frontage. This tract is level to gently rolling. City water is available.

**Tract 5:** Lies behind Tracts 1 and 2 and contains 10.57 acres with approx. 50 feet of road frontage. The terrain is level to gently rolling. City water is available.

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These 7th graders were among the RCMS students who won prizes during attendance incentives at RCMS. During the month of December, students have been challenged to increase school-wide attendance rate. Tim Rash's name was drawn as the winner of a new DVD player. Makayla McFerron won a CD player and Brian Pendrey and Ben Lake were winners of gift cards. These students know how important it is to be in class every day. Good work.



Seventh grader Alex Stewart was the latest winner of the monthly contests at the RCMS Media Center. Media Specialist Mrs. Detrina Owens presented Alex with a box of books and snacks after he did a great job of estimating how much coal was in Mr. Coguer's stocking.



Rockcastle County High School students participated in University of the Cumberlands' 2006 Chemistry Symposium and Science Olympiad held on November 17. The annual event spans a wide range of academic individual and team competitions in biology, chemistry, physics and communication and theatre arts. The following students were recognized for academic excellence: Spotlight on Science - Ainsley Bussell (pictured above), Lura Cash, and Rachael Cash, 2nd place. Physics Team Demonstration - Ainsley Bussell, Megan Alcorn, and Holly Brown, 2nd place. Metric Estimation - Holly Brown (pictured below), 3rd place.



**No paper next week**  
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 and **Happy New Year**  
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## Watch for elk on roads during the winter season

Motorists in southeastern Kentucky should watch out for elk in the road during the next few months, as animals move to lower elevations in search of food.

"Considering the number of elk we have, there aren't many collisions," said Law Enforcement Capt. Kenneth Amburgey of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Drivers need to observe the speed limit in areas where we've had collisions before, and cautiously ease through if they see elk. It's important to watch for other traffic at the same time."

Roads with the highest number of elk-vehicle collisions during the past few years include KY 7 in Knott County, KY 582 in Knott and Floyd counties, KY 476 in Perry County, U.S. 421 in Leslie County and KY 66 in Clay County.

"The vast majority of elk-vehicle collisions happen from Thanksgiving through April," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Motorists need to be aware that elk move a lot this time of year."

Elk are most likely to move on nights when the moon is full. "They can move all night

during a full moon," said Karen Alexy, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's research program coordinator. "This time of year, some of the elk move down from the reclaimed mines in search of food."

If drivers encounter an elk in the road, they should slow down and cautiously move past the animal. Drivers should not turn their vehicle's headlights off. "Animals

freeze when confronted with bright lights," Brunjes said. "But if you turn the lights off, they begin moving and you can't see them, which can be dangerous."

Kentucky began restoring free-ranging elk to southeastern Kentucky in 1997. The state's herd now numbers about 5,700. However, even with the growing herd, elk are much less likely than deer to

collide with cars or trucks. An average of 10 elk-vehicle collisions have occurred per year since Kentucky's elk restoration began.

"Elk aren't as prone to dart out in front of cars as deer are," said Brunjes. "But it's still a good idea to slow down and pay attention."

**Merry Christmas!**



Because of the generosity of RCMS students, 3,341 food items were collected for the Mt. Vernon Food and Clothing Mission. This was the most ever collected during the annual Student YMCA Food Drive. Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Wolfe's 7th grade homeroom for bringing in the most items - 676. Dakota Ratliff, Jonathan Childress, Bryan Marler, Melvin Barron, Laiken Coffey, Chelsea Linville, Charity Adams, Hannah Bullock, and Michael Brewer were among those students who collected the items during the two week drive. Thank you students for your unselfish giving.



**Happy Holidays**

Here's hoping your Christmas is sheer purr-fecttion!  
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# Letters to Santa

## Mt. Vernon Elementary

### Kathy Price's 1st grade

**Dear Santa,**  
I luv you Santa. I hav bin good to everyda. I wud like to have a Spidermen toy.  
Love, Jesse

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you have hadded good yere. I have bin good. I want a new pair of shoes, Nikes. I also want a video game.  
Love, Logan

**Dear Santa,**  
I like our gift. You are my bets Santa. I have a gift for you. I love you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want a Cabag Patch baby doll.  
Love, Makayla

**Dear Santa,**  
Have a Merry Christmas Santa. I have ben good today. I want a puppy for Christmas and a new bike.  
Love, Brianna

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you had a good Christmas. I have bin a good girl. I want a Sushey maker and a horse and a dog lamp.  
Love, Vina

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you and your rander? I have bin very good and sharing. I want a TV flat plasma.  
Luv, Sam

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you had a good December. I have bin a very good boy. My sis has bin good. I want Smackdown vs. Raw 2007.  
Love, Ryan

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope that you have bin ok. Can I please have a little Bratz dol. Oh, and I have bin good. Santa, can you get my Mom a vase? My berath and sister said that you are not ril. Can I have my toys?  
Love, Peggy

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you are filing good. I have bine good. I want a slushie maker and a bike. My bruthrs have not bine good. They fight ovr the I Pay Stta Shun.  
Love, Anthony

**Dear Santa,**  
Have your elfs been working hard for Christmas? My sister has been bad. She hasn't fexed me noodls for a month. I want Skidder, loder, logs and a log truck.  
Love, Deuith

**Dear Santa,**  
Hope you have a good December. I have bin very good. My sis has bin very bad. I want a 4 wheler and a squirt gun. Happy Holidays.  
Love, Makenzie

**Dear Santa,**  
Have youhad a nice day? I have bin good this yer. I wat games for Christmas.  
Love, Dylan

**Dear Santa,**  
You are so good. I want a sound up ring. I have bn good. Santa I want a Game Boy DS.  
Love, Blake

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I hope you are feeling well this Crismuc. I wat a basketbal gol.  
Luv, Dustin

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you Santa. I have bin good this yir. I want a Baby Alive. I also want a big baby doll. I hope you have had a good yir.  
Love, Tyler

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you Santa. Did you have a very good day at the North Pole?  
C.J.

**Dear Santa,**  
Have a good Christmas Santa ho, ho, ho. Ples bring me a puzzle and some mittens. I have bin good this year.  
Love, Emily

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope youhave a great time at the North Pol. I have ben good. I wot a 4 wheel and a dirt bike. I hope you are not sik.  
Love, Johnathan

**Janet Carter's First Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of the time. For Christmas, I would like a 2403 gun, a fishing pole, a 22 rifle.  
Michael Sizemore

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your doing? I have been good all of the time. For Christmas, I would like a picture of my family.  
Brooklyn Bullock

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of thetime. For Christmas, I would like a 243 gun and I would like a sword.  
Ryan Carpenter

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of the time. For Christmas, I would like a 243 gun.  
Parker Hall

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of the time. For Christmas, I would like a 2403 gun, a fishing pole and a pet fish.  
Logan Barnett

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of the time. For Christmas, I would like a Hot Wheels Bike. I love your reindeer.  
James Phillips

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of the time. For Christmas, I would like a 4 wheeler.  
Mark Isaacs

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of the time! For Chrstsmas I would like a basketball.  
Love, Holdan Barnett

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I have been good most of the time. For Christmas, I would like a camouflag dirt bike.  
Love, Nathaneal Barnett

**Jerrilynn Smith's 1st grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like an Ipod and a 4 wheeler. I will give a cookie to your rainydear. I want to see you.  
Sydney Hughes

**Dear Santa,**  
It is my birthbayit. I would like to have new cars. Thank you for comeing.  
Levi Gentry

**Dear Santa,**  
I can read now. I have been good. I obey. Thank you! I am growing up. I help at home. You are very kind. I want a 4-wheeler.  
Michelle Mink

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a Nintendo GX. I would like a PX Box-3. I would like a Play Station. I have been good.  
Kyle Shumate

**Dear Santa,**  
You are good. I obey. I would like a X-Box 3. I am 6 yers old.  
Jacob McGuire

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a motor bike. I would like a 4 wheeler. I would like a X-Box. I would like to have a pet. Merry Christmas, Santa.  
Dillon Anderson

**Dear Family,**  
I love you a lot. Thank you for the book that you got for me. Dad, I love you a lot. Sis, I love you. Mom, I love you. I want a dog. You are the most goodis family I'v evre had.  
Hannah Artley

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been on track. I am six yers old naw. I can read now. I

would like to have art stuff and books. I obey at school. Merry Christmas, Santa.  
Sarah Roberts

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a doll. I would like a Barbie. I wou like pens. Can I have a book? I woul like art stuff.  
Malee Mason

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a Play Station. I have been good. I obey Mom and Dad. I listen at school. I would like X-Box E60. I am growing up.  
Dawson Mason

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been on track. I can read now. I like you Santa. I am growing up.  
Kiersten Mink

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a X-Box 36. Thank you Santa. I have been on track. I listen at school. I want a dog.  
Abigail Fletcher

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been on track. I have been good. I help at home. I listen at school. I obey.  
Johnathan Reynolds

**Dear Santa,**  
I will leave milk and cookies. I will help you. I love you. I wat to tell you. I have been good. I want a baby doll.  
Kyleigh Barnes

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been good. I have a book. I help at home. I obey. I have been on track. I listen at school.  
Michael Rowe

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I have been good. I help at home. I listen at school. I obey. I can read now. Thank you.  
Ethan Stuben

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I want a Nintendo DS. Say helo to Mrs. Claus. I want a chalk board. Derrick is my brother.  
Logan White

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like Ho boots. Merry Carrots! I like you. I obey. You are very good. I look at school.  
Kimberly Wheat

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Merry Chrmas! I wold like a Barbie! I wold like a DVD! I would like a book! You are very kind! I am grwing up.  
Rebekah Hurley

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a book. I obey. I listen at school. I help at home. I have been good. I have been on track.  
Noah Prickett

**Janice Vanzant's 1st grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want you to bring me some black horses. I will share with my brothers and sisters.  
Your friend, Jesse Smith

**Dear Santa,**  
May I please have a snow globe this year. I would also want to have some new clothes.  
Love, Hannah Cotton

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a toy pony. Please bring for Christmas. I have been good. I want a Barbie doll for Christmas also.  
Love, Kira Haven

**Dear Santa,**  
I want two puppies. I will give one to my brother. I have been a good girl.  
Love, Kayla Doan

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like to get a new Monster truck that has a purple and red ghost on it. Also I would like an X-Box 36. I will share with Johathan when he comes to my house.  
Thanks, Noah Gross

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Please Santa bring me some toys to play with. I would like a toy dragon. I will leave you 2 cookies and grape juice.  
Your friend, Jonathan Potter

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Love, Luke Meyer

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a video game that is call Thrillvill and an X-Box 360.  
Love, Glenn Bryant

**Dear Santa,**  
Please bring me a good gift. I would like a Raven costume. I will play dress up. I love Christmas and you to.  
Love, Brianna Clines

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a baby doll and I want a Cinderella doll. I have been a good girl.  
Love, Brenda Orihuela

**Dear Santa,**  
Can I please have a Dora puzzle and a Mermaid baby doll? I hope you grant my wishes.  
Your friend, Chelsea Helton

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a toy black and white horse. I will share it with my friend Cameron.  
Love, Brent Lovell

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a toy brown cat. I will share it with my sister and my brother.  
Love, Skyler Horn

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a toy horse that can walk. I love you. I have been a good girl.  
Love, Heather Thomas

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Love, Lauren Prewitt

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Love, Nathan Boyd

**Dear Santa,**  
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Thanks, Cameron Cornelius

**Kaci Mink's 1st Grade**

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Love, Megan Bond

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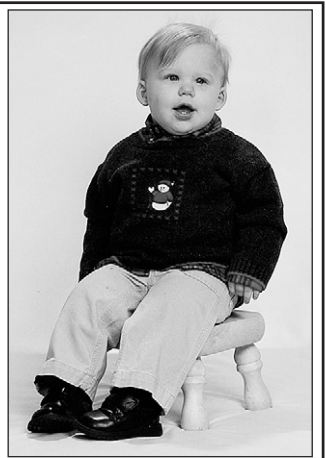
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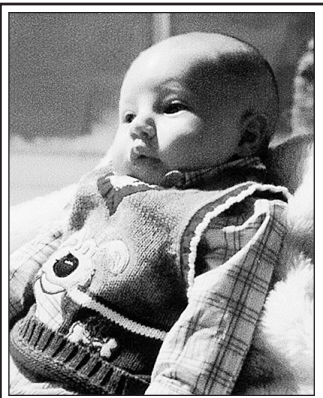
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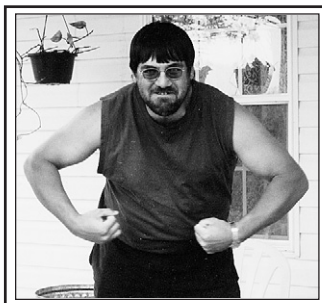




Joseph Cas Elam turned 1 year old on December 7, 2006. He had a birthday celebration in Renfro Valley while visiting family for Thanksgiving. Joseph is the grandson of Joe and Sondra Mullins of Renfro Valley and Larry and Sandy Elam of Morehead. He is the great grandson of Walter and Margie Malone of Mt. Vernon and Norma Mullins of Renfro Valley. Joseph is the son of Eric and Cassey Elam of St. Louis, MO and the baby brother of Alexis.



Jonathan and Susie Payne would like to announce the birth of their second child, James Dylon Payne. He was born October 3, 2006 at Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond weighing 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by his older brother Trevor, his grandparents Roxie Ambrose of Mt. Vernon and Sam and Cheryl Hicks of Berea, several aunts, uncles and cousins.



Lordy Lordy Wayne "Groundhog" Ambrose just turned 40! Happy Birthday Muscle Man Love - Sis

## Santa Letters

(Cont. from A8)

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a race car? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Steven Rowe

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a "My Little Pony Princess Castle." I like to play with My Little Pony. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Rebekah Lake

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a robot toy. I will leave you cookie and milk.

Love, Darrin Worley

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a rocking horse? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Patsy Thomas

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas, would you please bring me a X-Box 360? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Rush Hubbard

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a toy car? I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, John Lear

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a new game for my Nintendo 64?

Love, Ronnie Bradley

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For

Christmas would you please bring me a necklace and a pony I will leave you cookies and milk on the floor.

Love, Kailey Lovell

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas, would you please bring me a real puppy dog? I would name it Spikey! I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Aaron Helton

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a Game Boy and some games? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Jaden Payne

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a purple scooter so I can go riding with my friends? I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Emily Deubel

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas ill you please bring me a turtle with jingle bells on it? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Dalton Dick

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a remote control car. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Connor Noble

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a train? I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Jodi Daugherty

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a Nintendo and some games? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Jaden Morgan

**Dear Santa**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a fake laptop computer? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Curlee Cash

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me moor shoes so I can jump rool high. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Lyndsey Newcomb

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me an X-Box and a couple of games? I will leave you cook-

ies and milk on the table.

Love, Anthony Sowder

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good this year. For Christmas would you please bring me a puppy to play with? I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Jonathan Saylor

**Judy Maples 1st Grade**

**Dear Santa**  
I love you. I have been good, sometimes. Could you please bring me a game?

Thank you, Tyler Harris

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I have been good, sometimes. Could you please bring me a rocking horse?

Thank you, Shetarra Prickett

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I have been good, sometimes. Could you please bring me a horse and ice skates?

Thank you, Taylor Mink

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I have been good, sometimes. Could you please bring me a Dalmation.

Thank you, Kaitlyn Allen

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I have been good sometimes. Please bring me ice skates.

Thank you, Savanna Meadows

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I have been good sometimes. Could you please bring me Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls?

Thank you, Paige Carter

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I have been good sometimes. Could you please bring me a Cinderella costume?

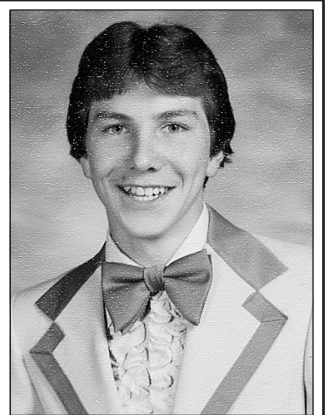
Thank you, Haley Carpenter

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good sometimes. Could you please bring me a Snow Monster Track Set?

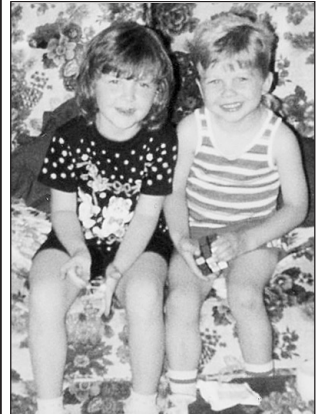
Thank you, Drake Callahan

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. I have been good sometimes. Could you please bring me a horse?

Thank you, Santanna Dawson



Lordy Lordy look who will turn 40 on Christmas Day! Happy 40th Birthday Johnny Rader! Love - Melinda, Johnathon, Melissa, Amanda and Rusty



Happy 19th Birthday Sarah Bullock & Jesse Wright

Happy Birthday L.C. Mink The Big "60"! From all the coffee drinkers at Town and Country

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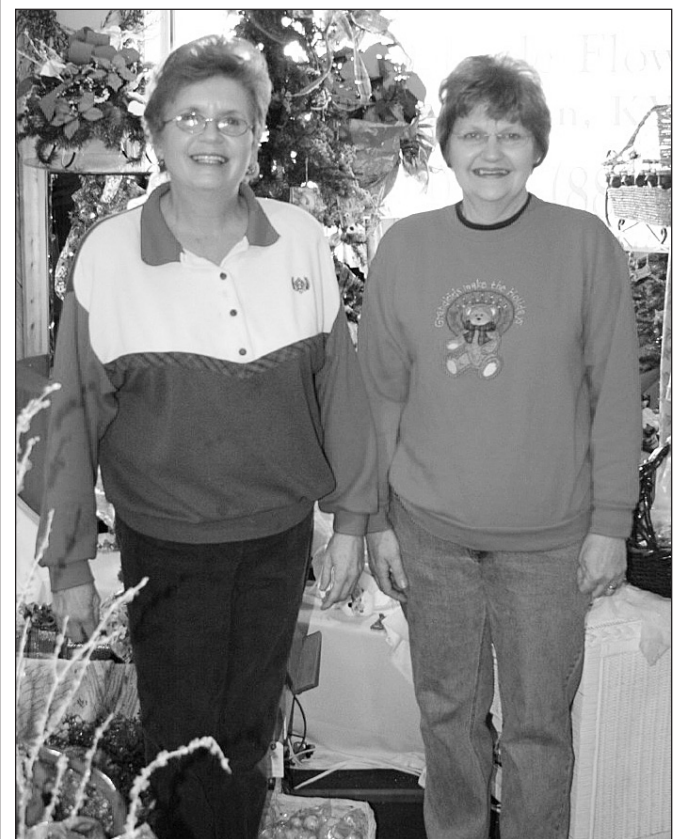
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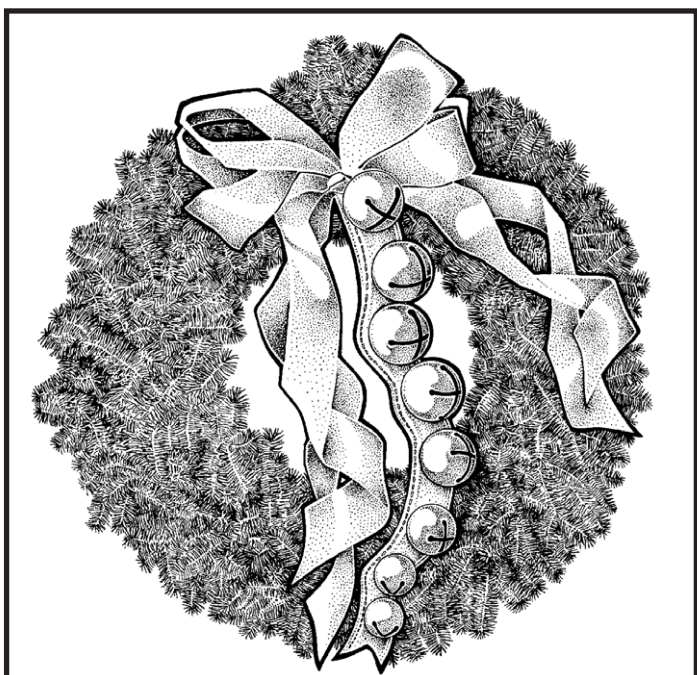
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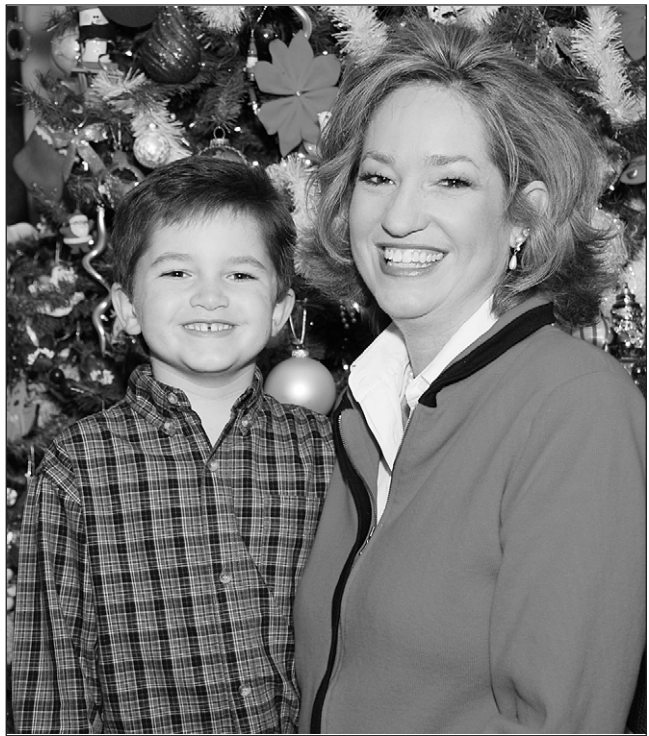
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## From the Signal files

### 5 years ago this week 2001

The Rockcastle County High School JROTC Rifle Team won the State Air Rifle Championship in Shelby County.

It was the third straight year the team was crowned state champions. Those shooting for the team were: Tim Tyler, team captain, Shannon Bullock, Johnathan Noe, Josh Hayes and Ronald Willey. Bullock was the top shooter in the state scoring 534 out of a possible 600.

Joseph Lambert, of Mt. Vernon, Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court filed for re-election to the supreme court bench in the third district.

Lambert was seeking his third term in office after being elected in 1986 and 1994.

Mt. Vernon City Council member Clarice Kirby announced that she would be a candidate for Mayor in the November 2002 General Election.

Incumbent county coroner Bill Dowell also filed for his ninth term in office and district two magistrate Jack Bradley filed his papers seeking a fourth term on the court.

Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris, of Florida, formerly of Mt. Vernon, received the 2001 President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence from The United States Department of Education for her research work in the field of counseling psychology at Emmanuel Baptist University.

Students from Rockcastle County who were at UK for a day on campus were: Jordan Hall, Amy Barnett, William Blair, Mikey Howard, David Snyder, P.J. Rowe, Elijah Lunsford and Coty Laswell.

The Rockcastle County 4-H Club held their annual speech contest in December of 2001.

