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## 18-year-old dies in ATV accident

A Rockcastle County man was killed in a all-terrain-vehicle accident on Pine Hill Circle last Wednesday.

Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell said Nicholas Lee "Shorty" Kirby, 18 of Mt. Vernon died after he fell off the ATV he was riding.

The accident occurred around 6 p.m. as his mother, Darlene Denney, looked on.

Rockcastle Ambulance Service EMTs transported Kirby to the Rockcastle Hospital, where Dowell pronounced him dead, shortly after he arrived. No other vehicles were involved.

"It was just a tragic accident," Dowell said.



Nicholas Kirby

## Family loses everything in Climax fire

Family members, friends and co-workers are asking your help in lending a helping hand for the family of John and Sue Rodefer, who lost everything in a fire at their home on Monday, February 19.

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## Annual Kiwanis Radio Auction this weekend

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club's Radio Auction will air live Friday and Saturday from the Rockcastle Courthouse's Technology Center on the third floor.

Items will be auctioned from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday over WRVK 1460 AM Radio Station.

Items to be auctioned include numerous tools, mule deer prints, case brand knives, mulch and garden supplies, wheel barrels, televisions, building materials and a one night stay at Cedar Ridge Bed and Breakfast.

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## Recreation fields, community center

# Local Development Board discusses facility needs

By: Richard Anderkin  
Rockcastle County Development Board member Mike Blount told other members of the Rockcastle County Development Board on Monday that the development board should take a bigger roll in other projects in the county, besides industrial development.

The local president of Community Trust Bank said he had been in the county for two years and that it was obvious the de-

velopment board was having trouble attracting new industry. Blount said that he thought part of the problem was the lack of a centrally located sports

complex and community center and that some of the 83 acres, currently available in

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## Police investigating armed robbery in Spiro community

After midnight Sunday, Rockcastle Sheriff's Deputies and members of the Kentucky State Police responded to a complaint of a home invasion on Sayre School Road in the Spiro community.

According to a news release from Sheriff Mike Peters, upon arrival it was determined that a unknown male subject had gone to the residence and requested to use the telephone, stating they were having car trouble.

The subject, or subjects, then brandished weapons and demanded prescription drugs and money, according to Peters' re-

lease.

After obtaining the prescription drugs and money the subjects, then took the occupants of the residence into the bathroom and tied them up before leaving.

Peters said Wednesday that the investigation is continuing and that police have several leads.

Questioning of subjects was conducted Monday at the Rockcastle Courthouse and police followed up on a tip in the city limits of Brodhead on Tuesday afternoon.



State Representative Danny Ford, of Mt. Vernon, introduced United States Congressman Harold Rogers, seated by Sue Ford, to a packed house at the middle school on Friday night. The Congressman was the keynote speaker at the Lincoln Day Banquet. Ford called Rogers, who has served for 27 years, the best Congressman in the United States House of Representatives. Rogers spoke about his projects, UNITE and PRIDE and he backed the war in Iraq, saying it would be a mistake to pull out now. "All of those young men and women who have died in the war will have died in vain, if we pull out," Rogers said.



Above, Earl Cummins, of Wadd, who died on February 1st after a short battle with cancer was honored by the Rockcastle Young Republican's Club for his dedication and hard work for the county Republican Party county during his adult lifetime. Accepting a plaque recognizing his installment into the county's Republican Hall of Fame were many of his family members, including his wife and five daughters. Shown above front row, from left: daughter Rebecca, wife Norma and daughter Genna. Back row, from left; sister Nancy Meadows, son-in-law Carl Bustle, daughter Trina Bustle, daughter Amanda, daughter Tammy Howard and brother Don Cummins. At right, longtime Republican County Chairman Alonzo McCollum, left, and friend Don Gabbard were in attendance Saturday night. McCollum ran many campaigns for Congressman Rogers in Rockcastle County over the years. Rogers called him a special friend.



## For Blue Springs, Buffalo, Pongo Over 75 attend meeting for new fire department

By: Richard Anderkin

Over 75 people attended an informational and organizational meeting on Sunday afternoon, that would bring more fire protection to the southern part of the county.

The meeting was held at the Brookfield Lodge on cleftRock Retreat property and attended by concerned area residents, county officials and numerous county firefighters.

Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis and magistrates Bill McKinney and William Denny told the group the fiscal court would do anything they possibly could to help organize a fire department in the area.

"We will help you obtain grants and provide insurance for your trucks," McKinney said.

The magistrate, who also represents the area on the fiscal court, said secretaries in the judge's office were very good at writing grant applications.

"We simply want to help," he said.

Area resident Karen Wilburn, who along with her husband Tom, has worked very hard to get a fire department started told the group they needed to move as quickly as possible, so another tragedy such as the one a few weeks ago might not occur in the area again.

"We wish to honor the family of Dustin Bryan Taylor by establishing a fire department in his memory," Wilburn told the crowd.

The 12-year-old died in a fire at his home in Pongo on January 24th. "Hopefully, through the establishment of this fire department, no other family in our community will ever have to suffer the same loss," Wilburn said.

Wilburn said people had been very cooperative with her requests, including Pulaski Public Safety who is donating a pumper.

Others who are willing to help, according to Wilburn, are Charles Wynn, owner of Wynn Fire Equipment Sales and Service in Corbin who is donating a tanker and who has contacted other fire departments in this part of the state who recently purchased new equipment from him for donations of used equipment to the cause.

Wilburn said Bentley Cromer, a resident and business owner who lives in the area, is donating the use of one of his five bays in his garage on his property on Hwy. 1249 at Pongo.

Leo Mink who owns property on Mink Road, and Ricky

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## Fire department in Brodhead to receive \$76,760

There is more good news for the Brodhead Fire Department this week.

U.S. Senator Jim Bunning announced last Wednesday that \$76,760 in federal funding would be sent to the department to buy needed equipment.

The money will come through a firefighters grant through the Department of Homeland Security.

Brodhead fire chief Larry Taylor said Wednesday the money would be used to buy a

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## March 17th Benefit show at Renfro for UNITE Coalition

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center is planning a benefit performance for the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition on Saturday, March 17th in the New Barn Theatre at 1 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education Coalition, according to the entertainment center's CEO Connie Hunt.

"This will be a 'special' show featuring the Barndance entertainers. Normally, ticket prices for the 90 minute show would be \$16 per person," Hunt said.

"However, tickets purchased in advance will be \$10 for adults and \$2 for children, through the age of 18 and tickets at the door will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for children," Hunt said.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.



A very large crowd turned out Sunday for an organizational and informational meeting for a new fire department in the southern part of the county. Shown in the top photo are some of those in attendance on Sunday, including Paul Gayheart speaking to the crowd. Gayheart's great nephew, Dustin Bryan Taylor, died in a house fire in the area on January 24th. Also in the top photo are area residents Trish Bullock, Tom Wilburn, Jessica Blevins and Karen Wilburn.

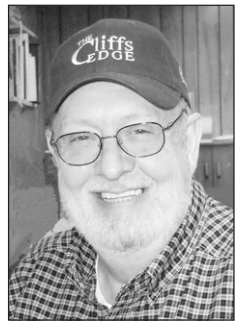


At left, is Eastern Rockcastle Water Association General Manager Randy Corry answering a question as Mrs. Eddie Fields looks on. Great progress was made during Sunday's meeting. Another meeting of firefighters is scheduled for this Sunday at 2 p.m. at the home of Tom and Karen Wilburn on Mink Rd.

All front page photos by Richard Anderkin

## Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



As many of you have noticed, I receive a lot of my topic inspirations from the music I listen to as I relax, drive, or work on my computer. I take my iPod with me no matter where I go, and it contains 3200 of my favorite songs. A good number of the tunes are either vintage rock-and-roll or country.

While recently listening to Alan Jackson's Chattanooga, and I was reminded of the "midnight rendezvous" with my high school friends on Friday and Saturday nights after we took our dates home. In those days, girls had early curfew hours, and the guys found they had time on their hands before going home for the night.

Alan is very plain as he describes the events of those kinds of evenings. As I listened, I couldn't help but think he was talking about the '60's and the places where my friends and I met. He sings about the early part of the evening:

*Well we fogged up the windows  
in my old Chevy  
I was willin' but she wasn't  
ready*

*So I settled for a burger and a  
grape snow cone  
Dropped her off early but I  
didn't go home*

Most of the guys actually drove Chevys and we predetermined where to meet after the ladies were safe at home. There were three spots that we frequented: Baker's Standard Oil, the Dinner Bell Restaurant parking lot, and the Water Works Lake (The Dam).

Alan even knew what we talked about on those nights as we gathered around our cars.

*...in the pale moonlight  
Talkin' bout cars and dreamin'  
bout women*

*Never had a plan, just livin' for  
the minute*

Sometimes we got bored and piled into one of the cars to drive the 18 miles to Berea College, seeking entertainment until we

had to go home. One night Paul, Bobby Joe, Charles, and Lloyd joined me in my '58 Chevy, and we took a tour of the campus in Berea. We were looking for the more mature college co-ed's who may have decided to take a walk before going to bed. We finally settled on burgers and fries at Elkin's Drive-In Restaurant without much success in the co-ed department.

While at the restaurant, we were noticed by a couple of guys in a customized '55 Chevy who wanted to test our skills in the "drag racing" department. Of course, we couldn't let the dare go. We told them to follow us to the "Fairview Stretch" of US25.

I got out of my car and removed the exhaust caps to set those horses free. One of my friends became the starter, and one of the other guys got out at the end of the quarter-mile marker. Again, Alan described the events of the night.

*We layed rubber  
On the (Kentucky) asphalt  
We got a little crazy but we  
never got caught*

I remember seeing the tail lights of the '55 as we crossed the finish line. I never had a chance (He was driving a V-8, and I had a 6-cylinder.) My friend Charles commented, "Next time we will bring my '51 Chevy and see how they feel." He had a 6-cylinder too, but Charles was a mechanical wizard. His '51 had been altered and would have competed well.

When I finally pulled into the driveway at home, my mother (Bee) was standing at the kitchen door waiting for me as she always did. In all the years before I left for college, she never failed to greet me when I came home. Unlike some homes, it was no hassle. She just wanted to make sure I was alright before she could relax

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## T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal,

Spring is almost here; you can feel it in the air. Daybreak is coming a little earlier, and it is getting darker somewhat later. The mercury in the thermometer is rising, and the spring songbirds are busy with their centuries-old rituals.

If you are like most, you're more than glad to welcome the signs of spring. I'm a little sorry to see winter departing our area, as I really love the snow and cooler weather. However, there is a lot to be said about spring, and warm weather, as long as it doesn't get too hot.

I've always seen spring as a time of new beginnings, in nature anyway. I love new beginnings. Once I owned a keychain back in the early '80s that read, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." I think I still have it laying around somewhere. It's just about my favorite cliché in the world. It seems to be saying, "Hey, it doesn't matter about past mistakes. Pick yourself up and move ahead."

I've been around long enough to see quite a few of these new beginnings of spring. Each year, as the trees begin to bring forth new foliage, I wonder what events will take place in my life between now and in the fall, when the same leaves are vibrant with color, or even farther ahead to the time for the trees to bud forth yet again. What will the future hold?

During the ever-changing

process of the seasons come the events of our lives; the births, deaths, and all that goes in between. I've finally reached the time in my life when I can remember my family ancestors that have long departed this life, and see several generations ahead now that I'm a great-great-aunt. I'm able to start out family stories with, "Now way back yonder when your great-grandpa was just a boy..." or, "I remember when your grandma was just a baby..." What woman in her right mind would admit to such statements? It makes me sound older than dirt, but on the other hand, I hope that there is a lot of knowledge that has come with these years.

I guess that all of this living and family history is worth something. A few days ago, one of my nieces realized that she had no clue as to what one of our aunts looked like or very little about her. She not only didn't know about the aunt, but most of the earlier generations, either.

We put our minds together after realizing that something needed to be done about this, and came up with a solution. My niece has done an in-depth study of our ancestors on several sides of the family, and has traced most of them back to England, Ireland, and Germany. Some of them settled in Virginia prior to 1620. One was the gov-

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## VIEW FROM THE BENCH

### "Ashes Thrown to the Wind": Kentucky's Burial Imperative



Judge David Tapp

Bizarre legal wrangling continues in Florida over the disposition of Anna Nicole Smith's remains. In

the last week alone, millions of spectators sat gawking, mouths agape, at the courtroom antics occasioned by the battle for who will exercise control over Anna Nicole's body. While issues frequently arise regarding burial arrangements, few ever give rise to the spectacle now playing out in the Florida appellate courts.

Though the trial judge emphasized his desire to see that Anna Nicole was promptly buried, the hearings themselves consumed days. Overlooked amidst all of the hype is the cultural imperative that humans deserve a dignified, reverent and reasonably prompt burial. It is difficult to imagine what dignity can be afforded Anna Nicole's eventual burial under these circumstances.

In Kentucky, a case involving a suspicious death, i.e., one not occurring while under a doctor's care, requires the involvement of the coroner. Thus, just like Florida, Anna Nicole's body, had she died in Kentucky, would have been initially placed with the coroner and medical examiner for a determination as to the cause and manner of death.

Afterwards, Kentucky law requires that the coroner "make a bona fide attempt" to notify the spouse, if any, or next of kin of the decedent's estate. When unable to locate a spouse or next of kin, the coroner may cause the body to be buried, and the expenses paid by the local government, usually the fiscal court. Optionally, Kentucky law provides that an unclaimed body can be delivered to one of the state medical schools for educational purposes.

It would appear that when the body is claimed by more than one person, the spouse will take precedence and be permitted to make burial decisions. Where no spouse exists, as in Anna Nicole's case, the statutes defer to the next of kin.

While most might think that term is fairly simply defined, it isn't. Historically, next of kin referred to blood relations of those standing closest on the genealogy table. The current definition of the term "next of kin" varies from state-to-state and depends on the context in which it is used. Moreover, where a will exists, the author can himself define the term, thereby creating even more confusion.

