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Weather forecasters say February has been the coldest February on record in approximately a century, which is evidenced by the ice and snow covering Lake Linville. The average temperature for the month has been just over 20 degrees. The above photo was taken Sunday morning after the largest snowfall of the season, which was measured at four inches in some places in the county including the lake area. Rockcastle County Schools have been dismissed five days this winter due to bad weather and has moved the closing date for school to Thursday, May 17th.

Mt. Vernon council votes to close parking lots at night

By: Perlina Anderkin
The Mt. Vernon City Council voted at their regular meeting Monday night to close two of the city's parking lots from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Mayor Clarice Kirby brought the matter up to the council, saying that closing the city's lot next to Cox Hardware

and the one known as the "gravel pit," below the courthouse would keep kids from hanging out in the lots late at night.

Councilwoman Williametta French made the motion and Sharon Saylor seconded it with all council members voting yes except Wayne Bullock who ab-

stained.
Mayor Kirby said Wednesday.
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Wednesday morning shooting

A Mt. Vernon man was shot in the leg early Wednesday morning, after he allegedly kicked in the door at the home of his estranged wife.

Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters said Tommy McClure, 38, went to his former home on old US 25, where his estranged wife Sandy was living, although there was a Domestic Violence Order (DVO) against McClure in place, prohibiting him from contact with her.

"When he didn't get in, he
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25 cases on Circuit Court docket Friday

Friday will be a very busy day in Rockcastle Circuit Court when Circuit Judge David Tapp will take several pleas, arraign defendants and sentence others.

Among the 25 cases to be handled Friday is the sentencing of an Orlando man on drug

charges.

A three count indictment was handed down against Barry Randy Stewart, 48, in November, charging him with possession and trafficking in oxycodone and hydrocodone
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At cleftRock in Pongo

Meeting for new fire department is Sunday

By: Richard Anderkin
In the wake of a recent tragic fire, which claimed the life of a 12-year-old boy, a meeting to possibly form a new volunteer fire department will be held Sunday.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Brookfield Lodge on cleftRock Retreat property in Pongo.

At last week's Rockcastle

Fiscal Court meeting, third district magistrate Bill McKinney told the court that residents in the Pongo/Buffalo area were concerned about how long it takes the Mt. Vernon fire department to get to their area and had decided to try and form a fire department of their own.

Bob Fields, who founded cleftRock retreat in the 1970s, with his wife Eddy, and who still lives there with her, said the idea of a fire department in the southern part of the county had been kicked around for several years.

Fields, a member of the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association board for six years, said the community was simply devastated by the death of Dustin Brian Taylor four weeks ago and that it was a "must" that the area come up with some type of better fire protection. "We've had other bad fires in the area, but obviously this tragedy has made us much more aware of the need for a department in our area."

"Mt. Vernon's volunteers do the best they can, but they are
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Governor here Tuesday March 20th

Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee member Jerry Pensol said Tuesday that Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher's office had confirmed that he would visit the county on March 20th.

"They did not give us a set time for now, but he is definitely scheduled to be here to speak at our next meeting," Pensol said.

Pensol also said that the meeting would be at a larger venue than the courthouse, probably the community room at Community Trust Bank on the Hwy. 461 by-pass.

"The public is invited and we are hoping for a good turnout,"
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Water rates going up in Brodhead

The Brodhead City Council passed the second reading of a new water ordinance that will raise the minimum water bill in the city by \$2.12 per month.

At last week's regular monthly meeting, the council passed the first reading of the ordinance, which was needed to help repay a \$193,000 loan, part of the \$832,000 water project in the city.

The new rate increase will take effect with the March 1st billing, according to Brodhead City Clerk Becky Bussell. The minimum water bill in the city will be \$14.42 for the first 2,000 gallons.

Water customers using more than 2,000 gallons will pay approximately 10 percent more than they now pay. The minimum water and sewer bill will be \$35.60.

The water rate increase ordi-
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King to sell Rocket water

The Rockcastle County High School Rockets are well known throughout the state for their
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One 3,000 gallon water storage tank located at cleftRock is already operational and has been used to help fight fires in the area.

Water, streets, sewer projects discussed

Mayors, Judge speak at chamber meeting

By: Richard Anderkin
All three county mayors and Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis spoke at Tuesday's monthly meeting of

the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce.
Brodhead Mayor Walter

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Congressman Rogers to speak Saturday at Lincoln Day Banquet

One of the most powerful Republicans in the United States House of Representatives will be the featured speaker at the annual Rockcastle Lincoln Day Banquet on Saturday night.

The annual Republican Party political event will take place at the Rockcastle County Middle

School at 6:30 p.m., featuring Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers of Somerset.

Congressman Rogers was first elected to Congress in 1980 and serves 29 counties in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional

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Workers were busy Tuesday at the Rockcastle Courthouse making some of the new county road signs, which will be placed on public and private roads. The new signs are the result of road name changes for the 911 emergency dispatching system in the county. 911 Director Bonnie Roark said approximately 900 public signs and 100 private signs will be put up. Shown at left working on the letter cutting machine Tuesday was Gary Mullins. Above is Pattie Leger putting final touches on the signs. Roark said it will take several weeks to finish the project and property owners will be responsible for replacing any signs on private roads, which may be torn down or damaged.



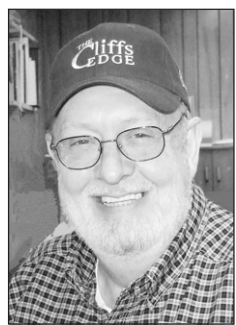
Front page photos by:
Richard Anderkin



Hiatt's 5 & 10 in Mt. Vernon has new owners, but the same store manager. Last week, longtime clerk Betty Miller, left, and her sister and brother-in-law, Harold and Mary Woodall purchased the Main Street store from Billy Hiatt, who has retired after 46 years at the store. Store hours are 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday and 8:30 to 4:00 on Saturdays. The store's phone number is (606) 256-2691.

Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



Ever since I was a young boy I've played the silver ball From Soho down to Brighton I must have played them all But I ain't seen nothing like him In any amusement hall That ...kid Sure played a mean pinball

The Who

The pinball machine and the jukebox were located in the back of the café. Teenagers gathered there to play their games and listen to the latest sounds. My parents operated the Ideal Café on Main Street in Mt. Vernon before I was even a gleam in my father's eye. It had been sold to Conard Parrot by the time I was in elementary school.

Youngsters lined up to play the pinball machine and competed with each other to see who could score the highest number of points. One fellow (his name escapes me) was truly a "pinball wizard," and he could beat any pinball machine in existence. Some of the business owners actually barred him from playing because the machines were no competition for his skills. He would run up hundreds of free games and give them to his friends. It cost a nickel to play. Some business owners even paid their customers for the "free" games they had won.

The jukebox always had the latest songs that were popular at the time. Six songs for a quarter was the price to listen to your favorite 45 rpm records. I still remember the grand Wurlitzer in the back of the Ideal Café with its cool sounds and flashing multi-colored lights. It was the focal point of the café.

Each week, we waited for the traveling "music man" to bring the latest hits to be placed on the jukebox. Sometimes he would give us the 45's that he removed from the machine. They would be scratched and worn but we were glad to take them anyway.

By the time we were in high

school, our local hang-out was the Dinner Bell Restaurant. It, too, had a jukebox, and we fed it our quarters as we ate the hamburgers and fries and visited with our friends. The music never stopped! As soon as one of us ran out of quarters, someone else took over feeding the machine. We had to have our music. It was new and fresh, and we could not get enough of rock and roll.

According to my friends Hayden, Bud, and Larry, the local hangout for teenagers in Powell County was Dalton's Restaurant in Stanton. It was owned by Gilbert and Martha Dalton and served the best food in the area. The restaurant was also the location of the Greyhound Bus Station.

Dalton's, like the Ideal Café, was the place to listen to the jukebox and play pinball machines. Teenagers made it their second home, sampling the great food and spending time with friends. Larry said, "It never was an unruly place because Martha ran a tight ship." Almost any kind of food was available, and the reputation of the restaurant spread throughout the area. "People would come from several counties because of the reputation of the food and the atmosphere," Larry added.

In this day and age, youngsters have more sophisticated games and music players in their homes than we had in the cafés of the 50's. They simply turn on their iPods (20,000 songs) and grab their gameboys (multiple games) and entertain themselves for hours and hours. The digital format eliminates all the hiss, pops, and cracks of the music we enjoyed on our jukeboxes. The hand-held game players offer a wide variety of games including a new "pinball game" that resembles the large pinball machines that we used.

Even though I love the new

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal:

As time goes by, people come and go in our lives, sometimes indefinitely. Others seem to drop out of our lives, only later to resurface in another place and time. The latter is the case concerning an "old flame" I dated back in the early '80s for seven years.

His name was Bob, and we started going out back in my college days when I was living in Lexington. He was nine years older than me, so he wasn't in college at the time, but had graduated from Western Kentucky University. He was born and raised in Lexington, and knew his way around all of Fayette County.

He loved the outdoors, and quite often we went on long drives in the country. He showed me beautiful horse farms and all of the natural beauty the local Bluegrass counties had to offer.

He quite often carried his fishing equipment in the trunk of the car, and when the opportunity presented itself, he would pull over and go fishing in a little creek, pond, or river. On one of our initial outings, after an hour or so, I was needing to go to the bathroom. I had commented to Bob of my needs, and he replied, "OK. Go ahead." I wasn't very "outdoorsy" so I tried to wait. Shortly, I reiterated about going to the bathroom. "I thought you just went a little bit ago," he said. I told

him that I needed an actual bathroom, something more than just a tree to hide behind, and wasn't in the habit of just "going" anywhere. He had to drive about ten or fifteen miles, all the way back to Lexington, so I could use the bathroom. Then I told him that I was good for another three or four hours, if he wanted to go back.

On another occasion, he decided that he wanted to bring some rustic beauty indoors. There had been a big storm in the area that had blown down some huge trees at Ashland, the Henry Clay estate. These trees were probably over two hundred years old, and were about four feet or more in diameter near the base.

A few days after the storm, maintenance men had taken chainsaws, and divided these huge trees in one-and two-foot sections for easier removal. Bob usually jogged two to five miles every day, and his usual route took him past Ashland where these tree sections were. His apartment wasn't very far away so he thought that one of these sections would make the ideal coffee table with a little sanding and polishing.

Meanwhile, back at the apartment, I had let myself in and was awaiting his return from the jog. He came in all excited about his find, and was about to go back in the car to

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VIEW FROM THE BENCH

Save the Dog, Free the Fish

Occasionally it's good to revisit issues we've previously discussed. Kind of an update.



Judge David Tapp

We previously talked about bounty hunters and bail bondsmen. Both are illegal in Kentucky. Instead,

Kentucky uses a system of professional pre-trial release officers, employed by the state, who interview arrestees, verify their background, make recommendations to the court regarding bond, and provide pre-trial supervision such as drug screens and electronically monitored home incarceration.

Other jurisdictions--including many other countries--also prohibit bondsmen and bounty hunters. Bounty hunters who travel into other jurisdictions to capture a fugitive often face civil liability and criminal charges.

Recall Duane "Dog" Chapman--Honolulu's colorful and well known bounty hunter. Dog faces criminal charges in Mexico relating to his illegal rendition of Andrew Luster, the heir of the Max Factor Cosmetics fortune. California police charged Luster with multiple counts of rape alleging that he used GHB, a synthetic date rape drug, to render the victims unconscious.

In 2003, Luster fled to Mexico to avoid prosecution and was absent during his trial. The trial court sentenced Luster to 124 years imprisonment. Appellate courts rejected Luster's appeals using applying the "fugitive dis-entitlement doctrine". This rule holds that someone who flees the court system can't then avail themselves of the same system to combat their conviction. Too bad for Luster.

Flash forward to Puerto Vallarta where Luster was living the good life off of his billion dollar inheritance when Dog swooped down to Mexico and captured him while a film crew recorded the entire event. Dog surrendered Luster to local authorities, but found himself charged with illegally depriving Luster of his liberty. Luster was returned to the U.S. and is currently serving his sentence.

Dog posted bail, left Mexico and has refused to voluntarily return for trial. Only weeks ago, it appeared that Mexico would not seek extradition and Dog could remain safe and sound in the good ol' USA. But, most recently, Mexican authorities have decided to pursue charges and once again, Dog faces imprisonment. Because the case involves a foreign jurisdiction, U.S. courts will be asked to assist in requiring Dog to return to Mexico.

This outrages many. Critics suggest that the U.S. has no

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Points East

By Ike Adams

(The Big Rock Grapevine Swing, continued from last week-----)

Dad's threat of severe corporal (barely shy of capital) punishment if he caught us in the act or even heard that Keeter and I were swinging off the cliff on the big rock grapevine was all the incentive we two needed to discontinue seeking that particular thrill.

He had also put the word out on down Blair Branch that the vine was dangerous and someone was apt to get killed on it, which meant that most other parents on the holler made similar threats of punishment to any boy fool enough to go swinging.

Dad even went so far as to cut the vine off with a long-handled bush axe so that none of us could reach it from the ground. Of course this did not stop Truman Caudill who soon figured out a way to use a broken tree limb with which he could reach up and prop the grape vine back against the cliff face in such a position that he could grasp it from the ledge top.

Truman's Dad, George, was working in Richmond, Indiana at the time and he only came home about once a month. By the time he was in fourth grade, Truman was already taller than

his mom, Lydia, so instead of giving him a whipping for whatever daily trouble he may have caused, she'd make a list of all the punishments that needed administering to Truman when George came home.

Suffice to say that George was so glad to be home for the weekend that such punishment was rare and comparably modest if it happened at all.

Upon learning that Truman was still swinging, Dad made it against the rule for us to even watch him. That settled it. Truman had no interest in playing Tarzan, or anything else for that matter, unless he had an audience.

And so the vine just dangled there, pretty much unnoticed through spring, summer and on into late autumn. Finally rabbit season opened. Several of us boys either owned or had access to light gauge shotguns. (My Dad who was so fearful that we might get injured swinging on a grapevine, saw absolutely no reason for concern in turning a bunch of 10 to 14 year-old boys loose in the woods with loaded firearms.)

We'd surround a pile of tree laps or a brush pile and commence heaving rocks into it to

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Falls Are Dangerous in the Elderly

Presented by Dr. George W. Griffith

Falls in elderly people are a major health problem. Approximately 20% of all elderly people have at least one fall each year.

These falls result in many bruises and lacerations. At other times, it is worse--broken bones are common from even relatively minor falls. Often a fracture means the end of independent living, at least until the injury heals. When the fractures are in the hips or legs, the recovery period may take a couple months and make it quite difficult for a person to get back to his or her normal activities and level of independence.

Many things can be done to decrease the risk of falls at home. Failing to see potential hazards causes many falls so it is important to have good lighting in the home and to have one's vision checked each year.

Avoid the possibility of tripping on the edge of a rug by eliminating, or at least minimizing, the use of area rugs. And, of course, keep all walking areas free of clutter, cords, and moisture.

Hand rails should be installed where there are steps or stairs and particularly in slippery areas, such as bathrooms or porches. Remember that good shoes provide foot protection as well as better traction.

A misstep is most likely to occur when one is in a hurry, so slow down. Also, rising too quickly may cause lightheadedness for a moment--just long enough to cause a fall.

Medicines can contribute to falls by causing confusion, dizziness, unsteadiness or a brief episode of low blood pressure. Review your medicines with your doctor.

Since telephones are one's source for help in case of injuries, they should be conveniently placed and accessible from the floor if possible.

Mareburg Messenger

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As we look in our Bibles this week we give attention to 1:Thess.verse 2 a wonderful word from God.Given out through Paul to the church at Thessalonica. I can sense Paul's joy of heart as he receives God's word and as he shares the word with them. I'll ask you to please read 1Thess. 2:13 what a verse of scripture this is. In this verse, we find a reason for Paul's rejoicing. First of all, he speaks of the word of God. This is a clear reference to the message of the gospel he had preached earlier. I don't know what you believe or think about the gospel but to me it is the most needed and necessary message ever given. Why would I say this? Because the gospel of Christ is an absolute necessity to our spiritual well being. It's no wonder that in 1 Cor. 9:16 Paul said for though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me, for woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel. Paul knew that the gospel was necessary to every person's spiritual well being. In Rom. 1:16 the Bible says that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.

Then another reason to rejoice was the way the Thessalonians had received the gospel. 1Thess. 2:13 Ye received it not as the word of men but as it is in truth, the word of God. When the gospel is given out it is not man's message or point of view. It is the divinely revealed word of God. The gospel is God's word from God to us. Another reason to rejoice on Paul's part was the way the gospel had changed their lives. 1Thess 2:14 for ye brethren became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus. The Gospel of Christ when believed has supernatural power to change lives. The gospel message has its source in God and the purposes of the gospel is the salvation of our soul and it is all found in a person whose name is Jesus Christ. Have you accepted Christ as your Saviour? If not do so today.

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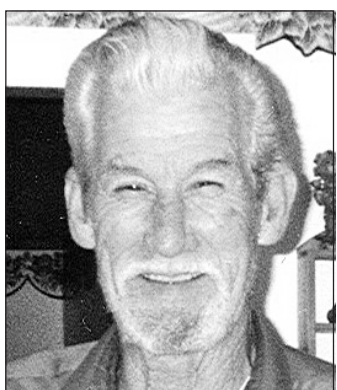
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Obituaries



Mark Turner

Mark Turner, 74, of Mt. Vernon died Sunday, February 18, 2007 at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington. He was born on January 20, 1933 in Floyd County, the son of the late Green and Dora Turner. He was retired from the Sterns & Foster Company, enjoyed NASCAR, riding Horses, fishing, and was a member of the Grace Baptist Church. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors are: one step-son, Ricky Dean McCown of Ohio; three daughters, Rebecca Mae Turner of Berea and Angela Marcia Mason and Teresa Ann Miller, both of Mt. Vernon; two step-daughters, Rhonda Sue Rupp of Ohio and Sherry Lynn McCown of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Joe Turner of Ashland, KY and Milfred Turner of Willard, OH; and two sisters, Burnice Bailey and Agness Gail "Tootsie" Bailey, both of Willard, OH. 14 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Frances McCown Turner; one daughter, Sandra Lee Gadd; one brother, Paul Turner; and two sisters, Loreda Cochran and Loucretia "Coonie" Spurlock.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Raymond Offutt officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Danny Ray Offutt, Dwayne McKinney, David Elvis Mason, Derek Douglas McCown, Joshua Wayne Nagel and Tony Mahaffey.

View the complete obituary or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

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Hazel Owens

Hazel Owens, 95, of Eubank and formerly of Rockcastle County died Friday, February 16, 2007 at the Sunrise Manor Nursing Center in Somerset after a long illness. She was born on February 27, 1911 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Melvin and Laura Stringer Owens. She was a retired teacher for the Pulaski County School System and a member of the Eubank Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one special step sister, Georgia Bice of Somerset; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her step father, Will Abbott and one step sister, Ann Zellers.

Services were held Monday, February 19, 2007 at the Eubank Baptist Church with Bro. Shelby Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Eubank Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Hulen John Simpson

Hulen John Simpson, 83, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Lake Cumberland Hospital in Somerset.

Mr. Simpson was born January 9, 1924 in Lincoln County to Beckham and Geneva Brown Simpson. He was an Army veteran, having served in WWII,

worked as a farmer and was a member of the Mt. Zion Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Betty Gibbons Simpson of Crab Orchard; a son, Johnny (Brenda) Simpson of Crab Orchard; a daughter, Alicia "Lisa" (Tracy) Hammond of Monterey, CA; a step daughter, Debbie (John) Jasper and a stepson, Steve (Sharon) Cummins, both of Crab Orchard; three brothers, Loren Simpson of Crab Orchard, Donald Simpson of Dallas, TX and Benny Simpson of Lancaster; a sister, Dorothy Fisher of Shepherdsville; six grandchildren, Chris Simpson, Angela Hansel, Donovan Simpson, Susan Taylor, Bruce Nuckols and John Hammond; eight great grandchildren, Kristen and Emily Simpson, Aaron Hansel, Johnathan Simpson, Rachel Kirby, Cheyenne Taylor, Dakota Taylor and Cadence Nuckols; four step grandchildren, Johnathan and Stephanie Jasper, Jill Barnett and Jake Cummins and two step great grandchildren, Weston Smith and Laurel Madison Jasper.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene Genton Simpson; three brothers, Denver, Jack and Claude Simpson and a sister, Faye Cruz.

Funeral services were held February 20th at McKnight Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Ernie Arnold officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Chris and Donovan Simpson, Bruce Nuckols, John Hammond, Scott Hansel, Steve Cummins, Jonathan Jasper and Billy Taylor.



Cliffie Rucker

Cliffie Rucker, 95, widow of W.H. Rucker, of Brodhead, died Sunday, February 18th, 2007 at the Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born on March 8, 1911 in Jackson Co., KY the daughter of the late John Childs and Minnie Vickers Childs. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She found great pleasure in farming, flowers and sewing and was a member of the Valley Baptist Church. On Sept. 7th, 1930 she was united in holy matrimony to W. H. Rucker and from that union came four children.