Winners included: nine-year-old Devin Davidson, ten-year-old Brooke Martinez, 11-year-old, Carri Hunt, 12-year-old Drew Davidson, 13-year-old Clint Walker and 14-year-old Anthony Cook.

Second place winners were: nine-year-old, Amber Whitaker, ten-year-old, Megan Hook, 11-year-old, Bethany French, and 12-year-old, Morgan Kincer.

The Rockcastle Rockets won their third straight game of the season with a 71-51 win over Oneida behind senior Andrew Hammond's 22 points and 13 rebounds.

The Lady Rockets traveled to Gatlinburg for an Invitational tournament after starting the season at 3-3 and Ty Bottoms was elected President of the middle school Kentucky Youth Assembly.

### 15 years ago this week 1991

Two families in Livingston lost everything when a fire swept through a two story home on Mullins Street in Livingston.

The first floor of the home was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Faulkner and the second story was occupied by Donnie Jones and his two sons.

The book "Rockcastle Recollections," written by Renfro Valley Barn Dance founder John Lair, went on sale at the Rockcastle Library and \$20,000 was received from the state to renovate the senior citizens center at Livingston.

Professional baseball pitcher Jeff Parrett, who played for the Atlanta Braves in 1991, was in Wildie to do some grouse hunting and visit friend Jeff Stevens.

While in Wildie he also visited with young fans, Mark Edward Parsons and Crystal Kelly Parsons.

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets finished second in the Lincoln County tournament after beating Mercer County and Oneida Baptist, moving their season record to 4-2.

The Brodhead Tigers 7th and 8th grade won the county tournament in 2001.

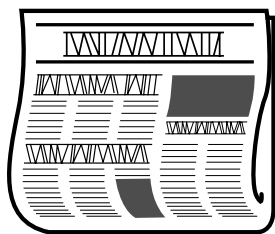
Members of the team were: Jon Adams, Kevin Jones, Jason Childress, Ryan Bradley, Jon Pope, Anthony Mink, Anthony Noel, Pernell Brummett, Chad Severance, Corey Scott, Bryan Hammons and Devin Graves. The Tigers were coached by Gary Scott and assistants were Nelson Graves and Dennis Lawrence. Managers were: David Ott and Kyle Robinson.

The Mt. Vernon Red Devils 5th and 6th grade team won the county tournament. Team members were: Michael Parsons, Kent Smith, Josh Chaliff, Nathaniel Bullock, Josh Stewart, Travis Anderkin, Josh Hale, Lane Ross Nicely, Mark Proctor, Dusty McClure, Jared Reams, Blake Childress, Andy Hale, Matt Sowder, John Brown and Chris Miller. The team was coached by Jason Coguer.

Grace Baptist Church I and Scaffold Cane were leading the Rockcastle Church Basketball league with records of 3-0.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor, of Brodhead were honored at the Brodhead Christmas parade for their never-ending support of community events and Rockcastle head football coach Tom Larkey was Grand Marshal at Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade.

Brodhead Elementary School PTA Science Book project winners were: Josh McKibben, Angela Murphy, Renita Blanton,



Susan Swinney and John LaFevers.

The Rockcastle County Rockets won the Berea Round-Robin tournament with wins over Jellico, Whitley County and Berea. Micah Parkerson and William Bullens were named to the all-tournament team.

Leroy Slone, a regular at Jean's Restaurant, brought several of his Shriner friends to the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sparks Vocational School, Sid Hines and Rachal Johnson took part in the parade.

**20 years ago this week 1986**  
Brodhead resident and long-time educator and coach, Preston Parrett, was presented the Rockcastle County Improvement Award for the month of December, 1986, by Improvement Council President Sam Ford.

Barbara "Buffy" Russell took over as postmaster at Brodhead after Frank Johnson transferred to Jackson.

Russell who was also a member of the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department, had previously worked as officer in charge at Livingston.

Willis Coffey of Renfro Valley retired after 31 years of civil service.

When Coffey retired in 1986 he was the full-time mail carrier on Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon. Before that he had worked as a substitute mail carrier for 23 years, worked at the Bluegrass Army Depot for three years, spent two years in the Army and was a start-out carrier for a year and a half.

Specialist Fourth Class Gary E. Pickle was awarded the Army Achievement Award by the Department of the Army for meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to his National Guard Unit. Pickle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pickle and was a graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Rockcastle County High School met Jackson County High School in academic competition on the television show, "In the KNOW." The show was aired on channel 18 in Lexington.

Rockcastle team members competed against 63 other teams from across the state. Members were: Mike Pickle, John Blair, Trina Cummins and Mike Hamilton.

Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead received a \$1,000 gift from Roy Saylor of Texas and Robert French received a blue hard hat and a watch for 38 years of service to Kentucky Stone Company in Mt. Vernon.

RCHS junior forward Jon Bullens led the Rockets with 29 points and ten rebounds in a 57-56 overtime win at Pineville. The Rockets were 4-2 on the season.

**25 years ago this week 1981**  
Mt. Vernon Plastics Corporation was the recipient of the Rockcastle Improvement Council's annual Improvement award. Improvement council member Ron Cain presented the award to Kyle Thompson, plant manager at the factory.

A storage building at Stewart Fertilizer in Mt. Vernon was heavily damaged by fire, which firefighters thought was intentionally set.

Police evacuated the area around the storage building which was housing ammonia nitrate.

Over \$20,000 in damage was caused by the fire, which destroyed one of Stewart's fertilizer's trucks.

State Representative Danny Ford was assigned to the agricultural and small business committees in the state legislature and 1,100 children received gifts from the Rockcastle County Jaycees at the 23rd annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Pansy McCay had another great Christmas party with around 400 people attending. There were plenty of toys, clothes, apples, oranges, candy and many other items thanks to donations by Superior Food Market, King's Pic-Pac, Carter's Market, Clayton Hammond's Supermarket, Hill-top Market, Saylor's Pharmacy and Ford Realty.

A church group from

Hamilton Ohio, and a church from Louisville, also brought many gift items and money to the annual party at Mrs. McCay's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowman were the new owners of Town and Country Standard in Mt. Vernon and an appreciation dinner was held for Faye Mobley for her years of service to the county extension office as secretary.

School was dismissed at noon on December 21, when about an inch of snow fell on that Monday morning and DES Director Gary Asher was presented a certificate of appreciation for his service during a June 1981 flash flood in Rockcastle County.

Mrs. Joyce Henderson of Berea, formerly of Rockcastle County, was named Woman of the Year by the Berea Chamber of Commerce and Danny Coleman resigned from the Kentucky State Police force after 17 years on the job.

The Ashland Masonic Lodge No. 640 of Mt. Vernon elected officers for 1982. Mike Barr was installed as Master.

At Livingston, the Dave Jackson Lodge F&AM installed officers for 1982, including Master Joe Clark.

The Lady Rockets defeated Berea 57-34 and the Rockets were blown out the gym by Clay County, 87-53.

**35 years ago this week 1971**  
Membership of the Cumberland Valley Area Development District at its annual meeting elected Roy G. Brown as its president for 1972.

At the time, Brown of Quail, was also president of the Rockcastle County Development Corporation.

Delmer New was elected to a new three year term as County Chairman of the ASCS committee, replacing Shellie Mullins. Willie Lamb was named vice chairman by the board.

Elizabeth Baker of Mt. Vernon was named as Director-Supervisor of the Day Care Training and Adult Activities for the Cumberland River Mental Health Center by executive director Roland Mullins.

About 1,200 local youngsters filled the old barn at Renfro Valley for the annual Christmas party.

The \$2,500 for the party, which was begun by Renfro Valley founder John Lair, was raised through donations from listeners of WRVK radio and subscribers to the Renfro Valley Bugle.

The Rockcastle Jaycees

helped work and sponsor the event.

Eight Mt. Vernon High School students decided they needed a new look for the holidays and shaved their heads. The eight dropped by the *Signal* in 1971 for a quick photo. It was reported they had went "whole hog." The young men involved were: Danny Carmack, Dennis Payne, Ricky Kirby, Jimmy Hasty, Dean Carmack, Glenn Brown, Larry Carter and Troy McClure.

Paul E. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Reed of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Reed was assigned to Lowry AFB in Colo., for training in the munitions and weapons maintenance field. He was a 1971 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School.

Officers of the Mt. Vernon Red Devils 4-H club in 1971 were: John Shivel president, Lana Halcomb vice president, Debbie Noe recreation leader, Serena Stewart song leader, Nancy French parliamentarian, Donna Parrett secretary-treasurer and Tina Cain reporter. Mrs. Charlotte Halcomb was the club leader.

**40 years ago this week 1966**  
Carlos Carloftis, 47, owner of Fort Sequoyah Indian Village announced he would be a candidate for Railroad Commissioner in a 47 county district.

120 people had paid \$100 for future water service from the city of Mt. Vernon, but 80 more were needed to complete the project, which included building the new Lake Linville at Renfro Valley, according to city

treasurer Jess Bullock.

Mrs. Earl Hammons of Mt. Vernon was appointed Rockcastle County Chairman for the 1967 March of Dimes Drive and 700 youngsters attended the annual Christmas party at Renfro Valley.

George Brooks, assistant cashier at the State Bank and Trust Co. of Richmond, was named as Richmond's Civitan Club's Man of the Year in 1966. Brooks was a graduate of Brodhead High School and the son of George H. Brooks of Brodhead.

The Mt. Vernon Woman's club met at the First Christian with Mrs. Jean Allen president, presiding. The devotional was given by Mrs. Edna Fain and the evening's entertainment was provided by Mrs. J.D. McFerron.

Seven Rockcastle County young men were called for physicals for the selective service board.

Ordered to report on January 11, were: Maurice Burton Stephens, Ronald Everett Bradley, Gary Ray Cromer, Richard Mullins, Jr., Joseph Nelson Bowman, William Larry Kidwell and James Albert Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laswell won the residential category of the tree lighting contest in Mt. Vernon and Kentucky Utilities won the business category. The Meridian Woman's Club sponsored the annual event.

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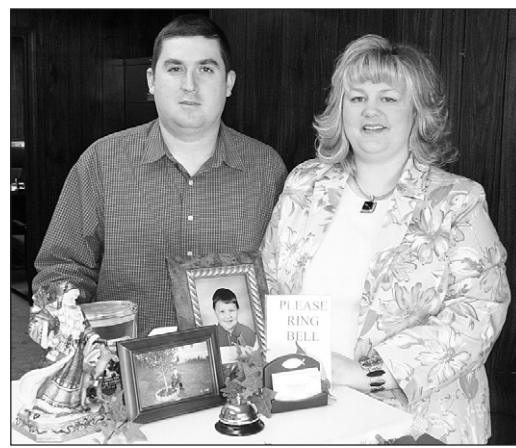
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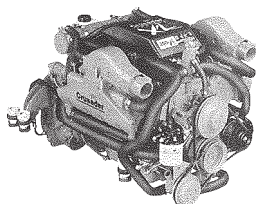
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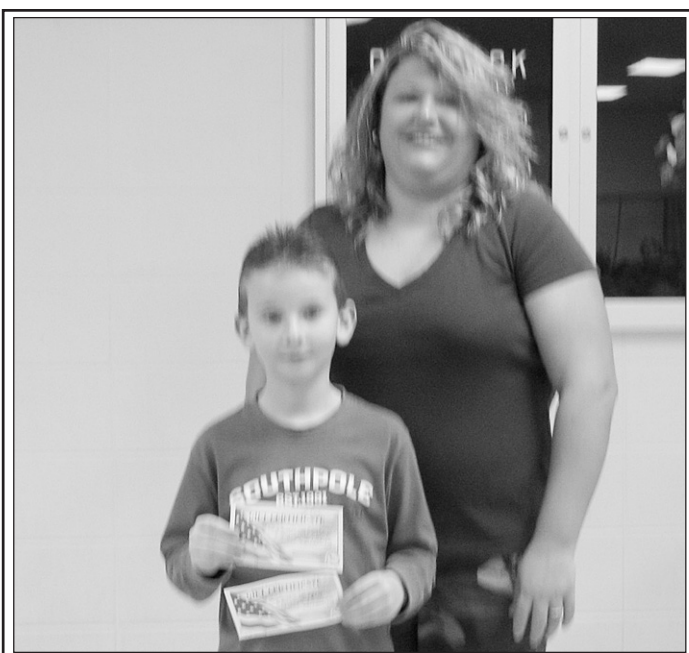
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Levi Sparks, of Mrs. Collins' class at MVES, was the grand prize winner of the recent fourth grade poster contest held by the Kentucky Division of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) and the Rockcastle County Emergency Management/CSEPP. Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotif helped, along with school principals, in presenting students with certificates. The certificates signify that those students will receive an educational savings bond.



MVES winners in Mrs. Asher's class were: Callie Asher, first place; Casey Suffridge, second place; and Josh Goforth, third place.



MVES winners in Mrs. Bryant's class were: Brianna Mink, first place; Hannah Prewitt, second place; and Chelsea Fleming, third place.



MVES winners in Mrs. Coguer's class were: Kayla Comer (not present), first place; Carter Blanton, second place; and Lona Morgan, third place.



MVES winners in Mrs. Collins' class were: Levi Sparks, grand prize winner; Alaina Coguer, second place; and Chris Abney, third place.



MVES winners in Mrs. Cummins' class were: Danielle McNew, first place; Cassidy Collins, second place; and Victoria Lee Smith, third place.



MVES winners in Mrs. Rumsey's class were: John Kemper, first place; Jessica Harris, second place; and Brooklyn Cromer, third place.

## Fourth grade poster contest for CSEPP

The Kentucky Division of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) and the Rockcastle County Emergency Management/CSEPP hosted a 4th grade poster contest.

The contest consisted of all CSEPP Counties in Kentucky that are considered Protective Action Zones (PAZ). PAZ counties in Kentucky are: Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Powell and Rockcastle. Each school that participated in the contest received \$250.00 to be shared by its 4th grade classes.

The contest was started on September 5, 2006 and went through September 15, 2006. The posters were collected and picked up the week of September 18th. Judging of the posters began on September 25, 2006. County/State and Blue Grass Army Depot public information officers judged the posters. We also decided to have a state winner, which was chosen by Department of Homeland


Security Officials.

Each 4th grade class had a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winning students. Each 1st place winner received a \$200.00 savings bond, each 2nd place winner received a \$100.00 savings bond and each 3rd place winner received a \$50.00 savings bond. Each County had a Grand Prize winning student. The Grand Prize Winner of each county received a \$500.00 savings bond. There was also a State winner that was chosen from the County winners and received an additional \$1000.00 educational savings bond.

We want to thank all teachers, parents and other family and friends of fourth grade students who supported them in this project. We not only wanted raise CSEPP awareness with the students but with their family and friends as well. I also want to thank everyone for being patient while the judging process was taking place; it took a bit longer than we anticipated.



BES winners in Mrs. Adams' class were: Sharla Kidwell, first place; Christian Sagraves, second place; and Caymen McClure, third place.



*The Family Room*

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

### Do you have your Christmas shopping finished?

"Do you have your Christmas shopping finished?" she asked cheerfully. I hate that question. It makes me remember that I only have 36 more shopping days until Christmas. I get that "Christmas deadline" feeling and begin to hurry. But not this year.

My resolution for this Christmas is, "I will not hurry." Thus far I am doing well. It is not easy when there are three things that need to be done in the next five minutes, but I have managed. Christmas is a particularly dangerous time for those of us who tend to hurry. There is much to be done and a deadline to meet. I invite you to join me this year in the Slow Down at Christmas Club.

You may not have heard of the Slow Down Club yet, but you will. I fully expect it to be front page news by next week. (I also believe in the tooth fairy and the Easter Bunny.) The main reason you have not yet heard of the club is that I just started it this morning. The club has no dues, no meetings and no rules. That is my kind of club! The club charter does have a few suggestions to make Christmas 2006 the best one ever.

1. Do not hurry. This is the first and most important suggestion for club members. Put a sign on your wall at home or at work that says "Thou shalt not hurry." Remind yourself that you will get more done if you do not hurry than if you run around like a chicken with its head cut off. (That is not a pretty picture.) Remind yourself that you will live longer if you do not hurry. As Charles Emerson Winchester of M\*A\*S\*H would say, "I do one thing at a time. I do it very well and then I move on."

2. Do not try to keep up with the Joneses. Just because the neighbors have enough lawn statuary to decorate the White House does not mean that you have to rush out and buy eight reindeer, two elves and a Santa Claus. Do you realize that all of these say on the box, "Some assembly required?" This means that you will need at least four tools that you do not have. It also means that each statue will require eight to twelve hours to assemble and another three to four hours to get it plugged in and actually working. Do not attempt to do this with your spouse! Marriages have broken up over Christmas decorating.

3. Do not try to have the perfect Christmas. Have you seen the movie "Christmas Vacation?" Clark Griswold tries to make a perfect Christmas for his family. With that pressure on himself he proceeds to create the worst Christmas the family has ever experienced. The more pressure you put on yourself the worse Christmas will be.

4. If you do not know what to get someone for Christmas, ask him. Do not spend time agonizing about the perfect gift (see #3 above). What better source of information for gift giving choices than the recipient?

5. Do not (ever) give anything that breathes as a present without asking first. Kittens, puppies and iguanas can make wonderful Christmas presents. (At least kittens and puppies can. I am not so sure about iguanas.) A puppy or a kitten requires commitment on the part of the owner, and that is a commitment that she needs to make willingly and not have it thrust upon her. Always ask first. The recipient will appreciate it.



BES winners in Mrs. Craig's class were: Steven Lamb, first place; Brook Isaacs, second place; and Anna Poynter, third place.



BES winners in Mrs. Fairchild's class were: Addison Atkin, first place; Allison Estes, second place; and Abbey Eaton, third place.



BES winners in Mrs. Steven's class were: Jason Mahaffey, first place; Brooke Fields, second place; and Matthew Hayes, third place.



BES winners in Mrs. Alcorn's class were: Avery Bradshaw, first place; Jeriah Hamm, second place; and Corey Mowery, third place.



BES winners in Mrs. Cash's class were: Adam Cochrane, first place; Dakota Johnson, second place; and Douglas Nicely, third place.

## Rook tournaments held at Kentucky State Parks

Rook players will have two chances to play in tournaments in January at a Kentucky State Park.

Weekend tournaments are scheduled for Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park near Dawson Springs Jan. 12-14 and at Rough River Dam State Resort Park on Jan. 19-21. Here are the details for each weekend:

*Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park Winter Rook Tournament, Jan. 12-14*

Strategy is the name of the game in this annual weekend Rook Tournament. Round-robin rook tournament beginning on Friday night and runs through Saturday evening. House rules will apply. Registration fee is \$25 per team and a new deck of rook cards. Early bird registration fee is \$20 per team and a new deck of rook cards due on or before Jan. 10, 2007. Special lodging discount of two nights for the price of one are available for registered participants. Prizes will be given to the top three finishing teams.

Play begins at 7 p.m. CT Friday night. Call the park at 1-800-325-1711 for information.

A flyer with information is available at <http://www.kystateparks.com/resortparks/pf/events.htm>.

*Rough River Dam State Resort Park*

*Rook Tournament, Jan. 19-21*

Rough River Rook Tournament Rules, play begins at 6 p.m. CT Friday night and then starts again Saturday at 9 a.m. Play then continues until the conclusion on Saturday night. Registration fee is \$20 per team plus a new deck of rook cards. You can also receive two nights lodging for the price of one! Play against some of the best Rook players across the state of Kentucky, while making some lasting memories and new friends. To register or for additional information contact Mary Ann Tate at 1-270-756-6742 and to make reservations for overnight accommodations at Rough River Dam State Resort Park call 270-257-2311 or toll free at 1-800-325-1713.

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**Merry Christmas!!**





Plaques were awarded to these participating riders: Ugly Man Bill Alexander, Oldest Woman Ruby Alexander, Most Sponsors Avery Bradshaw, Oldest Man Bobby Taylor and Youngest Girl Angel Philbeck.

## Saddle Club holds annual Cancer Ride

The Rockcastle County Saddle Club held their 26th annual Cancer Ride in August of this year with all proceeds going to the local chapter of Hospice. Thanks to all the sponsors that made this possible:

Clinton and Lynn Graves, Jerry and Julie Adams, Mae Doan, Spencer Benge, Collins Respiratory Center, April D. Volk, Dari Delite, Citizens Bank, Sharon Lovins, June Taylor, Bobby Taylor, Eddie Abner, Jeleta Bradshaw.

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Dorothy and Gene Chadwell, Jim Gover, Melanie Merritt, Jody and Darla Reams, Candace McGuire, Bobby and

Carolyn Durham, Anthony Reams, Bobby Young, Ron Smith, Donnie Brown, Avery Bradshaw, Robin and Carl Anglin.

Plaques were awarded as follows:

Bobby Taylor, Oldest Man; Ruby Alexander, Oldest Woman; Avery Bradshaw, Youngest Boy; Angel Philbeck, Youngest Girl; Bill Alexander, Ugly Man; Avery Bradshaw, Most Sponsors.

## Local Garden Club preparing for Spring Get-A-Way to Chicago

You are invited to join the Rockcastle County Garden Club members on their annual Spring Trip to Chicago.

This year, the trip is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (Friday - Monday, May 25 thru the 28th - three nights and four days).

Besides transportation and a tour director, the trip will include the Chicago Botanical Gardens (and a special Hosta show), guided tour of Chicago, tour of the Sears Tower, visit to the Navy Pier and Millennium Park and hotel accommodations for three nights at a three star hotel.

There are also many, many optional activities -- museums, the zoo, aquarium, shopping on the Magnificent Mile and State Street and White Sox baseball (on Sunday afternoon with

Tampa Bay). You would need to get tickets on your own and probably in advance for the baseball game.

The cost of the trip depends on how many go. If 25 go, the cost will be as follows: Double (each) - \$549; Single \$709; Triple (each) - \$509; Quad (each) - \$509. The more that go, the less it will cost individually.

Deadline for the \$150 deposit each is around February 23rd, payable to Shockey Tours.

The deadline for the balance will be around April 7.

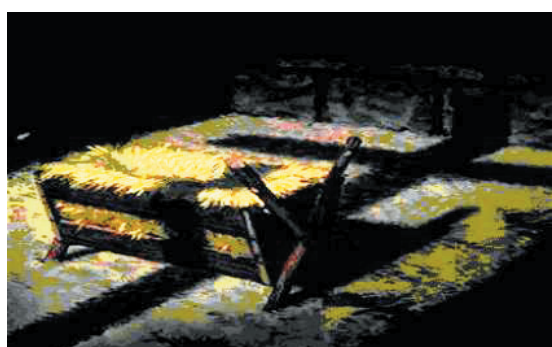
Trip insurance is available in case of emergencies which would prohibit your going on the trip.

If interested, call 256-4252 as soon as possible or contact, via the following e-mail address: nemullins@alltel.net.



Kathy Hart, along with her daughters, Ashley, 9, and Amanda, 10, and her cousin, Joe McKinney, enjoyed a brisk ride in a horse drawn carriage during a recent trip to Richmond.

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## Holiday surprise recipe from KY Beef Council

The beef checkoff-funded Culinary Center, a Chicago-based test kitchen, has issued a consumer version of one of its most eye- and appetite-appealing recipes — the Hot Beef Sundae. Simple, savory and nutritious, it could be the perfect antidote to those omnipresent platters of holiday sweets.

