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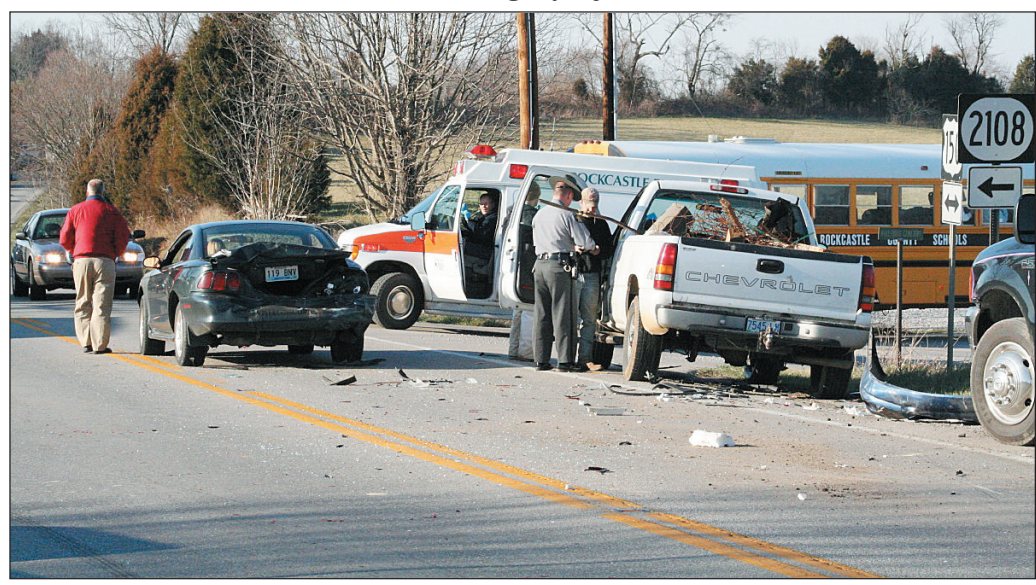
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Dustin Brian Taylor, a sixth grade student at Rockcastle County Middle School died in the above house fire early Wednesday morning at Pongo. At left, Tony Bullock, a neighbor, was the first to arrive on the scene. Bullock and Taylor's parents tried to rescue the child from the burning house but were unsuccessful. Bullock, who was visibly upset, gave a short interview to Richard Lom of WLEX-TV in Lexington about the fire.



A four car pile-up at Maretburg at the junction of Hwy. 150 and Hwy. 2108 last Friday afternoon sent three people to the hospital. Above, David Thompson, left, looks on as EMT's Nathan Carter and Roy Lucas load Crystal Frederick, 26, of Brodhead onto the stretcher. Her Pontiac Sunfire was completely totaled in the accident. Below, State Trooper Tommy Cromer talks with Brandon Stevens, 19, of Crab Orchard, who was driving the white Chevrolet pickup. Trooper Cromer said Stevens caused the four car collision by failing to stop while Mrs. Donnaleah Martin, 36, tried to turn left onto 2108. Stevens' truck first struck Frederick's vehicle, then hit the Mustang on the left, driven by Janet Simpson, 35, of Crab Orchard, who hit Martin as she pulled away. Martin, Frederick and Simpson were all treated at the Rockcastle Hospital and released. Martin's two young sons were not injured in the accident. Cromer said Stevens was slightly injured but refused medical treatment.



Workforce fair, expo in April

By: Richard Anderkin

There may not be many job openings in the county, but that doesn't keep business leaders from discussing possible future jobs for Rockcastle countians.

At the second meeting of the Industrial Business Council on January 11th, how to prepare for a possible job opening, instead of actually applying for a job, was the main topic of discussion. And, the Industrial Business

To select new council member Special meeting set for Brodhead

The Brodhead City Council has scheduled a special meeting for Thursday night at 7 p.m. at city hall, according to city clerk Becky Bussell.

The purpose of the meeting is to select a new city commissioner to replace Marvin Owens, who was elected to the council in November.

Owens was unable to serve on the council because he is al-

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ness Council's meeting was the main topic of discussion at Monday's development board meeting.

The Industrial Business Council is a group of local busi-

Downtown Mt. Vernon getting new restaurant

If things go according to plans, downtown Mt. Vernon could have a new restaurant in the next few months.

Shirley Cummins, executive director of Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated (RTEC) headquartered in Mt. Vernon, said this week that her 40 employees need a place eat lunch on their 30 minute lunch break.

"They simply don't have time to go somewhere and get lunch and bring it back and eat it, so we are going to bring the food to them," Cummins said.

RTEC recently paid owner, John Eaton Jr. \$110,000 for the former Eaton Electronics Build-

ing and lot across the street on Spring Street behind RTEC ofices and Community Trust Bank.

Cummins said an architect had already surveyed the property and is in the process of developing plans for renovation and possible expansion for the property.

The Trolley Cafe, which it will be called, will serve mainly lunch items such as soups and sandwiches and will not only serve RTEC's employees it will also be open to the public. "We are hoping that people use our Trolley for transportation to the

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Early Wednesday morning

RCMS sixth grade student dies in fire

By: Richard Anderkin

A tragic early morning fire Wednesday has claimed the life of a Rockcastle County Middle School student.

12-year-old Dustin Brian Taylor died in a fire at his home on Hwy. 1249 at Pongo around 4 a.m. Wednesday, according to Rockcastle County Coroner Billy Dowell.

Danny Taylor, Dustin's grandfather, said the fire was probably caused by a ventless gas furnace, which was located in the right side of the house upstairs where the fire was the hottest.

Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane said that Dustin was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom of the house when the fire broke out.

Dustin's mother, Jessica, stepfather David Stuber and siblings, Ethan 6 and Mia 2 were asleep in the basement when smoke alarms woke them up.

"When Jessica opened the door leading to the upstairs, she was met by fire and thick smoke and falling ceiling tiles," Lane said.

David, Jessica and the children exited the house through a basement door and continued to try and reach Dustin.

"The fire was just too hot, too out of control. We tried to go through the windows and the fire blew one of them out because it was so hot," said neighbor Tony Bullock, who was the first to arrive on the scene.

Bullock, who lives across the road from the Stubers, said that when he got up at 4 a.m. to leave

for work at 4:30 a.m., he saw the fire, which was less than a half mile away.

"When I got there they were already out of the house and trying to get to the bedroom upstairs to get the boy," Bullock said.

Another neighbor Kevin Gibbons, who works second shift at Hyster in Berea, went by the residence around 3:15 a.m. and saw nothing, according to Bullock.

"There was just no way we could get to the little boy," Bullock said. "This is such a shame, it's horrible," Bullock said shaking his head.

Dowell said that Dustin probably died from smoke inhalation but that an autopsy would be performed in Frankfort Wednesday.

Volunteers from the Mt. Vernon Fire Department were the first fire department on the scene. "When we got there the house was completely en-

gulfed," Mt. Vernon fire chief Garry Hansel said. "We simply tried to cool it off so we could find him and when we did he was still in his bed, although it had fallen through the floor" Hansel said.

Besides Mt. Vernon firefighters, volunteers from Brindle Ridge and Western Rockcastle assisted by bringing

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12-year-old Dustin Brian Taylor died in a fire at Pongo Wednesday morning.

Last member of drug ring to be sentenced Feb. 5

By: Richard Anderkin

A drug investigation, lasting nearly two and a half years and involving residents in Rockcastle and Madison Counties, is coming to an end.

Four of six defendants have

been sentenced, one is awaiting sentencing and one is dead, according to a news release, from the office of the United States Attorney. An investigation, spearheaded by Barry Adams, a Rockcastle Sheriff's deputy who also works as an agent for the Federal Drug Task Force, resulted in the arrests of Danny D. Clark, 51, of Conway, his brother, Richard A. Clark, 48, of Shalyn Drive, off Flat Gap Road, Duane Lawson, 44, of Mt. Vernon and James Ellis Renner, 50, also of Mt. Vernon. A Berea couple, Rufus Holmes, 52 and his wife, Marlene Holmes, 47, were also arrested in connection with the investigation.

All but Richard Clark pled guilty after their indictments last year. Clark committed suicide last June, following his indictment.

The six were indicted last April by a federal grand jury for conspiracy and distribution of

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Emergency vehicles will be housed on old county garage site

At Monday night's regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council, the council voted to redirect the \$50,000, that had already been allocated to help

with construction on a new city fire station and housing for emergency vehicles for the CSEPP program, to be used for

Smith sentenced to thirty months

Keith Smith, former President of Citizens Bank was sentenced Monday, by U.S. District Judge Danny C. Reeves, to 30 months in federal prison for issuing letters of credit without authority, after pleading guilty in October of last year, according to a news release from the Office of the United States Attorney Amul R. Thapar.

Smith, 55, of Mt. Vernon was indicted in July of last year and pleaded guilty to three

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purchase of the old county garage property just off of Old U.S. 25 in Mt. Vernon.

A six bay 7,200 sq. ft. building will be erected on the two acre site with funds from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, headed in Rockcastle County by Hal Holbrook. The existing buildings on the site will be used by the departments for training and other needs.

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Livingston hires new personnel this month

The newly-elected Livingston City Commissioners have met twice during January -- one in special session on January 2 and again for their regular meeting on January 12.

Newly-elected Mayor J.C.

Griffin said the first meeting was necessary to employ help needed to run the city. "Everybody had quit and we had to hire people," Griffin said Tuesday.

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RCMS UNITE Service Committee members Steven Scalf and Regina Rice assisted Emily Roark, her mom Linda and Lauren Burton in registering at UNITE's Appreciation Dinner on Thursday night. Emily is historian for the Mt. Vernon UNITE club and Burton is captain. Over 125 people attended the event held at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. See more photos on pg. A11

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- 06 Chevy Trailblazer LS, 4X4, Loaded \$17,995
- 05 Chevy Colorado, Regular Cab \$9,750/\$196 mo.
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- 05 Dodge Caravan SE \$10,995/\$219 mo.
- 06 Suzuki XL-7 EX, 4X4, 3rd Row Seat \$16,995
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Gum Springs School 1944-45: Berdy McClure, Ricie Pruitt, Rena McClure, Norem Bullock, Bessie Bullock, Freda McClure, Delno Mink, William McClure, Bentley Bullock and Floyd Bullock. Teacher has been identified as Mrs. Ella Bullen Mullins.

Library News



Pam Chaliff and Kathy McKibben

Activities for the Rockcastle Library are going well. The Child Development class visited story hour. Mrs. Darlene Martin's class is ready to work with the preschoolers that attend story

hour. Ms. Alicia French read "Where the Wild Things Are" and the children made a cute puppet. Our friends from Ms. Darlene's class will be coming through the end of March. We are very excited. Since

this partnership started a few years ago, there have been many improvements in story hour. We know this will continue because Mrs. Martin is a wonderful instructor.

The Books for Bikes Program has started, there is still time to register for participation, the last day is January 31st. This program is a great incentive to encourage reading. Why not sign your child up today? Those who qualify to participate are preschool through age twelve.

We need to remind you that the library has tax forms, we don't have them all yet, but we may have what you need. There are several resources for the educators housed here at the library. We have a laminator and die cut machine to use free of charge, also learning boxes that can be checked out. There is a small fee for the general public to use the laminator. We hope that you will stop in and check out what you might be interested in, reading books, magazines, newspaper, checking out audios, videos etc. We are here to serve you to the best of our ability. Make the connection, connect @ your library.

4th Annual Brodhead Chili Cookoff

The Brodhead Homecoming Committee has announced that the 4th Annual Brodhead Chili Cookoff will be held on February 17, 2007 starting at 6PM. The event will be held at the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department.

The event has become an annual tradition in Brodhead. Everyone and anyone is encouraged to prepare their best pot of chili and enter in the contest. Three different categories Most Original, Most Spicy, and Best Overall are voted on. Brodhead Homecoming Queen Jessi Asher will also award "The Queen's Pick" award.

The event is \$5 a person and covers all the chili you can eat, a drink, cornbread, and crackers. It also gets you a ballot allowing you to help decide who will take home the honors at this year's event.

All proceeds will benefit the Brodhead Homecoming Committee. For more information contact Travis T. Burton at 606-308-1204.

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The story hour children enjoyed a snack after story hour.



Alicia French reads to the children.



Alicia has the children act out some of the animals in the story.

Commemorating the End of an Era at Hiatt's 5 & 10 in Mt. Vernon

The public is invited to a reception to say farewell to owner Billy Hiatt



After 46 years on the corner of Church and Main streets, Billy Hiatt plans to retire and sell the family business. Leigh Anne and Willie Hiatt appreciate the customers who have supported their father all these years and want to thank you for your patronage.