At least one Kentucky case suggests that the overriding imperative when multiple claim-

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## Points East

By Ike Adams

Given the email I've received over the last couple of weeks, I believe it to be a pretty safe bet that the Blair Branch Big Rock Grapevine tale, which ran over the last couple of weeks here in your paper, has generated more interest than anything I've ever written. This includes the several adventure stories I wrote in years long past having to do with shopping for panties to give Loretta at Christmas time.

Anyway, given Blair Branch's popularity among you readers, here's another true story that might give you a chuckle.

In the early '60's there wasn't much of anything for young boys to do at night on weekends when basketball season was over. Several of us did have hub cap rims fixed to the sides of barns, coal sheds, chicken houses and the like to serve as basketball goals in the off-season.

In a few cases we pooled some scrap lumber and actually made backboards which we nailed to poplar sapling posts. But we couldn't play after dark.

So we went camping and coon hunting, especially on Saturday nights, because there was not a Lawrence Welk or Doctor Kildare fan among us.

Almost everybody had a coonhound which meant they had a dog that would follow them to the top of the mountain and sometimes get after a fox

or tree a possum.

We'd gather up some bacon and cornbread, a sack of potatoes, salt, pepper, sugar, etc., a big cast iron skillet and a gallon-sized pickled bologna jar in which we'd make cool aid.

Then we'd hike to the top of a mountain and build a fire under a cliff ledge. There was always a cold mountain spring somewhere nearby to supply water for the cool aid and we'd go through several gallons a night. No cups involved. We simply passed the jar around and pretended it was moonshine while we waited for the dogs to tree.

Mostly they didn't tree. Mostly they just sat around the fire and drooled while the bacon and taters were frying. Once in a while they would tree a possum and sometimes one of us would shoot it out with a .22. But usually we only had our dads' mining carbide lights and even a possum didn't have to climb very far up a tree to be out of sight.

One moonlit night ten or twelve of us were camped out under a big over-shed called the Chris Rock because an old man named Chris had actually lived under it generations before we were born. We had built an unusually big fire, and even though we were nearly a mile above them, chickens down on the holler started crowing because they'd seen our fire and/

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### Exercise Helps Anxiety and Depression

Presented by David Bullock, M.D.

Medicines are not always needed for anxiety and depression. In fact, they sometimes are not even the best choice. Medicines for depression have some undesirable side effects and tranquilizers for anxiety can increase the risk of accidents and can be habit forming.

Exercise, too, may be habit forming, but good habits are always worthwhile. And exercise can be a very effective treatment for either anxiety or depression.

While studies do not show how exercise works, many studies and many physicians have concluded that there is a positive relationship between exercise and improvement of one's anxiety and depression.

One study showed that both depressed and non-depressed students had a significant improvement in their symptoms and sense of well-being when they exercised.

Another study showed significant decreases in anger, hostility, fatigue and anxiety as well as increases in a person's cheerfulness, energy and activity level. Very favorable results indeed.

How much exercise is needed to help treat anxiety and depression? For fitness 20 minutes three times a week is advised, but many experts feel that a longer period--perhaps 45 minutes--but at a lower intensity and more leisurely is most effective in anxiety and depression.

Exercise can help many persons with anxiety and depression, and even for those in whom it doesn't, the results of a regular exercise program are still positive.



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For our thoughts this week, I recommend that you read 11 Cor. 4:3-18. In these verses, Paul the apostle speaks of the hardships of his Christian experience and ministry. I know of no other who suffered more for the sake of Christ than Paul. Yet I also know of no other who was more successful or victorious than he. He suffered physical hardships and false accusations. He was beaten and stoned and he constantly faced death and in Gal.6:17 He could say I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. He counted all of the scars from the wounds of persecution to be signs of the ownership of Jesus Christ on himself. Paul was a man willing to suffer for Christ's sake. Our unwillingness to suffer and live sacrificially may well be a primary reason for failure and weakness in the church today. A good question is this, How could Paul be so successful under such stress and sufferings? First he totally depended on God's power. In 11Cor. 4:7 he speaks of the excellency of the power of God. Paul was a mortal man with a divine enablement. It was God's power that sustained him and gave him strength to serve the Lord. Second, Paul had an eternal perspective. He was a mortal man with his mind set on eternal glory. Listen what is seen is temporary. What is not seen is eternal. The power of God and eternal expectations are needed for us to be sustained and successful in our Christian service in today's world.

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## “Memories”

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and go to bed. Sometimes she would say, “It’s pretty late, isn’t it son!” (That blessed woman probably prayed me out of lots of dangerous situations.)

You can reach me at [mtvman@mtv.net](mailto:mtvman@mtv.net) Thanks for your wonderful comments and suggestions.

## “TJ’s Journal”

(Cont. from A2)

ernor of Virginia, and later, Maryland, for a time. One relative had fought in the Revolutionary War. He was a captain, and had captured some British ships. Others fought in the Civil War on the side of the Confederacy. From only briefly scanning her research, right away I could tell there were several “colorful characters” in our family tree.

Of course, none of the family living today actually knew any of these people, but there are a few, such as myself, still around who knew some of the more recent generations or at least knew stories about them. I have been called upon to write all of the oral history that I can remember so it can be recorded in a book for future generations.

This will be quite an undertaking, but quite an honor as well. I’m looking forward to the challenge. This would be a noble cause for anyone to undertake.

## “Bench”

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ants to the body exist is not in determining who the next of kin, but rather to avoid undue delay in making burial arrangements.

On December 29, 1944, Hedegeman Terrill, a lifelong Louisville pharmacist, was injured in a car wreck and died the following morning. Despite language in an un-executed will in which Hedegeman declared that “My body is to be cremated and ashes thrown to the wind. . .,” Hedegeman’s brother, Davis, made arrangements to bury him in Owensboro. A dispute arose later between Hedegeman’s estranged wife and his brother regarding payment of the funeral bills. Hedegeman’s spouse argued that as his widow and the mother of his minor child, it was their right to make burial arrangements and that the brother had done so without authority.

The Kentucky Court upheld the right of Hedegeman’s brother to act without the spouse’s consent to the burial arrangements and in disregard of the wishes expressed in the un-executed will: “A person is entitled to a Christian burial, and it cannot be delayed to determine upon whom the legal obligation to proceed with the burial rests most heavily, nor should the undertaker be compelled to await an adjustment of any dispute that might arise.”

I don’t know how any Kentucky court, including my own, would rule on the issues presented by Anna Nicole’s death, but it would be hard to justify delaying for long a similar situation.

## “Points East”

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or the moon and apparently thought the sun was coming up.

Someone piped up and said something to the effect that fried chicken would sure taste a lot better than fat back. That’s all it took for someone to dare me to go steal a chicken. I said something to the effect that I would if they’d go with me. The dareor said something like, “I’ll go if (name a culprit) will.”

So, pretty soon, four of us had proven that we were braver than the rest by simply stating our willingness to make such a raid. (I can’t mention names here, because two of the group are now Old Regular Baptist Preachers and I’m not sure that one could ever get forgiveness for stealing chickens. And certainly even a modern congregation is not apt to pay much attention to a chicken stealing preacher.)

Still, we’d said we’d do the deed and now we had to follow through. All the way down the mountain we tried to come up with some excuse to back out

but the chickens kept on crowing. We had hoped they’d stop, in which case we’d return to the top of the mountain and let on like we couldn’t find them.

Of course we knew right where they were. Dewey Blair had two or three dozen white leghorn fryers which were making all the noise and they roosted in a rose apple thicket where the limbs hung out just a few feet over the branch.

Our hearts were pounding but we each managed to get a cockerel by the legs, yank him off his perch with one hand and grab him around the neck with the other without making much of a commotion.

Then we started back up the mountain. No rogues in history had ever made a cleaner heist. We didn’t even get our feet wet in the branch.

We didn’t use lights coming down or going back up the mountain. Instinct and moonlight were all we had to guide us but still we’d been able to see enough to tell what we were doing and more or less where we were going.

Then about halfway up the mountain someone slipped and fell and lost hold of his particular chicken’s neck at which point it went to flapping its wings and squalling loud enough to wake the dead. Before the thief could get his chicken back under control, Dewey came out on the front

porch and cut loose in our general direction with his old 12 gauge shotgun.

We were way out of range, but it might as well have been point blank. No four chickens were turned lose as quickly or as simultaneously as our four leghorns.

We ran back to the Chris Rock, wet with sweat and gasping for breath, shirts and pants torn from saw briars and low limbs, and hurriedly doused the fire with cool aid and spring water after telling the other boys that Dewey was hot on out tails with a shotgun. Boys and dogs alike scattered, running for our lives, in all directions.

The next day Dewey told my Dad that a fox had caught one of his chickens and he’d shot at it. He said the fox must have turned his rooster loose because they were all there when he went out to feed them. He said it was a strange thing that not a one had a mark on it and he couldn’t figure out how a fox could get away with a chicken without tearing out most of its feathers. Apparently chickens can see pretty well by moonlight too.

Suffice to say that the notion of stealing chickens never came up again at the Chris Rock. But Arlie Adams had a big watermelon patch in a new ground up the mountain behind his house there on Blair Branch and that’s another story for another time.

## Senate Week in Review

By State Senator Ed Worley

Each week brings new challenges in the Kentucky State Senate and this week was no different. We turned our attention to several pressing pieces of legislation this week, from increasing Interstate highway speed limits to giving citizens a chance to have court cases against the state heard locally.

The recent tragedy in Bardstown, where six children and 10 people in all lost their lives in a house fire, was just the latest in a long line of fatal fires caused by cigarettes left burning. One in three fire deaths in Kentucky each year are due to a smoldering cigarette or other smoking materials, the state fire marshal tells us.

SB 134 would go a long way toward saving future lives by requiring cigarettes sold here to use a new kind of paper that stops a cigarette from burning if no one puffs on it after a short period of time. If someone fell asleep with their cigarette burning, it would likely go out before it caught furniture or anything else on fire, and many lives could be saved. Property damage would also be reduced, saving money that all of us pay in homeowners’ insurance. Six states already require fire-safe cigarettes, and Kentucky could join them at the forefront of fire safety if the House joins us in approving this bill.

We also took a step this week that will help all of us get around Kentucky quicker – and stay within the bounds of the law – by raising the speed limit on our Interstates and parkways. Thirty states, including four of our surrounding states, already have their Interstate speed limits set at 70 miles per hour, and many stretches of Kentucky highway are designed to handle traffic at that speed. SB 83 would allow our Secretary of Transportation to raise the limit on Interstates and four-lane parkways in areas where it’s safe to do so.

Under current state law, any citizen who wants to file a lawsuit against a state agency has to do so at the local courthouse in Frankfort. That’s a huge inconvenience and financial burden to people out in the state, and we passed SB 75 this week as a way to address the problem. This bill would allow cases to be heard in citizen’s home areas, saving them travel time and costs, while also allowing judges across the Commonwealth to add their expertise to the state’s case law and relieving the burden on Franklin Circuit Court.

This week we continued our work to expand the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) program by passing Senate Joint Resolution 48. The resolution calls for Kentucky to enter into reciprocal agreements with states nationwide to share prescription drug monitoring information if the other state’s prescription drug monitoring program is compatible with the program in Kentucky.

We’ve reached the halfway point of the 2007 Session, so we’ll soon take up House measures while the House looks at measures we’ve already passed. The House has already approved a timely piece of legislation, unanimously passing Senate Joint Resolution 16, which renames I-65 in Jefferson County as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Expressway. Coming in the midst of Black History Month, this is an appropriate recognition of a man whose values we all try to live up to every day.

The pace of the session is getting more frantic, but we always have time to listen to what the people of Kentucky have to say on the issues we’re facing. You can always make your views known by calling our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181, or e-mail me at [ed.worley@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:ed.worley@lrc.ky.gov).

## Our Readers Write

### Victim of theft...

Dear Editor,

I have just learned my Father (Jimmy Smith) was the target of a criminal act. Monday night, someone stole His Honda ATV, which was sitting in plain sight in his front yard. My father is disabled and only used this four-wheeler to travel the short distance from his house to mine and back. If you are the person who stole it I just want you to know it will never bring you anything but sorrow and regret for the rest of your life. My father, who has been dealing with the loss of my mother to cancer almost a year to the day, doesn’t need this. He has been paying medical bills from my mother’s illness and simply can’t afford to replace it. If you know anything about this theft I urge you to contact the Sheriff’s department. If you do know something I hope you have the human decency to not be silent. If the person or persons responsible are not caught you or your Parents may be next.

James H. Smith  
Wildie, KY

### Mandatory minimums are unjust...

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Mr. Bob Coffey for his views and opinions on this country’s justice system. I agree with him completely. I speak from experience because I am a victim of the Federal Justice System.

I am a first time nonviolent offender who received a 30 year sentence for a drug conspiracy, because of the harsh mandatory minimums that were adopted into law in the mid 80s. These mandatory minimums are unjust and should be done away with. The power should be given back to the judges so they would be able to sentence an individual according to the crime and be able to take into

account and consider any and all factors at sentencing.

These sentencing laws are why every prison is full, overcrowded and unsafe. There is no parole or second chance for anyone who is sentenced by the federal government. There is no good time or benefits handed out to prisoners who work, who better their education, receive their GED, learn a vocational trade or just maintain good clean conduct. Federal prisons are full of first time nonviolent offenders like me, doing nearly life sentences. We deserve a second chance. We should at least be able to earn good time for the things I just mentioned.

I would like to urge everyone to become involved and to work for a change that is so needed in the federal system. It’s your hard earned tax dollars that will keep me fed, housed and clothed for the next 27 years. I could have received rehabilitation and returned home to work, pay taxes and give back to the community instead of costing you, and every taxpayer \$40,000 or more a year for the next 27 years. There’s over 300,000 federal prisoners like me. Imagine the cost. It’s not hard to see how parole or earned good time would save

millions of tax dollars and would allow for that money to be spent on something useful.

I would also like to point out a grave difference in our state and federal systems. Several individuals were recently sentenced in Rockcastle County for sexually abusing children. In the worst case, 15 years, in one case two years and in another case just over one year. These individuals will be eligible for parole or even shock probation in a short time.