Survivors are: four daughters, Evelyn Pingleton (Clarence) of Berea, KY, Clella Jean Durham (Benny) of Crab Orchard, KY, Pauline Morgan (Calvin) of Copper Creek, KY and Jearldine Morgan (Dallas) of Copper Creek, KY; two sisters, Opal Childs and Avis Morbley, both of Richmond, KY; seven Grandchildren, Jimmy Pingleton, Gale Clayton, Odell Durham, Owen Durham, Marie Hasty, Audrey Robinson and Warren Morgan; seven great grandchildren; two step great grand daughters; one great great grand daughter; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Banford Childs and Ellis Childs; and one grandchild, Regina Lynn Morgan.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 21st, 2007 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Denton Sears and Arnold Pingleton officiating. Burial followed in the Cartersville Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Cliffie Rucker may be made to her online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Card of Thanks

Earl Cummins

The family of Earl Cummins would like to thank everyone who visited and prayed with Earl while he was hospitalized. We would like to express our gratitude to the medical personnel who made his passing dignified.

We would also like to thank everyone who brought food, sent flowers and gifts, attended the visitation and funeral, sent cards, told their memories of Earl and prayed for us during this difficult time. All of the family members would like to thank First Baptist Church for providing a meal after the service.

A special thank you goes to Donnie Cummins for conducting such a special service. Earl would have loved it. We want to thank Keith Bussell, Mike Meadows, Malissa Peery and Mark Meadows for the beautiful music. Thanks to Buck Connier, Mike Meadows and Mark Meadows for sharing their memories of Earl. Also we would like to thank Bart Davidson for playing the bagpipes at the cemetery.

Eula Mullins

Eula M. Mullins, 97, of Hamilton, Ohio, died at her residence Saturday, February 10, 2007.

Mrs. Mullins was born in Rutledge, TN on July 4, 1909, the daughter of Walter and Cynthia Roberts Cameron.

In 1937, she married Mose Mullins, who preceded her in death in 1964. She operated grocery stores in Brush Creek and Orlando for 24 years before retiring in 1962. She moved to Hamilton in 1965.

Survivors include: her daughter-in-law, Etta Mullins of West Chester, Ohio; two grandchildren, Larry Mullins and Gloria (Charles) Bean, all of Hamilton; four great grandchildren, Doug Gregory, Charlotte (Tommy) Oligee, Shona (Ron) Ridner and Jeff (Julie) Bean; nine great great grandchildren and her special friends at Golden Corral.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Melvin Mullins; a granddaughter, Janet Vance; three brothers, Joe, Dan and Preston Cameron and one sister, Pearl Livesay.

Funeral services were held at the Brown-Dawson Funeral Home on Thursday, February 15th. Private committal service will be held at West Chester Cemetery.

William Jesse Cope

William Jesse Cope, 78, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, February 15, 2007 at his residence. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 1, 1929 the son of Robert Franklin and Mossie Baker Cope. He was a farmer and drywall and was a Child of God for over 50 years.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 59 years, Fairy Robinson Cope; one son, Joe Cope of Berea; one daughter, Darlene Clark of Mt. Vernon; and two sisters, Eva Bullock of Mt. Vernon and Doris Meadows of Berea. Five grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted February 18th, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Martin. Burial was in the Davis/Macedonia Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Donald Alexander, Justin Clark, Shannon Clark, Michael Cope, Ronnie Cope, and Mitchell Lamb. Honorary pallbearers were Bobby Ball and Austin Clark.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mr. Cope's online obituary.

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First Christian Revival

March 18-21, First Christian Church will hold its Spring Revival. The theme this year is "Fulfill Your Purpose!" Ron Camblin, Associate Minister at Northeast Christian Church in Lexington will be the speaker.

Sunday morning services will begin at 11 o'clock; Sunday evening services at 6 o'clock and the Monday through Wednesday services at 7 o'clock. Nursery will be provided and there will be snacks

each evening as well as special events and special music.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, call Bruce Ross at 256-2876. We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings.

Missionaries at Wildie Christian

William and Robin Butler, missionaries to Papua New Guinea, will be at Wildie Christian Church March 4th at 10:55 to report on their work. A pitch-in meal will follow the service.

Doug Smith will be in concert at Wildie Christian Church on March 4 at 6 p.m.

Kenton Parkey, minister, invites the public to attend.

Revival at Livingston Pentecostal

Livingston Pentecostal Church will be in revival beginning Sunday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. Bro. Frank Forrester will be speaking at 7 p.m. week nights. Pastor Jim Miller and congregation welcomes everyone.

Weight Loss Support Group

Believer's House of Prayer is now hosting New Beginnings Weight Loss Support Group, Monday nights at 5:30.

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

For more info, call 256-3800. The church is located one mile north of Renfro Valley.

Northside teens fast to fight hunger

Students of Northside Baptist Church along with supporting adults will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine - getting a real taste of hunger to help feed and care for children living in extreme poverty around the world. They join approximately half a million teens nationwide aiming to raise \$12 million this year to fight world hunger. The event takes place Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th.

Now in its 16th year, World Vision's 30 Hour Famine raises awareness and money to fight hunger overseas and in the United States.

During the 30 hours, participating teens go without food (consuming only liquids), learn about world hunger and poverty, and perform community service projects. This will be the 5th consecutive year Northside Baptist Church has participated in the 30 hour famine.

Activities throughout the event include

•"Famine Friday" Worship Service (everyone welcome). Friday, February 23 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church.

•"Light Your World" project. Students will be giving out free light bulbs on Sat. Feb. 24 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Richmond St. in Mt. Vernon.

More than half a million teens nationwide will participate in the 30 Hour Famine this year. Last year, \$11.6 million was raised, contributing to World Vision's response in countries worldwide where famine, conflict, and other crises make children vulnerable to hunger and preventable disease.

World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty. World Vision serves the world's poor regardless of a person's religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. For more information, visit www.worldvision.org.

Library News



Pam Chaliff and Kathy McKibben

The Rockcastle County library staff wants to encourage all of our Books for Bikes participants to continue reading! The end will be here before you know it. March 9th is the deadline to have all reading forms turned in to a librarian. We appreciate all who have been reading. You just never know who will walk away with a brand new bicycle. A boy and girl's name will be picked from the different age groups to win a bicycle. The reading social will most likely be the following week after turning the forms in. All participants will receive something, and we will serve refreshments after the presenting of the bicycles.

Love My Library is still going on. We appreciate all of you who have brought in overdue

items; we hope that you are pleased with the fee being forgiven. We continue to appreciate all of our faithful library patrons and bookmobile patrons.

Educators don't let it slip your mind that we have those learning boxes here for you to check out. The boxes are full of information, games, ideas, and some supplies. There are several subjects with age appropriate materials.

Thanks to Mrs. Darlene's Child Development Class. The girls were prepared with a special valentine story. All of the children had special treats to take home from the library as well as some of the caregivers brought treats. All of the children went home with a sack full of goodies. We also served delicious cupcakes made by Mrs. Wanda Cromer.



The children enjoyed matching their color cards.



Franzeya Childress read Clifford's Valentine Day



The children had their picture taken and they used it to make a special valentine craft.



The Child Development girls pose for a picture. You girls are fantastic!

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Project Graduation Meetings

Project Graduation meetings will be held each Thursday at 6 p.m. at the high school in the library. All parents are urged to attend.

Southern Christian Singles

Southern Christian Singles, a ministry of Grace Fellowship Church, invites all singles to our upcoming meeting this Friday, Feb. 16 at our new location at Carnaby Square. Senior singles, 55 and over, will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. and 55 and under will meet at 6 p.m. For more information, call Mary at 606-528-8028 or the church office at 606864-4635.

Mt. Vernon's Old Fashioned Tradin' Days

Mark your calendar for a fun-filled week end. There will be free entertainment, vendors and food vendors, Ronald McDonald, a ride on the Little Smilin' Choo Choo and you can visit the petting zoo or take a pony ride. For more information, contact city hall at 606-256-3437. Vendor applications are available at city hall.

Free Hunter Education Course

Free Hunter Education Course will be given on March 8, 9 and 10 at Rockcastle County Middle School. The course will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on the 8th and 9th and from 9 a.m. to noon on the 10th. If you have questions, please call 606-256-2403.

Free Community Bingo

The Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center will be sponsoring Free Community Bingo on Friday, February 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the center. Prizes will be given out and refreshments provided. For more information, call 256-0595.

Extension Office Classes

Feb. 27 @ 11 a.m. - Beginning Hand Applique Workshop.
Feb. 27 @ 1 p.m. - Free Class - Grandparenting: It's More than milk and cookies.
Feb. 27 6 p.m. - Nine Patchers Quilt Club Workshop and Meeting. Beginning level "Free Form Star Quilt" will be taught.
Clothesline of Quilts Project: The project would place eight foot painted quilt blocks on barns and at historic sites throughout the county. Please join us for the first planning meeting on March 12 at 6 p.m.

All of the above workshops, meetings, etc. are being held at the Rockcastle County Extension Office. For questions, call 256-2403.

Annual Meeting

The Rockcastle UNITE Coalition will hold its annual meeting Saturday, March 17 at noon at the new barn in Renfro Valley. Officers, committees and committee chairs will be selected for the next year. All members are urged to attend.

Beef Producer Meeting

There will be a Beef Producer Meeting on Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Rockcastle Extension Office. For questions, call 606-256-2403.

SBDM Meeting

The Rockcastle Co. High School SBDM Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 28th at 3:30 p.m. in the school's library.

Interagency Meeting

The Rockcastle Interagency Council will meet Friday, Feb. 23 at noon at the Rockcastle Steak House. The public is invited to attend. Call 256-5315 for more information.

Foster/Adoptive Parents Meeting

Interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will hold an informational meeting March 1st at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County DCBS office. For more information, contact Brandy Baldwin at 287-7114.

Neighborhood Watch Seeking Talent

Crab Orchard Neighborhood Watch is seeking talent for their next Talent Show on March 3rd. The show will be at the Cedar Creek Sportsmen's Club. Cash prize for first place will be \$10; \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Contact Linda Dyehouse at 355-2213, Linda Bryant at 355-7572 or Betty Elan, 355-2289.

GED Tutoring Hours Expanded

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

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

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

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Information must be received by Friday, February 23rd

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

"It Is Written"

Today we want to look at another example of those who corrupt the word of God (2 Cor.2:17), with error that they taught.

We have folks who seek to peddle the notion that you can be sprinkled or have a little water poured on you, call that baptism, and that God will accept such a practice. No beloved, we must respect God enough to obey what he says if we are going to be pleasing unto him, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt.7:21. God's will is clearly set forth of how folks are to be baptized. In Rm.6:4 we read, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." We all know how we bury our loved ones, the casket is laid on the ground at the cemetery and we sprinkle a little dirt and go home. Right??? Or do we pour a cup of dirt on the casket and go home? No, they are put down into the ground and they are completely covered up. This is how we are to baptize people, bury them in water, completely covered up in the water, an immersion. Don't listen to the religious "hucksters" trying to sell you with the idea that sprinkling and pouring are acceptable modes of baptism.

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Our Readers Write

The moral issue of stem cell research...

Dear Editor,

I am not a scientist or an M.D., in fact I am pretty bewildered by stem cell research. I do have a nephew who has Parkinson's disease, a sister-in-law with Muscular Dystrophy and a family history of cancer. I decided to check the inter-net about stem cell research.

This is what I found. In most multicellular organisms all cells are not alike. For example, cells that make up human skin are different than cells that make up inner organs. Yet all the cell types in the body are derived from a single fertilized egg through cell division. These cells become specialized cells, which make up the body such as a heart, liver or muscle cell. Certain genes are turned on or become activated while others are switched off.

Development begins when sperm fertilizes an egg and creates a single cell. In the first hours after fertilization, this cell divides into identical cells in humans. Approximately four days after divisions, these cells begin to specialize. These cells form a hollow sphere. There is a cluster of cells called the inner cell mass. The inner cell mass will go on to form virtually all of the human body.

Stem cell retain the ability to renew themselves through cell division and can differentiate into a wide range of specialized cells.

In Vitro is a technique which unites an egg and sperm in a labrotary, instead of a female body. Many eggs are taken from the woman. Her husband's sperm is used to fertilize one of the eggs, which is then placed in the woman's womb. The rest of the eggs can be frozen for storage or distribution to other researchers. Once a stem cell line is established it is essentially immortal.

Cord blood stem cells collected from umbilical cord at birth can produce all of the blood cells in the body. Cord stem cells are currently being used to treat patients who have undergone chemotherapy to destroy their bone marrow due to cancer or other blood related disorders.

As I wrote this last paragraph of research, I had to question, if cord blood stems can produce all of the cells in the body, why In Vitro Fertilization to use for the treatment for human disease? There are millions and millions of babies born every day and since umbilical cords are thrown away as medical waste, (no one could consider the use of them as morally wrong.) Why would scientists want to use test tube babies? But then I have another question for myself. Those frozen eggs can be used for medical research to save lives, isn't that better than to have them just lying there frozen? Would it be so wrong to give those eggs life through the life of a terminally ill child or adult?

Food for thought, when you eat that egg for breakfast are you destroying a potential life?
Gail Livesay

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

The RCHS FFA Alumni would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for donating to our annual alumni auction. Without your help, this would not be such a success!!! A special thanks to Roy Adams, our auctioneer, who did an outstanding job. Thanks again...

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RCHS FFA Alumni

Crab Orchard seeking donations...

Dear Editor,

The City of Crab Orchard Community Association is seeking donations and/or contributions to fund several events for our upcoming 4th of July Homecoming Celebration.

As many of you know, this event is fast becoming one of Kentucky's premiere events with a crowd draw averaging 5,000 people. In its 32 years, it has given Crab Orchard an opportunity to really shine, as well as to introduce our small city to many newcomers and festival guests.

At this time, we are seeking donations for the annual street dance held on Friday night and the second annual Civil War Encampment, held throughout the weekend.

The Crab Orchard 4th of July Homecoming Celebration is a tradition, enjoyed by the young and young-at-heart alike. With your help, this tradition can continue. Please send donations to:
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"Bench"

(Cont. from A2)

business helping Mexico extradite one of its own citizens. The problem is this: if the U.S. courts ignore a lawful request from Mexico for extradition, why should Mexico honor like requests that Mexican citizens be surrendered for trial in the United States? Treaties governing international extradition require good faith by all participating countries. It will be interesting to observe developments in this case over the next

few weeks.

You may also recall coverage of the recent spate of cheating in professional bass fishing. Numerous events involving hundreds of thousands of dollars have been marred by allegations of unethical and downright dishonest tactics. Since professional fishing now involves syndicated television coverage, national sponsorships, and absolutely obscene prize packages--you know, like most other sports nowadays--cheating is becoming commonplace.

Most recently, two Kentucky men faced prosecution for theft by deception. The crime of theft by deception occurs when one obtains the property or services of another by deception with the intent to deprive the person of the property by creating or reinforcing a false impression. If the theft involves more than \$300, it is a felony punishable by up to five years in the penitentiary.

In Marshall County Circuit Court, one of the two fishermen accused of stashing baskets of fish in Lake Barkley before the start of the Relay for Life tournament received two years imprisonment probated. Accounts of the cheating scandal indicate that the men would recover the fish from the baskets during the tournament, put them in the boat livewell, and then weigh them in. The defendant's fishing partner also pled guilty to a misdemeanor offense and paid a fine.

Police and prosecutors are becoming much more adept at using criminal statutes to deter what was formerly regarded merely as ethical misbehavior. Any way you stack it though, capturing fish and caging them, only to use them to cheat others from a fair opportunity to win a charity fishing event is downright rotten.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

technology of today, I still love running across cafes with the old pinball games and jukeboxes from days of old. Those truly "were the days!"

You can reach me at mtman@mis.net Thanks to my friends for their suggestions about this column.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

scare out rabbits. I can remember only one occasion when this actually worked and we were so surprised and the rabbit was running so fast that nobody got off a shot.

One late November afternoon five or six of us were rabbit hunting and we happened to go by the big rock grapevine. Truman was among the group, along with my brother Keeter. I believe that Marvin and France Adams were with us and maybe one or two of the Whitaker boys.

The inevitable happened. One or the other (most likely Truman) dared me to swing off the cliff. If you are familiar with the rules of "dare" you know that nobody else can make one until the "first dared" guy either follows through or, amide much abusive ridicule, chickens out.

You could tell by the look in Truman's eyes that he was going to swing whether he was dared or not and the rest of us were already going to be in trouble if word got out that we had watched him. Besides that, we had already seen Dad's truck go down the holler so there was scant chance that he'd catch us.

I also knew that if I swung, everybody else would have to because they would be unable to bear the scorn should they refuse. While being out-dared by Truman Caudill was commonplace and nothing to be ashamed of, it was not apt to happen among us lesser beings.

So, with little fear of being "told on," I took the dare and all mouths went agape. Bets were issued, (favorite marbles and shotgun shells served as currency) that I'd get to the top of the cliff and still chicken out.

I scrambled atop the ledge and the vine was swung back with Truman's tree limb so that I could reach it. I remember that it felt a bit stiff and brittle, but I attributed this to the cold weather. Still I took the normal running go and leapt off the cliff. There is a gap in my memory as to exactly what happened next.

When I regained conscious, I was lying beside a huge pile

of broken grapevines the other boys had pulled off me and I was still somewhat covered with grapevine scales and elm bark from the tree limbs to which they'd been attached. Nobody had told us that grapevines are prone to die and rot within a few months of being severed from their roots.

Keeter was crying and an argument was going on among the others.

The first words that I recall hearing were, "Who's gonna have to tell Elmer when he gets home?"

It was already presumed that I was dead and that the news would be too horrible for my Mom to bear alone. Apparently they were going to just leave me lying there till Dad came back up the holler.

I later learned that Truman had speculated that they could bury me in a coal bank and tell everybody that I had run away from home. This plan had been given serious consideration and I'm not sure why it was finally rejected.

Anyway I sat up and for awhile it was presumed that I had risen from the dead even though I pretended that I was wide awake the whole time and just trying to give the boys a scare.

Actually a heavily padded winter coat had broken my fall and probably saved me from having any broken bones, if, in fact, it didn't actually save my life instead of just having the wind so thoroughly knocked out of me.

To the best of my knowledge, Dad never did learn about my brush with death.

At least he never said anything about it nor did he ever mention that the big rock grapevine had mysteriously fallen out of the tree.

"Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

get one of these sections of tree, and wondered if I wanted to go, too.

We got over there, and selected one of these beauties. Another couple of men helped him load it into the trunk, and he tied the trunk lid down, as it wouldn't shut. We got it back to its new home, and all we had to do was to get it down to the basement, where he was going to work on it. Another couple of guys helped him get it from the trunk to the kitchen, and he thought that we could manage it from there. He wanted me to help him get it down the basement steps, and he thought that he would go down first to guide it along.

The tree section scarcely cleared the door, and had to be turned slightly to its side to accomplish that. It was about eight to ten inches thick, and about four feet wide, and probably weighed something over three hundred pounds.

Bob was backing down the steps, guiding the tree section, and I was supposed to be coming along behind, holding on to it so as it would not go too fast. Everything was going along pretty good, until we got about three or four steps down. It seems these tree sections didn't come with any handles, so I couldn't hold on very well. Needless to say, the tree section got away from me, and soon passed Bob on the steps, but they both ended up on the basement floor at about the same time with the new "coffee table" (all three hundred and some pounds of it) lying on top of Bob. He wondered if I might be able to come and help him out of this predicament. Thankfully, he wasn't hurt...too badly, anyway. I think that was the last time he asked me to help him move any tree sections. As far as I know, that "coffee table" may still be down in that basement.

Last week, after about five years, I had the chance to see Bob again. However, after we had gone our separate ways some several years ago, we had kind of kept in touch with each other, periodically, anyway. I had learned that his mother, Irene, had died after a long and brave fight with Alzheimer's Disease.

She was eighty-five, and truly a beautiful lady, both physically and in spirit. She was one of the few people that I have known I had truly admired very much since shortly after meeting her. She, and her husband, always made me feel welcome in their home, and I always en-

joyed talking and visiting with them. I've even stayed some several nights, at one time or the other, in their daughter, Diana's, old bedroom.

It really hurt me to learn that she had Alzheimer's. If there was anybody who had an alert, keen, and intelligent mind, it was she. She had been a legal secretary and an outstanding homemaker. She had founded a garden club, one of the oldest in Lexington, loved to play bridge, and loved to travel. "Miss Irene" was very civic-minded, and put the needs of the community in high priority. She was instrumental in having sewers and streetlights installed in several sections of Lexington after moving there about 1950. She also kept a pulse on the local government, even being a regular writer to the "Letters to the Editor" of the Lexington Herald-Leader paper. Lexington is certainly a better place for having such a lady come her way, and many can be very thankful that she did.

The last time I saw Miss Irene was about five years ago. I had stopped by to visit her and her husband, Bob, at their home. Although she had already been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she still recognized me and was able to carry on somewhat of a

conversation. I left that day being very pleased that she could still recognize me.