Saturday, January 27, 2007
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Book Review

**Baptism in Blood-
The Camp Wildcat Affair**

Kentucky Enters the Civil War

By David Owens

Reviewed by John P. Holbrook, *The Civil War Courier, Morristown, Tn*

Your right of course. There have been books and articles about General Felix Zollicoffer's Confederate Campaign into southeastern Kentucky in the fall of 1861 that resulted in the battles of Barbourville and Camp Wildcat but there's never really been the book. Now there is. Noted Kentucky Military Historian David Owens has provided us with one of the most informative and interesting Civil War campaign and battle narratives coupled with an invaluable collection of soldier's first hand accounts.

The narrative, written in a military magazine format is both entertaining and quick hitting as has become the style associated with Owens' past works. While the 30 first hand accounts expertly edited by Owens offer valuable glimpses into the lives of the average western theatre soldier and reminds us that the war was not simply a struggle between north and south but a time of competing ethnic and culture identities.

The book is very organized and attractively laid out with plenty of pictures of soldiers, terrain features, and maps. Baptism in Blood is written in a reader friendly format that will keep both the serious history student and civil war buff interested in a time when the future of our nation was unsure.

Long over looked-the battles of Barbourville (Sep 19, 1861) and Camp Wildcat (Oct 21, 1861), Kentucky, this part of Civil War history has been given a fresh review by the author. I highly recommend this book as a must for the student of the western theatre.

The book is 198 pages and costs \$25.00 and is available on line through Lulu Publications at www.lulu.com or you may contact the author at davidowens24@yahoo.com.

Baptism in Blood is also available at or through the following:

- Brookhaven Christian Books, London, Ky, brookbooks@mikrotec.com, 606-864-8630.

- Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, Renfro Valley, Ky, info@kentuckymusicmuseum.com Toll free 1-877-356-3263, local 606-256-1000.

- Cox Hardware Store, Mt. Vernon, Ky, jamescox@usa.com, 606-256-2815.

- Camp Wildcat Preservation Society, London, Ky President James Cass, maxineandjim@earthlink.net.

- Laurel County Home Guards, Annville/London, Ky, nita@2geton.net, 606-364-3161.

- Rockcastle River Trading Co., Livingston, Ky, 606-843-0854

- Sons of Confederate Veterans, E.F. Arthur Camp #1783, Corbin, Ky, leswilliamson@newwavecomm.net

The author, Staff-Sergeant David Owens, is with the 149th Mountain Warriors at Camp Slayer, Baghdad, Iraq.

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Robinson at Brush Creek

Alva Robinson will be at Brush Creek Holiness Church starting Tuesday, January 23 through Sunday, Jan. 28 at 7 o'clock each night.

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 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!

Weight Loss

Support Group

Believer's House of Prayer is now hosting New Beginnings Weight Loss Support Group,

Monday nights at 5:30.

The church is also hosting Body Recall Classes on Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 4:30.

For more info, call 256-3800.

The church is located one mile north of Renfro Valley.

Benefit Singing

Benefit singing for Cupps Chapel Holiness Church at 7 p.m. Bro. Dennis Doan will be preaching and Doan family will be singing. Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation invite everyone.

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Simply call us at 256-5862 or 256-5913 to get more information or to join one of our 4 groups. Choose which night is best for you, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and we will make the arrangements for you. The only cost is \$15 per couple for a Study Guide.

It doesn't matter what church you attend or even if you don't attend church, **YOU ARE WELCOME.** Our desire is to strengthen the homes of our county.

Sessions begin next Monday Evening, January 29, 2007 at 7pm. Come on! Make the call right now and be amazed, like thousands of others, at what God can do for you and your marriage.

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**Church Page
Beginning
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Beginning with the March 1st edition of the *Mount Vernon Signal* a new re-vamped updated church page will appear.

The church page will appear every other week with listings of participating churches which will include the correct church name, location, times of services, phone number, email address, Pastors' names, etc.

All church notices will also appear on the page along with a featured story on one of the different churches listed on the page. The feature will be on a difference church each time the page is published.

In order to have your church published on this page - mail the information to:

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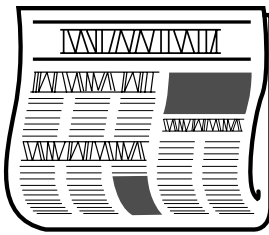
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Five Years ago this week 2002

A tragic accident on Interstate 75 claimed the life of a Lexington woman who lost control of her Lincoln Continental on an icy overpass at Burr and five inches of snow fell in the county.

The daughter of a former Rockcastle County High School teacher died in an auto accident in Jackson County. Gary Tillery's daughter, Samantha who was six, fell off the back of a pick-up truck which was being backed up in their driveway by her father. Tillery had previously taught at the high school for five years.

Several Rockcastle County inmates received their G.E.D.s while serving time at the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Some of the graduates, William Campbell, Carlos Martinez, Donovan MacGuire and Wade Peters received their certificates from Keith Gilbertson, head teacher at the Christian Appalachian Project.

Lori Miller won the Spelling Bee at the Rockcastle Middle School over five other students: Erik Jordison, Dustin Agee, Amber DiDanato, Jill Owens, Ashley Ridner and Lori Miller.

Also at the middle school, eighth grader Justin Albright won a complete home computer system during the GEAR-UP program's family night.

The Rockcastle County Rockets defeated Cawood in an overtime game at the ROCK. Cawood was ranked number one in the 13th region at the time.

Ten Years ago this week 1997

It was tough times for the Fiscal Court. They owed PVA Margaret Offutt's office, \$17,000, which they could not pay, they were served with a disconnect notice by the city of Mt. Vernon for not paying the water bill at the courthouse and Sheriff Shirley Smith was very upset because he had not been paid by the court to transport juvenile prisoners.

B & H Tools announced they would building a new plant in the Rockcastle Industrial Park #2 and work began on a new four room addition at Mt. Vernon Elementary School.

Following an investigation by the Kentucky State Police, the Rockcastle Sheriff's department and the Kentucky National Guard, a green house

marijuana growing operation was discovered at the residence of Carlene Davidson, 50, on Barnett Road, north of Mt. Vernon.

Officers found 54 plants, some as high as ten feet, growing in the back room of the trailer.

Five members of the Rockcastle County High School Future Farmers of America Chapter were honored for their hard work in the chapter.

Honored were: Roy Adams, Eric Helton, Jeremy Reynolds, Tim Slate and Dustin Crawford.

Making the Dean's List at Somerset Community College from Rockcastle County were: Phyllis Anderson, Virginia Durham, Rachel Hamm and Foneva Todd. On the Dean's List at Cumberland College were Kyle Rader and Jeremiah Taylor.

Connie Adams and Melanie Burdette enrolled in Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville and students at Roundstone raised \$1,574 in the shoot-out for Easter Seals. Tim McIntosh was the top scorer in the event making 70 baskets.

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets lost only their third game of the season, at Wayne County, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chasteen of Conway celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Fifteen Years ago this week 1992

Mt. Vernon native Peter Carpenter was named president and CEO of CSX Transportation and Micah Parkerson scored 34 points to lead the Rockets to victory over Garrard County.

Denny's Restaurant opened in Renfro Valley in January of 1992. The management team consisted of Debbie Mounce, Jennifer Coffey, Ada Riddle and Dennis Reynolds.

Tracy Sears and Tiffany Gabbard won the "Guess Who" baby contest at Roundstone Elementary School, by guessing the identity of the person in the baby picture and the city of Livingston received an Area Development Grant for \$6,500 to purchase a new police cruiser.

Members of the county's eighth grade basketball team in 1992 were: Jason Childress, Neal Sparks, Chad Severance, Scotty Cotton, Jason Medley, Jarrod Singleton, Ronnie Miller, Jamie Linville, Eddie Todd, Anthony Noel, Brian Hammons and Corey Scott. The team was coached by Dennis Lawrence and Larry Kidwell.

Thirteen Rockcastle County students received degrees from Eastern Kentucky University at the end of the University's Fall semester. They were: Michelle Adams, Anthony Asher, Paula Blevins, William Brown, Rebecca Burdette, Clayton Cash, Christopher Craig, Billy Creech, Teresa DeBorde, Dawn Gregory, Steve Martin, William Reynolds and Melora Wren.

Members of the seventh and eighth grade bands at Mt. Vernon Elementary School were eighth graders Jessica Griffin, Danielle Abney, Melanie Renner, Matt Ford, Chris Cromer, Katie Wilson, Dana Reynolds, Bethanie Hammond, Angie Lawless and Talona King.

Rockcastle County school bus driver Danny Sargent retired after 26 years on the job.

20 Years ago this week 1987

Incumbent Commonwealth Attorney Benny E. Ham of Somerset, announced his candidacy for reelection in the 28th Judicial District comprised of Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln counties.

The 63rd Family Dollar Store in Kentucky opened its doors in Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 150 and Robert Robinson was named Master Commissioner for Rockcastle County, replacing Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lambert.

Steve Bullen received a certificate for 20 years of service as Rockcastle County Forest Ranger from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency and Brandon Abney was elected president of Mrs. Coffey's 4th grade 4-H Club at Roundstone.

The Roundstone 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball team won the Booster's Club Tournament in 1987. Members of the team were: Bonnie Sigmon, Stephanie Bowman, April Burton, Greta Burdette, Jennifer Thacker, Jeanie Proctor, Melanie Lewis, Christina Sigmon, Julie Coffey, Gloria Lear, Rita Ponder and Christy Coleman. The team was coached by Darla Reams and managers were Jason Woods, Greg Richards and Josh Smith.

Terry W. Harding joined the United States Marine Corp. under their Delayed Entry Program.

Harding is the son of John and Katherine Harding of Clear Creek and was a senior at Rockcastle County High School. Harding was scheduled

to do his 11 weeks of basic training at Parris Island, S.C.

25 Years ago this week 1982

Forest Ranger Steve Bullen presented a check for \$474 to Rockcastle County Bob Jasper for use by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. The money was paid by Rockcastle landowners, who called for help during the 1981 forest fire season.

Barry Proctor scored 15 points to lead the Rockcastle County Rockets past Somerset 67-48 and Debbie Bowman and Donna Farthing scored ten each to lead the Lady Rockets past Williamsburg, 43-39.

Winners of the Space Derby, sponsored by Cub Scout Packs 263 and 69, were Chad Merritt, first place, Eddie Mosley, second place and Chris Newland, third place. The Pinewood Derby was also held the same day at Mt. Vernon School with Billy James taking top honors, Tracey Burdette was second and Timmy Burdette, placed third.

Rockcastle County High School Senior Garry Hurst was the regional winner in the F.F.A. State Champion Contest and Citizens Bank of Brodhead reported having a net worth of \$16 million in 1982.

30 Years ago this week 1977

Joe Clark of Red Hill, a newcomer to politics, filed for the office of magistrate from the 5th district.

Mr. Clark, a farmer and former grocery store owner at Red Hill, was a World War II veteran, who served with the Marines in the Pacific theatre.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Charles B. Parsons announced that students would be going to class one hour longer each day, beginning March, 1, 1977.

The extended days were necessary after students missed 27 days in December and January. More school days would be missed in February of 1977 as well.

The idea of school on Saturday was nixed by the Superintendent.

60% of the city of Mt. Vernon's 1,200 water customers were without water because of frozen water lines. Mt. Vernon Water Superintendent Matt Powell, Jr. said the ground was frozen anywhere from 24 inches to 30 inches throughout the city.

Sherman "Danny" Sargent, incumbent third district magistrate announced his intentions to seek a fifth term in office and local weatherman Bud Cox measured 24 inches of snow in the county.

35 Years ago this week 1972

The City of Brodhead had a

budget of \$19,000 with a balance of \$6,995.65 in the bank. The water and sewer department had a much larger operating budget of \$27,919.26. The city clerk was Frances Whitehead.

Well known Rockcastle County tax preparer, Mauren Egan moved her office to her home on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon and a half price sale was underway at Jean-Faye Fashions in Mt. Vernon.

John Wayne was starring in two movies at Combs Grand Theatre in Mt. Vernon. "Rio Lobo" and "North to Alaska" were on the big screen in Mt. Vernon for four nights.

The Brodhead Tigers defeated Shopville 100-58. Tommy Mullins led the Tigers in scoring with 27, Ronnie Brown had 22, Terry Burton 18, Clayton Cash 15, Larry LaFavers, 8, Derrell Proctor 4, Dennis Harris, Pat Crawford and David Collins scored 2 each. The Tigers were 17-7 on the season.

Eighth graders on the honor roll at Mt. Vernon in January of 1972 were: Becky Browning, Martha Coffey, Rodney Deatherage, Alicia Dick, Gary Houston, Beverlee McClure, Larry Poynter, Debbie Woodall, James Adams, Bobby Boreing, Shane Bullock, Joe Clontz, Joe Cummins, Carol Dooley, Margaret Falin, Kathy Hammond, Bill Henderson, David Hunt, James Miller, Leslie Mullins and Jerry Pensol.

