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Rape charges brought against Brodhead man

A Brodhead man is being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$75,000 full cash bond, after a Brodhead woman accused him of rape.

David Northern, 57, who lives in the Brodhead Elderly Apartments was arrested on Sunday after being stopped at Brodhead Dari Mart by City Police Chief John Bellamy.

Bellamy, who had secured a warrant for Northern on Friday from Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds, said he got the warrant for Northern after receiving a complaint.

According to the criminal complaint, a 56-year-old resident of the same apartment complex told Bellamy that she

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Rockcastle County senior Rocket football player Brad Durham signed a national letter of intent last Wednesday to play football at the University of Kentucky. Some of those on hand for the signing by the stand out offensive and defensive linemen were his parents, Amy and James Durham, sitting and standing, RCHS head assistant coach Tony Saylor, head coach Tom Larkey and RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly. Durham will join former Rocket Jason Leger on the Wildcat team, who will be a senior.

To help pay for \$823,00 project

Council votes to raise water rates in Brodhead

By: Richard Anderkin

The Brodhead City Council passed the first reading of an ordinance on Monday night that will raise water rates in the city for the first time since November of 2005.

City Clerk Becky Bussell told the council and Mayor Walter Cash that the rate increase was required by the USDA Rural Development wa-

ter program, which is loaning the city \$193,000 to complete the funding of an \$832,000 water project.

The water project will upgrade and replace some existing lines and allow for construction of a new water tank on Hwy. 1505. Some of the lines that will be replaced were constructed in the city in 1939.

The new water tank will be built on a half acre lot recently purchased by the city from Melvin Harrison.

Besides the loan, the project is being funded by a \$500,000 state grant secured by State Representative Danny Ford and State Senator Ed Worley in the last legislative session and a \$139,000 grant from Rural Development, the same agency acquiring the \$193,000 loan through the sale of bonds.

Of course, the city will not have to pay back either of the two grants.

City commissioner Larry Taylor also told the council the project had been approved by the Kentucky Division of Water and was awaiting final

changes by project architects G.R.W.

The water project is coming none too soon for Brodhead. A main water line break on Hwy. 1505 caused several Brodhead customers to be without water for a period of time on Saturday and forced a boil water advisory in the area, which has now been lifted.

"The division of water recommends that you raise your rates by ten percent every year and we haven't" Bussell said.

Currently Brodhead water customers pay \$12.31 per month for 2,000 gallons of water or less.

The new rate of \$14.42 per month will go into effect the first of March, if the council successfully passes the second reading of the ordinance, which is scheduled for next Monday night at 7 o'clock.

(Cont. to A11)



David Northern of Brodhead has been charged with rape.

Local man charged with stealing water

A Rockcastle County man, who faces charges of theft of services over \$300, will be arraigned in Rockcastle District Court on February 26th.

Tim Saylor, 46, of Brindle Ridge was arrested the last week of January by fourth district constable Dale Miller, on an arrest warrant issued by Trial Commissioner Carrie Mullins.

The warrant for Saylor was requested by Western Rockcastle Water Association manager Paula DeBorde after Western employees located a stolen water meter at Saylor's residence at the junction of Hwy. 1505 and U.S. 25.

According to the arrest warrant (Cont. to A11)

Guilty pleas accepted in circuit court for Clifford and Bullock

Tuesday, Rockcastle Circuit Judge David Tapp accepted a guilty plea from Dallas Clifford, 34, of Mt. Vernon, which will send him to the penitentiary for five years.

Last September, a four count indictment was handed down (Cont. to A11)

Hammond is in 12th year

Board extends Superintendent's contract to 2010

By Richard Anderkin

After a three hour evaluation on Tuesday night, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond received another one year extension on his contract.

Hammond, 51, has been superintendent of the local school system for the last 12 years and is in his 29th year of employment by the school system.

He began his career as an elementary teacher at Livingston. From there he moved to the Rockcastle County High School as a teacher in Industrial Technology.

In 1991, Hammond took over as Director of Student Services before being hired as superintendent in 1995.

"I appreciate the confidence the board continues to show in me. We have a very good staff in place and cooperation throughout the district and a team of hard working people who put the interests of our

student's first," Hammond said.

"We don't have a perfect school system by far and there is always room for improvement but I think Mr. Hammond and his staff have done a very good job for us during his time as superintendent," said board chairman Terry Burton.

Burton, who has been on the (Cont. to A11)



School Superintendent Larry Hammond was given a one year extension on his contract Tuesday night.

Grand Jury returns eight indictments

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down eight indictments recently, for crimes ranging from stealing a pickup truck to possession of cocaine.

Daniel Kyle Nolan, 20, of McClure Street, Livingston was indicted in connection with several break-ins in the Livingston

area on December 30th.

The first week of January, 5th district constable David Mason arrested Nolan and charged him with stealing a digital camera, 25 DVDs and 28 play station games from the residence of Ronald G. Carpenter.

(Cont. to A11)

Pave way for Peters to get operating funds

County accepts low bids for two dump clean-ups

By: Perlina Anderkin

As a first item of business at Tuesday's regular of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, bids were opened for the clean-up of two dumps in the county -- one on Ky. 1250 and one on U.S. 490.

Seven bids were submitted for the 1250 clean-up, ranging from a high of \$64,750 to a low of \$10,000 from Jamie Reynolds of Reynolds Excavating.

The US 490 project received only six bids and those ranged from a high of \$99,500 to the

low of \$17,994 from Elswick Construction Co. in Pike County.

The county tentatively accepted both low bids, dependent on all paperwork being approved. However, Magistrate Bill McKinney did not vote on the 1250 project because of being related to the successful bidder, Jamie Reynolds. McKinney was not happy with the situation, pointing out that in his 15

years in office, it was the first time he had not cast his vote on an issue.

County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis questioned both successful bidders on their qualifications to clean up the dumps. A representative of Elswick Construction said they had cleaned up dumps all over Eastern Kentucky, including in Casey County and Laurel

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Jail discussed at Tuesday's court meeting

Hopes are high that House Bill 187, which would provide badly needed additional funding to jails across the state, would be approved.

Rockcastle County James Miller said Wednesday that 25 state representatives, including Rep. Danny Ford, had signed on to co-sponsor the bill which would provide an additional \$35 million per year to county jails, once fully implemented.

In a story in Sunday's Lexington Herald Leader, Governor Ernie Fletcher was quoted as telling members of the Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association, at their annual dinner in Lexington last week, that "Some of you are hemorrhaging; some of you have jails that are losing money and it is quite a burden. I think we can look at adding some money this session

(Cont. to A11)



All four Brodhead City Commissioners and Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash met together on Monday night for the first time this year. Joining the council was new member Ernie Mobley, who was appointed to replace Marvin Owens. Shown above, front row from left are commissioners Larry Taylor and Rick Branham and Mayor Walter Cash. Back row from left: commissioners Mobley and Johnny Boone Saylor. The Brodhead council voted to raise water rates on Monday night and a special called meeting to have a second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for next Monday night.



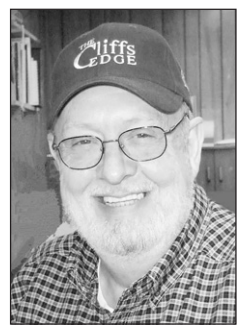
The Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of their new county fire truck last week. The old county truck was totaled in an accident on December 16th on Negro Creek Road while enroute to a fire on Bryant Ridge. Insurance paid the tab on the \$149,000 truck, shown above. Also in the photo from left is assistant Brodhead fire chief John Dyehouse and chief Larry Taylor. Taylor told Brodhead council members Monday night the truck was fully equipped and ready for service.



Senior Lance Baldwin was crowned RCHS Basketball Homecoming King and senior Kim Cottrell was crowned Homecoming Queen on Friday night at RCHS. Baldwin is the son of Johnny and Jeanny Baldwin of Brodhead and Cottrell is the daughter of Darrell and Brenda Cottrell, also of Brodhead.

Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



When I picked up my mail one morning this week, I was surprised to find a new CD that I had not ordered. The CD was The Drifters – Greatest Hits, which I later determined was purchased by my wife as a gift for me. (My birthday is just around the corner.)

I became a Drifters fan in 1959 when their hit There Goes My Baby reached the number one spot on the Hit Parade. I was fifteen and learning to drive. In those days, I would sit in my grandfather's 1954 Chevy listening to the AM radio while dreaming of driving around with a cute girl sitting by my side.

The Drifters sang about romance and everyday life. Their sound tugged at the heart strings of many teenagers of that era. When we gathered to "spin" our 45's, we slow danced to their dreamy melodies. Clyde McPhatter was a honey-voiced lead singer who made you want to sit close and hold your baby's hand.

Ben E. King replaced McPhatter as the lead singer toward the end of 1959, and the group again topped the charts with Dance With Me. And that is exactly what we did. I remember being with my best friend Bud and several girls in one of our houses. The two of us took turns dancing with the ladies. That is still a very fond memory of mine. (No competition!)

By the time Save The Last Dance For Me (1960) was climbing the charts, I had my drivers' license. We then started

driving to Berea to skate to the latest sounds on the large speakers hanging in the middle of the rink. If you could skate to music, all the girls wanted to skate/dance with you, and we were more than glad to accommodate them.

It was common to fill my '58 Chevy to the brim and drive the 18 miles up US 25 to the "rink." As Marty recently reminded me, one fine night I had 13 teenagers in that car. We rocked all the way up the highway, singing our favorite tunes as they played on the radio.

In 1962 the Drifters charted two singles. When My Little Girl Is Smiling and On The Roof. I will always remember those songs because I was a senior in high school. Rudy Lewis was at the mike on these two hits as the lead singer. Dionne Warwick and Cissy Houston sang back-up. I remember so vividly tooling around town listening to our AM radios as The Drifters serenaded us.

This very talented group continued to provide the background music for my life upon releasing On Broadway (1963) during my freshman year at UK. In 1964 came my favorite song of theirs – Saturday Night At The Movies. I still remember every word of that song.

The Drifters were a very distinctive group achieving success from 1953 until late in 1964. More than 30 of their hits reached the Top 100 and 11 reached the Top 20. In the early days of rock and roll, The Drifters had a huge influence on the sounds that were to come. I can still sing along with all of their lyrics. I thank my wife for giving me a new CD that brings back all of the memories associated with these cool hits.

You can reach me at mtmnan@mis.net Thanks for the wonderful suggestions for this column.

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal:

I found myself looking through the seed catalogues today and anticipating the day the weather will allow spring planting, much like fellow columnist, Ike Adams, noted a few days ago. He commented that he enjoyed browsing through the seed catalogues, and looking forward to planting, as I'm sure many others do, as well. The more I looked in the catalogues, the more I look forward to planting. If I planted all that I wanted, our place would be the garden spot of the state.

Although I was dreaming of spring planting, I must realize that we are still in the grip of winter with many cold days ahead. Our current heating system is OK, but we're seriously thinking of something else. We've always wanted a working fireplace. We already have one of the artificial log fireplaces that produces a little heat, and is fine for one or two rooms, but we are looking to upgrade. We're in the process of finding a gas fireplace.

This past weekend, Stanley did some comparative shopping. One of the places he stopped was the flea market at London. He didn't find any fireplaces there, although we saw some earlier in the year. However, he did find a guitar case for his "baby." Stanley had taken up playing the guitar about two years ago, and this past fall, I had bought him a nice, new guitar. He really likes it, and babies it a lot, so he bought it a new "home," so to speak.