The beef sundae offers a new presentation for leftover roast beef, especially since consumers buy more roasts during the holidays than at any other time of the year. In fact, the total number of boneless bottom round roasts sold during the 2005 holidays was 13 million, just shy of the 14 million iPods sold as holiday gifts during the same season. (Source: Freshlook Data, 11/06/05 - 1/1/06 and 2005 Betanews.com article)

The most popular oven roasts — the beef bottom round roast, the ribeye roast bone-in and the beef rib roast bone-in — all offer delicious sundae ingredients. To handle holiday appetites and still have enough to try the sundae recipe, the Culinary Center team suggests planning for 6-ounce servings, rather than traditional 3-ounce servings. A boneless beef roast will yield 1 1/2 to 2 (6-ounce) servings per pound. A bone-in roast yields about 1 to 1 1/2 (6-ounce) cooked, trimmed servings per pound.

"You can almost taste it when you see a picture of this recipe," said Alison Smith, director of consumer affairs, Kentucky Beef Council. "It's a great attention-getter. It's convenient, too, and everyone loves that, especially during the holidays."

Last August, the Iowa State Beef Industry Council served 23,000 beef sundaes at the Iowa State Fair. The Des Moines Register rated having a beef sundae as the top stop on its annual list of things to do at the fair.

Try the Culinary Center's beef sundae — or improvise on a variation of your own.

### **HOT BEEF "SUNDAE"**

Total preparation and cooking time: 15 to 20 minutes

1 package (17 ounces) refrigerated fully-cooked beef tips with gravy

1 package (24 ounces) refrigerated mashed potatoes

#### Toppings:

Shredded cheddar cheese, dairy sour cream, cherry or grape tomatoes

Heat beef tips with gravy according to package directions. Heat mashed potatoes according to package directions.

Using ice cream scoop, place 2 scoops (about 1/3 cup each) mashed potatoes in each of 4 individual sundae cups or serving bowls. Divide beef tips evenly over potatoes in each dish.

Sprinkle with cheese and top with dollop of sour cream, as desired. Place 1 tomato in center of each serving for a "cherry."

Makes 4 servings.

**Cook's Tips:** May substitute one package (17-18 ounces) refrigerated, fully-cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy for beef tips. Cut pot roast into 1-inch pieces and return to gravy. Heat as above. Or, substitute leftover homemade pot roast and gravy. Recipe requires two cups beef / gravy mixture.

May substitute three cups homemade/prepared frozen/ or instant mashed potatoes for refrigerated potatoes.

Ice cream scoops are often labeled with a number indicating the volume of the scoop. A #12 scoop will yield 1/3 cup portions.

Nutrition information per serving, including 1-1/2 teaspoons cheese, 1/2 teaspoon sour cream and one cherry tomato: 308 calories; 9 g fat (4 g saturated fat; 3 g monounsaturated fat); 69 mg cholesterol; 1271 mg sodium; 36 g carbohydrate; 4.1 g fiber; 22 g protein; 6.1 mg niacin; 0.8 mg vitamin B6; 3.9 mcg vitamin B12; 2.1 mg iron; 14.2 mcg selenium; 4.7 mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, selenium and zinc, and a good source of fiber and iron.

## Give the gift of warmth this holiday season

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric are continuing to offer a unique gift alternative for customers... a home utility gift (HUG) certificate.

A HUG is a gift certificate that credits the utility account of any KU or LG&E customer. Instead of working like a traditional gift certificate, a HUG is a credit placed directly on a customer's account and is automatically subtracted from the customer's next bill. The purchaser receives a gift certificate to present to the recipient indicating the amount of the purchase.

The gift program has grown since its inception in 2002, with more than 400 HUGs purchased during the 2005 holiday season compared to more than 150 in 2004.

"These non-traditional gift certificates have been very popular with customers year-round," said Dave Vogel, Vice President of Retail Services for E.ON U.S. "The program offers a convenient alternative to customers looking for a practical holiday gift."

HUGs are ideal for individuals on fixed incomes, families in need, senior citizens, and young people just starting out on their own. Many customers also have purchased HUGs for non-profit and social service organizations.

The certificates are available during normal business hours at all customer service walk-in centers across Kentucky and in Virginia. To credit the proper KU or LG&E account, customers should be prepared to provide the address of the HUG recipient.

HUGs start at \$25 and can be purchased by cash or check.

## Kentucky Afield airs Christmas Special

"Kentucky Afield" takes a break from hunting and fishing seasons to celebrate the Christmas Season. "A Kentucky Afield Christmas" airs this weekend, December 23 and 24, on KET.

Filmed at Frankfort's prestigious Berry Hill Mansion, host Tim Farmer welcomes music and merriment from the show's most familiar faces. Viewers will see holiday performances from thumb picker extraordinaire Eddie Pennington, The Moron Brothers and a few bluegrass artists who wandered in from the cold. Plus, there's a special appearance from the big guy himself,

Turtle Man.

"2006 deserves a big red bow," says executive producer Scott Moore. "In this Christmas special, we get to show our thanks to viewers statewide and to a fun cast of characters who make 'Kentucky Afield' so popular."

"Kentucky Afield" is a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It is the longest continuously-running outdoor television show in the nation. Kentucky Afield airs Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern /7:30 p.m. Central and is repeated on Sunday at 4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central on KET.

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**Merry Christmas &**  
**Happy New Year!!**

Merry Christmas

from our families to yours



Front row from left: Sean Piatt, Caroline Coguer, Reese Coguer, Brandon Piatt, Alaina Coguer and Megan Anderkin. Seated center from left: James, Perlina and Allison Anderkin, Kayla Bryant and Aaron Anderkin. Back row from left: Travis and Laura Anderkin, Doug and Jane Piatt, Spencer and Paige Bengel, Rick and Jamie Bryant, Rick and Vonda Anderkin and Jason and Sara Coguer.

In a season so serene and still, we think of peace and of goodwill;  
 And in spite of the cold and frost and snow,  
 We're warmed by thoughts of the folks we know!

*Merry Christmas and heartfelt thanks to all of you!*

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## Repertory Theatre offers adult classes

The Kentucky Repertory Theatre will be offering winter and spring adult theatre classes beginning in early January. The classes have become a springboard for aspiring actors and playwrights.

The successful playwriting workshop will be taught again this year by Liz Fentress. Fentress welcomes beginning playwrights as well as those with plays in progress.

"The emphasis will be on rewriting, with the goal of each writer developing and completing a draft of his or her script," says Fentress.

The playwriting workshop will be held on six Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning January 18.

Some of the plays have been featured at KRT's Kentucky Voices, a celebration of work by Kentucky playwrights. One Kentucky Voices play, Just a Matter of Time (formerly titled Meg and the Toasted O's Adventure), is set to be read at the Stage One Theatre in New York City January 18-31.

Actor Amanda Rae Jones will teach Acting I on six Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning January 9. According to Jones, the class is for those who have little or no experience, who are curious about what goes into preparing for a role, or who are just interested in seeing if acting is something they would like to try. Sessions include acting exercises and games designed to develop character as well as relaxation and concentration. Students will also apply their knowledge to scene work.

KRT Education Director Donna Freeburn will teach Advanced Acting, a follow-up to Acting I.

"The sessions will be aimed at expanding the actors' range and interpretive possibilities," says Freeburn. "The course is a more in-depth look at acting concentrating on monologues and scene work."

Advanced Acting will be held on six Tuesday evenings

from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning February 20.

All adult classes are open to those who are 18 or older. For more information, contact Donna Freeburn at (270) 786-1200.

Kentucky Repertory Theatre at Horse Cave (formerly known as Horse Cave Theatre), Kentucky's nationally known, professional repertory theatre, is located in historic downtown Horse Cave, Kentucky; 2 miles east of Exit 58 off I-65, midway between Louisville and Nashville, Tenn. Kentucky Repertory Theatre at Horse Cave features a professional acting company assembled through a nationwide search, and a six play repertory season in performance from July through December, allowing visitors to see three different plays in two days in a fully air-conditioned, wheelchair accessible theatre.

Kentucky Repertory Theatre at Horse Cave is a not-for-profit professional theatre. All programs, activities, and services are provided equally without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, or disability. The Theatre operates under a Letter of Agreement with Actor's Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the United States. Kentucky Repertory Theatre at Horse Cave is a member of the Kentucky Tourism Council and the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for non-profit professional theatres. The Theatre is funded in part by a grant from the Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet; with support from the National Endowment for the Arts; and by the annual contributions of its individual and business supporters. Kentucky Repertory Theatre at Horse Cave is supported with appropriations from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Tourism Development Cabinet.



Lose to North Laurel 86-57 on Tuesday

# Rockets defeat Somerset 53-51 for first victory

The Rockcastle Rockets may be just 1-4 on the season but that one victory was certainly an important one.

Friday night the winless Rockets defeated Somerset 53-51 in a district contest played at Somerset.

"We played hard tonight and it obviously showed," said second year head coach Benny Blanton.

"I know I would like to see that kind of effort every game," Blanton said.

The Rockets jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but the Briarjumpers cut it to two by the end of the first period, 9-7.

The Rockets held onto that same slim margin 24-22 at half-time and were ahead by one at the end of the third period, 34-33.

The Rockets went 5 for 6 from the foul line in the fourth period to hold on for the two point win.

In the game the Rockets made 12 of 16 from the charity stripe.

"We played good team defense and our foul shooting, especially in the fourth quarter, didn't hurt anything," Blanton said.

Senior Coty Childress led the Rockets in scoring with 12 points, 8 of them in the fourth period and he was a perfect 4 for 4 at the foul line.

Junior point guard Jake Woodall also had a good game with 11 points and he also picked up some recognition for an over the head shot from 15 feet, which he made.

"I was trying to draw the foul," Woodall said after the game.

Woodall did draw the foul and completed a crucial 3 point play in the third period of the contest.

His shot also won him the Player of the Week award from WYMT-TV and Shiloh Restaurant.

Chandler Hunter added 10 points in the game, Tanner Perkins 7, Devin Hasty 6, Lynn Miracle 5 and Lance Baldwin 2.

## Rockets lose to N. Laurel 86-57

The Rockets did not fare as well on Tuesday night when they lost in the first round of the Hoopin' It Up Classic at Laurel County.

The North Laurel Jaguars handed the Rockets their 5th loss of the season 86-57.

And, as if the loss was not bad enough, the Rockets they may have lost senior starting forward Lynn Miracle for the year.

Head coach Benny Blanton said that Miracle landed wrong while attempting to rebound the ball early in the second quarter and had to leave the game.

Miracle was taken to the University of Kentucky Medical Center on Wednesday, but his prognosis is not good.

"Doctors are not one hundred percent sure, but they think he has torn his ACL," Blanton said.

The injury to Miracle's right leg will end his season and career at RCHS.

"We're hoping for the best and expecting the worst," Blanton said.

The Rockets were never really in Tuesday night's game, falling behind 17-8 in the first period and down 42-26 at half-time.

The Rocket's leading scorer Coty Childress led his team again in scoring with 13.

Hunter scored 12, Hasty, 9, Woodall, 7, Baldwin, 6, Derrick Thacker, 5, Chris Hurst, 2, and Dustin Poynter, Spencer Mullins and Perkins 1 each.

The Hoopin' It Up tournament runs through Saturday.

Next week the Rockets will travel to Hazard for the Hazard Invitational, December 27-30.

The Rockcastle Rocket freshmen played 6 games in the past week and are 6-4 on the season. A complete run down of the season to date will appear in the next issue of the *Signal*.

The freshmen's next game is January 6, when they play with the junior varsity against Casey County at home.

The junior varsity has not played this week.



Point guard Mary Saylor prepares to to launch a three point shot in Friday night's Lady Rocket win over Somerset. Saylor sank two crucial free throws with less than a minute in the game.



Eighth grader Angie Lawrence is shown applying pressure to a Lady Jumper on Monday night. The Lady Rocket junior varsity upped their season record to 3-1 with a 39-28 win.



Freshman Jackie Alexander and the rest of the Lady freshmen lost to Somerset on Monday night. Alexander is shown above attempting to score two of her team high 11 points in the Lady Rocket loss.



Junior point guard Jake Woodall, looks for help in breaking the Somerset press on Friday night at Somerset. The Rockets won their first game of the season, 53-51. Woodall had 11 points on the night and one of his shots, a three point play, was selected as WYMT-TV's, Shiloh Shot of the Game. The Rockets are in London this week playing in the Hoopin' It Up Classic.

# Lady Rockets beat Somerset in district play

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets may have been 1 and 3 on the season when they traveled to Somerset on Friday night, but their record was certainly no indication of the way they would play.

The Lady Rockets upped their season record to 2-3 and 1-0 in district play with a 60-53 win.

The Lady Rockets put 17 points on the board in the first period, but the Lady Briar Jumpers fought back in the second period to cut the lead to only three at half-time.

At the start of the third period, the Jumpers' pressure defense caused several turnovers by the Rockets, resulting in a three point lead for the Jumpers mid-way through the third.

The Lady Rockets also had trouble from the charity stripe and trailed by one at the end of the third period, 41-40.

But, some pressure defense of their own in the final period, a three pointer by Sara Rowe and clutch free throw shooting by guards, Mary Saylor and Katy Mattingly, eventually sealed the win for the Lady Rockets.

"We played hard, but we made too many mistakes and our free throw shooting was terrible," said head coach Chrysti Noble.

Junior Sarah Rowe led the Lady Rockets in scoring with a season high 26, but she missed ten free throws. "Sarah played her heart out, but just couldn't buy one from the stripe, I'm sure that will improve," Noble said.

Besides Rowe's 26, Sonya Lunsford had 9, Sara Hammond and Saylor 6 each, Ashley Robinson 5 and Tonya Lunsford and Katy Mattingly 4 each.

The Lady Rockets played the first of four games in the Northern Exposure tournament in Northern Kentucky on Wednesday night when they took on Presentation High School, a team out of Louisville.

Presentation was 6-0 on the season.

On Thursday night at 6:30 the Lady Rockets are scheduled to play Simon Kenton, a team who is 7-0 on the season and ranked number one in the eighth region. That game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

On Friday night the Lady Rockets take on Notre Dame, a team which is also 7-0 on the season, at 8 p.m. and Saturday they will play sometime during the day. Their opponent will be determined by the results of their first three games in the tournament.

The games against Presentation and Notre Dame will be played at Notre Dame and the next two contests are scheduled for Boone County High School.

"This tournament will certainly be a test for our young players and hopefully we will come out of it a better team," Noble said.

"I don't think we will face any tougher three opponents in a row than Presentation, Simon Kenton and Notre Dame the rest of the season," she said.

Next week the Lady Rockets return to tournament play when they travel to Danville for the Boyle County Invitational, De-

ember 27-30.

In both tournaments the Lady Rockets will likely be without starting forward Lura Cash, who has suffered from a pulled calf muscle and will be examined on Friday for a possible pinched nerve in her back. Cash is the only senior on this year's Lady Rocket roster.

The Lady Rockets will return to district play on Friday January 5th when they travel to Casey County for a double header with the boys.

## Lady J.V.s beat Jumpers

The Rockcastle County Lady Rocket jayvees upped their season record to 3-1 after a 39-28 win over visiting Somerset on Monday night.

The Lady Rockets were up by 6 at half-time and moved their lead out to 13 by the end of the third period.

Eight Lady Rockets got into the scoring column led by four players with 6 points each.

They were: Sara Barnett, Morgan Collins, Jillisa Lay, and Jackie Alexander.

Ashley Robinson and Kristen Abney had four each, Nicole Locklear, 3 and Sarah McKinney, 2.

The Lady Rocket junior varsity team does not return to action until January 2nd at Somerset.

## Freshmen go 3-2 this week

The Lady Rocket freshmen are 5-4 on the season after winning three games and losing two in the last week.

Last Thursday the freshmen defeated Madison Southern 50-30 behind 18 point performances from Angie Lawrence and Jackie Alexander.

Sydney Arvin added 7, Casey Sturgill had 5 and Katlyn Blair two.

Over the weekend the Lady freshmen traveled to Somerset for the 47th district freshmen tournament, winning two of three games.

The Lady Rockets defeated Casey County in the first game of the tournament, 36-29.

Lawrence led her team in scoring with 10, Alexander had 7, Kristen Abney and Katie Cobb 6 each, Sturgill 5 and Arvin, 2.

In the second game, the Lady freshmen easily defeated Pulaski County, 37-12.

Sturgill led in scoring with 10, Alexander got 9, Abney and Arvin 6 each, Katie Cope 4 and Katie Cowan 2.

In the final game of the tournament the Lady freshmen lost to Somerset 35-28.

Lawrence had 9, Cobb 6, Sturgill 5 and Lawrence, Alexander and Abney, 4 each.

Monday night the Lady freshmen played Somerset again, coming out on the short end again, 36-22.

Alexander had 11, Abney 4, Shanlee Burton, Jennifer Hackworth and Sturgill 2 each and Katie Cowan 1.

The Lady freshmen did not score a point in the second quarter of the contest.

They will return to action on January 2nd at Somerset.



Junior forward Lynn Miracle, who scored five points Friday night, is shown posting up in the Rocket game with Somerset. Miracle and the Rockets won their first game of the season against the Briarjumpers, 53-51, but on Tuesday night Miracle was seriously injured in the North Laurel contest. Miracle may have a torn ACL.

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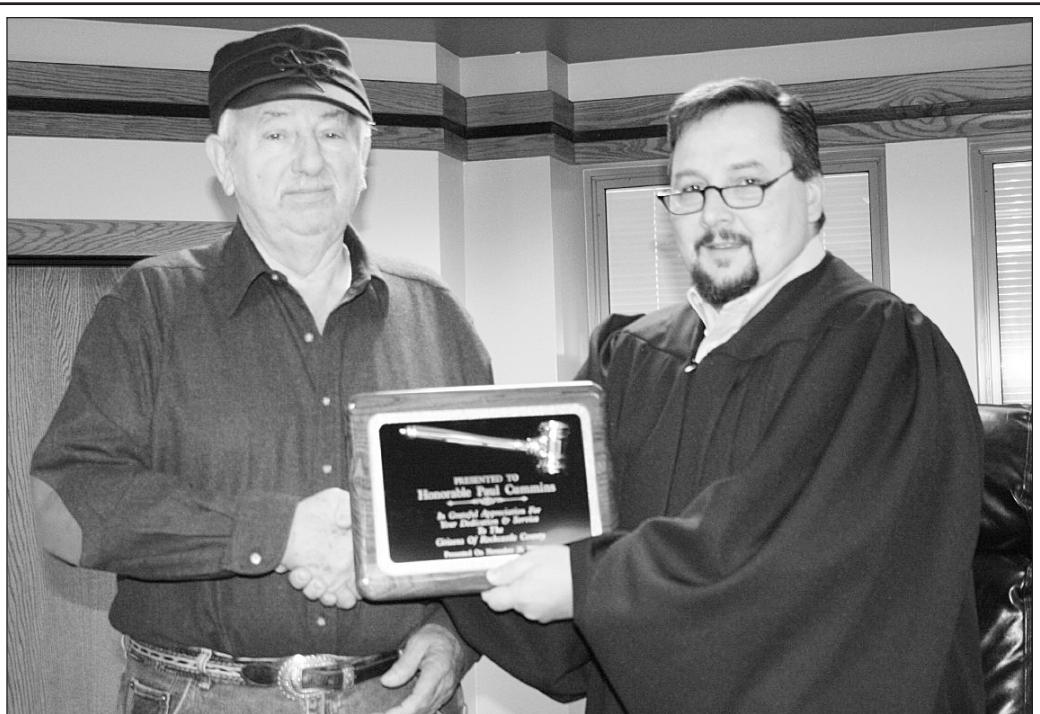
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Sophomore Katy Mattingly and the Lady Rockets held the ball late in the game against Somerset on Friday night, winning 60-53. Mattingly sank two free throws with less than a minute to play to help the Lady Rockets hold on to the district win.





Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski County Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette presented former Trial Commissioner Paul Cummins with a plaque in appreciation for his work as Trial Commissioner from March 16th of last year until last month, when he was replaced by local attorney Carrie Mullins. Burdette and Circuit Judge David Tapp held a reception in Cummins' honor at the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

## Officer Hired

(Cont. from front)

C. Baker of Hyden.

City Clerk Becky Bussell said Bellamy would likely begin his duties early next week.

Bellamy, who was a truck driver before applying for the job in Brodhead, had previously worked as a police officer in the Fayette County School System and before that as a police officer in Clay City.

Bellamy received his police certification in 2002 from Eastern Kentucky University's Law Enforcement program.

Bussell said Bellamy intends to move his family to Brodhead.

Peters, who has already relinquished his duties in Brodhead, will take over as Rockcastle County Sheriff on January 1st.

Presently Brodhead is without a police officer.

## Burton

(Cont. from front)

years, was largely responsible for the massive expansion of water lines by Western Water, which is now the county's largest supplier of water and which also serves some areas of Lincoln, Pulaski and Madison Counties.

Burton was also formerly a member of the Kentucky Rural Water Association Board of Directors, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and Insurance boards and the Governor's Council on Agriculture.

Burton's replacement has not been named, but long-time employee Paula DeBorde has been named manager of the association.

The current members of the board are Julie Pigg, who replaced Burton, James Purcell, Eddie Hamm, Raymond Brown and Albert "Brownie" Martin.

(A complete obituary appears on Page A-3).

## Closed

(Cont. from front)

December 23 through December 26 and Friday December 29 through Monday, January 1st.

Rockcastle County PVA Margaret Offutt's office will be closed December 23 through January 1, 2007.

The Rockcastle County Health Center will be closed December 25 and 26th and January 1st and 2nd.

The Mount Vernon Signal will be closed Friday December 22, through Monday, January 1st.

## Water

(Cont. from front)

to theft of services over \$300 and also to writing a cold check to Western Rockcastle Water Association.

Jeff Kendrick, 33, paid \$870 restitution and was placed on probation for 300 days.

## Ceremonies

(Cont. from front)

and their deputies.

The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. in the third floor Circuit Courtroom of the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

Carloftis said he had sent invitations to all incoming county, city and state officials.

Carloftis said Wednesday that he had asked judicial officers (circuit judges and district judges) to administer the oaths of office.

## Lawsuit

(Cont. from front)

Buzz Carloftis called a special meeting of the Fiscal Court on Monday, November 27th to seek permission from the Magistrates for the county to join in the suit; however, the magistrates refused to take action on the matter.

Magistrates Bill McKinney and William Denny, while admitting that "something" needed to be done, failed to throw their support behind the county joining in on the suit and, since there were only three magistrates at the called meeting, the matter had to be tabled. McKinney inferred that the suit might be "politically motivated" since this has been an problem for county jails for a number of years and only now was a suit being considered when the state had a Republican governor for the first time in 40 years.

At present, counties are required to house, feed and medically care for persons arrested on felony charges but receive no payment for this until the person is actually sentenced. Until that time, they are considered "county prisoners" for which the jail only receives a check from the state based on the number of beds the state set in the 80s for the jail which, at that time was 12. The jail now has 80 beds.

It is also common practice for judges to give offenders credit for time served and the county is not reimbursed for the time the offender has been in jail awaiting trial and sentencing. Of course, if they are found not guilty, the jails are also not compensated for this time.