Bill Reynolds rolled a 234 for the high men's game at Maroon Lanes and Alice Faulkner rolled a 208 for the high women's game in the Rockcastle Mixed League.

40 years ago this week 1967

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28 Rockcastle students make Dean's List at SCC

Twenty-Eight (28) students from Rockcastle County earned a place on the Somerset Community College Dean's List for the Fall 2006 Semester. The enrollment at SCC is more than 6,300 students. Only 560 SCC students or slightly less than nine percent (9%) made the SCC Fall 2006 Dean's List.

The students are: Linda Adams, Ashlee Bradley, Jennifer Bullock, William Burdett, Amanda Carroll, Gail Cash, Brenda Cottrell, Doris Cromer, Rachel Denney, Rachel Falin, Debbie Fisher, Ashley Francisco, Robert Howard II, Fannie Lamb, Jeffrey McClure, Patricia McFerron, Wendy McGuire, Ashley McKinney, Teresa McEmore, Victoria Miller, Allison Mink, Donnie Moore, Wanda Navarre, Joshua Prewitt, Mary Rowe, Tara Smith, Donald Thacker, and Cynthia VanWinkle.

In order to be honored as a member of the SCC Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) and be a full-time student at Somerset Community College. A full-time student must take

classes totaling at least 12 credit-hours during a semester, excluding developmental classes.

Somerset Community College is a comprehensive two-year institution of higher education. SCC has campuses in Somerset and London, centers in Clinton, McCreary, Casey and Russell Counties. The website is www.somerset.kctcs.edu. Call for admission and registration information toll free at 1-877-629-9722.

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From left: K.J. Snyder, Evan Singleton, Dr. Zach Hilt from University of Kentucky Department of Chemical Engineering, Samantha Snyder and Julianna Singleton.

Team Techno S.P.Y. to compete in FIRST LEGO League State Tournament

This weekend at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, four Rockcastle County students will participate in the FIRST LEGO League Kentucky State Tournament. Teams of children from across the state will demonstrate their problem solving skills, creative thinking, teamwork, sportsmanship, and sense of community. Among those participating in the 9-14 year old category are K.J. Snyder, Samantha Snyder, Evan Singleton and Julianna Singleton otherwise known as team Techno S.P.Y.

This year's challenge

"NanoQUEST", calls for teams to research and present robotics technology solutions using nanotechnology. Team Techno S.P.Y. will be presenting their research on using nanotechnology for water purification. The competition is judged in five areas: research and presentation; robot performance; technical mechanics of the robot's construction; teamwork; and gracious professionalism. The highest honor will go to the team that best exemplifies the spirit and values of the program. To learn more about FIRST, go to www.usfirst.org

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Skylar Dillingham, a second grader in Mrs. Beth Jones' class, won the BES PTA School Mall drawing.

Tiger Pause

Congratulations to Skylar Dillingham, a second grader in Mrs. Beth Jones' class. Skylar won the BES PTA School Mall drawing. She received a giant floor piano.

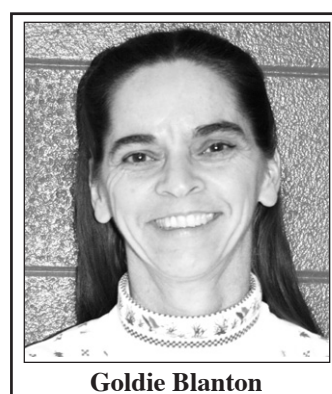
Remember to send in all Box Tops by Friday, February 16. Please continue saving them for the next school year.

Yearbook orders are due by February 16. The yearbooks are \$10.00 each. There will be no extra copies available at the end of the school year, so please order now.

The Grandparent Support Group meeting is set for February 5, at RES (6:00pm). Call Sandy at 256-5207 to register.

The BES staff of the week is

Goldie H. Blanton. Mrs. Goldie is an instructional assistant in the blue pod. She is married to D.R. Blanton and has three daughters and one stepdaughter. She has six grandchildren—three boys and three girls. Mrs. Goldie has a dog named Buddy. Mrs. Goldie's favorite food is chicken and her favorite color is pink. Mrs. Goldie has worked in the school system for twenty years. She enjoys spending time with her family, sewing, and knitting.



Goldie Blanton

School Menu

January 29th - February 2nd
Breakfast

Monday, January 29th: Gravy and biscuit, sausage or cereal & toast, juice, milk.

Tuesday, January 30th: Muffin square or cereal & toast, juice, milk.

Wednesday, January 31st: Egg and cheese biscuit or cereal & toast, juice, milk.

Thursday, February 1st: Breakfast pizza or cereal & toast, juice, milk.

Friday, February 2nd: Ham biscuit or cereal & toast, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday, January 29th: Pizza, garden salad, corn, fruit dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 30th: Taco salad, potatoes, rice, fruit dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 31st: Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 1st: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garden salad, corn, bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, February 2nd: Chicken noodle soup and sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, milk.

Minds in the Middle

The RCMS Leadership Teams will be meeting soon to work on activities for Random Acts of Kindness Week. The week long event in February will focus on ideas brought to our school last year by the visit of Craig Scott. Craig's sister Rachel was killed in the shooting at Columbine High School. The Leadership Teams hope to refocus our students to the emphasis of being kind to the people around us.

Our eighth grade class have been busy complete their Individual Learning Plans. The ILP's are a new state requirement and are an excellent tool for helping students begin planning for their lives after high school. They have done a great job with this new task.

Congratulations to Mrs. Markita Mink and Mrs. Julie Phillips' 7th grade Adventurers homerooms on winning the attendance battles during the last two weeks. Mr. Abney's 7th grade homeroom, Mrs. Bobo's 6th graders, and Mrs. Roberts' and Mr. McNabb's 8th grade homerooms have also been doing well. We thank these groups for putting forth the extra effort.

There are only a few days left in this grading period. ESS tutoring is still available for students who need help making up work. Transportation is available.

The bees are buzzing at RCMS with teams conducting their annual spelling bees. The team winners for the 6th grade were Tiffany Howard and Rachel Johnson. Sarah Woodall and Megan Martin were 7th grade team winners and Chasity Burke and Sarah Herbert were winners in the 8th grade! These students then participated in a school spelling bee with Sarah Woodall walking away as the winner after tough competition. Congratulations to all of those great spellers for showing their colors!

Anyone having questions about the U.S. Constitution can visit our 8th grade hallways! Mrs. Singleton's Comets students created terminology posters taking words from the Constitution that are somewhat difficult to pronounce or hard to understand and defining them. Mrs. Roberts' Challengers students created cartoon illustrations to describe their ideas about what the amendments mean to them. Great work!

The Shooting Stars team would like to recognize Jay Patel and Courtnie Smith as their Rising Stars of the Week. Thanks Jay and Courtnie for shining so brightly!

We are also proud of Tara Baldwin, Matthew Fields and Dalton Hutton for being selected as members of the 2007 District Middle School Honors Band. Awesome!

Congratulations to the top three sellers of the fall PTSA fundraiser. Dakota Holcomb raised the most money and received \$100 for his efforts. Matthew Samples received \$75 and Sarah Pigg received \$50 for also placing in the top three. We thank these students and others who worked hard to help our school.

On Saturday, January 27th, there will be a fundraiser at the RCHS auditorium for cystic fibrosis. The program is entitled "Memories with Elvis and Buddy," and will also feature Barney Fife. Tickets are \$10.00, but student tickets can be purchased at school for \$2.

Seventh graders who are taking the February ACT and have not yet had the Science ACT Prep class may attend the class this Thursday after school until 4:45 in the media center.

Our spring Parent-Teacher Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th from 3-6:00 p.m. Parents, make plans now to attend.

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FBLA students are decorating boxes to place in stores for items for our soldiers.

Help Rockcastle FBLA to support our troops

Rockcastle FBLA students are conducting a community service project called "Support Our Troops." We are showing our support and appreciation for troops in Iraq by collecting eye drops, beef jerky, baby wipes, lip balm, and hand sanitizer.

We are extending an invitation to all community members and organizations to help us in this endeavor. You may drop off your donations at the following locations: Rockcastle County High School (front lobby), Rockcastle Co. Area Technology Center (front lobby), Tobacco Barn, Save-A-Lot,

Wendys/Citgo, and Brodhead Dollar General Store. If you prefer, a cash contribution can be applied toward shipping costs.

Defending our freedom is the duty of Armed Forces. Supporting our troops is the duty of our citizens. Please help us in our show of support for those who are putting their life on the line daily.

For further information please contact Peggy Orberon, FBLA advisor, at Rockcastle Area Tech Center (256-4346), or Ronnie Lainhart, FBLA president (256-4899).

Rockcastle receives \$10,000 from KY Ag Development Board

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Governor Ernie Fletcher, approved \$10,000 at their monthly meeting in support of a menu approach for two model programs in Rockcastle County. The Rockcastle County Goat Producers Association, Inc. submitted proposals for cost-share assistance to the Rockcastle County Agricultural Development Council and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

The two model programs include:

- The Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement Program offers cost-share assistance to individual producers to improve pasture quantity, quality and efficient use for livestock producers resulting in increased net farm income.

- The Goat and Sheep Diversification Program provides cost-share assistance with individual producers to improve net farm income by improving the genetic base of Kentucky's goat herds, promoting animal health, encouraging science-based solutions to herd management and providing marketing opportuni-

ties for local livestock producers.

Governor Fletcher and the Kentucky Legislature continue to make great strides toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50 percent of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. To date, Kentucky has invested more than \$231 million to an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. The Rockcastle County diversification programs represent more than 2,745 projects that have been funded through Agricultural Development Fund, since the inception of the program in January 2001.

For more information about the sign-up period and the guidelines for programs administered by the Rockcastle County Goat Producers Association, Inc., contact President Jeff Whitaker at (606) 256-2403. To learn more about cost-share and loan programs available in your area contact the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627.



The six teams at RCMS recently held spelling bees. The team winners then competed in a spelling bee to determine a school champion. Congratulations to front from left: Tiffany Howard and Rachel Johnson. Back row from left: Sarah Herbert, Sarah Woodall, Chasity Burke and Megan Martin. These students did an excellent job representing their teams.



After tough competition from other team winners, 7th grader Sarah Woodall came away as the RCMS spelling bee champion. RCMS wishes Sarah the best as she competes this week in the district spelling bee. Above, Rockcastle County Middle School Principal Jason Coguer presents Sarah with a certificate for her accomplishment.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Committee Meeting

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

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

Accommodations

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

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

Sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) began

Oct. 1, 2006 and will end June 1, 2007.

All owners, operators and tenants who share in the DCP payment on the farm must apply each year by signing the CCC-509, DCP contract before the deadline of June 1, 2007. Signatures obtained after June 1st and before Sept. 30th will be assessed a late-file fee.

Beneficial interest requirements for loans and loan deficiency payments

FSA provides producers in-

terim financing to store, rather than sell, their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest time lows.

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

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

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

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

A producer controls the commodity when he/she retains the ability to make all decisions affecting the commodity, including movement, sale and the request for and repayment of a loan or LDP.

A producer has title to the commodity if he/she has not sold or delivered the commod-

ity, including delivering warehouse receipts.

Address changes

Is your address correct on FSA records? With Rockcastle County addresses having been updated according to 911; it's possible we do not have your current address on file.

Call 256-2525 and let us know!

Bank account changes

If your bank account number changes or there is a change in your banks name notify FSA immediately to ensure payments reach your account timely.

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

Rural Development

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

Office closure

The Rockcastle County Service Center (Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service) will be closed Monday, February 19th for President's Day.

Important program dates

May 31st-Deadline to file Small grain acreage reports (Wheat)

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

Milk Income Contract Program Extensions continues

Maximum Discount Rate for TTPP in January is 10.00%

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Members of the RCHS Band were recently selected as participants in the the 2007 Western Kentucky University Honor Band Program. The students spent the weekend on campus at WKU working in intense rehearsals with other top musicians from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana. The students also had the opportunity to see, in concert, several WKU ensembles including the WKU Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and many other small ensembles offered at the college level. Headed by Dr. John Carmichael, Director of Bands at Western, the clinic allowed students the chance to work with nationally recognized clinicians including Roy Holder, Director of Bands at Lake Braddock High School in Burke, Virginia, Dr. Warren Olfert, Director of Bands at North Dakota State University, and Dr. Russell Mikkelson, Director of Bands at Ohio State University. The students' weekend culminated in a concert given on Saturday evening. RCHS band members pictured above include Matthew Durham, Jessica Simmons, Josh Nation, Meghan Nation, Drew Davidson, and Greg Daugherty, RCHS Director.