Then also another citizen of our great county was sentenced to only 30 months for issuing letters of credit in the amount of 1.6 million. I was sentenced to 30 years for possession less than nine ounces of effederine (cold medicine). The message our justice system is sending out is clear. “If you rape and molest children or embezzle our money, you will receive a slap on the wrist, if you become involved with drugs in any way, we will put you away for life.” This is an outrage! Wake up people! Your voice needs to be heard. A great change is needed. It starts with you.

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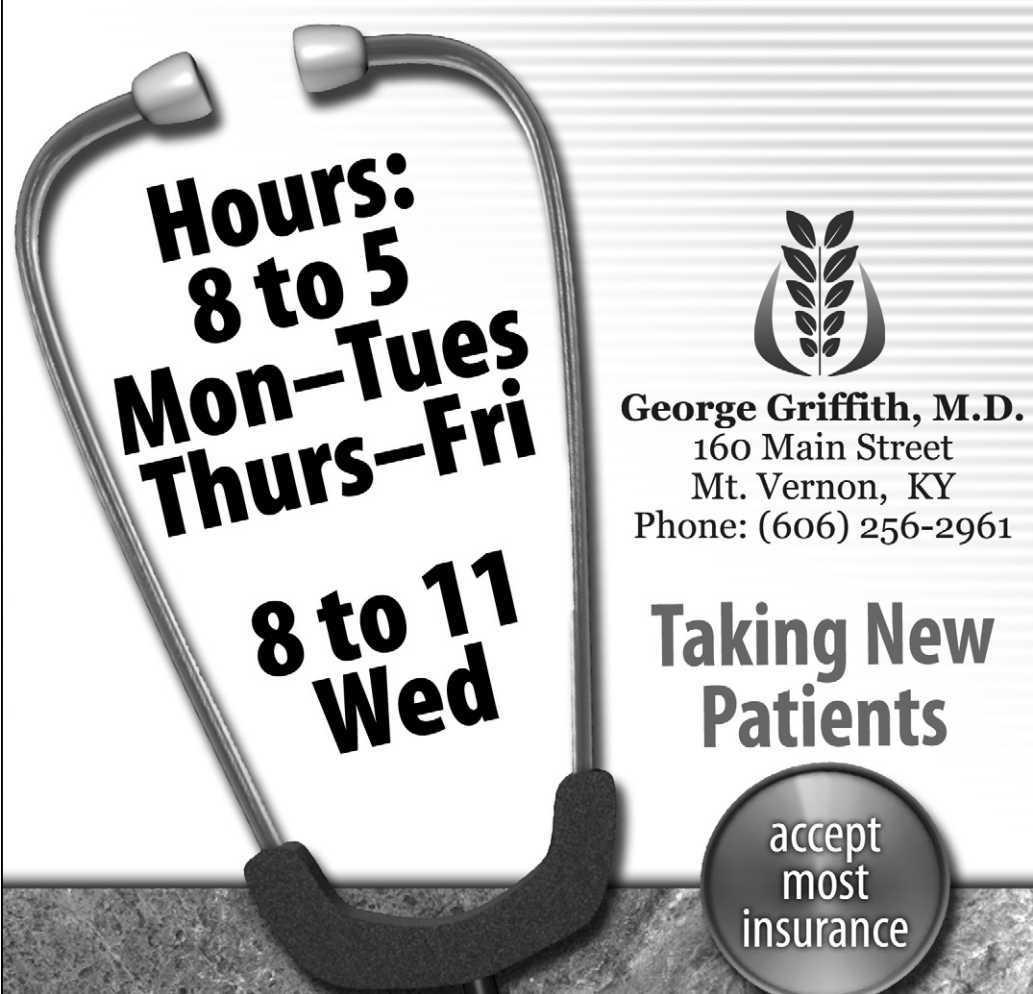
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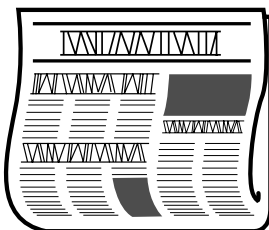
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# From the Signal files



## 10 years ago this week 1997

County officials, officers, directors and employees of the Bank of Mt. Vernon held a ground breaking ceremony for their new branch bank on the Hwy. 461 by-pass.

Some of those on hand were owner and board chairman Jerry Ikerd, Chief Executive Officer Bill Ackerman and President Jess Bullock.

State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon, met with Dr. Rollin Watson, president of Somerset Community College, to tour the campus and discuss several issues relative to education at the community college.

Ford, who was the House Minority Floor Leader, was also a member of Governor Paul Patton's Task Force on Post Secondary Education.

In a different issue, Rep. Ford

announced that a new traffic light would be installed at the entrance of the Rockcastle County High School by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Becky Smith, 29, of Clear Creek was seriously injured in a single car wreck on Clear Creek Road. Mrs. Smith broke her legs and an arm in the wreck. She was trapped for over an hour before members of the Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. were able to free her from the wreckage.

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court learned they could spend time in jail, if they did not pass a balanced budget, after failing to pass an insurance tax that would have guaranteed a balanced budget.

Angela Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton, Jr., of Mt. Vernon, was named to the Dean's List at Georgetown College and four local students

made the Dean's List at EKV.

The students were: Amy Childress, Rita Hayes, Jenise Masters and April Abney.

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets easily defeated Oneida in the first round of the 49th district tournament.

## 20 years ago this week 1987

Mt. Vernon Mayor Elizabeth Baker and councilman Jackie Russell Renner would face off in the May Primary to see who would fill the two years left on the term of Mayor Roland Mullins.

R.R. "Doc" Wolfe, 80 of Wildie, long time chairman of the Republican Party in Rockcastle County, died.

John's Appliance on Main Street in Mt. Vernon was the new Western Auto Sales Center and James Kidwell won the most improved sales award from Phillips 66 for his sales at his gas station on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon.

Twins Johnny and Donna Harris and Barry Bussell all of Brodhead were selected to be part of America's Who's Who Among High School Students.

The Bank of Mt. Vernon held their annual stockholder's meeting with 15 stockholders in attendance, representing 98 percent of the stock.

Elected to the board were: majority stockholder Jerry Ikerd, along with Danny McKinney, Jess Bullock, Murrell Denney, Charles Burdine, Bill Gregory, Carl Clontz, James Lambert and W.E. Hunt.

John Clontz was elected president and Doug Brock vice-president of the Cedar Rapids Recreation Board of Directors.

Other members of the board in 1987 were Tommy Parsons, Larry Travis, Ronnie Brown, Rick Anderkin, Mike Hansel, Dr. G.W. Griffith and David Pensol.

Bank of Mt. Vernon President Danny McKinney presented students David Eaton Jr., and Tiffany Carter with a check for \$200 for Easter Seals and Druther's Restaurant manager Danny Settles presented students Danetta Ford and Mike Smith with a donation for \$100. The drive was sponsored by Mt. Vernon Elementary School students.

On hand to help Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Hubert Thacker proclaim the last week of February as FFA week in Rockcastle County were Rockcastle County High School FFA students, Scott Adams, Chris Craig, Jeff Hayes, Carol Sigmon, Greg Brown and Anthony Lewis.

## 30 years ago this week 1977

Thurman "Jack" Raines announced his candidacy for sheriff and was joined in the race by Cletus Gentry. Raines chose Henry Lee Abney as his deputy and Gentry chose Russell Blackburn. Amos Burdette also filed for magistrate that week in 1977, in the fourth district.

Rockcastle County High School FFA students, Doug Adams, Donnie Hurst, Dennis Lawrence, Bobby Bell, Tommy Bussell and Harold Ballinger, Jr., along with sponsor Bill Ponder, looked on as Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Hubert Thacker proclaimed FFA week in Rockcastle County.

Roy Adams of Mt. Vernon passed the real estate salesman examination and was associated full-time with Ford Realty and Auction Company.

Rockcastle Saddle Club President, William Norton presented Oscar Chasteen the Rider of the Year Award from the Rockcastle County Saddle Club, during their annual awards banquet. First place Trail Boss awards went to Bennett Burton and Darrell Owens and Bobby Taylor won the Top Hand Award for the year.

Seven Rockcastle County High School Chorus students were selected to participate in the all-state chorus which would be held in Lexington.

The seven students were: Ernie Blevins, Janet Cummins, Mike Miller, Cathy Carey,

Audrey Faulkner, Brenda Treon and Kim Bullock.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Riddle were to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 4th and the Brodhead Elementary School cheerleaders received the second place trophy in the Jaycees tournament. Members of the squad were Tammy Hansel, Vicki King, Dee Ann Sargent, Nancy Cass, Jonimae Lear and Johnna Wilcop.

## 40 years ago this week 1967

Paul Hansel and Jack Whitaker were selected as delegates from the Brodhead Young Farmers Association Chapter for the state Young Farmer's Association Chapter meeting in Lexington.

Hansel was elected vice-president of the state association and Whitaker received a YFA Degree from the state association.

The Roundstone Eagles carried off honors in the championship game of the Rockcastle County Jaycee basketball tournament.

Members of the team were: Johnny Wilson, Ronnie Sears, Mike Burdette, George Powell, Tommy Coffey, Paul Reed, Clyde Richardson, Warren Poynter, Larry Thompson, Bill Howard and Joe Howard. The coach was Harry Lee Holland and managers were Donnie Mullins and Johnny McCollum.

The Roundstone cheerleading squad was judged best in the Jaycee tournament. Members of the squad were: Kathy Linville, Pamela Ramsey, Maxine Thacker, Linda Bowling, Eva Jean Cobb and Joy Lynn Parsons. Mrs. Ruby Jean Cornelius was the squad's sponsor.

Clarence Carter, owner and operator of Carter's Food Market in Mt. Vernon, announced he would be a candidate for the unexpired term of Tax Commissioner Homer Hale, who resigned shortly after being re-elected in 1965. Carter's wife, Louise was appointed to fill Hale's seat until the 1967 general election.

Sgt. Stanley, Graves formerly of Sand Springs, who was in the United States, Air Force, returned home in October of 1967 after an 11 month tour of duty at DaNang, South Vietnam and Phillip Derrick Singleton

celebrated his second birthday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Singleton.

## 50 years ago this week 1957

Bill Carson of London took over as the new sales manager for radion station WRVK at Renfro Valley.

Carson, who was moving his family from London, was a native of Scotland and been in the United States for several years.

Griffin and McCauley had five cars left at wholesale prices. They were a 1951 4 door Ford for \$390, 1950 Chevrolet Coupe for \$205, a 1950 Ford 4 door for \$265, a 1949 Chevrolet 2 door for \$225 and a 1950 Ford 2 door for \$395. Griffin and McCauley's car lot was located on Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

Bryant Brothers, also on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, was selling new black and white televisions for \$2.50 per week and all King Markets in the county, were selling pint jars of salad dressing for 29 cents.

Irvin Saylor resigned as Mt.

Vernon police chief and Mayor Roy Cummins said a replacement would be hired soon.

Runners-up in the district basketball tournament at Stanford was Mt. Vernon's team. Members of the team, which was coached by Jack Laswell were Theodore McClure, Billy Joe Hansel, Jimmy Pittman, George Pittman, Billy Davis, Jimmy Fain, Charles Bennett Farris, Billy Swinney, Bobby Sigmon and Wayne Taylor. Managers were Jimmy Cox and Preston Nunnelley, Jr. McClure, Hansel and Pittman were chosen for the all-district team.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vanhook announced the engagement of their daughter, Blanche to Glenn Reuter of Cincinnati and Hazel Hines was elected president of the Davis Branch School 4-H club.

Mt. Vernon's Kern's Bread employee Earl Smith was asking for help from his customers to win a sales contest that won him a 1957 Chevrolet.

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# Skaggs Creek United Baptist Church Est. 1867

**By: Richard Anderkin**

No doubt one of the county's oldest churches is also one of the fastest growing.

Skaggs Creek United Baptist Church was established in March of 1867 at the home of William Bloomer in the Wabd area.

According to the original church book, a group of men met at Bloomer's home and constituted the church on March 30th of 1867. Some of the men in the group were from Baptist Churches at Mount Pleasant, Pittman Creek and Olive.

The original church book was found three years ago in a trunk belonging to Fannie Whitaker, a clerk and Sunday School teacher at the church, who died in 1958.

The book was found at the home of Robert Whitaker, Fannie Whitaker's son, by her granddaughter, Mrs. Rose Mink.

According to the book the original 25 members of the church met at Bloomer's home from March of 1867 until December of 1867, when the first church building was completed.

Sometime between March and December one acre of land on William Bloomer's farm was purchased for \$10 and a church building 40 feet long and 25 feet wide was constructed.

William H. Bloomer, H.H. Baker and Daniel C. Bloomer were appointed trustees

On the 4th Saturday of December in 1867 the church's trustees voted to appoint Bro. Nathaniel Bloomer to keep the keys to the building and keep fires and water at the church for the next 12 months.

When the church was organized there were 25 mem-

bers and the first pastor was Elder George Bowling.

The first church building burned down sometime around 1910 or 1911 and the book, which is now in the possession of Mrs. Mink, only has minutes in it from 1867 to 1911.

There are a total of five church books, but none for the period between 1911 and 1932.

In November of 1932 the first service was held in the current building with Bro. Buckner Bowling, preaching.

Besides the history of the beginning of church, including who and when they joined the church, there are many keepsakes, such as the minutes from the 1888 Cumberland River Baptist Association's Annual Meeting. Skaggs Creek Church now is a member of the Laurel River Association of Baptist Churches.

The cemetery behind the church was apparently started in August of 1887, which is the earliest recorded burial.

Today, the church rolls have about 160 people on them and an average Sunday morning attendance of about 65, which is up from less than 20 a few years ago.

The preacher now is Bro. Bill Wagers from Manchester, who has been at the beautiful country church for over five years.

"I planned to only fill in for a few weeks until they found a full-time preacher, but you can see I'm still here," he said.