The best thing Stanley brought back from the flea market was a small bag of old-fashioned sea-foam candy. I had

even forgotten there was such a thing. I hadn't seen any since my childhood days. It was so delicious, and it melted in my mouth. I remember the main ingredients were brown sugar, water, and egg whites. It sounds simple enough, but I've long ago forgotten the exact amount of each ingredient. I think I'd like to make some in a few days, so I guess I'll be plundering about for the recipe.

Then next day, on Sunday, Stanley took me back to the flea market to check out some of the other things that he had found, and kill a little time. I can't go to the flea market without stopping at the Davidson's Art Gallery. They have their main store in London, for Monday through Friday operation, but operate out of the flea market on the weekend. I've bought several pieces from them in the past few years, not only for our London house, but after I married Stanley and moved to Mount Vernon, I've used them quite a bit for our decorating here. I really enjoy looking at their collection, and yes, I did buy a small, framed print on this trip.

Later, on Sunday night, we watched part of, or at least, all that we could stand, of the Grammy Awards. We didn't care for the new music, if you could call it "music" or very many of the new entertainers. We snacked on, among other things, the sea-foam candy, as we watched and I, in the back of my mind, thought of spring planting, and how in the world can I rearrange the living room to accommodate the new fireplace. I guess it was pretty good entertainment for a cold, winter weekend.

VIEW FROM THE BENCH

If the Turkey's Gobblin' ... Beware!

A recent change in the administrative regulations pertaining to Kentucky wildlife bears (ha!) attention for hunters and non-hunters alike. Baiting turkeys has always been illegal, and only in recent years has baiting deer been legalized in Kentucky and several other states.

Many non-hunters also use bait to aid in wildlife viewing and photography. The most recent regulations on feeding opt for a completely different approach.

For the first time that I am aware, Kentucky now prohibits all forms of supplemental feeding during part of the year. The Spring hunting regulations summary published by the Department of Fish and Wildlife explains the new regulation like this: "It is illegal to feed wildlife with grain, seed or manufactured animal feed outside the curtilage of the home . . . from March 1 through July 31." Thus, the reg does not focus on illegal hunting taking place over or near bait, it appears to sim-

ply make the practice of baiting illegal, even if done for a non-hunting purpose.

The actual regulation provides a little more detail. The regulation specifically provides that "[w]ildlife shall not be fed from March 1 through July 31 except as" otherwise provided. The prohibition against feeding specifically excludes wildlife in municipal areas, or state or local parks, which are not otherwise open to hunting, unless some other regulation applies. Think of this as the "pigeon exception." It's not going to be illegal to sit in a Lexington park and feed the pigeons. Whether it's okay to feed the ducks at the local marina . . . hmmm, consult a lawyer.

The regulation also excludes feeding which occurs within the curtilage of the home. Curtilage is defined to include those areas encompassing the grounds immediately surrounding any home or group of homes used in the daily activities of domestic life, including areas "occupied by captive cervids." Deer are cervids. So think of this exclusion as the "bird feeder exception." If you're feeding the cardinals, robins, starlings, and yellow finches at your backyard feeder, you're fine. Assuming you have the proper licenses, (Cont. to A5)

Points East

By Ike Adams

Once upon a time there in the head of Blair Branch, before strip mining pretty much ruined both sides of the valley, there was a huge sandstone boulder that everybody called the "big rock". It was more or less wedge shaped, larger than a ten-room, two-story house and just sitting there about halfway up the mountain.

It was slanted such you could walk around back of it and climb up the incline to the top edge and peer over a vertical drop of probably 20 feet to the ground.

A big elm tree towered over the cliff and from it dangled, some few steps in front, a wild grape vine perhaps a couple inches in diameter. Off shoots threaded through the top limbs of the old tree and held the main vine snugly in place. Many of us ten- to fourteen-year-old boys would have contests that involved seeing who could climb the vine the highest and fastest.

Actually it was never much of a contest because Truman Caudill always won. Nobody else on Blair Branch was in Truman's league when it came to climbing stuff. Truman would shimmy up a slender poplar sapling say twenty or thirty feet tall and when he got to the top, he'd hang on with both hands then throw his body weight out into mid air and ride the top of the tree, in a slow arc, to the ground.

We'd play war games in the woods and even though he was a 5 star general, this was Truman's way of parachuting into enemy territory. He was a one man Air Corps because nobody else would even think about attempting such an exploit.

The saplings would eventually straighten back up but sometimes when the war went on all day, it would look like a tornado had gone through the head of the holler and played havoc with every young poplar tree in the woods.

Anyway, climbing the grape vine was mundane to Truman.

If a dozen or so of us were so engaged, Truman would say something like, "You fellers all go first and then I'll show you how it's done."

Believe me, this was not idle chatter and the rest of us knew the truth of Truman's brag.

One afternoon Truman was hunkered down, absent mindedly whittling on a cedar limb while intently watching us go up and down the vine. You could tell he was deep in thought but nobody bothered him be-

cause it was always so interesting to see what kind of new, daring and ingenious, plan he would next come up with. Suffice to say that Tom Sawyer would have been just another school boy compared to Truman Caudill.

"Boys, I've figured out how we can get a lot better use out of this old grape vine," he finally said. He wiped the blade of his Barlow on his pants leg and promptly went to cutting the vine off at about shoulder level. Then he ran around to the back of the big rock, climbed up to the ledge and asked one of us to swing the vine over where he could reach it.

He backed down the rear side a few steps, then while clasping the vine he took a running go back up and off the ledge into empty space where he literally sailed down and out for many feet over the smaller timber. When he began to fall back toward the cliff face, he quickly shimmed up the vine a few feet and lit as nimbly as a catbird back atop the big rock. Even Tarzan would have been jealous. The rest us were in total awe.

After a few days we less-than Truman beings had swapped enough dares that we all began swinging, but we gripped the vine up high enough so that we didn't have to do any climbing to avoid crashing into the cliff face, which meant that we didn't go half as far as Truman. Still it was thrilling, and the first few times we tried it were downright scary.

Finally my Dad caught us and nearly had a heart attack when one of us sailed out high over his head. We hadn't seen him coming and he had no idea that the climbing vine had been turned into a flying apparatus.

He put a stop to it then and there and promised a whipping that would not soon be forgotten if he ever caught us swinging again.

Actually I would have just as soon had a whipping than the talking to we got but, for a time, the lecture served notice that the consequences were not worth the risk of swinging on the grape vine should we get caught. The rest of the boys knew that my Dad would tell theirs and that if Ketter and I got in trouble, they'd get the same treatment when they got home.

Unfortunately the story does not end here, but equally unfortunate is the fact that the editors quarrel when I drag on this long.

Tune in next week for the conclusion of "The Big Rock Grapevine Swing."

Don't Smoke During Pregnancy

Presented by Callie Shaffer, M.D.

We have known for a long time that if you smoke during your pregnancy you are apt to have a baby that is smaller than average. The Surgeon General's Report has given us many more reasons why you should not smoke during your pregnancy.

Very soon after inhaling cigarette smoke, the carbon monoxide in smoke binds with your blood. This decreases the amount of oxygen your blood can carry to your baby. The second problem is that nicotine constricts blood vessels and decreases the amount of blood flow to the uterus. Your rapidly growing baby receives limited oxygen and nutrients.

There is also evidence that smoking affects the baby's metabolism and endocrine system, and it increases the chance that genetic damage or developmental abnormalities, such as cleft palate, will occur.

Smokers are more likely to have miscarriages, stillbirths and premature deliveries than non-smokers. Also, the chance of needing a Cesarean-section is increased because the infant becomes distressed more easily during labor due to the limited circulation he is receiving.

Later in life, the children of smokers are more likely to have short stature, impaired reading abilities and hyperactivity. They even have a greater chance of dying in early infancy.

Another tragic effect of smoking is the 5,000 deaths from home fires started by cigarettes. Of these deaths, 1,000 are children.

These and many other risks noted in the report should convince anyone that smoking during pregnancy is very harmful.



Judge David Tapp

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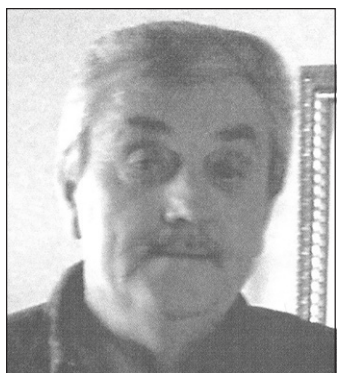
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Tickets may be purchased at the door but advance purchase is encouraged!

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Obituaries



Tillman Junior Daugherty

Tillman Junior Daugherty, 55, of Mt. Vernon died Monday February 12, 2007 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on October 17, 1951 in Madison County the son of the late Joe and Della Mae Morris Daugherty. He owned and operated T. Daugherty Construction Company, and enjoyed watch repair and sales, and was know as the Watch Doc. He also enjoyed flea markets, gardening, and was a member of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Alma Rebecca Singleton Daugherty of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Tillman Gregory (Melissa) Daugherty and Joseph Edward Daugherty, all of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Miss Angela Rebecca Daugherty of Mt. Vernon; five brothers, Willie (Zelma) Daugherty of Morraine, OH, Burgess (Barbara Ann) Daugherty of Livingston, KY, Mitch (Maxine) Daugherty of Morraine, OH, Roy (Telvis) Daugherty of Mt. Vernon and Eddie (Clara) Daugherty of Morraine, OH; one sister, May (Arlie) Allen of West Carrollton, OH; and one grandchild, Caitlin Taylor Daugherty.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 16, 2007 at the Cornerstone Fellowship Church with Bros. Buford Parkerson and Ryan Lewis officiating. Burial will be in the Daugherty Family Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 - 9 p.m. (today) Thursday at the Church. Arrangements made by Cox Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be: Tim McClure, Johnny Daugherty, Tim Daugherty, David Durham, Conley Durham, Jeff Daugherty and Arlie Allen.

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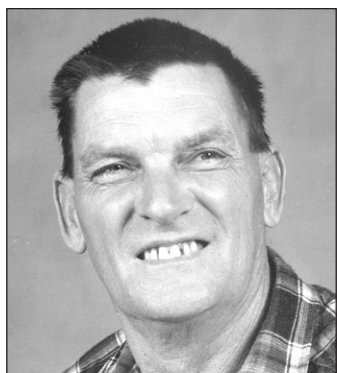


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Robert F. "Hawk" Moore

Robert F. "Hawk" Moore, 79, of Mt. Vernon died Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at his home. He was born on January 12, 1928 in Rockcastle County the son of the late George and Bertha Bullock Moore. He was a retired Mechanic, enjoyed working on cars and appliances, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Katherine Sowder Moore of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Tommy Moore of Mt. Vernon and Richard Moore of Jackson, MI; one step-son, Billy Smith of Richmond, KY; two daughters, Mrs. Penny Moore of Jackson, MI and Mrs. Dottie Moore of Apple Valley, CA; and five step-daughters, Mrs. Sandy Bradley, Mrs. Janie Morgan and Mrs. Pam McFerron, all of Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Peggy Thompson of Dry Ridge, KY, and Mrs. Jo Eperon of Williamstown, KY. A host of grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 9, 2007 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jack Weaver officiating. Burial was in the Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Paul Jr. Thompson, Dwayne Thompson, Tony Mink, Jeremy Flemming, Mike Durham and James Ed Moore.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Vivan Rose

Vivan Norwood Rose, 83, of Lambert Road died Monday February 12, 2007 at her home. She was born in Madison County, KY to the late Millard and Edith Arvin Edwards. She was a member of the Conway Baptist church where she was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Conway Homemakers Club.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Chester Rose; her children, Alice (Homer Jr.) Conner of Michigan, Louise (William) Grant of Kirksville, Millard Rose of Conway, Cynthia (Tim) Van Winkle of Mt. Vernon, and Lucy (Wayne) Ambrose of Crab Orchard; a brother-in-law, Leroy Fletcher; 16 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; eight step great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Millard and Edith Arvin Edwards; her step son, Dudley Rose; and brothers and sisters, Ray Edwards, James Edwards, Ronald Edwards, Mattie Edwards, and Geneva Fletcher.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. (today) Thursday, Feb. 16, 2007 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Ritchey and Rev. Ronnie Pennington presiding. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery at Panola. Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren.