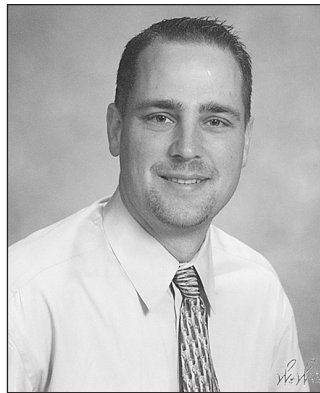
Her husband, Bob, was quite remarkable during her illness, and many years before, as well. He kept her at home, and cared for her as long as he could, until it became impossible, and she had to spend the last few months, about a year, in the nursing home. He took on this chore as a labor of love, and I can only imagine how he could only stand by and watch in sorrow as his dear wife declined every day. Undoubtedly, she would have done the same for him. As anyone could see, they were a remarkable couple, totally devoted to each other. Quite ironically, she died on their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary.

This is where I crossed paths with my old flame, Bob, again. Stanley and I attended the funeral, and then went to the cemetery for the burial. I know this sounds a little odd in itself, but you see, Stanley and I are quite a remarkable couple ourselves.

On the preset monument at the gravesite of this very special couple, there are only three words for an epitaph: "Love is eternal." I believe every word of it.

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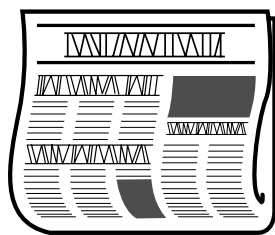
- One night stay at Cedar Ridge
- Numerous tools and other accessories
- Mule Deer Prints • Case Brand Knives
- Mulch & Garden Supplies
- Wheel Barrels • Televisions
- Building Materials and Paint

Items too numerous to mention!

Anyone interested in donating money or an item to be auctioned, may contact any Kiwanis member or come to the Technology Center during the auction.

All proceeds will be used to fund various projects throughout Rockcastle County.

From the Signal files



10 years ago this week 1997

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets set a new school record for any basketball team at RCHS when they picked up their 19th win over Madison Southern.

Eleven Rockcastle County High School girls and boys basketball players, cheerleaders, and managers were honored on senior night at RCHS.

The Lady Rocket seniors were: Amber Coffey, Jessica Albright, Kristi Moore, Susie Carpenter and Amy Robinson.

Rocket basketball seniors were Andrew Simpson and Matt Ford.

Cheerleaders honored were: Jill Cummins, Heather Smith and Bobby Whitter.

Statistician/score keeper, Chad Hensley was also honored.

Jeff McKinney was the Nascar Driving Experience sponsored locally by NAPA Auto Parts. McKinney attended the High Performance Nascar Driving School at Charlotte Motor Speedway, driving ten laps at speeds up to 150 miles per hour.

Eastern Kentucky University announced that twelve Rockcastle Countians received degrees at the end of the fall semester of 1996.

The twelve EKU graduates were: Jeffrey Carpenter, Christy Carr, Regina Crawford, Donisha Freeman, Angela Hunt, Cynthia Maggard, Janet McNeal, Gwyn McNew, William Merritt, Melissa Mylin, Diana Taylor and Tammy White-Cornett.

20 years ago this week 1987

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Charles B. Parsons announced that construction of a new Mt. Vernon Elementary School would begin in 1989, replacing the existing building which was constructed in 1928.

The Livingston Cheerleading squad won the Spirit Stick at the Brodhead Invitational Tournament. Members of the squad were: Angela Stallsworth, Kim Kirby, Maleigha Johnson, Sherri Bullock, Michelle Mahaffey, Kristi Kelly and Shawna Mize.

The Roundstone Eagles 7th and 8th grade team were champions of the Booster Club's tournament in 1987 and also the Camp Dick Robinson Invitational the same year. Members of the team were: William Bullens, Jason Woods, Jay Sowder, Greg Richards, Scott Bullens, James Wilson, Mike Spires, Chris Ponder, Billy Todd, Mark Carl, Michael Durham, Kevin Mullins, Josh Smith, Harry Holland, coach, Darla Reams, assistant coach, Jon David Wilson, manager and James Biggs, manager.

Mt. Vernon native and Berea College senior Debbie Bowman, a member of the college's women's basketball team was awarded the honor of being the 10th leading assist leader in the nation in Division III. She set a college record in one game with 13 assists.

RCHS graduate Trevor Mink, of Mt. Vernon, a sophomore majoring in computer science at the University of Kentucky was named to the school's dean's list for the fall semester of 1986.

Earl Cummins resigned as director of the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service in an effort to help cut costs, after the county stopped paying \$1,500 to the service each month.

Cummins was replaced by ambulance driver Vernon Cummins, who also took over the bookkeeping duties for the service.

30 years ago this week 1977

28-year-old Jerry Carter announced he would seek the Republican nomination for Rockcastle County Clerk in the May Primary and Walter F. Maguire, 34, of Somerset announced that he would be a candidate for District Judge.

54-year-old Henry Wynn, a school bus driver and farmer, filed for the office of magistrate in the fourth district.

As of February 24th, 1977, 29 people had as candidates for the May primary.

Basketball homecoming queen candidates at RCHS in 1977 were: Debbie Roaden, Pam McClure, Kelly Bales, Lynn Burton, Debbie Cable, Tracy Lyons, Mary Ann Bussell, Kayla Payne, Jennifer Hansel, Cecilia Durham, Sandra Hubbard, Kaye Payne and Kim Cornelius.

Manager of the Kentucky Utilities office in Mt. Vernon, Jeryl Thompson died after a battle with cancer at the age of 48.

Mrs. Debra Jean White Brown, of Rockcastle, a University of Kentucky student majoring in Radiological Technology, was named to the Dean's List for the 1976 fall semester. Brown is the wife of Ronnie Brown and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin C. White.

John Boone Saylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleston Saylor was on the Dean's List at the University of Kentucky for the fall semester of 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen M. Coffey announced the engagement of their daughter Vicki Ann to Johnny Dale New of Eubank and Mr. and Mrs. Zade McClure of Mt. Vernon announced the engagement of their daughter, Connie, to Ryan Riddle, son of Blondell Riddle and Clarence Riddle of Brodhead.

The Rockets lost 59-48 to Pulaski County. Three Rockets scored in double figures, they were: Larry Harmon who scored 14, Jeff Burdette, 13, and David Pensol, 11.

40 years ago this week 1967

Members of the Brodhead High School FFA chapter were celebrating National FFA week with several events sponsored by the club.

Taking time for a photo in front of a billboard depicting the theme of FFA week in 1967, "Agriculture . . . Strength of America" were: Randal Adams, president, Danny McKinney, vice-president, Donnie Adams, secretary, Wayne Taylor, reporter, Wesley Mays, treasurer, Carl Sargent, sentinel and teacher Russell Parsons, advisor.

The Brindle Ridge 4-H Club, which was deemed Rockcastle's most outstanding in 1965, was honored along with clubs from Casey, Lincoln, Boyle, Mercer and Garrard counties by Kentucky Utilities in February of 1967.

On hand to receive the \$1,000 donation to the club from KU were: Vicki Burdette, song leader, Jessie Holland, secretary-treasurer, Virginia Coffey, president, Kenny Burton, song leader, Janice Burdette, vice president, Stanley Burton, song leader and Clyde Burdette, pledge leader. Also on hand for the banquet were sponsors, parents and teachers, Wanda Burton, Patricia Holland and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cameron. County 4-H Council president Roy G. Brown and Area Extension Agent, H. Lee Durham also attended.

Mrs. June Stevens, Home Economics teacher at Brodhead High School, was voted "Favorite Teacher of the Year" at Brodhead in a contest sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America Club.

Rockcastle County Attorney, James W. Lambert, vice president of the Bank of Mt. Vernon was named county Agricultural Chairman of the Kentucky Banker's Association. His main duty was to coordinate activities and communications between agricultural and banking communities.

Five Brodhead seniors were accepted to Berea College for the 1967 fall semester. They were: Charles Colson, Randal Adams, Barry Vanhook, Bruce Sargent and Sam Roberts.

Dr. John D. Henderson was named Rockcastle County Chairman of the Henry Ward for Governor Campaign.

Ward, who was from Paducah, was the state's Highway Commissioner during construction of Interstate 75.

"American Dream," starring Stuart Whittman and Janet Leigh was playing at the Town

Theatre, along with "Dracula - Prince of Darkness".

50 years ago this week 1957

Roland Barnett was chosen as the mail carrier on the newly established Rural Route 2, Mt. Vernon.

Service on Rt. 2 began on March 1 and was to serve 518 families and do away with two post offices.

After delivery started on Rt. 2, post offices at Three Links in Rockcastle County and Egdon in Jackson County closed.

The shoe bank, which had been furnishing shoes for needy persons in the county, closed its doors because of a lack of shoes.

The Mt. Vernon Jaycees and Boy Scouts took all of the shoes in the bank to send to the relief of counties which had been hit hard by flooding.

A new 4-H Club at Chestnut Ridge, the Fighting 4-Her's, received the Kentucky Utilities Achievement Award for 1956-57.

President Billy Bales, project captain James Thomason and secretary Lillian Doan were on hand to receive the \$1,000 in prizes awarded to the club. Accompanying the three students to the recognition banquet in Richmond were: leader Willetta Owens, teacher Verla Scott and County Agent H. Lee Durham.

Earl Dean Cummins, of the U.S. Navy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cummins of Mt. Vernon completed a course in advanced aerodynamics at Norman Oklahoma and was transferred to San Diego Calif., for further training. Cummins entered the Navy in September of 1955.

Airman Edward Sowder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, was headed home after two years of service at the U.S. Air Force base Yamato.

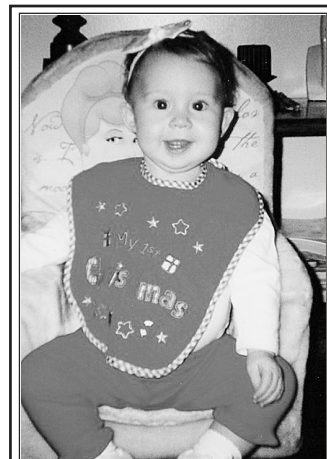
Pvt. Wayne E. Bullock son of Herbert U. Bullock, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, was assigned to the 74th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Missile Battalion at Broughton, PA.

Bullock, a 1956 graduate of Brodhead High School, an electrical equipment repairman in the battalion's Battery C, entered the Army in July of 1956.

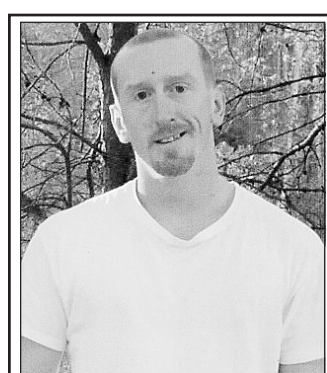
Wayne Stewart of Rockcastle Farm Service was in Louisville for a three day Southern State's Cooperative Conference and Tommy Harold Mink was among 343 new students enrolled in the spring semester at the University of Kentucky.

Marilyn Monroe and Don Murray were starring in "Bus Stop" and Natalie Wood and Edmond O'Brien were starring in "A Cry In The Night," at the Vernon Theatre.

Appliance Service Center was giving \$50 for a trade-in towards the purchase of a new Speed Queen washer, making the purchase price only \$109.95 and Bradley's Service Station in Brodhead was selling Goodyear tires for \$12.95.



**Happy 1st Birthday
Emma Grace Robinson
will be one on February
22nd. We love you so much!
Love - Mommy and Daddy**



**Happy Birthday
Daddy Deuce!
We Love You -
Sabrina & Delani**

Legislative Week in Review

For an off-year session determined to avoid opening up the state budget to major new spending, this winter's Legislature has tackled a wide array of legislation with broad impact throughout the Commonwealth.

This past week, in both full-chamber and committee action, the Kentucky House and Senate addressed topics ranging from better math and science instruction in schools to strengthening the state merit system, from energy independence to protecting social workers from violence, along with a basketful of other measures, including one to tighten abortion regulations, another targeting Internet sex offenders, and yet another to up the speed limit on Kentucky interstate highways.

At week's end, the full Senate passed companion bills encouraging schools to offer more rigorous instruction in math and science, by giving students incentives to take those tough courses and encouraging well-qualified persons to teach them in the classroom.

SB 1 would create an Advanced Placement Incentive Fund to help schools offer AP courses in calculus, chemistry, and physics. The incentive fund would be used for two-year \$10,000 grants to individual schools, with the first year geared toward teacher training and planning. Money in the second year would be used to purchase textbooks and other materials for the courses.

The bill also provides a financial incentive for students to do well in those subjects, as shown by their year-end AP exam scores. Students scoring well could receive up to \$300 per course added onto their nor-

mal KEES scholarship awards for classroom grades and ACT scores.

Teachers would also have a financial incentive for their students to achieve highly, with a special additional incentive for those who teach students receiving free or reduced-price meals at school. The program would allow teachers to receive up to a total of \$10,000 in incentive pay annually, based on how well their charges do in their coursework.

SB 2 works toward a complementary goal -- getting well-qualified math and science teachers into the classroom. The bill offers a \$6,000 stipend to any high school chemistry and physics teacher who majored in the subject in college -- or went through the state's alternative certification program -- and achieved a high score on the PRAXIS subject test all teachers must take. High school and middle school math teachers would receive \$3,000 stipends under the same terms.

Meanwhile, over in the House of Representatives last week, a bill that would give more job protection to state employees and curb potential abuses of the state's merit system passed the full chamber without a dissenting vote.

House Bill 62, titled the Public Employee Protection Act, includes several provisions affecting the merit system, which is designed to base all hiring decisions on an applicant's qualifications rather than politics. The legislation would require the Personnel Cabinet to set up alternative dispute resolution procedures for merit employees, including peer review and mediation. It would hold members of the state Personnel Board to stricter standards, including a requirement that they disclose any conflict of interest related to their seat on the board. The number of board members would be expanded from seven to nine, with classified employees filling four of those seats.

The measure would also require former non-merit employees, such as political appointees who become merit system employees, to serve a probationary period of one year unless they once served in the merit system or have been separated from their non-merit jobs for at least six months. This is to prevent what many call "burrowing" -- the seeking of merit jobs by non-merit employees who would otherwise be at risk of losing state employment with changes of administration.

The measure also instructs the Personnel Cabinet to study the feasibility of background and reference checks on all Executive Branch applicants for merit jobs, and report its findings to state lawmakers by this

November.

In other business, the House approved legislation that builds on Kentucky's plan for energy independence.

House Bill 5 would require the state to develop new energy conservation strategies, extend the state's coal incentive tax credit to renewable energy and alternative fuel facilities and refund sales and use taxes paid on machinery used on certain energy-efficient projects, among other provisions. It now goes to the House floor.

Supporters say Kentucky is in a unique position to be a national leader in energy independence, specifically because of our vast coal reserves. The bill directs the state Office of Energy Policy to develop strategies for producing alternative fuels from coal and biomass, and creates a tax exemption for tangible personal property used to build, repair, renovate or upgrade alternative fuel or renewable energy facilities.

The House Health and Welfare Committee this week passed legislation named for a social worker killed on the job, a bill that would create a state task force to look into the staffing and funding needs of Kentucky social workers.

The amended version of House Bill 362 would not authorize new funding for salary increases or extra training of frontline social workers before the task force recommendations are considered by lawmakers next year. It would, however, allow the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to use \$2.5 million in existing nonobligated funds for those purposes.

Other provisions in the amended legislation include requiring reporting of violent incidents involving social workers, establishment of a web-based work safety site and required reporting by the Department of Community Based Services of any personnel changes involving social workers in the department's service regions.

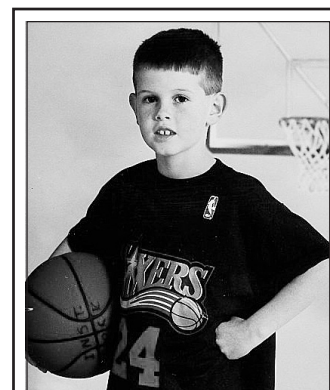
The bill has been called the "Boni Bill," in honor of social worker Boni Frederick, who was killed last fall after taking a foster child to an in-home visitation with the child's biological mother. It now goes to the full House.

Kentucky businesses could employ certain state prisoners in an effort to help rehabilitate them under a plan approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee this week. Senate Bill 42 is aimed at reducing recidivism rates among released prisoners. The bill would create a Prison Industries Enhancement program to allow the Department of Corrections to work with private employers, who would

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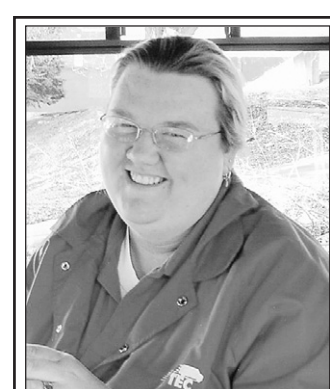
**Happy 11th Birthday
Brittney Lynn Moore!
We hope you have many,
many more birthdays!
Don't grow up to fast on us.
We all love you!
Love - Artie, Papa Lois,
Jonas and Stacy**



**Happy 7th Birthday
Lucas Robinson
We Love You -
Mommy, Daddy & Morgan**



**We would like to wish our
little "princess" Tiffany
Lynn Renee King a happy
8th birthday on February
20th. We love you baby girl.
Love: Nana Loretta, Papaw
Doug, Brothers Justin and
Tyler, Mom Joni and Aunt
Tanya.**



Happy Birthday Snuggles!

Farm Machinery Consignment & Industrial Equipment	
26th Annual London Farm Machinery Consignment Auction	
Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.	
<i>Laurel County Fairgrounds • Hwy. 229, near Levi Jackson</i>	
Consignments accepted:	
Wednesday, February 21st, Thursday, February 22nd and Friday, February 23rd from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
31st Annual Brodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction	
Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.	
<i>Brodhead Fairgrounds • Hwy. 150 • Brodhead</i>	
Consignments accepted:	
Wednesday, February 28th, Thursday, March 1st and Friday, March 2nd from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
There will be a Buyer's Fee added to the winning bid on each item to determine its final price.	No Sales Fees Are As Follows:
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4H Variety Show

4-H Youth Development

John McQueary

Rockcastle County Extension Office

County 4H Variety Show
Date: March 13, 2007 @ 6:30
Place:

Mt. Vernon Elementary
School

Registration Deadline:
March 8, 2007

Rules and Guidelines

Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

or specialty.

6. Please use good judgment on dance routines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. Admission will not be charged.

14. Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403. Acts that fail to register will not be allowed to perform. Registration information will include:

1.) Name of Act

2.) Type of music that will be used (tape, CD, piano, etc)

3.) Number in the Act

4.) Names of participants if it is a Specialty Act

Ribbons Awarded

All acts will receive either a Red or Blue Ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.

Gear Up

Parents play major role in student's college success

While it is ultimately a student's responsibility to study and achieve in school, parents play a major role in encouraging their children to attend college and in helping them prepare for their future.

Leshia Cromer, Rockcastle Middle School guidance counselor, says, "A parents' role in guiding their child toward college begins at an early age. They need to let their child know their expectations for them and how important a college education is for their future."

Parents influence their children even by the language they use when talking about college. Parents should start talking with their children at an early age about "when" they go to college rather than "if" they attend. In addition, parents can set an example for their children by pursuing their own education.

There are also practical steps Cromer advises parents to take. "Parents should especially begin learning financial aid information while the student is in middle school, so that they know ahead of time what is available and what they need to be doing to get financial assistance."

There are specific academic requirements for getting into college so parents should learn about these requirements no later than when their child completes eighth grade. Some of these requirements are more easily determined if students know what field they want to get into. "The ACT Explore was given this year to RCMS seventh and eighth graders and gives students and parents some good information when thinking about the future," Cromer says.

"Also, the ILP's (Individual Learning Plans) career cruising program is full of in-

formation about colleges all over the country and is a wonderful tool to help guide a student's path to the future. It also includes an interest inventory and tons of information about a wide variety of careers, including what education is required for a specific career and which schools offer that program."

Parents and students need to be aware that some college recruiters check applications for student involvement in community service and leadership activities during middle and high school. Cromer says, "While activities are important, students sometimes don't think about accumulating community service or having a part-time job as being an impressive feat."

Leadership, paired with academic achievement, can help students earn scholarships to pay for college. Scholarships are very competitive and require a good grade point average (GPA), which students can begin establishing in middle school. All Kentucky students who reach designated levels for their GPA will receive Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) money to help pay for college.

Parents can also get involved by reading through college guidebooks, which are available online, at libraries and at the GEAR UP Parent Centers. Parents, as well as students, can also attend College Reality Stores. Two of these free events are scheduled this spring at Kentucky State University (April 14) and the University of Kentucky (April 21). For more information, call Debbie Owens, Appalachian Math and Science Partnership (ASMP) Regional Program Coordinator, 859-257-2522.

Patterson deployed to Iraqi theater

Army Pfc. Jesse M. Patterson has deployed to the Iraqi theater of operations to support the mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The soldier is a member of the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, the "Black Lions", 4th Infantry Combat Brigade, 1st Infantry Division based at Fort Riley, Junction City, Kan. The Black Lions, activated in 2006, are one of the Army's newest modular infantry brigade combat teams. In preparation toward the Black Lions' deployment to a combat environment, the battalion soldiers completed a demanding four-week collective training density at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and

counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Patterson is an infantryman with one year of military service.