Rockcastle County Jailer James Miller told the Fiscal Court at their regular December meeting that, at present, the number of state prisoners, as opposed to county prisoners, in the local jail are at a higher number than usual which will increase the county's compensation from the state for as long as the increase in numbers last.

## Discount pharmacy cards now available

Discount prescription drug cards are now available at County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis' office.

The cards, provided to the county because they are a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO), will, in some instances, provide a discount for prescription drugs at participating pharmacies.

## State issuing payments through debit cards

Child support customers and child care providers who get state funding to serve low-income families may find it easier to secure their funds thanks to a new debit card program introduced recently by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Department for Community Based Services.

DCBS has partnered with U.S. Bank to launch the ReliaCard® Visa® debit card. The card is available to child support recipients and child care providers whose clients include families benefiting from the state's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

"Electronic payment helps customers have quicker access to their own money," CHFS Secretary Mark D. Birdwhistell said. "I'm proud that our staff continues to implement improvements such as this that ease the process for Kentuckians served by our programs."

Payments that previously arrived by check will be directly deposited into customers' accounts. With the card, customers can withdraw cash or make purchases everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted.

"The card makes it more convenient for our customers to access payments and reduces the possibility of a lost or stolen check," said Tom Emberton Jr., acting undersecretary for Children and Family Services

and commissioner of DCBS, the agency that oversees the divisions of child care and child support. Payments can be made faster, and check-cashing fees are eliminated, he said.

The cards save the state money as well, Emberton said. Electronic payments are easier to process and they eliminate the monthly cost of printing and replacing paper checks.

Clients will receive information about the transition by mail. Customers who don't prefer the debit card may choose direct deposit into a personal bank account.

The Division of Child Care's rollout began in August and included Boyle, Fayette and Owen counties. The statewide rollout was completed in October.

The Division of Child Support's pilot began this fall, also in Boyle, Fayette and Owen counties. About 5,600 child support customers in those counties received letters giving them the debit card option. Child support recipients in the rest of the state will get the debit card option by March 2007.

Kentucky's CCAP helps pay for child care needs of low-income families so parents can work, get job training or go to school. About 44,000 children are served every month by 4,700 providers.



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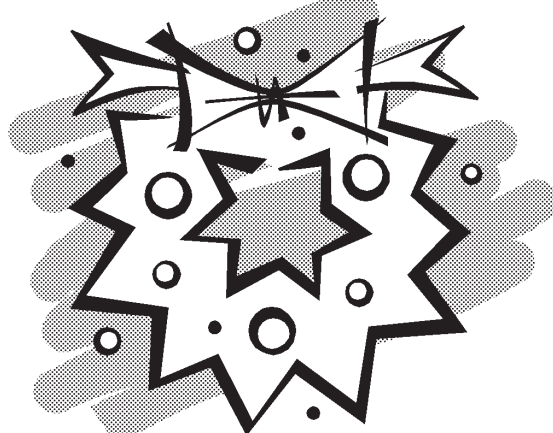
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## Welcome centers cater to travelers

With the peak holiday travel season underway, Kentucky's eight interstate highway Welcome Centers are dealing with an onslaught of visitors with questions that cover the gamut of travelers' needs.

"Where can I get my camper's broken wheel bearing fixed?" "Where's the closest Wal-Mart?" "How long will it take to get to Atlanta?" "What's the fastest route to Nashville?" "Can I get a free Kentucky map?"

Yes, the maps are free, and Welcome Center staffers have to be able to respond in a jiffy to these and many other questions and requests.

Queries about weather and traffic conditions are very common, said Jeff Thoke, supervisor at the Florence Welcome Center on southbound I-75 near Cincinnati. To answer these questions, Thoke and his staff of three travel hosts use various internet sites and an interactive electronic kiosk provided by the Kentucky Department of Transportation that tracks road work and weather throughout the state.

Florence, the busiest Kentucky Welcome Center with approximately 160,000 travelers passing through its doors in 2005, sees visitors from about

20 states and Canada daily, Thoke said. "Since I-71, I-74 and I-75 converge in Cincinnati, our center covers the whole state from Paducah to Prestonsburg and Pikeville," said Thoke, who's managed the Florence center for five and a half years. "We never know where we're going to be sending them."

While the majority of travelers who visit the Welcome Centers are bound for destinations outside Kentucky, part of the travel hosts' job is to sell the state. "We try to encourage them to stay overnight," said Allen Thompson, manager of the Shelby County Welcome Center. "We look for something near their scheduled stops and suggest they at least spend a few hours there."

The Shelby County center, on westbound I-64 near Shelbyville, is celebrating its ninth anniversary this month. About 73,000 travelers signed its log book in 2005, Thompson said. The majority of the center's visitors are coming from Illinois and Indiana and are bound for Gatlinburg, Florida or the Carolinas, said Thompson, the center's manager since it opened.

The Shelby County center will soon be the site of a Ken-

tucky Tourism Department pilot project called "narrowcasting." This involves transmitting images, video and text information about the region via a wide screen TV monitor above the welcome counter. Eventually, all the centers will be outfitted with the monitors to transmit content tailored to their regions by the Tourism Department in Frankfort.

On I-65 just south of Louisville, the Bullitt County Welcome Center saw about 98,000 travelers sign its log book in 2005, said Terry Troutman, who has managed the center since it opened in 1992.

Travelers Lonelle and Glenn Baker of Port Angeles, Wash. stopped in the Florence center one morning. They asked for directions to Nashville and explained that they were on a meandering, round-trip, coast-to-coast journey that had already covered 6,000 miles since they departed last August. They glanced at several brochures and inquired about scenic byways in Kentucky.

The couple had one final request before heading back out on the road. Would one of the staff snap a digital photo of them as a memento? Travel host Brad Keith was happy to oblige.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 21, 2006

## Mt. Vernon and Brodhead hold Christmas parades



Santa Claus, aka, John Holbrook got a lift in Brodhead's Christmas Parade from Brodhead Fire Chief Larry Taylor in the department's 1948 pumper.



Scout leader Arthur Hunt, waves to the crowd at Mt. Vernon during their annual Christmas parade. Cub Scout Pack 409 won cutest float in the parade.



Russell Barron and Bobby Phelps, volunteer firemen from Livingston, took part in the parade at Brodhead.



Scott Payne and Dana Mobley took part in the Christmas parade at Brodhead in a RTV900.



Miss Meredith Robinson, 2006 Livingston Homecoming Queen got a ride in both the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead parades from mom, Renee.



Mikah Owens, left, and Willard Randall and their Belgian horses got the plaque for the most original entry at Mt. Vernon's parade. They also participated in the parade at Brodhead.



Some of the folks from the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center were on hand for the Christmas parade in Mt. Vernon. Top row, from left: CEO Connie Hunt, Artis Greene and Pam Perry Combs. Bottom row are: Julie, Brittany and John all members of the family of Don and Vera Evans, owners of Renfro Valley Entertainment Center.



Kayla Bishop and Donovan Pigg brought their horses and the American flag to the Christmas parades in Mt. Vernon and Brodhead.

See more parade pictures in this section...



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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

## Circuit Civil Suits

Greentree Servicing, LLC vs. Jimmy Houk, et al, \$18,634.60 plus claimed due. CI-00285.

Lisa Duncan vs. Jason Duncan, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00286.

Vickie Lynn Reynolds vs. Delbert Lee Reynolds, complaint for child support and

medical support. CI-00287. Citizens Bank vs. James Kidwell, et al, monies claimed due. CI-00288.

First State Bank vs. James McKinney, et al, \$40,353.77 plus claimed due. CI-00289.

Margaret B. Martin vs. Marvin Contrell, et al, complaint. CI-00290.

Greentree Servicing, LLC vs. Michael Begley, et al, \$56,222.06 plus claimed due. CI-00291.

Citibank vs. Bill O. Hackworth, \$9,443.22 plus claimed due. CI-00292.

Crystal Smoker vs. Scott French, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00293.

## Small Claims

Sheryl Ann Pigion vs. Angie Delepaz, \$830 plus claimed due. S-00043.

A&J Nicely Enterprises, Inc. vs. Jamie Lopez, \$1,500 plus claimed due. S-00044.

## Marriage Licenses

Angela Dawn Caudill Miller, 30, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, fuel attendant, to Timothy Lee Gentry, 38, Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, Sav-A-Lot. 12/14/06.

Lisa Rebecca Swinney, 42, Seven Mile, OH, office manager, to Terry Lee McNabb, 52, Seven Mile, OH, flooring installer. 12/8/06.

## Deeds Recorded

Arlie Lee and Mae M. Renner, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Arlie Renner, Jr., Judy Baker, Sheila Hurst and Vickie Barnes. No tax.

Penny and Joey Edwards and Robert and Ann Alexander, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald and Jen Coffey. No tax.

Lawrence Cole, and others, property on Old State Road, to Denver Harold Singleton. Tax \$1.50.

Ruby Helen Brown, property

on Old State Road, to Denver Harold Singleton. Tax \$1.50.

Carolyn Faye and Douglas Clifford, property on Old State Road, to Denver Harold Singleton. Tax \$1.50.

Iris Rose and Gary Parker, property on Old State Road, to Denver Harold Singleton. Tax \$1.50.

Samuel W. Halcomb, property in Albright Subdv., Brodhead, to Linda S. Burton. No tax.

Carol and Bennett Hamm, and others, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to James Carpenter, and others. Tax \$10.

Mark E. and Michelle L. Baker, property on Maple Grove Road, to Maple Grove Baptist Church. Tax \$7.50.

Thomas and Margot Calhoun, property in Rockcastle County, to Glenda McFerron Smith. Tax \$15.

Emma Doan, property on waters of Dry Fork of Skeggs Creek, to Glenda McFerron Smith. No tax.

Cresthaven Cemetery Corp., Lot 3-B, to Mary Jane Hale. Tax \$1.

William E. Middleton, Jr., property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Charles H. Houston. Tax \$54.

James and Vicie Miller, and others, property in Orlando Subdv., to William C. Durham. Tax \$20.

David and Bronnie Steele, property at Blue Springs, to Blue Springs Church of Christ. Tax \$2.50.

Paul and Martha Hamm, property in Rockcastle County, to Kathy Taylor. No tax.

Patricia G. Saylor, property on Copper Creek Road, to John D. Saylor. No tax.

Fred and Vivian Bishop, property in Rockcastle County, to Phyllis Deatherage and

Juanita Lynn Hayes. No tax. Larry W. Clousse, Sr., property on Freedom School Road, to Vonda Hasty-Anderkin. Tax \$21.

## District Court

Dec. 11-14, 2006

Kenneth W. Bartlett: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition.

Speeding: Teresa L. Beal, paid \$36 fine plus \$128 costs; Dustin D. Johnson, \$70 fine plus costs; Megan L. McQueen, paid \$20 fine plus \$128 costs;

Dominic T. Nyankun, Jr., Janel D. Ballard, William E. Edwards, II, Jean A. Everts, Casey D. Farris, Stephen D. Lewis, Bruce D. Miller, Benjie Peterson, Adam D. Raffield, Amanda E. Stevenson, John F. Stiegler, Shalynn M. Ball, John D. Chaney, Timothy R. Graves, Michael R. Jones, Kimberly D. Overton, Kenya D. Patton, James E. Valentine, Jr., Ethan A. Jones, license suspended for failure to appear; Stacy N. Perking, \$34 fine suspended on completion of state traffic school; Cadale Jaquan, paid; Ryan R. Wentworth, \$32 fine/suspended on completion of state traffic school; Gregory K. Burns, \$50 fine plus costs;

(Cont. to B3)

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# Library News



Pam Chaliff and Kathy McKibben

A wonderful time was had by the preschoolers from the Rockcastle County Library. The children went on a field trip to the Teaching Learning Center. Mr. Allen Pensol and Chris Mullins had a very special book to read and Chris did the sound effects with his guitar. The children and caregivers had a wonderful time and who do you think showed up to surprise them? Santa Claus made an early trip to make some little ones very happy!

We want to remind everyone that the library will be closed Saturday December 23rd and Monday the 25th. There will be no story hour on the 26th. Story hour will pick back up on Tuesday January 2nd.

Some special ladies came to a

craft class to make jewelry. The class went well and they all went home with necklaces, bracelets and earrings that they had made themselves. The ladies enjoyed it so much and requested to do this activity again. We are so pleased; Mrs. Pam Chaliff wants to have special activities for our adult patrons as well as the children. We appreciate you Mrs. Pam. The library is a wonderful media center, but also a place to be creative and use our talents!

The library staff and board wish you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year! As the New Year begins why not stop in your library to see what it has to offer! Make the connection, connect @ your library.



A group of 20 children gathered at the teaching learning for a wonderful program.



Mr. Allen Pensol read the story while Chris Mullins did the sound effects for the children. A special thank-you to Mr. Allen Pensol and Chris Mullins for their hard work with the youth of our community. Chris is leaving us to pursue his career as a musician. He will be going to New Zealand to study music. Well done Chris, may you prosper in every good thing!



Who do you suppose showed up to surprise the little ones, none other than Santa himself.

## “Court News”

(Cont. from B2)

Danny G. Callahan: Alcohol intoxication (two counts), \$100 fine and costs/converted to 6 days CTS each.

Roy Keith Kates: Criminal mischief, guilty plea, sentencing order entered.

Brandon D. Saylor: Theft by deception, \$25 fine and costs, restitution and fees; Contempt of court, \$25 fine.

Dennis R. Anderson: DI, 1st offense, sentencing order entered.

Jim E. Baker: Possession controlled substance, guilty plea, sentencing order entered.

Brian A. Bays: No license in possession, \$100 fine and costs. Failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/costs waived.

Juanita Renner: Public intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.

Gregory J. Rogers: Alcohol intoxication in public place, paid.

Jason Charles Wickland: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs; Speeding, \$32 fine.

Loren L. Smith: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, guilty plea, sentencing order entered.

Ottie M. Kirby: Possession of marijuana, guilty plea, sentencing order entered.

Ashley I. McClure: Public intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.

Jennifer McLemore: No operators license in possession, \$25 fine plus costs.

Laramie C. Harbour: Disorderly conduct and Reckless Driving, \$100 donation to Trooper Island plus costs (each count).

Teddy L. Holman: Failure to produce insurance card, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Daniel L. Cox, Display of illegal/altered registration plates and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

John L. Fain II: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, guilty plea, sentencing order entered.

Jerry D. Barron: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine.

Byron Bond: DUI, under 21, \$100 fine and costs, 30 day operators license suspension.

Donna Louise Hopkins: Criminal trespassing, \$200 fine/suspend \$150 on condition.

Samuel D. Blackburn: Alcohol intoxication, paid.

Michael R. Saylor: No opera-

tors license in possession, \$25 fine plus costs.

Jessie M. Cotton: Assault, guilty plea, sentencing order entered.

Tony Wilson: Criminal mischief, 90 days/conditionally discharged 24 months plus restitution and costs.

Rebecca E. Roark: Theft by deception, \$40 fine plus restitution and service fee and 10 days/conditionally discharged 12 months.

Charles F. Walton, Jr: Public intoxication, \$100 and costs.

Corey B. Nardella: Speeding and Failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

Roy Keith Kates: Criminal mischief, bench warrant issued for failure to appear/bond forfeited.

James B. Kesterton: Speeding, \$20 fine plus costs; Failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; No operators license in possession, \$50 fine; Speeding, \$42 fine plus costs; No operators license in possession, \$50 fine.

Stephen D. Lewis: No operators/moped license, license suspended for failure to appear.

Donovan D. McGuire: Fines/fees due (\$153), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/4 days or payment.

Mary E. Carter: Speeding and Failure to maintain required insurance, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Jeffrey L. Crowell: DUI, 1st degree, Use/possession drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, guilty plea, sentencing order entered.

Stacie D. Day: Public intoxication, Permit unlicensed operator to operate motor vehicle, failure to maintain insurance, 30 days/each charge/concurrent w/ state time.

Trenton J. Farra: Fines/fees due (\$153), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/4 days in jail or payment.

David L. Fike: Speeding and Failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

Kim L. Golan: Speeding and no/expired registration plates/receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.

### Not the one

The Larry B. Mullins, who lives on Rose Hill Road, is not the Larry Mullins who name appeared in last week's court news in the *Signal*.

## With Our Gratitude



To all our friends we hold so “deer,” a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**More parade pictures...**



Cub Scout Pack 409 of Brodhead won the cutest float at the Mt. Vernon parade and they also participated in the Brodhead Christmas parade. Scout leaders are Arthur Hunt and Larry Bentley.



Body Recall received an award for most participants at the Christmas parade in Mt. Vernon.



Isaiah Parsley, the pretty baby winner at the Brodhead Homecoming and mother Terri were on hand for the Christmas parade in Brodhead.



As always, many Brodhead volunteer fire fighters took part in the Christmas parade at Brodhead. Shown on top of Engine #12 was, Jeffery Parker, left, and Curtis Burton. The truck was driven by Brian Bullock and his passenger was Doug Benge.



Douglas and Dawson Nicely, Blake Mullins and Gracie Spoonamore got a ride in a 1933 Ford pick-up, which had been restored by their pappaw Gary Nicley, in Brodhead and Mt. Vernon's Christmas parades.



E.J. Taylor and Memorial Parade coordinator Victoria Dunn got a lift from Jackie McKinney at Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Helen Whitaker, a member of the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church was passing out candy at Mt. Vernon's Christmas parade. Her and her fellow parishoners won first place at Brodhead and second at Mt. Vernon.



Members of Brownie Troop 484 took part in the Christmas parade at Mt. Vernon.



Larry Mullins gave his daughter-in-law, Brianna and granddaughter, Brylee Grace, a ride in one of the Brindle Ridge fire department's trucks in the Christmas parade at Brodhead. Also along for the ride was Chris Saylor.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

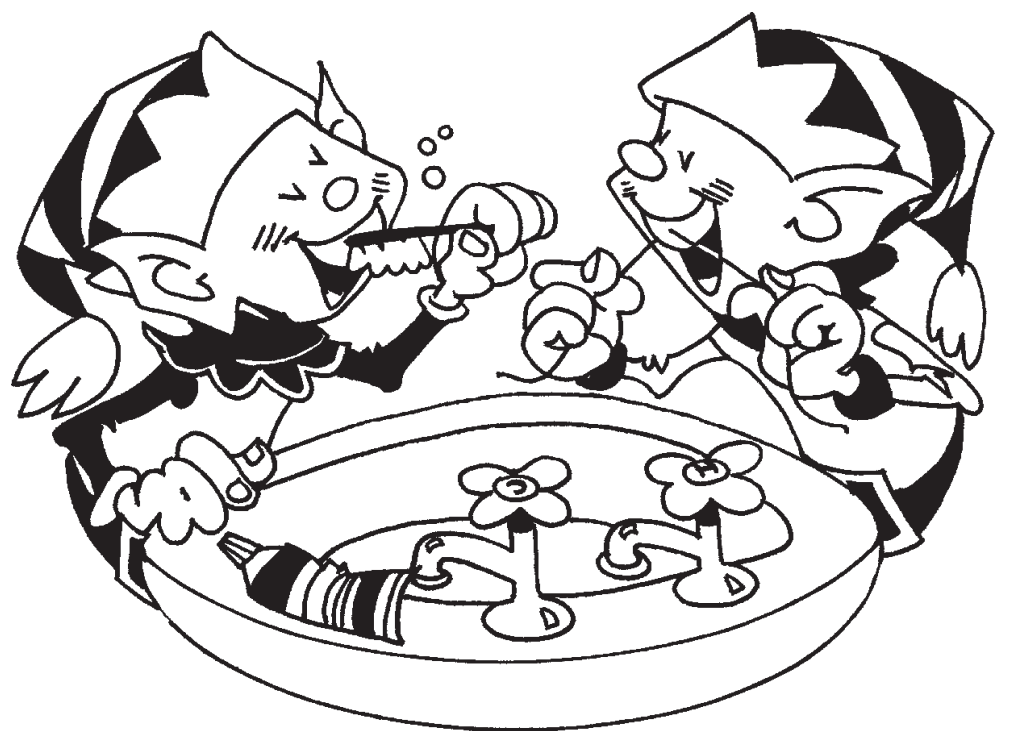
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## Parade pictures...



Rockcastle County High School FFA members Chris Hurst and Derrick Adams carried the American flag and FFA flag in the Christmas parade at Brodhead. The FFA group finished third in the float competition in both the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon parades.



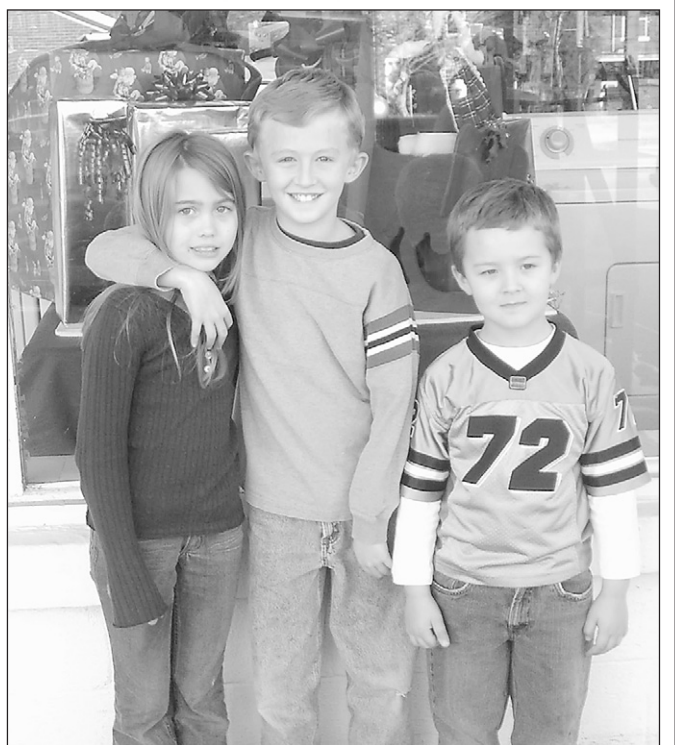
Cecil King, right, and Andrew Pensol at the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Little Boone Saylor and David McDaniel were among many who rode their 4-wheelers in the Brodhead Christmas parade.



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Kelli Pensol was all smiles as she gave away candy at Brodhead's Christmas parade. She got a ride from Judy King.



Richard Hysinger brought his big Ford Tractor to the parades at Brodhead and Mt. Vernon this year.



Gary Nicely spent 18 months restoring his 1933 Ford pickup which he drove in the Christmas parades at Mt. Vernon and Brodhead.



Don Rose gave Carolyn Reynolds a ride in his 1957 Chevy in both the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon parades.



The float from Skaggs Creek Baptist Church of in Wabw won first place at Brodhead's Christmas parade and second in Mt. Vernon's parade.

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## Relay for Life returns to Rockcastle County

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Relay For Life is the single largest cancer fund raiser in the nation. Held in more than 4,200 communities nationwide last year, the event brings participants together to raise money for cancer research, education, advocacy and patient support programs.

The 2006 Relay For Life in Rockcastle County was a successful event, raising \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society. "We're excited about our plans for 2007 and look forward

to having many new teams and participants join us," said Melissa Brock event co-chair. "This kick off is just the beginning of great things to come."