Janet Bussell Velasquez

Janet Bussell Velasquez, 73, of Clarksville, OH and formerly of Brodhead, KY, died Saturday, February 10, 2007 at Hospice of Cincinnati in Blue Ash, OH. She was born on July 23, 1933 in Brodhead, KY the daughter of the late Arch and Lula Moore Bussell. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Baptist faith and enjoyed playing cards, bingo, collecting dolls, and Flea Markets.

She is survived by: five sons, Larry (Vicky) Hampton of Clarksville, OH, Archie (Peggy) Hampton of Conyers, GA, Jack (Lana) Hampton of Blanchester, OH, Ray (Denise) Hampton of Blanchester, OH, and Rob (Janice) Hampton of Social Circle, GA; two daughters, Sharon (Eddie) Durham of Hamilton, OH and Crystal (Eddie) Creech of Clarksville, OH; 12 grandchildren, Steve, Jodi, Jason, Kris, Shawn, Lora, Erica, Samantha, Stephanie, Brandi, E.J. and Kirsty; 10 great grandchildren; a sister, Gerri Glass of Harrison, OH; and three brothers, Joe Bussell, "Dee" (Mary) Bussell and Jack (Annette) Bussell, all of Brodhead, KY. A host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors also survive.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Frank Velasquez; two sisters, Martha Messer and Laverne Lykins; and a great grandchild, Casey Wilson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Feb. 12, 2007 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Rick Reynolds, officiating. Burial followed in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casket bearers were: Earl Ray, Robbie Layne, Larry, Jackie P., and Archie Hampton, Eddie Creech.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, OH; or the Diabetes Assoc.

Condolences to the family may be made to her online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Elias Jackson Smith, Jr.

Elias Jackson "E.J." Smith, Jr., 74, of Stanford, died at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center on Sunday, February 11, 2007.

Mr. Smith was born March 11, 1932 in Rockcastle County, the son of Elias Jackson and Lucy Ausmus Smith.

He was a retired educator with Rockcastle and Lincoln Counties and a member of the Hustonville Christian Church.

Mr. Smith worked in the public school system for 40 years, as a teacher, principal and food service director. Above all, he was the greatest daddy and granddaddy.

Survivors are: his wife, Betsy Smith; a son, Jon (Daveida) Smith of Hustonville, a daughter, Heather (Jeff) Riley of Princeton and four grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Homer J. Smith.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 14th at Hustonville Christian Church with Rev. Don Burton officiating. Burial was in the Buffalo Springs Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Burke, David Thompson, Homer Smith, Jr., Ronnie Bradley, Anthony Houts and Johnny Henson.

Honorary bearers were deacons and elders of Hustonville Christian Church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Hustonville Christian Church Building Fund, Ft. Logan Cooperative Ministries or a charity.

Spurlin Funeral Home of Stanford is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Sue Vaughn

Shirley Sue Wilson Coffey Vaughn, 57, of Norwood, OH, and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, February 5, 2007. She was born in Perry County, KY on Dec. 31, 1949 the daughter of Charles and Sarah Nix Wilson.

She is survived by: her husband, Michael Vaughn; two sons, Ronnie Coffey and Herbert Coffey; three daughters, Sheri (Chris) Ream, Joann (Harold) Ritchie and Angela Vaughn; and was a Dear Nanny to eight grandchildren, Amber, Daniel, Christopher, Justin, Cortney, William, Sarah and Gabrielle. Also surviving are eight brothers and sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 7 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Billy Joe Cameron. Burial was in the Maret Cemetery.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mrs. Vaughn's online obituary.

Virginia Lee Holt

Virginia Lee Holt, 79, of Berea, died Saturday, February 10, 2007 at her home. She was born in Laurel Co., KY on March 15, 1927 the daughter of W. F. and Delia Turner Peters. She was a retired teacher for the Rockcastle County School System and was a member of the Roundstone Baptist Church.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Airvoy "Bud" Holt.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 13 at the Fairview Baptist Church by Bro. Rick Reynolds. Burial was in the Rice Cemetery at Conway.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Chris Cobb, James Cobb, Terry Harding, Trenton Harding, Billy Linville and James Spires.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mrs. Holt's online obituary.

Cards of Thanks

Frank Johnson

The family of Frank Johnson would like to thank Rockcastle County Hospice, the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Pastor Dan Gutenson, Jack Bussell and our friends for their kindness and words and songs of encouragement during our loss.

Tommy Baldwin and Family
Melanie Daulton and Family
Kenneth Johnson and Family



B.F. Webb

B. F. Webb, 63, of Big Hill died Monday, February 5, 2007, at his home after a long battle with cancer.

He is survived by: one daughter, Chaquita (Rick) Lanham; one grandson, Ryan Lanham; one granddaughter, Rachel Lanham; six sisters, Ruth Lakes, Elizabeth (Wayne) Young, Helen (Ray) Croucher, Madaline (Carl) Sargent, Jean (Jack) Medlock and Brenda Rigsby. He was also survived by: several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews and two special friends, Louise Webb and Any Drew Garrett.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Barney and Maude Alexander Webb and one sister, Myrtle Faye Payne.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2007 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bros. Darren Cupp and Bob Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in the Berea Cemetery.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday evening after 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers will be: Ryan Lanham, Rachel Lanham, Scott Payne, James Clyde Payne, William Young and Benny Croucher.

Honorary bearers will be: Andy Drew Garrett, Danny "Boonie" and Margie Garrett, Jim Rhodus, Curtis Bengel, Jeff Croucher, David Sargent, Johnny Bailey, Jack Medlock, Ray Croucher, Jonathon Garrett, Walter Delaney, Gary Neeley and Tyler Rigsby.

Doris Schneider

Doris Schneider, 81, of Cincinnati, Ohio and formerly of Mt. Vernon died Saturday, February 3, 2007 at her home. She was born on July 30, 1925 in Mt. Vernon the daughter of the late Bradley and Jessie King Sigmon.

Survivors are: two sons, Alan (Beverly) Schneider of Cincinnati, OH and Keith (Barbara) Schneider of Oregonia, OH; and one sister, Mrs. Lucille Hurst of Bardstow, KY. Three grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

Graveside committal services were held Friday, February 9, 2007 in the Sigmon Cemetery with Bro. Desmond Cole officiating. Local arrangements were by the Cox Funeral Home.

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Our Readers Write

Parents needed for Project Graduation..

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We, as parents, have been

there to support our children through their school years. We have sat through football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, cheerleading, band concerts, etc. Along with that were all the fundraisers, bake sales, yard sales, car washes -- just to name a few. So, as graduation day gets closer and we realize a chapter in their life is about to close, the parents who contribute their time and effort to Project Graduation 2007 can rest assured that they made it possible for our seniors to be together one last time safe, sound and with the ones who love them the most!

2007 Project Graduation Council

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will hold its Annual Meeting of membership at its Tobacco Farmer Appreciation Day at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2007 in Room 101 of the South Wing at the KY Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY during the National Farm Machinery Show.

Beef Producers Meeting

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

Beef Producers are encouraged to attend the Extension Service Winter Beef Meetings Monday February 19th and February 26th @ 6:30pm in the Extension office on West Main Street.

February 19th's topic will be Forage Production with U.K. Forage Specialist, Ray Smith. Higher fertilizer cost and higher fuel cost are having a great impact on pasture and hay productions cost. High corn prices force feed yards out West to purchase larger feeder calves which require much less corn to reach finish weight. Managing Forage production to meet cow needs as well as back grounding feeder calves is a juggling act. Good planning starts before this years grass starts growing.

February 26th's topic will be on current economics in the Cattle Industry. Cattle cycles have been impacted by dry weather out west and high corn prices over the past four

months. Kenny Burdine, U.K. Economics Specialist will discuss how cattle producers will work their way through the current cattle cycle.

March 5th will be the Annual Cattleman's Association Banquet. Plans are being made at this time and announcements made during February meetings.

Home Gardening

The Cooperative Extension Service will assist local Home Gardeners in obtaining productive strawberry varieties in small quantities. A joint effort between surrounding Extension Offices allow group orders to purchase high quality plants at low prices for small quantities. This year Sure Crop and Early Glow varieties are available at \$12.00 per 100 plants. Orders may be made at the Extension Office with plants being paid for at the time order is made. Orders will be taken through Friday March 16th.

"Bench"

(Cont. from A2)

approvals, etc. for your captive deer herd, you can also continue to feed them.

Importantly, the regulation also excludes normal agriculture and food plots, feed scattered for the cows, and the like, i.e., the "horticulture exception". And lastly, the rule against feeding doesn't apply to fish or zoos. Think of this as the "pet exception".

Since it's always been illegal to hunt turkeys using bait as an attractant, lawful hunters should have little to be concerned about. Deer hunters, however, who use supplemental feeding to enhance the health of the herd or as an attractant, need to be cautious not to begin feeding too early. Once hunters become excited about the opening of archery season in the early fall, many began filling gravity feeders and timed feeders. If they do so too early, they risk being charged.

Whether you agree with the new regulation or not, it obviously offers some advantages to law enforcement. The rule es-

tablishes a bright line for when supplemental food can be introduced into the woods and when it can't. If someone is packing corn into the turkey woods, officers don't have to wait to see if they will try to hunt over the bait.

And if there is a link between the spread of chronic wasting disease or other serious disease which afflict wildlife in other parts of the nation and the close proximity of wildlife to one another, perhaps this limitation will reduce the chance that CWD will gain a foothold here. But I don't know, ask a biologist.

What is important is that people are not caught unaware by this important change in the wildlife regulations. It's hard to feel sympathy for anyone who knowingly disregards the law, even if they don't agree with it.

If for one, will be cautious. If the turkeys are silent this spring, but still gobbling up someone's corn pile, I won't be hunting. If you have any questions about this new regulation or any other wildlife related issue, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Game at 1.800.858.1549.

Hunter Education Course

4-H Youth Development

John McQueary

Rockcastle County Extension Office

Attention youth!!! There will be a Hunter Education course offered March 8th, 9th and 10th @ Rockcastle County Middle School. The program will begin on Thursday evening the 8th from 6:00pm to 9:30pm and continue on Friday evening from 6:00pm to 9:30pm with the final test being given in the Friday night session. The course will conclude with range work on Saturday the 10th from 9:00am to noon. Participants must attend all three sessions.