He is the son of Roger M. Patterson of State Highway 1778, Hustonville, KY and Irene M. Kidwell of Wallin St., Brodhead, KY.

The private is a 2005 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

"Legislature"

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then pay prisoners to work for them on prison grounds. The employers would be screened to make sure jobs would not be lost in the surrounding community as a result.

It is hoped the program would help prisoners return to free society with the skills to get a job.

The speed limit on some stretches of Interstate highway in Kentucky could be raised to 70 miles per hour, under a plan approved unanimously by the Senate Transportation Committee this week. Senate Bill 83 would allow the state's Transportation Cabinet to increase the limit from the current 65 mph wherever feasible from a safety and engineering standpoint.

Supporters of the change point out that 70 mph is an increasingly common speed limit on Interstates nationwide, citing as an example that a motorists driving from Gary, Indiana, to Mobile, Alabama on I-65 would only have to slow down to the lower limit in Kentucky.

The Senate Judiciary Committee last week approved a bill to require women seeking an abortion to meet face-to-face with a doctor or the doctor's representative one day before undergoing the procedure. Senate Bill 179 is an effort to tighten a law passed in 1998 that many in the General Assembly thought did that very thing. But in 2001, the Kentucky Medical Licensure Board interpreted the law to mean that the meeting could take place over the tele-

phone. This year's bill clarifies that the meeting must be in person, and requires that the doctor or his proxy tell the woman about the medical risks of abortion, the approximate gestational age of the fetus and the risks associated with carrying the child to term.

It also requires the woman to be told that the state publishes materials about abortion, alternatives to abortion and medical assistance benefits she could receive if she decided against the abortion. She also must be told that the father of the fetus must help her support the child if it is born.

The full Senate last week also passed a measure requiring every registered sex offender in Kentucky — more than 6,000 in all — to list their online identities along with their name and address on the state sex offender registry. This would include e-mail addresses, instant messaging screen names, names on their personal web pages such as MySpace, and other online IDs. Not only would this help law enforcement, supporters say, but parents themselves could check the screen names of the people their children are chatting with and make sure they're not convicted child predators.

We need your new mailing address!

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Keeping warm while saving energy.....

Family and Consumer Sciences

Hazel Jackson

Rockcastle County Extension Office

There are quite a few things you can do to save on energy costs but still be comfortable in your home. They may sound simple, but they work!

First, turn down the thermostat! A general rule of thumb is that you can save about 3 percent on your heating bill for every degree you set back your thermostat full-time. If you have a gas furnace, you can turn down the thermostat 10 degrees when you go to work and again when you go to bed -- a total of 16 hours a day -- and you can save about 14 percent on your heating bill. It's also a good idea to check the heating vents. Be sure they're not blocked by rugs, furniture or draperies to prevent the heated air from circulating efficiently.

Next, use fans wisely. Kitchen and bathroom ventilation fans serve a good purpose so be sure to use them. However, turn them off as soon as they've done their job. Even for just one hour, a hard-working ventilation exhaust can force out a houseful of warm air and bring in cold air that must be heated. If you have ceiling fans, be sure they are set to push warm air down into the room. Remember, warm air rises and if you have high ceilings, use the fan to help distribute the warm air throughout the room.

Another easy savings is to turn down the hot water heater. Lowering the temperature in the water heater to 115-120 degrees reduces power use without a noticeable difference to the user.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Just a reminder for parents of 5th graders: You will need to get your child's immunization certificate updated and a physical before beginning middle school.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Monday: Brooke Cromer
Tuesday: September Miller

Wednesday: Will Martin

Thursday: Rachel Phelps
Project Wisdom quote for this week is: "All can be successful on smooth seas; it is

the one who conquers the storm who gains real honor."

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.

Strawberry Order

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

Good Friday usually signals the start to a New Home Gardening season. April 6th is just over 6 weeks away, making this a good time to plan for strawberries! Strawberry plants aren't readily available and usually require purchasing from garden catalogs.

To assist Home Gardeners in getting high quality plants in small quantities at low cost, sur-

rounding County Extension offices are pooling a strawberry order. This year All Star and Early Glow plants are available at \$12.00 per 100 plants. Plants can be ordered at the Extension Office with payment due at time order is placed. Plants will arrive on Thursday April 5th. Orders will be taken till March 15th.

Board of Directors Meeting
Daniel Boone Development Council will be having a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 6 p.m. in Laurel County at the Cumberland Valley ADD office. Public is invited to attend.

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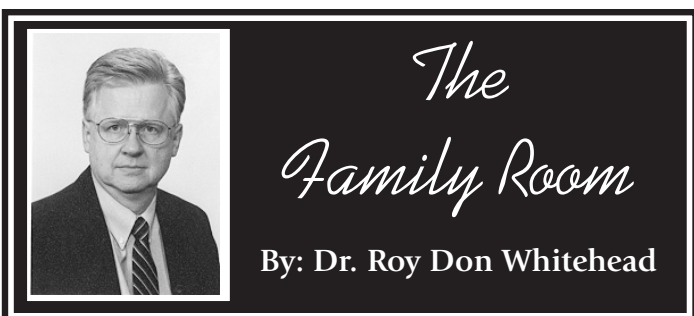
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RCMS Honor Roll

2nd Grading Period Honor Roll
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The Berea College Appalachian Fund announced that it has awarded \$10,000 to Bethany House Abuse Shelter in Somerset. The Fund was established through a gift from Herbert Faber and Ruth McGurk Faber. Since 1950, the Fund has supported nonprofits working to improve the general education, health and physical well being of people living in the Appalachian Mountains and surrounding areas.

David Cooke, director of the Fund, expressed confidence in Bethany House and the work that it is doing in this region to aid victims of domestic violence and their children. This grant for 2007 represents a 100% increase over the 2006 grant. Mr. Cooke stated that he was glad to recommend to the Fund's board of directors that they provide the increased amount. Prior to making his recommendation to the board, Mr. Cooke visited the shelter and was impressed with what he saw during that visit. He was able to observe first-hand a number of the services that Bethany House provides to victims of domestic violence.

Bethany House interim director Robert H. Brown stated, "We certainly appreciate this vote of confidence from the Berea College Appalachian Fund. They have been helping agencies in this region for fifty years, and it is an honor to receive this kind of support from them."

Bethany House provides services to victims of domestic violence in the ten counties of the Lake Cumberland Area Development District. Counties served are Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor and Wayne. Victims of physical or emotional abuse in any of these counties may receive services from Bethany

House at no charge. Bethany House staff provides crisis intervention and safe temporary shelter, food, clothing, transportation, individual and group counseling, legal referrals and a 24 hour crisis line. Services are not limited to victims who reside at the shelter.

The Berea College Appalachian Fund grant will be used for two purposes: 1) to pay rent, security deposits and utility deposits for victims of domestic violence who are setting up housekeeping on their own after living at Bethany House, and 2) for medication, equipment and supplies used at St. Luke's Medical Clinic, a free medical clinic operated by Bethany House.

Moving from a shelter to independent living can require a large outlay of cash initially. Two months rent, security deposit and utility deposits can easily amount to \$800 or more. For a mother supporting two children on minimum wage, this can be an impossible sum. The Berea College Grant will pay a part of these expenses to help the victim establish a new home.

One of Pulaski County's best kept secrets is St. Luke's Clinic. Located on Monticello Street, the clinic provides free medical care to anyone who asks for help. Dr. Orville Stein and Dr. Gerard Weigel volunteer their time to staff the clinic three mornings per week. The clinic was originally begun by Christian Appalachian Project and continues because of the dedication of volunteers like Dr. Stein and Dr. Weigel. Other volunteers help register and assist patients. For more information about St. Luke's, call 606-451-8282.

[If you or someone you love is in a violent relationship, call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348.]

AMSP sponsoring Reality Stores

The Appalachian Math and Science Partnership, AMSP, is sponsoring two College Reality Stores in the Central Kentucky Region this spring. The first event will be at Kentucky State University on Saturday, April 14, 2007 and then University of Kentucky will serve as host on Saturday, April 21, 2007.

The College Reality Stores are designed for students who

are interested in exploring careers in mathematics, science, engineering, technology, math education, science education, health sciences and/or agricultural science.

Students in grades 7-11 are invited to attend one or both of the events and their parents are strongly encouraged to join them. We also welcome teachers, counselors and administrators.

RCMS KUNA Update...

Submitted by Hannah Bullock

Yia'sas pedia! That means "Hello, you all" in Greek. As some of you may know, KUNA time is right around the corner. Some of RCMS's Student YMCA members will be heading out to Louisville for the big Kentucky United Nations Assembly on Sunday, February 25th. We have all been working extra hard with our KUNA preparations, but one small group has been working even harder to find out their country's views and standpoints on certain issues. Their position is entitled "Security Council". These three students that are so crucial to the status of our delegation are Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Cameron, and Starla Bond. Matthew will be representing the sixth grade's country, Greece. Billy will act as the

seventh grade's Security Council delegate for their country, Cyprus. Starla Bond will be the Security Council Ambassador for the eighth grade's country, Italy. The Security Council's duties include debating on specially selected proposals and knowing their countries view on every important, international issue.

Just a reminder! The middle school will be hosting the KUNA Parade of Nations on February twenty-third at eleven o'clock and twelve o'clock. Yia'sous! (That means "Goodbye" in Greek.) Don't forget to read my page next week to find out what happened at Junior East KUNA.

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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: overhand 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.
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 * 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.

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 Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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“Chamber”

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Cash was the first to speak and told the 26 people in attendance that things in Brodhead were good.

Cash, who has been Mayor of Brodhead for nine years, said the usual routine problems such as water line breaks in the winter time, eyesores caused by abandoned buildings and other small items covered about everything going on right now.

Cash also spoke briefly about his town's Christmas decorations and the number of out-of-town visitors who travel to Brodhead just to see the lights. “We put a lot of work into making the city look good at Christmas,” Cash said.

Cash did not mention the city's pending water project, which caused the city's water rates to increase, but he did tell the Chamber that the city was going to use \$3,000 they had received from a car show at Renfro Valley to put in concrete trash containers on Main Street.

Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin told the council that he had been spending most of his time since taking office in January working on the city's sewer plant, saying that “it is now in good shape.”

Griffin also said the city was working on a water project to build a new water tower and replacement of water lines. Thanks to a \$500,000 grant secured by State Representative Danny Ford and State Senator Ed Worley, Livingston has about half of what they need.

The other \$500,000 has been applied for, Griffin noted.

The mayor also told the chamber members his council was working on a city park project

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby, who was attending her first Chamber meeting, discussed several projects in the city involving hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The total upgrading of the infrastructure of Main Street, new sewer lines around Lake Linville, new playground equipment at the lake, a sidewalk project along Richmond Street and the need for a new sewer plant were on Kirby's list of projects.

\$320,000 for a portion of the Richmond Street sidewalk project and \$380,000 in monies

Workforce Opportunity Expo, set for April 13-14

Before the county's Mayors and Judge-Executive took center stage on Tuesday, Rockcastle County Development Board Project Coordinator Lynn Tatum announced the dates for the Workforce Opportunity Expo.

The Expo will be held April 13th and 14th at the former Rockcastle Manufacturing plant in Industrial Park Number One.

The Expo is scheduled for 1 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Tatum said the Expo's theme will be *Working for the Present - Preparing for the Future*.

“There will be some employers at the Expo taking job applications but there will be many more people there to help people prepare themselves for future employment,” she said.

Besides classes on how to dress for success, mock interviews will be set up in the offices at the factory and the interviews will be critiqued.

“Expo goers will be given information on what they did right or what they did wrong in the interview and will be given instructions on how they could make their interview have more of an impact on a potential employer,” she said.

Entrepreneurial experts will also be on hand to provide information to those who may be interested in starting their own business.

Information on adult education classes will also be available.

“We are trying to help as many people as possible during this first-ever Expo,” Tatum said.

For more information call (606) 256-8007.

for sewer projects, which includes funding for a study on the current sewer plant operation, are in place.

A \$750,000 PRIDE grant from Congressman Harold Roger's office has also been secured for the new sewer lines around Lake Linville Road to the boat and, according to the mayor, the project is awaiting an ordinance from the county, which will require land owners along the lake to hook up to the new sewer lines.

Grants for \$500,000 will be applied for to help pay the estimated \$600,000 it will take to rebuild the sidewalks along Main Street and install new sewer and water lines. The city will kick in \$100,000 themselves, much of that in in-kind work by city employees. The proposed Main Street project will include new water and sewer lines, new drains, new sidewalks and new street lights. Trash cans currently being used on Main Street will also be removed by the city. “Those trash cans have just become an eyesore and dumping ground for some people,” the Mayor said.

The Main Street project will run from the railroad tracks at Richmond Street and West Main Street at the north and end past Elmwood Cemetery to the south.

The Mayor said a master plan by the city and property owners would be developed for Main Street.

And, a \$100,000 matching grant for playground equipment at the lake is being applied for from the Land and Water Conservation program.

Mayor Kirby also told chamber members that landowner Johnny St. Clair, who owns property at the corner of Hwy. 150 and Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon, had been notified that his property was in violation of the city's public nuisance ordinance.

“He has not tried to get in touch with us and if he doesn't pretty soon, we will have the property cleaned up and we will send him the bill,” the Mayor said.

The Mayor also reminded everyone that Old Fashion Tradin' Days on Main Street was scheduled for April 20-21.

Kirby said a \$20 fee for booth space would be charged. Those interested should call city hall for more information.

Non-profit organizations, church groups, school groups, etc., will not be charged.

Judge-Executive Carloftis, who was also attending his first chamber meeting, said he appreciated the working relationship the fiscal court had with all of the mayors in the county.

Carloftis spoke about economic development, better ways to promote tourism, the fiscal court's bonding potential, the poorly planned intersection of I-75 with US 25 in the county and what a beautiful place Rockcastle County was to live in.

The Judge said that because the I-75 interchanges in the county were built by cutting through cliffs, the terrain did not lend itself to any commercial development, which has “somewhat slowed economic growth. The judge also pointed to the lack of natural gas as a reason for no new industry in the county and the fact that the county's infrastructure is not what it should be.

Carloftis said that some people have told him they thought he was against large companies locating in the county but he said this was not true.

“Would I like to see a large employer locate in the county? sure I would,” the Judge said.

But Carloftis said that instead of one company with 200 employees, he would much rather see ten businesses with 20 employees each.

The Judge said recent statistics show that 70 percent of the United States' workforce is employed by small businesses.

Carloftis also said the county would have a bonding potential of \$6 million in the next three years and, instead of being completely debt free except for the county jail, the fiscal court should put that money to good use.

The Judge said the county needs a good strong development plan that will work.

One idea the Judge had was for the development board to buy vacant buildings on Main Street in Mt. Vernon and rehabilitate them. “After reviewing

business plans, give business owners three years of free rent and if they have been able to make it for three years they are very likely to make it for good. Charge them rent after the three year period,” he said.

The Judge pointed to the fact that Main Street is only a mile and a half from I-75 and, with proper planning, could be a vibrant business area.

“The development board is very interested in trying to do something like they have in Clinton, TN, where they draw thousands of tourists each year to their antique shops and their Main Street is not as quaint as Mt. Vernon's,” he said.

The Judge also said that he did not understand why the Rockcastle County Tourism office in Renfro Valley did not advertise that they have tourist information on hand.

He also said it was a mistake by owners of the entertainment center to not advertise the Barn Dance on their interstate sign. “That is totally up to them, but most people know about the Renfro Valley Barn Dance and when they see Renfro Valley Entertainment Center they may wonder if it is casinos, slides or water parks - it doesn't say anything about music,” he said. “You might as well throw a burlap sack over it,” he noted.

The Judge-Executive also said that although population growth in the county was somewhat stagnant, estimates were that the county would have a population of 20,000 by 2017, up from the current 16,000 or so.

“Because it is such a beautiful, nice place to live, people don't mind driving a little to go to work, like they use to” Carloftis said.

“But there are things we can do to make the county more attractive to businesses and prepare for a population increase and keep it beautiful, we just have to ignore the naysayers and use the county's wonderful assets,” he said. “Don't put any naysayers on any boards,” he said.

“Shooting”

(Cont. from front)

kicked the door in and he was carrying some type of club and that is when Sandy's male companion shot Tommy,” Peters said.

McClure was taken by ambulance to the Rockcastle Hospital where he was treated for the gunshot wound.

Following discharge from the hospital, Peters arrested McClure for violation of the DVO.

McClure was being processed at the Rockcastle Detention Center at press time Wednesday.

Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane, who is also investigating the case, said that other charges against McClure may be filed and that the investigation continues.

“Water”

(Cont. from front)

accomplishments in high school sports but, in the future, they may be known as the home of the King of spring water.

At last week's regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education, the board and King Bottling Company of Climax entered into an agreement to sell his company's spring water with the school's logo on the label, or “Rocket” water at grocery stores in the area.

The school system will receive \$1.00 for each case sold and this money will go directly toward all extra curricular activities in the school system.

School superintendent Larry Hammond said the water may also be sold by some of the booster clubs in the county, which have no affiliation with the school system.

The local school system already has a contract with Pepsi Cola Bottling company to sell their products in the school system, including bottled water.

Hammond said that board attorney Jerry Cox had reviewed the contract with King and saw no conflicts.

King said he would have the Rocket bottled water on store shelves in the area around April 1st.

“Brodhead”

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nance can be found on page B-6 of this week's Signal.

“Meeting”

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simply too far away,” Fields said.

“The quickest I have ever made the trip to Mt. Vernon from cleftRock was 15 minutes on the way to the hospital with a young man who had been bitten by a snake,” he said.

“It simply can't be traveled in less than 20 minutes in a fire truck,” Fields said.

Fields said Sunday's meeting would be more of an information gathering session to see what was needed to get a fire department started in the area.

Fields said that he hoped discussion will be held concerning “trash” pumps on tanker trucks which can take water from ponds, creeks, streams or the river to fight fires. “There is plenty of water, it is just a matter of getting it to the fire,” he said.

One such place is a dry hydrant at a pond on the Ruby Norton farm. Water from that pond was used to fight a fire at the home of Randy and Michelle McClure last Spring.

Fields said that it was also his understanding that 13 people had to volunteer and seven had to be certified by the state before the department could be eligible for state funding.

“I don't think it will be a problem to get 13 volunteers from the area,” Fields said.

There is already a 3,000-gallon water storage tank on the cleftRock property, which is at the end of the water line, and which can only be used to fight fires.

A special fitting was put on the tank so it can be used to help fight fires in the area.

Mt. Vernon firefighters emptied the tank last month while fighting the fatal fire.

Fields said the water association was also trying to find money to build an elevated 20,000 gallon storage tank at the highest point in the area, on Bogie Smith Hill, which would also provide more water for firefighters.

Field's said he hopes all state, county and city officials will attend Sunday's meeting.

Mt. Vernon fire chief Garry Hansel, who is also chief of Mt. Vernon's county department, said he would be in attendance as has Hal Holbrook Director of Emergency Services for the county. Holbrook said at last Tuesday's meeting of the fiscal court that it might be more feasible for the area to try to acquire a sub-station rather than a full-blown fire department.

Karen Wilburn, who lives in the area and who is helping to organize Sunday's meeting, said all efforts toward the formation of the fire department were being done in memory of Dustin Brian

“Governor”

(Cont. from front)

Pensol said.

More information concerning the Governor's visit will be made available in the next couple of weeks.

The Governor's last visit to the county was in May, 2006.

“Circuit Court”

(Cont. from front)

and growing over five marijuana plants.

The incident that led to Stewart's indictment took place last June and arresting officer

William “Bo” Harris, said Stewart had a firearm in his possession at the time the crimes were committed.

Last month Stewart pled guilty to an amended charge of first degree possession of drugs, second degree trafficking and cultivation of marijuana.

At that time Judge Tapp agreed to five year sentences on each count, which will run concurrent.

Also on Friday, Kelly Doyle Thompson, 37, of Orlando will be arraigned on a charge of manslaughter.

Thompson was indicted in January for a September 29th traffic accident, which resulted in the death of Enita Bradley, 34, of Mt. Vernon.

Thompson is accused of driving drunk and under the influence of drugs when he lost control of the Chrysler Sebring in which Bradley was a passenger.

Thompson is being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center after deputies, Derrick Price and Michael Brummett arrested him on the indictment warrant, while Thompson was awaiting court proceedings in district court.

Thompson was set for a pre-trial conference on driving under the influence and open containers in a vehicle, in connection with the fatal accident, but those charges were ordered transferred to circuit court along with the manslaughter charge.

According to court records, Thompson's blood alcohol level was well over the legal limit at .12, at the time of the wreck. His bond is set at \$100,000 cash.

Arraignments are also scheduled for Friday for James Christopher Combs, Scotty Kent Chattelle and Daniel Kyle Nolan.

Also on Friday, Michael Allen, Stormy Dawn Bullock, Mitchell Dooley, Tinnie Kirby and Robert Jake Tillery are scheduled to enter guilty pleas.

Probation Revocation Hearings are scheduled for Melanie Campbell, Michael J. Cromer, Greg Damrell, John L. Fain, Donald Gadd, and Stephanie Durham Reynolds.

Pretrial conferences are set for Donald Jones and Kenneth Ray Leedy. Case reviews will be held for Joyce Hoover, Darrell Lamb, Jr., Christopher D. Sears and Peter Marshall Segedy.