"We have a great group of Christian people here and it is truly a blessing to serve alongside them - the attendance was just down because they did not have a full-time preacher," Wagers said.

One of the first things Wagers helped do was to get a building project underway at the church.

"It was in pretty bad shape five years ago, but we have

pulled together to put the building in pretty good shape, but we have got a lot more to do," he said.

"I told them one morning that this was the Lord's house and we needed to take care of it properly," he said this past Sunday afternoon.

In the past five years, church members have spent over \$20,000 on the building and have another \$20,000 built up in their building fund for future projects. One of the future projects at the church is additional parking, Mrs. Mink said.

Mrs. Mink, whose family roots obviously run deep in the church, is one of three piano players, along with Sandy Whitaker and Melissa Albright.

The song leader is Mrs. Mink's husband, Lowell, who also plays lead guitar. The Mink's son, Kendall plays bass guitar and their daughter, Karen, plays the fiddle.

Besides being rewarded with a position he obviously deeply appreciates as pastor of Skaggs Creek United Baptist Church, Bro. Wagers and his wife Linda, have also gained a son-in-law and a new granddaughter, since coming to the church.

In October of 2004, their daughter, Misty, married Warren Whitaker, whose family is also deeply rooted in the church.

Seven months ago, Misty and Warren had a daughter, Isabella Grace. "We've been truly blessed here," Wagers said.

Services at the church are held every Sunday with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sunday night services are held at 6 p.m. in the winter time and 7 p.m. in the summer time.

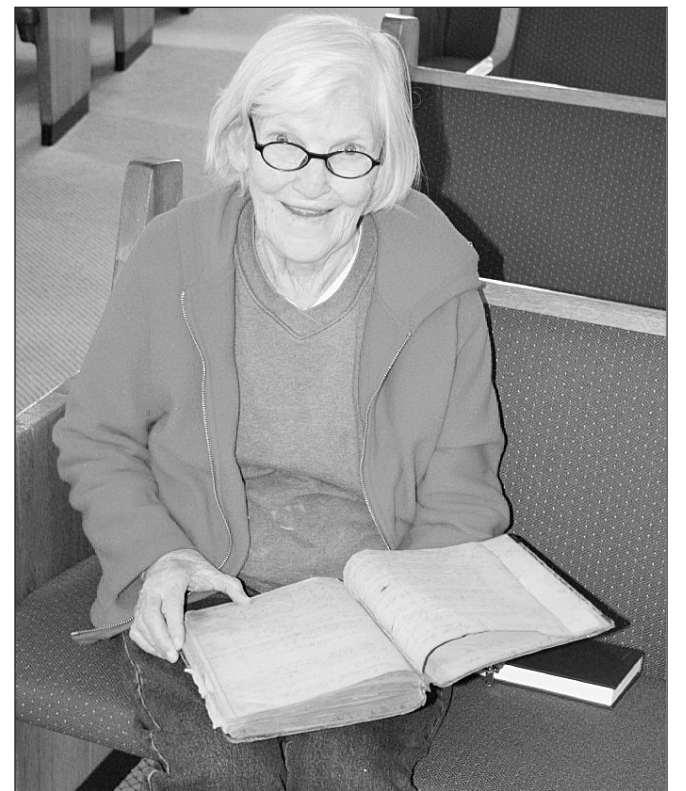
Wednesday night is youth night at the church beginning at 7 p.m.



The current church building, at Skaggs Creek United Baptist Church, pictured in the top photo was built in 1932.

In the middle photo are, from left: Bro. Bill Wagers, Linda Wagers and granddaughter, Isabella Grace, Misty Whitaker and Warren Whitaker.

At right is 82-year-old Mrs. Zelma Whitaker Hayes holding the church's original book, which was found in a trunk belonging to her late mother, Fannie Whitaker. Mrs. Fannie Whitaker was a clerk and Sunday School teacher at the church. Mrs. Cleo Harper, at age 83, is the church's oldest member.



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# Students participate in Leadership Day

Participating in the Sixth Annual Student Organization Leadership Day in Frankfort on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, were 29 members of the HOSA, FBLA, and SKILLS USA student organization(s) from Rockcastle Area Technology Center. Approximately 950 students and advisors from across Kentucky attended the day-long event.

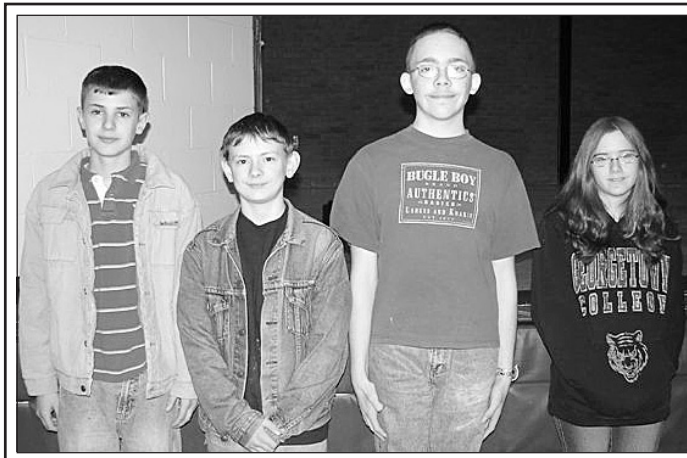
Student Organization Leadership Day is presented by the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education and is held during national Career and Technical Education Month. The 2007 theme is Career Tech-Today an Education; Tomorrow a Career. Career and Technical Education Student Organizations help members obtain leadership skills and gain experience to help them pursue careers, college and lifelong learning.

The leaders of local, regional, and state Career and

Technical Education Student Organizations attended a program featuring State Representative Derrick Graham, State Senator Vernie McGaha, and Kentucky Retail Federation President Jan Gould, each of whom spoke to the students about the various roles citizens can take in the legislative process.

Following the program, the student leaders met with their state representative, Danny Ford and visited the Capitol.

Sponsoring Career and Technical Education Student Organization Leadership Day were the Home Builders Association of Kentucky, Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors, Kentucky Cattleman's Association, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute, Kentucky Retail Federation, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, and the Mechanical Contractors Association of Kentucky.



Thanks to the RCMS Parent Teacher Student Alliance, several RCMS students were fortunate enough to be winners of Wal-Mart gift cards. Jeffery Wright, T.J. Abrams, Matthew Alcorn, and Taylor Anderkin were among last weeks winners.



In addition to participating in awesome learning experiences, RCMS students are being rewarded in other ways for their great attendance. Eighth graders Cody Thompson and Jessica Albright were among those who received gift cards as part of the RCMS attendance incentives.



Student leaders and advisors of FBLA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA on the steps of the Capitol with Representative Danny Ford in Frankfort.

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1. 13 man roster maximum per team. If two or more teams from one church, a player cannot play on two or more teams nor can he play for another church.
2. Roster will stand as is with no changes from time submitted. No Exceptions.
3. Roster and entry fee must be submitted (in my hand) no later than Wednesday evening, March 28th. Please include one contact, (coach, pastor, etc...) and a phone number with roster.
4. All church teams must have alike jerseys, T-shirts, etc.... with a number on the back.
5. Licensed officials will be used and high school basketball rules will be followed.
6. Games will be played with two 20 min. halves and clock stopping last two minutes of 2nd half.
7. Winning church team will receive their entry fee back and a first place trophy with 2nd place team receiving a trophy also.

Submit roster and entry fee to: Keith Bussell • P.O. Box 3057 • Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 You may also hand deliver your roster to Daniel Boone Development (Ashlee's House) 105 East Main St. Mt. Vernon no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, March 28th. For more information call: Keith Bussell at 308-3911; Zach Gentry at 308-3252; Tammy or Holly at 256-5315 before 4:30 pm Monday -Friday Teams will be drawn on the Thursday, March 29th and teams will be notified to contact given on roster. Game times will be on Friday night, March 30th from 7pm-11pm & Saturday morning, March 31st from 9am-?

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# Mt. Vernon Message

School News MVES UNITE club members will be selling tickets to "Rally in the Valley with the Stars". These tickets will be for the regular Barn Dance Show. Tickets usually cost \$16.00 per person, but if your purchase through UNIT, you can get an adult ticket for \$10.00 and an 18& under ticket for \$2.00. All of the school UNITE clubs will be participating in this event. The club that sells the most tickets in advance will win \$100.00. Watch your child's backpack for further details.

MVES SBDM Council will meet on Monday, March 5th at 4:00.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

- Tuesday: Brianna Lay
Wednesday: Holly Bradley
Friday: Dylan Spoonamore
Project Wisdom quote for this week is: "A smile costs nothing, but gives much."
Family Resource Center News
FRC Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March

8th at 11:30 in the FRC Office.

After school Enrichment classes begin on Monday, March 5th. Classes offered for this 8 week period are: Economics, Scrapbooking, Cooking, Guitar, Crafts, French, Algebra, Art, Exercise, Science, Computer and Drama. Classes will begin at 3:10 and end at 4:30.

FRC and FRYSC Corp are sponsoring "Jump Start Your Heart", a jump rope club, to promote a healthy lifestyle. This club will meet each Tuesday from 3:10 until 4:30.

FRC 100% club will meet on Thursday, March 1.

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.

## RCMS Book Review...

By Tracey Slusher

Mark is a big fan of the jungle. He is always playing jungle games and watching jungle videos. In Goosebumps: How I Got My Shrunken Head, by R.L. Stine, Mark jumps at the chance to visit the jungle when a woman from Belard's jungle offers him the opportunity. The woman tells Mark that his aunt is there and wants to see him. However, when they

board the plane, the woman tells him that his aunt is missing. Upon arriving, Mark reads the woman's black book and discovers that the woman just wants his powers.

My favorite part of the book was when Mark realized that he had the power of jungle magic. This was really a good book. The events in the book seem to jump out at you as if you are really there.

## RCMS Honor Roll

3rd Grading Period Honor Roll

Enterprisers - Charity Adams, Sara Adams, Ben Allen, Kelly Anderkin, Ashton Arvin, Rebecca Barron, Tiffany Barron, Jessica Bentley, Robbie Bradley, Jon Broughton, Olivia Caudill, Heather Clontz, Caleb Coffey, Bryonna Cromer, Kaitlyn Delph, Jonathon Denny, Stephanie Dixon, Logan Durham, Hannah Eaton, James Fletcher, Eli Haddix, Adam Hale, Amie Hale, Garrett Hasty, Matthew Hasty, Dylan Hensley, Kennedy Hood, Amy Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Amber Lamb, Elizabeth Lawrence, Rochelle Lawson, Josh Linville, Elijah Lovell, Rachel Martin, Sarah Martin, Damien McDaniel, Emily Mink, J.D. Morgan, Cali Parker, Sarah Pigg, Zach Poynter, Boone Saylor, Samantha Smoker, Dylan Stewart, Jade Taylor, Jessica Thacker, John Wilson, Alexis Young.

Amber Elam, Eli French, Matthew Gonzalez, Jonathan Graves, Lauren Gregory, Victoria Griffith, Dakota Halcomb, Miranda Harding, Ricky Harris, Courtney Hasty, Brandon Hatcher, Brittany Hines, Brandi Hollins, Jacob Houk, Justin Houk, Leah Hughes, Cody Isaacs, Kelsey Jett, Austin Jordison, Briana Keating, Thomas Keating, Megan Kendrick, Robert Lawson, Samantha Lawson, Bethany McKinney, Raychel McKinney, Emily Miller, Chasity Minton, Carlotta Morgan, Brett Noble, Samantha Payne, Celine Potter, Adam Poynter, Crystal Reddington, Terri Renner, Matthew Reynolds, Mary Robinson, Tucker Rose, Albert Seals, Angel Shelton, Angel Spurlock, Jesse Stallsworth, Austin Stewart, Justin Strunk, Samantha Thompson, Kaylea Welch, Nathan Whitaker, Caitlin Wilson.

Adventures - Carly Asher, Courtney Bagget, Alecia Broughton, Tabitha Bullock, Billy Cameron, Emily Clark, Kadi Cobb, Katie Cowan, Hayley Davis, Lige Graves, Caroline Green, Corri Healy, Kaycee Hughes, Casey Hunt,

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# Minds in the Middle

RCMS was able to showcase the BRAVO Gifted and Talented Program at the Kentucky School Board Association conference on Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24 at the Galt House in Louisville. Four outstanding BRAVO students, Starla Bond, Emily Clark, Ben Lake, and Patric Lowery, escorted by Vanessa Bullock, middle school Gifted and Talented Coordinator Trina Bustle, elementary Gifted and Talented Coordinator, and Ken Mattingly, Science BRAVO teacher, presented some of the activities that have occurred in the BRAVO program this year. The students did a wonderful job of sharing BRAVO with superintendents and School Board personnel from school districts around the state. Thanks, Starla, Emily, Ben, and Patric!

RCMS students recorded 723 kind acts during Random Acts of Kindness Week. The students recorded their good deeds on strips of construction paper which were used to form a chain. The chain is on display in the media center. The Leadership Teams headed up this effort with the hopes that they could begin a chain reaction of kindness for each other.

Mid-term will be this Thursday, March 1st. Mid-term reports will be sent home next week. Our parent-teacher conferences have been rescheduled for March 29th.

Congratulations to our Student YMCA members who did a fantastic job of representing us at the Kentucky United Na-

tions Assembly. We are especially proud of Morgan Hunt, who was chosen as President of the European Summit. Hannah Eaton, Jay Lawson, and Rebecca Barron were the writers of one of four bill proposals selected to go to the Security Council for debate. Kara Canterbury was quite impressive in her run for Secretary General. Once again, RCMS students made us proud!

We also appreciate the KUNA participants for displaying their parade of nations for us last Friday. Their costumes were awesome! We were pleased that the 5th graders from Mt. Vernon Elementary were able to join us for that presentation.

Congratulations to Mrs. Angie Hunt's homeroom on being repeat winners in the weekly attendance race. Recognized in second place was Mrs. Davis's 6th grade Voyager homeroom. Mrs. Ballinger's 6th grade Enterprisers' group finished in third place.

