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## Dr., hospital, rehab center sued last week

A former doctor at the Rockcastle Hospital, the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center and the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center were sued December 28th in Rockcastle Circuit Court.

The suit was filed by Cassie Vandergriff Literal on behalf of her late husband, Robert Literal.

The nature of the suit is a wrongful death action which claims Mr. Literal's death on April 4th of last year was the direct result of negligence by Dr. Vasudevan Unnithan Rahuraman, a surgeon with offices in the Rockcastle Medical Arts Building and in London.

According to the suit, Dr. Rahuraman, who no longer works for the hospital, knowingly left a loose, foreign object inside his patient during a surgical procedure.

The suit claims the hospital

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## Tonight at 6:30 p.m.

## Banquet for farmers and businesses at middle school

The 47th annual Rockcastle County Farmers/Business banquet is scheduled for Thursday, (tonight), at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

The featured speaker will be Richie Farmer, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture and former University of Kentucky basketball player.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Rockcastle County Conservation District in the USDA Service Center or through the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club.

Joan Garrison with the USDA office said tickets were almost sold out and anyone still interested in attending the banquet should call the office at (606)256-2525, extension 3.



The vacant house of James and Judy Kidwell on Doc Adams Road (Old Hwy. 461) was completely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. Mt. Vernon firefighters got the call around 6 a.m. and when they arrived a few minutes later, the house was completely involved. Fire Chief Gary Hansel said the fire was obviously set and an arson investigator from the Kentucky State Police was investigating the fire.

## Court has \$6 million bonding capability

Vince Gabbert with Ross, Sinclair & Assoc., who recently conducted an audit of the county's indebtedness, told the Fiscal Court Tuesday, at their regular meeting, that the county was in "extremely great financial shape."

Gabbert said the county currently has a bonding capacity of \$6 million dollars and, within three years, this figure would in-

crease to \$7 million.

"I think this is due to good administration by the fiscal court," Gabbert said. "Most counties this size do not have this much debt capability available to them," he added.

Gabbert was at the meeting primarily to tell the court that they could refinance a \$1.178 million indebtedness (used mostly for renovation of the jail), get a

lower interest rate and save about \$5,000 a year over the remaining life of the note -- about \$80,000 total in savings.

The court approved the first reading of the ordinance for the refinancing.

Next month, the court will approve refinancing of \$300,000 in money borrowed for road work in the county from Citizens Bank.

The court also approved the 2007 budget for County Clerk Norma Houk in the amount of \$2,319,050 and approved the maximum amount Mrs. Houk can spend on deputies and assistants of \$225,000. Mrs. Houk told the court that the extra amount requested for deputies and assistants had to do with a grant she had applied for from the Department of Libraries and Archives which will give her the equipment needed for a computerized indexing system for all records. Houk said she might have to hire additional help to input the records from thirty years back to present.

Houk pointed out that last year, she didn't come close to using the \$200,000 maximum approved for deputies and assistants and, she said, she really doesn't expect to use the \$225,000 requested for 2007 but wanted to be sure to have enough since once the court approved the amount, she cannot exceed it without extra trouble.

Houk also gave the court some good news and some bad news, the bad news is that as of January 1st, car license fees increased from \$15 to \$21, the good news is that the entire \$6 will benefit the county in one way or another. Houk's office will retain \$3 of the \$6 increase, which should add to the excess fees she pays the county at the end of the calendar year. \$1 will go into a statewide pool, with all other counties, and will be used to buy new computers for County Clerk's offices (Mrs. Houk has had the same computers since 1983); another \$1 will also go into a statewide pool to buy the needed software for the

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Money may be available to pay heating bills

## Daniel Boone now taking applications for those in "crisis"

As in several previous years, Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Crisis portion of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that assists households in a heating crisis, began on Monday.

"Cold weather combined with rising utility costs leaves many households unable to fully meet heating bills or purchase

sufficient bulk fuel to keep their families safe and warm," said local Daniel Boone Director Tammy Cox.

Applications for financial help are being accepted at the Daniel Boone office on Main Street, across from Community Trust Bank, in Mt. Vernon from

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Took gun to school in October

## Expulsion hearing for student at RCHS set

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet Thursday (today), to decide the fate of a Rockcastle County High School student, who has admitted taking a gun to school last October.

Friday, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond sent a letter home to all parents and guardians of the 897 students at the high school explaining the situation.

The letter stated that the first day of school in January, 2007, it was brought to the attention

of the RCHS staff, and confirmed after an investigation, that a student took a handgun to school in his backpack in October.

The letter further stated that the backpack was stored in the downstairs lobby for the duration of the school day and at no point was the weapon outside the bag in view of any of the students or staff.

Hammond said the freshmen student admitted to having the gun, which Hammond said was

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## Brodhead will have a new fire truck very soon

By: Richard Anderkin

Within the next month the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department will have a new fire truck.

Brodhead Fire Chief and council member Larry Taylor told members of the Brodhead City Council that an agreement had been reached and papers signed for a new 2007 Freightliner fire truck.

The truck is equipped with a 1,000 gallon tank and a 1,250 gallon pump and will cost the fire department, \$149,753.00. The truck was purchased from Vehicle Systems in Lexington, a firm specializing in fire trucks.

In December, the fire department's newest fire truck was totaled in a wreck on Negro Creek Road when another motorist crossed the roadway in front of driver Brian Bullock. Bullock lost control of the truck and it overturned. The truck was carrying 1,250 gallons of water at the time. Luckily, no one was injured.

Taylor said the new truck would use equipment from the old truck which was not damaged and with equipment which had been replaced or repaired. The chief said that insurance on the old truck covered the cost of the new truck, which is used primarily for county runs.

Taylor also asked the council to amend an agreement with the Rockcastle Fiscal Court to also include reimbursement monies from the county for the purchase of equipment.

Last year, the city and fire department entered into an agreement in which they would

get \$15,000 from the fiscal court.

The money would come from coal severance money from the state, but must be spent before it can be reimbursed.

The initial agreement was for the fire department to expand and renovate part of the fire house, which members of the fire department still intend to do.

But, the fire department has already purchased \$8,000 in equipment which is used on county runs and paid for it.

"We are going to get our money back for the equipment and then use the entire \$15,000 for the building project," Taylor said.

"We are basically putting \$8,000 of our money in on this project," he said.

New Brodhead police officer John Bellamy Jr., formerly of Richmond, was at his first Brodhead council meeting.

The 39-year-old has already moved his family to Brodhead

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A Brush Creek woman escaped serious injury Monday afternoon, after she caused a three car wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 1004 and U.S. 25 at Burr. Lisa Robinson, 33, was ejected from the above Pontiac Sunfire after she was hit by a Cadillac driven by Telvis Daugherty of Mt. Vernon. State Trooper Coby Smith said Robinson turned left in front of Daugherty was struck in the passenger's side of the car, which flipped completely around and struck a mini-van driven by Shane Rose of Jackson County. Rose was driving a Daniel Boone Action Agency transportation van shown above. Robinson was taken to Rockcastle Hospital with head injuries and admitted for observation. Daugherty and Rose were not injured. The Sunfire and Cadillac were totaled in the accident.



Four members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education were honored with a reception Tuesday night before the Rockcastle County Board meeting at the Teaching and Learning Center in Mt. Vernon. January is School Board Appreciation Month in Kentucky. Above from left are: Board Chairman Terry Burton, Mike Burdette, Martin Vanzant and Angela Stallworth. Board member Dr. Tina Hasty was unable to attend. The report from the monthly board meeting will appear in next week's Signal.



Only a trace of snow was recorded Tuesday morning at the Cox Funeral Home weather station in Mt. Vernon, but it was enough to cause some slick roads, including the driveway at the Carolyn Carpenter residence on Old Hwy. 461. The snow also caused the closing of school for Rockcastle County students for the first time this school year. Students were back in school on Wednesday morning. (Front page photos by Richard Anderkin).

# T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal:

It's the first Sunday afternoon of the new year. Fog is beginning to find its way into the valleys, the day is dark and gloomy, and soft raindrops are falling like tears from heaven. I've decided to make myself a good cup of herbal tea, and contemplate the mysteries of life as I stare out of our front window.

This day has, so far and I'm sure will continue to, pass by without any significant event to mark its passing in my life. It will pass by totally unnoticed, as did the first Sunday of last year, and so has many days since.

It's experiences such as this that make one wonder where their life has really gone. I suppose you could reason that too many of these days would amount to a rather dull life, and one life that hasn't accomplished very much in it mark its passing.

Thankfully, I haven't had too awfully many of such days, but I really needed this one. I needed a "mental health day", as Stanley likes to call it, just to de-stress. I'm sure everyone needs one from time to time.

As I stare out of the window, I remembered a segment of a news program that aired this morning that dealt with memory research at a major university in

New England. I don't remember the details. Isn't that ironic?

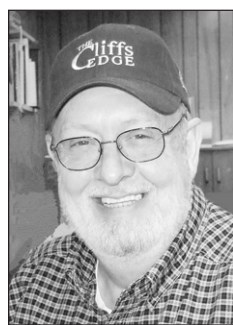
In all of this research, they seem to have discovered, among other things, that as one progresses with age, they remember events differently. They remember the event, but most of the details surrounding it fade with time. They have also discovered that people remember the same event differently. I wish these researchers had asked me. I could have told them the same thing without the thousands of dollars worth of research.

The first thing that I'm sure that I can remember is when I was eleven months old. I know

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# Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



Two good friends, Shirley from Mt. Vernon and Lowell from Stanton, recently suggested that I devote my column to memories of Renfro Valley. After giving the idea some thought, I agreed that it was a cool idea.

The broadcasts from the Big Barn in the valley began in November of 1939, before I was even a twinkle in my father's eye. But I remember my grandfather (Pop) sitting with his hands on his large wooden radio listening to the Sunday Morning Gatherin' each week

before we went to church. It was common for my family to sit in front of the radio and listen to WRVK (1460 AM) much like families do now with television. I never did understand why we watched the radio, but we usually did.

John Lair started the national radio program called the Renfro Valley Barn Dance that same year. Everyone thought the venture would fade out in a few months, but to the surprise of most Rockcastle citizens, the crowds kept getting larger and larger. Car loads of fans from all over the United States came to see the likes of Red Foley, Slim Miller, Lily May Ledford, and Whitey Ford.

When I was in high school, the Renfro Valley radio station (WRVK) played rock and roll music in the afternoons until the station signed off the air at sundown. My friends and I would drive down to the station to have requests played for our girlfriends. At that time the DJ's name was Glenn, and he was a student at Mt. Vernon High School.

As Renfro Valley grew, more buildings were constructed, and word of the country music performances brought larger and larger numbers of people to the valley. Someone told me that on some Saturday nights as many as ten thousand people came to see the Barn Dance. To make it possible for that many fans to get in, the shows continued all night. There were not enough motel and hotel rooms in Mt. Vernon to accommodate such numbers, so many people slept in their cars.

On special occasions, my family dined at the Lodge in the valley. The meals were just old fashioned country "vittles." On Saturday nights or at Sunday lunch, you had to stand in line for a table. Another restaurant that was popular at Renfro Valley was called "Belly Acres." This was one of my dad's (Hobe Griffin) favorite places to eat.

Many things about Renfro Valley are etched into my memory as a young person living in Mt. Vernon. Back then, the valley seemed a long way from town. It was common to spend summer afternoons fishing in Renfro Creek just under the US 25 bridge. When the weather was rainy, we could even swim in the creek (otherwise it wasn't deep enough).

When I became old enough to drive, we discovered that the Old Redbud Schoolhouse (sitting on a hill overlooking Renfro Valley) was an excellent place to park with our girlfriends. We backed our cars into the old gravel road in front of the log building and listened to rock and roll on WLS (890 AM) radio from Chicago. A new hotshot disc jockey named Dick Biondi played all of our favorite hits on the 50,000 watt (clear channel) radio station. It was common for several cars to be parked there at the same time. One winter night, we were listening to the radio and not paying attention to the weather. When we started up the car, we discovered that it had snowed and the road and the car were both covered.

One of the songs that originated from Renfro Valley had a verse that called it "the valley where time stands still," and the memory of that song has remained throughout my life. When I was a student at UK, friends would ask where I was from, and I learned that if I told them Mt. Vernon, many would say, "Where is that?" So it became ordinary to say "Renfro Valley-near Mt. Vernon." Most everyone seemed familiar with that unique place in Kentucky.

I am so glad to see the growth of Renfro Valley during the past several years. I occasionally go to one of the concerts held there and am always proud to call Renfro Valley my home.

You can reach me at [mtmman@mis.net](mailto:mtmman@mis.net) for your suggestions and thoughts concerning this column. You can learn more about Renfro Valley by visiting [info@renfrovalley.com](http://info@renfrovalley.com)

## VIEW FROM THE BENCH

Lest She Suffer: Kentucky's Living Will Act

Thomas Mann said that a man's dying was more the concern of the survivors than his own. In many respects, that statement is absolutely true. Whether a death is sud-



Judge David Tapp

den or long anticipated, it is the survivors who must grieve, who must finally reconcile accounts, and who must long endure. Sometimes though, we can ease survivors' burdens by planning for misfortune.

Frances was 92. For the past few years, she lived in the nursing home. Most days were good. She kept her appetite, loved visitors, napped frequently, and kept the staff on their toes. Certainly the early morning call wasn't unexpected. At her age anything can go wrong and there had been plenty of warnings--falls, a broken foot, common illnesses made more serious by age, and some dementia. This time though, it was far more serious. A stroke. Right side paralysis. Obvious and severe neurological deficits. Non-recoverable.

The family consensus was simple, please do not let her suffer needlessly. Fortunately, Frances had the foresight--some thirty years ago--to execute a Living Will, a written directive indicating her desire not to be maintained on life support in the

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# Points East

By Ike Adams

I have a recipe for staying young. Over the last twenty-three years I have simply celebrated my thirty-fifth birthday on January 5th.

Psychiatrists call this denial, but hey, what do they know anyway? And what business do they have messing around with my fantasies?

So last Friday morning I got up early, popped a J.J. Cale CD in the cheap boom-box that serves as my office stereo system and started singing along at the top of my voice.

(They call me the Breeze, I keep blowing down the road).

Christopher and Loretta were less than impressed that I know every word to every song on the album. At least that's what it was called the first time I bought the LP. I've since had it on eight track, cassette and I

literally rejoiced when I found it on CD some time back thanks to the internet.

But what do Chris and Loretta know? I live with tasteless people but at least Loretta did stop complaining when I switched to Merle Haggard and latched into "That leaves only me to blame cause Mama tried."

Chris muttered something to the effect that she didn't try near hard enough and that I should listen to something called Nine Inch Nails if I insisted on playing loud music.

"Bet five bucks he won't sing along with the Nails," he was thinking and I'm sure he was correct.

Still it was my birthday and even though I had made a New Year's resolution to lay off the

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## Medicines Can Help You Stop Smoking

Presented by Dr. David Bullock

It's always nice to have some help with a difficult task--such as quitting smoking. Now there are some medicines which can help you quit.

Nicotine patches and nicotine gum are treatments that can help you get through that difficult period. The patch is most helpful for people who are physically addicted to nicotine, that is, people who will have withdrawal symptoms when they quit. With the patch, the nicotine is absorbed slowly through the skin and satisfies the craving for a cigarette.

Studies have shown an improvement in stopping smoking with the patches if they are used properly and a person attends smoking-cessation classes or follows up with his doctor. They have not been particularly successful when they are not used in conjunction with the classes.

The patch is normally used for a couple months on a schedule of declining dosages and then stopped. It must be used with caution in people with heart disease, ulcers, or who are pregnant.

An antidepressant called bupropion has been used to help limit the craving for nicotine when a person quits. It also decreases the withdrawal symptoms from nicotine. By reducing the withdrawal symptoms, it makes stopping easier.

Clonidine is an older medicine that has been used successfully in reducing the symptoms of withdrawal. This medicine can be used as either a pill or preferably as a long-acting patch. It appears to be more effective in women than men, is not addicting and has few side effects.

Consult with your doctor if you believe that these medicines may be helpful to you. Just remember that they can help you quit, but they can not do it for you.



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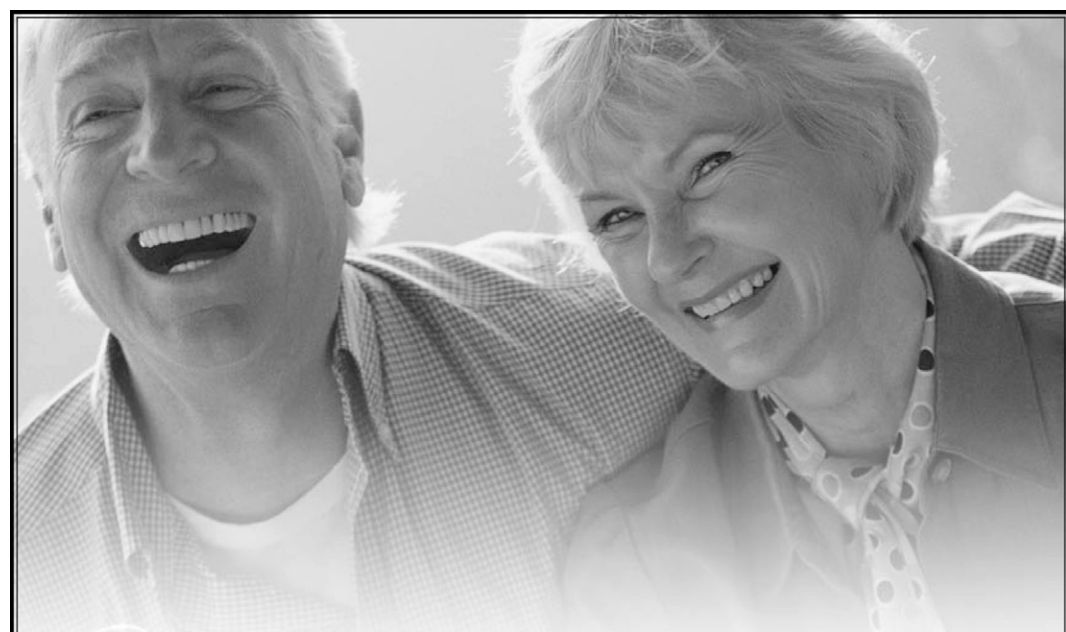
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Welcome to our column this week and to the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In our witness to you there is a very special verse of scripture that we will look into. Some times I call this scripture the Gospel in a nutshell. That verse is John 3:16 and it is amazing that so much is found in so few words. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We always hear that we are to put first things first, this verse does that very thing. First, there is God, the Eternal God, and then there is his love. God is love. There is the object of His love. His Son, Jesus Christ, then there is the purpose of God in giving His Son. That whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life. Whoever you are, where ever you are, and what ever your circumstance, God loves you, period. He has placed you in this great verse. As you read this verse, you can replace the word "world" with your name and in doing that you can see what God has done that you may have everlasting life and that life is in his Son.

Have you received Christ as Saviour and Lord, even if you haven't, you are loved. For God loves you. Come to Christ today.