Anyone born after 1975 and planning to hunt this spring or fall will need to take this course. Call a neighbor or a friend and bring them to these important sessions. Call Extension Office @ 606-256-2403 for more information.

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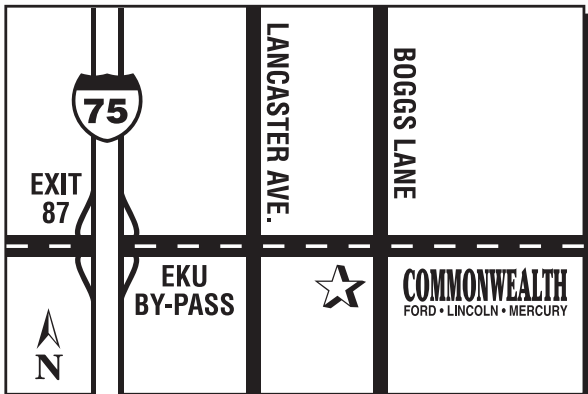
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Minds in the Middle

This week we have been celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week in conjunction with Rachel's Challenge. In an emotional program last year, Rachel Scott's family invited us to accept Rachel's Challenge by creating a chain reaction of kindness. Rachel's family issued this challenge to our school and others across the nation after Rachel was killed during the Columbine High School shootings in 1999. Rachel's Challenge was a huge success last year and the students have already done a wonderful job of making this year's chain reac-

tion of kindness even longer! During this week, everyone in our school was asked to perform at least three acts of kindness. For each kind deed that was performed, students wrote that act of kindness on a construction paper link, provided by the Leadership Team. Students have already performed good deeds such as stopping to help someone who dropped a book in the hallway, sitting with someone at lunch who looked lonely, and telling a parent they appreciate them. At the end of the week all of the links will be connected in a continuous chain

to be hung in the cafeteria as a symbol of the chain reaction that kindness can bring.

We are also celebrating Gifted Education Week at R.C.M.S. by sharing quotes attributed to gifted individuals. Each morning identified gifted students have shared Quotations that Matter with students and staff. The quotes all relate to Random Acts of Kindness Week as well. Those quotes were:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Meade
"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

-Albert Einstein
"Love is unto itself a higher law."

-Boethius
"The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm, but because of those who look at it without doing anything."

-Albert Einstein
"Assumptions are the termite of relationships."

-Henry Winkler
Through all of our activities, we feel that our students and staff have enjoyed focusing on the positives during Random Acts of Kindness Week!

Congratulations to Mrs. Tammy Gabbard's homeroom for winning the attendance race last week. We also appreciate Mrs. Angie Hunt's homeroom, who placed second, and Mrs. Ballinger's 6th grade homeroom who placed third.

There will be a Valentine's Day dance this Friday after school until 5:00 p.m. Students must have team and parent permission to stay. All proceeds will go to the 4-H program.

School will not be in session next Monday due to Presidents Day.

Upcoming KUNA events

By Hannah Bullock
YMCA Reporter

This is your Student YMCA reporter, Hannah Bullock from Rockcastle County Middle School, here to give you the latest KUNA news. In case you've forgotten, KUNA (Kentucky United Nations Assembly) is February 25-27. The excitement is building as the time draws near for our Student YMCA delegates to head to Louisville to be educated about the United Nations! Each grade from RCMS will be representing a country. This year, all three countries are in the Mediterranean area. The sixth graders will be representing Greece. Our proposal - the idea we will present in our summits and attempt to win approval from the general assembly - is about having all the UN countries sign a nuclear test ban petition. Passage of this proposal would prevent all countries from damaging our environment with nuclear weapons. Proposal authors representing Greece are: Rebecca Barron, Hannah Eaton, Jay Lawson, and Tucker Rose. The seventh grade will be representing Cyprus. Their proposal is on behalf of the Greek Cypriot refugees who have been in exile in Turkey since 1974 and who have not been allowed to return to their paternal homes in Cyprus. Cypriot Proposal Authors are: Carly Asher, Katie Cowan, Logan Ponder, and Holly Ham. The eighth grade will be representing the country of Italy. Their proposal will involve setting up a worldwide set of adoption regulations so that every country will be able to follow standardized guidelines for adoption. The Italian Proposal Authors are: Dalton Hutton, Marie Poynter, and Jennifer Hackworth.

Here's a quick update on our Leadership Team Election from last week: our representative that will run in the statewide competition is Morgan Hunt. Congratulations, Morgan! We all know you will do a great job.

On February 23, RCMS KUNA delegates will be in native dress for the countries they are representing as they participate in a Parade of Nations. This exciting and colorful event will be held at RCMS and the public is invited. The seventh and eighth grade delegates will participate at 11:00 a.m. and the sixth grade delegates will participate at Noon. Hope to see you there!

Tiger Pause

The PTA meeting has been changed to Friday, February 16 at 5:30. Family Movie Night will follow the meeting. Everyone is invited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

BES and Brodhead Family Resource Center invite all dads to have lunch with their children on Friday, March 2. Lunch will be provided at no cost. BES encourages all fathers to come and eat lunch with their children and to have an opportunity to spend time in their school environment. Please register by February 23.

Deadline for Box Tops is Friday, February 16. Continue saving for the next school year. Thank you.

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 1, from 1:00-7:00.

BES Staff of the Week is Mrs. Jenise Coffey, school counselor.

Mrs. Jenise is married to David Coffey and has two sons- Joseph and Lance. She has a dog named Buster, a goat named Go-tee, and two cats named Amos and Lucky. Mrs. Jenise's favorite food is homemade chocolate chip cookies, her favorite TV show is Lost, and her favorite color is green. She enjoys walking, going to church, baking, and being with family.



Jenise Coffey

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Our PTG is sponsoring another fundraiser which will begin Friday, February 16. Please check your child's backpack for more information.

There will be no school on Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Tuesday: Bettie Jones
Wednesday: Abbie Mahaffey
Thursday: Kira Deatherage
Project Wisdom quote for this week is: "At the center of

nonviolence stands the principle of love."

Family Resource Center News

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

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

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

FFA Experience Spotlight

The FFA Supervised Agriculture Experience Spotlight this month is Donovan Pigg. Donovan is a High School Senior and lives in the Brodhead area on his family farm. Donovan's SAE is very diverse; he produces tobacco, hay, and other garden crops. On the family farm they have a total of 80 cows, 40 feeder calves and 20 acre of corn. He also has feeder calves that require feeding grain everyday along with hay. Some of Donovan other responsibilities include producing and marketing hay and corn. Tobacco takes up most of his time Donovan helps set, top, cut, hang, and strip the 12 acres of tobacco he and his family raised

this year. He has raised some garden crops this year to sell such as watermelon, sweet corn, and beans. With the money he has made from his SAE, he has purchased feeder calves of his own and some cows. In the FFA Donovan has received his chapter degree. In his future Donovan plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University majoring in Agriculture.



RCMS Book Review...

By Patric Lowery

In *A Series of Unfortunate Events Book 1: The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket, the Baudelain children go to the beach where they discover that their parents have died in a fire. The children go to live with their distant cousin Olaf, who is a greedy, money hungry actor who treats them like trash. One of the children, Klaus, is slapped in the face when he reveals Olaf's plan to get their fortune. Klaus figuring out Count Olaf's plan and standing up to him was my favorite part of this book. Another of the

children, Sunny, is engaged about 30 feet above the ground outside a window. Olaf tries to force their sister Violet to marry him but that plan does not work. However, in the end, Olaf escapes imprisonment.

This book may not have been the best book that I had ever read, but it does hook you and make you want to read the rest of Lemony Snicket's series. I am now eager to know what happens to Count Olaf and his Theater Troop, where the Baudelains go to live next, and much more!

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RCHS indoor track teams compete at Frankfort and UK

The RCHS indoor track and field teams got their season underway recently with their first meet of the season, the Panther Indoor Games held at Farnham-Dudgeon Civic Center on Frankfort. Almost 1000 athletes were on hand for the competition, making it the largest in the nearly thirty years that the meet has existed.

Several outstanding teams were present including Class 3A's Daviess County, Louisville Central, and Louisville Ballard, a favorite for the 3A state title. Although the competition was not scored as a team meet, unofficial scoring had the RCHS girls' team finishing in a tie with Ballard for 1st place, over thirty points ahead of the third place team.

The RCHS girls' distance team put on a clinic at the meet, accounting for over half of the teams' total points.

In the 1500-meter run, sixth grader Michaela Hunter won the event with an awesome personal best effort of 5:30.61.

Freshman Deana Gabbard was right on her heels, crossing the line in a stellar 5:32.79, also a personal best.

The girls continued their dominance in the 800-meter run. Michaela placed 1st overall with another awesome effort of 2:46.75. Deana placed a very close 3rd with another amazing personal best effort of 2:47.43. Freshman Tanya Sparks finished in 20th place overall with a personal best effort of 3:05.34. Michaela, Deana, Tanya, and junior Courtney Bullock also took home top honors with a 1st place effort in the 3200-meter relay. The team dominated the competition finishing in an impressive 11:29.03.

Eighth graders Jessica



RCHS junior Morgan Thacker placed in the top five in both the 60 and 200-meter dashes at the UK Wildcat Classic, which featured most of the state's fastest female sprinters. Morgan is the top returning 55-meter sprinter in Class 2A this indoor season.

Albright and Allyson Washburn got the meet off to a great start with their performances in the 50-meter hurdles. Jessica finished 15th overall in 10.20, while Allyson finished 20th in 10.70.

Several RCHS competitors participated in the 50-meter dash. On the girls' side, Junior Morgan Thacker led the way with a 5th place finish in an impressive personal best 7.2 seconds.

Freshman Samantha Smith was not far behind with an 11th place finish in a career best 7.4 seconds. Eighth grade newcomer Kayla Howard made her presence felt in her first-ever meet with a 14th place finish in 7.5 seconds. Junior Katie Burdette placed 18th in 7.6 seconds. Senior Morgan Kincer finished 25th in 7.7 seconds. 8th grader Chelsea Payne tied for 25th place in 7.7 seconds as well. Jessica Albright finished 34th in 7.9 seconds. Allyson Washburn placed 45th in 8.0 seconds.

Eighth graders Felicia Cameron and Kristen Bullock tied for 55th place in 8.2 seconds. Eighth grader Amber Hines placed 63rd in 8.3 seconds. Sophomore Megan Baker and 8th grader Jasmin Johnson finished tied for 82nd place in 8.7 seconds. Eighth grader Rachelle Cromer placed 109th in 9.1 seconds.

For the RCHS boys, Senior Josh Blair led the way with an impressive 41st place finish in 7.1 seconds. Sophomore Daniel Martin finished 52nd overall in 7.3 seconds. Junior Michael Vanwinkle and sophomore Michael Thomason tied for 71st place in 7.6 seconds.

In the 50-meter shuttle relay, the team of Samantha Smith, Katie Burdette, Morgan Kincer, and Morgan Thacker finished a very impressive 3rd overall in 30.0 seconds. The team of Chelsea Payne, Amber Hines, Megan Baker, and Allyson Washburn finished 16th overall in 33.0 seconds. The boys' 50-meter shuttle relay team ran a great race and finished 15th overall. Team members included Josh Blair, Mason Bowling, Daniel Martin, and Michael Vanwinkle. Felicia Cameron was Rockcastle's only competitor in the shot put competition. Felicia threw a personal best 23'11.5" and finished an impressive 10th overall.