On Friday, Michelle York will also have her record wiped clean of two indictments, one from 2003 and one in 2004, after completing a pretrial diversion program.

“Lots”

(Cont. from front)

day that the lots would be closed about the first of April.

The Mayor also apprised the council of several grants that

have been applied for by the city, and asked them to approve resolutions for the applications. They include:

A Land and Water Conservation matching grant for \$100,000 for playground equipment for Lake Linville;

A TEA-21 80/20 matching grant for \$500,000 to replace water and sewer lines on Main Street and for new sidewalks in the same area. Mayor Kirby told the council that the project would also use a \$380,000 appropriation secured for the city by Cong. Hal Rogers in 2004 and

A Main Street Renaissance grant for the Jones Building, in the amount of \$100,000 which would cover new windows and a new roof for the building.

Kirby also told the council that bids would be let soon for the \$400,000 project which will provide sidewalks from the railroad track toward McDonald's, but would not provide funding all the way to McDonald's. The original plan calls for replacing sidewalks on both sides of the street from the tracks but Mayor Kirby said Wednesday that she might talk with the council about changing the project to new sidewalks from the existing sidewalks on Richmond Street and repairing the existing sidewalks in order to get sidewalks closer to McDonald's.

\$320,000 of the \$400,000 is already in place for the sidewalk project. The city will have to come up with the additional \$80,000 in in-kind contributions and cash.

The council also heard a report from Deb Bledsoe with Appalachian Science in the Public Interest about the Alcoa grant received for work around Lake Linville. Bledsoe told the council that the \$19,130 grant would cover a riparian buffer along Renfro Creek, a fence along the buffer and trees and flowers. Work on the project will begin in March.

Councilwoman Lonetta Daugherty brought up straightening up the city limit's boundary lines. The matter was discussed with Mayor Kirby saying that the city might have to hire someone to go door to door in the areas needed to square off the boundary lines to see if there was enough support. Kirby said it takes the approval of 55% of the landowners in the area to be annexed before the city can proceed.

The parking problem on Main Street was also discussed with the council approving a survey of businesses as to their parking needs and habits before the city decides on a course of action which will guarantee parking for the public with business on Main Street.

Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney told the council that with the recent publicity, the situation had improved in the last week.

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Lose to Lincoln and Jackson County

Rockets beat Whitley Co.

It took 31 minutes and 20 seconds on Monday night, but the Rockcastle County Rockets finally got the lead and held on for their fifth victory of the season.

The 81-78 win came over Whitley County on senior night at the ROCK.

The Rockets trailed by 14 at the end of the first period and nine at half-time, but a full court press in the second half helped the Rockets to stay in the game and pull out the victory.

Junior Devin Hasty led eight Rockets in scoring with 21, followed by Jake Woodall's 13.

Derrick Thacker had 10, Lance Baldwin and Tanner Perkins, 9 each, Spencer Mullins, 8, Matt Bullens, 7 and Chris Hurst 4.

Rockets lose 72-51 to Jackson County

Tuesday night the Rockets dropped their 20th game of the season 72-51 at Jackson County, in front of a large homecoming crowd.

Jake Woodall, who was the only Rocket in double figures, had 10. Dustin Poynter and Perkins 9 each, Hasty, 8, Bullens and Hurst, 4 each, Bryan Clontz, 2 and Baldwin, 1.

Lincoln Co. beats Rockets 93-82

The 12th region's number one ranked team came to the ROCK on Friday expecting a blow-out win over the Rockets, but instead they found a tough opponent.

The Rockets found themselves behind by 11 at the end of the first period, but played even with the Patriots the rest of the game, losing 93-82.

A balanced scoring attack by the Rockets was led by Devin Hasty who had 19, Perkins added 16, Woodall, 13, Thacker, 12, Bullens, 11, Baldwin, 9 and J.J. Barnett, 2.

The Rockets are 5-20 on the season and play at South Laurel in a double header with the girls on Friday night.

The girls will play the first game at 6 p.m..

The Rockets will play host Pulaski County in the 47th district tournament on Tuesday night at 7 p.m.. The Rockets have lost both meetings between the two teams this season.

Admission for all district games is \$5.00.

Clontz's last second shot gives J.V. win

It was the third time this season he has done it, but this time the final shot of the game on Monday night by Bryan Clontz, gave the Rocket J.V. more than just a win, it also gave them a winning season.

As time ran out, the sophomore drove the length of the court and hit the game winning shot over visiting Whitley County, 57-56. Clontz had hit the last shot this season against West Jessamine and Knox Central.

The junior varsity, which ended their season with an 11-10 record, were in a close contest with the Colonels and fell behind by eight points at one time in the third period.

Nine Rockets were led in scoring by Spencer Mullins who had 13. Clontz scored 11, Cody Mize had 10, Dustin Poynter and Dustin Bishop, 6 each, Jake Riddle and Chris Evans, 4 each, Dustin Reynolds, 2 and Dakota Mahaffey, 1.

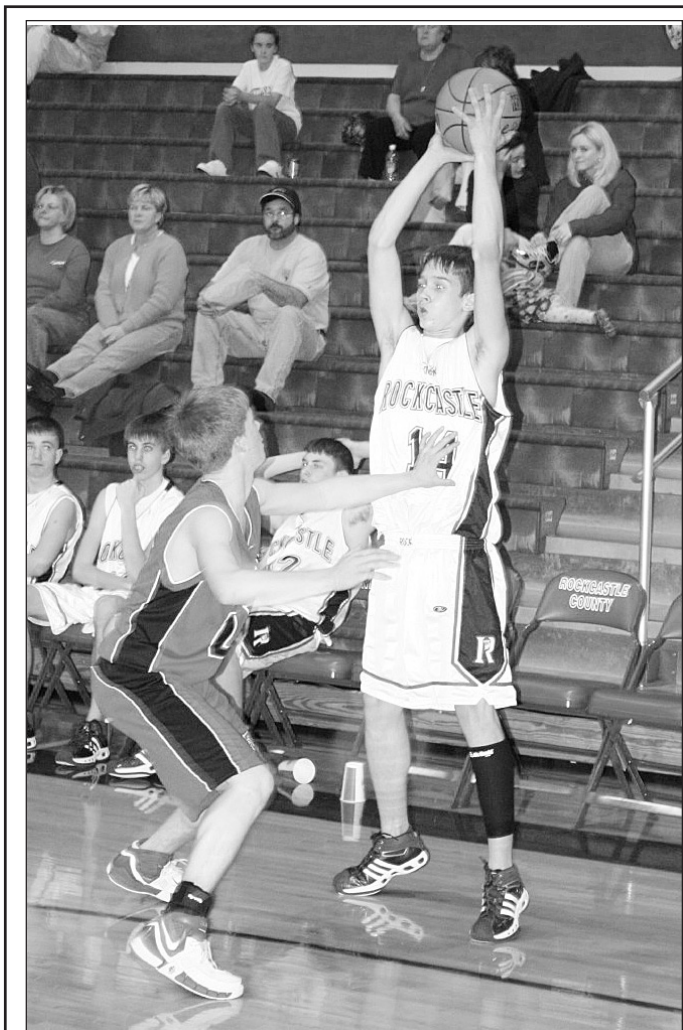
On Friday night the junior varsity played poorly, scoring only 22 points against visiting Lincoln County.

The final score was 38-22 and the was the junior varsity's 10th loss of the sea-

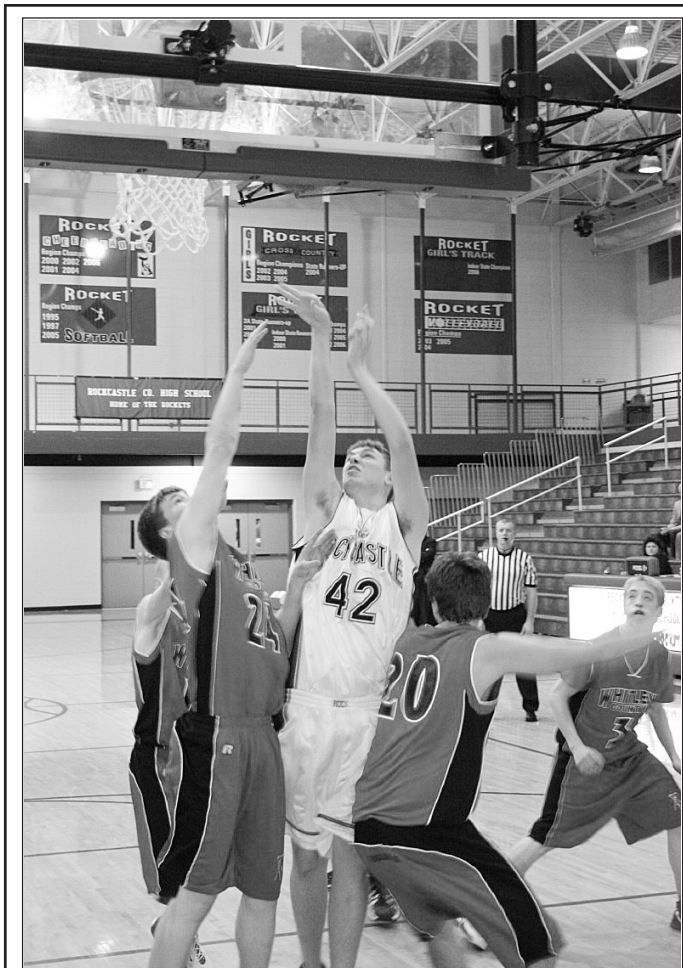
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Senior Chris Hurst is shown breaking the press in Monday night's win over Whitley County. Hurst had four points on the night. The Rockets play in the first round of the district on Tuesday night at Pulaski County against the host Maroons.



Rocket Chris Evans looks to pass the ball in the junior varsity's 57-56 win over Whitley County on Monday night. The junior varsity won their 11th game of the season. Evans had four points in the contest.



Rocket Dustin Poynter puts up a shot in Monday night's junior varsity win over Whitley County. Poynter had six points on the night. The junior varsity ended their season with an 11-10 mark.

Local Angus breeder recognized nationally

Lonnie Gene Cash, Brodhead, Kentucky, has been recognized nationally by the American Angus AssociationSM for having 4 registered Angus cows included in the Association's 2007 PathfinderSM Report.

Only 2,324 of the more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to John Crouch, executive vice president of the Asso-

ciation with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, reports Bill Bowman, Association director of performance pro-

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Lady Rockets defeat Jackson in overtime

Sports By: Richard Anderkin
The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets upped their season record to 19-9 with a thrilling 49-48 overtime win at Jackson County on Tuesday night, in front of a packed house.

The Lady Rockets trailed by 12 points at half-time, but had cut the Lady Generals' lead to just three at the end of the third period.

And at the end of regulation play, it was tied at 43.

With 2.5 seconds to go in overtime, sophomore point guard Mary Saylor hit the first of two foul shots, but missed the second one. However the one made shot was enough. The Lady Rockets got the rebound off the missed foul shot and time ran out.

"We played good enough to win and anytime you go into Jackson County and come away with a win on homecoming and senior night, you've done something right," head coach Chrysti Noble said.

"But we've got to play more consistently than we have lately if we are going to be successful in the tournament next week," Noble added.

Junior Sarah Rowe and Saylor combined for 38 of the Lady Rockets 49 points. Rowe had 21 and Saylor 17.

Three other Lady Rockets had three points each, Sonya Lunsford, Sara Hammond and Ashley Robinson. Katy Mattingly scored two points.

Junior Tonya Lunsford, who has missed the last two games because of a hyperextended knee, was expected to be released by doctors on Wednesday.

Rowe scores 24 Southwestern falls to Lady Rockets 65-54 for 18th win

The Lady Rockets won their 18th game of the season on Friday night with a 65-54 win at Pulaski Southwestern.

The Lady Rockets, who had lost to Corbin on Tuesday night, came out a little sluggish, trailing by three at the end of the first period and two at half-time.

But, just as the Lady Rockets have done on several occasions this season, the second half was all theirs, outscoring Southwestern 20-12 in the third period and 18-13 in the final period.

"I think our physical condition had something to do with the win - Southwestern seemed to get tired in the second half," Noble said.

Rowe led eight Lady Rockets in scoring with 24. Saylor had 10, Mattingly and Hammond 8 each, Sonya Lunsford, 6, Robinson, 4, Jackie Alexander, 3 and Morgan Collins, 2.

The Lady Rockets will begin defense of their 12th region title on Monday night at Pulaski County, when they take on the host team at 8:30 p.m.

The finals of the girls' 47th district championship will be played Thursday night at 7 p.m.

The Lady Rockets have defeated Pulaski County in both meetings this year.



Point guard Mary Saylor drives to the basket on Friday night in the Lady Rocket win over Southwestern, 65-54. It was the team's 18th win of the season. Saylor scored 17 points and hit the game winning free throw on Tuesday night at Jackson County. Also in the photo is forward Ashley Robinson. The Lady Rockets travel to South Laurel on Friday night.



Eighth grader Sara Hammond fights for and gets a rebound in the Lady Rockets 65-54 win over Southwestern on Friday night. The Lady Rockets will begin the defense of their 47th district title on Monday night at Pulaski County.



Senior Lance Baldwin played his final game on the Rockets' home floor on Monday night. Baldwin scored nine points in the 81-78 win, which was the Rockets' fifth of the season.




Jake Riddle goes up high to apply the defense on the junior varsity full court press. The junior varsity came out on top 57-56 over the Colonels for their 11th win of the season.



The Rockcastle County High School senior Rocket basketball players and cheerleaders, along with their parents, were honored Monday night before the Rockets game with Whitley County. Shown above is senior Lance Baldwin along with his parents, Johnny Ray and Jeanny Baldwin.



Manager Anthony Cook was honored along with his mother, Shirley Cook. They are shown with head coach Benny Blanton.



The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

In the last month several people have asked me to recommend a book on grieving. All three were going through grief after a family member had died.

Judy Tatelbaum wrote *The Courage to Grieve* partly out of her own experiences. Her brother died at age 20 in a car wreck, and that experience with grief started her on the journey that led to this book.

She identifies three phases of the grief process that all people go through after a loss. First, there is the state of shock, when the grieving person cannot believe that the loved one is really dead. Numbness may be a part of this stage. Second is the stage of suffering and disorganization, when the grieving person feels the terrible pain of the loss. He or she finds life very disorganized, because an essential part of life has been lost. The third stage is aftershock and reorganization. In this stage life begins to return to normal, though often interrupted by aftershocks of emotions for months or years later. A birthday or anniversary may trigger the emotions.

There is no timetable for grief. Friends and family may expect the grieving person to

get over the grief quickly. The grieving person may push himself to finish grieving long before he is ready. Grief is not finished in a few months.

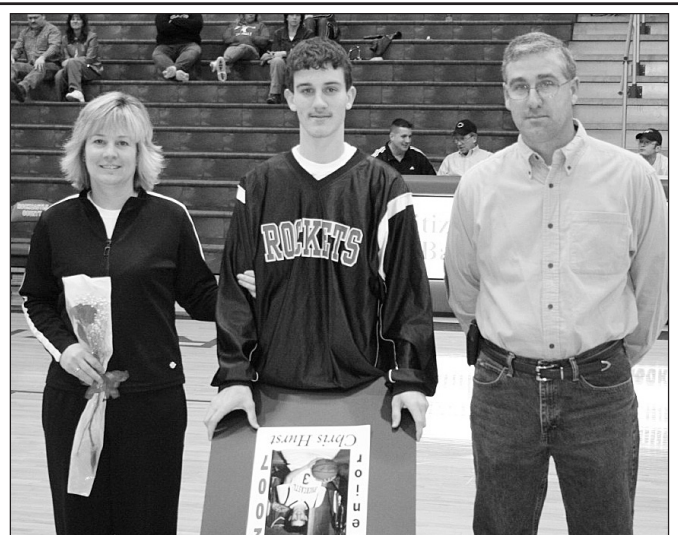
Tatelbaum says, "This then is the essential process of grieving -- repeating again and again the images of, and feelings about, our lost loved one until the mourning process is completed." To grieve fully means to experience the pain of the loss, without covering or denying that pain. To grieve fully means to experience and express all the emotions and reactions to the loss.

Most people do not like to hurt and so have invented various ways of denying the pain. When the pain is not expressed, the grieving process can stall and leave the person stuck in grief. Unexpressed grief is unhealthy.

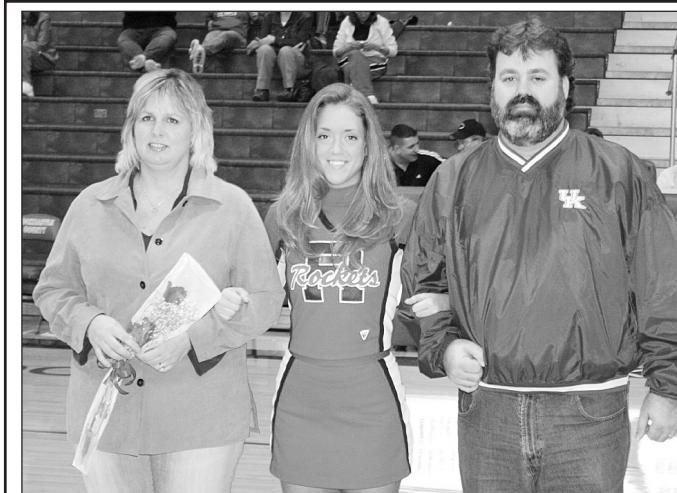
Friends and family may try to talk the grieving person out of expressing his feelings. "Don't cry" or "just stop thinking about him" are admonitions that discourage the person who is grieving from getting out those painful feelings inside.

Tatelbaum gives two ex-

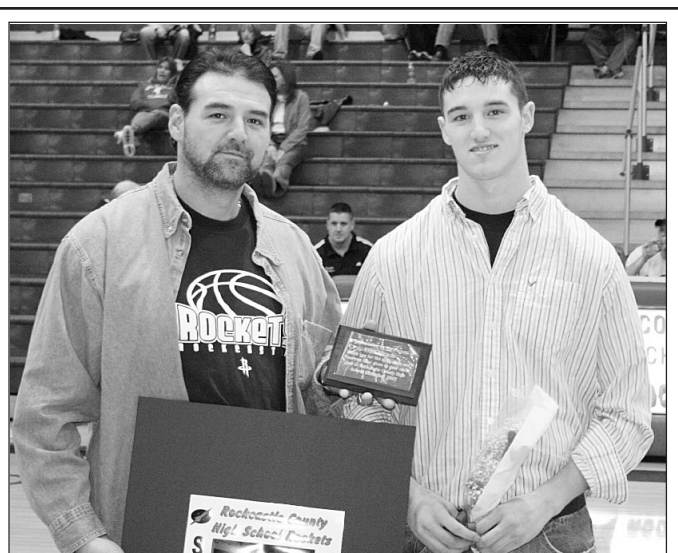
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Chris Hurst is shown with his parents, Barry and Stephanie Hurst.



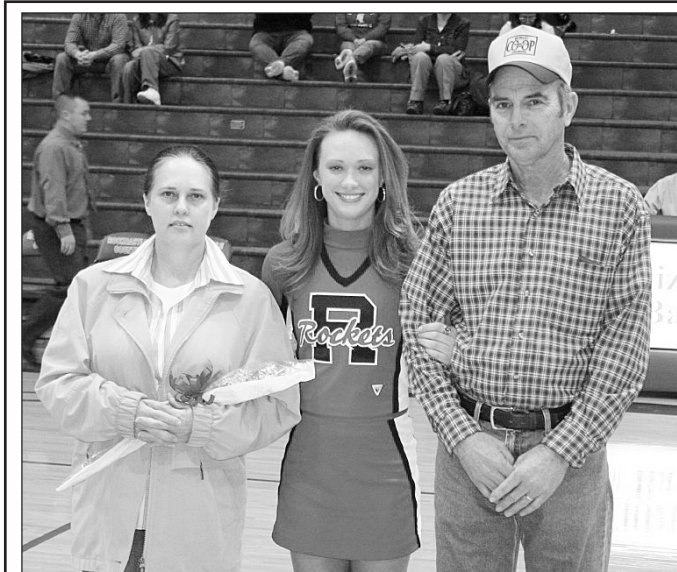
Elisha York is shown with her father, James York and step-mother, Francie York.