You are invited to learn more about how you can participate in Relay For Life at our kick off celebration on Monday, January 15, 2007 at Rockcastle Hospital, Inc. The kick off will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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

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Cheryll McCraey



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Jenny Bray



Tarina Helton



Jeremy Reynolds



Freda Renner



Jon Adams



Robert Minichan



Genievee Reppert



Tanya Branscum



Tamey Howard



Dennis Welskircher



Virginia Hansel



Anita Shackelford



Pamela Taylor



Joannie Edgington



Cathy Smith



Cheryl Rose



Josh Bray



Donna Lynch



Josh Hampton



Tara Smith

*We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support this past year.*



Debbie Brock



Dana McKinney



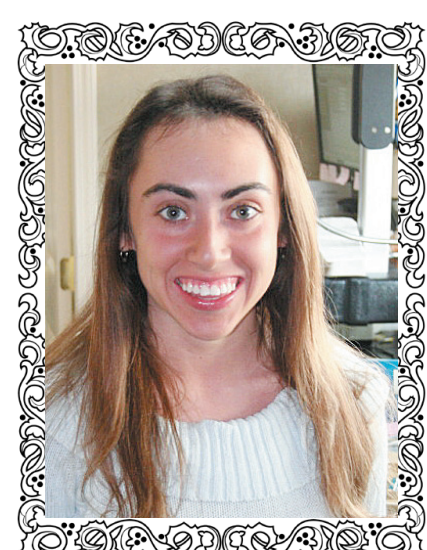
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**For Sale:** 3 bedroom brick, total electric, 2,000 sq. ft., extra lot. Westview Road, one mile from Mt. Vernon. 606-256-9744 or 606-308-3332. 4x6p  
**Lot For Sale:** Located on Chestnut Ridge Road, adjacent to Steve Griffin property. Has electric to lot and septic tank. \$7,500. Call 256-5700 or 256-5341. 7x2p  
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**Notice is hereby given** that John D. Dawson and Joyce Dawson, 27 Crown Vetch Lane, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed guardians of Carl A. Helton on the 13th day of December, 2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John D. Dawson and Joyce Dawson on or before June 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 7x2

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**Health Center Holiday Hours**  
The Rockcastle HealthCenter will be closed December 25 and 26 to observe Christmas and January 1st and 2nd in observance of New Year's.

**Library Notes**  
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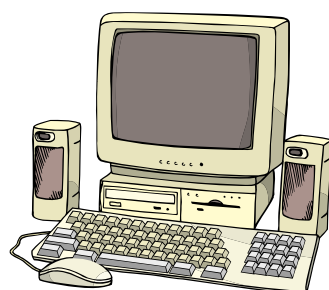
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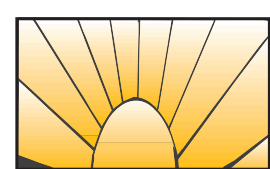
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Members of the Rockcastle County High School Junior ROTC marched in both the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon Christmas parades. Some of the cadets are pictured above, front row, from left: Anthony Smith, Brook Blount and Josh Cromer. Second row: Rochelle Hoskins. Third row, from left: Megan Brummett and Chris Rogers. Back row, from left: Rachael Hammons, Ashley Smith and Charles Dickerson.



About 30 members of the the Wynn Family, of Mullins Station, won first place in the float competition in Mt. Vernon's parade and second at the Brodhead parade. Family member Magdalene Wynn, knitted many of the items of clothing that were used by family members who took part in the family project.



Members of Brodhead's Baptist Church were celebrating the birth of Christ when they participated in the annual E.J. Taylor Memorial Parade, in Brodhead.



A large group of young people from Brodhead Baptist Church took part in the annual E.J. Taylor Christmas parade.

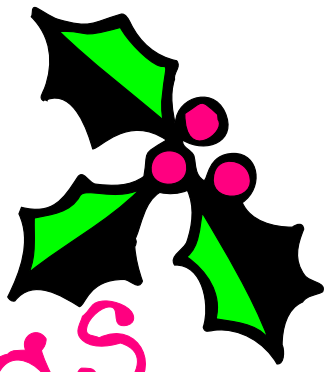


Members of the Rockcastle County High School F.F.A. won third place in both the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon Christmas parades. Shown above from left are: Dustin Johnson, Hillary Proctor, Kayla Reynolds, Kayla Hurt, Andrew Laswell, Doug Ponder and Darrin McKinney. F.F.A. teacher Roy Reynolds is shown on the front of the float.



Members of the Rockcastle County High School Booster's Club were on hand at Brodhead and Mt. Vernon for their annual Christmas parades. Shown above from left waving at the crowd are: Lisa Hemsley, Ada Davis and Peggy Robbins. The RCHS Marching Band made their first ever appearance in this year's state championship.

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Front row from left: Betty Sue Bullen, Susan Lovell, Stacie Thacker and Marlene Lawson. Back row from left: William K. Bullen, Kevin Richardson, Amy Mink, Bobby Cummins, Connie Woods, Shelly Mullins and Curtiss Willis.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Third Section

Thursday, December 21, 2006



4-H Speech Contest participants in the 10 year old category were: Harley Davidson, Brianna Burdette, Lauren Burton, Meghan Helton, Amelia Eversole and Madisan Miller.



4-H Speech Contest participants in the 12 year old category were: Bethany McKinney, Laiken Coffey and Courtney Vanwinkle.

## 4-H Speech Contest held

The Rockcastle County 4-H program held their 4-H Talk Meet on December 5 at MVES. The 4-H council would like to give a special thanks to all who participated and MVES for hosting the event. The first and second place winners will be eligible to participate in the Area Communication in April of 2007.

**9 year old winners and participants**  
 1st place - Cheyenne Gilliam, MVES  
 2nd place - Rachel Cain, MVES

**Blue Ribbon - Kira Detherage, MVES; Alexis Lovell, MVES; Rachel Phelps, MVES; Rachel Blair, RES; Nikita Hembree, BES; Kayla Hembree, BES.**

**10 year old winners and participants**  
 1st place - Makenna Roberts, MVES  
 2nd place - Kayla Reynolds, BES

**Blue Ribbon - Meghan Helton, MVES; Alaina Coguer, MVES; Harley Davidson, MVES; Callie Asher, MVES; Madisan Miller, MVES; Lauren Burton, MVES; Daniell McNew, MVES; Brianna Mink, MVES; Brianna Burdette, RES; Amelia Eversole, RES.**

**11 year old winners and participants**  
 1st place - Kelsey Mattingly, MVES  
 2nd place - Justin Houk, RCMS

**Blue Ribbon - Heather Bradley, RCMS; Lucan Witten, MVES; Allyssa Rodefer, MVES.**

**12 year old winners and participants**  
 1st place - Laiken Coffey, RCMS  
 2nd place - Courtney Vanwinkle, RCMS  
**Blue Ribbon - Bethany McKinney, RCMS**



4-H Speech Contest participants in the 9 year old category were: Rachael Cain, Nikita Hembree, Kayla Hembree, Alexis Lovell, Kira Detherage, Cheyenne Gilliam, Rachel Blair and Rachel Phelps.



4-H Speech Contest participants in the 11 year old category were: Lucas Witten, Heather Bradley, Justin Houk, Allyssa Rodefer and Kelsey Mattingly.



4-H Speech Contest participants in the 10 year old category were: Alaina Coguer, Makenna Roberts, Danielle McNew, Kayla Reynolds, Brianna Mink and Callie Asher.



Winners of the 4-H Speech Contest were, front from left: Makenna Roberts, Rachel Cai, Cheyenn Gilliam and Kayla Reynolds. Back row from left: Kelsey Mattingly, Justin Houk, Laiken Coffey and Courtney Vanwinkle.

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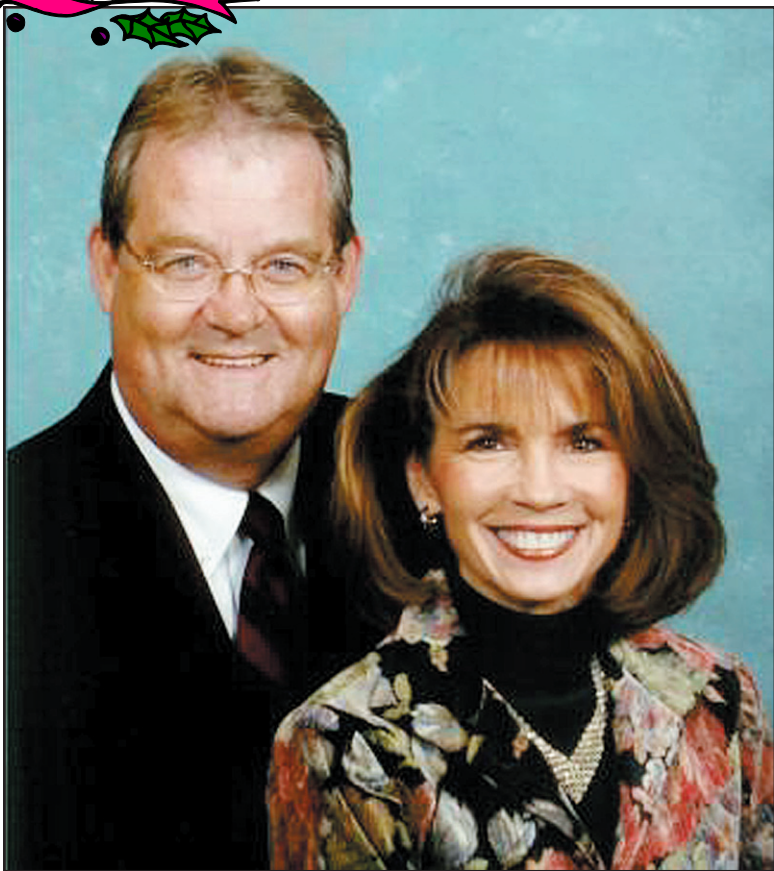
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## Gear Up Widening horizons helps students grow

A student's perception of the world and the people in it are greatly influenced by the family and community in which he or she grows up. When it's time to leave home for college, most students find themselves in an environment that is much more diverse than where they attended school up to that point. There are a variety of ways in which middle schools help students take the initial steps toward learning to function in that new environment.

"Our student body is 99 percent Caucasian," says Leshia Cromer, Rockcastle County Middle School Guidance Counselor. "When a student of another race moves into our school, our students seem to treat them as they would any other new student. I think many of our students have not had experience with other races, and thus don't have any negative experiences to draw from."

Although adolescents tend to form cliques, Cromer says they are sometimes based on economic status. She believes school, parents and media can all greatly influence how students learn to perceive other people.

Schools, Cromer says, can offer students opportunities in the classroom and through extracurricular activities. Students at Rockcastle Middle School are randomly placed in classes so they are around different groups of people. The school leadership team recently organized Mix-It Up Day for which they assigned all students a new seat during lunch with a differ-

ent group of people. "On the morning announcements, they also shared some thoughts regarding being nice to all students and not excluding anyone," Cromer says.

In addition, Cromer says, "We offer many extra-curricular activities at RCMS and try to involve as many students as possible. When students are involved in an activity together, they seem less likely to notice social barriers."

Counselors agree that another good way to introduce students, who often have limited experience outside of their home county, to new things is through field trips and guest speakers. "Being in extracurricular activities often provides more opportunities for new experiences. It's important for parents to support and encourage participation in extracurricular activities," Cromer says.

Parents also impact their child's views through their own behavior at home and in the community. Since music, movies and video games influence the way young people see the world, parents can help dispel stereotypes the media might perpetuate through discussions and examples to show their children another point of view. Cromer believes it is important that parents be aware of what their child is watching and listening to.

When schools and parents work together to help a student widen his or her horizons, students see the world as a place with more opportunities than they could have ever imagined.

## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### County Committee Election

FSA county committee election ballots were at the Rockcastle County FSA Office Thursday, December 7th.

Charles Denver Mink is the newly elected COC member. He will join the current COC members Gary Burdette and Stephen Towery on January 1, 2007.

The county committee system allows producers to make important decisions concerning the local administration of federal farm programs.

Beneficial interest requirements for loans and loan deficiency payments

FSA provides producers interim financing to store, rather than sell, their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest time lows.

For a marketing assistance loan, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity from the time of planting through either the date the loan is redeemed or the date USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) takes title to the commodity.

To be eligible for a loan deficiency payment (LDP), producers must have beneficial interest in the commodity, in addition to other requirements. A producer retains beneficial interest when he/she maintains control of and title to the commodity.

For an LDP, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity from the time of planting through the date the producer files Form CCC-633EZ (page 1) in the FSA county office.

When a producer loses beneficial interest in the commodity, the commodity becomes ineligible for a loan or LDP even if the producer later regains beneficial interest. However, if the buyer rejects the commodity and returns it to the producer, the producer will regain beneficial interest and the commodity will once again become eligible for a loan or LDP.

A producer controls the commodity when he/she retains the ability to make all decisions af-

fecting the commodity, including movement, sale and the request for and repayment of a loan or LDP.

A producer has title to the commodity if he/she has not sold or delivered the commodity, including delivering warehouse receipts.

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This is very important to those receiving TTPP payments in January as payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account or routing numbers.

### Rural Development

The Rural Development Representative with concern to low income housing loans will be in Rockcastle County at the Rockcastle FSA office the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### Office closure

The Rockcastle County Service Center (Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service) will be closed Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas Day and Monday, January 1, 2007 for New Year's Day.

### Important program dates

October 1-DCP signup began

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

Milk Income Contract Program Extensions continues

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## 18 die on Kentucky roadways last week

Preliminary statistics\* indicate that 18 people died in 18 separate crashes on Kentucky's roadways from Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, through Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006.

All of the fatalities involved motor vehicles and one pedestrian was killed. Preliminary data\* indicates that alcohol was a factor in two of the crashes. Thirteen of the motor vehicle victims were not wearing seat belts and the seat belt status of one of the victims is not known.

Two single-fatality crashes occurred in Hart County. The remaining 15 single-fatality crashes occurred in Breathitt, Caldwell, Edmonson, Jessamine, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Marion, McCreary, Monroe, Nelson, Owen, Trigg, Warren and Washington counties. The pedestrian fatality occurred in Jefferson County.

Through Dec. 17, 2006, a total of 872 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways. This is 75 fewer than were reported for this time pe-

riod in 2005. Of the 872 fatalities, 733 were motor vehicle victims, 468 of whom were not wearing seat belts. The seat belt status of 47 of the victims is not known. Seventy-one fatalities involved motorcycles, and 47 of those victims were not wearing helmets. There have been ten ATV crash fatalities and none of the victims were wearing helmets. There have been 5 bicycle victims and 53 pedestrians have been killed.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

\*These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

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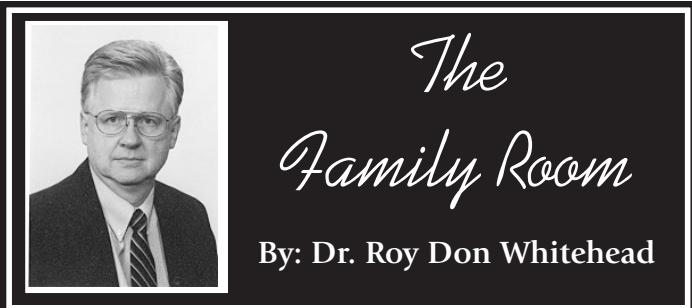
Front row from left: Christi Bradley and Cindy Noe.  
Back row from left: John Rader, Kelley Hoskins, Perry Noe and Robert Miller.  
Not present: James Noe.

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## The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

(Several years ago a baby was born to a resident of Bethany House Abuse Shelter in Somerset. I wrote this column at that time, and I share it with you again as my Christmas card to you.)

There is a baby in Bethany. This is the time of year for babies, so his timing was very good. This is a time for carolers who sing of joy and celebration. And the time of year for angels. Ah, yes, angels. They come to announce the birth of a King.

This baby is small and cute as babies usually are. Ten little fingers and ten little toes. I have forgotten how small newborns are. After all it has been several years since I spent much time around little ones. They are tiny, especially those toes. Perfect miniatures of adult toes, just without all the wear and tear.

No, the baby is not at my house, but I get to see him regularly. I am sort of an uncle, or, let's face it, I'm old enough to be his grandfather.

This baby also had a problem finding a place in which to be born. A lot of the inns and

relatives' houses had no room for him or his momma. They did find a place, though, a place in Bethany.

Sunday School stories still linger in my mind about Bethany: that great story about Jesus teaching Mary and Martha, and the even greater story about Jesus raising Lazarus, their brother, after he had been dead for days. Bethany is a famous place.

There is another Bethany, though, and this is where Momma and baby Caleb found a place. This Bethany is not a city but a house. This house has held Marys, Marthas and many of their sisters who have been abused. It is a place where a woman can go when there is no other place to run.

The inn is full at Bethany House these days. There is a full house with residents sharing one kitchen and three bathrooms. Not a lot of extra space, but there is always room for a baby and his momma.

Momma was alone and concerned. No help seemed to be forthcoming from any quarter. The father was definitely not interested in the child, and oth-

ers were busy with their own lives. At first she cried because she would be bringing her baby home to a "shelter" and not a real home. Later she grew more comfortable with the idea of bringing a baby to Bethany House.

Upward of fifteen aunts watch the baby's every move and vie to hold him. Only one uncle thus far (me!), so I can get almost unlimited holding time. There is a lot of support in Bethany for a new momma. Experienced moms are all around for advice and counsel. Momma is deciding it may be an OK place to bring a baby.

Bringing a new baby into the world almost always brings anticipation and joy. A new baby brings total strangers closer, sharing with each other that common bond of concern for the young one. One resident stayed with Momma in the labor room until she was chased away. What a wonderful gift!

A new baby means hope. There is always hope for a new generation. At Bethany House this hope is an antidote to the despair that many of the residents feel. Even in the midst of abuse, a child is born, a son is given. And his name shall be called . . . Caleb.

Whether in Bethlehem or Bethany, join us in welcoming a new birth. All babies deserve extra special care.

[If you or someone you know is in a domestic violence situation, call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348 for information and help.]

# KSP holiday driving tips

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) advise motorists traveling during the upcoming Christmas holiday weekend to expect increased traffic on the state's roadways. They can also expect the increased presence of state troopers and their local law enforcement partners beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22 and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 25.

"In addition to thousands of residents making in-state trips, there will be large numbers of out-of-state visitors and motorists travelling through the state," notes KSP Commissioner Jack Adams. "This situation will bring crowded conditions that could potentially have a dangerous impact on highway travel."

During last year's three-day Christmas holiday period, there were 922 motor vehicle crashes in Kentucky resulting in eight deaths and 377 injuries. Ninety-five of those crashes involved alcohol-impaired drivers.

"The real tragedy of these statistics is that they are preventable," says Adams. "Road safety is no accident. As responsible citizens, we have a duty to act in a manner that protects our fellow citizens as well as visitors traveling through the state. No one wants the holidays to be a time of family tragedy and suffering."

According to KSP Lt. Phil Crumpton following proven safety procedures and behaviors can greatly increase the chances of avoiding or surviving a vehicle crash. "Speed, visibility, inattention, not using seat belts, impaired driving and bad judgement are some of the major factors contributing to fatalities and injuries resulting from vehicle crashes," he says. "However, there are specific actions drivers can take to reduce their risk."

The Kentucky State Police recommends the following safe driving practices:

- Wear a seat belt and make sure all passengers do as well,

- including children. It's your best defense in a vehicle crash. Infants should be secured in a child safety restraint seat that meets federal standards. As of Dec. 17th, 872 people have lost their lives on Kentucky highways during 2006. Four-hundred-and-sixty-eight of those fatalities were not wearing seat belts.

- During a crash, violent forces of deceleration are created. Seat belts distribute these forces over larger and stronger parts of the body such as the chest, hips and shoulders. The seat belt also stretches slightly to slow the body down and increase its stopping distance. The difference in stopping distances for a belted person and an unbelted person is significant. It's often the distance between life and death.

- Slow down and obey speed limits. The higher the speed of the vehicle, the less time the driver has to stop and avoid a crash. Excessive speed also contributes to severity of impact when a collision does occur.

- Don't drive after using alcohol or drugs. Kentucky has a zero tolerance policy regarding driving while impaired by alcohol. Operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .08 will result in an immediate arrest even for first time offenders. There are no warnings. According to the National Safety Council, someone dies in an alcohol-related crash every 30 minutes. It's a factor in six percent of all vehicle crashes and more than 40 percent of all fatal crashes.

- Wear a protective helmet when operating a motorcycle. According to the World Health Organization, not wearing a helmet makes the odds of suffering a head injury three times more likely.

- Don't follow a vehicle too closely. Keep a safe following distance. Allow yourself room to maneuver or brake by keeping a safety cushion on all sides of the vehicle.

- Turn on your lights. This makes it easier for other drivers to see you. Being seen is just as important as seeing.

- When stopped at a traffic light, take one more look before proceeding when the light turns green. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, red light running is on the rise nationwide. Many drivers consider a yellow light as a last chance to get through an intersection rather than a caution signal.

- Take extra care when driving at night. Traffic deaths are three times greater at night than during the day. Ninety percent of a driver's reaction depends on vision and vision is severely limited at night. Reduce your speed and increase your following distances.

- Drive defensively. Steer clear of trouble ---expect bad decisions by other drivers. Never assume that other drivers will make the right decision. Be ready to react. Always expect the worst-case scenario and have a plan or escape route in mind.

- Watch out for other drivers who weave, straddle the center line, make wide turns, stop suddenly or respond slowly to traffic signals. They may be impaired by drugs or alcohol. Notify police immediately if you see a motorist driving suspiciously. (You can contact the Kentucky State Police toll free at 1-800-222-5555.)

- Use good judgement-just because you can, doesn't mean you should. Every day thousands of drivers do things on the road simply because they can, even though they shouldn't. More than 90 percent of crashes are caused by driver error. The most common traffic violations include exceeding the speed limit, rolling through stop signs, failing to use signals, running red lights, making illegal U-turns, passing on the right, failing to yield to pedestrians and

(Cont. to C8)



This semester, the students and staff at RCMS have renewed their dedication and love for reading. Twice during the semester (with the help of our Gear-Up program), RCMS held book give-aways in which every student received a new book. As part of this endeavor, students were challenged to read as many pages as possible in a week. Local businesses donated money for each page read. 67,000 pages were read during the five days! We greatly appreciate Community Trust Bank, Ford Brothers Realty, Mt. Vernon Signal, Sparks Flowers & More, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Citizen's Bank, Coffey & Ford Attorneys, Billy Reynolds, Singleton & Associates, Richmond Street Eyecare, Teresa Jackson Insurance Agency, and the Student YMCA for supporting reading in our school and community. With their help, \$670 was raised and donated to the Rockcastle County Public Library. Last week, the 8th grade RCMS Leadership Team presented a check to Mrs. Kathy McKibbin and the public library to purchase new books, so that our students and their families will have a greater reaction when visiting the library. Members of the Leadership Team are Dalton Hutton, Ryan Roberts, Ashley Partin, Samantha Stewart, Starla Bond, Morgan Hunt, Will McClure, Jennifer Hackworth, Ella McQueary, Brandon Burdette, Sydney Arvin, and Patric Lowery.

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## The True Spirit of Christmas



### The Birth of Christ

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.