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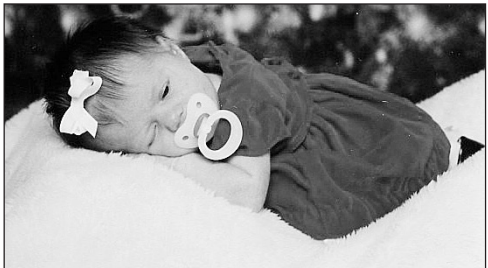


54th Wedding Anniversary

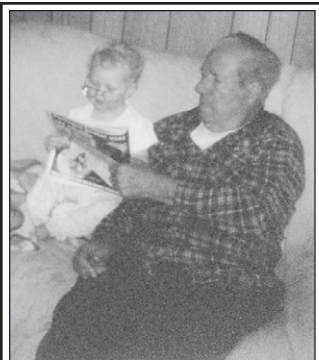
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bond (nee Dorothy Ball) of Winchester celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on January 10, 2007. Raymond is the son of the late Mary and John Bond and Dorothy is the daughter of the late Margie and Loyd Ball. They have five children and eighteen grandchildren.

Dougie and Kasey Newcomb would like to announce the birth of their first child, Kellie Leighann. She was born December 17, 2006. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 1/4 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Her proud grandparents are Tim and Debbie Whitehead of Brodhead and Johnny and Edna Newcomb of Orlando. Her great grandparents are Nell and the late Edd Reynolds, Jr. of Orlando, Oscar and Wanda Hensley, also of Orlando, and Dwight and Frances Whitehead of Brodhead. Kellie was welcomed home by her big cousins, Dalton and Jaden.



Happy Birthday Kasheena! From Dad, Mom and Dylan We're very proud of you!



This is my papaw, James Goforth, and me when I was little reading the paper together. He is sadly missed but isn't forgotten and I hope he knows I still love him and always will.

Sadly Missed By PJ Thomas & Patsy Thomas

Banquet and membership drive to be held by NWTF

By Joan Garrison
The local chapter, Rockcastle County Long Beards of the National Wild Turkey Federation, is in its ninth year of establishment in Rockcastle County. Some of the projects in the past that the local chapter has helped with were Toys for Tots, Food for the Hungry, school programs presented to JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge and Sportsmanship), hunting seminars with speakers from Knight and Hale, as well as the Annual NWTF Banquet held each year.

The Rockcastle County Long Beards will hold a meeting at 6:00 pm on February 5th (Monday afternoon) at the Rockcastle County Middle School. Feel free to come and check out the chapter and what we are planning to do this upcoming year. Our local membership drive is on and we look forward to seeing you. We are also planning our upcoming NWTF Conservation Banquet. If you have any questions, please give one of these members a call: Tony Mahaffey (606) 256-9955, Curtis Cash (606) 758-9514, Gerald Alexander (606) 256-5606, Jerry Martin (606) 453-9906 or Joan Garrison (606) 758-8030.

What is the National Wild Turkey Federation?

Thirty-three years ago, when the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded in 1973, there were only 1.3 million wild turkeys throughout North America. Now, the number of wild turkeys has increased to more than 7 million birds thanks to state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies, the NWTF, its members and partners.

The NWTF, headquartered in Edgefield, S.C., is a national 501(c) (3) nonprofit conservation and education organization dedicated to conserving wild turkeys and preserving hunting traditions. Growth and progress define the NWTF as it has ex-

panded from 1,300 members in 1973 to 545,500 today.

With that growth has come impressive strides in wildlife management as the NWTF has forged dynamic partnerships across the country. Together, the NWTF's conservation partners and grassroots members have raised and spent more than \$230 million upholding hunting traditions and conserving more than 11.3 million acres of wildlife habitat. The membership of 545,400 members and 2,250 NWTF Chapters, are in all 50 states, Canada, and Mexico and 14 other foreign countries. Here is the breakdown of members. There are 181,000 regular members, 33,000 sponsor members, 217,000 JAKES and XTREME JAKES members (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship), is the NWTF's program dedicated to informing, educating and involving youth in wildlife conservation and the wise stewardship of our natural resources for members 12 and younger. Xtreme JAKES, the NWTF's newest program, was developed for teens ages 13-17. There are 44,000 Women in the Outdoors members. The Women in the Outdoors program is about learning outdoor skills, meeting new people and spending time with friends and family. At Women in the Outdoors events, women ages 14 and older build skills to help them better enjoy the outdoors and learn the importance of wildlife management and the role hunter's play in conservation. There are 19,500 Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF is dedicated to providing all disabled people the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors through local chapter events nationwide, such as hunting, fishing and shooting activities. Last but not least, are 51,000 Hunting Heritage Club members. NWTF Hunting Heritage Club Program—this

new membership program focuses on bringing all types of hunters into the fight to maintain our right to hunt and manage our lands.

If you are interested in joining or want to find out more you can also log on to <http://www.nwtf.org>.

NRCS is accepting applications for EQIP

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at your local USDA Service Center or conservation district office.

Landusers may apply for EQIP at any time. Applications received by January 31, 2007, will be considered for this (federal fiscal year 2007) program year. Applications received after January 31, 2007 will be held until the next evaluation period.

EQIP applications are evaluated and ranked using criteria set forth by local work groups to determine which applications provide the best environmental benefits and address the resource concerns of their local area.

EQIP allows cost-share assistance to persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land. Cost-share rates vary by practice and generally range from 30 to 75 per-

cent. Cost-share rates for beginning farmers and limited resource producers are 75 percent and 90 percent respectively for all eligible practices.

All conservation practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.

For applications selected for funding, an EQIP plan of operations will be developed with the landuser to identify appropriate conservation practices. EQIP practices in Kentucky include, but are not limited to, critical area planting; pipeline and watering facility; grassed waterway; diversion; and fencing.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>. To apply for EQIP, or for more information, please contact your local NRCS or conservation district office at the USDA Service Center on Hwy 150 or call Randall Templeman, District Conservationist at 606-256-2525 Ext.3.

Notice from 911 Board

The 911 Board has issued a reminder about the ordinance pertaining to the posting of house numbers on residences.

The ordinance states, in part, "house numbers must be posted on your residence in no smaller than 3 1/2 inch reflective numbers, visible from the roadway. If your residence cannot be seen from the road, you are required to put a marker of some type near the end of your drive with your house number that is visible from the roadway.

You can put your numbers on your mailbox but, it still has to be posted on your residence, even if your mailbox is at the end of your drive or in front of your residence.

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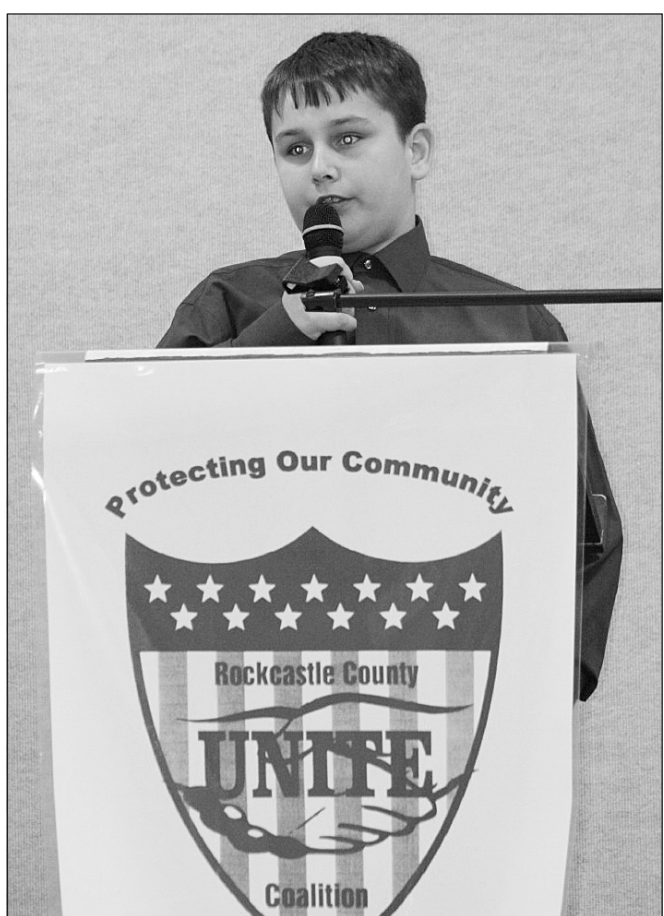
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UNITE Dinner held Thursday



All of the county's elementary school's UNITE clubs were represented at the UNITE Appreciation Dinner, Thursday night including Roundstone. Above, Jared Lake, treasurer and Lunch Club Chairman at Roundstone said a few words.



Nancy Hale, left, and her husband, Johnny and Anita Todd, right, and her husband Roy Gene, all members of the UNITE board, were also honored for contributions made to the UNITE Bowl game.



Over 125 people attended the UNITE Appreciation Dinner at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon Thursday night. Former University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball player Jeff Shepherd, left, a spokesperson for UNITE was greeted by John Hale, a local board member with the UNITE coalition, who emceed the event.



Holly Barnett, left, President of the Rockcastle County High School UNITE, thanked members of the club for their help with the appreciation dinner.



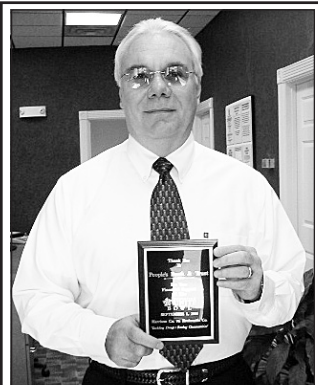
Carol Bryant, left, of Citizens Bank, was presented with a plaque and t-shirt in appreciation of the bank's donation to the UNITE Bowl game between Rockcastle and Harrison County. All students who attended the UNITE Bowl were admitted free because of donations from businesses and individuals. Mrs. Bryant got her award from Charlie Napier.



Imogene Taylor of Community Trust was presented with a plaque in appreciation of their donation to the UNITE Bowl game between Rockcastle and Harrison County. All students who attended the UNITE Bowl were admitted free because of donations from businesses and individuals.



Donna Gooch, an owner of Town and Country Motors, was presented with a plaque in appreciation of their donation to the UNITE Bowl game between Rockcastle and Harrison County. All students who attended the UNITE Bowl were admitted free because of donations from businesses and individuals.



Kenny Robinson of Peoples Bank of Mt. Vernon was presented with a plaque in appreciation of their donation to the UNITE Bowl game between Rockcastle and Harrison County. All students who attended the UNITE Bowl were admitted free because of donations from businesses and individuals.



Becky McNabb of Pennington Realty was presented with a plaque and t-shirt in appreciation of their donation to the UNITE Bowl game between Rockcastle and Harrison County. All students who attended the UNITE Bowl were admitted free because of donations from businesses and individuals.



Kim Daughtery Branch Manager at PBK Bank in Mt. Vernon was presented with a plaque in appreciation of their donation to the UNITE Bowl game between Rockcastle and Harrison County. All students who attended the UNITE Bowl were admitted free because of donations from businesses and individuals.



Charles Napier, UNITE board member, and Nancy Mullins, UNITE Coalition member, spoke during Thursday's appreciation dinner. Also in the background from left are: Teresa Vanzant, Lonnie Vanzant and Katie Wood.



At Thursday night's appreciation dinner were from left: RCHS service committee member Emily Reddington, Rick Santos and Emily's father, Chris. Service members helped put on the banquet.

The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

I was backing out of the garage one morning when I heard a crunching sound. "Crunch" is not my favorite sound, especially when I'm behind the wheel of a car.

I got out to see what had happened, and there it was -- one smashed lawnmower. Can you guess if it was an old mower that was worn out or a new one that had only been used four or five times. That's right! It was a brand new self-propelled mulching mower. Why is it that accidents such as this one seem to happen to new lawnmowers and new cars and never to old lawnmowers and old cars?

After an initial cooling off period I began to ask questions of family members to find out who might have left the lawnmower behind my car. (I was certain that I had not made such a careless mistake.)

A quick survey of the family revealed a surprising fact -- no one had left the lawnmower behind my car! This means it either (a) rolled there on its own, or (b) was moved by some supernatural force.

I decided that this must be the work of the Lawnmower Fairy. How else could it have happened? In case you are not familiar with the Lawnmower Fairy, she is the one who comes in the middle of the night and moves lawnmowers into dangerous positions, such as behind cars or near the road where they can easily be stolen.

There are other gremlins you may not have encountered. One that is familiar to almost all chil-

dren is "Ida Know." When Mom asks, "Who got Cheese Whiz all over the carpet?", the children reply in unison, "Ida Know."

There is also the Dirty Dish Fairy whose specialty is to leave dirty dishes out all night so that the food scraps on them harden and can only be removed with a blowtorch. I know this fairy exists because no one in our family ever acknowledges having left out the dirty dishes. (I'm sure if it was one of my family he or she would own up to the deed immediately!)

You also may not know about the gremlins that inhabit televisions, DVDs and VCRs. These gremlins are most often encountered while trying to set the VCR to record a particular TV show.