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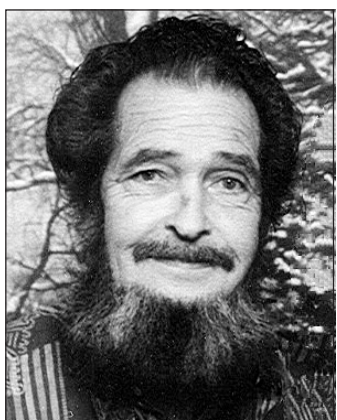
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# Obituaries



## Wayne McGuire

Wayne McGuire, 60, of Sand Springs Rd., Mt. Vernon died Friday, January 5, 2007 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset after a long illness. He was born on December 20, 1946 in Rockcastle County the son of Mrs. Virginia Pearl Russell McGuire of Middletown, OH and the late John Arch McGuire. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, playing the guitar, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors besides his mother are: his wife, Victoria "Viki" Davis McGuire of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Michael Wayne McGuire and Greg McGuire, both of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Rhonda Sue Cromer of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Bob McGuire of Middletown, OH; one half-brother, Bryan McGuire of Mt. Orab, OH; three sisters, Bell Smith and Edith Smith, both of Mt. Vernon and Donna Fox of Middletown, OH; one half-sister, Tammy McGuire of Mt. Orab, OH; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Scott Nicks officiating. Burial followed in the McGuire Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Greg McGuire, Michael Wayne McGuire, Donnie Cromer, Ryan McGuire, Bobby McGuire and Tom McGuire.

Sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)

## James Dooley

Mr. James Franklin Dooley, age 53, of Goochland Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY, passed away, Friday, December 29, 2006 at his residence.

Contributions may be made to the Phillips Cemetery at 3967 Three Links Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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

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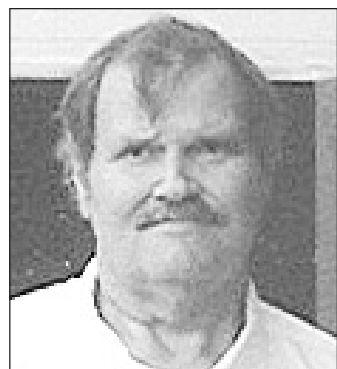
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## Danny Reed

Danny Reed, 51, of Orlando, KY died Thursday, January 4, 2007 at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington after a long illness. He was born on May 29, 1955 in Mt. Vernon the son of the late Allison, and Hazel Bullock Reed. He retired from the Trane Company in Lexington, enjoyed working on cars, and was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Imogene Stewart Reed of Orlando, KY; two sons, Adam Reed of Mt. Vernon and Danny Reed, Jr. of Irvine, KY; one daughter, Amanda Smith of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Ricky Reed of Berea; three half-brothers, Johnny Reed of Blue Lick, Earl Reed of Dayton, OH, and David Reed of Berea; two sisters, Pat Vance of Brodhead, and Doris Cromer of Mt. Vernon; three half-sisters, Edna Wagers and Dorothy VanWinkle, both of Berea, and Peggy Clemons of Jackson County; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry and Gary Reed.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 7, 2007 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jerry Owens officiating. Burial followed in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Merrill Brown, Eddie Stewart, Ray Powell, Wayne Smith, Eric Philbeck and Jack Bullock.

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

## Noel R. Faulkner

Noel R. Faulkner, 70, of Webster, Florida died Sunday, December 24, 2006 at The Villages Hospice House after a long illness.

Mr. Faulkner was born in Livingston on January 6, 1936, the son of Lee and Mildie Faulkner. Seven years ago, he moved from Livingston to Sumter County. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Church of Christ and retired, after 30 years of service, from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Sergeant and also retired from the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company.

Survivors are his wife, Joyce New Faulkner of Webster, Florida; a daughter, Lisa (Steve) George of Middletown, Ohio; one grandson, Marshall George of Athens, OH; two sisters, Juanita McQueen of London and Louise (Norman) Bonnette of Waco and one brother, Bobby (Ruth) Faulkner of Felicity, OH.

Besides his parents, Mr. Faulkner was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Runions and one brother, Everette Faulkner.

Services were held Thursday, December 28, 2006 at Purcell Funeral Home Chapel in Bushnell, FL with Pastor Mike Raine officiating. Burial was in the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell.

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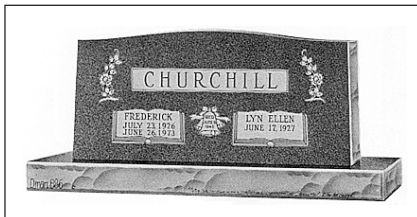
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## Blondell Riddle

Anna Blondell Harp Riddle, 80, mother of Marsha Ellison and Ryan Riddle, of Brodhead, KY died Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on October 31, 1926 in Brodhead, the daughter of the late William and Minnie Matilda Osborne Harp. She was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church, and the Kentucky Order of Amaranth. She owned and operated the Brodhead Cafe for 14 years. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who enjoyed cooking and people, she especially enjoyed working at the flower shop with Marsha.

She is survived by: her children, Marsha (Glen) Ellison of Copper Creek, KY, and Ryan (Connie) Riddle of Mt. Vernon, KY; four grandchildren, Dana Glen (Holly) Ellison of Copper Creek, KY, Rachelle, Jessica and Jacob Riddle, all of Mt. Vernon, KY; two great grandchildren, Zachary and Sarah; a brother, Donald (Pauline) Harp of Raleigh, NC; an aunt, Grace Noe of Brodhead, KY; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother-Billy Harp.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 8, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Dana Ellison, David Collins, Teddy Rose, Rob Day, Jerry Adams, and Jack Bussell.

Family request memorial be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

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

## Ruth Smith

Ruth French Fisher Smith, 85, of Liberty Street in Somerset died December 13, 2006 at Sunrise Nursing Home.

She was born January 5, 1921 in Wildie, to John A. and Stella Adams French. She was a graduate of Sue Bennett College in 1960 and a 1964 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and was a member of Tau Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa.

She taught school in Rockcastle County in the Hummel community in a one-room schoolhouse at the age of 18 and for the Somerset Independent School System at Parker Elementary for 13 years.

She was a devoted mother and Christian, a member of High Street Baptist Church where she taught the Dorcas Sunday School Class for 31 years and where she was a member of the Senior Saints Choir.

Survivors are two children, Larry (Dwane) Fisher and Venita (Glen) Wheeler, all of Somerset; a sister, Beatrice French McNew of Wildie; three grandchildren, Ryan (Amy) Fisher of Frankfort, Jamie (Crystal) Fisher of Lexington and Paula (Brian) Wheeler of Somerset and four great grandchildren, Madison, Jamison, Landon and Jackson.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Lawrence G. "Buster" Fisher, whom she married Nov. 1, 1941 and who died July 1, 1960 and Paul W. Smith, whom she married June 7, 1965 and who died Nov. 21, 1982; one sister, Louise French Hill and a brother-in-law, Alfred McNew.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 16th at Somerset Undertaking Co. with Bro. Sam Adkins, Bro. Bobby Sexton and Bro. Steve Hall officiating. Burial followed in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to [www.Somerset-Kentucky.com/obituaries](http://www.Somerset-Kentucky.com/obituaries)



## "Buckshot" Robbins

Millard North "Buckshot" Robbins, 92, of Jacksboro, Tennessee and formerly of Brodhead, KY died Monday, January 8, 2007 at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was born on October 21, 1914 in Brodhead, KY the son of the late F.F. and Matilda Howard Robbins. He was an educator with the Rockcastle Co. School system (Brodhead Graded/High School), having taught World History and Citizenship. He was a graduate of U.K. and played on the U.K. baseball team. He was a farmer and had a great love of sports, especially UK sports. He was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church, and Brodhead Lions Club being a charter member, and an alumni member of the University of Kentucky. He was a veteran of WWII. He was a devoted husband and loving father. On August 18, 1960 he was united in holy matrimony to Mary Frances LaFavers, and from that union came a daughter, Sandra.

He is survived by: daughter, Sandra Robbins (William) Elder of Jacksboro, TN; a niece, Charlotte Robbins Carrera of Brodhead, KY; a brother-in-law, James "Dickie" (Brenda) LaFavers of Crab Orchard, KY; and a host of nieces and nephews including Debbie Reich, Lisa Cooper, Abby, Dee, Geoffrey, Nelson Jr., Zach, Sammy, Tucker, Larry and Leslie LaFavers and John Curtis LaFavers, Andrew and Stephan Carrera and great-great niece and nephew Tanner, Carson and Sydney Carrera.

Besides his parents, Franklin Finley Robbins and Matilda Howard Robbins, he was preceded in death by: his wife Mary Frances LaFavers Robbins; three brothers, Burgess, D.A. and Bryon Robbins; and three sisters, Thelma Frith, Goldie Roberts and Opal Wright.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, January 10, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Baptist Church with Bros. John Zupancic and Luther Allen officiating. Interment will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Casketbearers will be: Stephan and Andrew Carrera, John Curtis LaFavers, Tony, Johnny Boone, and Howard Saylor.

## Naomi Owens

Naomi Singleton Owens, 86, died Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at the Terrace Nursing Facility. She was a retired Dresser Industries employee, a member of the Berea Baptist Church, a long time volunteer for the local Red Cross and a member of the Bluegrass Sams camping club.

She is survived by: her daughter, Linda (Glenn) Jennings of Berea; and three grandchildren, Melissa Jennings (Tim) Jones, Laurel Jennings and Charlie E. Owens III. Three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Charlie E. Owens; her parents, P.P. and Martha Shepherd Singleton; her son Charlie E. Owens Jr.; and her brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. (today) Thursday, January 4, 2007 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Osborne presiding. Burial will be in the Berea Cemetery. Visitation will be (today) Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home.

Donations in memory may be made to The Terrace Nursing and Rehab Resident Activities Fund 1043 Brooklyn Blvd. Berea, KY 40403.

Condolences to the family may be made to her online registry at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)



## Charlie Cromer

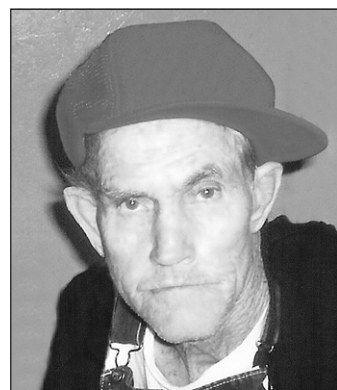
Charlie Cromer, 73, of Mt. Vernon died suddenly Monday, January 8, 2007 at his home. He was born on September 22, 1933 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Raymond and Rinda Poynter Cromer. He was an upholsterer having operated Cromers Upholstery for many years, enjoyed vintage automobiles, and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors are: his wife, Ruby Smith Cromer of Mt. Vernon; one son, Skeeter Cromer of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Thomas, Arvil and Lewis Cromer, all of Mt. Vernon; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ovie Baker officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jake Brown, Ralph Cromer, Gary Marler, Larry Marler, Terri Marler and Shirley Cable.

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



## Tully Hasty

Tully Ray Hasty, 81, of Mt. Vernon died Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at the Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center in Richmond. He was born in Rockcastle County, KY on Jan. 18, 1925 the son of Ambrose and Nora Sowder Hasty.

He is survived by: four brothers, William "Bill" Hasty, Boyd Hasty, and Raymond Hasty, all of Mt. Vernon, and Joe Hasty of Lebanon, IN; and one sister, Louella Clark of Ross, OH. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Charlie Hasty; and three sisters, Bess McClure, Doll Cameron, and Eva Doan.

Funeral services for Mr. Hasty were conducted Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in the Sowder Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: B. J. Bradley, Wayne Cameron, Michael Frederick, Devin Hasty, Josh Hasty and Ricky Hasty.

Honorary pallbearers were: Farris Cameron, Phillip Doan, Rodney Hasty and Henry Hayes.

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

## Victor L. Mullins

Victor L. Mullins, 73, of Harrison Township, Ohio died Sunday, December 31, 2006.

Mr. Mullins was born in Mt.

Vernon on September 17, 1933 to Henry and Mable Mullins of Orlando. He was retired from Hewitt Soap Co., was a member of the Miami River Boat Club and a social member of American Legion Post #746.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Mullins; brothers, Russel and Donald Mullins and a son-in-law, Joe Akers.

Survivors are daughters, Vickie Akers, Kathy (Stan) Wilson and Donna (Mike) Gibson; grandchildren, Chris Wilson, Cyndi Little and Michael Adam Gibson and great grandchildren, Taylor Davis and Rylan Little; his sister, Rose Marie (Clarence) Phillips; brothers, Lowell (Carol) Mullins, William (Wanda) Mullins and Paul (Gail) Mullins; sister-in-law, Kathleen Mullins and mother-in-law, Imogene Hubbard.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 4, 2007 at the George C. Martin Funeral Home, North Dayton Chapel with Pastor Timothy A. Hume officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Garden.

## Mildred Renner

Miss Mildred Renner, 66, of Mt. Vernon died Friday January 5, 2007 at the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington after a long illness. She was born on June 30, 1940 in Rockcastle County the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Cottengim Renner of Mt. Vernon and the late Raymond Renner. She was a retired welder for the Arch Minerals Company and was a member of the Pine Hill Holiness Church.

Survivors, besides her mother are: two brothers, James Renner of Forest Park, OH and Kenneth Renner of West Chester, OH; five sisters, Naomi Gibson of Lockland, OH, Irene Burdine of Louisville, KY, Lela Sturgill of Shephardville, KY, Evelyn Reynolds of East Bernstadt, KY and Della Hedge of Mt. Vernon; one special niece, Jennifer Houk of Mt. Vernon; three nephews, Jacob, Justin and Anthony Hock; and a host of other nieces and nephews, and one very special friend, Ron Cain of Waco, KY.

Services were held Monday, January 8, 2007 at the Pine Hill Holiness Church with Bros. Larry Issacs and allen Hensley officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Terry Renner, Michael Renner, Mitchell Renner, Dennis Reynolds, Tony Reynolds and Mark Houk.

Honorary pallbearers were: Terry Gibson, Andy Hedge and Dwayne Fuller.

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

## Mary E. Wagner

Mary E. Wagner, 87, beloved wife of the late Virgil Wagner, died Thursday, December 7, 2006. Survivors include three children, Carl (Rissie) and Clyde (Ida) Wagner and Anita Gayle Evans; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Farmer.

Services were held at the Vorhis & Ryan Funeral Home in Springdale, Ohio on Monday, December 11, 2006.

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## Our Readers Write

### A special thank you...

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a special thank you to the Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. Early New Year's morning, our family was awakened by the smell of smoke and fire. We soon realized that the vacant house next door was burning. The house was scheduled for demolition but was now on fire. It was frightening to have this occurring so close to our house, pets and family.

The MVFD was faithful in guarding our neighborhood against further fire damage.

We take so much for granted each day. I'm grateful these volunteers stayed up all night to protect our homes. Also I would like to thank the City of Mt. Vernon staff, the Rockcastle Co. Development Board and Clifford Collins for the prompt and tidy clean up of the property.

Richmond Street is getting a much-needed makeover. Many thanks to those whose efforts make our town a safer and nicer community.

With much gratitude,  
Roxanne Hammond

### DVDs of Veterans Day Celebration available...

#### Attention Veterans

Rockcastle County Middle School would like to thank all of the veterans who participated in our Community Veterans' Day Celebration in November. As a token of our appreciation, we would like to provide you with a DVD copy of the activities and events of the day.

If you are a veteran, or family member of a deceased veteran and would be interested in a copy of the DVD, please contact the middle school at 606-256-5118 to request your complimentary copy. You will be asked to leave your address with us and we will send you a copy of the Veterans Day Celebration DVD.

### Historical Society to hold meeting...

Dear Editor,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Resolution or not the New Year has started. This is the time for new beginnings with a fresh start and Spring is just two months away. Have you ever wondered where your ancestors originated from, why they moved across the country or the ocean to find a new home in an unknown region? Well, that is where the Rockcastle County Historical Society comes in. We try and help you locate the ancestors and where they originated from. So with the New Year beginning we are having a public meeting on Friday, January 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the RTEC building located at 85 Spring Street, behind Cox Hardware. We are having this meeting to introduce interested patrons to the historical society and some of our goals for the future. This meeting is just for business and a small introduction to the historical society. We will not be conducting genealogy research during the meeting. If you have questions regarding family research we can make an appointment with you for future research. So bring your interest in family history and join us and learn what the Historical Society holds for you. Hope to see you there.

Wesley Mobley  
President

### Thank you...

Dear Editor,

The staff and clients of the Wayne Stewart Adult Healthcare Center would like to take this opportunity to thank those who made our 3rd Annual Christmas Auction a huge success. Because of your generosity, our clients were able to buy Christmas presents for their families when otherwise they could not have. Special thanks to the following donors:

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Thank you again,  
The staff and clients of Wayne Stewart Adult Healthcare

### Support appreciated...

Dear Editor,

Lighthouse Assembly of God wishes to thank the following businesses for their financial support and prayers for our recent missionary trip to Mexico:

Dollar General Store in Brodhead, Mt. Vernon IGA, Mt. Vernon City Hall, B&L Grocery, John's Cellular One.

Through your gracious giving and prayers, more than 75 souls were won to Christ.

This missionary trip would not have been possible had it not been for your support. You helped make this a very successful trip and we thank you and may God bless you all.

Bro. Tim Hampton, pastor  
Lighthouse Assembly of God

### Writing in response...

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. M.G. Scheid's letter to the editor on January 4, 2007.

He asserts, "Adam's sin passed unto all his descendants" He never dealt with the verse we brought up in our article, Ezk.18:20, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Listen carefully to that again, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father" Yet Mr. Scheid says that "Heredit sin came through Adam". I think I will believe the what an inspired man says.

He cites 1 Cor.15:22A, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Yes, we all die physically because of Adam's sin. We bear the consequences of his sin, not the guilt. We all die physically in Adam, and we all are made alive physically in Christ.

He cites Rom.5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Why has spiritual death passed upon all men? Because we inherit sin? NO, "For that all have sinned:" We die spiritually when we commit sin ourselves. The rest of Rom.5:14-19 is clouded because he started off wrong from verse 12. Let me illustrate it like the equation 2+2=5 x 5=25 +10=35 x2=70 -10=60. What's the blunder here, started off wrong, 2+2 does not equal 5!

He cites John 6:44, but if you read, vs. 45 it says, "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." That is how we can come to God, hear and learn and then we can come!

He said "Hereditary Depravity did not apply to Jesus be-

cause he had no earthly father" True, he had no earthly father, but he had a earthly mother, and she was tainted with inherited sin, (as this theory goes) So why did he not inherit sin from Mary?

Much more to be said, but because of limited space, we will conclude with this thought, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son..."

Sincerely,  
Dan McKibben  
Mt. Vernon, KY

### In need of items...

Dear Editor,

The Rock Of Ages Mission is in need of a few items for some families in Rockcastle County. If anyone would like to donate any of these items, please call us at 606-758-4203

1. Wood heating stove
2. Small microwave.
3. Twin bed or Bunk beds.

Please remember that we are not accepting any clothes until further notice, we have no place to put them.

Thank you,  
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### Liked Ford and Nixon...

Dear Editor,

I might possibly be among the few persons living today who would admit to having mixed emotions while watching the pomp and pageantry of former President Gerald Ford's funeral services. And, it's not that I didn't like the man. Actually, I loved him. But I also liked Richard Nixon, the man totally responsible for the Ford presidency. For this reason, I am now finding it offensive and irritating to hear a good man being crucified all over again by talk show hosts and any guests they can dig up; even by some Republican Party members who have come to eulogize Mr. Ford. We keep recalling Nixon's parting words upon reigning: "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

Well, that is one time he was wrong. They are still kicking his bones! And for what? -ignoring or covering up the bunged "break in" of Democrat Headquarters in the Watergate Towers; an amateurish effort that had all the earmarks of a set up! And we must remember that nobody was shot, drowned, maimed or otherwise injured at Watergate and no property was wrecked or stolen. Even the lock had been covered with tape so as to allow entry without damage to the door. And the police apprehended the "burglars" before they had time to search the place or plant a "bug."