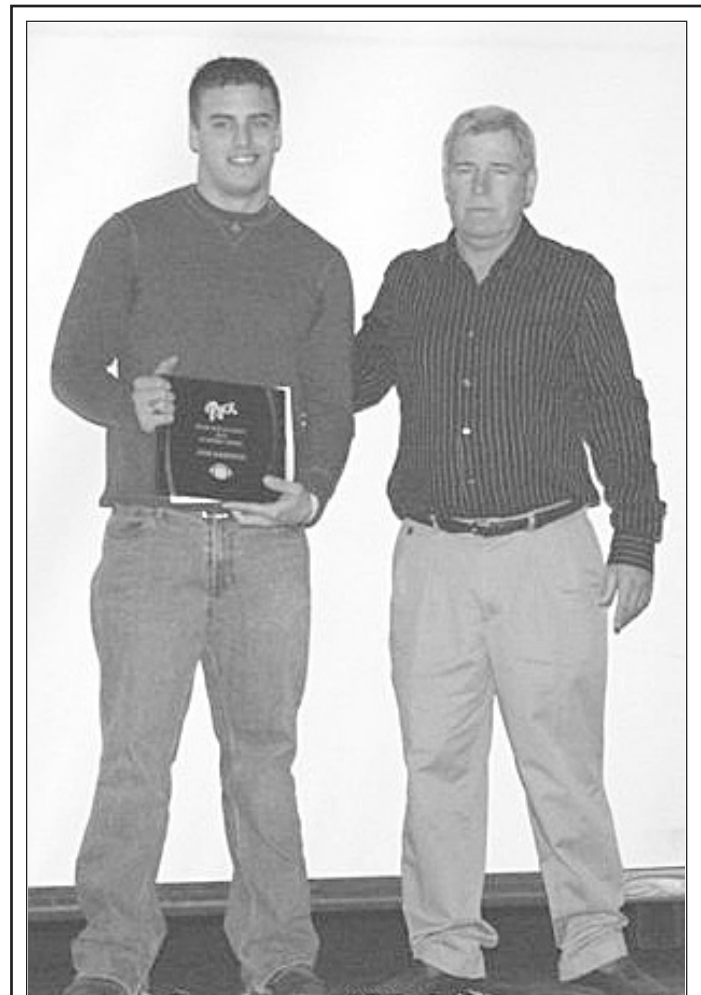
Lynn Miracle, injured early in the season, was honored along with his father, Raymond Miracle. Lynn is also the son of Lisa Mullins.



Morgan Kincer and her parents, Mike and Melinda Kincer.



Kim Cottrell is shown with her parents, Darrell and Brenda Cottrell.



RCHS head coach Tom Larkey presents Senior Josh Garrison with the Most Academic Senior. Josh has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his high school career

9th Annual Hunting Heritage Membership Banquet to be held

By Joan Garrison

The National Wild Turkey Federation announces that the Annual Hunting Heritage Membership Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the

"Breeder"

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grams. More than 1.5 million eligible dams and more than 5 million weaning records were examined to determine Pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the Association.

The 2007 Pathfinder Report lists 9,726 individual cows and 256 Pathfinder sires. It is published in the April issue of the Angus Journal, and copies are available from the Association. The reports appear on the Web site at www.angus.org. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 82. Started in 1978, the Pathfinder Program continues to recognize outstanding breeders participating in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) Program.

Rockcastle County Middle School. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, an auction, guns given away, games, and door prizes. The National Wild Turkey Federation is a family oriented organization and there will be fun for all! The dinner will be catered by the Rockcastle County Young Farmers Association.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance contact one of these committee members: Gerald Alexander at 606 256-5606, Joan Garrison 606 758-8030, Curtis Cash 606 758-9514, Tony Mahaffey 606 256-9955, Tim Sweet 606 256-9806, Billy Cameron 606 256-3640, or Jerry Martin 606 453-9906.

"Rockets"

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son. No Rockets were in double figures and the high point man of the game for the Rockets was Cody Mize who had 5 points.

Mullins had 4, Poynter and Evans, 3 each, Jamie Todd, Clontz and Mahaffey, 2 each and Riddle, 1.

"Rogers"

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District, which includes Rockcastle County.

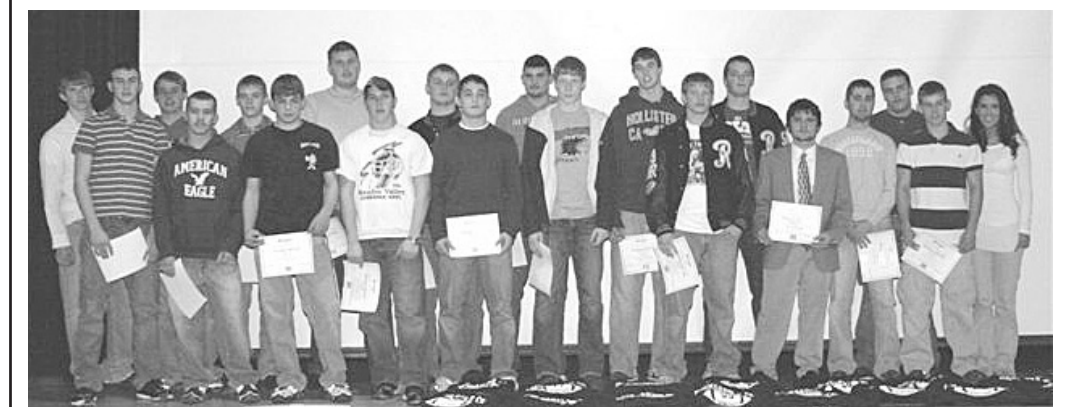
Rogers, who is the longest serving Kentucky Republican ever elected to federal office, was first elected to political office in 1969 when he won the seat of Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle and Pulaski.

Rockcastle Republican County Chairman John Ford said the meal would be catered by Singing Hills Inn of Renfro Valley.

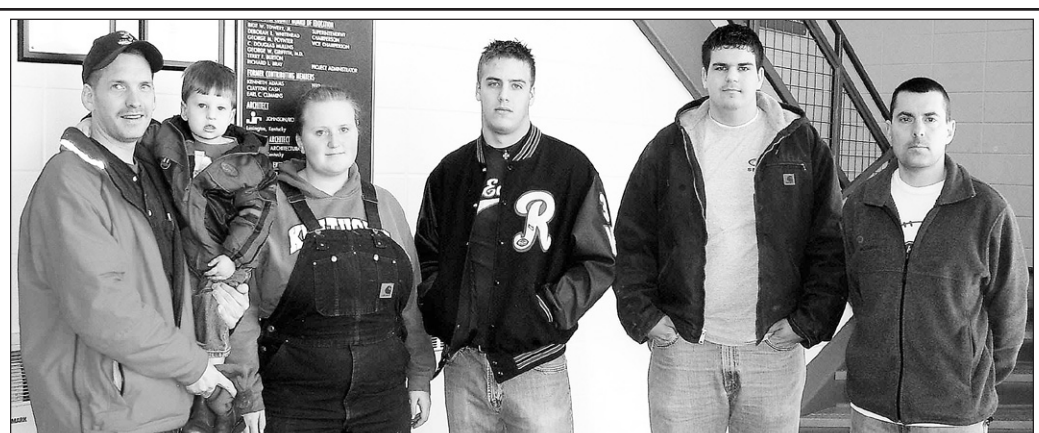
Tickets, which are \$15 each, can be purchased from Ford, 256-1919, Juanita Davis, 256-2842, Brenda McKnight, 256-2581 or Janet Vaughn, 256-4194.

Tickets may also be pur-

chased at the door, but advance tickets are encouraged.



Members of the All-State Academic Team are shown above, from left: Tanner Perkins, Logan Kincer, Dustin Bullock, Dakota McFerron, Jamie Todd, Brian Mize, Brad Durham, Devon Mason, Adam Hensley, Izak McQueary, Shawn Childress, Matt Bullens, Lynn Miracle, Nick Nolan, Donovan Pigg, Anthony Cook, Josh Renner, Josh Garrison, Steve Trimble and Megan Rader. Not shown was Dillion Asher.



This year the local NWTFF Chapter, Rockcastle Long Beards, awarded \$500 scholarships to three local Rockcastle County High School seniors. Presenting from the Rockcastle County Long Beards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation were Curtis Cash, vice-president, (left) and Tony Mahaffey, president, (far right) to: Josh Garrison, Emily Whitaker and Matthew Martin. Each of these students have at least a 3.0 grade standing, and are J.A.K.E.S (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics, and Skills). These students plan to further their education by attending college or technical school beyond high school. Applicants for the scholarship are judged on their scholastic achievements, leadership abilities, community involvement and commitment to conservation. The National Wild Turkey Federation has awarded over \$2 million in scholarship awards.



The seniors were also honored during the recent football banquet. Seniors are shown above, front row from left: Josh Renner, Dusty Miller, Izak McQueary, Adam Hensley and Adam Mink. Back row from left: David Robbins, Lynn Miracle, Donovan Pigg, Brad Durham, Shawn Childress, Josh Garrison and Robbie Carosello.

“Family Room” (Cont. from A11)

treme examples of the possible effects of unexpressed grief. One is Anna, who never mentioned her husband or shed a tear after his death. Six months later she began showing symptoms of senility. George faced the death of his son stoically, without tears. Six months later he had a heart attack. Unexpressed grief is both emotionally and physically dangerous.

In my own counseling, I often work with people who have unfinished grief. Mary came to me because of her depression. (Mary is a fictitious character.) She had no energy and wanted only to sleep and eat.

Mary's mother had died one year ago. Mary was angry with Mom for leaving her to take care of all her younger sisters. Because Mary felt guilty about being angry, she tried to shut down her feelings, and then the grief stopped, leading to her current depression.

When I told Mary that anger was normal in a grief situation, she seemed relieved. She began going to the cemetery and “talking” to Mom, telling Mom about the anger and many other feelings that she had. As she found ways to express her feelings, her grief began flowing again.

I highly recommend The Courage to Grieve. Check with the nearest bookstore.

[If you or someone you love is in a violent relationship, call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348 for help.]

“I loaned my boyfriend some money when we first began dating,” Vera told me when she came for counseling. “He needed it to get his car fixed so that he could get to work.” (All characters are fictitious.)

“That was over a year ago, Vera,” I reminded her. “Has he ever repaid you?”

She looked embarrassed. “No,” she replied, “but he tells me he will soon.”

“Is that all the money you

have loaned him?” I asked.

She wouldn't answer at first, but she finally said, “I guess I loaned him some more a couple of times. I'm not for sure how much, because I didn't keep a count on it.”

“Is the total more than a hundred dollars?” I asked.

“Yes,” she replied.

“More than \$200?” “Yes.”

“More than a \$1000?” “Yes.”

After much persuasion Vera finally admitted that she had loaned her boyfriend over \$4000! Vera still has hopes of getting her money back even though she has heard nothing from him for two months.

“Why did you loan him so much money?” I asked Vera. (Why questions are not usually

good questions for a counselor to ask, but I had to know the answer.)

“Because I loved him and he needed it,” she told me. “I am forty years old and I probably won't get another chance at having a relationship, so I wanted to do everything I could to make this relationship work.”

“I know a lot of people (including myself) who do not think of forty as ‘old,’” I told Vera. “If you believe this is your last chance, as you say, then you will put up with almost anything from a boyfriend.”

“No, I wouldn't put up with everything,” she said thoughtfully, “but I guess I would come pretty close.”

Vera was not wealthy by any

means and could not really afford to hand over \$4000 to a boyfriend. “What would you have done with that money if you had kept it?” I asked her.

“I was going to pay off my car and maybe go on a vacation,” she informed me. “It's been a long time since I had a real vacation trip -- probably ten years.”

“And now you haven't seen or heard from him for two months,” I reminded her. “Do you ever feel angry at him?”

“Never,” she replied. “I still love him and would take him back right now if he walked through that door. Can we stop talking about him and start talking about how to cure my depression?”

“Vera,” I answered, “your relationship with him is one of the main reasons you are depressed! It's hard to feel good about yourself while allowing him to take advantage of you.”

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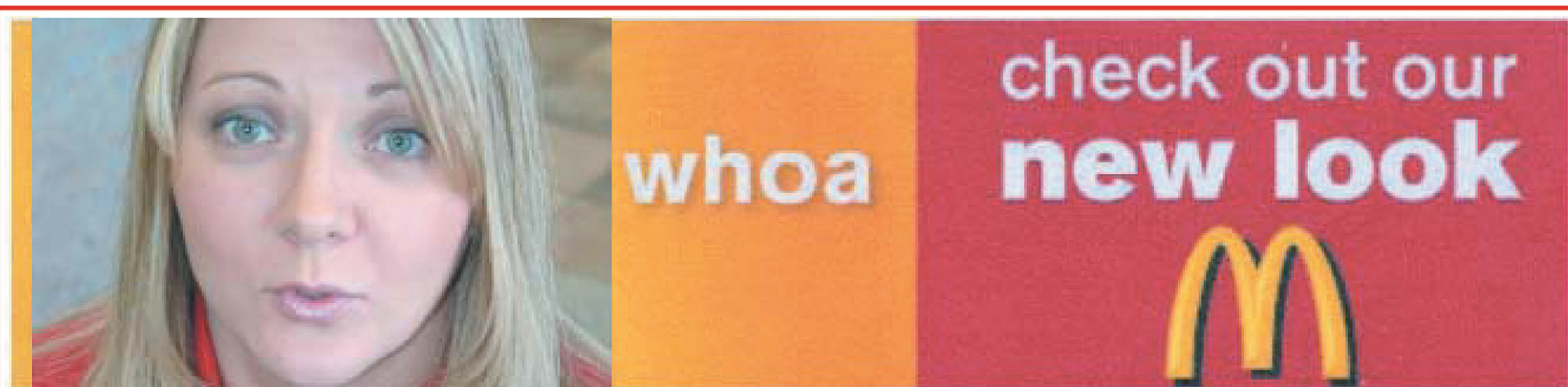
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Second Section

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Relay For Life

Cancer deaths decline for second year in a row

Recently, the American Cancer Society announced that cancer deaths declined in the United States for the second year in a row – a milestone event that indicates dramatic progress is being made against the disease.

There were 3,014 fewer cancer deaths in 2004 than in 2003, a significantly larger decrease than the 369 fewer deaths reported the previous year. Thirteen years of continuing drops in the overall cancer death rate have now overtaken trends in aging and growth of the US population, resulting in decreased numbers of deaths. The decline is strong evidence that decades of groundbreaking research, effective public health policies and public education has been worthwhile. Our hard work toward preventing cancer, catching it early, and making treatment more effective is paying dramatic, lifesaving dividends.

But while these new statistics give us cause to celebrate, it also gives us reason to redouble our efforts. Cancer remains the leading cause of death in Americans under age 85. The

adoption of tobacco control policies across the country has contributed to our remarkable progress against cancer, but these gains are threatened by cutbacks in funding for research and prevention programs. A few years after our nation doubled its investment in medical research, Congress cut cancer funding for the first time in more than a decade.

While the American Cancer Society will continue its aggressive fight against the disease, our sister advocacy organization, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM(ACS CAN), will work to inspire our lawmakers to recommit themselves to it as well. We wanted you, as a friend of the American Cancer Society, to be aware that your support has helped us make remarkable progress against cancer. To learn more about the American Cancer Society call us at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit

www. To participate in the Rockcastle County's Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, please contact Melissa Brock at 256-2195.

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.

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Stewart - Cromer

The parents of Leslie Stewart and Aron Cromer are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children. Leslie is the daughter of Tammy Kirby of Pine Hill and the late Jeff Stewart. Aron is the son of Mark and Ann Cromer of Brodhead. We would like to invite all friends and family to attend the ceremony at Morning View Holiness Church in Livingston on Saturday, March 3rd at 3 p.m. The reception will follow the ceremony at the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Pine Hill.

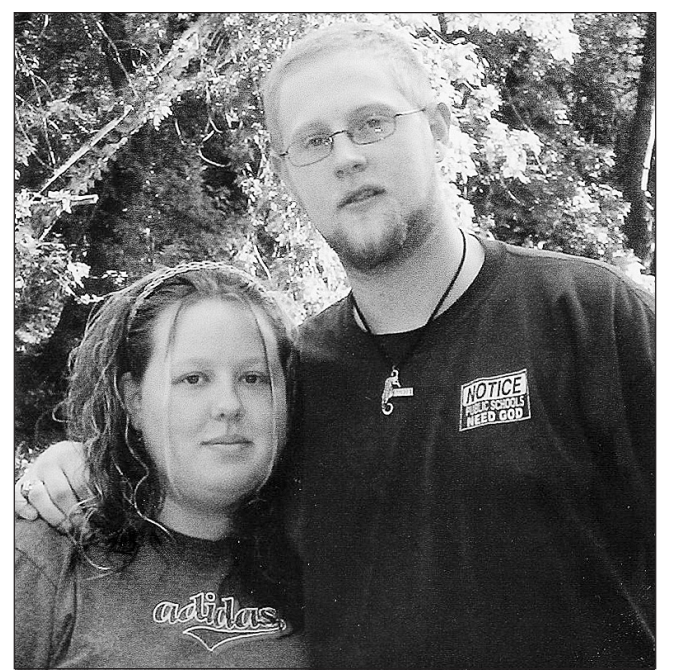
Ford wins auctioneering competition in Lexington

The Kentucky Auctioneer Association held the Annual Champion of Champions Auctioneering Competition held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Kentucky Auctioneers Association, this past weekend at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Lexington.



Devin Ford

Devin Ford of Ford Brothers Auctioneers and Real Estate in London, won the competition over former champions from 1979 through 2006. The second runner-up was Billy Frank Harned from Bardstown and the first runner-up was Steve Cherry of Bowling Green.



Bowman - Oliver

Glenn and Marsha Bowman of Mt. Vernon and Limuel and Sandra Oliver of Richmond would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Rebekah Cheryl Bowman of Mt. Vernon and Joshua Carlos Oliver of Richmond. The celebration of love will be Saturday, the tenth day of March, at the Fountain Park First Church of God in Richmond at 2 o'clock pm. All family and friends are invited to attend. Reception to follow at same location.

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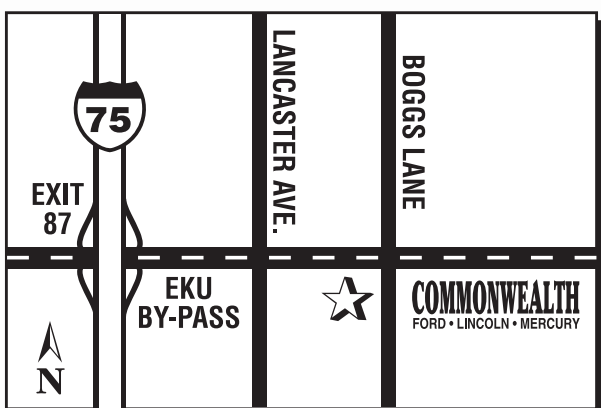
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'02 Lincoln LS V-8	\$15,980
'06 Ford F-350 4x4, Crew Cab, Dually	\$38,980
'98 Ford Ford F-150 4x4	\$7,980

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank vs. Deborah Sowder, \$913.95 plus claimed due. C-00023.
 Capital One Bank vs. Donna Montgomery, \$1,022.59 plus claimed due. CI-00024.
 Capital One Bank vs. Kathy Feltner, \$652.33 plus claimed due. C-00025.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Brenda Ambrose, \$1,516.67 plus claimed due. C-00026.
 Bluegrass Cellular, Inc. vs. Sharon Smith, \$1,503.34 plus claimed due. C-00027.

Circuit Civil Suits

Cabinet for Health & Family Services, ex rel. Albert Seals vs. Jo Seals, complaint for medical support. CI-00028.
 Tamela S. Maymon vs. Kolvan K. Miller, complaint for child support. CI-00029.
 Michael Ferguson vs. Amy L. Willis, complaint for child support. CI-00030.
 Lawrence Poynter vs. Terri Poynter, et al, complaint. CI-00031.
 Amanda Dunn vs. John Dunn, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00032.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Galen Brooks, \$5,693.10 plus claimed due. CI-00033.
 Daimler Chrysler Financial Service vs. Vickie Alcorn, et al, \$12,573.18 plus claimed due. CI-00034.
 Melody S. Howard vs. Gregory L. Howard, Sr., complaint for child support. CI-00035.

Cabinet for Health & Family Services, ex rel Ashley Doan vs. William Andrew Doan, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00036.
 Cabinet for Health & Family Services, ex rel Raymond Miracle vs. Alisa Mullins, complaint for medical support. CI-00037.
 Ky. Housing Corp. vs. Jason T. Medley, \$81,915.64 plus claimed due. CI-00038.
 Karen Miller vs. Edna Holbrook, et al, verified complaint. CI-00039.

Deeds Recorded

Anita Barron, property on Gentry-Laswell Road, to Larry Barron. No tax.
 Arnold and Connie Bowman, property on Lambert Rd., to C.W. Williams. Tax \$8.
 Sherman and Mary Hill, property on Big Hurricane Road, to Eugene T. and Lori E. Caldwell. Tax \$205.
 David and Freida Saylor, property on Copper Creek Road, to Ronnie W. and Sherry R. Pennington. Tax \$109.
 Patricia L. Bullock, property on waters of Cove Branch, to Walter R. and Fawn R. Tice and Kevin A. and Bly J. Lucas. Tax \$146.
 Tammy and Barry Blanton, property on Hwy. 618, to Jack Blanton. Tax \$8.
 Velma Croucher and Ardilla Tinch, co-executors, property near Snider Switch on Dixie Hwy., to Roy Lee and Velma Croucher. Tax \$45.
 Roy Lee and Velma Croucher, property on U.S. Hwy. 25, to Vonda Leeann and Jeff Poynter, and others. No tax.
 Terry Lee Norton, property on Red Foley Road, to Joseph E. and Wanda Ruth Masten. Tax \$13.
 Thomas F. and Shirley Gale Bullen, property on Old U.S. Hwy. 25, to City of Mt. Vernon. Tax \$50.
 Anvil and Barbara Smith, property on Copper Creek, to Roy Glen Smith. No tax.
 Pamela Hansel, property in Rockcastle County, to Dessie Middleton. Tax \$65.
 Mark and Michelle Baker, property on East Halcomb Rd., to Charles A. and Patricia Allen. Tax \$2.
 Glen and Patricia L. Allen, administrators, property in Rockcastle County, to Patricia Bullock Allen. No tax.
 Louanna Mae Falin, property in Mt. Vernon, to Ford Bros., Inc. Tax \$11.50.
 Lisa A. Reams, property on Freedom School Road, to

Vernice Hargis. Tax \$4.
 Frank and Jeanette Ramsey, property on Somerset Road, to Lloyd and Sadie Pittman. No tax.
 Lloyd Pittman, property on Somerset Road, to Lloyd Pittman and Evelyn Mullins. No tax.