I have tried this several times, and something always goes wrong. Instead of recording "The History of Baseball" on PBS, I end up with "American Idol" reruns. There is only one possible explanation for this mixup: gremlins.

These high tech gremlins are apparently afraid of some people and won't bother them. Teenagers and children especially seem to enjoy immunity from these little critters. Now, whenever I want to use the DVD player, I just call one of my kids and let him do it. It always turns out OK.

Another troublesome gremlin is the one that inhabits computers. It doesn't matter what kind of computer -- all computers have gremlins. I discovered this once while searching for a

file I had saved on my computer. It was nowhere to be found. I knew I had left it there! I was certain I would not make the mistake of deleting a very important piece of correspondence, therefore, the only rational explanation was that the computer gremlins had trashed it.

If you or someone you know has had experience with these gremlins, please write and let me know. Together we can win this battle.

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Drug Ring Sentencing

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large quantities of oxycodone pills in Northern Rockcastle County and Southern Madison County.

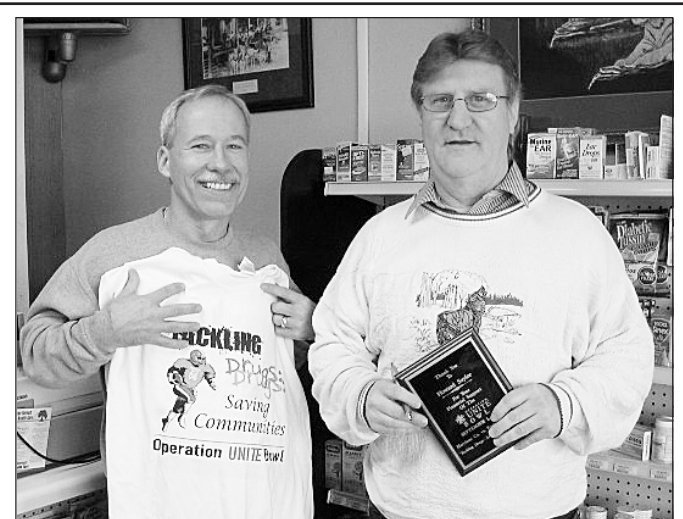
Some of the charges against the Berea couple date back to 1988, but all of the charges brought by Adam's investigation are for the distribution of the oxycodone pills from January 2004 to April of last year.

According to federal court documents, all of the defendants were released on bond, after their indictment, except for Danny Clark, who was detained without bond because federal prosecutors believed him to be the head of an illegal drug organization. At the time of his indictment, Clark was the owner of Quality Auto Sales and Clark Trucking in Rockcastle County.

According to court documents, Renner was sentenced to 16 years and eight months, Lawson, 15 months, Rufus Holmes, 87 months and Marlene Holmes, 60 months.

Current Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters, a former deputy Sheriff, who assisted Adams on the case when the investigation started, said he thought all four defendants had also received \$1 million judgments against them because of their financial gains in the illegal sale of the oxycodone.

Danny Clark will be sentenced on February 5th in London. A notice of appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals has been filed on Rufus Holmes' behalf.



David Collins, left and Howard Saylor of Brodhead Pharmacy and Collin's Respiratory were presented with a plaque in appreciation of their donation to the UNITE Bowl game between Rockcastle and Harrison County. All students who attended the UNITE Bowl were admitted free because of donations from businesses and individuals.

Tuesday night at home

Lady Rockets easily defeat Wayne 60-42

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets shot down the Lady Cardinals of Wayne County with relative ease on Tuesday night.

The Lady Cardinals who are ranked number one in the 12th region, fell victim to the Lady Rockets at home, 60-42.

It was the Lady Rockets 13th win of the season against seven losses and it was the seventh straight win for the Lady Rockets.

Tuesday's victory, in front of a large home crowd was also head coach Chrysti Noble's 300th win as head of the Lady Rocket program, where she has coached for 17 years.

Tuesday night's win didn't just add to the win column for the Lady Rockets, it sent a message to the rest of the 12th region, that the Lady Rockets are ready to defend their 12th region title.

"I know we won by 18, but we certainly had some lapses in concentration, which resulted in poor play, especially in the second quarter," Noble said.

In that second quarter the Lady Rockets managed only 6 points compared to the Lady Cardinals 17, blowing a 15 point first quarter lead.

However, after the break it was all Rockcastle as the Lady Rockets got their 15 point lead back before moving on to an 18 point victory.

Junior Sarah Rowe, who is averaging over 21 points a game, scored a season high on Tuesday night with 32 points.

In the last three games, Rowe has averaged over 26 points a game, scoring a total of 79. Saturday afternoon, Rowe eclipsed the 1,000 point club at RCHS in the second quarter against Cawood in a game played at Corbin.

After Tuesday night's game, Rowe had a total of 1,051. Rowe will be honored before the girl's game Friday night against Casey County.

Also on Tuesday night, point guard Mary Saylor had 9 points as did center Sara Hammond. Katy Mattingly had 6 and Sonya Lunsford and Ashley Robinson each scored 2 points.

Last Friday night, the Lady Rockets beat visiting Whitley County 55-40.

The Lady Rockets took the opening tip and never looked back. They were ahead by five at half-time and outscored the Lady Colonels by ten in the second half for the easy win. Rowe had 22, Hammond, who is only an eighth grader, had another good game with 18, Saylor got 8, Mattingly 5 and Sonya Lunsford scored

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On Saturday the Lady Rockets hit the road for a game against Cawood played in Corbin.

The Lady Rockets had 12 players in the scoring column in a contest that the Lady Trojans were never, ever in.

The score was 24-5 at the end of one period, 42-18 at half-time, 63-27 at the end of the third period and 73-35 when the dust had settled.

Rowe was the only Lady Rocket in double figures with 25. Hammond had 90, Saylor 8, Robinson 6, Sonya Lunsford, Tonya Lunsford, Morgan Collins and Mattingly 4 each and Nicole Locklear, Jackie Alexander, Sarah McKinney and Megan Mazurek all had 2.

The Lady Rockets play the second game of a district double header at home against Casey County on Friday night.

J.V. beats Whitley

Although the Rockcastle County Lady Rocket junior varsity squad did not score a point in the second quarter, they easily defeated Whitley County Friday night 42 to 25.

Eight Lady Rockets were led in scoring by Ashley Robinson who had 9 points. Megan Mazurek scored 8, Nicole Locklear 7, Jackie Alexander, 6, Morgan Collins and Angie Lawrence 4 each and Sasha Bullock and Jillisa Lay 2 each.

Freshmen Lady Rockets lose 2

The Lady Rocket freshman team dropped two games in the past week with losses to Lincoln County and Garrard County.

The Lady Rockets lost 32-28 to Lincoln County.

Only four Lady Rockets scored led by Jackie Alexander with 19. Casey Sturgill had 5 points and Sydney Arvin and Brandy Lautenschlager 2 each.

Garrard County defeated the freshmen 35-30.

Alexander again led the Lady Rockets with 10 points, Sturgill got 9, Kristen Abney 5, Ella McQueary, 3, Lautenschlager 2 and Jennifer Hackworth, 1.

Doubleheader Friday night at RCHS against Casey. Rockets tipoff at 6 p.m. followed by Lady Rockets



Sara Hammond works to defend the block in the Lady Rockets 60-42 win over Wayne County Tuesday night. Hammond added nine points for the Lady Rockets' 13th win of the season.



RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly, at left, presents Lady Rockets head coach Chrysti Noble with the game ball from Tuesday night's win over Wayne County. The win was Noble's 300th win as head coach.

Rockets lose Tuesday to Wayne Co., 64-40

The Rockcastle Rockets lost their 14th game of the season and apparently two senior players on Tuesday night.

The Wayne County Cardinals used a full court press in the first half to jump out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, which ended with the Cardinals up 18-4. The Rockets scored 9 points in the second quarter and were behind 31-13 at half-time.

Things didn't get any better for second year head coach Benny Blanton's squad in the second half when the Cardinals increased their lead by four at the end of three periods. Both teams substituted frequently in the fourth period with the final score ending up 64-40.

Near the end of the fourth quarter, seniors Coty Childress and Chandler Hunter walked off the floor with Childress even taking his jersey off before he completely exited the floor.

Blanton had not commented on the two player's status as of press time Wednesday.

The coach did empty his entire bench Tuesday night with ten Rockets getting into the scoring column.

Devin Hasty and Childress, got 7 each, Tanner Perkins 6, Spencer Mullins 5, Matt Bullens 4, Derrick Thacker, 3 and Chris Evans, Bryan Clontz, Jake Woodall and Lance Baldwin, 2 each. Hunter, Dustin Poynter, Kyle Lear, Cody Mize, Chris Hurst and Dustin Reynolds all played but did not score.

The Rockets will play the first game of a double header with the girls on Friday night when they host Casey County in a district contest. Game time at the ROCK is 6 p.m.

Freshmen down South Laurel

The boys' freshman team defeated South Laurel last week 44-34 to run their record to 11-6 on the season.

The freshmen used a 17-3 third quarter margin to out last South Laurel, who scored 13 in the fourth period compared to the Rockets' 3.

Dustin Reynolds and Dustin Bishop led the Rockets with 13 each. Matt Bullens had 8, Grant Burdette 6, Jamie Todd 5 and Derrick Pittman 3.

The freshmen and junior varsity will play at West Jesamine on Saturday. The junior varsity will also play with the varsity at Madison Southern next Tuesday.

Jr. Pro night at RCHS

All Rockcastle County Jr. Pro basketball team members are urged to attend this Friday night's RCHS varsity basketball games against Casey County. Members of the Jr. Pro teams that wear their jersey to the games will be admitted FREE.

Players and coaches will be introduced at halftime of the second game. Game times are 6:30 for the varsity boys game and 8 p.m. for the girls games.



Devin Hasty and Lance Baldwin trap a Wayne County player in the Rockets 64-40 loss Tuesday night. The Rockets will play the first game of a double header with the Lady Rockets Friday night against Casey County. Game time is 6 p.m.



Spencer Mullins looks for help in the Rockets 14th loss Tuesday night against Wayne County. Mullins added five points for the Rockets.



Matt Bullens brings the ball up the floor for the Rockets in their 64-40 loss to Wayne County Tuesday night. Bullens scored four points for the Rockets.



The Lady Rockets only three juniors, from left: Sonya Lunsford, Tonya Lunsford and Sarah Rowe discuss Tuesday night's action against Wayne County. Rowe scored a season high 32 points to lead the Lady Rockets over the #1 ranked Lady Cardinals.

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Beginning with the March 1st edition of the Mount Vernon Signal a new, revamped and updated church page will appear.

The church page will appear every other week with listings of participating churches which will include the correct name, location, times of services, phone number, email address, Pastor's name etc.

All church notices will also appear on the page, along with a featured story on one of the different churches listed on the page. The feature will be on a different church each time the page is published.

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Each church will be notified well in advance concerning the week your church is to be featured to set up an interview and gather information.

Information must be received by Thursday, February 15th.

“Expo”

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and find ways to better work together and provide more jobs for the county.

At their first meeting in December, the group discussed a possible jobs fair but a jobs fair generally means a lot of new jobs are available. That is currently not the case right now.

"We discussed the concept of holding a "Jobs Fair," but it was decided that the event needs a different title since we don't want to mislead the community that we have a lot of new jobs available at this time," said Lynn Tatum, Project Coordinator for the development board.

The business council and development board are kicking around titles such as "Workforce Fair" or "Workforce Expo" for the event, which will take place sometime in mid-April.

Tatum said that Kentucky Highlands, which owns the former Rockcastle Manufacturing building, has agreed to allow the use of their building for the event.

"Besides our industries, we are hoping to have industries from other nearby counties, government agencies, financial institutions, health care providers, private business owners, community action agencies and educational institutions on hand at the event," Tatum said.

Tatum said the event would be over two days, a Friday and Saturday, with times on Friday probably from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. "We want to try and make it as easy for as many people as possible to attend," she said.

One service that will be provided at the workforce event will be "Mock Interviews". Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond, who is a member of the development board, said he thought the mock interview process was a very good idea. "There are so many people who have never had a job interview or have any idea what to expect," Hammond said. "I think that could be of great benefit to a lot of people."

The exact title and dates for the event will be announced in the next few weeks.

In other business, Tatum told the board that she had been working with Kentucky Highlands on finding someone to locate in the former Rockcastle Manufacturing building in Industrial Park Number One and that interest had been shown by at least one employer concerning locating at the site. "If some-

thing were to take place we wouldn't be able to use the building for the workforce event, but that would be real good news," she said.

The board also was informed of the total cost of the clean-up of the Isaacs' property on Richmond Street which was \$5,580.

Tatum also told the board that she attended a Town Hall meeting in Somerset on January 8th where Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher was present, and the state's \$279 million surplus was discussed.

Tatum said she asked about the proposed convention center at Renfro Valley and was given a flat "no," by the Governor, who said local officials should present the proposal to the next legislative session in Frankfort.