In the standing long jump and triple jump competition, Morgan Thacker and Samantha Smith performed exceptionally well. Morgan finished 8th in long jump with an effort of 7'1", while Samantha finished 13th

with a leap of 6'9.5". Both faired even better in the more difficult triple jump competition, establishing career bests in the event. Morgan finished 3rd overall with an amazing effort of 22'5". Samantha finished a close 4th with an incredible effort of 22'3".

In the 400-meter dash, Katie Burdette led the way for RCHS with a great race. She finished an impressive 6th place overall in 1:10.68. Jessica Albright finished 9th overall in an impressive 1:11.5. Morgan Kincer was not far behind, placing 11th in 1:11.6. Courtney Bullock was also close, finishing 11th overall in 1:12.45. Kayla Howard placed 35th overall in 1:18.61. Chelsea Payne finished 36th in 1:18.84. Allyson Washburn placed 43rd in 1:20.2. Jasmin Johnson placed 49th in 1:21.69. Kristen finished 50th in 1:21.91. Amber Hines placed 54th in 1:24.2. Rachelle Cromer finished 73rd overall in 1:41.53.

On the boys' side in the 400-meter dash, Josh Blair once again led the way with an impressive 25th place finish in 1:03.17. Daniel Martin placed an impressive 30th overall with an effort of 1:04.33. Mason Bowling finished 38th overall with a time of 1:05.75. Michael Vanwinkle placed 56th overall in 1:10.10. Michael Thomason placed 58th in 1:10.68.

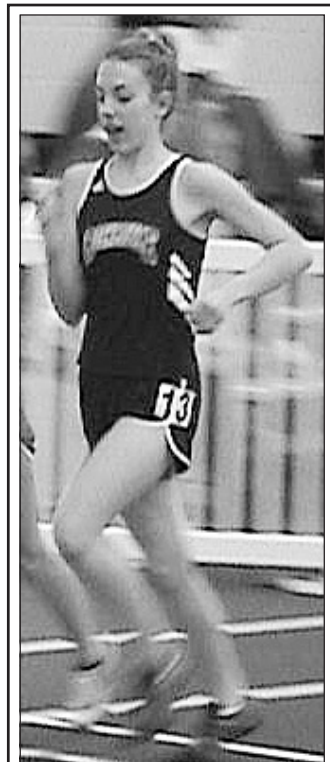
The last event for RCHS was the 1600-meter relay. The girls' team of Katie Burdette, Courtney Bullock, Jessica Albright, and Morgan Kincer had an awesome performance, finishing an impressive 3rd overall in 4:50.42.

The boys' team of Daniel Martin, Michael Vanwinkle, Mason Bowling, and Josh Blair ran an incredible race, finishing 14th overall in an impressive 4:26.38.

Next for RCHS came the prestigious Wildcat Classic hosted by the University of Kentucky. The meet consisted mostly of Class 3A schools, with a few of the better A and AA schools participating. RCHS had quite possibly their best performance ever at the event.



RCHS senior Mason Bowling had a career indoor career best performance in the 400-meter dash and 800-meter run at the recent Wildcat Classic at UK.



RCHS freshman Deana Gabbard competes at the UK Wildcat Classic where she established personal bests in the 800, mile, and two mile runs. Deana has been a dominant performer in Class 2A so far this season.

Sophomore Sarah McKinney had quite possibly the performance of the meet for the RCHS girls in the 60-meter hurdles. Sarah finished an amazing 2nd overall among a stellar field of competitors. Her time of 10.09 established an RCHS record for the 60-meter hurdles.

Freshman Deana Gabbard had another great meet for RCHS in the distance events with an exhausting schedule that included the mile, two mile, and two 800's. In the mile, Deana ran an awesome personal best time of 5:48.56 and placed an impressive 8th overall out of 71 runners. In the two mile, Deana was equally impressive, finishing 8th once again in a personal best 12:50.81. In the 800-meter run, Deana finished 31st overall with a new career best of 2:44.48.

Junior Morgan Thacker and freshman Samantha Smith had awesome performances in the 60 and 200-meter dashes for RCHS. In the 60, Morgan finished an exceptional 5th overall out of 97 runners with a career best effort of 8.32 seconds. Samantha finished an incredible 11th overall out of 97 competitors in a career best time of 8.6 seconds. Both girls also excelled in the 200-meter dash. Morgan ran an impressive 27.37 seconds and finished an amazing 4th out of 132 runners, including many of the fastest in the entire state. Samantha also had a tremendous race and finished in an impressive 18th place out of 132 athletes. Her time of 28.69 seconds was an indoor career best.

Senior Morgan Kincer and junior Katie Burdette led RCHS with outstanding performances in the 400-meter dash. Morgan ran an indoor career best time of 1:05.18 and finished an awesome 13th overall out of 103 competitors. Katie was close behind, finishing an awesome race of her own in 15th place out of 103 runners with a time of 1:05.41. Junior Courtney Bullock ran an incredible race and finished an impressive 34th overall in 1:08.45. 8th grader Jessica Albright ran a great race as well, finishing 40th overall in an impressive 1:09.62. Freshman Tanya Sparks ran very well and placed 78th overall in a stellar 1:15.16. Tanya also finished 58th overall in the 800-meter run with a career indoor best time of 2:56.

Senior Josh Blair led the

RCHS boys team with an indoor career best performance in the 400-meter dash. Josh finished an impressive 66th overall out of 124 runners in an amazing 59.02 seconds. Sophomore Daniel Martin continues to improve and finished 96th in an impressive 1:02.92. Junior Michael Vanwinkle ran very well and finished 107th overall in 1:05.76. Sophomore Michael Thomason also ran a great race and finished 108th overall in 1:06.10.

In the boys' 800-meter run, senior Mason Bowling ran an exceptional race, finishing 57th overall out of 98 competitors. His time of 2:27.19 established a new personal indoor best for the event.

Besides Morgan Thacker and Samantha Smith, several other RCHS girls performed well in the 200-meter dash. Katie Burdette placed an amazing 24th out of 132 runners in 29.17 seconds. Sarah McKinney placed 34th overall in an impressive 29.87 seconds. Morgan Kincer finished 36th overall in an impressive 29.98 seconds. Jessica Albright finished 43rd overall in an exceptional 30.4 seconds. Rachelle Cromer ran well, finishing 117th overall in 35.78 seconds.

In the boys' 200-meter dash, Josh Blair once again led RCHS with a great performance. Josh finished an impressive 95th out

of 138 runners in an exceptional 26.93 seconds. Daniel Martin ran very well and finished 104th overall in 27.81 seconds. Michael Thomason ran a great race and finished 118th overall in 28.51 seconds. Michael Vanwinkle also ran well and finished 132nd overall in 30.02.

The girls' 1600-meter relay team of Katie Burdette, Courtney Bullock, Jessica Albright, and Morgan Kincer finished an awesome race in 5th place overall with a season's best effort of 4:35.41.

The boys' 1600-meter relay team of Daniel Martin, Michael Vanwinkle, Mason Bowling, and Josh Blair ran a great race and finished 31st overall in 4:16.80, a seasons' best time.

The girls' 3200-meter relay team concluded a great meet for RCHS with an exceptional 8th place finish in 11:24.95, a season's best for the team. Team members included Deana Gabbard, Tanya Sparks, Courtney Bullock, and Michaela Hunter.

The teams next compete at the Mason County Invitational in preparation for the Mason-Dixon Games Indoor State Championships on March 3. The girls' team will seek to defend their indoor state championship title from a year ago with several other teams in contention.

"WHAT IS WRITTEN"

Today we want to look at another example of those who corrupt or adulterate the word of God (2 Cor.2:17), by error that is taught. We have a lot of people in the religious world that claim that God has talked with them directly, or has given them a message or revelation. Dearly beloved, such is not so! God has revealed his will to us of what he wants us to know. It is given to us in the Bible, and this message has all that we need to know. Jesus promised "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." Jn.16:13. Now did Jesus know what he was talking about? Did the Holy Spirit accomplish what Jesus said he would do? Did the apostles allow the Spirit to guide them? Yes to all the above for Paul said "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim.3:16-17. Notice he said the scriptures provides for us, the information for ALL good works, not some or most. No beloved, don't listen to the religious "hucksters" trying to sell you on some new revelation from God, such is not so!

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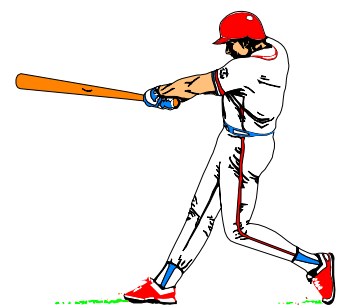
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RCMS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP 6th, 7th & 8th Grade March 5th - 7th • 3:30 - 6:00 RCMS Gymnasium

Rockcastle County Lady Rockets Volleyball team will be hosting a closed volleyball camp March 5th - 7th. Tryouts for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams will be the 8th and 9th. The admission for the 3-day camp will be \$75.00.

During these three days the athletes will be introduced to the organized sport of volleyball. They will learn skills in the areas of: overhead serving, setting, passing, digging, attacking, blocking, transitioning.

I, _____ give _____ permission to attend the Rockcastle County Volleyball camp on March 5th - 7th. I understand that attending this camp does not reserve a position on the 6th, 7th or 8th volleyball team. I hereby authorize the staff of Rockcastle Co. Volleyball Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention and I hereby waive, release, and agree to hold harmless the Rockcastle Co. Volleyball Camp, its staff, suppliers, sponsors, participants, and Rockcastle County Schools for any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while at camp. I acknowledge that participation in this camp may result in accidents and/or injuries. Even though I know there are risks involved, I still give my approval for the above named player to participate in any and all camp activities and I expressly assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by the above named camper's participation in the camp program.

* I understand that the admission is non-refundable.

* Individuals participating in camp should have current sports physical. Campers will not be permitted to participate until proof of physical is given.

* Please make checks out to Rockcastle Co. Volleyball Boosters.

Please return with admission fee before or on the date of March 6, 2007 to Coach Larry Lee at Mt. Vernon Elementary School or Markita Mink at Rockcastle County Middle School.

Name (Camper) _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT: Campers need to wear gym shoes, shorts, and t-shirts (no jewelry)

HOSTED BY: Rockcastle County Lady Rockets with Coach Larry Lee and Coach Markita Mink.

For more information call 859-314-7908

On Homecoming Night Rockets down Jaguars 79-71

The Rockcastle County Rockets won their fourth game of the season on Friday night when they defeated the visiting North Laurel Jaguars, 77-71.

In front of a very large crowd at the ROCK, the Rockets jumped out to an 18-8 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Although the Rockets came out victorious, the margin of victory could have been much more had the Rockets hit their free throws and not committed 20 turnovers.

The Rockets hit only 21 of 38 free throws, but they did out rebound North Laurel 40-35.

"We've been playing hard lately and we certainly needed a win, to help build for next year," head coach Benny Blanton said.

Eight Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore Tanner Perkins who had 23.

Junior Jake Woodall was the only other Rocket in double figures with 16. Devin Hasty had 9, Matt Bullens, 8, Lance

Baldwin, Derrick Thacker and J.J. Barnett, 7 each, and Spencer Mullins, 2.

Rockets lose to Corbin

The Rockets dropped their 18th game of the season on Tuesday night in a double header with the Lady Rockets at Corbin.