Marriage Licenses

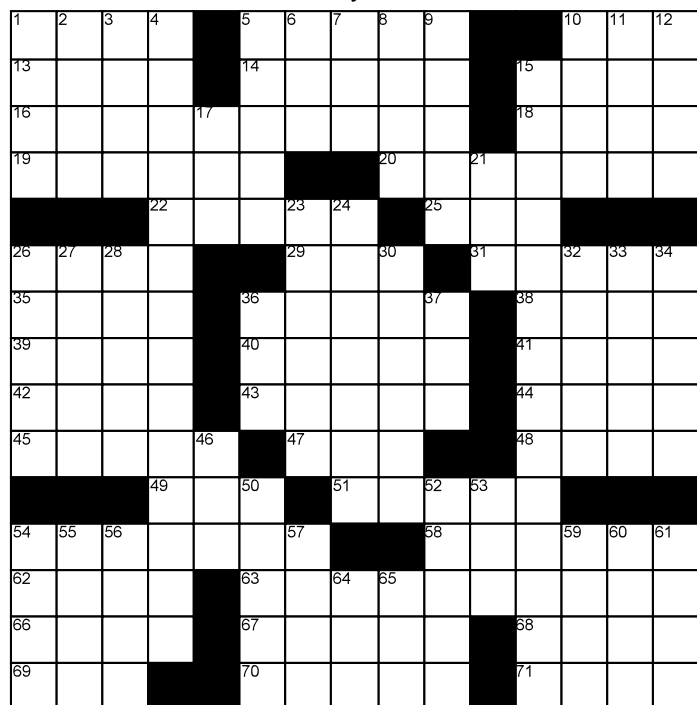
Amber Dawn Damrell, 18, Mt. Vernon, homemaker, to Gary Russell Ramsey, Jr., unemployed. 02/15/07.
 Debra Lynn Gillespie, 50, Mt. Vernon, disabled, to Kenneth Ray Paul, 56, Maynardville, TN, truck driver. 02/14/07.
 Tamara Mae McKinney, 19, Livingston, CDR Mfg., to Timmy Monroe Satterfield, Jr., 23, Williamsburg, disabled. 02/14/07.
 Leslie Leigh Stewart, 19, Brodhead, Wendy's manager, to Timothy Aron Cromer, 19, Brodhead, Tokico. 02/14/07.
 Patricia Gayle Denny, 25, Livingston, unemployed, to Paul Wayne Senters, 41, Livingston, Wilder's Solid Surfaces. 02/14/07.
 Tammy Lynn Cameron, 27, Mt. Vernon, Frank's Pizza, to Adam Todd Davidson, 26, Mt. Vernon. 02/09/07.

District Court

Feb. 12-14, 2007
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Arlando K. Anderson: Failure to give right of way to emergency stopped vehicle and part 395/Fed Safety Reg., action slip entered.
 Speeding: Linda M. Baltimore-Gaines, \$46 fine/suspended on completion of state traffic school and payment of costs; Demetrius L. Gunn, paid \$60 fine plus \$128 costs; Bridget M. McElroy, paid \$60 fine plus \$125.50 costs; Robert F. Pescor, \$30 fine suspended on completion of state traffic school and payment of costs; Christine M. Spring, paid \$34 fine plus \$128 costs; Charles H. Wood, II, Robert Jones, action slip entered; Billy S. Blanton, \$36 fine, suspend on completion of STS and payment of costs; Ricky D. Simpson, Aaron K. Denton, \$18 plus costs; Marilyn M. Dixon, Willie Hill, III, license suspended for failure to appear; Brian K. Sollars, paid;
 David P. Snyder: Alcohol intoxication in public place and probation violation, 30 day sentence imposed.
 William N. Wilson: Assault, 4th degree, sentencing order entered.

Kentucky Crossword # 301

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ACROSS

- 1 Madison Co. hamlet, or a Texas city
- 5 Pepsi and Coke
- 10 Kentuckian John Colgan's "chewing" invention
- 13 Complaints
- 14 Fragrance
- 15 Flower associated with the Kentucky Derby
- 16 2003 Academy Award nominated movie filmed in KY
- 18 Greek god of war
- 19 Spineless cactus
- 20 Owensboro, KY is this county's seat
- 22 Georgetown water supply, ___ Spring
- 25 Yang's partner
- 26 Kentuckian, infamous "hanging judge"
- 29 Sleep state
- 31 Quits moving
- 35 Pack
- 36 Wager
- 38 Happy Chandler dubbed him "Sales Tax Tom"
- 39 Type of riding horse
- 40 Bill Monroe/Ricky Skaggs tune, "___ Pen"
- 41 Bluegrass musician Scruggs
- 42 Change position
- 43 KY's highest waterfall
- 44 A great lake
- 45 Shiver

- 47 UK's NCAA conf.
- 48 Serene
- 49 Sesame plant
- 51 Enormous mammal
- 54 KY town called "Capital of Green River Country"
- 58 Acknowledgement
- 62 Band instrument
- 63 Mini-series shot near Richmond, KY, starring Richard Chamberlain
- 66 Wing-shaped
- 67 Elite group
- 68 Pitches
- 69 Preceded
- 70 Terraced walkway
- 71 Harness

DOWN

- 1 Parcel
- 2 Toward the shelter
- 3 Native KY county of Gov. Bert T. Combs
- 4 Kentuckian, musician Bob or Sonny, i.e.
- 5 Liberty, KY is this county's seat
- 6 Tolkien monster
- 7 Baseball's Gehrig
- 8 Among
- 9 Marinated meat dish
- 10 Clinton's VP
- 11 Aavils
- 12 Disorder
- 15 1957 movie shot in KY, starring Montgomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor
- 17 Japanese

- statesman
- 21 Sixers
- 23 Cincinnati's US Bank and Lexington's Rupp
- 24 Pine Mountain runs along this county's line
- 26 Loud noise
- 27 James Still wrote "River of ___"
- 28 Home KY county of Lindsey-Wilson College
- 30 Spiny lizard
- 32 Kentuckian, poet Theodore
- 33 Hazard
- 34 Livingston Co. spot, or Oregon's capital
- 36 Purchase
- 37 Modern
- 46 Life history
- 50 KY politician Ken
- 52 Details
- 53 Negative
- 54 KY's number one fuel source
- 55 Competent
- 56 Greenup Co. area, or cargo
- 57 Catch
- 59 Italian greeting
- 60 Pay attention
- 61 Otherwise
- 64 Born with the name
- 65 Faucet



SOLUTION TO KY 300

entered.
 Frank P. Sandoval: part 395/Fed Safety Regs, paid \$25 fine plus \$128 costs.
 Eddie W. Strong: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.
 David A. Wehmeier: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Stephen M. Robinson: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Amie Ruhe: No operators license in possession, \$25 fine.
 Darrel B. Schwab: Alcohol intoxication in public place, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
 John H. Sizemore: Public intoxication, 20 days/concurrent/costs waived.
 Lori L. Smith: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Wade L. Meddaugh: Speeding and failure to maintain required insurance, license suspended for failure to appear.
 John C. Nash: Speeding, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
 David A. Pennington: Oper-

ating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered; possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, \$25 fine.
 Veronica D. Bray: Public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.
 Tracey S. Bullock: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, action slip entered.
 Malcolm L. Campbell: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear/bench warrant issued.

Johnny G. Collins: No operators license, \$100 fine or 100 days in lieu of fine; No/expired registration plates, \$25 fine or 25 days; No/expired registration receipt, \$25 fine or 25 days; No insurance, \$500 fine or 500 days.
 Andrew R. Doss: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Travis A. Gray: Fines/fees due (\$128), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/3 days or payment.

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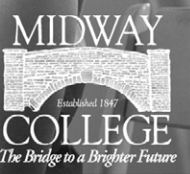
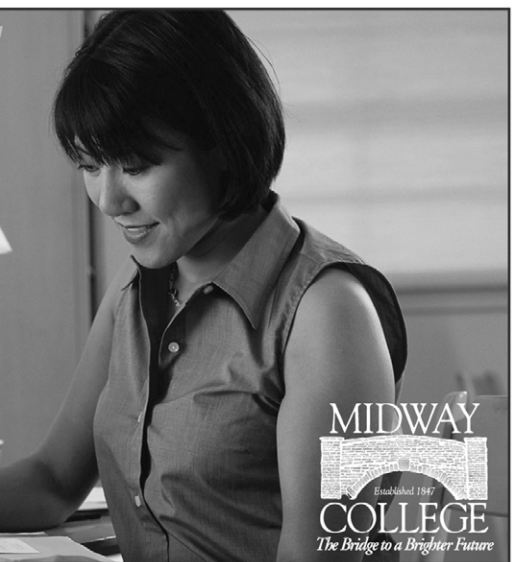
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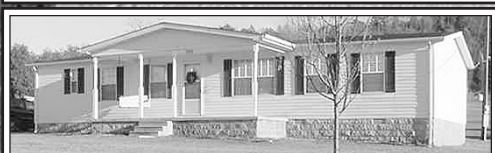
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Charming and Convenient! Located in the city limits of Mt. Vernon. This home features 3 BR, 1 BA, a fireplace, hardwood floors throughout and a basement. City water and sewer. M2168



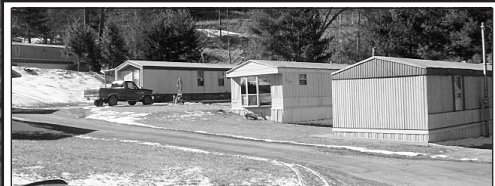
Where Neighbors Are Still Neighbors... you will find this 1994 Doublewide with 2 acres in the country. This 24x60 home features 3 BR, 2 BA, a formal dining room, kitchen, living room, and a fireplace. There is also a large back deck, and beautiful landscaping. The open range, refrigerator and two storage buildings stay. Asking price \$89,500. M2187



Close to Town! This vinyl sided 28 x 56 Doublewide is situated on a 1 acre m/l lot and features a Kitchen/Dining room combo, Living room, 3 BR, 2 BA, and Utility room. Other amenities include a fireplace, heat pump, central air, city water, septic system, permanent foundation, rear deck, 12 x 12 storage building, plus an extra lot. \$72,500. M2204



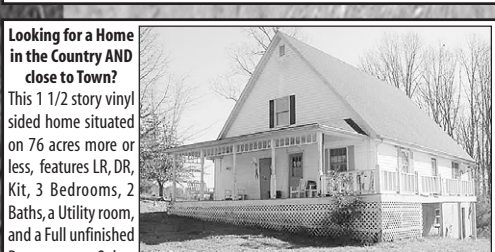
Portrait of Peace! Gentle thoughts come easy in this 2,160 sq. ft. log home situated on 3.8 acres featuring a living room with fireplace, kitchen-dining room combination with ample cabinet space, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a utility room. Other amenities include: hardwood flooring throughout, thermo pane windows, heat pump, central air, city water, 2 septic systems, extra septic system and electrical hookup. \$199,900. M2190



Investments! Opportunity is knocking at your door... purchase these five mobile homes (already rented out) with city water, city sewer and electric heat. Property is easy to access with blacktop drives. 2 garages with concrete floors and 3 acres +/- . Call today! M2218



Cozy-Comfy-Convenient! Convenient living in the Mt. Vernon city limits. This vinyl sided home offers 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room, kitchen/dining room combination as well as a utility area. The home has many handicap accessible features such as: ramps, wide doorways, and a roll in shower. There's also a 1 car detached garage, storage building and a privacy fenced side yard. M2185.



Looking for a Home in the Country AND close to Town? This 1 1/2 story vinyl sided home situated on 76 acres more or less, features LR, DR, Kit, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, a Utility room, and a Full unfinished Basement. Other amenities include a gas furnace, central heat and air, city water, septic system, 2 Barns, storage building, a pond and a private drive. If you are looking for a private country setting to call your own then contact us today for your appointment to view this property. \$160,000. M2196



Newly Remodeled! This brick ranch home has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath, a living room, kitchen/dining room combo and a utility room. The whole house has been newly painted. The main living room has new hardwood floors and the kitchen has new countertops. All kitchen appliances stay as does the washer and dryer. Call today. Immediate possession available. M2171



Loaded With Charm! This beautifully decorated home is situated on 1.3 acres and offers a floor plan of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, kitchen and separate dining room. Features include central heat/air, gas log fireplace, all appliances, plus some tile and more! In addition, this home has a 2 car attached garage, front porch, rear deck, paved driveway! \$129,900. M2209



Huge Lot! This 1+ acre lot with lovely ranch style home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, breakfast nook, living room with fireplace, family room with fireplace and dining room. Home has gas heat, central air, and garage with breezeway. Located between 461 bypass and Mt. Vernon you can't beat this! All of this for only \$89,900. Call for your appointment today. M2186



Bold in Brodhead! Make your appointment today to see this beautiful home. Home is only 8 years old, has been well maintained and offers just over 1,800 sq. ft. of living space. There are 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, a living room and a kit/dining combo. The home's amenities include: washer/dryer hookups on both levels, a jet tub in the master bath, ample closet space and a security system. Price reduced to \$105,000. M2173



Good Opportunity... Check this out! This spacious home is conveniently located between Mt. Vernon and Berea. Features include 3 BR, 1 BA, Living room, large Den, Kit-Dining room combo, and a Utility room. Home has central heat and air with back-up base-board electric heat, a 16 x 32 outbuilding with office and storage space. \$69,900. M2205



Reduced
Drastically Reduced! How Soon Can You Move? This vinyl sided doublewide is situated on 3/4 of an acre m/l and features a LR, DR, Kit, 3 BR, 2 BA, and a utility room. Other amenities include central heat and air, city water, septic system, front porch and rear deck. \$51,500. M2170



SALE PENDING
Elegant Southern Living! This home has a spacious living room with Cathedral ceilings and abalcony look over. The kitchen and dining room are combined and have oak cabinets. On the first floor there is a bedroom, bath, and a utility room. Located on the second floor there are 2 bedrooms, one bath and a bonus room. Other amenities include central heat and air, 2 car attached garage and hardwood floors. Call today for your appointment. M2178



BUY TODAY... MOVE TOMORROW! This brick ranch style home features a living room, large family room, kitchen/dining room combination, 3 Bedrooms, and 2 baths. Other amenities include: 16 x 24 barn, rear deck, front porch, city water, septic system and is situated on a beautiful 1 acre lot (+/-). Call today for your appointment to view this lovely home. M2201



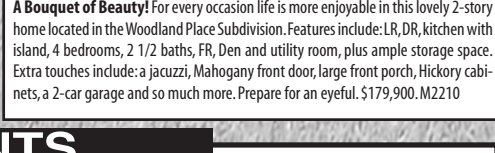
New Brick Home! Nice family room, new kitchen floor, new carpet. This home is immaculate! Roof only four years old, good neighbors, close to London, Mt. Vernon, and Renfro Valley. This MUST SEE also has 12 acres with a small cabin and a 20x60 barn. \$139,000. R65974



There is NO Catch! This is a good home that has been well maintained. Features include: 3 or 4 bedrooms, beautiful sunroom, nice kitchen, good neighbors. Property also comes with 10 acres and a 14x30 detached garage. Only \$58,500. R65976



Beautiful 1 1/2 Story Brick Home conveniently located just off Highway 461! Be minutes from Somerset, Mt. Vernon, I-75! This home features 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, living room with fireplace, large kitchen, dining room and utility room. Amenities include heat pump/central air, 2 car attached garage, rear deck, landscaping and more. \$199,000. S1021429



A Bouquet of Beauty! For every occasion life is more enjoyable in this lovely 2-story home located in the Woodland Place Subdivision. Features include: LR, DR, kitchen with island, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, FR, Den and utility room, plus ample storage space. Extra touches include: a jacuzzi, Mahogany front door, large front porch, Hickory cabinets, a 2-car garage and so much more. Prepare for an eyeful. \$179,900. M2210



A Home In The Country! This ranch style vinyl sided home features living room, eat-in kitchen, 2 bedrooms and full bath, nice front porch! Situated on a landscaped corner lot with city water. S1021302



Convenience! Convenience! Convenience! This home is located within the city limits of Mt. Vernon and has so much to offer: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, living room, dining room, and a two-car garage. The home sits on a beautiful wooded lot and is ready for immediate possession. Owner has a Home Warranty for transfer. Call today for your showing. M2083



Home Sweet Home! Find comfort in this ranch style brick home. Located on a dead-end street in Brodhead you are sure to appreciate this convenient, quiet and comfortable home. The home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, a kitchen/dining room combo, a carport and a large yard. Very convenient. Only \$65,900. M2182



SALE PENDING
Country Living at its Best! Take a break from the city in this 3 BR, 2.5 Bath Mobile Home. In this 28 x 64 home you will also find a large Living room, Kitchen/Dining room combination and a Utility Room. Other features include: a gas-stone fireplace, a wooded back yard, 2 storage buildings (wired for electric), stone foundation, concrete sidewalk, and 3 beautiful acres. \$69,900. M2202



Immaculate Home At A Super Buy! This immaculate vinyl home situated on 2.19 acres features 4 BR, 2 BA, LR, FR, Kit, Dining Room, Utility Room and Full Basement. Other amenities include: Central Heat/Air, Septic, 2 car attached garage and much more! Make your appointment today! M2102



A Bang for the Buck! This 28x60 vinyl sided doublewide home is situated on a permanent block foundation on a 1 acre lot. Features include a LR with fireplace, dining room, Kit, 3 BR, 2 BA and a utility room. Other amenities include heat pump and central air, hardwood, carpet and vinyl flooring, city water, septic and a storage building. This is a MUST SEE! DON'T LET THIS ONE PASS YOU BY! \$65,000. M2159



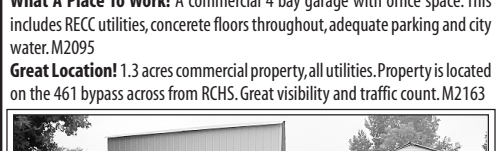
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WOW! Almost New! Nice 3 bedroom doublewide that features a step-down kitchen and den with fireplace, 2 bathrooms (one with garden tub). This home includes 1,700 sq. ft. with a heat pump/central air, city water, there is also a 10x12 storage building that stays. This property joins a creek for a beautiful setting. \$75,900. M2193



Reduced
Little House in the Country! This home needs some Tender Loving Care so bring your paint brush and fix up this diamond in the rough. Home includes: 3 BR, 1 BA, living room, kitchen-dining room combo, and a front and side porch. The home is situated on 0.89 of an acre, has a barn, and is in a nice neighborhood. Call now for more details. Now only \$45,100. M2198



Commercial PROPERTIES
Near I-75 - Renfro Valley. 26 acres - strategically located commercial property. City water/sewer available. M1426
1/2 Mile from I-75 - Tracts ranging from 3/4 acre to 4 acres - good visibility-high traffic count - city water and sewer available. M1772
What A Place To Work! A commercial 4 bay garage with office space. This includes RECC utilities, concrete floors throughout, adequate parking and city water. M2095
Great Location! 1.3 acres commercial property, all utilities. Property is located on the 461 bypass across from RCHS. Great visibility and traffic count. M2163



Up and Running! It is rare to find an opportunity to buy a business that is up and running. Due to health reasons, the owners have decided to sell this property located on Elm St. in Crab Orchard. This has been an auction house for several years and has been a thriving business. (Could also be potential rental income) \$47,900. S1021361



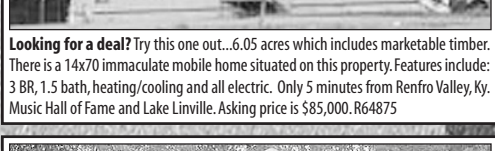
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DRASTICALLY REDUCED! 1996 Fleetwood Mobile Home located in Bowling Ridge...this home includes 2 BR and 2 BA situated on 1.69 acres. Master bath has garden tub. Appliances and washer and dryer remain. Home has central heat/air, as well as a 12x20 storage building with deck. Priced at only \$25,000. M2109



Reduced
Don't Kick Yourself Later!!! Come out now and see what value is all about in this aluminum sided home featuring a Living room, Kit/Dining room combo, 2 Bedrooms, and 1 Bath. Other amenities include an oil furnace, city water, city sewer, and a lot that contains 1 acre m/l. \$36,900. M2206



Quality Home! Full Basement - Large Lot - This home includes 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, large eat-in kitchen and a carport. Very convenient. Only \$119,900. M2211