This seemed like such a trivial matter to most, including the President; not worthy of his personal attention at a time when the Vietnam War was raging and cities across America were going up in flames. By the time someone warned Nixon that a "cancer is growing on the presidency, he was already being charged with a "cover-up" and questions demanding, "What did the President know and when did he know it?"

And now today, more than 30 years later, we are still hearing Watergate described ad nauseam as "the crime of the century" and Richard Nixon as "the President who disgraced the office as no other occupant has ever done." Quite a stretch, actually! Almost all commentators and contributors have dwelled upon the Nixon pardon

and President Ford's statement that "our long national nightmare is now over." Several other point out that Ford always referred to Nixon merely as "my predecessor." When asked why, he said, "I simply cannot bring myself to mention the man's name." Some of us needed no reminder of that big mistake which angered a lot of Republicans and helped elect Jimmy Carter!

My husband and I are proud that our first vote ever cast was for the Eisenhower - Nixon ticket in 1952, then repeated in 1956 and again in all Nixon's races, lost and won, through his landslide victory of '72. Though it was a sad time for us in 1974, we supported Nixon's choice of Gerald Ford as his replacement. We only wish Ford's sterling qualities alone had been highlighted sufficiently for the dignified mourning period and funeral services honoring his life and service to country without hurting the family and friends of another President who some of us will always remember as a good and decent human being; not perfect, just decent; a mighty communist fighter whom Ronald Reagan found to his liking. That alone puts us in good company!

F. Christine McKinney  
West Chester, OH

### U stands for unconditional election...

Dear Editor,

In my article on Hereditary Depravity, I pointed out that it does not depend on man's will but on his ability to accept Christ.

Jesus says (John 6:44A), "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." This has to do with ability.

In Eph. 1:4-5, Paul says that we have been chosen before the foundation of the world.

Paul again says in Eph. 2:1 that we have been made alive who were dead - giving us the ability to come to Christ.

In Romans 9:11-13, Paul again says, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

In these verses, God tells us He hated Esau before He was born. In Rom. 9:17-18, He said He raised Pharaoh up to shew His power in Him. Verse 18, He declares He will have mercy on whom He wills and whom He will be hardeneth.

Can we question God? Verse 20 asks can the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus? It was declared by God in Luke 1:13-15 that John the Baptist shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

Jeremiah 1:5 God says to Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew (or loved) thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." I ask does man who can accept or reject Christ have more power than God? Matt. 23:18b Jesus says All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Dan 4:35 says all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and He (God) doeth according to His will in the Army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, what doest thou?

M.G. Scheid

## Subscribe to the Signal

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

cholesterol, I figured that my switch from coffee to free-radical-fighting green tea should counterbalance my polishing off the last big slice of the country ham that Jimmy Robinson sent us for Christmas dinner.

You have not lived unless you've had a Robinson ham. And if you have not had Loretta's best friend, Adella Stevenson, prepare it with her secret method, then you have no idea how sweet and tender a country ham can truly be. All I'm relatively sure of is that the process involves much boiling, scrubbing, deboning, baking etc. (not necessarily in that order but etc. is probably her best kept secret) Anyway the finished product comes back ready to slice and nearly free of fat and salt.

Speaking of Jimmy Robinson, I don't eat sausage at home unless it says Robinson's on the package label. Other brands are pricier mostly because they spend so much money on advertising but

Jimmy, like Adella, guards his recipe and depends mostly on the truth being spread by word of mouth.

And that must work. As I know for sure is that it's mostly meat instead of lard and that I can't still and eat it. The processing plant is located in Pittsburg, Kentucky just outside London and the little company has been in business for generations of Robinsons. I'm not exactly sure how many counties they distribute to but most knowledgeable grocers south from Richmond and at least to the Tennessee line save some space in their racks for Robinson meat products.

Give them just one try and I'm here to tell you that you won't go back to your regular brand. Of course that's no secret to folks who live in Laurel and it's neighboring counties.

In the meantime several people called to wish me happy birthday and several wanted to be reminded as to how old I was. I simply told them that I'd forgotten so I'd decided to celebrate 35 again.

But not with Nine Inch Nails.

## Email the Signal at mvsignal@alltel.net

### "What Saith The Scriptures"

We conclude our study of the 5 points of Calvinism, by looking at the P in the acronym TULIP, which stands for "perseverance of the saints" The doctrine states the elect are kept in faith by the power of Almighty God and thus perseveres to the end. Some have called this once saved always saved or once in grace always in grace. The problem with this position is that it is just wrong, for the scripture says that saints can fall from grace. "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Gal.5:4. And again, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;" Heb.12:15. Jesus said, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matt.10:22. We must chose to accept the call of the gospel, and we can chose to leave God and fall into sin. But beware; if we turn from Christ, we shall fall from the grace of God!

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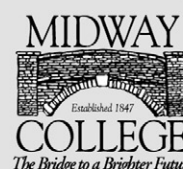
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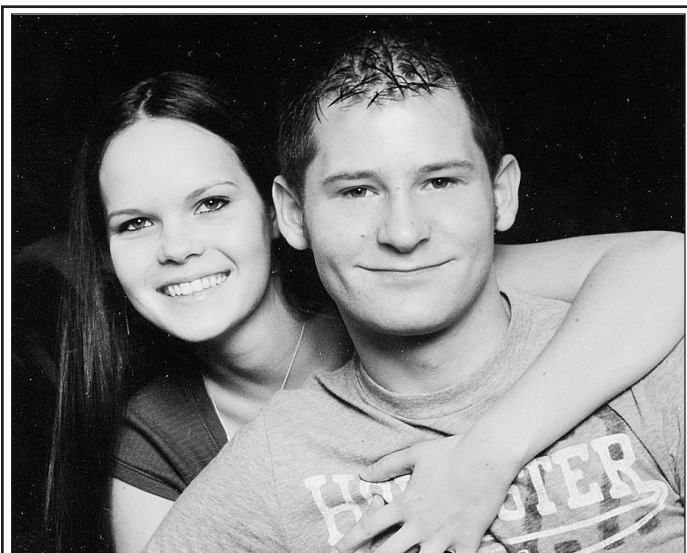
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### Ashley - Bradley

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ashley of Brodhead along with Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Bradley of Mt. Vernon are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Karla and Jamie. Karla is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Miller of Brodhead and the late Bill and Emma Ashley. Jamie is the grandson of Mrs. Ruby Bradley of Mt. Vernon and the late Bud Bradley, Leon and Elizabeth Sewell. *Congratulations, we love you!*

### “Bench” (Cont. from A2)

event of impending death. Though inartfully written, this document confirmed the many conversations between Frances and her family concerning her health care desires.

Living wills give you a voice when no longer able to speak for yourself due to a medical crisis. Kentucky law recognizes the inherent right of individuals to control their own destiny, to make decisions regarding medical treatment and quality of life issues. As our courts have observed, this right derives from the common-law rights of self-determination and informed consent, in the liberty interest protected by the Fourteenth Amendment, and in the Kentucky Constitution which provides: “All men are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned . . . [t]he right of enjoying and defending their rights and liberties.”

Kentucky’s Living Will Directive Act allows anyone over the age of 18 to execute a written living will expressing his or her wishes regarding medical treatment when unable to do so. So long as the patient can express his own desires, the Living Will has no impact. But, in cases of serious illness or injury, the Living Will informs your family and health care providers of your desires—to accept or decline treatments which extend life, or which affect the manner in which you receive medical treatment.

The Act permits you to (1) direct the withholding or withdrawal of life-prolonging treatment; (2) direct the withholding or withdrawal of hydration and nutrition; (3) designate someone to serve as your health care surrogate to make health care decisions on your behalf; and (4) provides an opportunity for

organ donation. The Living Will can be as simple or complex as necessary.

No attorney is needed to prepare a Living Will. The Office of the Attorney General provides a Living Will Packet which accurately and simply explains the process and provides a sample Living Will. The packet can be located at [www.ag.ky.gov/consumer/livingwills.htm](http://www.ag.ky.gov/consumer/livingwills.htm).

It may be advisable, however, to consult with an attorney regarding your Living Will. It is important that the document precisely spell out your wishes not only for your own peace of mind, but to ease the burden on those who must effectuate your wishes. Makes sure that the language of the document is clear. Legal terms may be unclear to medical professionals or laymen, and most medical terminology is incomprehensible to those without a medical background. An attorney can help in crafting language which is simple and readily understood. An attorney can also assist in making sure that the Living Will is properly executed and available when needed. The Living Will must be signed by two witnesses or notarized to be effective, and the witnesses may not include blood relatives, a beneficiary of the estate, and employee of the health care facility where the grantor is a patient, an attending physician, or any person who has a financial responsibility for the patient’s health care.

Take a few minutes in the next few weeks and look at a Living Will online, or call an attorney and ask whether a Living Will might be appropriate for you. Keep in mind that the Living Will is not only for your benefit, but for those who grieve.

### “TJ’s” (Cont. from A2)

it sounds impossible for a baby to remember anything. The first thing I remember is my first Christmas. I remember crawling around on the floor, and looking up at a most unusual object: a Christmas tree. I even remember my grandma giving me a doll that was made of hard plastic, and had on red and white flannel pajamas. It was about the same size as me.

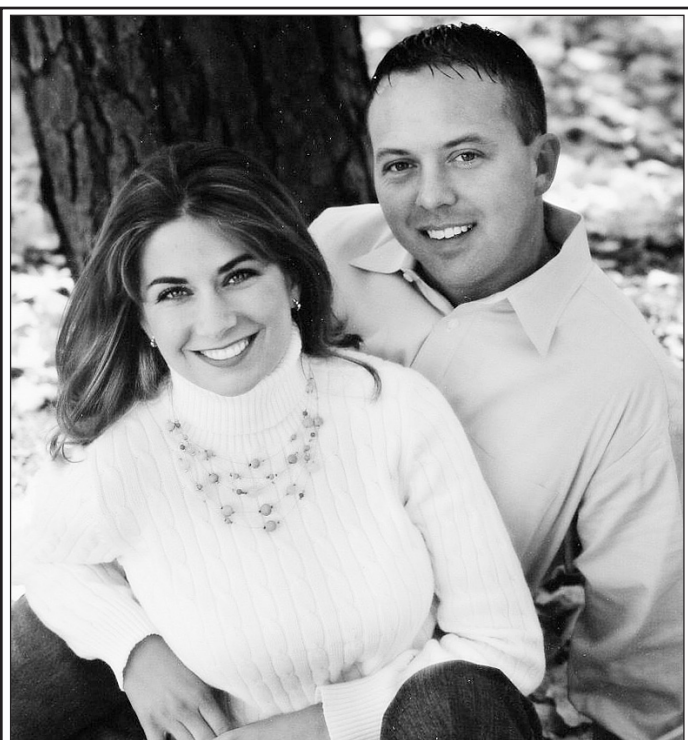
Since that time, there have been national memories of events most of this country can remember to one degree or the other. There was the assassination of John F. Kennedy. I was shopping at a store in Corbin with my folks when the announcement came over the store speaker, “Our president has been shot and killed in Dallas.” Everyone was to bring their purchases to the checkout, as the store was going to be closing. For the next few days, it seemed that the whole nation had closed.

The next death I remember to stand out in my mind with any significance was that of Elvis (not to diminish those of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King.) It was my senior year in high school; I had just gotten home from school, and had eaten my routine snack. I had turned on the radio and begun my homework. I was about fifteen minutes into the process when the news was announced. I was writing in a blue notebook at the time, and thought I was surely mistaken in what I had heard, so I continued writing. About ten minutes later, the

news was repeated. Needless to say, there wasn’t any more homework done. I was glued to the TV and radio, as was most of America. There wasn’t much done at school the next day, either.

Of course there are other national memories of deaths, disasters, and events. Most, like myself, can remember where we were and what we were doing when these events occurred.

I suppose some of my favorite memories are those of my family and friends who have departed this life. As long as their memory is alive in those they have left behind, they in a sense are very much alive. They, and familiar places, perhaps now long gone, are only a memory away. Perhaps we are given such rainy and uneventful days to visit those people and places that now only dwell in our memory.



### Boreing - Ford

Bobby and Rebecca Boreing of Mt. Vernon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to John D. Ford, son of Sam and Judy Ford, also of Mt. Vernon.

Angela is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School, a magna cum laude graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology. John is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and is currently an attorney in the law firm of Coffey & Ford, PSC, located in Mt. Vernon.

A wedding date has been set for May 26, 2007 with the ceremony being held at Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

### Celebrates 92nd Birthday

Mrs. Vallie Burton celebrated her 92nd birthday on Saturday, January 6th in Somerset at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mattie and Danny Petrey. Those who visited were: Chafic, Sheila, Tatiana and Amina Zenni of Cincinnati, Ohio; Jennifer Jones of Bronston; Gary, Kristi, Zack and Morgann Rowe of Eubank and John Chapman of Somerset. Vallie wants to thank everyone that visited, called, sent cards and gave her gifts. *We wish her many more healthy and happy years.*

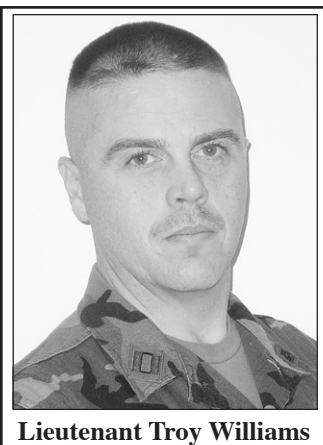


### LT Troy Williams assigned as Company Commander

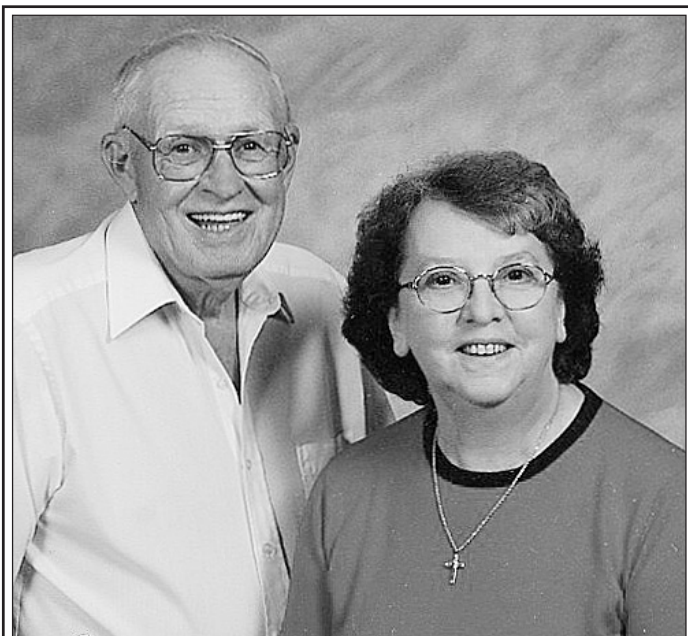
Lieutenant Troy Williams, CEC, and USN of Naval Construction Battalion Twenty Four, Huntsville, Alabama was assigned to Delta Company as

Company Commander on October 1st, 2006. Delta Company consists of all Reserve Seabees Drilling in Tennessee and South Carolina. LT Williams resides in Berea Kentucky with his wife Judy and Daughter Paisley Grace.

LT Williams is a veteran of the war in Iraq, where he received the Navy Achievement Medal for his service as Officer in Charge for Tactical Movement Teams with the Battalion. NMCB-24 recently returned from active duty service with the 2nd Marine Division in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. The battalion received honors for earning the Battle “E” and the Perry Award for the best Seabee Battalion in the Navy.



Lieutenant Troy Williams



### 55th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Burton celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary December 22nd. They have two sons, Stan (Sherry) of Toledo, Ohio and Kenny (Brenda) Burton of Fell City, Alabama, three grandchildren - Penny Burton in Iraq, Erik Burton of San Antonio, Texas and Travis Burton of Quail. They also have two great grandson, Kyle and Christopher of Texas.

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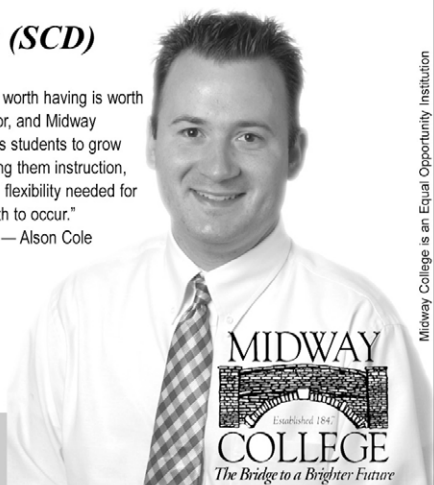
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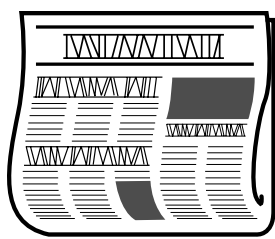
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# From the Signal files



## Five years ago this week 2002

Incumbent County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis filed for re-election and former Rockcastle County Jailor and Sheriff Billy Kirby filed for the office of Jailor.

An elderly Michigan couple were killed in a single car accident on I-75 when their Ford Explorer crossed the median and hit an embankment. Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell pronounced both of them dead at the scene.

The Rockcastle County Rockets won the McCreary Central Holiday Tournament and placed third in the Berea Invitational the two weeks between Christmas and New Years.

The Lady Rockets did quite a bit better than the boys during those two weeks in 2002 by winning their own Hoopla Tournament and tying for first place in the Queen of the Smokies tournament in Gatlinburg.

Rockcastle County got its first two snowfalls of the season with over three inches of the white stuff falling in a three day period, which caused Rockcastle County students to miss their first three days of the school year.

## Ten years ago this week 1997

State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon was re-elected unanimously by members of the Kentucky House Minority Caucus for a second term to the highest House Minority Leadership position, as Floor Leader.

State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lambert swore-in Rockcastle County School Board members, Terry Burton, Teresa Boling and Sherry Issacs. Dr. G.W. Griffith was re-elected chairman of the board and Burton was elected vice-chairman. Dwight Griffin was the other member of the board in 1997.

833 Rockcastle households received heating assistance funds in the amount of \$80,770.

Troy Williams of Mt. Vernon was named an Outstanding Young Alumnus by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture at its alumni association's winter event on December and the annual R.E.A.P. contest, sponsored by the local 4-H clubs netted 1,356 food and clothing items.

Circuit Judge William T. Cain delayed murder trials for both Wally "Junie" Kirby who was accused of shooting his girlfriend Tracy Caudill to death in 1995 and for David Lindsey of Wolf Creek who was accused of killing J.B. Alexander of Crooked Creek on May 17 of 1996.

## 15 years ago this week 1992

George M. Poynter was re-elected chairman and Kenneth Adams was re-elected vice-chairman of the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

The Wayne County Cardinals captured the 11th annual Brodhead Invitational Tournament by defeating the Roundstone Eagles 52-35 in the championship game.

Members of that team were: Jimmy Kidwell, Shane Whittimore, Shannon Isaacs,

Brian Bullens, Adam Powell, Eric Powell, Jason Brock Ronnie Miller, Jamie Linville, Eddie Todd, Neil Sparks and Jarrod Sparks. The team was coached by David Owens and Larry Kidwell.