Also at last month's meeting, the board reviewed Tatum's job performance for 2006 and renewed her labor contract with a salary increase to \$20,500 a year, a \$3,000 increase.

In the absence of Chairman Corey Craig, board member

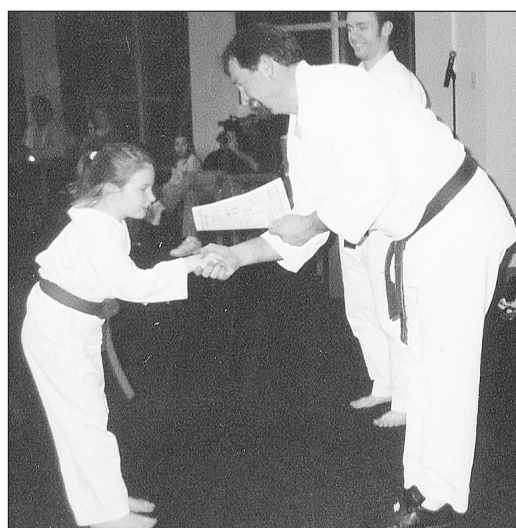
Doug Brock chaired Monday's meeting. Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis and Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby were also absent from the meeting.

The next development board meeting is February 19th.

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31 students from the Shinko-Ugokasu-Yama Shotokan Karate Class under the instruction of Sensei Christopher M. Frith recently tested for belt ranking at the Berea College Seabury Center. Sensei Frith teaches classes in both Berea and Mt. Vernon. Students are shown above, front row from left: Aaron Ambrose (purple), Taylor Greene, Julie Watkins (green), Anna Poynter, Cassie Poynter (orange), Joy Frith (green), Austin Jennings, Dalton Turner, Clay Greene (yellow), Dakota Broughton (orange) and Eric Johnson (yellow). Middle row from left: Rachel Becker (yellow), Jason Pearce, Keena Nicholas (green), Barbara Krebs (yellow), Jesus Jacobo (orange), Shaun Gambrell (1st degree brown), Sarah Taylor, Tandra Wayne and Marion Barnett (orange). Back row from left: Austin Rathbone, Christopher Coomer, Ricardo Fox (orange), Wesley Gift (green), Marek Counts (orange), Tom McGann (blue), Steven Hammond (orange), Joseph Hagan (1st degree brown) and Joe Martin (assistant instructor). Not pictured: David Abel (orange), David Gilmour (yellow) and Gloria Fritz (blue). In the bottom photo: Joy Brooke Frith is shown receiving her Green Belt certificate of rank from her father Sensei Christopher M. Frith and Sensei Joe Martin.



This nice 9 point buck was killed by Bobby Robinson during the November Gun Season. It weighed 195 lbs. and was killed in Rockcastle County.



This 10 point 200 lb. buck was killed by Kyle Lackey, age 15, in Southern Ohio in November 2006. Kyle is the son of Gary Lackey of Tipp City, Ohio and grandson of Evelyn Lackey and the late Ellis Lackey of Mt. Vernon.

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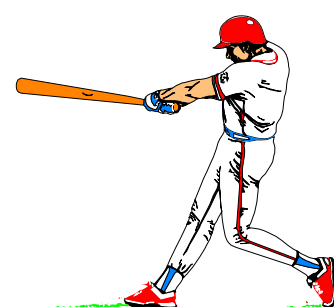
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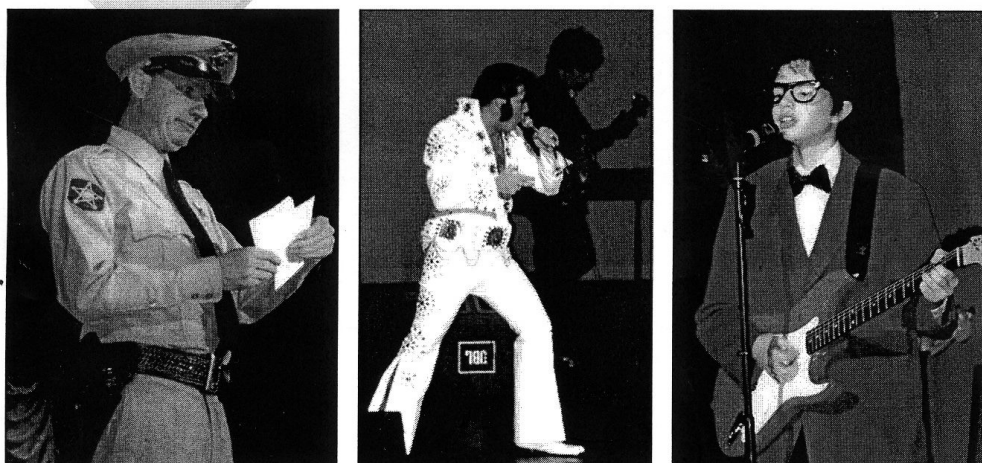
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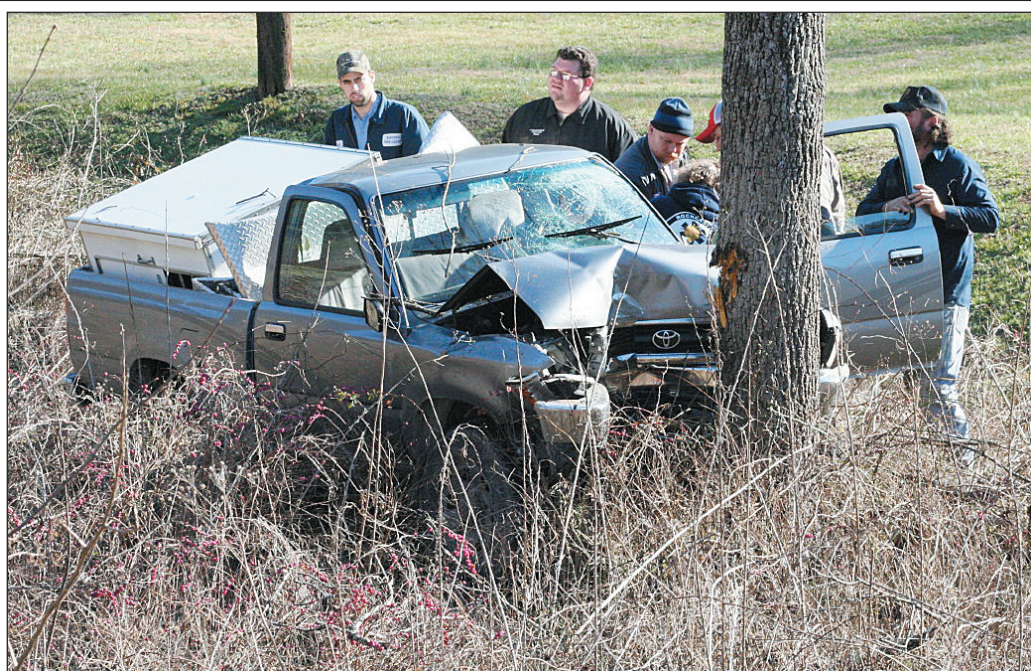


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Josh Thompson and Derrick Payne look on as David Mink and others try to remove 19-year-old J.C. McClure of Mt. Vernon from his Toyota truck, which he wrecked last Friday afternoon on U.S. 25 at Calloway. McClure received a broken leg in the crash and was transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, after being treated at Rockcastle Hospital.



Josh Thompson, of David's Tire Center, surveys the damage to Paul Griffin's truck Tuesday morning. Griffin, of Conway, shown standing at right, lost control of his pick-up after another motorist, Dennis Thompson, lost control of his Pontiac Sunfire while passing Griffin in the stretch on U.S. 25 at Conway. No one was injured in the wreck, which occurred around 9 a.m.



The home of former Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Kenny Holt was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night at Fairview. Holt said that heat tape on water lines under the porch caused the fire. Brindle Ridge, Mt. Vernon and Brodhead departments all responded to the call around 10:30 p.m.



The Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and emergency vehicles used by the county's CSEPP program will be housed in a new 7,200 square foot building on the former Rockcastle County road department garage property on Old U.S. 25 in Mt. Vernon. The old building above will be used for training and other needs.

“Mt Vernon”

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In addition to the \$50,000, which are Urban Development Action Grant funds (UDAG), the city will use coal severance monies, allocated for the city fire department and the rescue squad, in the amount of \$30,000 to put water lines in the new building for fill-ups and possibly a heating system.

Mayor Clarice Kirby told the council that it had been determined that the gravel pit site was not a good one because the state was dragging its feet on giving a quit claim deed for property they own on the back of the property and, even with the state's property, it had been determined that the site was not large enough for the 7200 sq. ft. building planned without having to make the building two stories and sitting it sideways on the property. “We were going to have to pay part of the con-

struction costs for the new building anyway and now we can use the \$50,000 to buy the property and CSEPP can pay to building the building,” Kirby told the council.

Kirby said Tuesday that she plans to repay the UDAG fund each month so that funds will be available whenever another needed project arises in the city.

The motion to purchase the property came on a motion by Sharon Saylor but councilperson Shelly Lewis passed on the vote. During the discussion, Lewis voice some misgivings about the project, saying she felt that old 25 might be too narrow to safely accommodate the emergency vehicles safely and that the \$50,000 was a high price to pay for property which was valued at \$30,000 on the county's tax rolls. The property was purchased by Tommy and Shirley Bullens, several years ago from the county for \$21,000 at public auction.

Kirby also said Tuesday

that the city was going to ask the state to put emergency lights at both ends of old U.S. 25 to alert motorist when the vehicles have to be used.

In other business, the council approved a resolution to extend the Rural Water Association loan, in the amount of just over \$1,000,000 for another year. The loan was originally obtained to help with funding for Phase I of improvements to the water system. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) approved refinancing the \$1,050,000 from Rural Water at a lower interest rate but the February 7th deadline for submitting the paperwork by KIA is looming and in case they do not make the deadline, the resolution was needed.

Kirby told the council that when the paperwork is ready, the council could use the money for Phase II of the water project, new lines and new water tanks, instead of using it to pay off the original loan from Rural Water.



No snowfall was recorded but local weatherman Bud Cox did report a glaze of ice in Rockcastle on Sunday morning. Ice is shown above on the trees which line Dailey Street off Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon.

January has been very wet and mild

The winter of 2006-07 has certainly been mild and one without snowfall.

Through Tuesday, Rock-castle County weatherman Bud Cox, had recorded snow on only two days, both of them just traces.

However, in the first 23 days of January, Mother Nature has seen fit to dump 3.84 inches of precipitation on the county. Cox has recorded precipitation on 14 of the 23 days this month. The high recorded temperature was 68 on the 14th and the low recorded temperature was 20 on the 20th. Last Sunday, Cox also recorded a glaze of ice at the weather station.

Last year, Cox recorded 53.04 inches of precipitation with the high recorded temperature being 93 on three different days in the summer and the recorded low being 5 degree on February 19th.

Rockcastle County schools have been dismissed only one day this school year because of bad weather.



The former Eaton Electronics' building on Spring Street in Mt. Vernon will be converted into a cafe by RTEC in the next few months.

“Restaurant”

(Cont. from front)

restaurant, because of limited parking and, of course, there are a lot people who work other places on and around Main Street within walking distance of our cafe,” Cummins said.

The lot across the street from the Cafe will also be used for employee parking as well as for customers of the restaurant, “when parking spaces are available,” Cummins said. “The Trolley Cafe will also free up four rooms inside the RTEC buildings which are currently being used as break rooms or some other purpose,” she added.

“It won't be a full-service restaurant by any means, but it will beat what we have downtown now, which is nothing,” she said.

“Brodhead”

(Cont. from front)

ready Rockcastle County Deputy Coroner and, under Kentucky law, he cannot hold both public offices.

Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash said on Monday that at least three Brodhead residents had expressed an interest in serving on the council until the November General Election. The Mayor said the council, which is comprised of himself, Larry Taylor, Rick Branham and Johnny Boone Saylor will likely go into executive session to make a decision on the new council member, before taking a vote in open meeting.

“Smith”

(Cont. from front)

counts of the indictment. The indictment alleged that in 2003, “Smith caused Citizens Bank to issue unauthorized letters of credit so that he and his wife, could obtain loans from the First Trust Bank in Oneida, Tn.”

According to the news release, “Smith caused Citizens to issue letters of credit on three separate occasions, twice in April of 2003 for \$800,000 and \$100,000 and

once in July of 2003 for \$700,000. Letters of credit in those amounts should have been approved by Citizens Bank's Board of Directors, according to the release.”

Smith was not ordered to pay restitution to Citizens Bank because the bank had already entered an agreement with Smith concerning repayment as part of Smith's bankruptcy action, also according to the release.