This Friday, RCMS will celebrate Read Across America. The RCMS Media Center will be open for checkouts all day. Students who check out a book will receive their own free book to keep. Other activities will be going on Friday at RCMS as we celebrate the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Next Wednesday, March 7th, will be the regular monthly meeting of the SBDM council. The meeting will begin at 3:30 in the media center.



Makayla McFerron and Angel Spurlock's names were drawn last Friday as attendance winners. Students must be present every day that week to be eligible for the prize drawings. RCMS greatly appreciates the efforts of all of our perfect attendance students. Keep up the good work!

"What Is Written" Paul in Rm.14:10-12 we read, "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." This is such a sobering thought, to think that we must give an account of ourselves before our Maker. I can remember growing up, doing something wrong and be called before my parents to give an answer for myself. Or being in school and being called by the teacher to go to the office over an incident. How much more so, is it to think, of standing before the one who knows absolutely all things that I have said, done and even thought! There is only one way that we can even possibly hope to face God in the judgment with hope, and that is to be a faithful child of God. Only those who have stepped out on the promise of God in faith and obedience shall be ready to meet their maker. Are you ready ??? Providence church of Christ Dan McKibben-758-9316 ~ E-mail: Dan.McKibben@Juno.com Website: www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com Time of Services: Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40 & 6pm; Wed.7:00pm. Radio: Sunday 8am, 1460 AM

Little Ones' Spring/Summer 2007 Consignment Sale Children's Clothing & Shoes • Toys Books • Games • Puzzles • Videos & More Infant & Nursery Items Maternity & Nursing Items Sports Equipment & Uniforms Friday, March 2, 2007 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2007 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Saturday is 50% Off On Select Items Day Richmond First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 401 West Main Street, Richmond • Parking Available in Church Lot



# “Honor Roll”

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Camille Jones, James Kersey, Shawn King, Tim Kirby, Bailey Lake, Ben Lake, Savannah Lamb, Jessica Lautenschlager, Ashley Lewis, Alexandra Martin, Chase McGuire, Anthony McKinney, Samantha Miller, BJ Mink, Caitlin Mullins, Rebekka Mullins, Lindsey Northern, Logan Ponder, Adam Reed, Robert Reynolds, Jerika Robbins, Michael Robinson, Matthew Samples, Tabitha Spoonamore, Alex Stewart, Megan Stewart, Cassandra Tray-

lor, Brianna Tillery, Courtney Vanwinkle, Ashley Waddle, Jordan Whitaker, Kim Willis, Everett Wilson, Sarah Woodall Shooting Stars(Kenton Adams, Samantha Adams, Spencer Baldwin, Katelyn Blair, Robert Bowman, Jadon Brock, Lindsey Brown, Lindsey Bryan, Nicholas Delaney, Elise Durham, Marissa Gill, Holly Ham, Jarrett Hamm, Donald Helton, Breanna Johnson, Nicholas Keathley, Timothy Kelley, Jon Paul Kidwell, Megan Martin, William Milburn, Amanda Northern, Jay Patel, William Reynolds, Steven Thomason, Brittany Todd, Kaylee Vanwinkle, William Walker, William Wheat, Carly Winstead.

Comets - Kristen Abney, Brittany Adams, Jonathan Alexander, Luke Allen, John Artley, Sydney Arvin, Stanley Baggett, Corey Baker, Alivia Bullock, Brandon Burdette, Caitlin Burke, Shanlee Burton, Cole Castleberry, Jonathon Chaseteen, Samantha Cromer, Michaela Dewit, Amanda Doan, Joseph Doan, Matthew Fields, Rachel Gleissner, Sara Hammond, Mallory Harper, Casey Hasty, Rachel Hemsley, Sarah Herbert, Skylar Holcomb, Morgan Hunt, Jasmin Johnson, Katie Linville, Chasity Loudermilk, Jessica Mahaffey, Ella McQueary, Kyle Messina, Shawnda Milburn, Ethan Miller, Jeffrey Mink, Rachel Nicely, Christina Pendery, Karen Pheanix, Mason Phillips, Dakota Ratliff, Andrew Rehor, Rachel Renner, Megan Richards, Justin Shears, Megan Simmons, Karah Taylor, Kari Taylor, Allyson Washburn,

Shane Winkler, Kayla Wynn. Challengers - Jessica Albright, Charles Alcorn, Nachae Alexander, Taylor Anderkin, Jesse Artley, Sarah Baker, Tara Baldwin, Brittany Boreing, Katelyn Brown, Heather Bullock, Kristen Bullock, Nathan Bullock, Chasity Burke, Keesha Bussell, Felicia Cameron, Kaitlyn Cartwright, Starla Clouse-Bond, Morgan Dixon, Heather Gregory, Elizabeth Guinn, Jennifer Hackworth, Rachel Halcomb, Catarina Harmon, Zachary Harper, Kayla Hensley, Amber Hines, Chris Hollin, Kasey Hopkins, Dalton Hutton, Elliot Jackson, Nichole Jones, Derek Jones, Christine Kirby, Joel Lakes, Angela Lawrence, Cody Lawson, John Lawson, Patric Lowery, Jesse Marks, Abbey McClure, Zachary McClure, Kristyna McKinney, Chris Miracle, Ashley Partin, Cynthia Poynter, Justin Poynter, Brandon Proctor, Nichole Roberts, Ryan Roberts, Jordan Robinson, Kassandra Robinson, John L Saylor, Ashley Tanner, Whitney Vickers, Ben Whitaker, Regan White.



On January 26th-27th, 15 freshman FFA members attended Made For Excellence. This two day workshop consisted of young FFA members working on skills that help improve their community, their chapter, and themselves. Members attending appear in the picture above. From back row left to right: Bo Clark, Darrin McKinney, Jonathon Singleton, Michael Deborde, Steven Brown, and Dillan Asher. Middle Row: Kayla Hurt, Natalie Haarman, Nikki Wilson, Amanda Swinney, Zach McCracken, and Jesse Coffey. Front row: Jordan Blackburn, Megan Cromer, and Charles Kirby.

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### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 06-CI-00282

**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-1** Plaintiff

V.

**Cheryl Cowan, Commonwealth of Kentucky, City of Mt. Vernon and County of Rockcastle** Defendant

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 9, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY THREE DOLLARS AND 41/100 (\$51,143.41) 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, March 16, 2007  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:20 p.m.**

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

#### PARCEL NO. 1

Located in the Sparks-Davis Addition to the town of Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake in the east edge of the county road; thence easterly 100 feet to twin wild cherry trees in the Bill Manus line; thence southerly with Manus line to an iron stake in the edge of the alley; thence with the northern edge of the alley to the county road; thence with the county road northerly to the point of beginning, and being the back portion of Lots No. 36 and 36 1/2 of the Sparks-Davis Addition to the town of Mt. Vernon as recorded in Deed Book 26, page 639.

#### PARCEL NO. 2

Being located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, just outside the corporate limits of the town of Mt. Vernon, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Tract No. 1 - Beginning at an iron stake in the line of the county road; a new corner established between property herein and Alva Falin; thence southerly with county road 100 feet to an iron stake, corner with Alva Falin; thence westerly 85 feet with Alva Falin to an iron stake in Elza McClure's fence line; thence northerly with McClure's fence 100 feet to an iron stake, corner with Alva Falin in McClure's line; thence easterly 85 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract No. 2 - Beginning at a stake, corner of Monroe Falin; thence southerly 100 feet to an iron stake; thence westerly 65 feet to an iron stake at the right of way street; thence northerly with right of way of street 100 feet to an iron stake, Childress corner; thence easterly with Childress 65 feet to the beginning corner.

Being the same property Cheryl Cowan obtained by deed dated November 9, 2000 executed by Glennis Miller, et ux., and recorded in Deed Book 182, page 197 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

- 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 Special Master Commissioner.
- 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.
- Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- 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.
- The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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

### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 06-CI-00200

**Flagstar Bank, FSB** Plaintiff

V.

**Ronald Coffey, Lamonica Coffey, American General Finance, Inc., Beneficial Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Kentucky a/k/a Beneficial Mortgage Corporation** Defendant

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 29, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND 54/100 (\$81,880.54) 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, March 16, 2007  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:10 p.m.**

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

Rt. 2, Box 360, Livingston, KY 40445.

Beginning on a railroad spike in the center of State Road No. 1004 and corner to Richard Mullins; thence with the center of said road N 82 deg. 00'00" E, 150.00 feet; thence S 87 deg. 00'00" E, 420.00 feet to a point in said road and new corner to Benny Phillips; thence with line of S 05 deg. 27'06" W, 581.7 feet to a stake corner to Phillips and in line of John Lair; thence S 55 deg. 00'00" W, 525.00 feet to a leaning hickory, a corner to Lair and Richard Mullins; thence with line of Mullins N 16 deg. 30'00" W, 291.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing five (5.0) acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Ron Coffey and wife, LaMonica Coffey obtained by deed dated September 20, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 176, page 338 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

- The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Special Master Commissioner.
- 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.
- Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- 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.
- The successful bidder shall at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on any improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid with the loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner.
- The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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

### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 06-CI-00114

**JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Successor by Merger to Bank One, N.A.** Plaintiff

V.

**Sonny Oakes and Dayna Oakes** Defendants

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 26, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN FOLLARS AND 74/100 (\$102,657.74) 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, March 16, 2007  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Rt. 3 Box 451, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Beginning at a fence corner in Hurricane Road right of way (corner to Saylor Cemetery) 2.7 miles Northwest of U.S. 25 at Green Hill; thence with cemetery S 44 1/4 °, W 200 feet and N 41 3/4 °, W 175 feet to fence corner on Southeast side of Burdette's Private Road; thence with Private Road S 36 °, W 587 feet to a steel pin on Southeast side of Private Road; thence with Burdette S 60 1/4 °, E 100 feet to a stake, N 51 1/2 °, E 747 feet to a stake in right of way of Hurricane Road; thence with Road N 42 °, W 100 feet to the beginning.

There is EXCEPTED from the above the following parcel:

Being a tract of land obtained by Clyde & Betty Burdette from Sonny & Dayna Oakes by deed dated December 16, 2002 and recorded in Deed Book 192, page 605 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to herein as a "Iron Pin Set" is a set 1/2" diameter rebar eighteen (18") in length, with an orange plastic cap stamped G. Holman P.L.S. 1837. All bearings stated herein are referred to the magnetic meridian as observed Feb. 12th, 2003 along the south line of the tract described herein.

Beginning at an iron pin set in the south R/W of the Hurricane School Rd. (15' from center) a corner of parent tract, also a corner of Saylor Cemetery (deed not found) being approx. 0.6 miles from the Intersection of KY. 1505.

Thence with the fence and line of Saylor Cemetery, the following calls: Thence South 43 degrees 34 minutes 37 seconds West, 202.38 feet; to an iron pin set; Thence North 42 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds West, 175.75 feet to an iron pin set, in the east R/W of the A. Burdette Rd. (15' from center); Thence with the east R/W of the A. Burdette Rd. the following call: Thence South 35 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West, 388.04 feet; to an existing 1/2" rebar, a corner of Sonny Oakes, D.B. 192, Pg. 573; Thence with the line of S. Oakes the following call: Thence South 51 degrees 29 minutes 19 seconds East, 149.77 feet to an existing 1/2" rebar, a corner of Gary Burdette D.B. 133, page 517; Thence with the line of G. Burdette the following call: Thence North 50 degrees 53 minutes 13 seconds East, 558.52 feet; to an iron pin set in the south R/W of the Hurricane School Rd. being (15' from center); Thence with the south R/W of the Hurricane School Rd. the following call: Thence North 42 degrees 38 minutes 57 seconds West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning. Contains 2.089 acres more or less.

Being the same property Sonny Oakes and wife Dayna Oakes obtained by deed dated September 8, 2000 and recorded in Deed Book 181, page 573 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

- The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Special Master Commissioner.
- 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.
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**Willis G. Coffey  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

# Host team how spectators Lady Rockets win first round district game over Pulaski Co.

By: Richard Anderkin  
The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets overcame poor shooting, foul trouble and poor officiating on Monday night to down the Lady Maroons of Pulaski County in the first round of the 47th district tournament.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to a 7-0 lead at the start of the game, but the final score of 52-41 was not indicative of the game, in which the Lady Rockets were down two at half-time, 27-25.

The Rockets were outscored

16-7 in the second period because of foul trouble, especially center Sara Hammond who picked up her second foul mid way through the first quarter.

But, as the Lady Rockets have done so many times this season, the number one ranked team in the 12th region came out in the third period and used a smothering press to hold the Lady Maroons to just three points in that stanza.

The Lady Maroons, however, regrouped and pulled to

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Sara Rowe does some post-up work for the Lady Rockets in their 52-41 win over the Lady Maroons of Pulaski County. Rowe led the Lady Rockets in scoring with 20.

# In district tourney action Rockets lose on last second “slop” shot by Pulaski County

Sports By: Richard Anderkin

They saved their best for last, but the Rockets still came out on the short end Tuesday night at Pulaski County.

The Rockets lost 70-67 in the first round of the 47th district tournament to the host Maroons, who were heavy favorites going into the contest.

The Rockets, who trailed by

no more than 13 points all night, gave the Maroons the scare of their basketball life when Pulaski County found themselves in a tie game with 11 seconds to play and the Rockets on the foul line.