And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7

### The Flight

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Matthew 2:13-15

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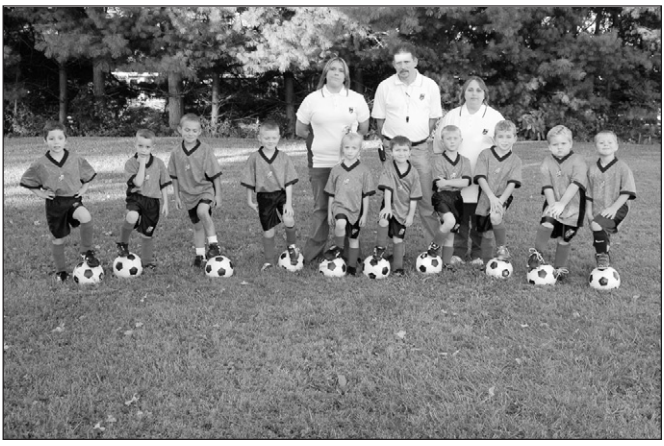
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Members of the Lady Cobras are shown above: Jayna Albright, Savannah Smith, Molly Dillingham, Courtlyn Vanhook, Abigail Bray, Erin Thompson and Julianna Singleton. Back row: coaches Neil Bray and Scott Thompson



Members of the Lady Sharks are shown above: Shelby Ham, Caroline Coguer, Emily Payne and Mac Kenzie King. Back row is coach Cindy King. Absent was Maggie Franklin.

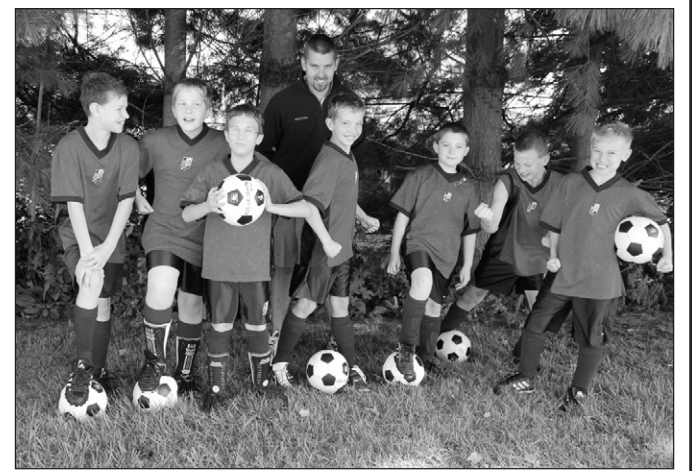
## Upward Soccer completes second successful season

First Baptist Church hosted Upward Soccer for the second season with 118 boys and girls from all over the county come together to participate in soccer and to learn about God. The eight game schedule ended with an awards celebration at First Baptist Church.

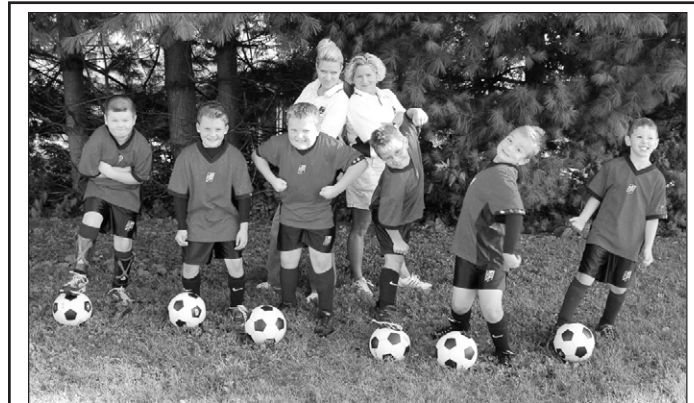
Over 325 people attended the celebration which included a video of the season, and each

player receiving a certificate, and upward backpack and pictures of their team.

Thanks to all those coaches, referees, dedicated prayer warriors, and everyone else involved, especially Scotty Winstead and Matthew Sherrow who are the program coordinators. You do a great job. We're looking forward to seeing you next year.



Members of the Flash are shown above: Layne Ponder, Aaron Adkisson, Josh Smith, Douglas Nicely, Chris Morrow and Justin Hughes. Back row is coach David Lynn King.



Members of the Bears are shown above: Austin Spoonamore, Carson Noble, William Daugherty, Bradley Taylor, John Cornelius and Andrew Spoonamore. Back row: coaches Jamie Cornelius and Chrysti Noble. Absent was Max Myer



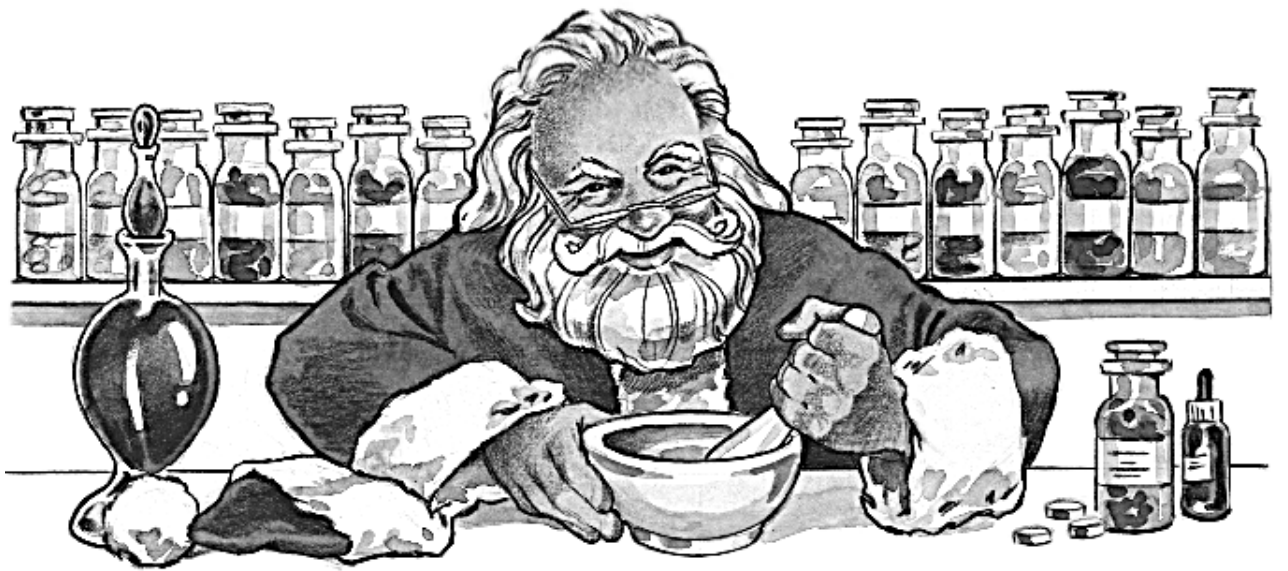
Members of the Wanderers are shown above: Jayna Singleton, Skyler Evans, Devin Mullins, Tyler Harris, Cameron Cornelius, Dawson Nicely, Ryan Winstead, C.J. Clark, Isaac Evans and Christian Jaramillo. Back row is coach Tobee Harris.



Members of the Falcons are shown above: Eric Bullock, Ryan Martin, Alex Spragens, Cameron Coy, Alex Jaramillo, Tanner Pillion, Jonah Pillion and Victor Chasteen. Back row: coaches Ken & Jil Pillion



Members of the Hamsters are shown above: Zoe Burdette, Hannah Mullins, Mackenzie Payne, Jaden Payne, Rebekah Gilliam, Logan Kidwell, Savannah Goff, Zach Baker and Jackson Cromer. Absent Reece McGuire. The team was coached by Becky Payne, Twila Burdette, Tommy Payne



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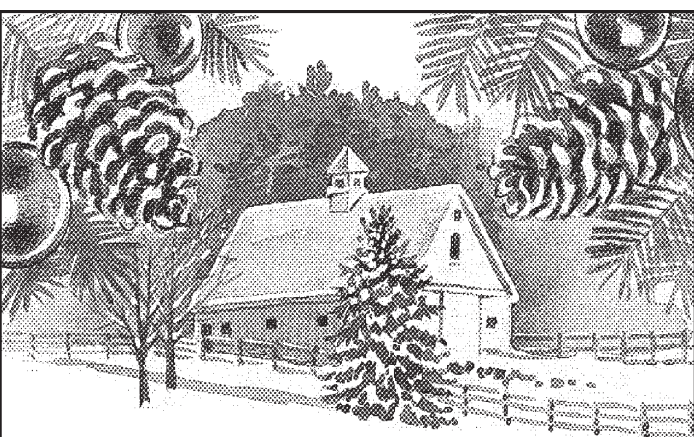
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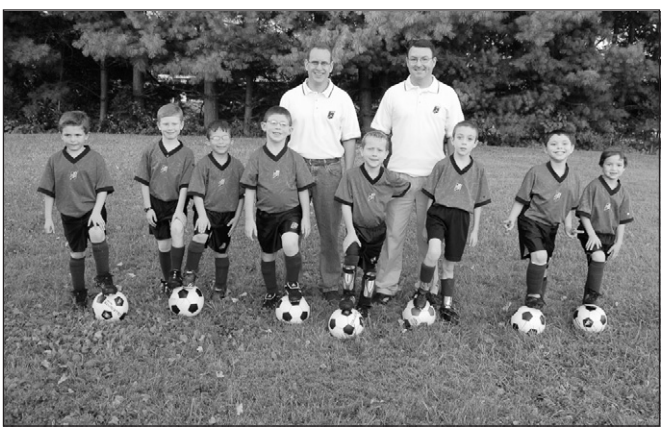
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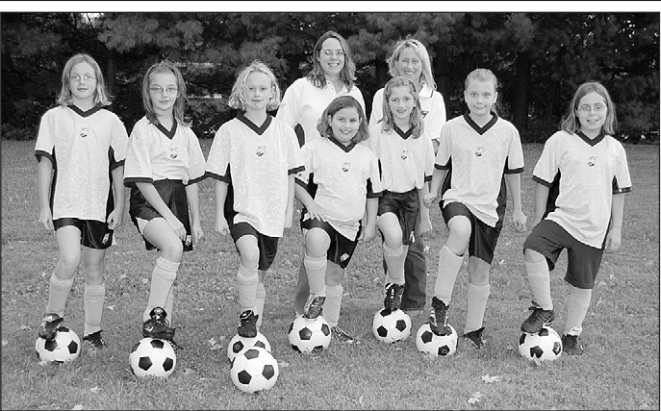




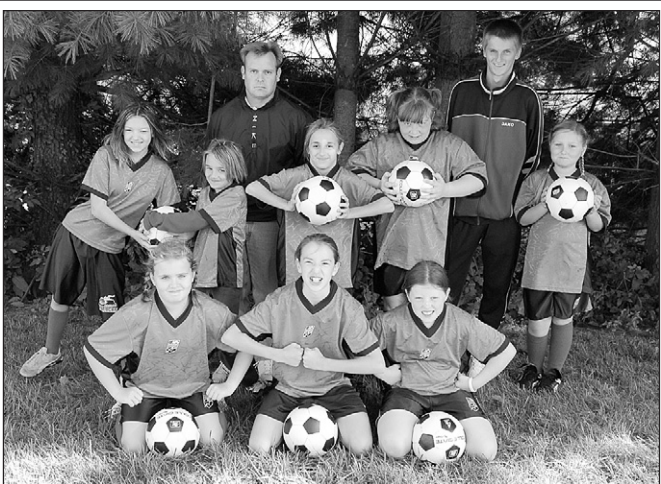
Members of the Panthers are shown above: Aaron Pevley, Thomas Burdette, Benjamin Gilliam, Joseph Cowan, Tony Moore, Austin Mills, Grant Isaacs and Mark Yauger. Back row: coaches Greg Cowan and Robbie Phillips.



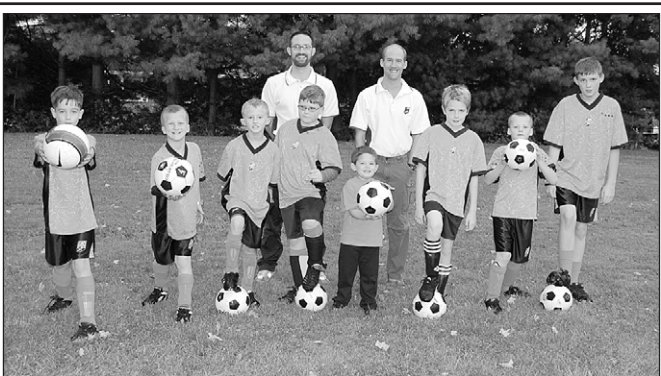
Members of the Knights are shown above: Victor Aguilar, Haley Bray, Benjamin Tyler, J. D. Hamilton, John Eaton, Seth Shepherd and Jose Berrera. Coaches: Matt Shepherd, Mike Hamilton, John Tyler. Absent: Elyssa Ruth, Luke Meyer, Autumn Davidson



Members of the Lady Wildcats are shown above: Alexis Young, Crystal Smith, Keely Goff, Alexis Lovell, Victoria Smith, Kennedy Hood, Ariel Sheffler and Amberlee Woodall. Back row: coaches Vickie Sheffler and Jennifer Goff.



Members of the Lady Hurricanes are shown above: Callie Asher, Alyssa Allen, Kaci Bussell, Tiffany Lewis, Kalinda Morgan, Alaina Coguer, Cynthia Deaton and Shelby Brown. Back row: coaches Jason Coguer & Jens



Members of the Lightning are shown above: Ethan Mattingly, Zachary Langford, Roy Scott Winstead, Garrett Hasty, Evan Singleton, Tyler Langford and Brandon Bullock. Back row: coaches Matt Sherrow and Scotty Winstead.

## Carter Caves to host annual Crawlathon

Carter Caves State Resort Park is gearing up for the 26th Annual Crawlathon – a full weekend of cave trips and adventure.

The Crawlathon will be Jan. 26-28 at the park near Olive Hill. The weekend includes wild caving trips, canoeing, pit plunging, vertical workshops, proper techniques of caving workshops, and trips for children. Trips are offered from Saturday morning through early afternoon on Sunday.

The Friday evening program includes multimedia presentations on caving topics. On Saturday night there will be a presentation by Jim Pizarowicz on the History of the Exploration of the Caves of the Black Hills, which includes Wind Cave and Jewel Cave, two of the longest caves in the world. The presentation will be followed by the famous “Squeezebox Competi-

tion,” which involves crawling through a box that represents a narrow cave passage.

Registration is \$30 for adults (ages 13 and older); \$15 for children 6-12. Fee includes access to all evening programs, workshops, cave tours (two trips Saturday and one trip Sunday), transportation to caves, and a t-shirt. You must be at least 6 years old to participate.

Pre-registration will begin Dec. 16 and end on January 16, 2007. On site registration begins at 4 p.m. on Jan. 26. Payment must be received with the pre-registration.

Call Coy Ainsley at 1-800-325-0059 for information. Forms and other information about the weekend is available at [www.crawlathon.com](http://www.crawlathon.com)

Carter Caves State Resort Park has a lodge, cottages, restaurant and campground.



Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of our Savior and His message of love and goodwill toward all mankind. *Wishing you and yours the best this Holiday Season!*

State Representative

**Danny Ford**



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*Hark!  
The Herald Angels Sing;  
Glory To The Newborn King*

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

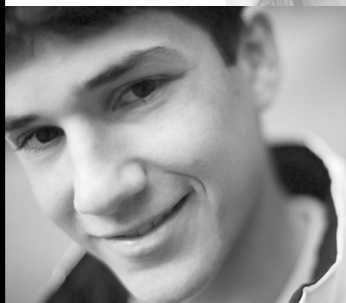
**Merry Christmas and  
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# New Internet dating community for southeastern KY

A new internet dating community for southeastern, KY singles improves the odds for finding that special someone

For today's singles population, living in our technologically advanced environment has dramatically changed the way people connect and meet. The advent of the internet and online dating has turned the traditional dating scene on its proverbial head.

And now, as if getting tangled up in the world wide online dating web isn't enough, experts tell us that internet dating has taken on a new form — niche-dating web sites. These are online dating sites geared for people with focused and/or special interests.

USA Today.com reports that of almost 127 million Americans age 40 and over, more than a third are unattached. They're either casualties of the divorce explosion (13%); widowed (11%); or never married (8%). Of those singles, more than 25 million are women. And perhaps because these over-40 women are likely to be more fit and health-conscious than their mother's generation, and have a younger mind-set, observers say they're seeing a surge in over-40 dating — in a dating world that has changed as much as they have.

Today, computer-savvy singles can attempt to find their true love on one of thousands of web sites with some so "niche" focused that people

who are cyclist, wine connoisseurs, love dogs or who even love tattoos can find a mate in the dot-com world. But with all that information to sort through, how many are really successful?

And how does online dating work for those of us who live in rural areas, where meeting someone new to date primarily consists of running into a visitor at Sunday church services or being introduced to Aunt Betty's cousin's uncle on his mother's side -- who has recently divorced?

Unfortunately, statistics reveal that online dating isn't as efficient as the industry would like you to think. With thousands of sites to choose from and hundred's upon thousands of profiles to sort through, it could take months or even years to find someone that doesn't live two hours away, who is really single, and is looking for the same things you are in a relationship.

For those who can't commit to hours and hours of surfing site after site and profile after profile; or for those who would rather meet someone in person, wouldn't a dating web site that adopted a "targeted geographic location" as its "niche" provide a viable solution?

We are about to find out. A local woman has taken the "niche online dating" concept and adapted it to fit the needs of a rural dating community where meeting people can be

complicated enough, without the internet.

"Southeastern, KY's geography tends to naturally isolated us from each other. This and the lack of social opportunities that exist in larger cities, create a situation where using the internet to bring people together in a safe, and easy to use way seems fitting," Veronica Reid, the concept and site developer said.

She is also quick to point out that this particular web site provides people different options as to how they meet other people. It's not just online dating.

Reid recently launched introductionproductions.com, a web community for single people living within 50-75 miles of the London/Corbin area. The site's goal is to create one definitive online dating community for single people living in southeastern, Kentucky.

"I want local people to be

able to turn to one local resource to find companionship. I want our singles' community to be able to find everything they need on one web site, saving a lot of time and effort," Reid added.

Reid began researching the idea about 3 years ago as she and her friends were discussing how hard it was to meet "a good guy."

"I did finally meet my Mr. Right, but it took a whole lot of dating Mr. Wrong before he came along. Knowing how difficult it was for me to find a good guy, and knowing that two of the three of us who had that initial conversation are still single, has really been the driving force behind the creation of Introduction Productions."

Reid also pointed out that as she was researching the needs of the local singles community, she heard those same concerns she and her friends had, in conversations over and over again.

"I was recently talking on the phone with a gentleman who told me that the only place he goes is to church and to buy his groceries. He was really looking forward to having more options and couldn't wait to sign up for a dinner event."

Introduction Productions is more than just online dating. There are also planned events that people can register for and Reid hopes to add other components, like listing the top local spots for singles to meet, the best place for first dates, success stories and more. Area singles can have the best of both worlds-- meeting online in a controlled environment or actually meeting at a scheduled event, or even meeting through one of her scheduled chat sessions.

As the database grows and interest warrants it, Reid hopes to add more and more diverse events to what is currently available.

"Speed dating, outdoor adventures, a singles-only corn-hole tournament [a bean-bag tossing game], sporting events, day trips--there are a lot of events that could be arranged for area singles within our geographic location which could help people find others who have similar interests," she added.

Additionally, introductionproductions.com offers dating tips and advice. And, Reid hopes for feedback. "I want to know what single people need, in terms of a local dating community. At this point, all options are open, so send me ideas," she added.

"For my friends and for the people I've yet to meet, I really hope to create an online dating community where local single people can go and feel comfortable about the people they are meeting."

To learn more, log on to: [www.introductionproductions.com](http://www.introductionproductions.com).



With sincere best wishes to all during this season of peace and joy.

We're so glad to have friends and neighbors like you.



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## Holiday Driving Tips

(Cont. from B3)

driving while impaired by alcohol.

Get plenty of rest before a long trip. Fatigue can be a killer. Don't start a long trip late in the day. Don't drive alone. Adjust temperature controls to keep yourself awake and alert. Watch your posture. Drive with your head up and shoulders back. Take frequent breaks, at least every two hours.

Anticipate. Look far down the road. Learn to spot problems and avoid them before they happen. Roadway clues can often help to avoid a crash. Keep your windows, mirrors and lights clean and free from snow, ice,

dew and frost. Check your mirrors frequently. Watch for brake, reverse and hazard lights. Be aware of emergency vehicle flashing lights and listen for sirens. All of these can indicate trouble ahead.

Stay alert and focused--no one is crash-proof. Drowsy driving causes more than 100,000 crashes each year, resulting in 40,000 injuries and 1,500 deaths. Aggressive driving is a factor in approximately 66 percent of all traffic fatalities. Distracted driving accounts for 25 to 30 percent of all crashes. Be attentive to the task at hand--driving. Staying alert and focused can help you avoid a crash.

"Safe driving requires good decision-making and good risk management," says Crumpton. "Driving is serious business, not a game. Crashes are life-changing events that often have long-term or permanent consequences. And they don't always happen to the other guy. It could be you."

"Don't let the joys of the holiday be ruined by a fatality, a vehicle crash or an impaired driving arrest," says Adams. "Adjust your driving to stress safety. Give a gift of life to yourself, your family and others during this special time of the year."



## What better New Years' Resolution than to quit smoking?

Like many smokers you've tried to quit, but despite your best effort you've started smoking again.

If you would like help to stop smoking, the Kentucky Cancer Program can help. Using an innovative smoking-cessation program called the Cooper-Clayton method we can help you to become a non-smoker.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Fourth Section

Thursday, December 21, 2006

## Over 70 participate in Jingle Bell Run/Walk

The 3rd Annual Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk was a success, as more than 70 runners and walkers braved the sub-30 degree temperature to participate in the race held in historic Renfro Valley, Ky. on December 9.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. (RHRCC), Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, and UK Healthcare sponsored the Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk.

Proceeds from the race benefit the Miracle Funds for residents at RHRCC as well as Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead, Ky.

The Miracle Fund provides assistance to improve the quality of life of our long-term care

residents.

The top male finisher was Tomas Gregoriades from the Czech Republic, currently living in London, Ky. The top female finisher was Debbie Biddle from Cynthiana, Ky. The top local runner was James Bullen, who finished third overall.

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torney, P.S.C., Ford Brothers Auctioneers-Realtors, IGA, Kentucky Fried Chicken, King Bottling, Inc., McDonald's, Mt. Vernon Signal, Richmond Street Eye Care, So. KY Area Health Education Center, Wendy's, and WRVK 1460 AM. Also, thanks to Mt. Vernon Police Department for their assistance during the race.



Runners get ready at the starting line of the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk. The annual event, sponsored by Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. (RHRCC), Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, and UK Healthcare, raises money for RHRCC and Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, Inc.'s Miracle Funds.



More than 70 runners competed in the Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk. Runners came from as far away as Bowling Green, Leslie County, and Ohio. Above, Willis Coffey finishes in fourth place with a time of 24.11.

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# Merry Christmas

Warm wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season.

Many thanks for your continued patronage.



Front row from left: Sheena McIntosh, Ashley McKinney and Stacy Hellard. Back row from left: Sandy Durham, Donna McClure, Mt. Vernon Market President Mike Blount, Ima Jean Taylor, Karen Bullock and Julie Pigg.