The Roundstone Cheerleaders finished first in the B.I.T. in 1992. Members of that squad were: Jill Cummins, Tiffany Gabbard, Dana Thacker, Tracy Sears, Christina Judd, Jamie Parkey, Kelly Sears, Brianna Owens, Jama Cornelius, Shaunna Stevens, Amy Truett and Tracy Phillips. Tracy Gabbard was the cheerleading sponsor for the squad.

Members of the all tournament team at the B.I.T. were: Adam Powell, Anthony Neal, David Phillips, Kenny Dunn, Sherman Dobbs, Jamie Linville, Corey Scott, Eddie Todd, Scott Cotton, Kenny Griffin, Richard Ramsey and Stephen Day.

Retired Brodhead school teacher Shirley Martin was honored for her 11 years of work on the tournament.

The Lady Rockets dropped a close game to Jackson County even though Cindy McCauley scored 31 points. McCauley, who is the Lady Rockets all-time leading scorer, was named player of the week.

The Rockets however defeated Jackson County 79-73 and sophomores Mikhael Shafer and J.D. Bussell were named co-players of the week.

Nine Rockcastle County High School students took part in the first regional academic showcase.

Students participating were: Anthony Wade Mink, math; Courtney Adams, math; Dallas W. Graves, math; William Dennis Linville, math; Sonia Morgan, essay; Shawn Burdette, vocal; Stacey Sue Thacker, creative writing; Jay William Thompson, chess and Stephanie Pope, art.

The new Rockcastle County Family Resource Center and Youth Services Center opened their new office on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon across from the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

Staffing the first office were: Betty Lewis, Family Resource Coordinator; Dawn Lang, Youth Services Coordinator; Jill Ponder, counselor; Satca Morgan, outreach worker and Kim Hunter, receptionist.

## 20 years ago this week 1987

The Rockcastle County High School Art Department sponsored a contest to see who could draw the best preliminary sketch for a logo of the Rockcastle Hospital.

The winner was Jennie Thorpe. Joe Sanchez, placed second and Brandi DeBorde was third. Randall Owens, Mark Blackburn and Lori Allen also participated.

Art teacher Lawrence Bullock and director of public relations at the hospital, Bobby Bailey, oversaw the contest.

The Rockcastle County Board of Education was sued by David Mason on behalf of his son, Chris, after he was suspended by RCHS principal Cleston Saylor for ten days.

The incident that spurred the

expulsion occurred between Mason and another student, who landed in the hospital with a broken leg.

The other student apparently had urinated in a pop can and gave it to a mentally challenged student to drink, when Mason stepped in.

Rockcastle Circuit Judge Dan Venters issued an injunction in the case so that Mason could attend school, while things were sorted out in court.

Mason had not missed a day of school in his 12 years in the school system and had said he would take any other kind of punishment, other than expulsion. Mason also told members of the Rockcastle Board of Education he did not intend to break the student's leg and that he apologized for his extreme actions.

The former Hilltop Market on U.S. 25 south of Mt. Vernon was completely destroyed by fire and Circuit Court Clerk Denver Miller was the first to file for the May Primary.

Work started on refurbishing the caboose in Mt. Vernon, which would be used by the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce as a headquarters and information center.

Andy McKinney son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark McKinney of Brodhead, was selected for the All-Regional Band.

Senior point guard Cindy Fain scored 20 points to lead the Lady Rockets to a 48-39 win over Estill County and Junior Jon Bullens scored 18 points to help the Rockets to a 64-48 win over Pineville.

## 25 years ago this week 1982

Rockcastle County magistrates voted unanimously to raise their salaries from \$460 per month to \$600 and re-hired Paul Hansel as county road foreman on a two year contract.

James W. Lambert, Rockcastle County Attorney for twenty-two years, retired from elective office on January 4, 1982. Besides being county attorney, Lambert served as state representative from 1950 to 1956.

Fifteen young ladies were selected as candidates for basketball homecoming queen at RCHS for 1982. The fifteen were: Michelle Cromer, Tracy Mulberry, Carolyn Browning, Valerie Fields, Penny Bishop, Melinda Pillion, Sheila Burton, Donna Farthing, Dana Clifford, Terri Roberts, Connie McClure, Tracy Kirby, Netza Cash, Stacy McKinney and Marlene Holbrook. Miss Mulberry was crowned queen.

Old man winter made its biggest mark of the young snow season when four inches fell in a two day period and the city of Mt. Vernon was still without a police chief, after the resignation of Jim Durham.

## 30 years ago this week 1977

Five Rockcastle Countians were named to Who's Who at Sue Bennett College in 1977. They were: Dwight Griffin, Dale Whitaker, LaJoy Parrett Graves, Theresa Hysinger Sams and Gwen Harris Goodlin.

Former Rockcastle Sheriff, Billy Kirby, filed for the office of Jailor along with four republican incumbent magistrates, J.R. "Boone" Cromer, W.H. "Bill" Wren, Ernest Mason and Chester Whitaker.

C.T. Huffhines was named President of the Bank of Mt. Vernon and three other employees were promoted. Jess F. Bullock was promoted to executive vice-president, Bill James was promoted to vice-president and cashier and Mary Ponder was promoted to assistant cashier.

Carlos Carloftis, William D. Gregory and Mrs. N.M. Smock were named as advisory directors at BMV and \$1,000 certificate of deposits were paying 7%.

School board members Isabelle "Cookie" Mason and Willie Taylor were sworn-in for new four year terms after both were re-elected in November of 1976.

As of Thursday, January 13, 1977, 13.5 inches of snow had fallen in the county, according to Rockcastle County weatherman Bud Cox.

## 35 years ago this week 1972

William I. Norton was re-elected president and Harris Burton, vice-president of the

Rockcastle County Saddle Club at their annual meeting.

Martha Cox, David Henderson, Shirley Cox, Hazel Owens, Nancy Mullins, Charles M. Baker and Louise Bailey were put in charge of the local Heart Fund Drive and Harold Lee Price was hired as a Mt. Vernon city police officer.

Estill McBee of Mt. Vernon was re-elected president of the Fish and Game Club, James Earl Hammons was elected vice-president and R.L. Cummins was chosen secretary-treasurer. Dues were \$2.00 per year.

*Kiss an Angel Good Morning*, by Charlie Pride was number one on the country survey at WRVK radio station and Dolly Parton's *Coat of Many Colors* was climbing the chart at number five.

## 40 years ago this week 1967

Four time Rockcastle County Judge Charles C. Carter announced he would be a candidate for State Senator in the 19th district.

The 19th district was composed of Jackson, Owsley, Clay, Laurel and Rockcastle. At the time the seat was held by well-know politician Pleaz Mobley of Manchester.

The Rockcastle Baptist Hospital Board elected officers of the executive committee at their first meeting of 1967.

Elected were: R.B. McKenzie, president, R.H. Hamm, vice president, Preston Nunnelley, secretary and Arch French, treasurer. Other members of the committee were: W.H. Harris, Earl Bullock, Cletus Peters, C.H. Noe, Ernest Stanley and Ray Pope.

Larry Miller of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon was first place winner in the annual Soil Conservation essay contest in the high school division. The topic was "Soil Conservation and Its Effect on My Community."

Carcille Carloftis of Livingston was the runner-up in the contest and the third place winner was Danny McKinney of Brodhead. Miller won \$25, Carloftis, \$10 and McKinney \$7.50.

Richie Bray of Brodhead won first place in the grade school division and Bonnie Faye Deborde of Roundstone was the runner-up. 781 essays were submitted to Judges Bradley Saylor, Clyde Linville and Clay Colson.

Danny E. Mullins, was with the 3rd Armored Division in Friedberg Germany in 1966. Mullins was a 1964 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Mullins of Rt. 3, Berea.

## 45 Years ago this week 1962

The board of trustees at Brodhead met in an organizational session, in which trustees Billy Bussell, Ed Brown, Millard Robbins and Billy Riddle elected Bobby Proctor as Chairman of the Board. The board retained the services of Grant Petrey as police officer and Ernest Robbins as city clerk.

Rockcastle County Judge Charles Carter swore-in Sheriff Lovell Clontz, deputies Wayne Vanhook and Tip Reppert, Jailor Sam Hoskins, County Clerk Clarence Carter and County Attorney James W. Lambert at their first yearly meeting of 1962. The new fiscal court also passed a retirement plan for county employees, which would take effect after 10 years of employment and Mrs. Ann Bray Farris was hired as county treasurer.

Brodhead Tiger Johnny Hamm poured in 26 points to beat Mt. Vernon in the championship game of the Brodhead Christmas Invitational and Henry Cox of Mt. Vernon was

named President of the South Central Kentucky Water and Sewage Plant Operators Association.

Charles S. Lewis, had his farm on the Old Chestnut Ridge Road certified as a part of the American Tree Farm System, which was the first tree farm in Rockcastle County to be included in the system.

## Mt. Vernon resident to demonstrate Folk Art painting this Saturday

On Saturday, January 13, Janice Harding Owens of Mt. Vernon will demonstrate Folk Art painting from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

As a native of Rockcastle County, Janice Harding Owens comes from a family of creative quilters and painters. In the 1980's she was painting the wood crafts that her husband Ron made. Eventually Janice began to paint on boards and in 1989 painted her first canvass with acrylics. Folk Art collector John Irvin saw Janice's work and arranged for her to have her first exhibition of paintings at Central Bank in Lexington in 1991. She has since had painting exhibitions all over the country in Washington, D. C., Connecticut, and Wisconsin among others.

With children in her household, Janice chose to work with water based acrylic paints to avoid the smell of oil paints and to achieve a fast drying process. Often Janice bypasses sketching the painting first and goes right to the paint. She comments, "Sometimes I just go at it with the paint, by the time I sketch something in, I could have painted it!"

Her favorite subject is landscapes. While commissioned paintings require Janice to follow an actual image, her own landscapes might have a horse

New Livingston trustees went into their first meeting of 1962 and elected Calvin Webb as chairman of their board. Livingston commissioners were: Clell Pike, P.L. Poynter, Lester Arnold and Henry Cummins. Livingston had \$20 in their treasury and \$8,000 debt.

Janice painted next to a building she saw in a magazine. Janice looks at photographs and other images as a reference point, and then juxtaposes them together in her own unique way.

Works by Janice Harding Owens are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center located just off Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea). The Center's exhibits, shopping, and travel information areas are all open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the café from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. The Center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from all across the Commonwealth. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the Center's web site at [www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov)

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# Tiger Pause

BES PTA is taking orders for the 2006-2007 yearbook. Order forms and payment should be turned in by February 16. There will be no extra copies available at the end of the school year, so please order now. The year books will have a soft cover, be in full color, and cost \$10.00.

The School Mall program is scheduled for January 12th. Each child will bring home a booklet to be filled out with the addresses of parents, grandparents, family members, and friends. Every child that returns a completed booklet will receive a prize. BES will receive money for each completed book. This is an easy way to support BES. Thanks.

Ms. Brenda Saylor from the Rockcastle County Extension Office visited Mrs. Patsy Morgan's second grade classroom on Tuesday, December

19, to discuss the food pyramid. Ms. Saylor let the second graders fix a Christmas tree snack during the program. Mrs. Patsy's class says "thank you" to Ms. Brenda.

UK Wildcat Basketball Shootout Easter Seals money is due between January 22-24. The money collected will go to help more than 14,000 children and adults with various disabilities.

BES is currently updating our website. This process will take several weeks. The new address is [www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/bes](http://www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/bes)

The BES staff of the week is Mrs. Vickie Mink, cafeteria dishwasher. Mrs. Vickie is married to Dwight; has three children-Anthony, Becky, and Mary Beth; and has two grandchildren- Kiersten and Alexandria. She has a dog named Annie. Mrs. Vickie's favorite food is Mexican, her favorite TV show is CSI and her favorite color is red. She enjoys reading and walking.

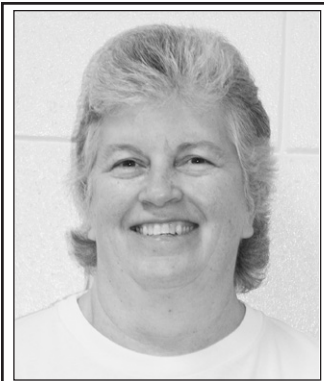
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Jan. 15-no school MLK Day

Jan. 18-SBDM @ 3:30; PTA @ 7:00

Jan. 25-County Spelling Bee

Jan. 31-Box Tops are due



Vickie Mink



Second graders in Mrs. Patsy Morgan's class making a Christmas tree snack while learning about the food pyramid.



Brenda Saylor from the Rockcastle County Extension Office visiting Mrs. Patsy Morgan's class.

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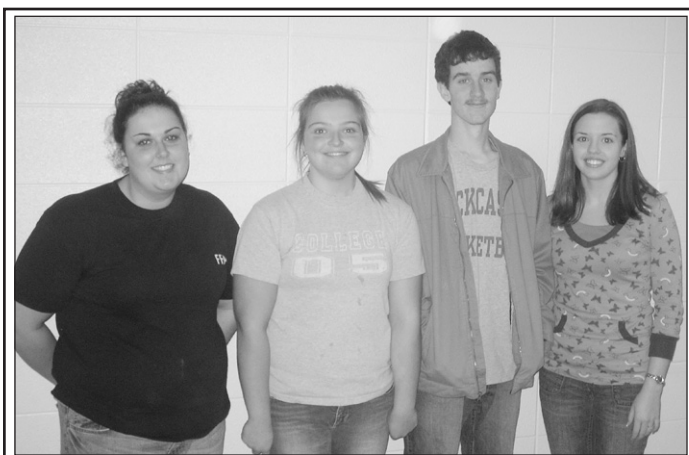
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Ashley Cash, Kayla Bishop, Chris Hurst, and Hillary Proctor were the members of the Horticulture Team.



Shown above are Katie McClure, Brittany Kirby, TJ Singleton and Alexis Brown, the Ag Sales team.

# FFA dominates field day events

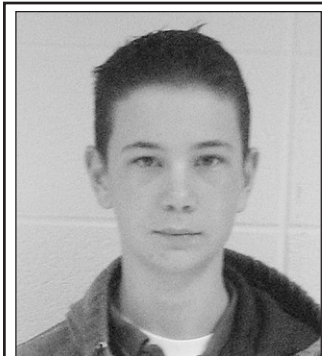
By Jerrica Poynter  
 FFA Chapter Reporter

On Friday, December 1st, Rockcastle County FFA dominated the Kentucky River Region Winter Field Day. It was held at Rockcastle County High School and other high schools that participated were Whitley, North Laurel, South Laurel, Wolfe, Bell, and Lee County.

Jeffery Albright placed 1st in Junior Tractor Driving and Jonathan Wells placed 2nd in Senior Tractor Driving. The Rockcastle Horticulture team took 1st place with a 69 point lead! Members of this team were Christ Hurst, Kayla Bishop, Ashley Cash, and Hillary Proctor. Chris Hurst was

awarded High Individual. The Welding Team also won 1st place. Members of this team were Lewis Mink, Blake Hasty, Russell Bullock, and Nathan Gibbons. Lewis Mink was the High Individual. Finally, our Agriculture Sales Team took 1st place with a 174 point lead. Members were Katie McClure, Alexis Brown, Brittany Kirby, and TJ Singleton. Katie McClure was awarded High Individual.

All the teams did an awesome job! Thanks to all the teachers that helped out with the event and the school in allowing us to compete there. Hope next year is just as great!



Jeffery Albright dominated the Junior Tractor Driving contest by taking home 1st place.



Jonathon Wells placed 2nd in Senior Tractor Driving.

## School Menu

January 15th - 19th  
**Breakfast**  
 Monday, January 15th: No School.  
 Tuesday, January 16th: Muffin square or cereal & toast, juice, milk.  
 Wednesday, January 17th: French toast sticks or cereal & toast, juice, milk.  
 Thursday, January 18th: Breakfast pizza or cereal & toast, juice, milk.  
 Friday, January 19th: Chicken vittle or cereal & toast, juice, milk.  
**Lunch**  
 Monday, January 15th: No school.  
 Tuesday, January 16th: Hot dog on bun, french fries, baked beans, fruit dessert, milk.  
 Wednesday, January 17th: Ham slice, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, roll, peaches, milk.  
 Thursday, January 18th: Pizza, garden salad, corn, oatmeal square, milk.  
 Friday, January 19th: Hamburger on bun, lettuce and pickle, potatoes, fruit dessert, milk.

# Mt. Vernon Message

School News

MVES Unite Club meets on Friday, January 12 at 2:00.

There will be no school on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Project Wisdom quote for this week is: "It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

Family Resource Center News  
 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.

For 2007

# Young Republicans elect new officers

This past Monday, the Young Republican Club held their first meeting of 2007. Among many items on the agenda, was the election of the 2007 Executive Council. According to Travis T. Burton, who is currently serving as the Youth Chairman for the county party, all the officers were elected unanimously.

Aaron Anderkin was re-elected as Chairman. However, Anderkin was not present at the meeting due to a scheduling conflict with his work in the Governor's Office.

"Aaron has taken an internship with Governor Ernie

Fletcher. We are very excited for him since this opportunity will mean a lot not only to Aaron, but to our party and county as well." said Burton.

Taking the position of Vice-Chairman was Thomas Coffey. Coffey served the club this past year as Treasurer. Taking his place in the position of Treasurer was Dana Hurt. Derrick Hensley was elected as the club's Secretary.

The Young Republicans meet monthly and encourage all Republicans between the ages of 18-40 to attend their meetings.



Travis T. Burton, Rockcastle's Republican Party Youth Chair, congratulates the new Young Republican club officers. Thomas Coffey will serve as the Vice-Chair, Dana Hurt as Treasurer, and Derrick Hensley as Secretary. Aaron Anderkin (not pictured) was re-elected as Chairman.



Rockcastle County School Counselor Cindy McCullough, left, and Eastern Kentucky University AmeriCorps members Beth Eaton, second from left, and Traci Collins, fourth from right, who are serving elementary schools in Rockcastle County, are pictured with ECU AmeriCorps Director Nancy Thames, second from right; Operation UNITE officials, Danny Godby and Gary L. Perkins, third and fourth from left; Aaron Anderkin, AmeriCorps Youth Commissioner, third from right; and other AmeriCorps officials at an ECU AmeriCorps training for literacy tutoring and drug education implementation. This year, ECU AmeriCorps members are tutoring reading and teaching the UNITE research-based curriculum, Too Good for Drugs, composed of 10 separate lessons, to 3,000 students in ECU's service region. ECU AmeriCorps members are being trained by UNITE school liaisons Perkins and Godby. ECU AmeriCorps will offer a class credit program where members will receive three hours of undergraduate and graduate credit upon successful completion of 1,700 hours of service -- the first such program in Kentucky and one of the few in the nation.

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## Cards of Thanks

### Nannie M. Thomas

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all the family, friends and neighbors for the food, cards, flowers and being with us during our loss.

Thanks to Dr. Saylor, Dr. Bullock and staff, Rockcastle Hospital, Home Health and staff. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Owens for their kindness and beautiful funeral for our special mother. Thanks to Hospice, you all are the greatest. Your nurses are the very best. You all were there with kindness and comfort. We appreciate everyone and every kind word.

Thanks to Bro. John Burdette and the pallbearers.