Junior Devin Hasty failed to hit the front end of the bonus

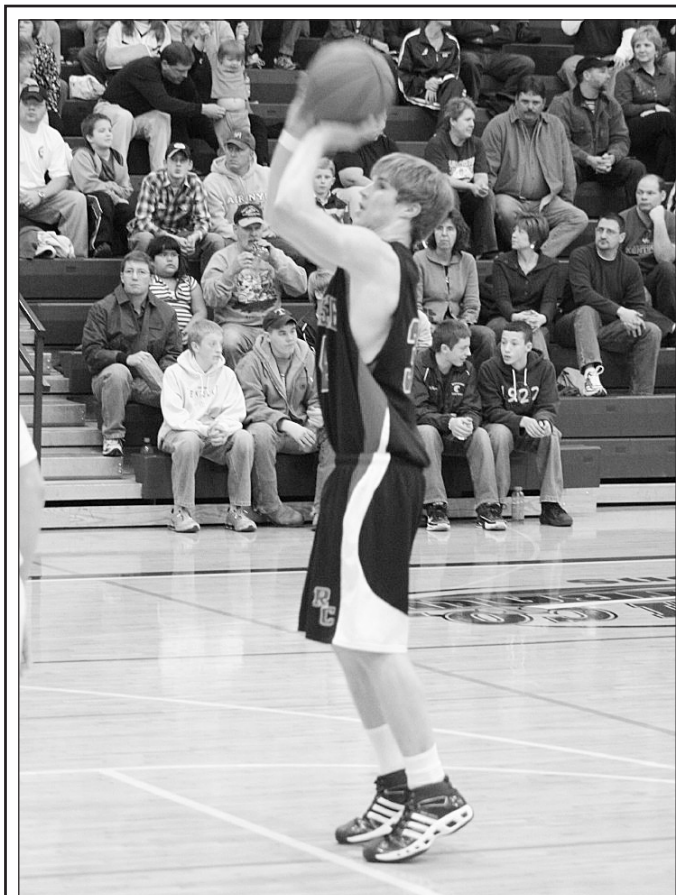
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Jackie Alexander works to get a rebound after a free throw attempt by the Lady Rockets in their 52-41 win over Pulaski County Monday night.



Sonya Lunsford applies the defense on the Lady Rockets full court press against Pulaski County. The Lady Rockets will defend their 47th district title Thursday night (tonight) against Casey County.



Sophomore Tanner Perkins puts up a free throw for the Rockets in their 70-67 loss to Pulaski County Tuesday night. Perkins poured in 19 points for the Rockets in the losing effort.



Tonya Lunsford snags a rebound for the Lady Rockets in their opening round win over Pulaski County in the 47th district tournament.



Freshman Derrick Thacker fights for a rebound in the Rockets 70-67 loss to Pulaski County Tuesday night in the first round of the 47th district tournament. Thacker had 12 points in the contest, mostly off offensive rebounds.



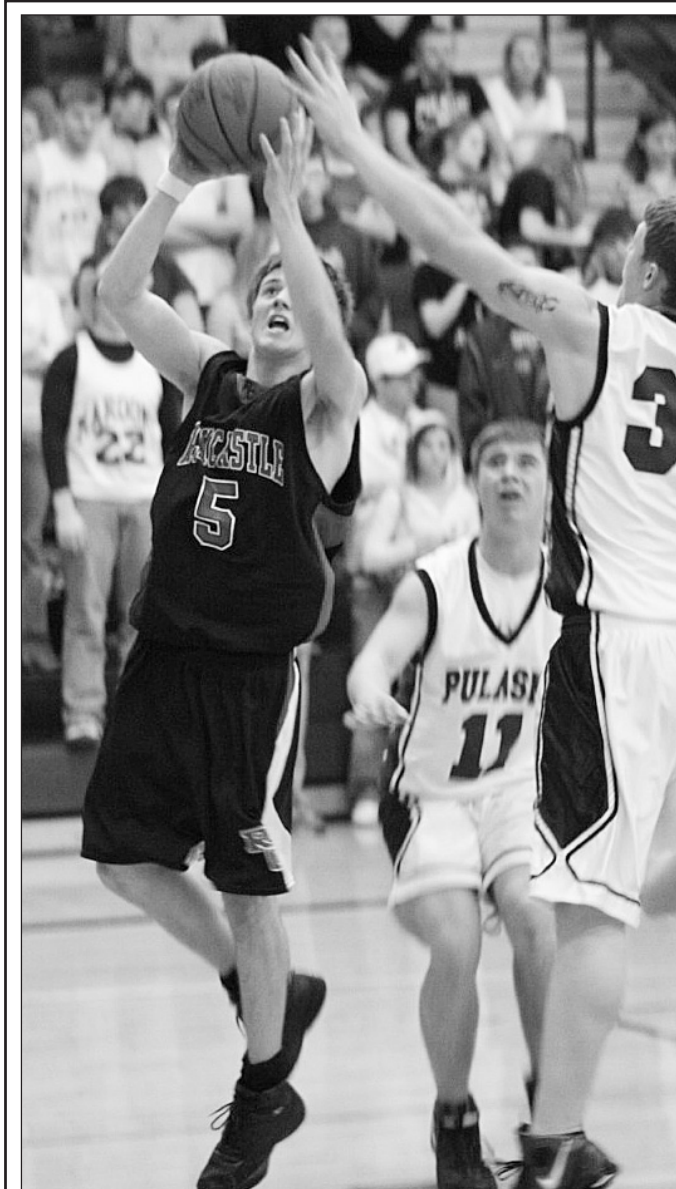
Jake Woodall plays defends on a Pulaski County Maroon player during their first round loss of the 47th district tournament. Woodall ran his own team well from the point guard position scoring 8 points in the loss.



Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble gives her team instructions during a timeout in their district tournament first round win over Pulaski County Monday night. Noble is attempting to lead her squad to back to back titles in the 47th district.



Rocket cheerleader Heather Barnett works to pep up the crowd Tuesday night in the Rockets heartbreaking loss to Pulaski County. A last second shot gave the Maroons a 70-67 victory.



Junior Devin Hasty takes the ball to the basket in the Rockets loss to Pulaski County Tuesday night. Hasty played hard for the Rockets leading the way with a game high 22 points.





### 40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Roberts, Jr. of Buffalo Hollow Rd. Berea, renewed their vows on their 40th wedding anniversary at Trinity Full Gospel Church February 18, 2007. Reverend Stevie Robinson officiated. Dr. Glenna Horne Graves was maid of honor, Samantha Powell was bridesmaid, best man was Antony Roberts and Dillon Roberts was groomsman. Flower girls were Brook Smith and Kayla Sparks. The bride was given away by Will Graves. Music was provided by Joyce Griggs and Dr. Peggy Rivage-seul. It was also the ninth anniversary of Lisa and Antony Roberts.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bernard Hopkins

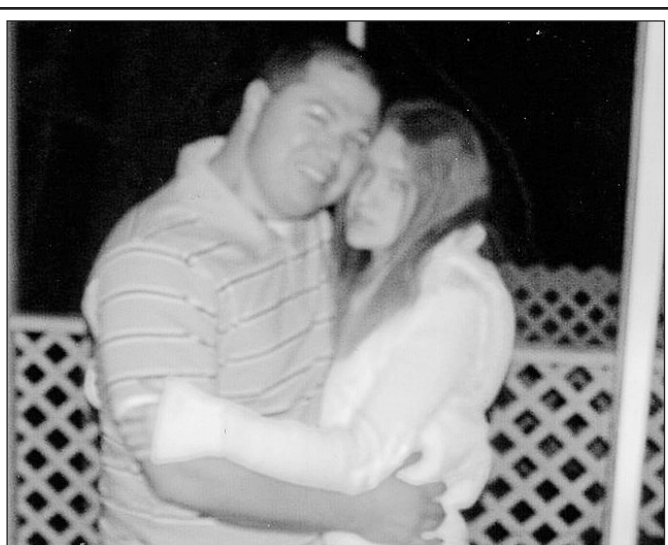
### Conlon - Hopkins wed

Evan Nicole Conlon, daughter of Brad and Renee Conlon of Douglasville, Ky. and Stephen Bernard Hopkins, son of Tony and Donna Hopkins of Mt. Vernon were married July 8, 2006 at Berry College Chapel in Rome, Ga.

Bishop Lindsey Maxwell was the officiating minister. Music was provided by Kim Peace, Renee Robinson and Jay Birkbeck. Maid of honor was Jennifer Jones and Matron of Honor was Valerie Thompson. Bridesmaids were Katie Fitzgerald, Serenity Hopkins, Kesha Maxwell, Elizabeth Miller, Jennifer Owsley, Monica Peace and Alicia Southerland. Junior Bridesmaid was Kimberly Conlon. Alyssa McGee was flower girl and Caleb Ethridge was ring

bearer. Co-best men were Ken Hopkins and Jeremy Neeley. Groomsmen were Bradley Conlon, Seth Conlon, Jeremy Rowe, Thomas Coffey, Jordan Cash, Anthony Martin and Chihoon Shin. Junior Groomsman was Nate Conlon.

The bride, a 2001 graduate of Lithia Springs High School and a 2005 graduate of Berry College teaches fourth grade at Eastside Elementary. The groom, a 2001 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a 2006 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology is employed in aerospace engineering at Wencor in Atlanta, Ga. The couple honeymooned in Orlando, Florida and is residing in Douglasville, Ga.



### Rader - Shearer

Ashley Nicole Rader and David Shawn Shearer would like to announce the union of their marriage that took place February 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rock of Ages Wedding Chapel in Berea. A larger ceremony will be held this July at Cumberland Falls in which family and friends will be invited to attend.

### Mt. Vernon Personals

By Marie McKinney

Those visiting C.S. and Marie McKinney recently were their daughter, Sharon Lovins; their granddaughter, Jamie Groves and their great grandsons, Wiley and Silas Groves of Richmond. Their son, Jack McKinney and his girlfriend, Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McKinney and their friends, Jim and Christina, all of Ohio also visited them.

Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and their son, Dalton, of Eubank,

Jack Lovins, his children, Samarah and Riley and his girlfriend, Lisa.

C.S. and Marie McKinney visited their grandson, Jim Lovins, his wife, Jenny, and their children, Chance, Chase, Chesney and Chaden in Berea recently.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the good Lord bless each and everyone.

### Project Graduation

Students/members of Project Graduation 2007 have been earning free cash by participating in the FundingFactory Recycling Program. They collect empty laser and inkjet cartridges and used cell phones from the community and send the waste products to FundingFactory in exchange for their choice of technology and recreation products, or even cash.

Companies interested in demonstrating a commitment to education and the environment can participate free of charge in the FundingFactory Business Support Program. Funding Factory will send each supporting business free, postage-paid shipping boxes for the return of collected cartridges and cell phones. By donating to Project Graduation 2007, businesses can help them earn the money they need.

Community and business supporters can also drop off cartridges and cell phones at the following locations: Rockcastle County High School, Mt.

Vernon Elementary School, Brodhead Elementary School, Roundstone Elementary School or Rockcastle Middle School.

To learn more about supporting Project Graduation 2007, please call Sharon Walker at 606-308-1962 or email at slbwalker@msn.com.

For more information, visit www.FundingFactory.com or call toll-free, 1-888-883-8237.

### Leadership Rockcastle travels to Prestonsburg

The 2007 Leadership Rockcastle class traveled to Prestonsburg for the opening of the retreat session. The group spent Friday and Saturday discussing a variety of topics from personality analysis to the basics of economics.

The Friday session was held at Prestonsburg's Mountain Arts Center and, following dinner that evening, the group was given a

tour of the facility. Last year's class was so inspired by this facility, and how it offers a venue for local talent, several decided to organize local children into a program called "Valley Kids." Peter Hille of Brushy Fork Institute stated, "there is still lots of opportunities to expand and tie into the Renfro Valley tradition of music."

After the session held on Saturday morning, the group traveled to Hindman and toured the Kentucky School of Crafts. This facility was converted from a vacant school building to a teaching center for training students in wood working and jewelry design. The school will be adding 9,000 sq. ft. for a ceramics studio in the near future. Hindman, a community of 800, has found a niche by combining education of the arts/crafts and tourism. Tim Goltzbach, director of the school, gave the tour of the school and downtown Hindman. Goltzbach told the group that the community came together and decided on a twenty year plan and that they are ten years into the plan and progress continues.

The final stop was to tour a state of the art day care center called New Beginnings in Hazard. Director Gerry Roll told the group how this project developed. He was instrumental in creating the concept and obtaining funds for the facility as an economic development project. Sessions will be held from March to graduation in November. The group meets monthly for four hours to continue discussions, group exercises and hear speakers. The program is sponsored by the Rockcastle County Development Board.

Members of this year's group are: John Hopkins, Dennis Sargent and Pam Taylor, Citizens Bank; Rebecca Isaacs and Jamie Fain, Rockcastle County School System; Joyce Cummins, Kentucky Department of Children's Services; Dwain Harris, Rockcastle Hospital; Deb Bledsoe, Appalachian Science in the Public Interest; Everett Harper, B&H Tools and Stacy Hillard, Community Trust Bank.



Land Sakes Alive this old gray haired man is 65. Happy Birthday Ray Denny

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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.

**Benefit for Taylor Family**  
There will be an Old Fashion Pie Supper, including bluegrass, country and gospel music on Friday, March 2, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Black Barn (across the tracks) at Conway. All proceeds will go to the family of Dustin Brian Taylor who lost his life in a fire at his home in the Sand Springs area recently. So, ladies, bring a pie and a friend and we'll all have a good time for a good cause. You'll need to check your pie in early before the auction begins.

**Mt. Vernon's Old Fashioned Tradin' Days**  
Mark your calendar for a fun-filled week end April 20-21. 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.

**WRVFD Soup Bean Supper**  
A soup bean supper will be held by the Western Rockcastle Fire Dept. at the Hwy. 70 Quail station on Sat., March 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. All dinners are \$5 and include soup beans, fried potatoes and cornbread.

**Extension Office Classes**  
**March 1 @ 10 a.m.** - Free Beginner Knitting Class. You will need to supply your own needles and yarn. The class will be taught by Paige Beichler at the Rockcastle County Extension Office.

**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.

**Jewelry Jazz:** The leader lesson will include information on the latest trends in jewelry and will also include a workshop on beading. The class is free and will last approximately 45 minutes. \$2 charge for the workshop at the Rockcastle County Extension Office on March 27 @ 1 p.m.

**Blood Drive:** Rockcastle County Community Blood Drive will be held Thursday, March 15 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Extension Office, 1050 West Main Street in Mt. Vernon in the conference room. *Photo ID is now required of all donors.* 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.

**Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, March 5: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tues., March 6: Green Hill, Conway, Fairview and Lambert Road. Wed., March 7: Day Health/Senior Citizens, Carter Drive Apartments and Brindle Ridge.

**Body Recall Classes**  
Body Recall classes begin March 12 at the Community House on Main St., Mt. Vernon. It will be a 10 week session - 30 lessons for \$36. The first lesson is free. The classes will improve your strength, flexibility, blood pressure, energy, stress and forever change your attitude about exercise. Teacher will be Janice Davis/Certified Body Recall Instructor. The classes will be held Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 606-256-3800 for more info or go to [www.jd.bodyrecall@yahoo.com](http://www.jd.bodyrecall@yahoo.com)

**Saddle Club Meeting**  
The Rockcastle County Saddle Club will hold a meeting Monday, March 5 at the club house beginning at 7 p.m. with a pot luck.

**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 Talent Show**  
The Crab Orchard Neighborhood Watch 2nd Annual Talent Show, with chili supper and silent auction, will be Sat., March 3 at 6 p.m. at Ceder Creek Sportsmens Club on Hwy. 150. Everyone invited to come out for a night of family fun. Admissin is \$3 for 12 years and up; \$2 for 3 to 11 years and 2 years and under free.

**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.

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

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

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



Above, in attendance at Sunday's meeting at cleftRock were from left: Charles Wynn, William Denny, Hal Holbrook, Bentley Cromer and Johnny Bengé.

At right, Roger Renner and Roger Bullock, both area residents signed a petition for fire protection in the area that is going to be presented to Governor Ernie Fletcher by area resident Bob Fields. Several petitions were also handed out to people who were going to obtain as many signatures as possible.



Bentley Cromer is donating the use of the bay shown at far left, for use by the new fire department in the southern area of the county. Cromer, who lives at Pongo, is in the trucking business.

## “Fire Dept.”

(Cont. from front)

Bullock, who owns property at Blue Springs, have also said they would donate land.

“I’ve got 123 acres of land on both sides of the road and I will give them whatever they need,” Bullock said after the meeting.

Wilburn said the best place for a possible fire station would be on top of the mountain between Bloss and cleftRock Roads which would enable faster response for the entire area, because it would be centrally located. Wilburn said about an acre of land would be needed for the building and for parking for firefighters and for fundraisers.

“We’ve got to make this a community project, if we are going to make it work,” Wilburn said.

Wilburn also pointed out the savings on insurance premiums would result from having more fire protection in the area.

Mt. Vernon Fire Chief Garry Hansel said structures in the area were now rated a ten district, the highest possible, and could fall to a nine once a fire department was established.

“You would save some money, but you would never be able to drop below a nine rating,” Hansel said.

Wilburn suggested that people who saved money on their insurance premiums could donate half of what they save back to the fire department, until the department got on its feet.

Area resident Bob Fields, who helped chair the meeting, said he was going straight to the Governor’s office to ask for help with the fire department. “Politicians usually always consider petitions and we need all the signatures we can get,” he said.

Hansel, Brodhead Fire Chief Larry Taylor and Western Fire Chief Johnny Bengé told the group they would help them get started in anyway, especially in the area of training.

The state requires that at least 7 members of a 13 member fire department have at least 150 hours to be certified as a fire fighter before grants or monies can be received by the state or before they will allow insurance carriers to recognize them.

More than 13 members of the community, who attended the meeting, stood up when asked if they would volunteer to fight fires.

Rockcastle Emergency Management Director Hal Holbrook told the group he would help notify them when training sessions were going on at the other fire departments, if they would simply give him their names. “You’ll get a recorded message from 911,” Holbrook said.

Jessica Blevins, who has a 5 and 7 year-old, said she has counted 54 children under the age of 18 and 38 under the age of 12 in the area. “I just counted that many off the top of my head,” she said.

Blevins’ husband, Kevin, who has been trying to help organize a department in the area since moving from Pulaski County a couple of years ago, said he would be a volunteer.

“I’ve worked on this before,

but got nowhere. I think it going to happen this time,” he said.

Blevins served as a volunteer fire fighter at Shopville for six years.

Before being established as a fire department, the group must adopt bylaws, elect a board of directors and appoint a fire chief, as well as be trained.

Blevins said that about 16 men from the area took two hours of training at the Shopville fire department this past Monday night.

Local volunteers and organizers will meet again this Sunday at Thomas and Karen Wilburn’s home on Mink Road at 2 p.m. For more information call Kevin and Jessica Blevins at (606) 256-0389 or Tom and Karen Wilburn at (606) 256-0294.

## “Board”

(Cont. from front)

Rockcastle Industrial Park Number Two, could be used for this purpose.

“We need a place where there are soccer fields, baseball fields, walking tracks, any kind of outdoor recreation, including a public pool,” Blount said.

Blount also said he thought the development board should work towards building a community center in the county and pointed the fact that the Chamber of Commerce was having trouble finding a suitable location for a visit from the Governor on March 20th.

“School will be in session when he is here and there is really not a good place for a community gathering,” Blount said.

“A community center could be used for several different things and would tie in well with some type of sports complex,” he said.

“The community center should also have a kitchen, so people could use it for private family functions, such as reunions,” Blount noted.

Chairman Corey Craig said he thought money for the types of projects Blount suggested was available and by pulling together as a community it could get done. “We’ve got the people who are willing to do it, it is just a matter of doing it,” Craig said.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby echoed Blount’s remarks and said, “We certainly need something for our youth and I think by not having those types of facilities we hurt our chances of getting a new factory or new businesses in here,” the Mayor said.

Other development board members agreed with Blount’s assessment of the situation, but no action was taken.

In other business, Craig told the board they should consider making an offer on a parcel of land, adjoining property they already own on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon.

The property was sold at commissioner’s sale last week and bought back by the out-of-town lenders who foreclosed for \$65,000.

“It is an eyesore and although it is just 14 hundreds of an acre we should consider it because it adjoins us,” Craig said.

“They are going to take a bath on the property and I think we should at least tell them we are

interested,” Craig said. Craig said he thought the property could be bought for somewhere around \$35,000.

Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis, a member of the board, said he thought it was a very good idea to pursue it.

The property is located next to the former Northside Apartments property, which the board purchased, tore down and cleaned up last year.

Lynn Tatum, Project Coordinator for the board, told the board that the Leadership Rockcastle 2007 class traveled to Prestonsburg for the opening retreat session over the past weekend where they discussed a variety of topics, including personality analysis and the basics of economics.

The ten members of this year’s leadership team are John Hopkins, Dennis Sargent and Pam Taylor, Citizens Bank; Rebecca Isaacs and Jamie Fain, Rockcastle County School System; Joyce Cummins, Kentucky Department of Children’s Services’ Dwain Harris, Rockcastle Hospital; Deb Bledsoe, Appalachian Science in the Public Interest; Everett Harper, B & H Tools and Stacy Hillard, Community Trust Bank.

Leadership Rockcastle is sponsored by the development board.

Tatum also discussed the Workforce Expo, which is being sponsored the development board and will be held April 13-14 at the former Rockcastle Manufacturing plant in Rockcastle 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*.

Tatum said that some employers from Berea, London, Somerset and Richmond will be at the Expo, but the Expo will have much more.

Besides classes on how to dress for success and write resumes, 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 wrong in the interview and will be instructed on how they can 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.

And finally, Blount reminded the board that Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher will visit the county on March 20th, but that the time of the visit has not yet been confirmed by his office.

Blount is president of the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the visit. He said the event would be at Community Trust Bank for chamber members and their guests.

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center will be open Saturday, March 3rd from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. All recyclables may be dropped off at this time.

## “Fire”

(Cont. from front)

Friend and co-worker, Marcia Chism said the Rodefes were unable to get anything out of their home.

“We are trying to help in any way we can,” she said.

A benefit auction, yard sale and possible benefit Karaoke contest is being planned.

Those interested in helping can call (606) 256-2801, anytime.

## “Kiwanis”

(Cont. from front)

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club board of director member, Teresa Vanzant said anyone interested in donating money or an item to be auctioned may contact any Kiwanis member or take the item to the Technolgy Center during the auction on Friday or Saturday.

Money from the auction will be used for numerous worthy causes in the county by the Kiwanis Club.

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Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher's running mate, Robbie Rudolph, brought a positive campaign to the Lincoln Day Banquet on Saturday night. Rudolph, who is Fletcher's chief of all cabinet secretaries in Frankfort pointed to the accomplishments of Fletcher's administration, such as the budget surplus, increased spending in education, including \$50 million for new technology, transportation and successes in the cabinet for health and family services, which has become a model for states all around the country. "Governor Fletcher has encouraged all of us to keep our eye on the ball and we've done that with good things happening," Rudolph said. Also in the photo is Rockcastle Republican County Chairman John Ford, center and co-chairwoman Juanita Davis, the first inductee into the local Republican Hall of Fame. Ky's Transportation Cabinet Secretary, Bill Nighbert was also in attendance.



148 people attended the annual Lincoln Day Banquet at the Rockcastle Middle School on Saturday night. Among those in attendance were from left: Jeannine Parsons, Dr. John Parsons, Kim Denny and second district magistrate William Denny.



Lt. Governor candidate Jeff Hoover told the crowd at the Rockcastle Lincoln Day Banquet Saturday night that he and his running mate, Anne Northup, would be a fresh alternative to Governor Fletcher and Robbie Rudolph in May's primary. Hoover said that if Fletcher's campaign won in May, the Democrats would run nothing but negative ads about his hiring practices, indictments, subpoenas, pardons, etc. until the November General Election. Hoover is a State Representative from Russell County and is the House Minority Floor Leader in Frankfort.

## Over 140 attend annual Lincoln Day Banquet



Former Rockcastle County Judge-Executive candidate Chris Hurt talks with Carolyn McKinney after the Rockcastle Republican Lincoln Day Banquet on Saturday night.

## "Brodhead"

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compressor for their cascade system to fill air bottles on air packs, which the firefighters use when entering a burning building.

"The bottles on the air packs are filled with fresh air, not oxygen," Taylor said.

Taylor said the compressor alone would cost around \$18,000 and each air pack is between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

Taylor said the old compressor was torn up and that his department would have the new equipment in the next few months.

"We've been getting by and this money will certainly come in handy," Taylor said.

"This is great news for the Brodhead Fire Department," Bunning said.

"These funds are vital to ensuring that our firefighters in Kentucky have the tools necessary to handle emergencies in the safest and most effective manner possible," Bunning noted.

Last month the fire department received a new county fire truck, which replaced the old county truck that wrecked in December on the way to a fire.

Insurance covered the cost of the new fire truck.

## "Water"

(Cont. from front)

Western's manager Paula DeBorde.

Rockcastle School Superintendent Larry Hammond said school wasn't called off until around 6:50 a.m. because, the school system did not know the water line was broken.

"We did not find out until one of our custodians called me from the school at 6:15 a.m. and told me they had no water," he said.

"We were unable to reach anyone at Western to find out what was going on and to try and find out how long the water would be off," he said.

"Because some students were already boarding buses we had to make the call - it was the best we could do given the situation," Hammond added.

DeBorde said that Western officials did not know the water was out at the school and that only about three people had notified Western the water was out at their home.

"There are three emergency numbers on the after hours line, which are all cell phone numbers to three of our men," DeBorde said.

"Someone should have called one of those numbers," she said.

"It took a while to locate the break and about 400 customers were without water for around six hours," she said.

A boil water advisory for Western's customers in the northern end of the county was issued on Thursday after the break and was not lifted until Tuesday, according to DeBorde.

Rockcastle school students have now missed six days this school year. The new closing date is now Friday, May 18th.

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Second Section

Thursday, March 1, 2007

## Cox Funeral Home has served Rockcastle for 100 years

By David J. Griffin

It's a family business with roots dating back over 100 years – and it arose from a simple wagon-making shop.

Since 1907 the Cox family has been providing funeral services to families in Rockcastle County. But it actually began in 1862, when William H. Cox opened a wagon-making shop in the Well Hope section of Rockcastle County. William was the great-grandfather of Robert Lee (Bud) Cox, who along with his son, Lewis, and wife, Shirley, operates Cox Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon.

Bud's great-grandfather had earned a reputation for being one of the county's finest crafts-

men, producing sturdy wagons at a time when they were in great demand. William A. Cox, his son, joined him in the wagon-making business and soon families began to request handcrafted caskets – leading to the formation of Cox Funeral Home in 1907.

William A. Cox was the first funeral director in the Cox family to be licensed. His wife, Lola, was the first licensed female funeral director in Rockcastle County.

The original funeral parlor was located in the same building as the Joplin Hotel in Mt. Vernon (along with Cox Hardware owned by Claude Cox and the Dry Goods store owned by

Robert and Edward Cox). That building burned on Christmas Day in 1907. The funeral parlor was then moved into the building on Main Street now occupied by Gregg's Wood Working Shop.

Following the death of William A. Cox in 1944, W. H. (Bill) Cox and his wife, Berneice, relocated the business to the present location at 80 Maple Drive in Mt. Vernon in 1946. Bud joined his parents in the firm in 1962.

Asked if he felt that he had been born into the profession, Bud replied, "Well, since I was 14 years old I have been involved in this business, so I guess I really was destined to be part of the funeral home business." When he was a freshman in high school, Bud began to assist his parents by cutting the grass, doing ambulance work, and setting up tents. After getting his drivers license, he became the first certified EMT in Rockcastle County.

Since the death of his father in 1974, Bud, Shirley, and Lewis have continued to operate the funeral home. Lewis, who joined the firm in 1988 at the age of 23, represents the fourth generation in the family business. All three are licensed funeral directors. Lewis fondly remembered his grandfather, Bill, loving to camp while hunting and fishing. "He died while on a hunting trip," Lewis said.

"Mr. Bill," as he was affectionately called, not only ran the funeral home, he was also the fire chief for Mt. Vernon. Bud also served on the fire department for 35 years, beginning in 1962. When Bill died in 1974, his cousin, John Cox, became the Chief and Bud was the Assistant Chief.