Under federal law, Smith must serve eighty-five percent of his prison sentence and upon release from prison, Smith will be under the supervision of the United State Probation Office for three years. Smith was ordered to begin serving his sentence in March.

“Fatal Fire”

(Cont. from front)

water. Water was also taken from a water tank at cleftRock, which was built for fire protection in the area.

“It has been a tough day here for our students and staff,” Rockcastle County Middle School Principal Jason Coguer said.

“Dustin was very energetic, very friendly, well liked by the students, active in chorus and a very good student and we will miss him greatly,” Coguer said.

Dustin's grandmother, Diane, said her grandson's services would be at House and Rawlings Funeral Home in London.

A memorial fund for Dustin Brian Taylor has been set up at Laurel National Bank, Somerset National Bank, Tri-Co. National Bank in Corbin and First National Bank of Lexington.

“Livingston”

(Cont. from front)

At the special meeting held on January 2nd, all commissioners were present and they reviewed resumes for the city clerk position. On a motion by Phillip Doan, the only returning commissioner from the previous term, Tammi Martin was hired as city clerk. Martin was previously employed in the office of Billy

Reynolds, County Attorney and began as City Clerk on January 15th.

In other business, the commission discussed the city's sewer plant, which was not working properly and finding someone who is licensed to help with the plant and using county inmates to get the plant back in working condition.

Later on in the meeting, Lil Griffin made a motion to hire Adam Daugherty, a full-time employee of Mt. Vernon Water Works, as a part-time/on call contract laborer for \$750 per month and also hired Chuck Baker, who will be trained by Daugherty, as water superintendent at \$200 per week. Baker later quit and David Blackburn was hired as city maintenance man, meter reader and to be trained as water superintendent by Daugherty.

During the meeting, the commission also discussed:

The need for an employee handbook and requiring all officers to attend workshop;

Trying to get the city's police cruiser back in working order so it can be used for city business, and

Setting up an expense account with Livingston Market.

Also at that meeting, a division of duties for the commissioners was set up with Doan and James Newcomb being responsible for the water and sewer maintenance and roads and Darlene Newcomb and Lil Griffin to see to the administrative needs for the city, including spending the least amount of money possible at present until, according to the minutes, it can be determined where the city stands financially.

At the commission's regular meeting on the 12th, Mayor Griffin loaned the city \$10,000 to pay Jamie Reynolds for cleaning up the Ford Hollow Dump, under a PRIDE Grant. Griffin will be repaid when PRIDE is invoiced for the work.

It was also made note of at the meeting that the city has received a \$3,000 donation for the city park from “Cruisin' in the Valley.”

The commission's regular monthly meeting is 5:30 p.m. on the second Friday in each month at city hall in Livingston.

Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, January 25, 2007

46 years on the corner of Church & Main

By Billy Hiatt

Owner of Hiatt's 5 & 10
Church and Main Streets
1961-2007

After 46 years as owner of Hiatt's 5 & 10, Billy Hiatt has put his business up for sale and is planning to retire at age 78. To thank his many customers for their support over the years, his children, Leigh Anne and Willie Hiatt, invite the public to a reception at Hiatt's 5 & 10, 185 Main St., Mt. Vernon, on Saturday, January 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.

An earlier version of this article appeared in the Mt. Vernon Signal in December 1988.

I was born before the Great Depression, on August 26, 1928, in a two-room apartment over my father's general store and post office in the Rockcastle County community of Wildie. I lived there with my parents, six brothers and sisters, and a circuit preacher named William I. Peele, who often spent the weekend with us.

I learned the store business as a boy and worked for my father even after I graduated from college. "Can I help you?" became an essential part of my vocabulary and I have carried those words with me for more than 70 years. Times were hard during the Depression, but we all enjoyed them. My daughter, Leigh Anne, who has heard us talk about the years between the two World Wars, thinks we have a tendency to romanticize that period and I suppose she's right.

I can't recall ever saying I wanted to be a business owner, but operating Hiatt's 5 & 10 has been second nature to me. I did say I never wanted to work in a factory because back then you had to leave the county to do so. I also didn't want to teach school. As it turned out, my first

job was in a factory in Lexington and my second job was teaching business and typing for seven years at Mt. Vernon High School.

When the chance came to take over the 5 & 10 on the corner of Church and Main streets from my father-in-law, O.V. Hilton, I jumped at the chance. That was in 1961, the year President John F. Kennedy took the oath of office and Patsy Cline released "I Fall to Pieces" and "Crazy." Forty-six years later I'm still there until someone calls realtor Sammy Ford and makes me an offer I can't refuse.

I have enjoyed my years with Hiatt's 5 & 10, especially in the early days when most of the walking traffic in Mt. Vernon passed by my store. The building was in an ideal location between the courthouse and the bank, with the two largest grocery stores just up the street, and the drug store, the doctor's office and several law offices nearby.

Almost half a century later, my knees are worn out, my body tired, my "Can I help you?" nearly obsolete. I have had customers who were born in the 19th century, 20th century and now the 21st century. Many young women who clerked for me through the years have pursued careers, retired and have grandchildren. It's been remarkable, but it's time to say goodbye.

My biggest regret is that my wife, Barbara, my "Million Dollar Baby in a Five and Ten Cent Store," isn't here to celebrate this transition with me. She passed away in December 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Before I retire, however, I want to once more share the funny things customers have

said and done over the years. I recorded these humorous moments as accurately as possible in a brown memo book I kept tucked away in my office. Humor lightened my work throughout the years and I hope you will agree that customers say the darndest things.

The following anecdotes were last published in the Mt. Vernon Signal before Christmas 1988.

Customers Say the Darndest Things

Christmas in a 5 & 10

For the last 46 years, Christmas for me has revolved largely around the store. Life in a 5 & 10 at Christmas means tired feet, tired legs, tired bodies, tired minds, tired clerks and tired customers. It means lost layaways, lost patience, lost sleep and a lost December, but through it all there have been times of happiness and humor.

One of the best holiday stories is about one of my favorite customers. She bought a can of snow spray to cover her Christmas tree. She came in after Christmas and said that since it didn't work, her husband had to stick a pin in the nozzle. That did the trick. She said, "It was on the ceiling, it was on the floor, it was on the drapes, it was all over the place. We finally had to throw it outside." Her husband yelled, "Honey, what have you got a hold of?" She answered, "I don't know!"

As the Christmas season started earlier each year, kids tended to get their holidays mixed up. In 1968 we had one of the worse winters in a long time. School dismissed for Christmas and didn't reopen for almost a month. A boy came into the store after school had started again and said, "Boy, we sure had a big Halloween."

In 1967 I owed Cecil Daily, our electrician, a large bill for wiring our new house. He came back around Christmas to fin-

ish some light fixtures. I said, "Cecil, if you want your pay, you had better pray that I have a good Christmas at the store." When I went home at noon, I found him down on his knees, presumably working on a light fixture. The first thing he said was "Anybody in town today?"

A little boy said, "I'm getting \$13.95 for Christmas. I'm going to buy a BB gun and get the rest in BBs." Then he said, "Lord, that will be a lot of BBs."

A farmer bought a lamp for a Christmas present. I asked him if he wanted it gift wrapped. He said, "No, I'm just going to give it to my wife."

Goats, Globes & Guitars

Life in a 5 & 10 brought many surprises, some more pleasant than others. I'll never forget the day I left the store and found a billy goat in the bed of my truck chained to the rail, calmly chewing on cardboard boxes. While I won't relate the whole story here, if you will call 606-256-CAIN any time after midnight and ask for Lloyd, he will tell you. That's Lloyd Cain, 606-256-CAIN, after midnight.

One day a man asked if he could have the empty boxes

outside the store. Evidently he knew one of them contained four new lamp globes that had just arrived. He took the globes and gave them away all over northern Mt. Vernon, keeping one himself. I went to his house and got him and we rounded up the globes. When we got through, I dropped him off at his house and he said, "Billy, if I ever get anything of yours again, you come and I will help you get her back."

The famous musician Bill Monroe stopped in Mt. Vernon and a local man told him he had bought a guitar at Hiatt's 5 & 10 for \$15. He said Monroe begged him to go with him on the road. It got the man to thinking. He said, "I could have made something out of myself, but in a way I'm glad I didn't."

A Family Affair

One year I asked my wife, Barbara, to help me during Christmas. She came to work the first day about an hour late. We had a little disagreement and a short time later I looked around and she was gone. That night I promised her that if she would come back and help, I would treat her well like I did

the rest of the clerks. (What else was there to do? You can't fire a woman who has already quit.)

A woman saw Barbara working at the store and said to me, "I didn't know your wife worked here." "Yes, I couldn't do without her." I replied. "She tells me how to run my business." (Barbara always bragged on me, too. She said I knew it all.)

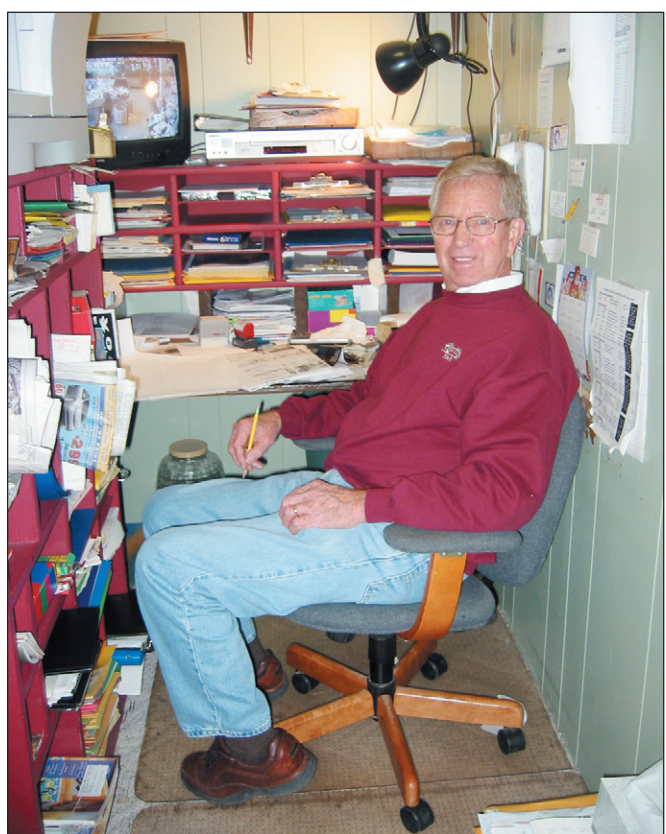
Someone took a toy off the counter and removed it from its package, making it unfit to sell. Our son, Willie, then about 3, was a strong suspect because he was playing in the store when the crime occurred. Barbara and Leigh Anne, 7, interrogated Willie all week, asking, "Willie, did you or did you not tear open that box?" Being innocent, Willie always had the same denial: "Nuh uh."

I also joined in the interrogation, asking Willie over and over if he had opened the toy. I always got the same answer: "Nuh uh." Sunday arrived and I was giving Willie a bath for church. I said, "Willie, I'm going to ask you one more time, did you or did you not open that

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Hiatt's 5&10 is located at the corner of Church and Main Street.



Mr. Billy Hiatt is retiring after 46 years at Hiatt's 5&10.

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"We invite everyone in the community to take part in the Relay For Life," said Jason Brock, team recruitment chair. "Where else can you show your enthusiasm for such an important cause by creating outrageous team themes, decorating

campsites, and playing games all night long?"

Money raised from the event supports American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy and patient services programs.

To register a team, call the Jason Brock at (606) 758-9189, Melissa Brock at (606) 256-7703 or Betty Purcell at (606) 256-7704. To find out more about the Relay For Life, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Capital One Bank vs. Dorothy Ingram, \$4,053.51 plus claimed due. CI-00008.
 Kathy Jones vs. Keith L. Collins, et al, complaint. CI-00009.
 Ravin Cain vs. Roger Alcorn, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00010.
 Robert E. Phelps vs. Darlene Holt Phelps, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00011.
 Crystal Rowe vs. David Rowe, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00012.
 Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Margaret Barnett, \$5,628.60 plus claimed due. CI-00013.
 Cowherd Equipment, Inc. vs. Billy Cameron, \$18,172.35 plus claimed due. CI-00014.
 Novastar Mortgage, Inc. vs. Stacy McGuire, et al, \$74,449.49 plus claimed due. CI-00015.

District Civil Suits

Palisades Collection, LLC vs. Stacy Mason, \$1,495.54 plus claimed due. C-00009.
 Black Acre Enterprises, LLC vs. William Adams, Sr., \$1,375.64 plus claimed due. C-00010.
 Fan Distributing, LLC vs. Clint C. McCracken, \$3,417.71 plus claimed due. C-00011.
 Capital One Bank vs. Kathy Abney, \$2,182.63 plus claimed due. C-00012.

Deeds Recorded

Patricia Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Beverly and Jerry J. Miller. Tax \$6.
 Appalachian Medical Equipment and Supply, Inc., property in Mt. Vernon, to Mt. Vernon Drug, Inc. Tax \$175.