### The Family of Mrs. Nannie M. Thomas Bud Bradley

The family of Bud Bradley would like to thank everyone for their prayers, words of kindness, for the food that was brought and all the beautiful flowers and gifts during our time of loss. We appreciate all the wonderful friends that came to visit our Dad during his illness, each one of you were a blessing to him and to us. We also want to thank the Doan family for the beautiful service. Your heartfelt words and songs gave us much comfort. Thanks to Dr. Tony Arvin, Cumberland Valley Home Health, Rockcastle Hospital, SPC Home Medical Equipment and Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. All of you were a great help during our difficult time. God bless each of you and thank you very much.

The Bradley family

### James Franklin Dooley

The Dove takes a flight, An angel calls your name. Somewhere in the silence, We all felt your pain. A piece of heart is missing, We will never be the same. Only memories will fill it, When we hear your name.

It would be difficult to mention everyone by name that made visits or phone calls to check on Frankie. You know who you are. Thank you.

A special thanks to Bro. Jack Martin, Stevie Pittman and Ladies of Three Links Christian Church, Marvin E. Owens, Dr. Bullock and Hospice Care Plus. Also the pallbearers, those who sent food, cards or made donations to Phillips Cemetery Fund, thank you.

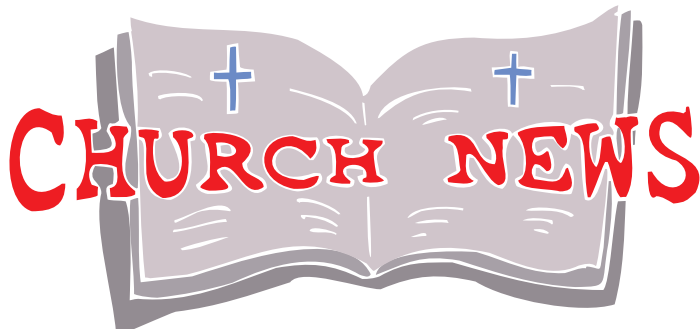
You will always be in our hearts and never be forgotten.

### The family of James Franklin Dooley Chris, Kim, Ben, Dicie, Ruby, Lucille, George, Carol, Florence, Travis and Johnny and all our families

### George Saley Frederick

The family of George Saley Frederick would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, prayers and many acts of kindness during his illness and passing. A special thanks to Bro. Buford Parkerson, the pallbearers, Upstaging and the entire crew of Delirium, Hospice of Central Kentucky, Hager Funeral Home and Lake Cumberland Funeral Home.

Thank you from George, Jr., Tami, Savannah, Jesse, Jimmy, Kenny, Danny, Jeannette, Cyndi, Clea and Georgia.



### Prayer Requests

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### January Bible Study

Are you really busy? Too much activity, too much hurry, too many responsibilities? Too little God? During the month of January, each Sunday night at 6 p.m., First Baptist Church invites you to come and take part in a new Bible study entitled, "Freedom From Busyness." You'll experience God inviting you to trade your busy life for a better life!

If you are too busy to read the study book, it all comes with a CD that you may listen to as you commute to work.

Come join us each Sunday night in January as we learn to be free to focus on what's most important.

### Fifth Sunday Rally at First Christian

Sunday, January 28th, First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will host the Fifth Sunday Rally to begin at 7 p.m. Our program

### Extension Office News Castle Quilters January Workshop

Castle Quilters January Workshop will be January 16th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Janice Hager will be teaching how to make a quilt called "Child's Play." The workshop is free and open to the public but participants will need to provide their own fabric and supplies. The quilt may be seen at the Rockcastle County Extension office and a supply list is also available at the extension office. The regular monthly meeting of the Castle Quilters Club will be at 1 p.m. following the workshop. Call 256-2403 for details.

Get motivated with your New Year's Resolutions! Attend a free class called "Strengthening Your Self Discipline" on January 23 at 1 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Extension Office.

The Nine Patch Quilters Club will be meeting January 23 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Extension Office. Carol Ann White will be teaching a workshop on Embroidery. All quilters, beginners to advanced, are welcome to join the Nine Patch Quilters Club and attend workshop.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.

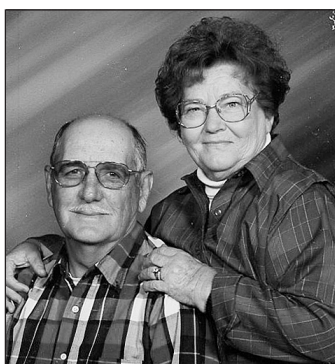
will be brought to us by "Declaration," Johnson Bible College's traveling musical group.

We would like to invite all to come and share in this evening of singing, music and fellowship.

Following the program, we will have a time to get together, talk and share snacks. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to call 256-2876.

Hope to see you here!

## In Loving Memories



December 18th would have been our 54th wedding anniversary. I miss T.G. so much but if he could talk to me, I believe this is what he would say to me.

### Author Unknown

I wish so much you wouldn't cry

The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me,

I know you'll miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me,

Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,

And said my place was ready,  
In Heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away,  
A tear fell from my eye,  
For all my life, I'd always thought,  
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for,  
So much left yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible,  
That I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays,  
The good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all that we shared,  
And all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday,  
Just even for a while,  
I'd say goodbye and kiss you  
And maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized,  
That this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories,  
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things,  
I might miss some tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did,  
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through Heaven's gates,  
I felt so much at home,  
When God looked down and smiled at me,

From His great white throne.  
He said, "This is eternity,  
And all I've promised you."  
Today your life on earth is past,  
But here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last,  
And since each day is the same way,  
There's no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart."

In Memory of T.G. Laswell

### In Loving Memory of

### Emory Chandler

from his family

Rena Chandler, wife

Boys: Merle, Preston,

Dexter, Charlie and

Michael and daughter,

Michelle Blanton

With Love

## America's cookies to go on sale beginning Jan. 12

Girl Scout cookies are a tasty American tradition. Promoting life-long healthy habits is another Girl Scout tradition. In a blend of these two traditions now all varieties of Girl Scout Cookies have zero grams of trans fat per serving.

With funds generated by the sale of Girl Scout Cookies, girls in central and eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities.

Area Girl Scouts will begin taking orders for the famous cookies on January 12 and continue throughout March. Cookie deliveries and booth sales take place February 26 to March 18. Each package of cookies is still \$3.50, and there are eight varieties, including the ever-popular Thin Mints and Caramel DeLites. Girl Scouts are introducing a new cookie this year, Lemonades - savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon icing. Proceeds from the cookie sale help troops pay for their activities and adventures, as well as help the Girl

Scout Council support its program delivery, maintain camps and properties, and provide financial assistance.

If you need an excuse to satisfy your Girl Scout Cookie craving, just remind yourself that you are doing a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts and all of the good things they do for the community. When you buy Girl Scout Cookies, you are helping fund the future. So take your pick of America's favorite cookies: Thin Mints, Carmel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Thanks-A-Lots, Cartwheels or the most recent addition to the scrumptious selection, Lemonades. Cookies can be purchased directly from a local Girl Scout or by calling Vicki Chasteen after 5 p.m. at 256-4817 or the Wilderness Road Council at 1-800-475-2621. Additional information is available online at www.gswrc.org. The Council will give your order to a local Girl Scout to deliver.

## Words of Hope

How many of you can remember your mom and dad turning on a night light so your room wouldn't be so dark? There are many times in this life when we feel like we are in the dark. Thankfully we have the light of our Heavenly Father who not only gives us the light of His word but also the light of His Son to guide to our paths in this world. The bible says in Psalm 119:105,

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."  
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### Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Jan. 15th, no service. Tuesday, Jan. 16th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Anglin Falls, Clear Creek, Wildie. Wednesday, Jan. 17th: Buffalo, stop off old 461 and Negro Creek. Thurs., Jan. 18th: Lisa's Little People.

### Offices Closed

All courthouse offices, except 911 office, will be closed Saturday, January 13th and Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### Saddle Club Banquet

The Rockcastle County Saddle Club will hold their annual awards banquet for 2006 on Saturday, January 13th at the clubhouse. Election of officers for 2007 will also be held. Potluck at 7 p.m. with meeting to follow.

### Free Soup Bean and Cornbread Dinner

The Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center will be having a free Soup Bean and cornbread dinner on Tuesday, January 16th at 12 p.m. at the center. This dinner is free and open to the public. Please call by Monday, January 15th, to reserve your spot. For more information or to confirm your spot, 606-256-0595.

### Quail Homemakers Meeting

The Quail Homemakers Club members will be meeting Monday evening, January 15th at the home of Barbara Thompson. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring Beanie Babies or other small replicas of Beanie Babies to send to children in Iraq. Also, if a short story or memoir has been written, these should be turned in at the January meeting. Visitors are welcome to attend the club meeting.

### Meeting for Foster/Adoptive Parents

There will be an informational for parents interested in becoming foster/adoptive parents for children 0-18 and parents who want to become medically fragile homes on January 11th at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Protection & Permanency office, located at 125 West Main St. in Mt. Vernon. For more information, please contact Brandy Baldwin at 606-287-7114.

### GED Tutoring Hours Expanded

The Rockcastle Adult Learning Center has expanded its hours and will be open Thursdays until 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, in addition to regular day hours. Job skills, KEC, post-secondary prep, computer lab also available. For regular hours or more information, please contact: CAP Adult Learning Center, 4192 N. Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, 256-5307.

### Historical Society to Meet

The Rockcastle County Historical Society will meet Friday, January 19th at 6 p.m. in the RTEC building located at 85 Spring Street. Open to the public.

### Chili Supper

The Brodhead Lions Club and Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Chili Supper January 13, 2007 at 6 p.m. at the Brodhead Fire Department. \$5 includes all the chili you can eat with all the fixings plus one soft drink. All proceeds benefit the Lions Club and the Fire Department. Come support your community.

### Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Renfro Valley Lodge.

### Support Group

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

### Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets Thursday nights at 8 o'clock behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

### SWAT Team Meetings

SWAT (Servants with a testimony) group support meeting for anyone dealing with addiction or alcoholism on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. Meetings are also held Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at noon at the church.

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*The Family Room*  
By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Physical abuse is not the only kind of abuse. Verbal or emotional abuse can be just as devastating. The following poem was written by a victim of verbal abuse. For many years her husband treated her as if she were nothing. He was critical of her actions and called her derogatory names. Her writing, better than anything that I could say, illustrates the pain of abuse. Why do you feel you have to step on me  
And crush me like a little bug?  
Can you see yourself putting your foot  
On a roach or a spider  
And twisting your shoe  
Till the bug's smashed to smitherings?  
That's how I feel:  
Smashed and betrayed by the #1 person  
Who should love me more than anyone else  
On this whole earth.  
Can you see the loss of self-esteem?  
Can you feel the crunch as you smash out my soul?  
Does that give you pleasure to hurt me so?  
The pain is so great  
It's hard to cry out and ask you to stop . . .  
But it's too late.  
I'm lying here crushed to death.  
My life's gone . . . Destroyed.

**WHY?**  
Just what was my great fault or sin?  
That I'm a woman?  
That I'm a Christian?  
That I see things differently from you?  
That I wasn't what you thought you wanted?  
Was I not good enough?  
Smart enough?  
Good-looking enough?  
What?  
What could I have done to be what you wanted  
And not lose me?  
When the author first let me read her poem, I was moved by the pain that this woman felt and expressed so brilliantly. She speaks for many others who have been hurt by the words of abuse. She speaks for the children who cannot defend themselves against the painful verbal barbs of parents who call them "stupid" and "good-for-nothing." She speaks for the women who are hurt by the men in their lives with words too ugly to put on paper. And she speaks for men whose mothers and wives have stabbed them with verbal swords all their lives.

[If you or someone you know needs help with a domestic violence situation, call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348.]

## Leadership Rockcastle accepting applications

After three successful years, which produced 46 graduates, Leadership Rockcastle is seeking candidates for its Class of 2007. Up to 20 individuals will be selected from the applications submitted by local citizens. Individuals that participate will be taught leadership skills which will benefit them and the community.

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

This program is offered to individuals, employees of local businesses and organizations. Employer benefit from this pro-

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

This year's program will kick off February 23rd. It will consist of an opening two-day session at a location outside the county and followed by nine additional monthly sessions. The nine sessions will take place each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at various locations around the county.

The 10 sessions will cover a wide range of leadership topics such as effective meeting, communications skills and conflict resolution. The sessions will be conducted by a variety of professional and highly regarded experts. The 2007 Leadership Rockcastle program will conclude in November 2007.

Anyone interested in this program should contact the Rockcastle County Development Board at 606-256-8007 or email Lynn Tatum [kyltatum@yahoo.com](mailto:kyltatum@yahoo.com), Rockcastle County Development Board.



The Ky. Psychiatric Medical Association gave Cumberland River a \$250 grant. Plaques for appreciation and outstanding service were purchased for Mayor Clarice Kirby from the local chapter of National Alliance for Mental Illness. Dr. Carolyn Morris presented the award. All officers for NAMI are shown with Mayor Kirby, front row from left: Kelley Coffey, program coordinator; Mayor Kirby and Pearl West, treasurer. Back row from left: Michael Alcorn, photographer; Robert Shackelford, program coordinator; Wayne Bullock, president; Margaret Stewart, secretary and Tracie Sowder, vice-president. Shown in the other photo is Wayne Bullock, president and Mayor Kirby with the award.



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### Meeting Notice

The City of Mt. Vernon Council meeting for January 2007 will be held the fourth Monday in the month on January 22nd at 7 p.m. instead of the regular time of the third Monday. The change is being made because of the observance of Martin Luther King Day on January 15th.



Rockcastle County High School students Michael Van Winkle, Josh Blair and Josh Nation, under the direction of Basic Arts Coordinator, Alan Pensol, entertained the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of Revolution at their December meeting. The students presented their version of the development and history of the Macy's Christmas Parade. Twelve members and one guest were present at the Rockcastle Steak House. After the presentation the group enjoyed dessert and drinks, compliments of hostesses Laura Durham and Carolyn Brown.



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*In district action*

# Rockets lose to Rebels and Briar Jumpers

**By: Richard Anderkin**  
The dismal season of 2006-07 continues for the Rockcastle County Rocket varsity basketball team, after two district losses in the past week.

Tuesday night the Rockets got off to a slow start against the Somerset Briar Jumpers, scoring only 16 points in the first half and finding themselves down, 30-16.

Offensively things got a lot better for the Rockets in the second half, when they put 29 points on the board, but they gave-up 30 to the Jumpers mainly because of a press that did not work for a final score of 60-45.

The Rockets are 2-7 since defeating Somerset in their first meeting 53-51 and again on Tuesday night poor shooting and almost no rebounding, spelled doom for the Rockets.

"At times we played hard and other times we looked like we didn't know we were on the basketball court," head coach Benny Blanton said.

The Rockets, who are averaging over 21 turnovers per game, outdid their season average on Tuesday night with 23 turnovers.

"We have done everything we know to do to emphasize the importance of taking care of the basketball and obviously nothing has worked so far," Blanton said.

And in all fairness to Blanton and his coaching staff, the Rockets are not only turning the ball over, when they do get an open shot, they can't find the bottom of the basket.

The Rockets, who are 3-11 on the season, are shooting 35 percent from the field, 23 percent from three point range and only 58 percent from the free throw line.

Tuesday night, the Rockets leading scorer Coty Childress led the way again with 13, Lance Baldwin had 9, Tanner

Perkins and Devin Hasty each had 8, Jake Woodall 4, Chandler Hunter 3 and Derrick Thacker 1.

## Casey 83 ROCK 59

Senior Coty Childress's 30 points weren't enough on Friday night as the Rockets lost their 10th game of the season, 83-59 to the Casey County Rebels.

The loss evened the Rockets district record at 1-1 for the time being, before the loss to Somerset on Tuesday night.

Again the Rockets were plagued with turnovers, committing 22 in the contest, which was played in Liberty.

The Rockets were down by seven at half-time, but were outscored 21-6 in the third period and the Rebels and Rockets simply traded baskets in the fourth period for the final score.

Beside's Childress's season and career high 30 points, five other Rockets got into the scoring column. Woodall had 11, Hasty 8, Perkins and J.J. Barnett 4 each and Hunter 2.

The Rockets next game is Friday night when they play host to Pulaski County in another district game.

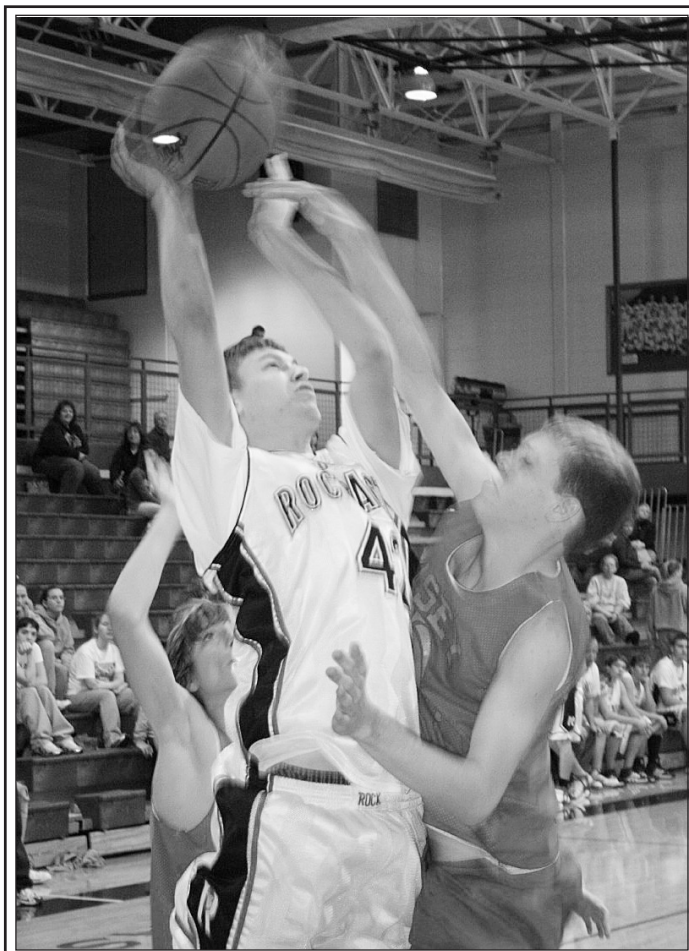
The Rockets will play the second game of a double header with the girls, who tip things off at 6 p.m. at the ROCK.

## J.V. win two

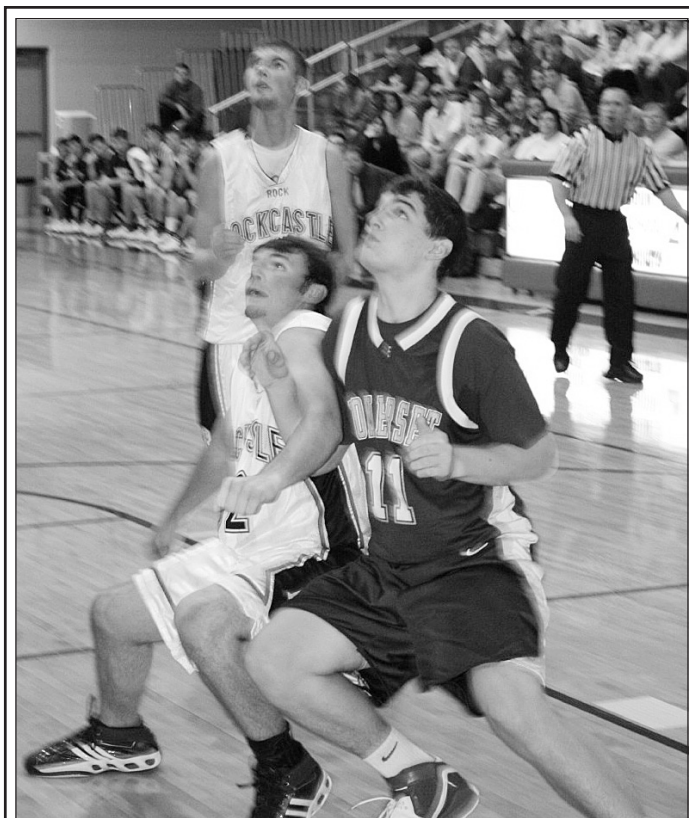
The Rockcastle County junior varsity boy's team won two games in the past week with wins over Casey County on Saturday and Southwestern Pulaski on Monday night, leveling their season record at 6-6.