In addition to the funeral

home and fire department duties, Bill was the official weather observer for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from 1950 until his death in 1974. Bud took over at that time and still reports Rockcastle County's weather conditions daily to the Jackson Weather Station.

The Cox Funeral Home also provided ambulance service to the county from 1926 until 1974. On January 1, 1974, the ambulance service was taken over by the Rockcastle Ambulance Service.

The Cox family still owns the horse-drawn hearse that W. A. Cox purchased when he began the business in 1907. It is occasionally used in a special funeral procession or in a parade. The first motorized ambulance used by the Cox Funeral Home was a 1926 Studebaker.

Both W. H. and his wife, Berneice, were licensed funeral

directors who stressed old-fashioned care to grieving families. "We've made it our motto to treat grieving families as if they were our own family members," said Bud.

The business itself can sometimes throw a curve at even the most experienced funeral directors. One such incident was recounted by Lewis, who had

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Bud and Lewis Cox, third and fourth generation of the Cox family funeral service tradition in Rockcastle County.

## Free colorectal cancer screenings

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Rockcastle Hospital is offering free colorectal cancer screenings during the month of March. Colorectal cancer is the third most common form of cancer, and last year 56,000 lives were lost to it. It's a form of cancer that is preventable and treatable—even beatable when

caught early.

The screening kits may be picked up at any of the following locations: Brodhead Pharmacy, Rockcastle Hospital front lobby, Medical Arts Building, Mt. Vernon Drug, Rite Aid Pharmacy, or Young's Pharmacy.

For more information, phone the hospital at 256-7746.

PRIDE Spring Cleanup is April 7-21

## PRIDE Coordinators looking for volunteers

Local PRIDE Coordinators have begun planning the 2007 PRIDE Spring Cleanup, which will be held April 7 through April 21. They are aiming for a record number of volunteers this spring to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of PRIDE in southern and eastern Kentucky.

James Renner is the Rockcastle County PRIDE Coordinator. Wayne Bullock is the PRIDE Coordinator for Mt. Vernon, and Mayor J.C. Griffin is the City of Livingston PRIDE Coordinator.

They are recruiting volunteers to pick up litter across their communities during the two-week Spring Cleanup campaign. Volunteers can join cleanup events scheduled by the coordinators or plan their own events with the coordinators' help. PRIDE will supply T-shirts, trash bags, gloves and safety vests for the volunteers.

"I invite you to lend a hand during the Spring Cleanup because you can make a difference if you will only try," said Renner, who is the county's Solid Waste Coordinator and has volunteered as the county's PRIDE Coordinator since 2001. "I enjoy volunteering because it makes me feel good to be making a difference in my community."

"This is our home, and I think we all want to see it neat and clean at all times," said Griffin, who just became the Livingston PRIDE Coordinator. Griffin said he looks forward to serving as a PRIDE Coordinator because, "I would like to see Livingston the cleanest city in Eastern Kentucky."

Looking back on 10 years of PRIDE, Renner said, "PRIDE is making a difference in

Rockcastle County by cleaning up our environment and encouraging public participation to make it happen."

Mayor Griffin added, "Thanks to volunteer help, together we can make a big difference in our community. We thank everyone who pitches in."

PRIDE Coordinators are volunteers who play a vital role in building PRIDE in their communities. The coordinators work with the PRIDE staff to organize cleanup activities, recruit volunteers and track cleanup results. They assist local officials with the PRIDE programs, including applications for grants. They also serve on the PRIDE Board of Directors. They are appointed by their county judge-executives or mayors.

PRIDE promotes "Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment" in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. PRIDE links citizens with the resources of local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's waterways, end illegal trash dumps and promote environmental education. PRIDE was started in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

For more information about PRIDE in your community or volunteering during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup, call James Renner at 256-1902. In Mt. Vernon, call Wayne Bullock at 256-0344 or city hall at 256-3437. In Livingston, call Mayor J.C. Griffin at 453-2061. By late March, the county's Spring Cleanup events will be listed online at [www.kypride.org](http://www.kypride.org).



The Cox family has been serving Rockcastle County since 1907.



James Renner was honored for his service as a PRIDE Coordinator by Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Secretary Teresa J. Hill and PRIDE Chairwoman Jean Dorton. Wayne Bullock and Mayor J.C. Griffin were unable to attend the PRIDE Board of Directors meeting where the photo was taken.



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**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Mary Gadd at Lime Plant Hollow. Violators will be prosecuted. 52x52  
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**Posted:** Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p  
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**Notice is hereby given** that Cathaleen Brock, P.O. Box 1744, 125 Shirley St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed conservator of Robyn Lovell on the 12th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Cathaleen Brock or to Thompson, Simons, Dunlap and Fore, P.S.C., Chase Bank Building, 116 W. Main St., Ste. 2A, P.O. Box 726, Richmond, Ky. 40476-0726 on or before August 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 16x2

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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 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 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, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 14x3

son 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 Ruth-erford 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 Britany 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 of Public Hearing

The Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. d/b/a RTEC, will host a public hearing at 10:00 A.M. EST, Thursday, March 29, 2007 at its conference room 100 East Main Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

The purpose of the hearing is the consideration of applications for funding being submitted by Lake Cumberland Community Action Partnership, Inc., Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc., d/b/a RTEC, and Kentucky River Foothills Community Action Partnership, Inc. through the Federal Transit Administration and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Transportation Delivery.

The applications include requests for Federal funds through Section 5309 for capital assistance for public transportation, Section 5310 funds for capital equipment to provide specialized transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities; public transportation operating assistance through Section 5311; planning, administrative and technical assistance through Section 5316/JARC; and Capital and operating assistance in excess of ADA requirements through Section 5317/New Freedom.

The project applications will cover capital continuation grants for the period of FY 07 through Section 5309; and operating and capital assistance for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for Adair, Bell, Casey (5310 only), Clark, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Harlan (Harlan COA 5310 only), Green, Knox, Laurel, Madison, McCreary, Monroe, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, and Whitley Counties of Kentucky.

A description of each project and each agency's application will be discussed at the hearing, including the SEKY Coalition's Coordinated Plan to meet the federal requirements of SAFETEA-Lu. A copy of the plan will be available for public inspection. Comments on the projects will be heard at the hearing.

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### NOTICE OF INTENDED ENACTMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ORDINANCE

The Fiscal Court of the County of Rockcastle, Kentucky, gave first reading to the Ordinance below at a Meeting of the Fiscal Court on February 13, 2007, and stated its intention to give Second Reading and adopt said Ordinance at a Regular Meeting of the Fiscal Court to be held on March 13, 2007, beginning at the hour of 1:00 p.m., 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 BONDS (FIRE EQUIPMENT PROJECT), SERIES 2007 (THE "BONDS") IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$310,000 (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 A 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 Bonds (Fire Equipment Project), Series 2007, in the principal amount of \$310,000 (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) financing the cost of the acquisition and operation of a fire truck to be acquired, owned, and operated by the County fire department, (ii) to reimburse the County for cost and expense incurred in connection with the acquisition and operation of the County's fire truck, and (iii) pay the cost of issuance of the Bonds ("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.

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## Northern to display painting techniques

On Saturday, March 3, Louis Northern of Mt. Vernon, will demonstrate his painting techniques from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Louis Northern has always been interested in art and has drawn since he was a small child. Today he is a farmer on 300 acres of land on his father's original home place in Rockcastle County. Although born in Dayton, Ohio, Louis returned to the land of his roots in 1977. He studied art in school and began painting while in high school. He went on to get a BFA degree in painting in 1999 from Eastern Kentucky University.

Louis prefers oil painting as his medium because it doesn't dry so fast and he likes the way oil paint handles using both a brush and palette knife. He often uses gesso to build up the surface of his canvases to give it a more three dimensional texture. Most of Louis's subject matter is rooted in his surroundings – farmland, mules, logging trucks and the woods that grow on his lands.

Louis Northern also paints more non-objective paintings playing with color and texture.

He is adept at printmaking and enjoys doing both etching and collographs. Prints and paintings by Louis Northern are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center is located just off Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea). The Center's exhibits, shopping, and travel information areas are all open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the café from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. The Center currently features works by more than 680 artisans from all across the Commonwealth. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the Center's web site at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Commerce Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Louis Northern

## America's favorite cookies have arrived

It's true - America's favorite cookies have arrived once again! The next couple of weeks Girl Scout troops will be delivering the cookies that have been ordered. Girl Scout Cookie Booths will be set up at local retailers throughout the month of March to sell cookies to those who didn't have a chance to order Girl Scout cookies or have eaten all that they originally ordered! Cookie booths will also be located in the Fayette Mall, the Somerset Mall and the Ashland Mall every weekend in March.

This year, Girl Scouts mark their 95th Anniversary. Since their inception in 1912, Girl Scouting has advocated healthy and balanced lifestyles. "In the 1990s, Girl Scouts added low-fat cookie varieties," says Susan Miller, program services director, Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council. "This year,

Girl Scouts is proud to announce that all varieties of Girl Scout cookies are now zero trans fat per serving."

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls build important leadership skills. Through cookie activities, girls learn how to plan, build teams, speak up, make decisions, solve problems and manage resources. These skills add up, so that ultimately, girls learn to be leaders – in their own lives – and in the community.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale proceeds make up the majority of the Girl Scout-Wilderness Road Council's budget. The more successful the cookie sale is, the more programs and opportunities the Council can offer the 25,000 girls they serve in Northern, Central and Eastern Kentucky. For more information on the Girl Scout Cookie Sale, visit [www.gswrc.org](http://www.gswrc.org).

## Student visitors to do cleanup in community

Science in the Public Interest of Mt Vernon will again have groups of student visitors in town over spring break to do volunteer work in our community. During the month of March, these students will kick off Commonwealth Cleanup Week on Hammond's Fork near Disputanta completing the cleanup of a historic dump and roadside litter abatement, and also working to plant trees and construct fencing for a riparian buffer at the Mt Vernon city

park at Lake Linville.

Students from Loyola University in Chicago, University of Notre Dame of Indiana, and Eckerd College from Florida will stay in Mt Vernon and work with community volunteers. If you would like to come out and help with these projects please contact Deb Bledsoe of ASPI at 256-0077 or James Renner, Rockcastle County PRIDE Coordinator at 256-1902 for more information.

picked up at the airport. After making several calls, we determined that the body that was supposed to be shipped to us had mistakenly been sent to Little Rock, Arkansas. Needless to say, the funeral service was delayed for a couple of days."

With four generations' worth of experience, it would seem that the Cox family is prepared to handle any complications that may arise. Over the years, they have addressed whatever needs have arisen, including a complete renovation of the facility in 1967. A new showroom and embalming facility were constructed in 1985 and the funeral home was again enlarged and redecorated in 2000.

In 1997-1998 Bud served as President of the Kentucky Funeral Directors Association. He has also served on the Board of the Kentucky Funeral Directors Burial Association for over 35 years, longer than any other member.

The Cox family takes great pride in serving the community. A Christian, caring atmosphere is always present at 80 Maple Drive. Bud, Shirley, Lewis, and their staff warmly greet you when the need arises. After 100 years of perpetual service to their community, they continue to earn respect and friendship.

## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### Committee meeting

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

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

### Accommodations

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

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

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

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

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

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters. Eligible crops include commercial crops and other agricultural commodities produced for food (including livestock feed) or fiber for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available.

NAP covers losses greater than 50 percent of your expected production at 55 percent of the average market price.

To be eligible for the 2007 crops, you must apply at your local FSA Office by:

March 1: Alfalfa, Clover, Grass-forage, Grass-grazing, Lespedeza and Mixed Forage.

March 15: Beans, Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Cauliflower, Corn, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Gords, Herbs, Lettuce, Oats, Okra, Onions, Pepper, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Radish, Sorghum, Squash, Strawberries, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes and Watermelons.

When a covered crop is affected by a natural disaster, you must notify your local FSA office by completing a Notice of Loss (form CCC-576) within 15 calendar days of the natural disaster occurrence or the date the damage becomes apparent.

For more information on NAP and other FSA programs contact your local FSA office.

### Address changes

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

Call 256-2525 and let us know!

### Bank account changes

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

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

### Spousal Authority

Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, effective August 1, 1992, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the County Office.

Effective February 20, 2007 a spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle a spouse to review or receive Agency records of the other spouse if both spouses are not listed as owners or unless written authority to provide records to the other spouse has been

provided to the County Office.

Example: Joe Smith is listed as owner of FSA farm serial number 2001. Joe and Jane Smith, husband and wife, may sign documents on behalf of each other because no written notification denying such authority has been provided to the County Office. Jane Smith has requested a copy of Joe Smith's FSA payment records. The County Office shall not provide the records to Jane Smith unless Joe Smith provides the county Office written authority to release the records to Jane Smith.

### Rural Development

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

Important program dates  
March 1 and March 15th – Deadline to file for NAP

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

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

Milk Income Contract Program Extensions continues

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## Janet Northern to create baskets at Artisan Center

On Friday, March 2, Janet Northern of Mt. Vernon will create baskets from Honeysuckle vines from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Janet Northern has been making baskets for twelve years and is primarily self-taught. She utilizes the wood and natural vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her Rockcastle County farm to create her baskets. The Eastern Kentucky woodlands give Janet inspiration as well as material from which to work.

To prepare the honeysuckle vines, Janet boils the vines for 30 minutes and then strips off the outer bark to reveal the honey colored, pliable surface of the vine. When the vines are freshly cut they are pliable, but over time they dry out and need to be soaked in water to re-soften them. Janet's smaller baskets are often made with reed and driftwood.

Starting with an interesting piece of wood, Janet begins to design her asymmetrical one-of-a-kind basket forms, often creating multiple openings. She

soaks the honeysuckle vines in water, attaches them to the piece of wood chosen, and begins to weave her forms into asymmetrical and beautiful shapes.

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

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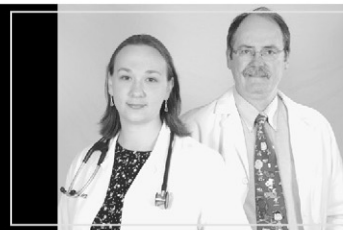


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