James Edward, LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Dees. Tax \$14.
 Security Leasing, Inc., property on Ky. Hwy. 1787, to John and Jill Johnson. Tax \$157.
 Charles DeBorde, property in Rockcastle County, to Barbara L. Wilmott and James and Rhonda Brumett. Tax \$24.
 Lavada and Barry Gatliff and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Royce Amos Baker and Burlin and Connie Baker. Tax \$66.

District Court

District Court
January 17, 2007
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
 Erica M. Alloway: Speeding and Failure of non-owner/operator to maintain required insurance, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Speeding: Evans C. Bailey, paid \$30 fine and \$128 costs; John A. Mosley, license suspended for failure to appear; Daniel L. Reynolds, \$32 fine plus costs; Melinda C. Abner, Chala B. Asbury, Toni M. Cuccio, Dustin G. Greene, Raymond E. Harris, Jr., Damon C. Hoskins, Dilip Sankaran Kutty, Veno W. Mitchell, Matthew D. Mowell, Kristina E. Radford, David K. Robinson, Shelly A. White, Gary D. Young, license suspended; Likely J. Deborah, Perry L. Hammons, Donna D. Sparks, paid; Kelsey M. Holcomb, action slip entered;
 Tracy G. Barnett: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 6 days w/credit, 30 day operator license suspension/ADE authorized; Possession open alcohol beverage container, \$25 fine.
 Justin L. Burkhardt: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine, costs and \$325 service fee, 5 days w/credit, 30 day operator license suspension/ADE authorized; Controlled substance prescription not in original container, 60 days/to serve 5/balance probated 24 months on condition.
 Paul D. Clark: Fines/fees due \$907, 20 days in lieu of fine. No/exired registration plates, Failure to maintain insurance, driving on DUI suspended license, possession of marijuana, 20 days on each charge/concurrent; 2nd degree possession of controlled substance/drug unspecified, 250 days/to serve 20, balance probated 24 months on condition.
 James L. Hellard: Alcohol

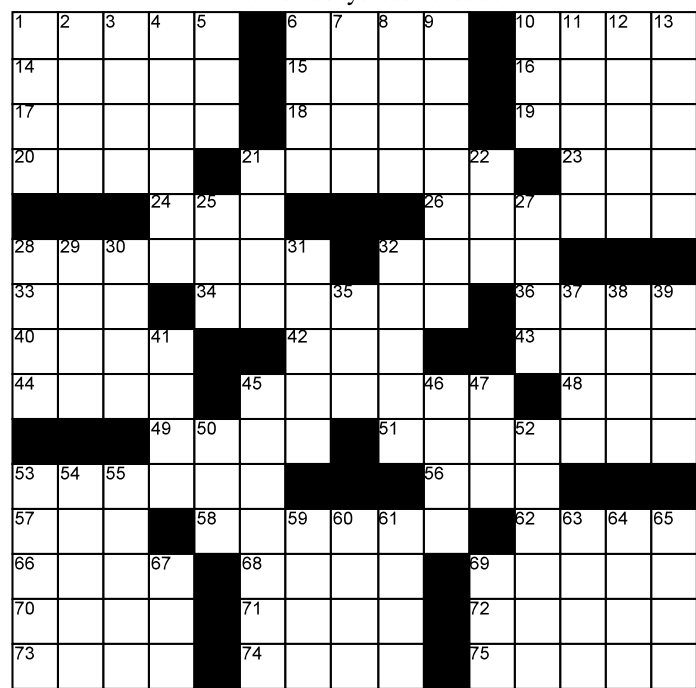
intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.
 Adam S. Russell: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Lisa Satterfield: Public intoxication, \$100 fine and 30 days/probated; Resisting arrest, \$200 fine.
 Anthony E. Schiappacasse: No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Lesley R. Sizemore: Speeding, \$20 fine and costs; No/expired registration plates, \$25 fine.
 Daniel R. Smyth: Reg. & Title Requirements vehicle not oper. on highway, \$200 fine and costs.
 Tuvisha N. Springer: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear/bench warrant issued.
 Jimmy Johnny Tuck, Jr.: No/operators/moped license, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Deathrage Williams: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear/bench warrant issued.
 Geraldo Pacheco: No motor cycle operators license, and other charges, bench warrant
 Brian L. Balch: Failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine plus costs.
 Buford Pearson: Terroristic threatening, bench warrant issued.
 Angel Perkins: Speeding and license to be in possession, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Ronnie P. Caldwell: Public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.
 Kurtis Wayne Cox: No exterior ID/Improper display, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear/bench warrant issued.
 Brad L. Crabtree: License to be in possession and Failure to maintain req. insurance, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Gloria L. Lee: Public intoxication and possession of marijuana, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Jeffrey Marcum: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Gregory F. Marshall: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and 30 days/probated 24 months.
 Max Martinez: No operators/moped license, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Dave W. Mason: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

ADE authorized.
 Kevin L. Mitchell: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Bryan K. Hammons: Alcohol intoxication and Criminal littering, to serve 10 days in lieu of fine.
 William V. Moore: Alcohol intoxication, \$100 fine, suspended, 5 days/credit time served; Failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine, 5 days in lieu of fine/credit time served.
 Jerry E. Morris: Fines/fees due (\$414), 8 days in lieu of fine/credit any time served; Illegal take/pursue/molest any deer/wild turkey/elk, \$100 fine plus \$765 replacement cost and forfeit gun to Dept. of Fish and Wildlife; Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension and 30 days/to serve 3 /balance probated 24 months; No/expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, Failure to wear seat belts, Pos-

session open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, 3 days each/concurrent.
 Boyd J. Smith: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$208 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension/ADE authorized, 4 days/credit 4 days time served; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, Failure to wear seat belts, No/expired Kentucky Registration Plates/Receipt, improper registration plates, Failure to dim headlights and Failure to maintain required insurance, 4 days each/concurrent.
 Jose Solano: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension, 5 days/credit time served/ADE authorized; No operators/moped license, Possession open alcohol/beverage container in motor vehicle, 5 days each/concurrent in lieu of fine.

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- ACROSS**
- Kentucky writer James Lane
 - Jewish calendar month
 - Carter Co. area, or canine
 - Famous KY long-hunter
 - Winchester native, author of "The Fathers"
 - Magoffin Co. spot, or always
 - Gambling game
 - Bedouin
 - Military unit
 - Ruler
 - LaGrange, KY is this county's seat
 - Only KY county with just three letters in its name
 - Bell Co. area, or Noah's boat
 - Egyptian lake
 - KY city separated from Covington by the Licking River
 - Kentuckian Wendell Berry, for one
 - Expert
 - KY county named for its prairies
 - A KY border river
 - Famous baseball catcher from Paducah
 - Corn spike
 - A little
 - Sensitive
 - Johnson Co. area, or paper type
 - Harold Rogers title: Abbr.
 - Taylor Co. hamlet,
- DOWN**
- Qualified
 - Hover
 - Monetary unit
 - Snare
 - Modern
 - And others
 - Shortening
 - Western state
 - Marion Co.'s historic seat
 - Old English rune
 - Ellipses
 - Dam
 - Caldwell Co. hamlet, or young chicken
 - Gumbo
 - Actress West
 - Extort
 - Wayne Co. hamlet, or halt
- Black __, or midge**
- Minor league baseball team based in Lexington
 - Long-time voice of the Wildcats
 - Affirmative gesture
 - Fire remains
 - WKU's mascot
 - Detail
 - Snack food
 - Not fast
 - Narrative
 - KY's Pennyroyal
 - Region derives its name from this
 - English river
 - Paducah's original name
 - Goofs
 - Not ever, poetically
 - Central KY burial mounds were built by this culture
 - Dozes
 - Mammoth Cave's largest river
 - Another name for 12 Down, or a Muhlenberg Co. area
 - Goody
 - Jeopardy
 - Dashed
 - Trumpet
 - Chilled
 - "My bad!"
 - Toy building block
 - KY's 6th county formed, "where the Bluegrass meets the mountains..."
 - Contribute
 - Past
 - Man of means
 - Rewrote
 - An Illinois tributary of 36 Across
 - Noted Churchill Downs racing analyst
 - Swishing sound
 - Paste
 - Baseball's Pete
 - Pitcher
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 - Ireland
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Notice is given that Vicki Chasteen has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Executrix of the estate of Luster Chasteen, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held February 19, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 11x1

Notice is hereby given that Jennifer Houk, 46 Hickory Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been executrix of the estate of Mildred Renner on the 17th day of January, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Jennifer Houk or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 17, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m. 11x3

Notice is hereby given that Sherri Lee Halcom, 320 West Main St., P.O. Box 764, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Mary G. Johnson on the 10th day of January, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sherri Lee Halcomb on or

before July 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 10x3

Notice: London Farm Service, 1480 S. Main St., London, Ky. will be offering for sale by auction to the highest bidder, one (1) NAA Ford Tractor on 2-9-07 at 4 p.m. Sale proceeds to be applied against repair and storage bill.

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Posted: Absolutely no hunting or trespassing on property belonging to LuEd Nielsen on Scaffold Cane Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 10x4p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property of Glyn Bullock on Cove Branch Road. No one has right of ingress or egress through property without written permission of Patricia Bullock. 10x4p

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Mary Gadd at Lime Plant Hollow. Violators will be prosecuted. 52x52

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on Wilson Land - WWW (better known as Doc Wolfe Farm) at Wildie. 32x52p

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

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

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

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Maretburg consisting of the Swinney Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm, Lakes Farm. 3tfn

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Request for Bids (Illegal Dump Cleanup)

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is soliciting bids from contractors for the cleanup and removal of two illegal dumps located on KY 1250 (Spiro Rd.) and US 490 in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

The Scope of Work, Request for Bid, and General Conditions are available from James Renner, the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator, at 205 E. Main St. #14, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (phone: 606-256-1902). There will be a mandated pre-bid meeting on February 2, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rockcastle County Road Department to view the sites. Those not attending by 9:00 a.m. sharp will not be allowed to bid.

Interested contractors should submit their completed bid to Buzz Carloftis, Rockcastle County Judge Executive at PO Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 until Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Proof of general liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$500,000.00 and proof of workers compensation insurance will be required.

No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds, of race, color, national origin or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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Troy Lee Kates Defendant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 15, 2006 in the above-captioned case, the Honorable Danny C. Reeves, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered an order condemning and forfeiting the following property:

Located near Sparks Quarry, and beginning at a stone on the county road near George Deatherage's house; thence up the hill 150 steps to a black oak tree and stone in the Owens line; thence up with the Owens line to the county road; thence with the road to the beginning, and containing two (2) acres be the same more or less.

The property is subject to an off conveyance dated January 19, 1995 executed by Danny Mason, single in favor of David Lovell, et ux. of record in Deed Book 156, page 300, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court.

The property is subject to an off conveyance dated May 16, 1995 executed by Danny Mason, single in favor of David Lovell, et ux. Of record in Deed Book 157, page 579, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court.

See also the attached plat of the subject property and the acreage being 1.35 acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Troy Kates by deed dated June 22, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 185, page 213, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the United States intends to dispose of this property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), if you have a legal interest in this property, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF receipt of this notice, you must petition the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged legal interest to this property. If a

hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Court alone, without a jury.

THE PETITION must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, as established in 28 U.S.C. §1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of your right, title or interest in each item of property, the time and circumstances of your acquisition of the right, title or interest in each item of property and any additional facts supporting your claim and the relief sought.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, §853(n)(2), NEITHER A DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE-STYLED CASE NOR HIS AGENT IS ENTITLED TO FILE A PETITION.

ANY HEARING on your petition shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with the interests of justice, be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of your petition. The court may consolidate your hearing on the petition with any other hearings requested on any other petitions filed by any other person other than the defendant named above.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT at the hearing to testify and present evidence and witnesses on your own behalf and cross examine witnesses who appear at the hearing.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A PETITION TO ASSERT YOUR RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY SHALL BE LOST AND FORFEITED TO THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES THEN SHALL HAVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AND MAY WARRANT GOOD TITLE TO ANY SUBSEQUENT PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE.

All petitions must be filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Southern Division at London, at the following address: United States District Court Clerk, PO Box 5121, London, Kentucky 40745-5121.

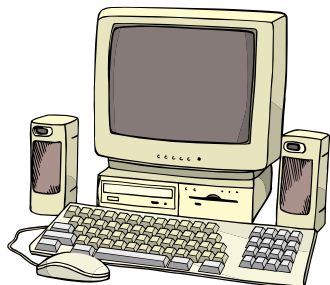
You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Amul R. Thapar, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1671.

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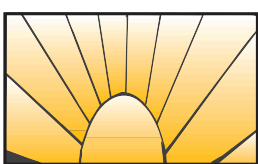
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