The junior varsity beat Casey County, 52-39, in one of four games played at Rockcastle County High School on Saturday, between the Rockets and

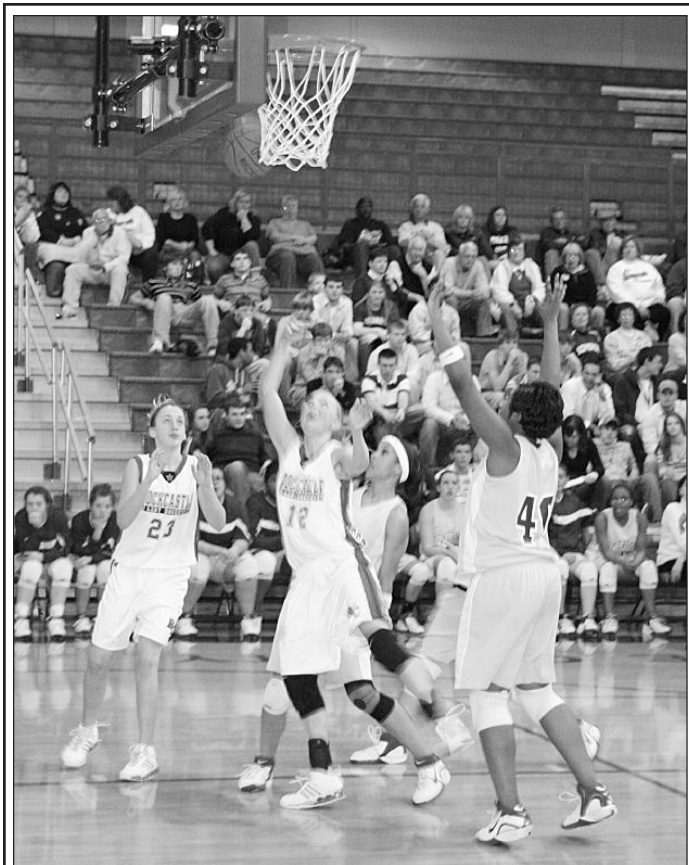
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Dustin Poynter puts up a contested shot in Saturday's 52-39 junior varsity win over Casey County.



Junior J.J. Barnett and senior Coty Childress are ready to fight for a rebound in Tuesday night's Rocket loss to Somerset. Childress scored 13 points Tuesday night and a career high 30 on Friday night at Casey County.



Lady Rocket Sarah Rowe, right, had 15 points and Ashley Robinson, left, had 6 in the Lady Rocket win over Somerset on Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets are 3-0 in district play and ranked number two in the 12th region.



Although she is shown getting her shot blocked, freshmen Angie Lawrence scored 15 points in the Lady Rocket loss to Casey County on Saturday to lead her team in scoring.

*Defeat Casey Co. and Somerset*

# Lady Rockets gain upper hand in 47th district

**By: Richard Anderkin**  
Although the Lady Rockets have yet to play the Lady Maroons of Pulaski County they are in the driver's seat in the 47th district.

This week the Lady Rockets picked up two district wins with victories over Casey County 53-37 on Friday night and Somerset, 57-49 Tuesday night.

The Lady Rockets, who are now 8-7 on the year and still ranked number two in the 12th region, took the opening tip against Casey County and never looked back.

The Lady Rockets were ahead by only six at half-time, but Christi Noble's squad turned up the offensive heat in the second half, outscoring the Lady Rebels 32-22.

The Lady Rockets leading scorer, junior Sarah Rowe got 23 of the Lady Rockets 53 points and also had six rebounds on the night.

Point guard Mary Saylor had a good floor game and scored 11 points, eighth grader Sara Hammond had 8, Tonya Lunsford 6 and Jillisa Lay and Katy Mattingly each scored two points.

On Tuesday night the Lady Briar Jumpers of Somerset came to the ROCK and gave the Lady Rockets all they wanted in front of a large crowd.

At half-time the Lady Rockets were behind 27-25 but their man-to-man half court defense in the second half proved too much for the visiting team.

"I think our tough schedule early in the season has helped our younger players to not panic when they get behind," Noble said.

"They know if they play hard and play their game, they have a chance to win every night out," she said.

Sara Hammond and Sarah Rowe led seven Lady Rockets in scoring Tuesday night with

15 each. Saylor had 8, Mattingly and Ashley Robinson each got 6, Tonya Lunsford, 4 and twin sister Sonya 2.

The Lady Rockets take their 3-0 district record back into district play on Friday night when they host the Lady Maroons, a team they defeated twice last year. Game time at the ROCK is 6 p.m.

## Lady Rocket JV lose two

The Rockcastle County Lady Rocket junior varsity team lost two games this week, first to Somerset last Tuesday and to Casey County on Saturday.

The junior varsity scored only one point in the first quarter against Somerset on their way to a 39-25 loss.

Ashley Robinson and Jackie Alexander led six Lady Rockets in scoring with 7 each.

Jillisa Lay had 5 and Angie Lawrence, Nicole Locklear and Morgan Collins all had two points.

The Lady Rocket J.V.'s lost by only one point, 43-42, on Saturday to the Lady Rebels of Casey County.

The contest saw several lead changes with the Lady Rockets down by one at half-time and three at the end of the third period.

Sophomore Morgan Collins led the scoring with 16, Robinson got 13, Lawrence 5, Jackie Alexander 4, and Megan Mazurek 2.

The Lady Rocket JV team plays at home on Saturday against South Laurel at 11 a.m.

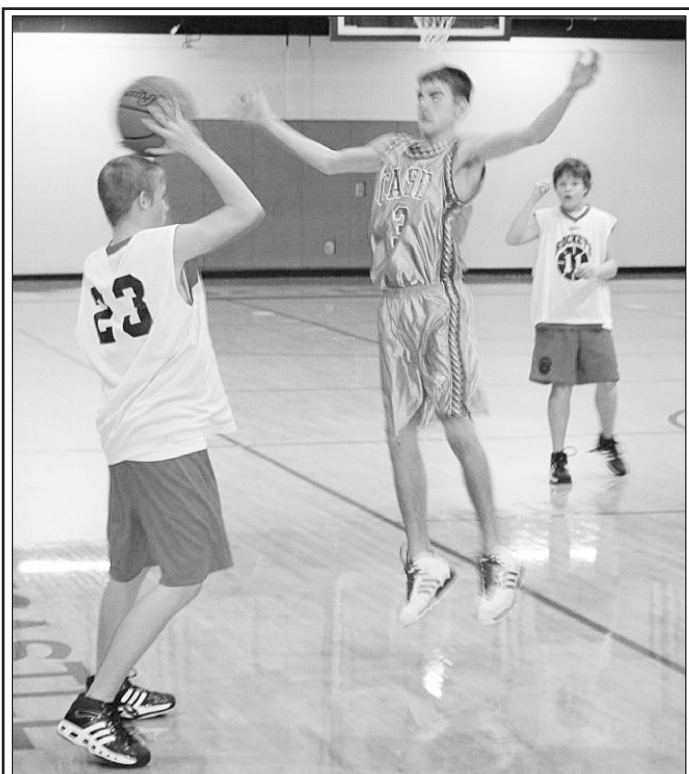
## Freshmen drop two

The Lady Rocket freshmen team have also lost two games

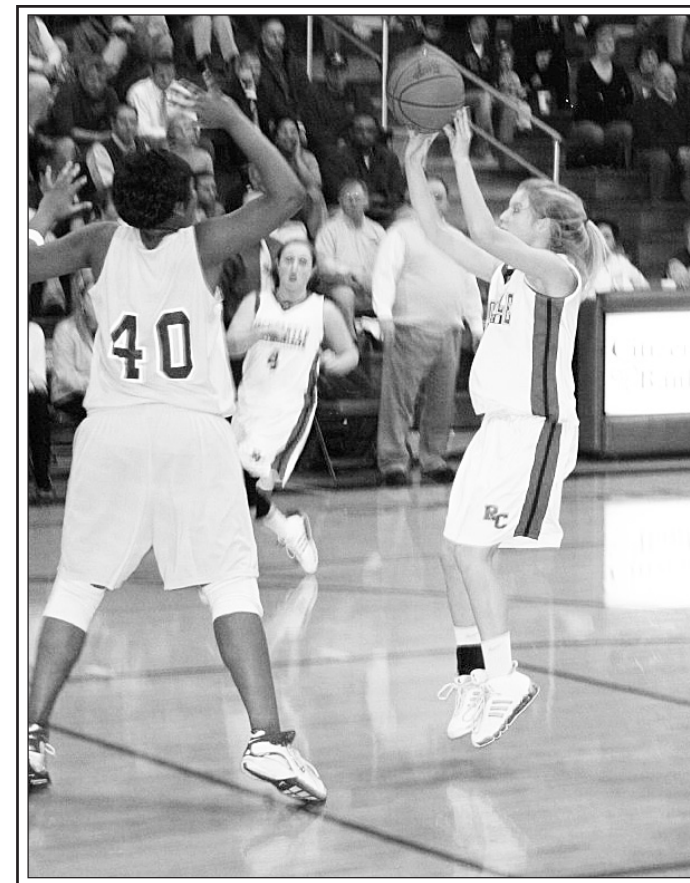
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Senior Devin Hasty scores 2 of his 8 points in Tuesday night's game against Somerset.



Matt Lunsford, #23 looks for help from Grant Burdette in Saturday's freshmen win over Casey County. Lunsford had 2 points and Burdette, 8 in the 48-44 win.



Sophomore Katy Mattingly puts in two of her six points in the Lady Rocket win over Somerset on Tuesday night. In the background is sophomore Mary Saylor, who scored eight points in the 57-49 win over Somerset. Saylor also had 11 against Casey County on Friday night. The Lady Rockets and Rockets host Pulaski County on Friday night.



Sophomore Jillisa Lay, forefront, looks for an open Lady Rocket in the junior varsity game against Casey County on Saturday. The Lady Rockets lost 43-42. In the background is sophomore Sarah McKinney.

## “Brodhead”

(Cont. from front)

and enrolled his 10-year-old stepson in Brodhead School.

Bellamy, who has been on the job for just over two weeks, said he plans to conduct public information classes for students at Brodhead.

“I want the students to see the good that police do,” he said.

The council also briefly discussed the city’s \$700,000 water project, which has yet to be bid.

Brodhead resident Brian Bussell was very critical of the city’s handling of the project and called the situation, “ridiculous.”

“It has been over two years since you found out about this project and we still don’t know anything. Where does it stand?” Bussell asked.

City Clerk Becky Bussell and councilman Taylor told Bussell the project was in Frankfort.

Brian Bussell said he did not want to “sound like a smart aleck, but Frankfort is a big place.”

The water project will upgrade and replace some existing water lines and allow for construction of a new water tank on Hwy. 1505.

The city recently purchased a half acre of land from Melvin Harrison where they will locate the tank.

The money for the project will come from a state grant of \$500,000 and a low interest loan from the Kentucky Rural Water program.

The clerk said the project will likely come in under \$700,000, making the amount of the low interest loan smaller.

“At least that is what engineers are telling us,” she said.

“We will borrow whatever is needed to finish the project,” Bussell said after December’s council meeting, when the project was also discussed.

At Monday’s meeting, Brian Bussell told council members that State Senator Ed Worley was also wondering about the status of the project. Worley and State Representative Danny Ford were instrumental in securing the state grant.

Brodhead, which buys its water from Mt. Vernon, has approximately 500 water customers. \$33.49, which includes school tax, is the minimum water and sewer bill for 2,000 gallons.

In other business, the council and Mayor Walter Cash welcomed new council member Johnny Boone Saylor to his first meeting.

Saylor joins Mayor Cash, and council members Rick Branham and Larry Taylor on the council.

Clerk Bussell also told the council she was awaiting information from the Kentucky League of Cities as how to proceed with accepting bids on the television cable franchise in Brodhead, which has expired between the city and Wilcop Cable Company.

The council also voted to join the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce, which will cost them \$100 a year. Brodhead is the first city government to join the chamber. Councilman Rick Branham, who requested the action, will represent the city at meetings of the chamber.

The council also briefly discussed the purchase of a new cruiser for the city.

Brian Bussell told the council they could buy a new Ford Crown Victoria for \$19,300 on state bid, which would be equipped with a spotlight only.

Councilman Branham said officer Bellamy had indicated he would rather have some type of SUV as a police vehicle, instead of a car.

“I think that is the best idea,” Branham said.

Mayor Cash told the council the city did not have the money for such a purchase at the current time and no action was taken.

After the meeting, the council also discussed possibilities for a replacement for Marvin Owens, who did not take his seat on the council because of a conflict of interest.

Owens, who was unopposed in November for a seat on the council, did not know when he filed that he cannot hold the office of deputy coroner and city councilman.

The council has approximately three more weeks to find a replacement for Owens or it will be left up to Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

The next regular meeting of the council will be February, 12th, at 7 p.m. at city hall.

## “Doctor sued”

(Cont. from front)

and nursing home failed to monitor his condition after the surgery.

According to the suit, Mr. Literal was a patient at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center when a feeding tube became dysfunctional.

Mr. Literal was transferred to the hospital for an outpatient procedure to replace the tube.

The suit claims Dr. Rahuraman was unable to remove the internal “bumper” of the tube and knowingly left it loose inside the stomach.

The suit stated that family members and the patient were advised that the bumper had been left inside Mr. Literal’s stomach and that “it usually passes distally and eventually clear during a bowel movement.” The suit also claims the family was advised that the bumper could cause a bowel obstruction.

In short, the suit claims the staff at the nursing home were not given copies of the operative report on Mr. Literal or specific directions as to Literal’s care. Nor did staff members take steps to ensure the foreign object passed or was removed from the bowels.

Mrs. Literal is seeking damages against all three parties for medical expenses, burial and funeral expenses, loss of benefit income, pain and suffering and destruction of quality of life.

**Editors Note:** A plaintiff’s claim in a civil lawsuit present only one side of the case.

## “County”

(Cont. from front)

computers and the remaining \$1 will go into a pool with other counties in the state, with populations under 20,000 (about 60 counties Houk said) and will be divided among those counties at the end of the 2007 calendar year. Houk said Rockcastle licenses approximately 19,000 vehicles in the county.

Another plus for her office, Houk said is that the state has done away with letting car sellers/buyers set the value of cars and has set the minimum tax at 50% of the bluebook trade-in value. Houk said this would add to her fees collected.

Sheriff Mike Peters also presented his budget to the court and asked for approval of a maximum of \$198,000 for deputies and assistants. The court approved the figure, along with Peters’ budget of \$324,980.

In that budget, Peters includes \$101,000 in revenue from tax commission collected; \$113,180 for reimbursable salaries for Barry Adams, a DEA officer; the DARE officer reimbursement from the Rockcastle County school board, reimbursement from the state for bailiffs’ salaries and money received from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Professional Fund as a supplement for deputies’ who remain certified in the amount of \$9,300. Sheriff Peters’ budget projections also include a \$24,000 gas allocation from the fiscal court and \$33,800 for services such as auto inspections, accident/police reports, serving papers and concealed weapon permits. Other expected revenue includes \$2,500 from state forfeiture money and \$26,000 from federal forfeiture money.

Peters estimated that he will spend a total of \$254,920 for all salaries, including his own and Adams and \$54,200 for gas expense (a figure that has to be estimated broadly since prices can fluctuate widely). Peters also reported to the court that of the 12 vehicles his department has, only 6 or 7 are usable.

Also during the meeting, Carloftis told the court that Sandy Whitaker with the Soil Conservation Service had reported that \$865,898.59 had been spent on 250 septic systems in Rockcastle County, over a three to four year period, through the PRIDE program, more than any other county in this region. However, the program is no longer being funded by PRIDE.

It was the first meeting for two magistrates who won election in November. Jan Stevens of District 4 and John Holbrook of District 1. During the meeting, Stevens told the court that he appreciated how clean the courthouse was and wanted to commend those responsible. Carloftis said that the paid custodial employees and inmates on work release were responsible and that it had been commented on by others about the excellent job they do.

In other action, on the recommendation of Magistrate Billy McKinney, the court voted to increase the amount paid to the five fire departments in the county to \$150 a month from the present \$100 a month. McKinney said that with the way gas prices had risen he felt the additional funds were needed by the departments.

The court also accepted the offer by Jailer James Miller to pay the salaries of the three employees who supervise the work release prisoners from the Jail’s Commissary account. The account, which has been used in the past to pay for three trucks for the county to use to haul the prisoners to different work sites in the county, also was used recently to purchase a trailer and riding mower so that work release prisoners could take care of all the mowing at the fairgrounds in Brodhead. The account contains just over \$100,000 at present. The agreement will be entered into for a six month period and will be revisited at the end of June to see how the funds are holding out.

## “Hearing”

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not loaded.

The student was immediately suspended by school officials and the hearing was scheduled.

The letter also asked that parents continue to assist school officials in making Rockcastle County High School a safe learning environment.

“Rockcastle County High School has a history of being a safe place for both students and adults,” the letter read.

“The offense that was made public this week is serious and we will proceed with disciplinary actions that are in the best interest of all students,” Hammond said.

If the Rockcastle County Board of Education follows board policy and state law, as they have in the past, the student will be expelled from school for one year.

“The student would be able to return to school next January,” Hammond said.

“He will also not be allowed to participate in any school functions during the time of his suspension,” Hammond added.

The main reason for Thursday night’s hearing is to determine whether or not the student would be a threat to the school system’s homebound teacher.

“It doesn’t appear to be any problem,” the Superintendent said.

“The board will simply decide if we can provide services to this student so that he will not fall behind in class work,” he said.

“Of course his family can decide if they want our services or not,” he said.

Last week’s incident involving a gun is the first at the high school since the fall of 2004 when a student was suspended for a year after drug dogs located a gun inside his car in the parking lot of the high school. That student also was suspended for the year by the board of education.

Thursday night’s hearing begins at 7 p.m. and is closed to the public.

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## “Rockets”

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Rebels. The junior varsity boys and girls and the freshman boys and girls all saw action. Leading the junior varsity in scoring against Casey County was Matt Bullens and Derrick Thacker, who had 14 each. Seven other Rockets got into the scoring column. They were: Cody Mize and Jake Riddle, 7 each, Spencer Mullins 6, Bryan Clontz 5, Dustin Poynter 4 and Kyle Lear 1. Monday night the junior varsity Rockets easily defeated Southwestern at home 52-36.

Thacker had 17, Mullins 10, Clontz 9, Mize 4, Riddle and Lear 3 each and Reynolds, Bullens and Matt Lunsford 2 each.

The junior varsity returns to the hardwood on Saturday when they travel to Casey County with the freshman team.