The Redhounds won their 18th game of the season, 75-58.

Hasty led the Rockets with 20, Dustin Poynter, Baldwin and Thacker, 8 each, Woodall, 6 and Perkins and Barnett, 4 each.

The Rockets return home on Friday night when they host Lincoln County.

The junior varsity kicks off things at 6 p.m..

Rocket Sports Continued to A12



Morgan Collins scores two of her four points over a North Laurel player on Friday night. The Lady Rockets won 44-31 and are still ranked number one in the 12th region.

Lose at Corbin, 50-41

Lady Rockets beat N. Laurel 44-31, Friday

Rocket Sports by:
Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets upped their season record to 17-9 on Friday night when they defeated the visiting Lady Jaguars of North Laurel 44-31.

The win came on homecoming night at the ROCK in front of a very large crowd, which did not see the Lady Rocket's best performance of the season, although North Laurel was never really in the contest.

Probably the only bright spot for the Lady Rockets was their defense, which held North Laurel to just two points in the first quarter and ten in the first half.

"We were a little flat again. It is just hard to tell which team is going to show up for us," head coach Chrysti Noble said.

"I hope it is just youth and I certainly hope we don't carry our lack of enthusiasm into tournament play," she said.

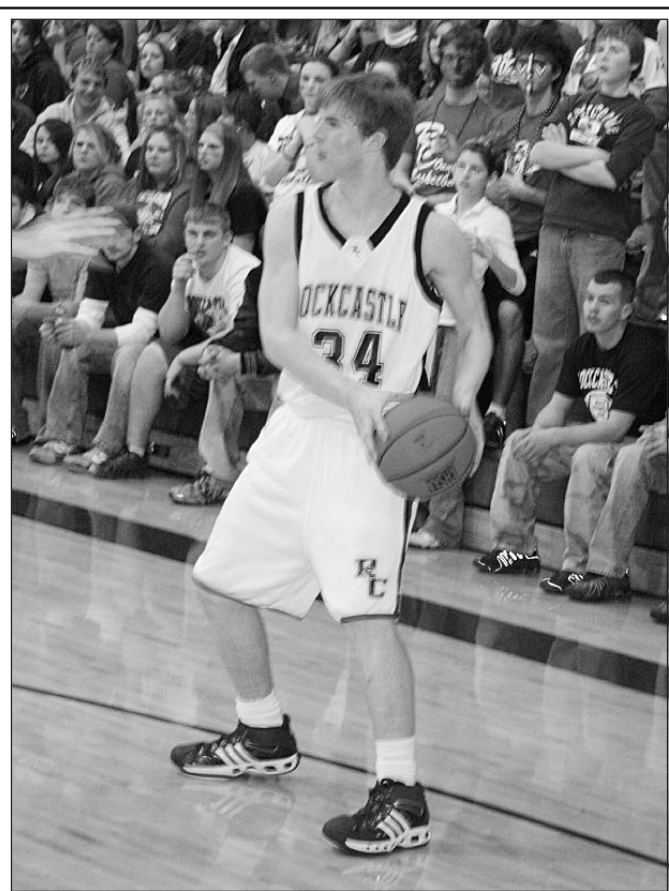
Noble emptied her bench on Friday night with nine Lady Rockets getting into the scoring column.

Point guard Mary Saylor was the only Lady Rocket in double figures with 10.

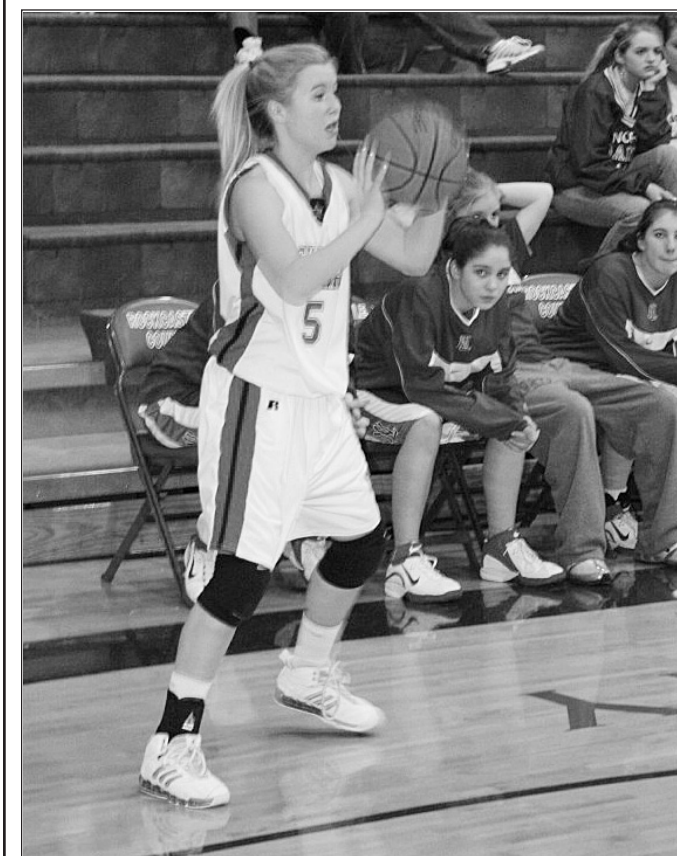
Sonya Lunsford had 7, Ashley Robinson, 6, Tonya Lunsford, 5, Sarah Rowe, the Lady Rocket's leading scoring, had only 5, Morgan Collins, 4, Nicole Locklear, 3 and Katy Mattingly and Sara Hammond, 2 each.

Things did not get better for the Lady Rockets on Tuesday night when they traveled to

(Cont. to A12)



Sophomore Tanner Perkins had 23 points to help lead the Rockets to victory over North Laurel on Friday night.



Sophomore Katy Mattingly is shown passing the basketball in Friday night's win over North Laurel. The Lady Rockets drew host Pulaski County on Wednesday in the 47th district tournament, which starts February 26th at Pulaski County.

Lady Rockets, Rockets draw Pulaski Co. in tournament

After losing a coin toss to Casey County on Wednesday, the Lady Rockets drew host team Pulaski County in the first round of the 47th district tournament, which begins February 26th.

The Lady Rockets will play the Lady Maroons at 8:30 on Monday, the 26th. Casey County and Somerset will play the first game of the tournament that night at 6:30. The girls' finals will be on Thursday night at 7 p.m.

The Rockets also drew Pulaski County and will take on

the Maroons on Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

The Casey County Rebels and Somerset Briar Jumpers will play on Wednesday night at 7 p.m., with the boys' finals being played on Friday night at 7 p.m.

The Lady Rockets have defeated the Lady Maroons in both meetings this season and the boys have lost to Pulaski County in both their games.

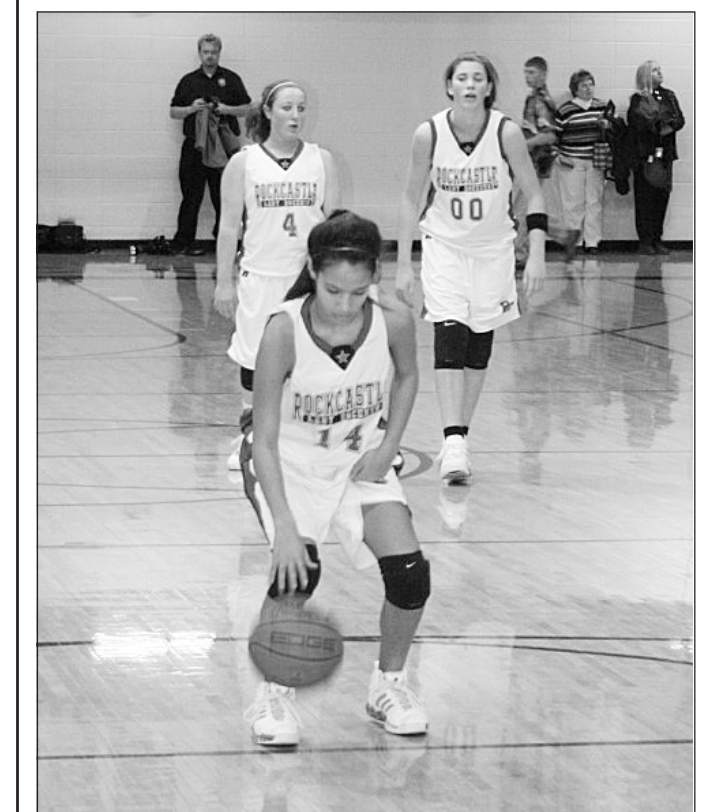
Admission to the tournament is \$5.00. Athletic Director Barry Noble said that no signs, banners or confetti will be allowed.



Junior Rocket Kyle Lear applies the pressure to a North Laurel Jaguar on a full court press Friday night. The Rockets won their homecoming contest over the Jaguars 79-71. They will host Lincoln County on Friday night.



Junior Jake Woodall drives to the basket in Friday night's win over North Laurel. The Rockets won their fourth game of the season 79-71. Woodall finished with 16 points.



Sophomore Nicole Locklear prepares to shoot a free throw in the Lady Rockets' 44-31 victory on Friday night. Locklear had three points on the night. The Lady Rockets lost to Corbin on Tuesday night and travel to Southwestern Pulaski County on Friday night.



The largest crowd this season attended the Lady Rocket and Rocket games against North Laurel on Friday night. Mr. Lance Baldwin was crowned RCHS basketball Homecoming King and Miss Kim Cottrell was crowned Homecoming Queen at half-time of the girls' game. The Lady Rockets do not play at home the rest of the season, but the boys host Lincoln County on Friday night.



The Lady Rockets lone senior of 2007, Lura Cash, was honored on Friday night during senior night activities at the ROCK. Miss Cash, who was a starter, was hurt in the Lady Rockets first game of the season this year and has missed the entire season because of the injury. While a Lady Rocket, Miss Cash has been on three straight regional championship teams. She is shown above from left with head coach Chrysti Noble, mother Katreka and father Ronnie.

Brodhead Chili Cookoff this Saturday at 6 p.m.

This Saturday the 4th Annual Brodhead Chili Cookoff will be held starting at 6 p.m. at the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department.

The event has become an annual tradition in Brodhead, growing each year it has been held. Everyone in the community is encouraged to bring their best batch of Chili and allow the crowd to decide which recipe will take home the title of Most Spicy, Most Original, and Best Overall. The Brodhead Homecoming Queen also presents an award for her favorite Chili.

There is no entry charge to submit a pot chili. \$5 covers all the chili you can eat, cornbread, crackers, a drink, and ballot to vote on the awards. Also, the first 100 or so people at the event will receive a free Brodhead Homecoming plastic cup to use for tasting the Chili and take home.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Brodhead Homecoming which is held on Memorial Day Weekend. For more information contact Travis T. Burton at 606-308-1204.



Tri-County Farm Mart would like to congratulate Carl Lewis as Producer of the Year! Pictured at left is Mike Chandler, president of Southern Belle Dairy and Mr. Lewis at right. He also received the Quality Bonus Award.

Legislative Week in Review

Lawmaking portion gets off to quick start

The Kentucky General Assembly re-convened in Frankfort this week, for the second portion of this winter's "short" legislative session, a week marked by the governor's State of the Commonwealth speech to a joint session and quick action by several committees on legislation they hope to see passed this winter.