Front row from left: Heather Richards, Alice Mae Faulkner and Kim Denney. Back row from left: Betty Frederick, Becky Mays, Kinsye Tucker, Cheryl Hood, Donna Stayton and Cindy Griffin. Not shown: Cathy Howard.

## How to help grieving during the holidays

The holidays, especially the first ones after a loved one's death, can be especially difficult for a person who is grieving. Friends and family members may be unsure how to act or what to say to support their grieving loved one during the holidays.

In general, the best way to help those who are grieving during the holidays is to let them know you care. They need to be remembered, and they need to know their loved ones are remembered, too. Local hospice grief counselors emphasize that friends and family members should never be afraid of saying or doing the wrong thing, because making an effort and showing concern will be appreciated.

Here are some tips that grieving people have shared:

1. Be supportive of the way your friend chooses to celebrate the holidays. Some may wish to follow traditions; others may choose to change their rituals.
2. Offer to help with tangible tasks such as baking, cleaning, or decorating. Seemingly simple tasks can be overwhelming while dealing with grief.
3. Invite the person to attend a religious service with you and your family.
4. Offer to help with holiday shopping or share your favorite catalogs or on-line shopping sites.
5. Invite your friend to your

home for the holidays.

6. Inquire if your friend is interested in volunteering with you during the holiday season. Doing something for someone else, such as helping at a soup kitchen or working with children, may help him or her feel better about the holidays. □

7. Make a donation in memory of your friend's loved one, as a reminder that his or her special person is not forgotten.

8. Remember to avoid telling your friend that he or she should be "over it;" grief is an individual process and there are no right or wrong ways to grieve.

9. If your friend wants to talk about the deceased loved one or feelings associated with the loss, LISTEN. Don't worry about being conversational... just listen.

10. Remind the person you are thinking of him or her and the loved one who died. Cards, phone calls and visits are great ways to stay in touch.

Many people are not aware that Hospice Care Plus is a valuable resource that can help people who are struggling with grief and loss. Hospices provide bereavement support to the families they serve and often offer services to other members of the community as well. For more information call Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or 1800-806-5492.

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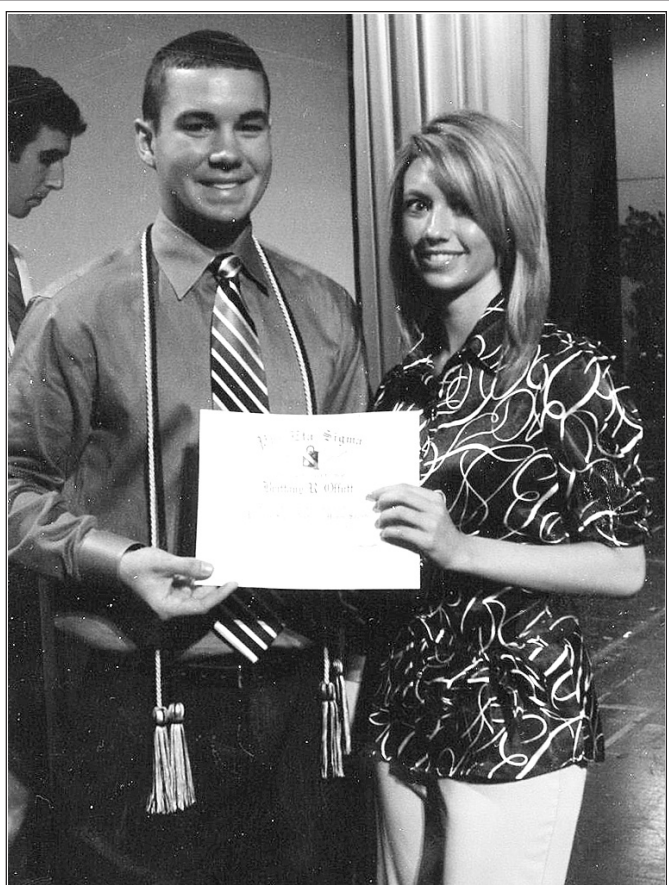




Brittanie Coffee and Kimberly Johnson



The entire group



A longstanding Homecoming tradition at Western Kentucky University is the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society induction for currently enrolled, academically outstanding students. Phi Eta Sigma is a campus-wide honor society with student members representing all WKU academic disciplines and undecided students. The invitation to join Phi Eta Sigma is based upon grades earned during the student's first year of college. This year's induction was held on Saturday, October 28th in Van Meter Auditorium. Brittany R. Offutt, above right, of Mt. Vernon, was inducted in this Honor Society during the ceremony. Brittany is the daughter of Danny and Cyndie Offutt of Mt. Vernon.

# Season's Greetings

With warm regards to you and your family this holiday season. It's been a privilege and pleasure serving you.



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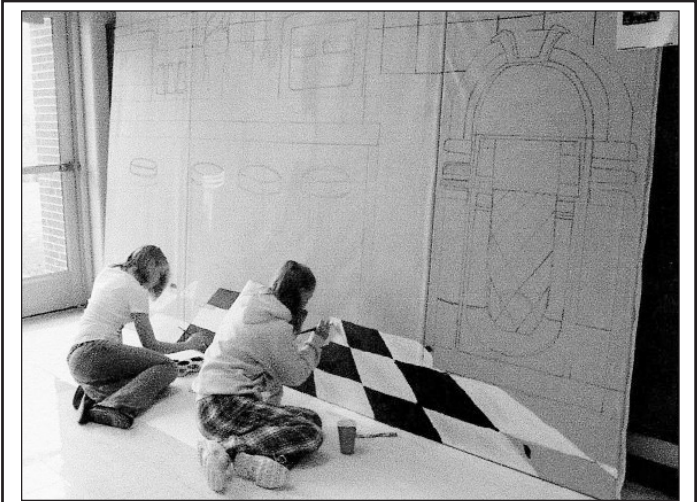
## Art students explore career possibilities

In rural communities such as Mt. Vernon, schools are not always afforded the opportunities where students get the opportunity to apply their knowledge learned in the classroom in a real career type environment because of the lack of large numbers of industry and business. However, the Art class at the high school used some creativity to seek out that opportunity where students can explore some possible career opportunities offered in the area of art. The Art class partnered with Pam Combs at Renfro Valley to create the stage design for the Christmas in the Valley program. With the collaboration, students were able to work in art careers such as theater and set design, painting, light and sound, and photography. The students who participated in the project were Tiffany Smith, Samantha Renner, Brittanie Coffee, Kim Cottrell, and Kimberly Johnson.

Since the program is such a large production, the students produced designs that were done on a grander scale. "It was challenging for me since I was not used to illustrating pictures in that big of proportion", said Tiffany Smith. The project centers around a Christmas theme set in the fifties era. The show has everything true to the time period from the colors to the set props. "I was a little nervous at first because I knew what I created would be seen by so many fans. This project has given me more confidence in my artistic talent", said Brittanie Coffee. As soon as you enter the new barn at Renfro you are really transformed into the decade with classic cars, poodle skirts, neon glowing jukeboxes, and a fun lively spirit, which leaves you with a fun rejuvenated sense of joy.

Les Scalf, who is the high school art teacher, said "Ideally, I would like to see my students having more intern opportunities like this with design

firms, architects, and professional studios and galleries. This will give educators insight into the transitional skills students need to be taught in areas of technology and software, people skills, artistic creativity, and entrepreneurship". An internship is when a student goes into a business place of their career interest and work beside professionals and gain valuable experience to determine if that particular career is one they would like to continue to pursue. Les adds, "It was a pleasure to team with Renfro Valley because they have brought opportunities in this community through tourism. I look forward to future collaboration with Renfro because of their pleasant people, insightfulness, and eagerness for new projects".



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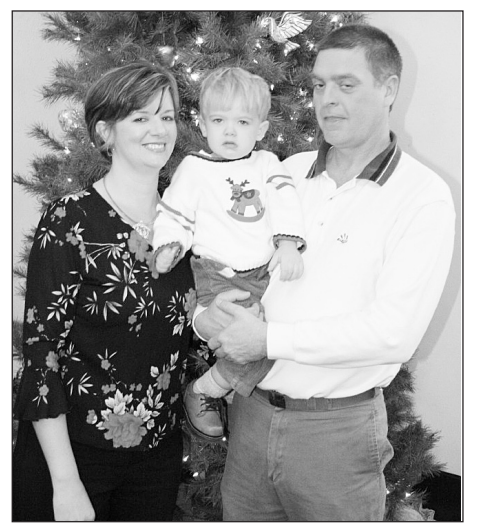
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# Book Club hosts DAR members

By Jacob Clouse  
Book Club Secretary

On November 2, 2006, the RCHS Book Club hosted members from the Rockcastle County Chapter of the Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). This joint meeting was the result of RCHS being one of 2,000 libraries in the United States chosen through a competitive grant process to receive a "We the People" bookshelf sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, a program to encourage young people to read great literature from American History. This is the second time in three years RCHS has been chosen to receive this honor through grant proposals written by Mrs. Janet Wells, RCHS Library Media Specialist. This year's theme was "Becoming an American" and featured 15 books: The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland, Watch the Stars Come Out by Riki Levinson, Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say, Immigrant Kids by Russell Freedman, The People Could Fly: African Folk Tales by Virginia Hamilton, Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving, In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord, Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith, The Glory Field by Walter Dean Myers, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith, Dragonwings by Laurence Yep, Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather, Barrio Boy by Ernesto Galarza,

Giants in the Earth: A Saga of the Prairie by Ole Edvard Rolvaag, and The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.

With the assistance of Mrs. Laura Durham, six DAR members volunteered to read the books and serve as discussion leaders with the high school students. Mrs. Iris Young shared information about the DAR and its purposes, as well as introducing the discussion leaders: Mrs. Norma Eversole, Mrs. Ann Henderson, Mrs. Julie Asher, Mrs. Ona Kay Owens, Mrs. Mary Gregory, and Mrs. Molly Belcher. RCHS Library Media Specialist Janet Wells also led a discussion group.

All participants were very enthused and gave great responses. The RCHS Book Club would like to thank the DAR members for their interest in our youth and their pursuit for greater knowledge. Members of the 2006-2007 Book Club are: Danny Barnes, Amanda Blount, Brook Blount, Holly Brown, Li Chen, Jacob Clouse, Rebecca Cummins, Nancy Dickerson, Amber Hasty, Jody Howard, Maria Kersey, Jessica McBride, Leanna Mink, Bethaney Smith, Joshua Stacy, Amanda Swinney, Jordan Thompson, Clint Walker, Catelyn Williams, and Kierston Willis. The 2006-2007 officers are: President Clint Walker, Vice President Holly Brown, Secretary Jacob Clouse, and Projects Chairperson Jody Howard. The faculty sponsor is Mrs. Janet Wells.



RCHS Book Club Officers posed with their guests from the local DAR. Pictured are, front from left: Norma Eversole, Jody Howard (Book Club Projects Chairperson), Ann Henderson, and Laura Durham. Back row: Janet Wells (RCHS Library Media Specialist and Book Club Sponsor), Holly Brown (Book Club Vice President), Ona Kay Owens, Molly Belcher, Mary Gregory, Julie Asher, Clint Walker (Book Club President), Iris Young, and Jacob Clouse (Book Club Secretary).



Ona Kay Owens, Catelyn Williams, and Rebecca Cummins pause from their discussion of Rifles for Watie.



Ann Henderson gets a reaction from Holly Brown, while Jordan Thompson watches during their discussion of Death Comes for the Archbishop.



Jody Howard, Projects Chairperson for the RCHS Book Club, explains the Read 100 Books Project sponsored by Scholastic. Bethaney Smith and Danny Barnes look on.



Laura Durham (right) introduces Iris Young to the students in the RCHS Book Club. Both ladies are former faculty members of RCHS.



Clint Walker, Book Club President, and Jacob Clouse, Book Club Secretary, greet the members and guests before the book discussion groups began.



Janet Wells describes the Moon Festival scene from the book In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson. Li Chen (right) also described her memories of the Moon Festival in China with Amber Hasty (center).



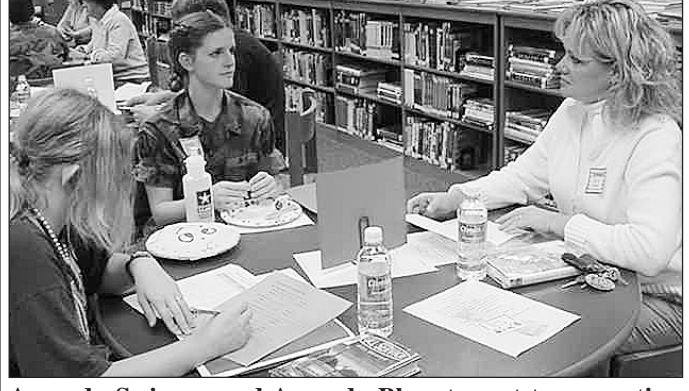
Norma Eversole (center) makes a point about The Glory Field as Danny Barnes and Jessica McBride listen.



Molly Belcher, Clint Walker, Leanna Mink, and Nancy Dickerson read a passage from A Tree Grows in Brooklyn.



Bethaney Smith and Jody Howard listen to a point by Mary Gregory about Barrio Boy.



Amanda Swinney and Amanda Blount react to a question about Dragonwings from Julie Asher.

## Seasons Greetings



Front row from left: Anita Moore, Norma Houk and Janet Burdine.  
Back row from left: Amy Price, Thelma Adams, Sonya McGuire and Becky Smith.

As we celebrate the joyous holiday season, my deputies and I would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas.

May your days be filled with joy, peace and the best of health.

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## Give holiday gifts that promote fire safety

Show the people you care about that you are mindful of their personal safety by giving creative, practical presents that will protect them from fire this holiday season and throughout the year.

Here are some suggestions from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

- **Smoke alarms.** If a fire occurs, having a smoke alarm cuts the chance of dying nearly in half. Consider smoke alarms for everyone on your list. Smoke alarms for people who are deaf or hard of hearing include strobe lights, high decibels and/or vibration. All smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years.

- **Flashlights for emergency lighting** instead of candles, to avoid the risk of fire from an open flame.

- **Sturdy candleholders** to prevent tip-over when candles are lit.

- **A sturdy fireplace screen,** to keep embers out of the room.

- **Gift certificates for clean-up services** to remove clutter that could give fires a place to start or trip you up if you need to escape quickly if fire occurs. Chimney sweeps can reduce oily creosote build-up in chimneys that can be easily ignited, and many chimney sweeps provide more comprehensive fire inspection, maintenance, and clean-up services.

- **Warm nightwear or bedding** to reduce the need for space heaters, particularly at night. Space heaters (fixed and portable) are the equipment involved in three-fourths of home heating fire deaths, and NFPA recommends they be turned off at night when people go to sleep.

- **Nightwear or bathrobes** with tight-fitting sleeves that will stay well away from cooking flames and hot surfaces like stove burners.

- **Large, deep, sturdy ashtrays.** If family members or friends smoke, using appropriate ashtrays can prevent smoking materials from igniting upholstered furniture, bedding or other nearby combustibles.

- **Portable fire extinguishers,** with clear instructions on how

to use them, as well as strong encouragement to the gift recipient to learn the rules of safe extinguisher usage so they will be ready if fire occurs.

- **Oven mitts for handling cooking equipment,** tableware or cookware and especially to permit safe placement of a lid on a stove pan to smother a small fire.

- **Large house numbers** so firefighters can locate a home at night quickly during an emergency.

- **Carbon monoxide alarms.** While this item won't help keep your loved ones safe from fire, it's something you should consider for home safety. Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas formed when fuels—such as natural gas, oil and wood—burn incompletely.

- **Stocking stuffers.** Download loads of fire safety information—including home escape grids—from NFPA's Web site, at <http://www.nfpa.org>, or for children, try NFPA's <http://www.sparky.org>. And don't forget batteries for smoke alarms and flashlights!

Facts & figures to consider for seasonal safety:

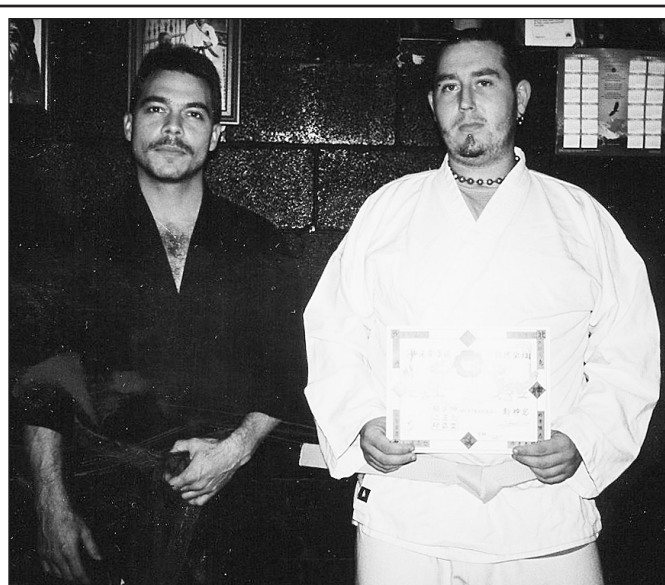
- Generally, December, January and February are the deadliest months for fires.

- In recent years, the top three days for home fires were Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Christmas Eve.

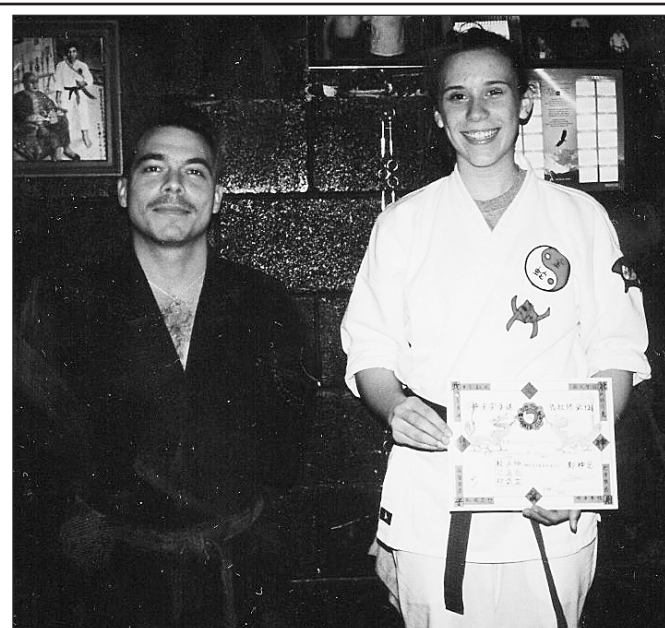
- **Cooking and heating** are the leading causes of home fires in the months of December through February

- **Home candle fires** occur at nearly twice the rate in December as throughout the rest of the year, at least in part because of holiday decorations and rituals.

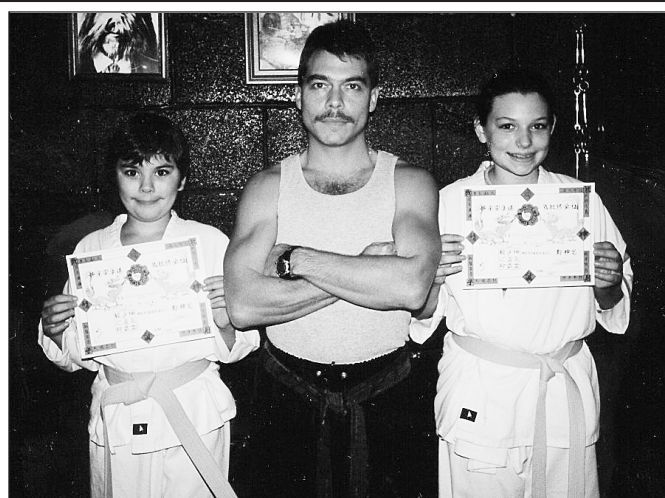
NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international non-profit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. Visit NFPA's Web site at <http://www.nfpa.org>.



On November 13th, Matt Bond, right, tested from white belt to yellow belt at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club. He is shown here with his instructor, Master Eric Bullock, after passing his test.



Cheyenne Hensley, right, tested before her instructor Master Eric Bullock, left, on November 6th at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club. She received her rank advancement certificate passing her test from yellow belt to blue belt.



On November 16th, two students at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club tested before Master Eric Bullock, center, and received yellow belts. The students are shown above, from left: Jeremiah Caudill and Olivia Caudill.

## Follow precautions when frying turkey for holidays

Frying a turkey can be a fun and tasty alternative to the traditional baked and roasted dishes of the holidays. As many start to plan menus, the Department of Public Health wants to remind Kentuckians that fryers also can be dangerous — even causing fires or burns — when not handled with care.

DPH suggests you take time to review basic guidelines so you don't sacrifice safety for good taste. The first thing you should do is read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and become familiar with your turkey fryer.

The majority of reported incidents occur while the oil is being heated. For this reason, it is very important consumers monitor the temperature of the oil closely. If any smoke at all is noticed coming from a heated pot of oil, the burner should be turned off immediately because the oil is overheated.

It is important to thoroughly thaw and dry all meats before cooking in hot oil. Hot oil may splash out of the fryer and cause injury if meats are still wet or have not been properly thawed.

Before heating the pot, you will want to determine the proper amount of oil to add:

- Place turkey in pot.
- Fill with water until the turkey is covered by about 1/2 inch of water.

- Remove and dry turkey.
- Mark water level. Dump water, dry the pot, and fill with oil to the marked level.

Here are other important safety tips to remember when frying your turkey:

- Keep fryer in full view while burner is on.

- Place fryer in an open area away from all walls, fences or other structures.

- Never use a fryer in, on or

under a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, wooden deck or structure that can catch fire.

- Make sure the fryer is used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.

- Make sure there is at least two feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.

- Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.

- Center the pot over the burner on the cooker.

- Completely thaw (USDA recommends 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to the oil.

- Cover bare skin when adding or removing food.

- To avoid oil spills, do not overfill the fryer.

- Raise and lower food slowly to reduce splatter and avoid burns.

- Check the oil temperature frequently. If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply off. The oil can overheat and catch fire.

- Use well-insulated pot-holders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.

- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Keep a phone within reach so that you can call 911 for emergencies.

- Never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer.

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Kentucky State Parks will help welcome 2007 with New Year's Eve events at several resort parks.

If you like to dance, sing, enjoy some excellent dining, or just want a quiet evening next to a fireplace, the state parks have something to offer you. Below is a listing of state park special events that all take place Dec. 31 unless otherwise noted. Call the park or visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov) for more information.

And remember, the new Kentucky Unbridled Spirit gift cards make excellent holiday gifts that can be used at all state parks, as well as the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington and the Kentucky Historical Society museum and gift shop at Frankfort. Cards can be purchased at all of these locations or by calling 1-800-255-PARK or online at [www.kyunbridledspirit.com](http://www.kyunbridledspirit.com).

**Barren River Lake State Resort Park (Lucas)**  
*Family Fun New Year's Eve*  
Join Barren River Lake State Resort Park for its Family Fun New Year's Eve Celebration. Begin the evening with Magician Dave Cottrell and ring in the New Year with the sounds of Heart and Soul's DJ and Karaoke. There will be plenty of activities and crafts for guests of all ages throughout the evening as well as some great snacks. Lodging packages (include one night's lodging, entertainment, snacks, crafts and activities up to 2 adults/2 children) are available for \$109. Entertainment only packages (no lodging) \$40 up to 2 adults/2 children and \$5 for each additional person over the age of 4. Call 1-800-325-0057 for more information.

**Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park (Buckhorn)**  
*New Year's Eve*  
Come celebrate the New Year with dinner, country-western dance, karaoke and lodging. Package price per couple is \$135. Stay an additional night before or after New Year's for \$45. Call 800-325-0058 for information.

**Cumberland Falls State Resort Park (Corbin)**  
*New Year's Eve*  
Dance the night away with the music of RadioActive Sounds DJ from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Before the dance, enjoy an elegant dinner with all the trimmings. After the party, sleep in one of our beautiful, newly renovated guest rooms in the historic DuPont Lodge. Sleep-in late and then come join us for brunch featuring all the "good luck in 2007" foods 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$114 plus tax for two people; \$77 plus tax for single. Dance and dinner only \$60 per couple or \$35 per person. Dance only \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Call 800-325-0063 for information.

**Dale Hollow State Resort Park (Burkesville)**  
*New Year's Eve*  
Ring in the New Year at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park. A special buffet will be served. Entertainment with music and dancing will be provided to ring in the New Year. Call 800-325-2282 for information.

**Jenny Wiley State Resort**

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## Christmas trees should be handled with care

Christmas trees are among the most popular decorations of yuletide, but they also can be deadly. In 2000-2004 on average, one out of every 22 Christmas tree fires in homes resulted in a death, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

To help families avoid such tragedies this holiday season, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and the NFPA are partnering to remind people that a little common sense and precaution can help create a safer holiday season.

NFPA statistics show that, on average, live and artificial Christmas trees are the ignition sources of 300 reported U.S. home structure fires each year resulting in 14 fatalities, 21 injuries and \$16.8 million in property damage.

"The last thing you want during the holidays is a blazing Christmas tree," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's assistant vice president of communications. "By following simple safety measures like making sure your tree is well watered, and keeping open flames, such as burning candles, away from the tree will help keep you and your home safe."

In addition, 44 percent of Christmas tree fires are caused by an electrical problem or malfunction. Decorators should make sure that any electrical cords they are use are in good working order.

"Damaged or misused electric light strings and extension cords, if left unchecked before you put them up, can deliver shocks and potentially cause home fires," John Drengenberg, consumer affairs manager for UL, said. "If they are damaged or have frayed wires, you should buy new ones. They are relatively cheap and incredibly good insurance for keeping your holiday season safe."

UL reminds consumers to inspect light strings for cracked sockets and frayed, bare or loose wires. Look for the holographic UL Mark on light strings and electrical decorations. The UL Mark means that UL engineers have tested samples of the product for safety hazards. The not-for-profit safety testing organization also certifies lights for indoor or outdoor use. Lights intended for indoor-only use have green holographic UL Marks. Light strings intended for indoor and outdoor use have red holographic UL Marks.

House fires and electrical shocks aren't the only preventable accidents that injure holiday revelers and damage or destroy property. Each year 12,500 people are treated in emergency rooms for injuries related to holiday decoration mishaps, according to the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC).

Drengenberg added, "We also hear about people falling off ladders while decorating, and we see a substantial number of house fires started by candles this time of year."

"The most common causes of candle fires are candles burning too close to combustible materials, such as mattresses or bedding, furniture, curtains or walls, or candles left unattended," Drengenberg said. "Candles should be kept away from combustible materials and away from spots where they could be knocked over by people or pets."

For more holiday decorating tips regarding tree fire prevention, electrical safety, ladder safety and candle safety, please log on to the Web at <http://www.nfpa.org> or <http://www.ul.com/newsroom/opdec/video.html>.

## Going "green" with holiday purchases

Are you getting or giving an electronic gift during this holiday season?

The Kentucky Division of Waste Management is asking that people "buy green" and, if the electronic gift is a replacement item, dispose of the resulting electronic scrap or "e-scrap" responsibly. E-scrap includes "end-of-life" telephones and cell phones, TVs, computers and associated equipment, audio/stereo gear, VCRs, DVDs, and video game consoles.

*Do your homework and buy green*

The first step in the "buy green" process is deciding whether to purchase at all. Can an old item be repaired instead? Is this electronic device really necessary? Is leasing an option?

Once you have decided to buy, do your homework. A good source of information is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency online -- <http://www.epa.gov/epp/pubs/products/electronics.htm>. Now you are ready to "green" your holiday shopping:

- Buy electronics made with recycled materials and fewer toxic constituents.

- Purchase durable goods with high reliability ratings and low repair costs.

- Buy products designed for easy upgrades.

- Participate in dealer/manufacture "Take Back" programs.

- Look for labels, such as Energy Star, that indicate the product is environmentally preferable. An Energy Star-qualified computer uses 70 percent less electricity than computers without enabled power management features.

*Keep e-scrap out of the landfill*

Electronic appliances contain toxics that can be harmful unless properly handled. An estimated 70 percent of heavy metals in landfill leachate (seepage) is from e-scrap. There also is the problem of sheer volume. E-scrap is about 2 percent of the solid waste stream - 100,000 tons of e-scrap per year in Kentucky alone - and is the fastest growing waste category. Individuals can legally dis-

pose of electronic equipment in their garbage, provided local landfills accept it. People should contact the solid waste coordinator in their county to be sure. Businesses and institutions must handle their electronic devices and components in a manner consistent with state and federal laws.

However, there are better ways of disposing of e-scrap:

- Recycle your e-scrap or take it to an e-scrap collection. Two sources of information:

- Contact your county solid waste coordinator about e-recycling and e-scrap collections in your area.

- Go to the Division of Waste Management's Electronic Recycling Opportunities page <<http://www.waste.ky.gov/>>

- Resell or donate usable equipment.

A tip from Techsoup.org (The Technology Place for Nonprofits) on donations: it works out best for everyone if you donate a computer to a non-profit or school-based refurbisher rather than directly to a school or charity. And if your computer is more than five years old, send it to a commercial recycler.

For more information on e-scrap and other waste management issues, e-mail the Division of Waste Management at [waste@ky.gov](mailto:waste@ky.gov) or call (502) 564-6716.

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# Merry Christmas



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73% of home heating fires caused by space heaters

## Home heating remains as second highest cause of fires in the home

As temperatures drop outdoors and people take steps to warm their homes, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urges the public to be mindful of the risks associated with home heating which is second only to cooking when it comes to causes of home fires. Along with the colder temperatures that accompany winter, there is an elevated risk of dying from fire during this season with December, January and February generally being the deadliest months for fires.

According to a newly released NFPA study, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 53,000 reported home structure fires in the United States in 2003. The study includes fires associated with chimneys and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape. These fires accounted for 14% of all home fires and were responsible for an estimated 260 deaths, roughly 1,300 injuries and \$500 million in direct property damage.

Although space heaters, excluding fireplaces and chimneys, were responsible for one-fourth (26%) of home heating fires in 2003, they were the most deadly, accounting for three-fourths (73%) of the fire deaths related to home heating. Space heaters also were responsible for three out of every five injuries (58%) in home heating

fires in 2003 and half (51%) of the associated property damage.

According to the report, space heaters present a greater fire risk than central heating systems. Space heaters tend to be closer to household combustibles and the people occupying the home, and they tend to require a more direct role by occupants in fueling, maintenance, and operation. Even so, any widely used heating device can be used safely, if the rules of safety are followed.

For more information or a copy of the report Home Heating Fire Patterns and Trends, visit NFPA's Web site <http://www.nfpa.org>.

NFPA suggests the following for safe heating:

- Maintain a 3 feet (or 1 meter) separation between things that can burn and heating equipment.

- When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is legal for use in your community. (Some communities do not permit portable kerosene heaters, for example.)

- Install your stationary (fixed) space heater according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes or better yet, have it installed by a professional.

- Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

- Use the proper grade of the proper fuel for your liquid-fueled space heater, and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equipment is cool.

- In your fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, seasoned wood to avoid the build-up of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of home heating fires generally. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.

- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from your home.

- Turn off space heaters whenever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are so easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when you go to bed, but make sure your primary heating equipment for bedrooms is sufficient to avoid risks to residents from severe cold.

- Do not use your oven to heat your home.

- Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent, all of which is to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.

- Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international non-profit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.



Adult Education professionals from the Christian Appalachian Project in Rockcastle and McCreary Counties joined Adult Education personnel from six other counties in a meeting at Somerset Community College on Wednesday, Nov. 29, with SCC Assessment Testing Coordinator Jay Wilson (left). In this photo from left to right are: Bobbie Playforth, Christian Appalachian Project Rockcastle County Adult Education; Wilson; and Brenda Campbell, McCreary County Adult Education.

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# Transportation Cabinet gears up for winter

Weather forecasts are beginning to remind us that the cold breath of "Ole Man Winter" will soon be blowing across the Commonwealth. While many Kentuckians are rummaging through their closets in search of scarves, gloves, hats, and winter coats, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is busy mobilizing its resources to clear a path through snow and ice.

"Under Governor Fletcher's leadership, the cabinet is committed to providing a safe and reliable transportation system for Kentucky families every day of the year," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert. "We face our greatest test during the winter months. We dedicate all necessary resources to minimize problems and delays for motorists. I'm proud of how our KYTC highway crews in every county meet the challenges created by winter weather."

Maintenance crews in all 120 counties are prepared to work as long as it takes and as often as required to keep the roads in the best possible condition. The KYTC has almost 300,000 tons of salt and more than 1.5 million gallons of liquid chlorides on hand at numerous locations statewide. The Cabinet will use approximately 967 state-owned trucks, 179 state-owned loaders, and 290 contract snow and ice trucks to keep the roads clear.

"Our maintenance personnel

are not limited to daytime hours or regular work weeks," said Transportation Cabinet Deputy Secretary, Crystal Ducker. "When winter weather impacts travel in Kentucky, these dedicated employees always answer the call, even on holidays and weekends. We are very fortunate to have a team so dedicated to clearing a path through snow and ice."

Road condition reports for major routes in Kentucky are available by calling 511 or by logging on to the 511 travel and traffic information website at <http://511.ky.gov>. Road conditions are described in the following manner:

**Wet Pavement** – The roadway is wet. Ice could form as the temperature drops.

**Partly Covered** – The roadway is partly covered with snow, slush or ice. Markings may be obscured.

**Mostly Covered** – The roadway is mostly covered with snow, slush, or ice. Roadway markers may be difficult to see because of packed snow and rutting conditions.

**Completely Covered** – The roadway is completely covered with snow, slush, or ice. Markings are obscured.

**Impassable** – Roadway conditions are not suitable for travel unless required by an emergency.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet strives to provide the most descriptive and up-to-

date information for motorists so they will know what to expect prior to a trip. Drivers are also reminded that bridges and overpasses are typically the most treacherous under wintry conditions. Of course, motorists should always use extra caution when traveling during a winter weather event.

"The most common causes of crashes during the snow and ice season are the result of a failure to maintain control, excessive speed, and following other vehicles too closely," said

Transportation Safety Commissioner Tim Hazlette. "These are all preventable crashes. We're urging all motorists to buckle up, drive defensively and be alert if you have to venture out in less than ideal conditions."

Additional Safety Tips for Travelers during the Snow and Ice Season:

- Make sure your vehicle is sufficiently winterized – check the battery, antifreeze level, heater, defroster, wipers, and windshield washers.
- Dress warmly for the

weather – dress in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, in anticipation of unexpected winter weather emergencies.

- Try to keep your gas tank at least two-thirds full to prevent fuel line freezing and to prepare for possible lengthy delays on the roadway.

- Make sure a friend or relative is aware of your travel route.

- Carry a cell phone.
- Make sure your vehicle has an emergency care kit. The kit

should include jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, an ice scraper, blankets, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, and traction material.

- Check the forecast and call 511 before you leave. If conditions are dangerous, avoid travel, unless it's absolutely necessary.

During significant winter weather events, the KYTC will provide media outlets with updated road condition reports throughout the day and night.

## Merry Christmas

Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette and family wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless You.



Jeffrey T., Twila, Thomas and Zoe Burdette

## Guard against a poisonous intruder

With another heating season upon us, State Fire Marshal Rodney Raby and the director of the Division of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Nelson Henderson, urge Kentuckians to learn about the dangers of carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide alarms have been growing in popularity, but it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Carbon monoxide kills 200 to 300 people each year in the United States. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer – an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking units that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

The dangers of carbon mon-

oxide exposure vary in severity according to the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women and people with conditions that limit the body's ability to use oxygen – emphysema, asthma and heart disease are examples – can be severely affected at lower concentrations of carbon monoxide. Poisoning can occur slowly – a low level of carbon monoxide over a long period – or rapidly at a high level.

Symptoms mimic those of common ailments. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be mistaken for the flu or food poisoning. Symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, headache, dizziness, blurred vision or light headedness. Don't ignore symptoms, especially if more than one person in the home is feeling them.

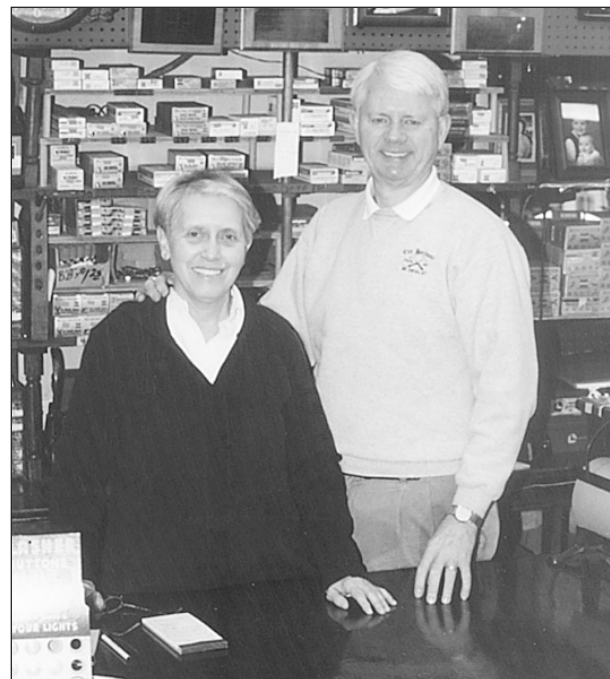
If you think you are suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning you should get fresh air

(Cont. to D8)

## BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

When we think of all the faces we've come to know in the past few years, it gladdens our hearts and gives us much to celebrate this Christmas.

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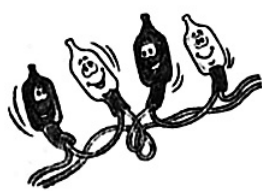


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# Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Retaining Walls  
and Terraces

Whether you have a flat yard or one with steep slopes unsuitable for anything but shrubs and groundcovers, terracing and retaining walls may be a way to add a great deal of interest and increased usefulness to your outdoor space.

Dealing with slopes; be it those covered with lawn grasses that are a pain to mow, or maybe those eroding or only suitable for groundcovers that do not need mowing, by adding hardscape materials like wood or stones we can change the look of our yards as well as increase their utility.

Building walls, raised beds, terracing, does not have to be something we do on slopes though. A world of difference can be made in a flat yard by adding terracing and bringing in soil to create a raised area. A 3-D installation in a flat yard can be stunning!

Consider the areas in your yard where a useful flat area might be created where a slope now exists by the construction of one or more retaining walls.

And are there areas that could showcase plantings if they were turned into a raised bed? Or what about terracing to create a planted barrier or screen

behind which to have a private place? Such raised areas in otherwise flat yards can create a unique and lovely yard in an area with no hills or slopes.

I've seen many a yard with a steep slope near the curb or a yard that slopes into a ditch near the street or highway. Such areas are an eyesore and often cannot be mowed with riding or commercial mowers. Installing a lovely stone wall, or even a decorative concrete block wall, can result in improved curb appeal plus more useful space when dirt is added to make lawn or garden areas.

Let's look at a few applications where terraces and walls might be good.

Perhaps you just want to retain dirt. This is simple to explain. Let's say, a dozer or backhoe may have dug an entryway to a basement or garage and the highwall of dirt will be slumping and creating a mess as it weathers. Building a wall to hold up this dirt is a classic example of a retaining wall. Similar would be staircases to basements and so forth.

A second use of a retaining wall might be to make a flat area on which to park or drive (where a slope currently exists). A wall, which is then backfilled with gravel dirt, etc., can provide the needed flat surface.

Timbers or other building materials can enable gardening to take place where otherwise the slope is too steep or the soil is unsuited. Timbered terracing backfilled with some improved topsoil makes a super garden area in the yard.

Short retaining walls can alter or slow water run-off as well as change the uses of a yard.

Tiered gardens and raised patio or deck areas can be really attractive additions to a home.

Sunken patios I think are really special, and they offer some sense of privacy, too. A sunken patio or garden surrounded by a low wall can be very practical and an unusual addition to your spot of paradise. Seating can be easily incorporated into such a wall, or the top of a low wall can provide enough seating for a crowd at a Bar-B-Que.

A couple other uses of retaining walls might be to create a garden pond without digging a hole, or growing a tree that needs excellent drainage and your yard stays wet because of clay soils, underground springs, or a neighbor whose lot is higher and who irrigates exces-

sively.

If you've concluded your yard could use some retaining walls, then you probably are wondering about what materials you should use to build the walls.

Some research would be a good idea. Here are a few of the possibilities:

Concrete (poured, blocks, even broken chunks of sidewalk) might work for you.

Stone walls perhaps are the most attractive, but can be a big chore for a homeowner. A concrete wall with veneer stone stuck to it can be a compromise that works here.

Large timbers or smaller landscape timbers are useful and also versatile when it comes to terracing and to retaining banks. Pieces of timber installed vertically can be aesthetically appealing, especially if curved or uneven areas need only a slight change in elevation.

No matter if yours is a steeply sloped yard or a boringly flat and plain yard, perhaps you have gleaned an idea or two that might work for you as you spruce up your piece of paradise.

The author is a landscaper specializing in waterfalls.

Contact Max at www.rockcastles.com

## “Intruder”

(Cont. from D7)

immediately. Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances and leave the house. Go to an emergency room and tell the physician you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

Safety tips inside the home:  
• Install carbon monoxide alarms listed by an independent testing laboratory. Alarms should be in a central location outside each sleeping area. If bedrooms are spaced apart, each area will need an alarm.

• Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the carbon monoxide alarm sounds. Post that number by your telephone(s). Make sure everyone in the household knows the difference between the fire emergency and carbon monoxide emergency numbers (if there is a difference).

• Test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month and replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

• Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference in sounds.

• Have fuel-burning heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood and coal stoves, space or portable heaters) and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.

• When purchasing new heating and cooking equipment, select products tested and labeled by an independent testing laboratory.

• When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation.

• Never use your oven to heat your home.

Safety tips outside the home:  
• If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle, generator or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

• During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.

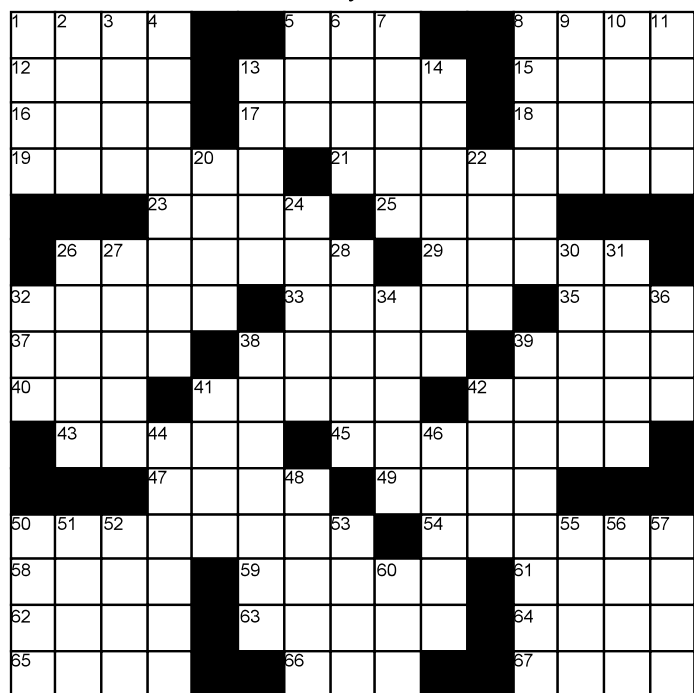
• Never use barbecue grills – which can produce carbon monoxide – in the home, garage or near building openings. Use them only outdoors.

• When camping, remember to use battery-powered lights in tents, trailers and motor homes.

*There will be no Signal next week. The Signal office will be closed from December 22nd thru January 1st.*

## Kentucky Crossword # 293

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### ACROSS

- 1 Author of "The Quiet Kentuckians."
- 5 Before (prefix)
- 8 Endure
- 12 Former WKU standout "Frosty"
- 13 Lady Cats, "UK"
- 15 Mammoth Cave's largest river
- 16 Main source of meat in Late Prehistoric KY
- 17 UK football record holder Craig
- 18 KY's official one is the tulip poplar
- 19 Crittenden Co. area, or a famous English university
- 21 First KY college to offer a complete degree program via the Internet
- 23 Ooze
- 25 Tropical bird
- 26 This KY county and its seat share the same name
- 29 Wayne Co. spot, or a major airline
- 32 Set down
- 33 Three famous ones are Regret, Genuine Risk, and Winning Colors
- 35 Strong drink
- 37 Tree trunk
- 38 Taste appreciatively
- 39 Information
- 40 South by east
- 41 Pondered
- 42 Breathitt Co. hamlet, or a trap
- 43 Garden tool
- 45 Takes up again

- 47 Memorization
- 49 Margarine
- 50 Notable Kentuckian, founder of modern abdominal surgery
- 54 Wall recess
- 58 Opera solo
- 59 Type of wood
- 61 W. KY political boss known as the "Sage of Russellville"
- 62 One of KY's first historians, \_\_\_
- 63 Foot wear
- 64 Put on \_\_\_
- 65 Harlan Co. community, or grows old
- 66 Alma mater of former NBC Pres. Julian Goodman
- 67 Former UK Wildcat

- Fame inductee, Wes
- 20 Stink
- 22 Potato sprouts
- 24 Large cats
- 26 Carter Co. spot, or a sphere
- 27 Reign
- 28 Type of stone
- 30 Sketch, or a Lewis Co. spot
- 31 Vehicles
- 32 KET's parent network
- 34 Cowboy show
- 36 Traditional Kentucky Derby month
- 38 Kentuckian, lauded cinematographer of "Ben-Hur"
- 39 Letcher Co. area, or Republican's foe
- 41 Cat's cry
- 42 Cowboy fight
- 44 Moans
- 46 Murders
- 48 Nudge
- 50 Papa's mate
- 51 Cliff
- 52 Have dinner
- 53 Latch
- 55 Noted artist, Curran's native
- 56 Hellier, KY native, MLB pitcher
- 57 Cushy
- 60 KY's youngest state university (init.)

### DOWN

- 1 Pedestal part
- 2 Elliott Co. area named for an Alpine goat
- 3 Musical notation
- 4 Alternative heating fuel common in rural KY
- 5 "Raven" author
- 6 Stray
- 7 Prototype of the Kentucky Derby
- 8 Fatal
- 9 Land unit
- 10 Popular stadium
- 11 Touched
- 13 KY home of bluegrass music's Osborne Bros.
- 14 Recent KY Athletic Hall of



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