## Freshmen go to 9-5 on year

Saturday the Rockcastle freshmen beat Casey County 48-44 behind Matt Bullens' 16 points.

The JV had a seven point lead at the end of three periods after being tied with the Rebels at half-time 22 all and then held

on for their eighth victory of the season.

Besides Bullens' 16, Grant Burdette had 8, Dustin Bishop and Brandon Jones 5 each, Anthony Prewitt, Jamie Todd and Dustin Reynolds 4 each and Matt Lunsford, 2.

On Monday night the freshmen picked up their ninth win of the season with a 47-45 win over visiting Southwestern.

Jamie Todd led all scorers with 16, Dakota Mahaffey had 8, Derrick Pittman, 6, Bullens, 6, Reynolds, 4, Bishop, 2 and Burdette, 1.

The freshmen play at West Jessamine Thursday night and at Casey County on Saturday.



Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds, left, swore-in Rockcastle County School Board members Angela Stallworth and Dr. Tina Hasty, before a special meeting of the board at the Roundstone Elementary School Thursday night. The two women were re-elected to new four year terms on the board in November.

## “Crisis”

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8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

As of press time on Wednesday over 200 applications had been taken, according to Cox, who said that applications would be taken until funds are depleted, probably sometime in March.

To be eligible, the household must meet the definition of being in a crisis situation and be at or below 130% of federal poverty guidelines.

To be eligible a one member household cannot have a monthly income that exceeds \$1,062. For each family member \$369 is added to the amount allowed.

To be considered a household in crisis, the household is within four days of running out of fuel oil, coal, propane, kerosene or wood;

The household has received a past due or disconnect notice if gas or electric is the heat source or the household's home heating cost are included in the rent and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent.

For all bulk fuels, (wood, coal, propane, fuel oil and kerosene) verification of a crisis situation may be self-declared by the applicant, according to Cox.

For natural gas and electric heated households, the appli-

cant must present an appropriate disconnect notice from the vendor, she said.

Last year over 1,300 unduplicated families in Rockcastle County were served by LIHEAP with a total of 2,334 applications taken.

\$334,439 in LIHEAP benefits were spent in Rockcastle County through Daniel Boone.

## “Lady Rockets”

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in the past week.

Last Tuesday the Lady Briar Jumpers defeated them 42-38 in a game played at Somerset.

After falling behind 21-14 at half-time the Lady freshmen pulled within two points at the end of the third period, but could get no closer.

Jackie Alexander had 16, Angie Lawrence 10, Kristen Abney 7, Casey Sturgill 3 and Kaitlyn Blair 2.

In the loss to Casey County on Saturday, the Lady freshmen were down by only three points at the end of three periods, but were outscored by 12 points in the fourth, losing 44-29.

Lawrence had 15, Alexander 7, Abney 4, Blair 2 and Sturgill 1.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, January 11, 2007

## Headlines of 2006: Part II

By: Richard Anderkin

The summer of 2006 began with a bad storm blowing through the Brodhead area on the Fourth of July, damaging some homes and doing other damage to property. The storm caused a few power outages when the high winds blew down trees, which in turn knocked down power lines.

Five term Mt. Vernon City councilman Jackie Renner filed for another run at the Mayor's office in Mt. Vernon and Sharon Saylor filed for a second term on the Mt. Vernon Council.

Former Rockcastle County High School Principal Ruth Allen was hired as assistant principal at RCHS and the home of Rissie Robinson on Purr Rigsby Road was completely destroyed by fire after fireworks hit the house.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court applied for a \$230,000 state grant for a makeover of the Quail Park and the Cedar Rapids Dolphins easily defeated Berea, 856-609.

A West Virginia teenager was killed on I-75, after crossing the median and striking a southbound 18 wheeler, and over 250 residents complained to the Rockcastle Fiscal Court and 911 board about address changes made in the county.

Mt. Vernon police were warning citizens to not leave their cars unlocked because of a rash of thefts in the Williams Street area and the Rockcastle Fiscal Court was discussing the idea for a regional jail.

The City of Mt. Vernon won the first place trophy for Greatest Volunteer Participation by a City in the 2006 Pride Spring Clean-up. The trophy was presented to Mayor Clarice Kirby by United States Congressman Harold Rogers.

The City of Mt. Vernon also received a \$100,000 grant to redo the storm drains on Newcomb Avenue on the side of the new Rockcastle Hospital addition.

Work was progressing at the new Outpatient Services Center at the Rockcastle Hospital and construction workers were putting in overtime to try and have Roundstone School ready by

the beginning of school in August.

The University of Kentucky expanded its relationship with Rockcastle Hospital when doctors from the Gill Heart Institute at UK Chandler Hospital began seeing patients at the local facility.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court approved a 50 cent per hour raise for county employees and the Livingston City Council voted to only accept checks or money orders for water bill payments.

Northside Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon held a Freedom Fest at the Brodhead Fairgrounds and Regina Rice of Mt. Vernon was inducted into the University of Kentucky's Robinson Scholar program.

Ann Senters took over as the new City Clerk at Livingston and nearly 70 people attended the membership drive of the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce held at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley.

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush was investigating a robbery at the 59 Fuel Center after a man wearing a hood gave the attendant a note and walked off with a substantial amount of cash and \$4,000 was raised at a benefit auction for the Livingston Fire Department.

Samantha Smith of Brodhead capped off her unbelievable year in track and field with a gold medal after finishing first in the triple jump competition for the second straight year at the Bluegrass State Games. Shawn Cloud, a 2003 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, won a gold medal in table tennis in the Bluegrass State Games in the 20-29 year-old male age group.

In August, school leaders learned that renovation at the Roundstone School would not be finished and the decision was made to delay the opening of school at Roundstone.

A large crowd took part in the annual Red Cross Relay for Life held at the Rockcastle County Middle School with over \$26,000 being raised to help fight cancer. The Rockcastle Hospital,

McDonald's and Citizens Bank were corporate sponsors.

Rental property in Mt. Vernon, owned by Bert King, Jr., was destroyed by fire and some RCHS students were enjoying an educational trip in Mexico.

Donald Cash of Brodhead was named "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" for his work with students in tool and die at the Madison County Area Technology Center and the Cedar Rapids Dolphins finished third in the Lake Cumberland Swim Association's Conference tournament.

The second week in August, the Rockcastle County Board of Education approved another amended school calendar for Roundstone School which moved the school's opening date to August 21st.

The filing deadline for the General Election on November 7th had come and gone with four candidates for Mt. Vernon Mayor, which included incumbent Mayor Clarice Kirby, council members Jack Renner and Betty Bussell and businessman Jerry Pensol. In Livingston Mayor Ed. C. McHargue had opposition from J.C. Griffin and in Brodhead Walter Cash was unopposed. Family Circuit

Judge Debra Lambert had opposition from former district judge Walter McGuire and Rockcastle assistant county attorney John Gillum was opposing sitting district judge Katie Wood.

The Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department sponsored the annual Little's World Fair in Brodhead, which was greeted by good weather and a Burnside man in the U.S. Navy lost his life in an auto accident on Hwy. 461.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School received a \$4,700 grant to upgrade their outdoor classroom and Rockcastle Circuit Judge Jeffery T. Burdette revoked the probations of six Rockcastle Countians for parole violations.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court learned they would receive a \$50,000 state grant for an upgrade of the Quail Community Park and nearly \$130,000 was awarded to the county to clean-up illegal dumps in the county.

A Somerset man, accused of threatening the life of Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Family Court Judge Debra Lambert and one of her clerks, pled not guilty and the high school was the only school in the county to not reach its goal

in the "No Child Left Behind" federal program.

Caitlyn McClure was chosen Miss Teen Rockcastle and Kiera Canterbury was the runner-up in the Miss Teen pageant held at the Little World's Fair in Brodhead.

A Salyersville man pleaded guilty to the brutal murder of a Mt. Vernon man in May of 2005 in Laurel County. Christopher Neil Wages, 26, pled guilty to beating Greg Rowe, 36 to death on May 3rd with a baseball bat and large metal pipe after Rowe delivered pizza to his residence. Wages received a life sentence for his crime.

The home of Randy and Michelle McClure at Buffalo was completely destroyed by fire and the Mt. Vernon City council discussed a new multi-purpose building on city property that would be used by the city as a fire station and by the local Emergency Management Agency to house emergency vehicles.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Darrell Doan announced that his department had received \$675,000 in federal forfeiture funds from a drug investigation that spanned most of his four years in office.

The Rockcastle County

Rockets opened their 2006 football season with a 2-0 win over Corbin and the Major League Pirates won the Little League Championship with a 11-4 record.

Over 200 people were on hand to honor Walter Baldwin for his 15 years of service to the Kentucky Christian Assembly Church Camp and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court was once again sued in circuit court over a county road by landowner Sylvester Kirby.

The Fiscal Court also voted to absorb the latest health insurance cost increase for county employees and Brodhead School had a meningitis scare.

The court also voted to pay \$30,000 of the cost for a new \$100,000 ambulance and Charles Marlow Sr., and his son Charles Marlow, Jr., were arrested on marijuana charges.

Mercedes Burdette, daughter of Jamie and Pam Burdette of Scaffold Cane was crowned 2006 Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen. Other members of the court were: Katie Shelton, Hollie Barnett and Bethany Taylor.

Andrew Robbins of Dug Hill Road was class champion in the

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In November site preparation for the new \$9.5 million Rockcastle Area Technology Center got underway beside the Rockcastle County High School.

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January 2007

# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

## District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank vs. Carla J. Shook, \$1,742.32 plus claimed due. C-00255.

Erin Capital Management, LLC vs. Carolyn Prewitt, \$2,371.37 plus claimed due. C-0256.

Towne Properties Asset Management Co. vs. April Lainhart, \$1,953.14 plus claimed due. C-00257.

World Finance Corp. vs. Joe Mink, \$1,350 plus claimed due. C-0258.

World Finance Corp. vs. Richard Pendry, \$3,294 plus claimed due. C-0259.

World Finance Corp. vs. Mary Moore, \$920.67 plus claimed due. C-0260.

Capital One Bank vs. Lisa Miller, \$1,099.93 plus claimed due. C-00001.

Personal Finance Co., LLC vs. Emanuel Damrell, \$2,952 plus claimed due. C-0002.

## Circuit Civil Suits

MTG Ins., Inc. vs. Thorough Truck, Inc., \$6,868.03 plus claimed due. CI-00300.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services ex rel Tammy L. Nickle vs. Gregory J. Nickle,

complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00301.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services ex rel Tammy L. Nickle vs. Harold Renner, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00302.

Cassie Vandergriff Literal, Executrix vs. Dr. Vasudevan U. Raghuraman, et al, complaint. CI-00303.

WFS Financial vs. Charles A. Bryant, \$26,466.10 plus claimed due. CI-00001.

Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co. vs. Pamela Cash, \$11,022.67 plus claimed due. CI-00002.

## Marriage Licenses

Amber Dawn Damrell, unemployed, 18, Mt. Vernon, to Gary Russell Ramsey, 21, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 01/04/07.

Barbara Lynn Grubb, 40, Somerset, housewife, to Lloyd Daniel Brumley, 49, Somerset, disabled. 01/03/07.

Lindsay Sue Sutton, 24, Berea, RN to Christopher Douglas Neeley, 26, Berea, painter. 12/29/06.

Kacee Marie Kazmier, 18, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, to William Joseph Williams, 20, Mt. Vernon, plumber's helper. 12/27/06.

Teresa Mae Amburgey, 44, Mt. Vernon, Tokico to Albert Wayne Higdon, 49, Mt. Vernon, Tokico. 12/28/06.

Ashley Lynn Jasper, 20, Mt. Vernon, Tokico, to James J. Gleissner, II, 19, Mt. Vernon, construction. 12/19/06.

Barbara Sue Stewart, 35, Mt. Vernon, Tokico, to James Michael Combs, 53, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 12/18/06.

## Deeds Recorded

Jimmie C. and Eva J. Clark, property on Old Hwy. 25, to Sandra and Randall Himes. Tax \$25.

Lonnie and Geneva Bowman, property in Rockcastle County, to Lavada and Barry Gatliff. No tax.

John E. Harris, property on St. Rt. 1250, to John and Angie Payne. Tax \$10.

Paul and Pauline Waddles, property in Rockcastle County, to Wayne and Laverne Henson. Tax \$1.

Mark and Michelle Baker, property in Rockcastle County, to Terry and Michelle Robinson. Tax \$21.

Jerry and Larry Carter, trustees, and others, property on branch of Little Renfro Creek, to Andrew Moses. Tax \$10.

Jalette Bell, property in Carter Heights Subdv., to Jalette Bell and Darrell E. Bell. No tax.

Glenn and Lucille Ponder, property in Rockcastle County, to Edward and Eliza Barnett. Tax \$6.

Roger and Linda McClure, property on Rose Hill Road, to Roger M. Price. Tax \$93.

James and Sandra Carpenter, and others, Chestnut Ridge Road, to Church of God in Jesus Name of Mt. Vernon. Tax \$10.

Carol and Bennett Hamm, and others, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to James and Sandra Carpenter. Tax \$5.

Clyde and Ethel Croucher and Clark Croucher, property on Brush Creek Road, to Edith Smith.

Bonnie Hysinger, property in Rockcastle County, to Rickie Hysinger. No tax.

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Lisa Bustle and Jeremy Rowe, property in Owens Subdivision, to Estill and Marie Kirby. No tax.

Estill and Marie Kirby, property in Owens Subdv., to Harlow Neace. Tax \$30.

Stephen Lowery and Carri Lowery, property on Oscar Isaacs Road, to Carri Lowery. No tax.

Vernon Wayne Renner, Executor, to Leonard Renner, Jr. and Ronnie Estes. Tax \$6.

Glenn and Lucille Ponder, property in Rockcastle County, to Douglas and Evelyn Ponder. No tax.

Brenda Gallagher, property on Ky. 1326, to Donald L. and Violet A. Cash. Tax \$9.

Amos and Parl Burdette, property in Rockcastle County, to Judy W. Cummins. Tax \$100.

Gwendolyn Abney, property in Rockcastle County, to Elmer D. Lovett, Jr. Tax \$59.

Frank Joseph Croucher, property on Old Copper Creek Road, to Jerry D. and Judy A. Reeves. Tax \$62.50.

Robert E. and Julie Phillips, property in Rockcastle County, to Sylvia Mason. Tax \$23.

Bon Helen Harrison, property on Long Branch of Dix River, to Ron Harrison. Tax \$2.

## District Court

Dec. 28, 2006

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Jan. 3, 2007

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Greg Scott Damrell: Possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, time served in lieu of fine and costs (\$100 plus costs).

Speeding: Rebecca Justice: paid \$158 fine and costs; William G. Lapp, paid \$30 fine plus \$28 costs; Justin A. Lynch, paid \$32 fine plus \$128 costs; Jin W. Park, paid \$40 fine plus \$128 costs; Melanie S. Halker, paid \$30 fine plus \$125.50 costs; Leonard D. New, Jr., state traf-

fic school authorized on payment of \$128 costs.

Lisa K. Raines: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension, ADE authorized.

Brian W. Ramsey: Failure to of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine and costs/suspend \$450 on condition.

Ashley D. Sanders: No/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine and costs/suspend \$450 on condition.

Joseph W. Sizemore: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Melissa A. Cornelius: Improper passing, paid.

Wensheng Wang: Part 391 of Fed. Safety Regs., license suspended for failure to appear.

William V. Moore: Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs/fine suspended on condition; Failure to wear seat belts,

\$25 fine plus costs; Failure to of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$50 on condition; Fines/fees due (\$192.50), converted to 4 days in jail in lieu of fines.

Joshua W. Wellington: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

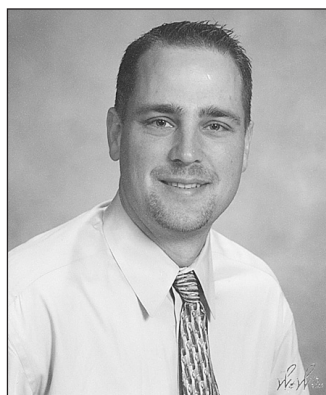
David Baldrige: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 days/probated 24 months, \$390 restitution.

Crystal Bush: Theft by deception, \$20 fine plus costs, 20 days/probated 24 months, \$390 restitution.

Melissa Deatherage: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 12 months suspended license, ADE authorized, 7 days/concurrent/weekends; DUI, 2nd, \$350 fine, \$325 service fee, 12 months suspended license, ADE authorized, 7 days in jail/concurrent.

Christopher L. Denney: Fines/fees due (\$158), 4 days or payment.