In his speech, Gov. Ernie Fletcher touted a state budget surplus that he said could reach \$401 million for the current biennium, and proposed setting aside a good portion of that money to shore up the financially shaky state retirement systems, as well as the "rainy day fund" the Commonwealth maintains for unexpected revenue shortfalls.

But he also proposed several other new initiatives where \$250 million of the surplus could be spent -- and found legislative leaders in both chambers lukewarm to the idea of opening up the budget process to new spending during this off-year session. (The two-year state budget is normally passed during the longer 60-day session of even-numbered years).

As one key leader said after Fletcher's speech: "Once you open up the budget, it's a slippery slope."

Still, the lawmaking portion of this year's session got off to a quick start, as the standing committees named during the session's four-day "organizational" period last month began meeting and passing out legislation.

The House Education Committee approved legislation aimed at preventing bullying in schools. House Bill 64 would prohibit harassment, intimidation or bullying of students in schools and require districts to investigate and respond to complaints. It is similar to legislation that passed the House last year but failed to become law.

Educators say the nature of school bullying has changed over the decades. Lawmakers were told about a recent case in Bullitt

County where a female student committed suicide after being bullied repeatedly through e-mail -- a practice known as "cyberbullying." Bullying among girls is also more of a problem today than in the past, the committee heard.

The problem also appears to be more widespread than many people think. According to some studies, some 60 to 70 percent of children have been bullied but only 20 percent reported it.

Under the bill, instances of bullying, harassment or intimidation of other students, and the consequences of violating anti-bullying policies -- including expulsion and suspension -- would be placed in a student's disciplinary record and transferred with that student if he or she switches schools.

Other provisions in the bill require school districts to create a strategy for protecting from retaliation students who report bullying, and create a process for annual discussion of the district's behavioral code.

In other committee action last week, legislation that would require middle school girls to be vaccinated against the virus that causes cervical cancer was discussed in the House Health and Welfare Committee.

House Bill 345 would require that female students in public and private middle schools be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, before they can be enrolled in school. Children whose parents object to immunization against the virus would be exempt.

HPV, a sexually transmitted disease, causes cervical cancer which kills about 4,000 U.S. women each year. Kentucky ranks 2nd nationally in cervical cancer deaths and has the 12th largest of number cervical cancer cases in the U.S.

Representatives of The Family Foundation of Kentucky who testified during the meeting said they would be in favor of legislation that both educated the pub-

lic about the vaccine and made it accessible, but did not mandate its use, saying that "forced vaccination" would take away "parental rights."

The committee did not take action on the measure last week.

Meanwhile, the full Senate moved to help rein in the recent explosive growth in Kentucky's prison population.

Kentucky will spend more than \$800 million dollars in the current two-year budget cycle to house and treat prisoners, not including the money spent by counties on their own jails. In fact, state corrections spending is growing faster than any other segment of the budget besides Medicaid.

A major reason for the problem: Drugs. Four of five inmates are imprisoned because of a drug-related issue -- either they were directly charged with a drug crime, or their abuse of drugs or alcohol was a factor in the behavior that landed them in prison. Of those, 80 percent will commit another crime down the road, resulting in a longer sentence the next time around.

Senate Bill 34 is aimed at breaking that cycle by getting criminal addicts treatment immediately, even before they go to trial, so they can ultimately return to normal society.

The measure would set aside at least 200 beds for people who have been charged with a felony and have substance abuse problems. Prisoners in the program would undergo at least 90 days -- and as much as a year -- of intensive counseling and skills training. They would also get help after they leave the initial program, including referral to a local substance abuse counselor, to make sure they stay clean and sober.

The program would be voluntary, because participants would not have been convicted in court yet. Although 200 beds is a small number compared to the number of prisoners who have drug problems, supporters of the measure

say the long-term cost savings could be enormous -- up to \$40 million just for those 200 beds, an average of \$200,000 each.

SB 34 also proposes a pretrial diversion program for substance abusers, which allows judges a broader range of options. Under the program, anyone charged with a felony could be screened for substance abuse problems before they go to trial. Judges could then set drug counseling and treatment as part of their pretrial diversion program. By taking part in the program and not re-committing crimes, drug offenders could avoid jail time and avoid having a felony on their record.

Supporters note that two months of outpatient treatment can cost only \$3,000 or less, as compared with the hundreds of thousands of dollars incarceration could ultimately cost. Research shows that if a person can stay clean for 18 months, there's an excellent chance he or she will not abuse drugs or commit a crime again.

In related action, the full Senate passed Senate Bill 88, which targets Internet so-called pharmacies that cater to people who can't get prescription drugs from their doctor. By going online, drug abusers can fill out a form, give a list of symptoms, and have drugs sent to them without ever being evaluated in person by a medical professional. Prescription drugs like OxyContin and other pain medications have quickly become a major problem throughout Kentucky and the nation, and this bill aims to attack the problem at its source.

Also in the Senate, a bill that would require registered sex offenders to list their online identities on the state registry that already contains their names and addresses was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 65 covers e-mail addresses, instant message screen names, and any online identities used by registered sex offenders. If approved, SB 65 could be the first law of its kind in the nation.

Nominate your "Teachers Who Made A Difference"

Last year, Rockcastle County teacher Karen Powell was recognized by the University of Kentucky College of Education "Teachers Who Made a Difference" program. The UK College of Education and UK Men's Basketball Coach Tubby Smith are teaming up to offer the program again in 2007 and are currently accepting nominations.

The Teachers Who Made a Difference program gives Kentuckians an opportunity to thank the teachers, principals, college professors, or other educators in the state for the way they have inspired and motivated students to succeed.

"Too many times we don't realize the difference teachers make in our lives until long after we're grown," said Smith. "When I look back on my days at Great Mills High School and George Washington Carver Elementary, the teachers sure made a difference in my life. The Teachers Who Made a Difference program gives everyone the opportunity to thank that one special teacher in their life. I'm proud to offer my support

to this outstanding recognition program for teachers."

The program does not select winners from a pool of nominees. Rather, the UK College of Education created the program to provide individuals a means to express thanks to educators who have impacted their life. The event will honor the first 100 teachers officially submitted for recognition. Organizers ask that nominators limit recognitions to one teacher per year.

To nominate a teacher, visit the UK College of Education's Web site at www.uky.edu/Education and complete the on-line form. The deadline for nominations is March 5, 2007.

In 2006, Kentuckians honored 100 teachers. Since the program's inception, over 1,000 teachers have been honored. The Teachers Who Made a Difference program includes a special recognition event and reception attended by both the teachers and their nominators.

For more information, contact Bonnie Gay at bonnie.gay@uky.edu or by phone at (859) 257-2666.

Local judges attend 2007 Circuit Judges College

Circuit Judges Jeffrey T. Burdette, Walt Maguire and David Tapp, who serve Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties, and Judge William Cain, who serves throughout the state as a senior judge, took part in the 2007 Circuit Judges College offered by the Administrative Office of the Courts for Kentucky's circuit judges. The conference took place Jan. 28-31 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington.

"The judicial colleges prepare judges for the issues they face in their courtrooms," said Chief Regional Circuit Judge Rod Messer, who serves Knox and Laurel counties and is president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association. "This college focused on several timely topics, including evidence presented at trial and the sophistication it takes to investigate and try cyber crime cases."

The college also provided the opportunity for longtime circuit judges to welcome their newly elected colleagues who are still settling in after taking office Jan. 2.

The presenters for the college included Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sara Combs and Circuit Judges Messer, Julia Adams and James Shake. The group also heard from Stephen Easton of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law;

Mark Rothstein, director of the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law; Dr. William Hacker, commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Public Health; Dr. Pam Remer, associate professor of psychology at the University of Kentucky; Louise Graham, professor at the UK College of Law; Pamela Murphy, director, and Michael Wright, litigation manager, for the Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control of the Office of the Attorney General; and Madison Sewell, assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction and hears all criminal matters and civil matters involving more than \$4,000. It has jurisdiction over capital offenses and felonies, dissolution of marriage, adoption, termination of parental rights, land disputes and contested probate cases. Family Court is a division of Circuit Court. The Administrative Office of the Courts is the operational arm of the Kentucky Court of Justice and supports the activities of more than 3,500 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC provides training and education to the state's judges.

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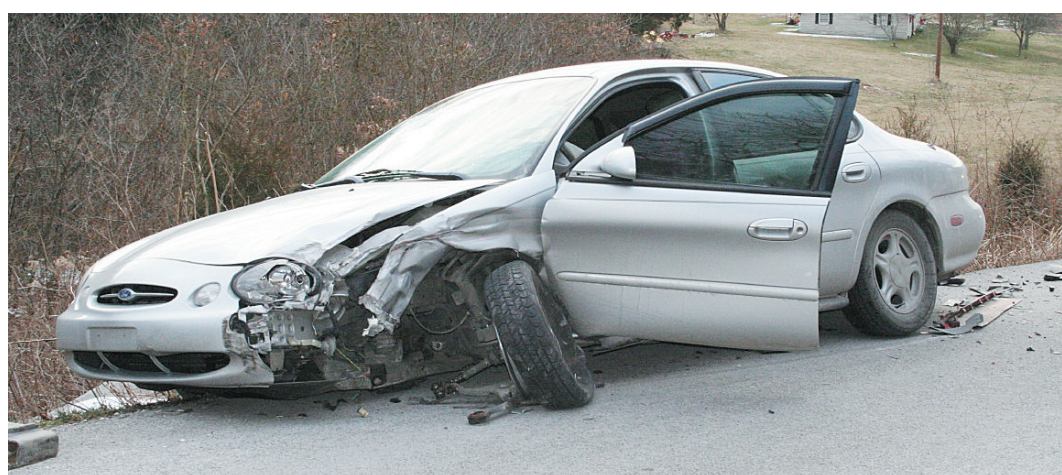
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Phyllis Polly, 45, of Mt. Vernon was slightly injured last Thursday morning in a wreck on the Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon Road when her Ford Taurus, pictured above at left, collided with the Pontiac, above right, driven by Sara Spoonamore, 17, a student at RCHS. Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters said the accident occurred in a sharp curve near the intersection of Purr Rigsby Road, around 8 a.m. Polly was treated at Rockcastle Hospital and released. Peters is shown above at right, directing traffic and Miss Spoonamore, who was not injured, is shown at left.

Leigha Cameron approved as Apprentice Funeral Director

Leigha Cameron, of Mt. Vernon, recently received approval from the Kentucky State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors as an Apprentice Funeral Director with Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.

A native of Livingston, Leigha is the daughter of Jerry and Nina Jones of Livingston and is married to Bobby Cameron. Leigha and Bobby live in the Quail community of Rockcastle County.



Leigha Cameron

“Lady Rockets” (Cont. from A9)

Corbin for another double header contest with the boys.

The Lady Rockets committed 24 turnovers on their way to a 50-41 loss to the Corbin Lady Redhounds.

Corbin, at 17-7, is ranked third in the 13th region behind Clay County and South Laurel.

The Lady Rockets have lost to Clay County twice this season and will face South Laurel in the last regular season game of the year on February 23rd.

Tuesday night the Lady Redhounds led the entire game, with the Lady Rockets managing to get within four points in the fourth period.

Rowe led six Lady Rockets in scoring with 19, Hammond had 8, Sonya Lunsford, 4, Saylor and Robinson got 4 each and Mattingly scored 2.