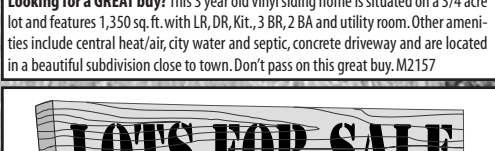
Looking for a deal? Try this one out...6.05 acres which includes marketable timber. There is a 14x70 immobile mobile home situated on this property. Features include: 3 BR, 1.5 bath, heating/cooling and all electric. Only 5 minutes from Renfro Valley, Ky. Music Hall of Fame and Lake Linville. Asking price is \$85,000. R64875



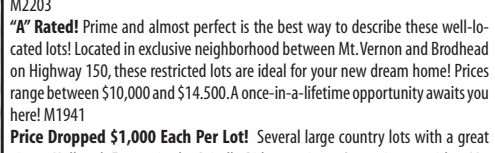
Privacy in Town! This ranch style home overlooks Mt. Vernon. Features include: 3 BR, 1 Bath, living room, eat-in kitchen, utility room and a carport. Water and sewer available. This home and a great view all for only \$59,900. M2188



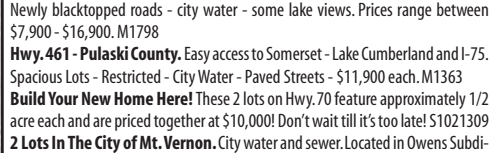
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Front Porch Beckons You! Settle down in this beautiful country home! Features include 4 BR, 1 BA, LR, Den and Utility room. Other amenities include a garage and a storage building. \$79,900. M2154



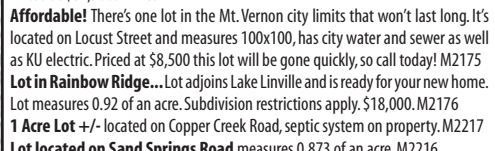
SALE PENDING
Looking for a GREAT buy? This 3 year old vinyl siding home is situated on a 3/4 acre lot and features 1,350 sq. ft. with LR, DR, Kit, 3 BR, 2 BA and utility room. Other amenities include central heat/air, city water and septic, concrete driveway and are located in a beautiful subdivision close to town. Don't pass on this great buy. M2157



SALE PENDING
Some Timber. Property joins National Forest. Creek runs through this property. M2203
"A" Rated! Prime and almost perfect is the best way to describe these well-located lots! Located in exclusive neighborhood between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead on Highway 150, these restricted lots are ideal for your new dream home! Prices range between \$10,000 and \$14,500. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits you here! M1941
Price Dropped \$1,000 Each Per Lot! Several large country lots with a great view - Holbrook Estates in the Brindle Ridge section - Convenient to either Mt. Vernon or Berea. City water - Cable TV - lots range in size from 3/4 acre to 1 acre. Now only \$8,900 to \$12,900. M1796
They're Going Fast! Conveniently located between I-75 and 461, there is over 100 restricted building lots in the newly developed Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. Newly blacktopped roads - city water - some lake views. Prices range between \$7,900 - \$16,900. M1798
Hwy. 461 - Pulaski County. Easy access to Somerset - Lake Cumberland and I-75. Spacious Lots - Restricted - City Water - Paved Streets - \$11,900 each. M1363
Build Your New Home Here! These 2 lots on Hwy. 70 feature approximately 1/2 acre each and are priced together at \$10,000! Don't wait till it's too late! S1021309
2 Lots in the City of Mt. Vernon. City water and sewer. Located in Owens Subdivision. First lot has 140 ft. of road frontage and second lot has 160 ft. of road frontage. M2141
REDUCED! Investment Opportunity! Don't delay starting earning income today! 7 trailer lots in the Mt. Vernon city limits. City water, city sewer and KU electric. Priced at \$64,900. M2169
Affordable! There's one lot in the Mt. Vernon city limits that won't last long. It's located on Locust Street and measures 100x100, has city water and sewer as well as KU electric. Priced at \$8,500 this lot will be gone quickly, so call today! M2175
Lot in Rainbow Ridge... Lot adjoins Lake Linville and is ready for your new home. Lot measures 0.92 of an acre. Subdivision restrictions apply. \$18,000. M2176
1 Acre Lot +/- - located on Copper Creek Road, septic system on property. M2217
Lot located on Sand Springs Road measures 0.873 of an acre. M2216
Wanting Privacy and Minutes From Town? If so, this 4.1 acre lot is the property for you. Lot is divided into two tracts on Old Brodhead/Mt. Vernon Road (Hwy. 1326) and is to be sold as one lot for \$10,700. The lot is a wooded area and can be the right spot for your new home. M2218



SALE PENDING
LOTS FOR SALE



SALE PENDING
Need Your Own Space... Check out these two 5 acres tracts located along Roundstone Creek. Some restrictions apply. Priced at \$34,900 ea. M2139



Future Auctions
26th Annual London Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Laurel County Fairgrounds Hwy. 229 near Levi Jackson State Park • London, Ky. *Consignments accepted Wed. Feb. 21st, Thurs. Feb. 22nd and Fri. Feb. 23rd

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Absolute Estate Auction of the late Billy Strunk's 92 Acre Farm in Tracts - Log Home and Barn 1810 Aderholt Rd., Lake Cumberland-Bronston, Ky.

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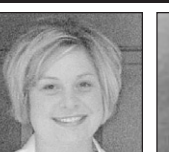
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SALE
Historic Landmark and Business. Located on Main Street in Mt. Vernon this property includes the store building, equipment and inventory. The owner is retiring after 45 years in the business. There is a small warehouse in the rear of the store that is also included. M2189

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For Rent: Duplex in Brodhead. All appliances furnished. Call 758-9666. 3xntf
For Rent: One bedroom apartment, fully furnished. 12 miles south of I-75 towards Somerset on Hwy. 461. Quiet. \$465

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For Rent: 2 bedroom house and two bedroom trailer. No pets allowed. 758-4729. 8xntf

For Rent: Modern auto-body shop, paint booth. Contact John Hamm. 606-256-5692. 41ntf

For Rent: Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 9 a.m. til 12 noon. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

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Property For Sale

For Sale: Two one acre lots on Freedom School Road, \$10,200 each. One lot, about 1 1/2 acres, on Breezy Hollow Lane (off Freedom School Road), \$12,500. 5.3 wooded acres, \$29,500 w/graveled driveway

and site cleared for house on Breezy Hollow Lane. 606-256-3213. 5xntf

For Sale: House, barn and three acres. 1600 sq. ft., vinyl siding home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Large living room w/ hardwood floors, crown molding and gas fireplace. Kitchen has custom cabinets, dishwasher, side by side refrigerator and electric range. Also central heat and air, utility room and 40x10 basement. The property also includes large concrete drive and parking area, 12x12 metal outbuilding and barn also has concrete floors. \$129,000. 758-0098 or 308-3556. 8xntf

BEREA - Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, large yard with privacy fence, large outbuilding, near Old Town. Must see! Call 606-256-8079 for details. 15x3p

For Sale: 3 bedroom brick, total electric, 2,000 sq. ft., extra lot. Westview Road, one mile from Mt. Vernon. 606-256-9744 or 606-308-3332. 14x2

For Sale: Mobile home lots, located in Sunnyside Mobile Home Park. .5 acre lots - \$500 down and \$100 per month. Call

606-256-5692 or 606-256-5648. 23xntf

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For Sale: 2000 Ford Ranger. V6, auto, PS/PB, AC. Good condition. \$3,295. Call 606-308-5389. 14x2p

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Wanted: Junk cars. Running or not. Top dollar paid. Call 606-758-0124 after 4 p.m. or leave message. 10x4p



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Location: From West Main turn onto Owens St. Take next left on Hidden Creek (private lane). House on next left.

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Local business owners Elmo and Wanda Anderkin have decided to sell their commercial property which is located on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. The building is the former site of the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, Hotel and Bus Station, and just recently known as The Family Cafe. The building and land is 200x65 feet. The building has 2 floors with the ground floor containing the restaurant area that is fully equipped for business operations. On either side of the restaurant are two other business areas, the left side measuring 18x35 and the right side measuring 87x20. The top floor is the hotel area and has 10 rooms and 1 apartment which need to be renovated. At the rear is a large parking lot that measures 113x65 with an exit on Hwy. 25. The business and rental possibilities are endless with this property and the location is great. The property is listed for \$145,000. For more information contact Wanda Anderkin at 606-256-2819 or Jeanny Baldwin at 606-758-8023.

A Home Owner's Dream



This beautiful 2 year old, 3,052

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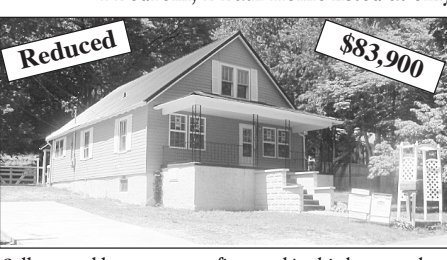
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294 BUFFALO HOLLOW RD. Nice ranch sits on 3.5 acres. Home is cozy with an open living room and kitchen. The bedrooms are good sized with lots of closets for storage. This acreage provides privacy and space for other ideas. There is a level acre behind the house. 1 year home warranty included. \$111,900. MLS25322
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BEREA. We have many nice homes listed in Berea. Call one of the above agents for a showing.

HWY. 150 BRODHEAD - 3 acres. Very desirable property for building of a home or could be divided to build home for re-sale. Very good property for many types of commercial bldgs. or storage bldgs. City water and electric available. Partially fenced. Call Lloyd Cain 256-2818.

29 BREEZY HOLLOW RD - Nice lot for new home. Doublewides are welcome. Good restrictions in place. Just off I-75 in Mt. Vernon. Several nice home sites. Lot backs up to beautiful wooded area. 3.12 acres. \$12,800. MLS18163

329 FLAT GAP RD Completely bricked singlewide with 2.5 level acres permanent foundation. Barn has a woodworking shed and electric. Seller has started to build a log house with 1,650 sq. ft. concrete footer poured plus 4 rounds of concrete blocks laid. Logs on top of footer. \$67,000. MLS25494

C. VALLEY DR. - 1.87 acres. Nice lot for a new home or new doublewide. Land is level in the front and slopes to the woods in the back. Electric and water are on the property. Restrictions available. \$19,900. MLS15561

C. VALLEY RD. - Lot #14 - \$22,000. Lot #16 - \$22,000.

US HWY 25 SOUTH - 19 acres. This beautiful piece of acreage has too many possibilities! It has been used for pasture land. There is a water meter, electric and old septic tank on the property. The back of property looks out over Renfro Valley and Lake Linville. This could have residential or commercial uses. \$135,000. MLS23780.

550 JOE DAMRELL RD - 38 acres more or less. Approx. 6 acres in pasture with balance in woods. Water and electric available. Deer and turkey. Timber mostly oak and poplar. Joins Berea College property. MLS24494



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Notices

Notice is hereby given that Mary Jane Hasty, 202 Clover Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 and Ruth Rucker, 891 Whiterock Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed co-administratrixes of the estate of Billy Hasty on the 5th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Mary Jane Hasty and Ruth Rucker or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 125, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 6, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 14x3

Notice is hereby given that Randall S. Bullock, 6201 Brindle Ridge Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed executor of the estate of Ruth Bullock on the 30th day of January, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Randall S. Bullock or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, Cox & Fish, LLC, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 30, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 13x3

Notice is hereby given that Gillian H. Brown, 6416 Kensington Ave., Richmond, VA 23226 has been appointed administrator of the estate of Deborah K. Noble on the 9th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gillian H. Brown on or before August 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 15x3

Notice is hereby given that Patricia Vance, P.O. Box 742, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed conservator of Tiffany Vance, a minor on the 7th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Patricia Vance or to Hon. John S. Gillum, P.O. Box 1147, Somerset, Ky. 42502 on or be-

fore August 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 14x2

Notice is hereby given that Audrey Sue Sowder, 2037 Chestnut Grove Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Edith Ponder, 2001 Woodwind Court, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed co-executrixes of the estate of Maggie Lear on the 7th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Audrey Sue Sowder and Edith Ponder or to Hon. Willis G. Coffey, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 14x3

Notice is hereby given that Thomas Cromer, 9122 Lake Cumberland Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed successor administrator of the estate of Rinda Cromer Rutherford on the 7th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Thomas Cromer or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 14x3

Notice is hereby given that Patricia Vance, P.O. Box 742, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed conservator of Brittany Vance, a minor on the 7th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Patricia Vance or to Hon. John S. Gillum, P.O. Box 1147, Somerset, Ky. 42502 on or before August 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 14x3

Notice: A public auction will be held Saturday, March 3rd at 8:30 a.m. at Unit 53 at Rocket Storage on Crawford St. in Mt. Vernon.

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Deadline is
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Miscellaneous For Sale

For Sale: Leather jackets - all styles and sizes, \$29 and up. 256-1691. 15x4

For Sale: White kitchen table with four chairs, paid \$695 will take \$250. Call 453-0062 or 606-344-0629, ask for Kelly. 15x1p

For Sale: Registered Black Angus bulls. 379-5511. 15x2p

For Sale: Atlas 70 Land Dinin tractor, 70 hp, 195 hours o, 2003 model. 379-2766. 15x2p

For Sale: 600 Ford Farm Tractor. Runs good. \$2,750. 606-256-1709 - 606-219-5060. 14x2p

For Sale: Square bales of good hay. 758-8190. 12x5

Frank's Golf Cart Sales, Service and Repairs. All makes and models. Frank Lawrence, Hwy. 3245, Brodhead, Ky. 606-271-1308. 25xntf

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 06-CI-00179

Community Trust Bank, Inc. Plaintiff

V.

**Christie Wallin a/k/a
Christie R. Brown and
Floyd Brown, Jr.
Defendants**

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 3, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendant in the amount of TWENTY THREE THOUSAND TWENTY NINE DOLLARS AND 84/100 (\$23,029.84) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, February 23, 2007
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Beginning at a point, corner of old U.S. Highway No. 25 and Joe Mink thence E 128 feet to a post, corner to Joe Mink and Denver Hines; thence S with Hines 128 feet to a post; thence W with Hines 128 feet to a point corner of Denver Hines and old U.S. Highway No. 25; thence N with old U.S. Highway No. 25 128 feet to the point of beginning.

Being that parcel of land conveyed to Randall Wallin and wife Christine Wallin from Michael Mink, et ux., by deed dated December 27, 1995 and recorded in Deed Book 164, page 391 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Randall Wallin is now deceased, dated of death 12/22/02.

The above described property is subject to an easement dated May 14, 2006 in favor of Paul Rice for the improvement of an ingress and egress Easement, recorded June 4, 2003 in Deed Book 194, page 579 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the intervening plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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

Case Knives. Large selection. Napier Bros., 35 Public Square, Lancaster, Ky. 23xntf
For Sale: Cemetery lots, Cresthaven Cemetery, Mt. Vernon. Call Bill Dowell at 308-1058. 31xntf

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ORDINANCE 0207

CITY OF BRODHEAD • BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY

An ordinance of the City of Brodhead, Kentucky, amending provisions of existing Ordinance #1005 as to water rates only.

Section 1.

The Council of the City of Brodhead, Kentucky, enacted Ordinance #1005 and amendments thereto enacted Ordinance #1005 is amended as follows:

Section 2.

Water Rates

A. Monthly Rates

Number of Gallons of water per month	Monthly Charge to city limit property	Monthly Charge to outside city limits
2000 Gals. of less	\$14.42	\$18.99
Next 8000 Gals. (per thousand)	\$4.35	\$6.07
Next 40,000 Gals. (per thousand)	\$4.16	\$4.79
Next 50,000 Gals. (per thousand)	\$3.91	\$4.25
All over 100,000 Gals. (per thousand)	\$3.03	\$3.22

Limits

2000 Gals. of less \$14.42 \$18.99

Next 8000 Gals. (per thousand) \$4.35 \$6.07

Next 40,000 Gals. (per thousand) \$4.16 \$4.79

Next 50,000 Gals. (per thousand) \$3.91 \$4.25

All over 100,000 Gals. (per thousand) \$3.03 \$3.22

Now, therefore be it ordained by the council of Brodhead, Kentucky that this water rate amendment ordinance be in effect upon the 2nd (second) reading and publication.

1st Reading: Feb. 12, 2007 • 2nd Reading: Feb. 19, 2007

/s/ Walter Lee Cash, Mayor

Attest: Rebecca T. Bussell, Clerk

Now, therefore be it ordained by the council of Brodhead, Kentucky that this water rate amendment ordinance be in effect upon the 2nd (second) reading and publication.

1st Reading: Feb. 12, 2007 • 2nd Reading: Feb. 19, 2007

/s/ Walter Lee Cash, Mayor

Attest: Rebecca T. Bussell, Clerk

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 06-CI-00216

**Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. and
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. Plaintiff**

Plaintiff

V.

**Tracy Ruddick a/k/a Tracy A. Ruddick;
Kellene Ruddick a/k/a Kellene R.
Ruddick; Citifinancial Services, Inc.;
Rental Investments, Inc.; Commonwealth
of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle By
and On Behalf of Secretary of Revenue;
and City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky Defendants**

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 22, 2006, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendant in the amount of SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 36/100 (\$77,344.36) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, February 23, 2007
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

180 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

On the east side of Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, and beginning at an iron pin in the east right of way of Richmond Street and being a common corner to Nimrod Killon; thence North 82 degrees 30 minutes East, 15.10 feet to an iron pin; thence North 62 degrees 30 minutes East 6.10 feet to an iron pin; thence South 85 degrees East, 165.50 feet to an iron pin; thence South 06 degrees 48 minutes East, 8.17 feet to an iron pin thence South 79 degrees West, 184.50 feet to an iron pin in the right of way of Richmond Street; thence with the right of way of Richmond Street, North 05 degrees 30 minutes West, 54.52 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.14 acres more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Tracy Ruddick, et ux., by deed dated March 21, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 209, page 405 in the Office of the clerk of the county court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BOND ORDINANCE

The Fiscal Court of the County of Rockcastle, Kentucky, gave second reading to and adopted the Ordinance below at a Regular Meeting of the Fiscal Court on February 13, 2007, in the Fiscal Courtroom of the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE FISCAL COURT OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY OF ROCKCASTLE, KENTUCKY GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (DETENTION FACILITY PROJECT), SERIES 2007 (THE "BONDS") IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,300,000 (PLUS OR MINUS AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TEN PERCENT [10%]); AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES, IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS WHEN AND AS THE SAME BECOME DUE; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE PROJECT AND, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED, THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICLY ADVERTISED, COMPETITIVE SALE OF SAID BONDS AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO KRS §66.480 AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT GENERALLY, INCLUDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, IF REQUIRED, CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of County of Rockcastle, Kentucky General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Detention Facility Project), Series 2007, in the principal amount of \$1,300,000 (plus or minus an amount not to exceed ten percent); the levy of a direct annual tax on all taxable property within the County, in addition to all other taxes, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; authorizing the establishment of certain funds to provide for the collection of revenues from the project and to the extent required proceeds of the tax, if any; and authorizing certain other actions with regard to the acquisition of land and construction and equipping of the public project for which the Bonds are being issued. The Bonds shall be full general obligations of the County and, for the payment of said Bonds and interest thereon, the full faith, credit and revenue of the County of Rockcastle, Kentucky is pledged for the prompt payment thereof.

Net proceeds of the Bonds will be used by the County of Rockcastle, Kentucky, for the purpose of (i) refunding and refinancing the Rockcastle County Kentucky Area Development District Financing Trust Lease (City of Ewing, Series A), dated July 20, 2000 ("Prior Lease"), the proceeds of which were used to finance the County's Detention Facility ("Facility"), (ii) to establish and fund an Escrow Fund, if required, and (iii) pay the cost of issuance of the Bonds (said refinancing herein referred to as "Project").

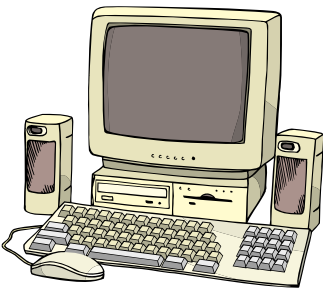
The Bonds are being issued pursuant to KRS § 66.011 through 66.220 and KRS § 67.083. In compliance with § 159 of the Constitution of Kentucky and Kentucky Revised Statutes and for the purpose of providing funds required to pay the interest on the Bonds when due, the Ordinance authorizes the levy upon all of the taxable property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky each year as long as any of the Bonds are outstanding, a direct annual tax sufficient, to the extent other lawful available monies of Rockcastle County are not provided for that purpose. The County has covenant to levy and collect each year, that the Bonds remain outstanding, a tax in an amount sufficient to provide for the full payment of the principal of and interest thereon provided, however, that said tax will be levy only to the extent that the project revenues, or other revenues received from taxes or other sources, are not sufficient to provide for the full payment of the accruing interest and maturing principal on the Bonds each year.

This Summary has been prepared by Reed & Johnson, Lexington, Kentucky, Bond Counsel to the County of Rockcastle, Kentucky.

/s/ Rockcastle Fiscal Court Clerk

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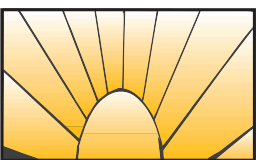
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