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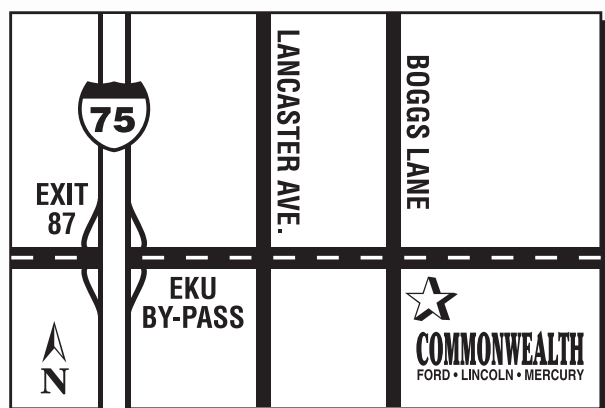
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**C. VALLEY RD.** - Lot #14 - \$22,000. Lot #16 - \$22,000.  
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reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The item will need to be listed by number (#) and name, along with the name of person bidding and amount of bid with a daytime phone number to call successful bidder. Each item should be in a separate envelope. Anyone may call City Hall after February 19th to get results of interest. Items include: 1996 Ford Crown Vic VIN #2FALP71W4TX150760; 1987 Ford Bronco VIN #1FMEU15H7HLA06687; 1980 Ford F376 VIN #37EUJA2194 and other items. 8x2

**Notice is hereby given** Faith Spire, Rt. 3, Box 168, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has filed a periodic settlement of her accounts as guardian of Heather Spire, a minor. A hearing on said settlement will be held January 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before this date. 8x1

**Notice is hereby given** that Vernon Wayne Renner, 80 Highway 618 East, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed executor of the estate of Dorothy Pauline Renner on the 20th day of December, 2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Vernon Wayne Renner or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 8x3

**Notice is hereby given** Paul Travis, 1065 Meadow Ridge Drive, Richmond, Ky. 40475 has been appointed executor of the estate of Lewis Denver Niceley on the 19th day of December,

2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Paul Travis or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 19, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 8x3

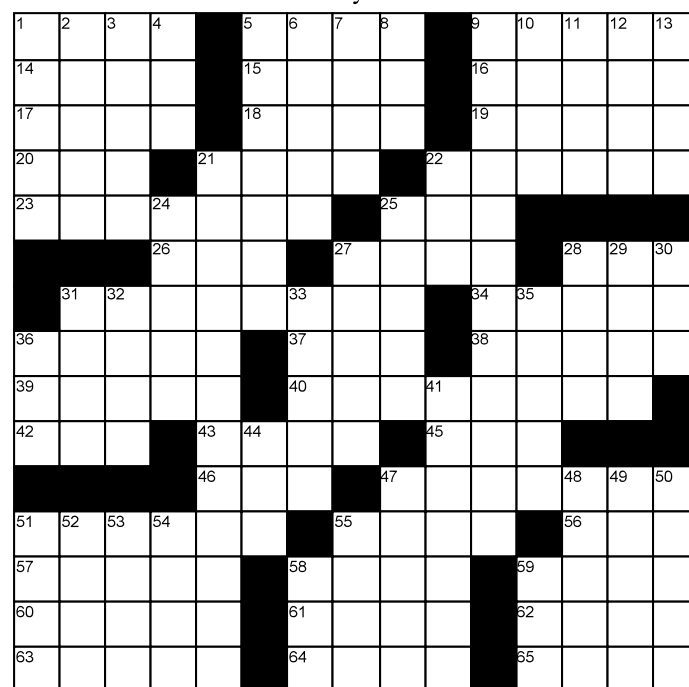
**Notice is hereby given** that Stephanie A. Chasteen, 353 Burchwood Dr., Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Jalie Ruth Vanwinkle on the 18th day of December, 2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Stephanie A. Chasteen on or before June 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Lena V. Proctor, 17 Michael Drive, Hamilton, OH 45011 and Delca Lee Maynus, 6838 Liberty Fairfield Road, Hamilton, OH 45011 and Earl P. Edams, 196 Highway 1505, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Charles Douglas Adams on the 14th day of December, 2006. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lena V. Proctor, Delca Lee Maynus or Earl P. Adams or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

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### ACROSS

- 1 Petty fight
- 5 42 Across hamlet, or solitary
- 9 Routes
- 14 Earnings
- 15 Wading bird
- 16 Pertaining to the hipbone
- 17 Land unit
- 18 Mountains
- 19 Mercenary
- 20 Former WKU basketball star
- 21 Plateau
- 22 Founder of the Hindman Settlement School
- 23 Set up
- 25 Energy
- 26 Annex: Abbr.
- 27 Perennial lily
- 28 Kimono sash
- 31 A winter visitor to Kentucky
- 34 Founded Lexington's first theater
- 36 "The \_\_\_ Mutiny"
- 37 Gloomy
- 38 Nigerian monetary unit
- 39 Chemical group
- 40 1949 Triple Crown winner from Lexington
- 42 Beattyville, KY is this county's seat
- 43 Gaunt
- 45 \_\_\_ Francisco
- 46 That woman
- 47 Home KY county of the University of the Cumberlands
- 51 Mike Alexieff of The Bowling Green Daily News,

- for one
- German city
- \_\_\_ Jima
- Last European colony in Asia
- 1972 Derby winner, \_\_\_ Ridge
- Supreme Court Justice, (1938-57), from Mason Co.
- Wrinkle removers
- Franklin and Scott counties, border this KY county to the south
- Clay Co. spot, or stare
- Become tight
- Breeze
- KY county where the communities of Snake, Redbird and Ark are found

### DOWN

- 1 Johnson Co. area, \_\_\_ Branch, or lowland
- 2 Indiana NBA player, i.e.
- 3 Concur
- 4 Ball holder
- 5 Casey County's seat
- 6 Heavy-set
- 7 One of Columbus' ships
- 8 Curvy letter
- 9 KY's first state park
- 10 Rested
- 11 Hue
- 12 Mecca pilgrim
- 13 Leave now!
- 21 Coffee developed by Kentuckian Joel Cheek
- 22 Edmonson Co.

- area, or a farm animal
- 24 Showy flower
- 25 Open grassland
- 27 McCreary Co. spot, or beau
- 28 It meets the Tennessee at Paducah
- 29 Swiss capital
- 30 Pension plan
- 31 Discount
- 32 Greek goddess of victory
- 33 \_\_\_ Getz Museum of Whiskey History, Bardstown, KY
- 35 John in Hardin Co. or Matthews in Jefferson
- 36 Baseball's Ripken
- 41 KY city named for Henry Clay's Lexington home
- 44 Always
- 47 Like cloth
- 48 1957 Derby winner
- 49 Owensboro, KY native, actor Tom
- 50 Swiss warble
- 51 Give off
- 52 Challenge
- 53 Image
- 54 Burns
- 55 Egg-shaped fruit
- 58 Propel with oars
- 59 Director Reiner



### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit

#### Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 06-CI-00208

**Community Trust Bank, Inc.,**  
formerly known as The Bank of Mt. Vernon

**Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Gary Lee Day, Power of Attorney for  
Melissa Wagers, unknown spouse of  
Melissa Wagers, and  
Rockcastle County, Ky.**

**Defendants**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 8, 2006, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendant in the amount of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 34/100 (\$21,898.34) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, January 19, 2007  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:30 p.m.**

Said real property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

In the Negro Creek section, and Beginning on an iron pin in the North right of way of Negro Creek Road and being a new corner to Wayne Nelson; thence going with said right of way S 83 deg. 13' 58" E 209.66 feet to an iron pin in said right of way and corner to Danny Stevens; thence going with the Stevens line N 12 deg. 45' 18" W 208.06 feet to a post corner to Wayne Nelson and in the Danny Stevens line; thence going with the Nelson line N 89 deg. 03' 49" W 148.33 feet to an iron pin; S 04 deg. 24' 56" W 181.18 feet to a point of beginning and containing 0.780 acres by survey of C. Douglas Mullins, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2774.

Being the same property conveyed to Melissa Wagers by deed dated May 25, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 174, page 609 in the Office of the clerk of the county court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

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

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### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit

#### Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 06-CI-00237

**MSPC Development, Inc.**

**Plaintiff**

**V.**

**John C. Bullock**

**Defendants**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 22, 2006, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendant in the amount of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY NINE DOLLARS AND 60/100 (\$21,769.60) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, January 19, 2007  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:10 p.m.**

Said real property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Lots No. 107 and 108 as recorded on the plat of C.L. "Lafe" Owens Sub-division in Mount Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky of record in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk in Plat Book 1, page 1, said lots fronting on Joyce Street, reference being hereby made to the aforementioned plat for a more complete description of said lots.

Being the same property conveyed to the defendant by deed dated April 18, 1963, executed by Roy Winstead, et ux., and recorded in Deed Book 83, page 12 in the Office of the clerk of the county court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2006 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the intervening plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

**Willis G. Coffey  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit

#### Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 06-CI-00097

**Bonnie Turpin**

**Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Julia Merkle, et al.**

**Defendants**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this partition action on October 9, 2006, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, January 19, 2007  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:20 p.m.**

Said real property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Located on the waters of Dix River and known as the old Brooks Farm, in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

Bounded on the north by the lands of Z. Emerick and Asda Sams; on the east by the lands of B.F. Livesay; on the south by the lands of J.N. Sayers, John Harris and the heirs of George E. Painter; and on the west by the lands of R.S. Martin, deceased, and Zeb Hall, and containing ninety-five (95) acres, more or less.

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

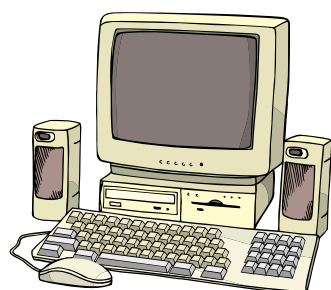
1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2006 local, county and state property taxes.
5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
6. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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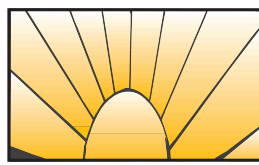
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## “Headlines”

(Cont. from B1)

Environment Class at the Kentucky State Fair for his handwoven chair seat and the Rockets defeated Bourbon County 74-6.

**In September**, Donald R. Martin, 47, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to one count of producing child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

Bobby Lee McClure was recognized as Citizen of the Year at the Livingston Homecoming. Meredith Robinson was chosen as homecoming queen with Amanda Peters first runner-up.

The jerseys of three former Livingston High School basketball players, Bobby McNutt, Paul Sturgill and Billy Wayne "Red" Bryant were retired and Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds served as Grand Marshal of the parade.

John Kemper filed for the office of jailer as a write-in candidate against incumbent James Miller and the Rockets came from behind to beat Harrison County 47-25.

Over 200 people attended an appreciation party for Rockcastle Sheriff-Elect Mike Peters at the Rockcastle Fairgrounds in Brodhead and the Rockcastle Board of Education began to advertise for bids for the new Area Technology Center.

Renovation on the Flat Rock Baptist Church at Maple Grove was completed after a fire at the 122 year old church earlier in the year and the lights went out on the annual Mt. Vernon High School reunion at the Rockcastle Middle School because of electrical problems. Officers for 2007 were elected. They were: President, Sue French, Treasurer Glen Vanwinkle and Secretary Brenda Hayes. Dr. John Parsons was past president of the alumni association.

The Rockcastle County High School FFA Chapter was showcased in a weekend television show, "This Week in Agr-Business" and the Rockcastle Rocket football team lost their first game of the season 21-18 to Lincoln County.

A special meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court was scheduled to discuss helping pay the salaries of deputies for a short time, however, the meeting did not take place and Mel Tillis and Josh Turner performed at Renfro Valley.

The Phase I upgrade of the City of Mt. Vernon's water project allowed the plant to pump four million gallons of water a day and the Rockcastle County Board of Education agreed to a \$250,000 upgrade of their technology program.

The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Federation elected directors and officers at their annual meeting at Roundstone School. Terry Lawson was elected president, Lonnie Anglin, vice-president and Randall Thacker, secretary/treasurer. Other directors for 2006-07 were: Cassie Literal, William McClure, Donnie Hurst, Tommy Harold Mink, Roy Reynolds, Doug Brock, William K. Bullen, James H. Mullins, Vincent Fish and the late Bill Riddle.

Constables David Mason and Roger Pigg and State Trooper Tommy Cromer found and destroyed \$100,000 worth of marijuana. A large crowd attended an appreciation reception for Betty Bussell and Nancy Meadows, both of whom retired from the Daniel Boone Development Agency after years of service and the Rockcastle County High School Cross-Country team was ranked fourth in Class 2A. The Rockcastle County Lady Rocket Volleyball team defeated the South Laurel Lady Cardinals who were ranked number one in the 12th region and hopes were high for the Rockcastle County High School golf team.

The last week of September an entire county was mourning the tragic death of a 16-year-old Rockcastle County High School student who died in a single car accident on the old Brodhead road. One of the largest ever funeral services in Rockcastle County was held for Carl Lee York, who died shortly after arriving at the Rockcastle Hospital.

34-year-old Enita Bradley died at the University of Ken-

tucky Medical Center after a weekend wreck in which she was a passenger in a car driven by Kelly Thompson, 36, also of Mt. Vernon. Thompson was later charged with reckless homicide. Mrs. Bradley left behind four children.

Timber Shelton was selected Rockcastle County High School football queen and James Wilson was selected King and Rockcastle County Schools had very good test scores once again.

Sheriff Darrell Doan laid off deputies Nathaniel Price and Joe Rush because there wasn't enough money in the fee account and blasted Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis and magistrate Bill McKinney in a prepared statement released to the Signal.

A Ohio man kidnapped his girl friend near Cincinnati and was arrested in Rockcastle County after a high speed chase that ended here.

A dedication service was held for the new Rockcastle Substance Abuse Prevention office in Brodhead and the Rockets defeated Letcher County Central 41-6.

**In October**, over 600 attended the annual Community Health Fair at the Rockcastle County Middle School, which was sponsored by the Rockcastle County Health Department. Local author David Owens held a book signing at the Rockcastle Library for his new book, "Baptism in Blood" and Citizens Bank donated \$5,000 to Hospice.

The largest crowd ever attended the annual Bittersweet Festival in Mt. Vernon where long-time businessman and resident Billy Hiatt was the Grand Marshal of the parade.

Members of the Livingston City Council found out that a \$2 million water improvement project would get underway by Spring and the city of Brodhead began looking for a police officer to replace Mike Peters.

Rockcastle County High School junior Holly Brown received a one time \$5,000 scholarship from Dollar General Stores Inc., after she was a first place winner in a nationwide essay contest. The home of Darrell Wayne and Helen Whitaker was completely destroyed by fire while they were at church and the Rockcastle County Rockets defeated Bell County 18-14 to take over first place in the district.

Mt. Vernon police officer Bill Barrett had to shoot and kill a Chow who bit a teenager in Mt. Vernon and over 25 people braved the cold temperatures to attend a candlelight vigil in memory of those who have died because of domestic violence.

State Representative Danny Ford and State Senator Ed Worley notified the Rockcastle Fiscal Court they would receive \$300,000 in additional road money and a Richmond man was arrested after a high speed chase from I-75 along Hwy. 461. State Trooper Scott Pennington had to hit the car of the drunk driver with his cruiser to get him to stop. The Richmond man was placed under a \$50,000 cash bond.

The state told the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court they would have to pass a sewer ordinance which would require county residents to hook onto sewer lines when they were made available around Lake Linville and a Mt. Vernon man was placed under a \$100,000 bond after police arrested him for having sex with a child less than 12-years-old.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new emergency vehicles building and Mt. Vernon fire house at the "gravel pit" and a low bid of \$7,492,000 was received for construction of the new Rockcastle Area Technology Center. The low bid from D.W. Wilburn General Contractors was about \$500,000 lower than had been estimated.

A 20-year-old Irvine woman was killed instantly in an early morning wreck on I-75 on October 25, after she lost control of her car and crossed the median. Two men from Richmond were also seriously injured in the accident.

Longtime basketball coach and Rockcastle educator Bill Riddle died at age 74 and Mt. Vernon spent a \$15,000 PRIDE grant on free garbage disposal.

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rocket Volleyball team won the district tournament for the fourth straight year, but lost to Corbin in the region

semi-finals. The RCHS football team won their 8th game of the season with a 48-8 win over Perry Central.

**November began** with the Rockcastle County High School Marching Band winning the regional band competition for the first time in school history. The state competition for the marching Rockets was held in Bowling Green where the band finished 16th in the state.

A Crab Orchard man, Danny Simpson, 50 was shot once in the chest by Darrell Griffin, 40, of Copper Creek, but no charges were filed.

Loretta Whitaker, 39, of Mt. Vernon was sentenced to twelve years in prison for drug trafficking and the county opened a new recycling center at the road department garge at Burr.

A large crowd was on hand for the annual Halloween on Main event and 74 Rockcastle countians had already voted in the November General Election in County Clerk Norma Houk's office.

The Rocket football team finished their 2006 regular season with a 22-7 win over Knox Central and Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds filed 90 suits for non-payment of property taxes.

James H. Lambert, Clarice Kirby, Ed Worley, Walter McGuire, Katie Wood, Jan Stevens, John Holbrook, Bill McKinney and J.C. Griffin were all winners in the November General Election which saw 4,670 Rockcastle countians go to the polls.

Area Veterans and their families were honored during the 76th Anniversary of Veterans Day celebration at the Rockcastle County Middle School and the Rockcastle County Middle School Lady Rockets won the Salt River Conference Championship.

The Rockcastle Rockets defeated Clay County in the first round of district play 39-12 and the Louisville Cardinals with drew a scholarship offer to Rocket Brad Durham.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court awarded a low bid of \$51,000 to a West Liberty company to clean-up an illegal dump at Burnt Ridge and a multi-vehicle accident between the exits on I-75 closed the interstate in both directions for over 14 hours.

Duane Didonato was the first

person to graduate from Rockcastle Drug Court and Carrie Mullins was sworn-in as the new trial commissioner for Rockcastle County.

PBK opened a new bank in Mt. Vernon and the Rockcastle Rockets won their second round play-off game against Bell County, 13-0.

The Rockcastle High School girl's cross country team finished 12th in the state and Rocket Brad Durham received a football scholarship from the University of Kentucky.

A Rockcastle County man was killed in an accident on the Hwy. 461 by-pass as he tried to cross the intersection with West Main Street in Mt. Vernon. Doug Adams, 73, lived on the Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon Road and was apparently trying to get home.

The former Northside Apartments in Mt. Vernon were demolished so future construction could take place on the site, which is now owned by the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority.

County Attorney Billy Reynolds welcomed Tighe Estes to his staff as an assistant county attorney and a food drive for the First Baptist Church Mission was kicked off at Save-a-Lot.

Johnson Central ended the Rockets 2006 football season after the Golden Eagles won 29-7 in the regional final at Prestonsburg.

The Rockcastle County Development Board discussed the possible use of the Livingston School property as an architectural design facility, which would train architectural students in the field of historical preservation and in the art of manufacturing products.

Rockcastle County High School seniors Danielle Alexander, Lenna Mink and Justin Hensley received the Commonwealth Ambassador Award for their contributions to the community, state and nation, by State Representative Danny Ford.

Construction on the new \$8.5 million Rockcastle Area Technology Center began with Goff Excavating of Brodhead preparing the site next to the Rockcastle County High School.

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets were ranked number one in the 12th region

and number 22 in the state when the 2006-07 season started. The Lady Rockets lost their season opener 60-56 to Conner, but maintained their rankings. The RCHS boys lost their season opener to West Jessamine by 25 points.

**The first of December** high winds caused problems for some people, including employees of the D.W. Wilburn Construction Company, who had to put a tool trailer back on its foundation after it was blown over at the construction site at the new area technology center and two students at the current Rockcastle Area Technology Center had to put back the replica of the twin towers in front of the school.

A Nicholasville man became the eighth person to lose their life on Rockcastle highways in 2006 and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley was in its fifth year of operation and ready for Christmas.

Art students at the Rockcastle County High School visited the JB Speed Museum in Louisville and several other sites in the area, including the University of Louisville.

A standing room only crowd took part in Western Rockcastle Fire Department's annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Pot Luck Supper at the fire department in Quail and Mrs. Juanita Witt was recognized for her 20 years of service as president of the Rockcastle County Historical Society.

The Brodhead Lions Club donated \$1,000 to Trooper Island and the Rockcastle Fiscal Court amended Sheriff Darrell Doan's budget to include \$20,000 for payroll, which would later be reimbursed by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The Rockcastle County Board of Education got a list of critical issues from Superintendent Larry Hammond and Instructional Supervisor David Pensol. That list included full day kindergarten for all county students, technology improvements, the identification process for gifted students and professional development.

Brodhead and Mt. Vernon held their annual Christmas parades with Bud and Shirley Cox serving as Grand Marshals at Mt. Vernon and Joe Bussell as the Grand Marshal at Brodhead.

Brodhead was still looking for a replacement for Sheriff-

Elect Mike Peters and Parent Centers at the Rockcastle Public Library, Rockcastle High School and Rockcastle Middle School were opened.

It was announced that Kentucky Agricultural Commissioner Richie Farmer would speak at the annual Farmers/Business banquet and arsonist set fire to a mobile home owned by Elmo and Wanda Anderkin.

The Brodhead city council hired John Bellamy Jr., 39 of Richmond as their new police officer, replacing Rockcastle County Sheriff-Elect Mike Peters and Brodhead's newest fire truck was totaled in a wreck while on the way to a fire on Bryant Ridge. Nelson and LaJoy Grave's home was selected as the top prize winner in the home decorating contest at Brodhead and Dari-Delite won the business category. Western Rockcastle Water Association president Denver Burton died at the age of 67 and the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Amul Thapar was in Rockcastle County to visit local law enforcement agencies.

The 3rd annual Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk was a success as more than 70 runners and walkers braved the sub 30 degree temperatures to participate in the run which was sponsored by Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center and Renfro Valley Entertainment Center. The top local runner was James Bullen who finished third overall.

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets and the Rockets headed into the holidays with district wins over Somerset and Western Water officials were warning customers not to try to steal water.

A swearing-in ceremony was held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse on December 30th, for over 60 elected city, county and state officials.

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