The Lady Rockets will play Southwestern on the road on Friday night and do not return home for the remainder of the 2006-07 season.

Freshmen, J.V. win

The Lady Rocket freshmen defeated Corbin in their last regular season game of the season last Thursday, 39-25.

The win was the sixth in a row for the Lady freshmen who had a 2006-07 winning season.

Leading the freshmen in scoring on Thursday night was Jackie Alexander with 19, Angie Lawrence had 8, Casey Sturgill, 6, Alivia Bullock, 2 and Sydney Arvin, Morgan Hunt, and Kristen Abney, 1 each.

The same night, the Lady Rockets junior varsity also took the measure of Corbin with a 21

point victory, 58-37.

In their final contest of the season, the junior varsity was led in scoring by Ashley Robinson who had 16. Eight other Lady Rockets got into the scoring column. They were: Megan Mazurek and Angie Lawrence, 10 each, Morgan Collins, 7, Jillisa Lay, 6, Jackie Alexander and Nicole Locklear, 3 each, Sarah McKinney, 2 and Kristen Abney, 1.

“Rockets” (Cont. from A9)

Freshmen lose two in a row

The Rockcastle freshmen’s 2006-07 campaign is over after a 53-49 loss to Wayne County in the first round of the 12th regional tournament.

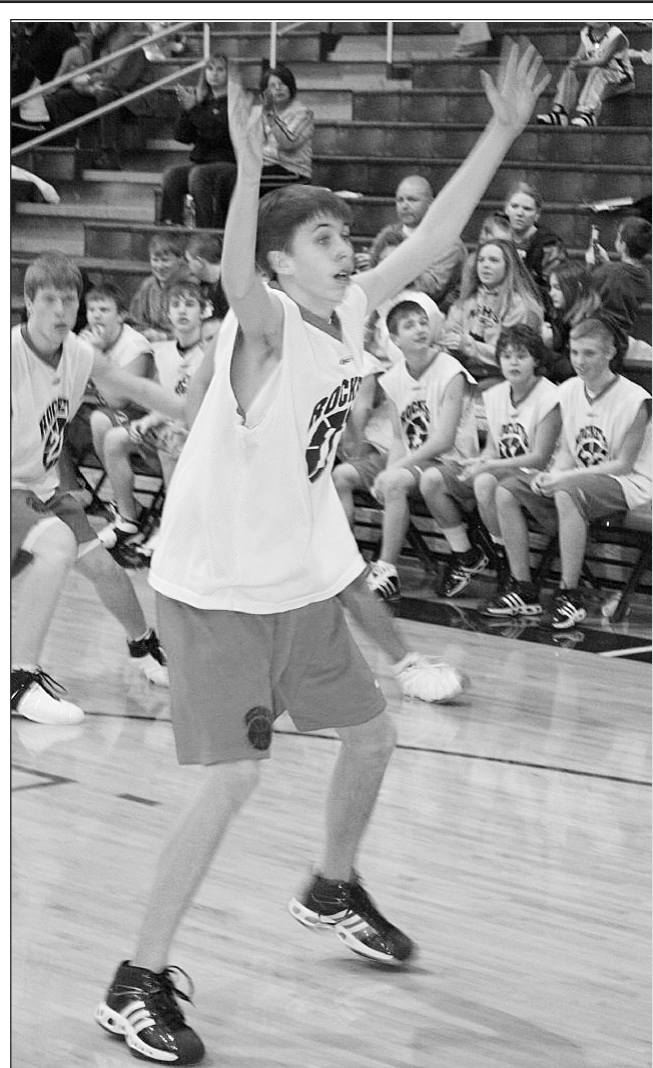
The host Rockets fell behind by eight in the first quarter and could get no closer than three points in the second half, losing their ninth game of the season.

Varsity starter, Matt Bullens, who is a freshman, led his team in scoring with 15. Fellow freshmen varsity player Derrick Thacker had 13, Jamie Todd scored 8, Matt Lunsford, 4, Dustin Bishop, 3 and Brandon Jones, Dakota Mahaffey and Dustin Reynolds, 2 each.

Last Thursday the freshmen also lost to South Laurel 59-52. Ten freshmen scored in the contest led by Bishop with 18.

Grant Burdette had 8, Mahaffey, 6, Brandon Jones, 5, Reynolds, 4, Lunsford, Todd and Anthony Prewitt, 3 each, Derrick Pittman, 2 and Kyle Riddle, 1.

The freshmen ended their 2006-07 season with a record of 13-9.



Freshmen Dustin Reynolds and the rest of the Rockets used a second half press to pull within three points of Wayne County in Saturday’s first round loss in the regional tournament. The freshmen ended the season with a 13-9 record and a district championship.

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Second Section

Thursday, February 15 2007



On Monday, Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis and Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby, center, proclaimed February 12-16 as National FBLA-PBL Week in Rockcastle County. On hand for the proclamation signing were Area Technology Center FBLA members, front row from left: Samantha Cox, Carloftis, Kirby and Peggy Arberson, FBLA advisor. Back row, from left: Nicole Gadd, Chris Rehor and Danny Clark.



Looking on as County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis signs the proclamation are seated from left: Hillary Proctor, Carloftis, Chris Hurst, and Jerrica Poynter. Standing from left: Ashley Cash, Cody Robinson, Andrew Laswell, TJ Singleton, and Lewis Mink.

Rockcastle County FFA celebrates 2007 National FFA Week, February 17-24

Rockcastle County FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 17-24, 2007. Blue Jackets, Gold Standards is the theme this year and it embodies all the best about FFA members, from the most recognizable symbol of the organization, the blue corduroy jacket, to the best ideals and traditions of national life, gold standards. Nearly half a million members around the nation will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local and state levels.

The focus of National FFA Week is to tell America about the great opportunities available for all youth. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills and preparing members for a lifetime of civic leadership and career success.

As a part of National FFA Week, Rockcastle County FFA members are planning the following special events:

- FFA Fun Day (Basketball,

Movie and Pizza!)

- Breakfast for RCHS Faculty

- FFA T-shirt Day!

- Quiz questions and announcements will be made Daily on WRVK. Listen for your Chance to win!

Rockcastle Co. FFA members are the leaders of tomorrow. They are well mannered, perceptive and willing to help others through community service such as conducting a safety day for the local fifth graders. They are success-oriented stu-

dents who are driven to achieve their goals. Just as the blue jacket is a true icon of FFA, the members set the gold standard for young leaders throughout the nation.

Case IH as a special project of the National FFA Foundation sponsors national FFA Week. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA and supports programs by working with sponsors to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to outstanding members.

Texas Hold 'Em tournament to help Hospice Care Plus

A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to benefit Hospice Care Plus, Inc. is being sponsored by Big Hill Food Mart on Saturday, February 24, 2007. The Tournament will begin at 5:00pm at the Igloo Club on the Bluegrass Army Depot. Entry fee is \$75.00, with a guaranteed pot of \$5,000.00 (With at least 100 entries). Top ten places will receive trophies and money prizes. Championship bracelet will be awarded to the winner. Unlimited re-buys will be avail-

able for the first hour for \$50.00, and one add-on will be available at the end of the hour for \$50.00. Half of all re-buys and add-ons go to Hospice Care Plus and half go back to the pot. Live play games will also be available during tournament.

All players must RSVP by February 22, 2007 to Angela Pickle @ 859-986-1500. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. All proceeds benefit Hospice Care Plus.

(License Number ORG0001929)

Area Technology Center Celebrating FBLA Week

The second week of February is set aside each year to recognize National FBLA-PBL Week.

The local chapter at the Rockcastle Area Technology Center is encouraging members and other students to dress up to publicize the club.

To let people know the club concentrates on proper business

etiquette and business procedures but also has a lot of fun, the is having:

- Monday (12th) - Western Day: Dress like your favorite cowboy or cowgirl from the Wild West.

- Tuesday (13th) - Blue and Gold Day: Like our red, white and blue day for supporting the Rockets, use FBLA's colors to

support FBLA.

- Wednesday (14th) - Sign a T-shirt day: Wear an old T-shirt and see who can get the most people to sign their shirt by the end of the day.

- Thursday (15th) - Favorite Teacher Day: Dress up like your favorite teacher or administrator at RCHS or RATC.

- Friday (16th) - Club T-shirt day: Wear a shirt that shows off what clubs you are in.

As well as planning these activities, FBLA is also going on a trip to Frankfort for CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organizations). They will be going with HOSA and SKILLS USA to hear speakers and legislators.

Many of our legislators are successful business men and women who will talk about how their involvement in technical clubs helped them become the triumphant business people they are today.

Cost Share Program sign-ups continue

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is still accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning extending through February 28, 2007.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was in 1994 created by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agriculture water quality plans, which are required under state law. Any person engaged in agricultural or silviculture operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices. The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The best management practices, approved through the State Cost Share Program, help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater supplies.

Among the eighteen practices eligible under the State Cost Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Please contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices. In the first twelve years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 21,465 applications seeking \$214 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 7,725 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$82.5 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in July of 2007 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by your local conservation district office located at the USDA Service Center on Highway 150. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: 256-2525 Ext. 3



On February 1, 2007 welding students at Rockcastle Area Technology Center competed in a welding contest to determine who would represent the county at the Regional Skills USA competition. The Regional Competition will take place in London, Kentucky on March 2, 2007. First place went to Lisa Robinson, second place went to Justin E. Hensley, and third place went to Dustin Vanwinkle. These three will compete with students from several schools for an opportunity to advance to state level.

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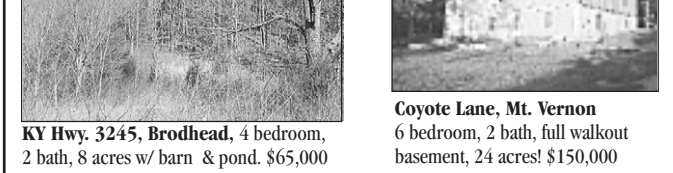
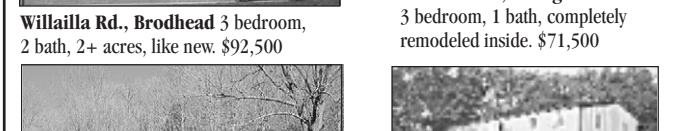
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Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

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 prosecuted. 25tfn

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

Public Notice: On January 19, 2007, an application for the modification of BNPH-20050103AEX, a construction permit for a new FM radio station, call sign WANK(FM), Channel 275A, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, was filed by Radioactive LLC with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. Radioactive LLC and Benjamin L. Homel are the parties to the application. The application proposes to change the community of license to Crab Orchard, Kentucky, and to relocate the station's proposed transmission facilities to 37-36-5 north latitude, 84-39-37 west longitude, where the station would operate with 6 kW effective radiated power at an antenna height above average terrain of 98 meters. A copy of the application, any amendments and related materials are on file for public inspection at Rockcastle County Library, 60 Ford Drive, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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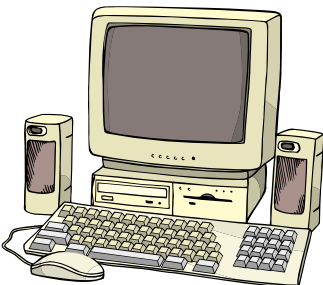
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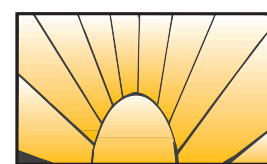
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